AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION
Minutes of General Meeting held on 30 September 2026
at 5-7 Henderson Road, Alexandria

1. Opening:

The Chair, Craig Mackey, declared the meeting open at 18:33.

2. Appointment of Returning Officer:

Alan Weeks was appointed Returning Officer for the meeting.

3. Present:

52 members in person
143 members by valid proxy, after eight proxies were declared invalid and a further eight proxies were cancelled when the appointors declared themselves present at the meeting. No member requested to examine the proxies.
One non-member was in attendance.

The Chair declared that a Quorum was present.

4. Motion 1: **To remove the requirement for nominees for Board positions to be approved by the Board**:

To delete clause 15.3 of the Constitution:

15.3 A person is eligible for election as a Director if they are determined by the Board to have the capabilities necessary to enable the Board to fulfill the Society's Objects. The Board may establish policies and procedures governing the necessary capabilities of Directors.

To delete sub-clause 15.7 (c) of the Constitution:

if the Board determines that the Member so nominated has the capabilities necessary to enable the Board to fulfill the Objects of the Society, such member will be included in a list of nominees' names to be considered at the Annual General Meeting;

Moved: Ian Hill, Seconded: Alan Baker
Voted by a show of hands.

Vote	In favour	Against
In person	33	15
Total	33	15

Percentage of total votes cast

	68.8%	31.2%

As the votes 'In favour' failed to achieve the required 75% of the total votes cast, the Motion was declared lost.

5. Motion 2: **To require the Board members to retire after one year instead of two:**

To amend clause 15.6 of the Constitution from:

> *15.6 The term of office of a Director is two years. The Chair and half the other Directors will retire at each Annual General Meeting. Retiring Directors (including the Chair) are eligible for re-election*.

to the following:

> *15.6 The term of office of a Director is one year. The Chair and all the Directors will retire at each Annual General Meeting. Retiring Directors (including the Chair) are eligible for re-election.*

Moved: Ian Hill, Seconded: Geoff Allerton
Voted by a poll.

Vote	In favour	Against
In person	12	34
Proxies	56	87
Total	68	121

Percentage of total votes cast

	36.0%	64.0%

As the votes 'In favour' failed to achieve the required 75% of the total votes cast, the Motion was declared lost.

6. Motion 3: **To require that the Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer be elected by the members rather than appointed by the Board:**

To delete clauses 15.4, 18 and 19 of the Constitution:

15.4 If the Board elects a Vice- Chair in accordance with the procedure in Clause 15.6, that person will act as Chair of meetings in the absence of the Chair, and will perform such other duties as requested by the Chair. The Vice- Chair will cease to hold the office if he or she ceases to be a Member of the Board or otherwise at the direction of the Board.

18. TREASURER
The Treasurer will be appointed by Board for such term as and at such remuneration and upon such conditions as it thinks fit and may be removed by the Board at any time.

19. SECRETARY
19.1 The Secretary will be appointed by the Board for such term and at such remuneration and upon such conditions as it thinks fit and may be removed by the Board at any time and for any reason.
19.2 The Board may appoint a Member of the Society as Honorary Secretary and any Member so appointed will become a Director if not already one.

To delete clause 15.1 of the Constitution:

15.1 The Board will be elected from the Members of the Society and will consist of a Chair and eight other Directors. The Society may from time to time, by ordinary resolution passed at General Meeting, increase or reduce the number of Directors.

and replace it with the following clause:

15.1 The Board will be elected from the Members of the Society and will consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and four other Directors. The Society may from time to time, by ordinary resolution passed at General Meeting, increase or reduce the number of Directors.

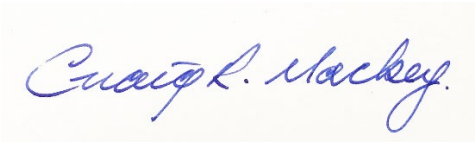
Moved: Ian Hill, Seconded: Alan Baker
Voted by a poll.

Vote	**In favour**	**Against**
In person	18	29
Proxies	57	86
Total	**75**	**115**
Percentage of total votes cast		
	39.5%	**60.5%**

As the votes 'In favour' failed to achieve the required 75% of the total votes cast, the Motion was declared lost.

7. Closure:
The Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:00 hours.

Signed as a true record:



Craig Mackey
Chair
Australian Railway Historical Society NSW Division
Date: 30-10-2026