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Technical Committee Report for Annual General Meeting 2023

Mr President

As chair of the Technical Committee, it gives me great pleasure to present this year's Australasian Road Rescue Organisation Technical Committee report for this year's 2023 Annual General Meeting.

The Technical Committee monthly and subsequently fortnightly Teams calls have been a key catalyst for the successful delivery of this year's ARC23 with significant work and liaison on going with the host and the key organisers by the committee. ARC 23 has also provided us with several learning points and corrective actions that will be canvassed and implemented by the committee in the lead up to ARC24.

It was unfortunate that the traditional face to face Technical Committee meeting post ARC22 was not held as this evidently made it difficult for the Committee to ensure all debrief elements from the Chief Assessor report, Scenario and medical feedback elements were actioned.

It would be my recommendation if finance allows that this be considered by the Executive as I am sure ARC24 will be in a better place from such a meeting.

The Technical Committee Assessor coordinator Jemal Weston, has again been working hard in the background bringing the CMT together for ARC23. It is not uncommon for the CMT to reach into 6 versions of selection as our assessor pool juggle ongoing work and time commitments. I am sure you will agree we have again a very high calibre challenge management team at this year's challenge.

At ARC23 we have also continued with our popular trauma and CPR challenges in addition to the traditional RCR event pits which continue to provide excellent value to the challenge. We also trialed an Industrial Rescue challenge which the Technical Committee will review to assess its value going forward.

It is imperative that we maintain a high standard of assessors from agencies in all streams (command, technical, medical and scenario) and that we continue to ensure professional quality in our assessor pool while maintaining an ARRO succession capability.

To this end It is also pleasing to see several trainee assessors coming forward for accreditation at this year's challenge as this bodes well for future assessor strength within ARRO. I would like to acknowledge Hannah MacLeod and Jemal Weston who were our assessor mentors this year.

The ARC23 symposium design and topics were a direct reflection on team's feedback requests and intent from sponsors, so the Technical Committee will be hoping for some good feedback to build on next year's symposium. It is important to ARRO and its membership that we ensure we are delivering what our agencies and teams want from such events.

Can I acknowledge the assistance of Duncan Cochrane who worked in well with the Technical Committee as our ARC23 local host connection and particularly James Boland who ensured this symposium was successful.

On behalf of the Technical Committee can I also acknowledge the ARRO Executive, Executive Officer Scenario team and Moulage teams as well as our volunteers who each year toil away ensuring we have a well-run event. These teams form the backbone of these challenges and often are not directly seen by teams so well done; your work is appreciated.

I would like to formally acknowledge the hard-working Technical Committee who have made my job as the Chair easy, comprising the following members.

Peter Bradow Technical Specialist

Mick Vanderzalm our Command Specialist

Hannah McLeod our Medical Specialist

James Boland our Research and Education Officer

Quentin Botha our Trauma Challenge Coordinator

Co opted member Jemal Weston as Assessor Coordinator.

This year we will put to the vote a significant change from our traditional road rescue base with the proposal remit to broaden our name and intent. This being the remit to change from the Australasian Road Rescue Organisation (ARRO) to the Australasian Rescue Organisation (ARO). I believe we have been on this journey for some time with the inclusion of trauma and CPR challenges so this should not be a difficult choice.

It is worthy of debate and consideration, but I am sure whatever direction we the membership decide to go we will always be centred on the best practice of rescue primary centred on those we are charged to protect.

I would like to move that the Technical Committee report for the 2023 AGM be accepted.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'DJ Stackhouse', written in a cursive style.

DJ Stackhouse
Chair Technical Committee
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