

MINUTES of the
Australasian Branch of
International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI)
Committee Meeting.

AGM meeting on **Wednesday 31st July 2024 conducted at the RACV City Club,
501 Bourke Street Melbourne**
COMMENCING AT 4:42 pm AEST

1.0	<p>In Attendance: The names of all board members present were recorded during the meeting. Warren Stevenson (President), Daniel Burke (Vice President), Cathy Horton (vice President), Helen Shaw, Ian Gunthorpe, Kent Lineham, Janeen Cole, Greg Martin, Ross Squire, Cathy Horton, Callum McNeill, Paul Thomas, and International President, Nathan McGanty.</p> <p>Apologies: Frank Colborne (Vice President), Mark Pollard (Immediate Past President)</p>
2.0	<p>Previous Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the previous A.G.M. were circulated previously to all members.</p> <p>No questions from the floor were forthcoming concerning the previous minutes.</p> <p>Motion to accept the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting: Paul Thomas. Seconded: Greg Martin. Vote – all in favour. Minutes accepted.</p>
3.0	<p>Presidents Report. Warren Stevenson.</p> <p>President Stevenson welcomed everyone especially new members and provide the following verbal report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. “Following a very successful conference in 2023 – our first since COVID we have tried to keep the same format this year. <p>Last year in Sydney, IAG generously offered us their facilities and audio-visual equipment free of charge, unfortunately we could not find a similar venue here in Melbourne and so have had to raise our registration fees and pay commercial venue hire rates.</p> <p>Next year we are looking at venues in Brisbane, so if anyone has contacts, or knows of a good venue that is centrally located, and near hotels that we could access free or charge of for a discounted rate, please contact someone on our board.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. The Branch is slowing gaining momentum again after COVID, but it has been difficult given the financial pressures both public and private sector organizations are under. The one thing we do know is that criminals will still continue to find ways to offend and there will still be a need for Investigators (whether police,

insurance or private investigators) and a need for them to be informed and educated about the latest methodologies and technology. However, it is really pleasing to see many new faces and new companies here for the first time. Almost one third of the attendees here today are first times which is really encouraging.

3. More Training coming - Webinars. We are hoping to schedule a couple of webinars for later this year and will shortly commence planning for our 2025 Annual conference. If you wish to volunteer to present and any of these, sponsor them or simply have suggestions for a speaker then please let us know.

If you are still hungry for more training then I suggest you consider attending the International IAATI conference in Orlando in late August, or possibly the European Branch conference in Salzburg, Austria in October.

4. The International Board has purchased and rolled out a new software package called Glueup. This is a new SaaS (Software as a Service) platform that IAATI has purchased globally for use by all its chapters and branches. It enables us to manage and integrate several of our key assets including:
 - a. Our new website
 - b. Membership database
 - c. Finance system
 - d. Our training events
 - e. Our Email campaigns
 - f. Sponsor and Exhibitor database
 - g. Our IAATI app, and our
 - h. Member forums

We need to acknowledge the significant effort that our International President, Nathan McGanty has put into managing this project. It was a massive exercise but one which will bear significant benefits for the Association at all levels.

The website was released in the beginning of April this year and we have only recently completed the training in the various modules.

In understand that some people have had a few issues logging in. This is generally around the need to create a GlueUp account linked to your IAATI membership. So please bear with us as we get up to speed with the backend of the new systems. There is still more we are hoping to do with the new software. However, if you have any questions about the new system please speak to Nathan while he is here.

5. I encourage you to get involved. Be that by:
 - Talking with and exchanging contact details with your colleagues here.
 - Sharing thoughts and information on the forums on the IAATI app,
 - Submitting case studies, observations, articles, questions, comments, photos, videos to our
 - website,
 - LinkedIn account,
 - publications (APB and Vehicle Crimes Today).

For more help with any of these items please contact with Nathan or myself.“

	<p>He concluded by thanking the 2024 conference sponsors and the outgoing board members for their efforts during the last 12 months.</p>						
4.0	<p>Financials.</p> <p>The Australasian Branch has one Westpac account with a transaction account and a saver account. The current balance as of Monday 30th July is:</p> <table> <tr> <td>** Community Solutions One Account:</td><td>\$26,228.51</td></tr> <tr> <td>** Community Solutions Cash Reserve Account:</td><td>\$40,638.02</td></tr> <tr> <td>** Total Bank Balance:</td><td>\$66,866.53</td></tr> </table> <p>Outstanding conference expenses yet to be invoiced are expected to be around \$8,500.</p> <p>Overall account balance is estimated to be \$58,366 after all monies are paid from this 2024 conference.</p> <p>The 2023 Calendar year accounts have been audited by Hinsley and Hinsley Accountants WA, with the results circulated within our committee to endorse the numbers and sign off. The President had provided hard copies of the audit report for any member to review.</p> <p>Motion to accept the President's Report and Financial Reports: Paul Thomas.</p> <p>Seconded by: Helen Shaw.</p> <p>No questions from the floor were forthcoming.</p> <p>Vote – all in favour. Both reports were accepted.</p>	** Community Solutions One Account:	\$26,228.51	** Community Solutions Cash Reserve Account:	\$40,638.02	** Total Bank Balance:	\$66,866.53
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5.0	<p>Branch Board Positions - Paul Thomas Returning Officer</p> <p>As the Returning Officer, Paul Thomas officially declared all positions on the Australasian Board now vacant.</p> <p>Paul Thomas advised that as the Branch has advertised and invited members to nominate for positions on the 2024-25 Australasian Board, and he received a number of nominations.</p> <p>He advised the membership that as the number of nominations for each position on the board did not exceed the vacancies that no elections were necessary, and declared the following members appointed for 2024/25.</p> <table> <tr> <td>President:</td><td>Warren Stevenson.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Vice Presidents:</td><td>Daniel Burke, Frank Colborne.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Committee Members:</td><td>Ian Gunthorpe, Helen Shaw, Kent Lineham, Greg Martin, Janeen Cole, Callum McNeill, Sarah Carroll, Anne Harris, Michael Gatt, Cindy Salmon and Ryan Lennon.</td></tr> </table> <p>Paul Thomas as a Past International President and Life Member is an ex officio member of the board.</p>	President:	Warren Stevenson.	Vice Presidents:	Daniel Burke, Frank Colborne.	Committee Members:	Ian Gunthorpe, Helen Shaw, Kent Lineham, Greg Martin, Janeen Cole, Callum McNeill, Sarah Carroll, Anne Harris, Michael Gatt, Cindy Salmon and Ryan Lennon.
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6.0	<p>General Business</p> <p>International President, Nathan MacGanty, provided members with information about IAATI's upcoming 72st International Vehicle Crime Conference which is being held on Orlando. He encouraged members to review the conference details and consider attending.</p> <p>There were no questions from the floor.</p>
7.0	MEETING closed at 5:01 pm