

**Bears Perth Inc.**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Special Resolution**

Venue: Loton Park Tennis Club

Date & Time: 27/05/2022 7:00pm



1. Chairperson's opening and welcome (**Rene Perez**)
  - Meeting opened at 7:10pm
  - Quorum was declared  
(36 of the current 132 members were present, meeting the 20% minimum requirement as per the constitution)
  - Welcome to all members and guests present
  
2. Apologies (**Rene Perez**)
  - All of the current committee was present so there were no apologies
  
3. Minutes of previous meeting
  - Approved – Kingsley Dawes (958)
  - Seconded – Mitchell Bertolini (842)
  
4. Business arising from the minutes (**Rene Perez**)
  - Nothing arose from previous general meeting minutes
  
5. President's report (**Rene Perez**)
  - Please refer to the President's report on pages 5 & 6
  - Thanks from Rene to everyone for the opportunity to represent the Bears in the wider community over the last few years
  - Rene will be stepping down from the committee this year
  - Thanks to the committee for their work and support over the last year
  - Thanks to the volunteers who have helped at various events
  - Thanks to the partners of the committee members for their help and support
  
  - Western Roundup 2022 was amazing!
  - Mr Bear event at Connections Night Club sold out
  - Thanks to the contestants that participated
  - Thanks to Dom (Mr Bear 2022) for his work and support since winning the title – Rene and the committee are looking forward to supporting him at the Mr Australasian Bear 2023 competition at Southern Hibernation later this year

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- Thanks to our sponsors for their support
  - Thanks to Loton Park Tennis Club for providing a safe venue for the Bears to use
  - Thanks to Connections Night Club for their support and use of their venue
  - Thanks to Mooseknuckle Leather for their support and making the Mr Bear sash
  - Thanks to Vibrations, Shane Jacob Settlements and Steam Works for their support
  - We should support the people that support us (the Bears and the wider LGBTQI+ community).
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- Bears Perth has changed significantly over the last few years
  - We've had to adapt but still remain a club for men & people who identify as men
  - We as a club relish our diversity and welcome everyone
  - Hopefully the new committee will continue this legacy
6. Treasurer's report (**Andrew Russell**)
- Refer to Treasurer's report on pages 7 & 8
  - Rene Perez – the books are open to the floor to be reviewed
7. Membership Report (**Martin Camacho**)
- Refer to Membership report on pages 9 & 10
  - Rene Perez – Commented on new members not knowing what to expect when coming to a Bears event for the first time
  - Encourage everyone to bring their friends along and show them that the Bear's are a social club and not a "sex club"
  - Thanks to Mitch and Adam for their work with the Bears Perth social media accounts
8. Thank you to the retiring Committee Members and declaration that all Committee positions are now vacant (**Rene Perez**)
- Committee Dissolved
9. Appointment of temporary Chair (**Shane Jacob 817**)

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10. Appointment of President (**Shane Jacob**)

- **Kingsley Dawes (958)**

Kingsley Dawes as President will resume the role of Chairperson

11. Appointment of other Executive Positions (**Kingsley Dawes**)

- Vice President – As there were no nominations prior to the AGM, the floor is open for candidates to self nominate.
  - ❖ **Mitchell Bertolini (842)** has nominated to be Vice President.
  - ❖ As there were no other nominations, Mitchell Bertolini is declared the new Vice President
- Treasurer – **Andrew Russell (938)**
- Secretary – **Hien Pham (1011)**
- Media & Communications Officer - **Adam Horvat (867)**

12. Appointment of Ordinary Committee Members (**Kingsley Dawes**)

- **Travis Carey (887)**
- **Clint Bird (975)**

Kingsley opens the floor to any nominations for ordinary committee members

- ❖ **Hans Greencorn (1079)** self nominates, seconded by Clint Bird (975)

13. Announcement of the New Bears Perth Inc. Committee (**Kingsley Dawes**)

- New Committee Announced
- Kingsley asks members to consider volunteering during the year for various sub-committees and to work behind the bar if they have their RSA

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14. New Business (**Kingsley Dawes**)

- Floor opened. No new business.

15. Questions and discussion (**Kingsley Dawes**)

- Graham Macdonald (777) – Emails from BPI sometimes go to the junk/spam folder. Suggested the committee should send more texts out as an alternative

Kingsley – The new committee will look into how they communicate with the membership base and assess their options

- Graham Macdonald (777) – People ask him what Bears events are like and he tells them it's just like going to a bar

Kingsley – We need to actively work to change the perception of Bears in the wider community

- Shane Jacob (817) – Thanks to Rene and the committee for their work and effort. It's great how the Bears Perth membership has a number of perks whilst costing \$25

Kingsley – The committee is always looking at how they can add value to the Bears Perth membership.

Kingsley – Thanks to Shane for his work behind the bar and for being so supportive of both Rene and the committee

16. Next meeting (**Kingsley Dawes**)

- Some time in April or May 2024

17. Meeting Close (**Kingsley Dawes**)

- Meeting Closed at 7.57pm

## Bears Perth President Report 2022

With a great sense of pride, I present my report on the previous year.

The club has never seen the growth and diversity that it has shown over the last 12 months. We are welcoming people who knew about us but who were afraid to venture into a club that was once seen as “not for them”.

With the support of our friends, family and sponsors, we have affirmed our commitment to the greater Perth community at large and are determined to continue to make Bears Perth a welcoming and inclusive environment for male and male identifying individuals.

### Committee:

I would like to start off by thanking the men who have stood by me these this year. They are manning the door, serving you drinks, organising the raffle, food, events. These guys give up countless hours throughout the month to bring you our den nights.

As with every year, we have had some guys decide that they need to take a step back and come off the committee. I want to thank them for their time and service.

To the few who remain, I want to thank these guys as this year we went down to the smallest group we've had in a while with only 6 of us finishing out the year. This job isn't easy and it seems a lot bigger when you are sharing the load with few people but these guys rose to the challenge and I could not have been prouder than what we were able to accomplish.

### Special Thanks:

Partners & Family Members – I would like to thank the partners and family members who have been constant supporters and have allowed Bears Perth to steal what little presious time of us have with out loved ones on weekend and during the month. Whether it's setting up or breaking down, working behind the bar, making food. Thank you!!!

### Events:

Den Nights – With our continued relationship with Loton Tennis Club, our Den Nights continue to remain a safe and welcoming location to meet and mingle. Whether it's karaoke or a Tradie Night, we organise and plan our events to bring together to socialise and connect.

If you have an idea for a Den Night, please feel free to chat with one of the committee members. We are always looks for fun new ideas. These Den Nights are for you the member and guests, so please share your thoughts.

We will be publishing new event shortly so keep an eye out on Facebook, Instga and SMS

Western RoundUp – Every year this gets better and better.

5 events in November prior to Pride. With the help of our sponsors; Connections, Vibrations, Moose Knuckle Leather, Shane Jacob Settlements, this years event was a sold out event.

Giving us a chance to come out of Loton and what it means to be a bear to the greater community.

I would like to thank the 2022 contestants and this year's winner Dom who will be representing us in Melbourne in a few weeks. Good luck to him.

The planning for this year's event has started and information will be out soon. So if you are looking to compete or maybe even just thinking about it, please come talk to one of the committee members.

Finances: See attached

Acknowledgement of our Sponsors:

Loton Park Tennis Club

Connections Night Club

Moose Knuckle Leather

Vibrations

Shane Jacob Settlements

Steamworks Perth

Final Thoughts:

As you all will already know this is my last year on the committee. After 4 years, it's time for me to make way for new blood. My only hope is that what we have built here today continues. That the club continues to be a place that people young and old can come to and find friendship and comradery. A place that does not try to impose old archetypes and stereotypes. A place that welcomes people because of the person they are at their core and not necessarily the body they were born with.

That is what I worked for these last 4 years and as I prepare to step down and hand the reigns over to the next president, this is my hope. So take care and remember why we are here. Thank you for your trust and friendship. Thank you for the great times and look forward to many more.

Rene Perez - President

## Profit and loss report

Accrual mode

01 Jan 2022 - 31 Dec 2022

	<b>Total</b>
<b>4-0000 Income</b>	
4-1235 Membership Fees	3,805.00
4-1245 Outgoings Recovered	528.80
4-1405 Sales - Bar	3,351.10
4-1451 Albany Pride Tickets	390.00
4-1452 Bears Functions	218.32
4-1453 Merchandise Sales	802.53
4-1454 Den Night Admission	1,373.00
4-1455 Raffle Sales	2,259.00
4-1456 Western Roundup 2022	11,321.82
4-1457 Miscellaneous Income	68.59
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>24,118.16</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>24,118.16</b>
<b>6-0000 Expenses</b>	
6-1120 Advertising & Marketing	165.87
6-1440 Entertainment	800.00
6-1470 Freight, Courier & Postage	160.50
<b>6-1540 Insurance Expenses</b>	
6-1550 Insurance	820.00
<b>Total Insurance Expenses</b>	<b>820.00</b>
6-1620 Legal Fees	34.80
6-4280 Printing & Stationery	750.76
6-4400 Staff Training & Education	667.64
6-4460 Telephone & Internet	35.00
6-4490 Travel & Accommodation	2,368.96
6-4531 MYOB Monthly Fees	250.28
6-4533 Albany Pride	921.10
6-4534 Mr Bear 2021	2,187.42
6-4535 Den Night F&B	3,868.98
6-4536 Switch Messaging	75.91
6-4537 Bears Functions	675.70
6-4540 Square Expense	200.12
6-4541 Raffle Prizes	638.37
6-4542 Door Prize/Chase the Bear	525.86
6-4543 Gifts and Prizes	257.60
6-4544 One Music Licence	233.02
6-4545 Decorations	578.69
6-4546 Software Purchase	129.00
6-4547 Pride WA Festival	827.02
6-4548 Western Round Up 2022	5,829.95

	<b>Total</b>
6-4549 Miscellaneous Debit	68.59
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>23,071.14</b>
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>1,047.02</b>
<b>8-0000 Other Income</b>	
8-1000 Interest Received	2.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>2.00</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>1,049.02</b>

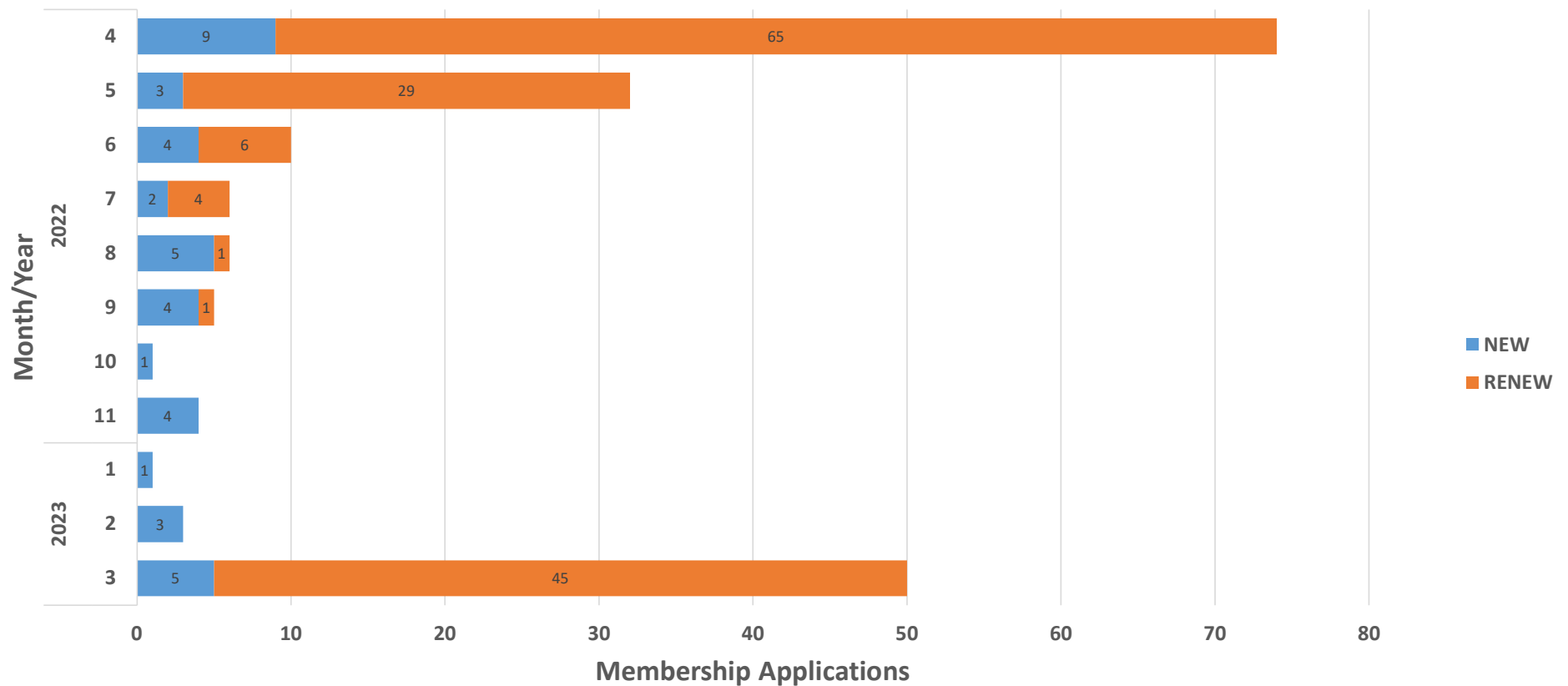


# AGM 2023 - Membership Report



Membership (as of 31/03/2023)	
Total Members (2022-2023)	192
Life Members	10
Standard Members	182

## Membership Application Dates



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## Bears Perth Current Age Distribution

