International Association of Auto Theft Investigators

Australasian Branch

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MINUTES of the 2025 Annual General Meeting
on **Monday 27th October, 2025 at the Stamford Plaza, Brisbane.**
COMMENCING AT **5:10 pm AEST**

Chair: Helen Shaw (Acting President)

1.0	**In Attendance:**	The names of all Board members and Life members were present during the meeting: Helen Shaw (Acting President), Frank Colborne (Vice President), Ian Gunthorpe (Committee Member & Life Member), Kent Lineham (Committee Member), Sarah Carroll (Committee Member), Greg Martin (Committee Member), Callum McNeill (Committee Member), Vanesa West (Committee Member) and Paul Thomas (Life Member). The AGM was held on day 1 of the Australasian Branch's 2025 Annual Conference, with many ordinary members attending the conference also present at the AGM.
	Apologies:	Carmen Swanson (International President), Daniel Burke (Vice President), Warren Stevenson (Immediate Past President) and Mark Pollard (Life Member)
2.0	**Previous Minutes**	• Copies of previous minutes were made available at the conference for review by attendees. • Motion to approve moved by: Kent Lineham • Seconded by: Paul Thomas • No discussion or questions raised. • Vote: Unanimous approval – motion carried.
3.0	**Acting President's Report – (including Finance Report)**	Presented by Helen Shaw on behalf of President Warren Stephenson. **Key Points** • Slower activity planning this year; appreciation expressed for committee support. • Strong corporate and sponsor support; largest attendee numbers on record. • Organisation experiencing positive rebound post-COVID. • Planning to commence for upcoming webinars and the 2026 Conference in Sydney. o Members encouraged to participate as speakers, sponsors, or volunteers.

	International Updates • Helen to represent the branch at Interpol Conference in Lyon, France in November. • 2024: Interpol and IAATI agreed to collaborate on information sharing. • September 2026: Combined IAATI–Interpol global conference in Niagara Falls expected to attract ~550 delegates; aiming for a low registration fee. **Branch Update** • Membership interest continues to grow. • Financial position remains stable. **Finance Summary** • 2024 audit conducted by Hinsley & Hinsley in August – no issues identified Copies of the Hinsley& Hinsley report were made available during the conference for members to review. • Current balance (27 Oct 2025): $62,140.11 • Approx. $15,000 in outstanding conference expenses yet to be invoiced. **Motion to Approve President' and Finance Report** • Motion to approve moved by: Kent Lineham • Seconded by: Paul Thomas • No discussion or questions raised. • Vote: Unanimous approval – motion carried.
4.0	**New Business** • Acting President, Helen Shaw, noted that due to increasing insurance and other operational costs we needed to raise membership fees. • Our membership fee has remained at just $90 for six years; • Of this fee, after paying GST and International membership fees, the branch only retains less than $40 from each membership. • The Board has recommended that commencing January 1st, 2026, we increase the membership fee to $109 (including GST). **Motion** • Motion to approve the new membership fee moved by: Frank Colborne • Seconded by: Greg Martin • No questions or discussion. • Vote: Unanimous approval – motion carried.
5.0	**2025/2026 Branch Elections - Paul Thomas, Returning Officer** • As the Returning Officer, Paul Thomas expressed thanks to outgoing board members and to Helen Shaw for stepping in as Acting President during the year. • Paul officially declared all positions on the Australasian Board now vacant. • He advised he had received several nominations in the lead up to the AGM and made a final call for any last-minute nominations. Scott Bain and Justin McDonald nominated from the floor and their nominations were seconded. • Nominations were declared closed at 5:27 pm • Members were advised that the nominations for each Board position did not exceed the number of vacancies, so no elections were required. The following members were therefore declared appointed to the Australasian Branch Board for 2025/26. President: Helen Shaw. Vice Presidents: Frank Colborne, Kent Lineham and Callum McNeill

	Committee Members: Ian Gunthorpe, Vanesa West, Greg Martin, Ryan Lennon, Peter Ziser, Justin McDonald, Jim Manser, Daniel Burke, and Scott Bain. • All members were encouraged to consider ways they could assist the branch and possibly volunteer to support webinars, provide case study presentations, and publication content ('APB' Quarterly, 'Vehicle Crime Today' monthly publication). etc.
6.0	**Other Business** **General Discussion and questions from the floor** • **Question** from Scott Bain: Are there confirmed dates for the 2026 Conference? **Response:** Not yet. Venue sourcing underway; likely July–August. Past use of IAG building was cost-effective but unsuitable for large attendance numbers. • Members reminded to provide updated contact details to Paul. • Helen Shaw advised that a WhatsApp group would be used for Board communication; board meetings expected to move to monthly now that the conference has concluded
7.0	**Meeting Closure** **Motion** • Motion to close the meeting moved by: Paul Thomas • Seconded by: Callum McNeill • No questions or discussion. • Vote: Unanimous approval – motion carried. Meeting closed at 5:36 pm