

Australasian Rescue Organisation Inc.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Australasian Rescue Organisation (ARO) will be conducted online via Microsoft Teams.

The AGM will consist of the tabling of the Presidents report, Technical Committee report, Treasurers report, the filling of Office Bearer Positions, and Special Resolutions.

All financial ARO members (financial during the period 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024) will be invited to attend the AGM, receive the meeting link and supporting documents and be eligible to vote.

DATE: Monday 22 July 2024

TIME: The AGM will commence at 17:00 hours (AEST- NSW).

Please check your State/Country timeframes to align with 1700hrs New south Wales.

Positions to be elected

The following committee positions will be declared vacant at the AGM and nominations are invited. The 'Nomination to Office Bearing Position' form is included with this notice.

The following committee positions fall vacant this year. The positions are elected for a period of 2 years:

Committee	Position	Current Incumbent	Duration of Appointment
Executive	Vice President	Brenton Charlton (1year only caretaker period)	2 years
Executive	Governance and Compliance Officer	Darryl King	2 years
Executive	Business Development & Engagement Officer	David Cockbain (1year only caretaker period)	2 years
Technical	Trauma Challenge Coordinator	Quentin Botha	2 years
Technical	Technical Specialist	Peter Bradow	2 years
Technical	Research and Education Officer	James Boland	2 years

Nominations on the attached form must be emailed to the Executive Officer aro@arorescue.org no later than 17:00hrs on Friday 12 July 2024.

Late nominations will not be accepted

Nominees for positions will be notified to all members by email and advertisement on the ARO website on Monday 15 July 2024, after which the voting period will commence if required.

Special Resolutions

1. S39B Special Resolution - Update to the Rules of Association

Under section 39B of the Rules of Association 2017, the Committee is required to vote on the proposed motion in its entirety, “To amend, with due diligence, the Rules of Association in line with the accepted 2023 Rules of Association amendments to update its name and purpose to broaden the scope of the Association for a more inclusive capability in all areas of Rescue and comply with the Associations Incorporation Reform Regulations 2023 and section 46 of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012”.

Background

1. For nearly 25 years, ARRO has facilitated the development and exchange of information, learnings, understanding and skills to improve road rescue service delivery across Australasia. Prior to this, the association pioneered its way to embrace change from a niche national organisation through to the innovative peak technical body in rescue and trauma response in Australasia, as we know it today.
2. Building on ARO’s extensive calibre of highly experience and technical subject matter experts, the organisation approved to broaden the scope of this organisation for a more inclusive capability in all areas of Rescue to offset challenges currently faced, including:
 1. Evolution in demand for whole of rescue capability.
 2. Limited opportunity to grow with member agency/teams/organisations’ needs and expectations to address Rescue in its entirety.
 3. Inequality in sponsorship in-kind/expertise/financial contributions, expectations, and return on investment.
 4. Impacts of economic, societal and/or force majeure events.
3. At the 2023 Annual General Meeting, members voted in favour of amendments to the Rules of Association to change the name and purpose of the Incorporated Association.

2. Outcomes

1. To address these concerns, the Rules of Association has been updated to reflect a revitalised association with broad Rescue capability to deliver best-in-class education and technical rescue training and opportunity will be achieve through the:
 1. Alignment to Model Rules for Incorporated Associations and Associations Incorporation Reform Regulations 2023 and section 46 of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.
 2. Focus on the delivery Association’s Strategic goals, priorities, and governance framework; and
 3. Amendments to Executive Committee Role Descriptions in line with Associations Incorporation Reform Regulations 2023, industry best practice and organisational needs.
 4. Alignment membership term to the ARO end of the financial year of 28 February each year.

S39B Special Resolution: Creation of new committee roles and responsibilities

1. Resolution Proposal

1. Under section 39B of the Rules of Association 2024 and subsection 44, the Committee is required to vote on the proposed motion in its entirety, “In line with the accepted 2024 Rules of Association, the Committee proposes to update and introduce new roles to the Committee to support the strategic direction of Australasian Rescue Organisation (ARO)”.
2. To support the delivery of ARO’s strategic intent, goals and priorities, new Committee roles will be updated and created to include:

1. a Technical Officer; and
 2. a Secretary; and
 3. a Treasurer.
3. The role and responsibilities of the Executive Officer will return to the roles of Secretary and Treasurer and is no longer required in this structure.
 4. Under S50, S51, S52, once the Rules of Association 2024 are adopted, nominations to elected Committee positions will fall in line with the Positions to be declared.
3. The Committee is to be supported by standing Technical Subcommittees across specialised areas of expertise made up of ordinary members appointed by the Committee under S53.

4. Background

1. Following the approved motion to rebrand to the Australasian Rescue Organisation in 2023, ARO is focused on broadening the scope of the association for a more inclusive capability across all areas of Rescue. To do this, the association requires the creation of new roles and responsibilities to drive and deliver its strategic priorities.

5. Outcomes

1. To reflect the updated Rules of Association, ARO will be better placed to deliver on its strategic goals and priorities for best-in-class education and technical rescue training across all facets of rescue through the:
 1. Alignment to Associations Incorporation Reform Regulations 2023 and Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012;
 2. New and updated Committee roles, responsibilities and processes to secure and grow ARO's future; and
 3. Enable the delivery of ARO's Strategic goals, priorities, and governance framework.

All voting will be undertaken using an online platform and overseen by VERO Voting. All ARO financial members during the period 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024 will be issued with a link to the voting platform during the week of 15 July 2024.

Voting will close at Midnight on Sunday 21 July 2024, with the results announced by the President at the AGM on Monday 22 July 2024.

Please email all questions regarding the 2024 AGM and Special Resolutions to aro@arorescue.org and your question will be forwarded to the most appropriate Executive Member for a timely response.

Kind regards

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Executive Officer