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Technical Committee Report for Annual General Meeting 2022

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 2022 Annual General Meeting.

The Technical Committee Monthly Teams calls have been reduced while we have been in our COVID-19 period as well as the traditional face to face Technical Committee meeting. We have however maintained catch ups as required which enabled our readiness to transition back into full swing as planning commenced in earnest for an ARC22 at Tamworth NSW.

This year we have been fortunate that NSW Fire + Rescue have stepped up as Host agency and with assistance of President Jeremy Fewtrell, Tim Fox and Mark Rutter, along with our new Executive Officer Kerrie Kent we have the foundation for ARRO to re-invigorate the Australasian Road Rescue Challenge.

The Technical Committee Assessor Coordinator Jemal Weston, has again been working hard in the background bringing the CMT back from this enforced recess period. I am sure you will agree we have again a very high calibre Challenge Management Team at this year's challenge.

At ARC22 we have also placed a Medical stream assessor into the Chief Assessor role, which I believe reinforces our diversity and strength as a Challenge Management Team. This is the third time in our history that this has been done and it is something I would encourage going forward. The central theme of vehicle extrication and rescue is always patient centred so strengthening our cross-skill base between technical and medical skill sets is the future I believe.

It is also pleasing to see a good number of 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 Mick Vanderzalm as this year's assessor mentor for assisting with this important process.

This year we have also moved to align with our sponsors needs and the future development in Rescue tool Battery technology within the controlled pit, having a full selection of these tools to achieve the selected patient extrication scenarios.

The ARC22 symposium design and topics were a direct reflection on team's feedback requests, 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.

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The Technical Committee have also been discussing a range of strategic issues to ensure that ARRO continues to provide a contemporary challenge and year around value to its membership and sponsors. The future rebranding of ARRO and what our challenges look like in a wider rescue environment are constant in our thinking.

On behalf of the Technical Committee can I also acknowledge the Scenario team, Moulage and trauma team for another 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.

To achieve this year around success, it has required a significant commitment by a dedicated team, so I would like to formally acknowledge the hard-working Technical Committee who have made my job as the Chair easy, comprising the following members.

Jemal Weston Technical Specialist

Mick Vanderzalm our Command Specialist

Hannah McLeod our Medical Specialist

Peter Bradow our Research and Education Officer

Steve Mann our Trauma Challenge Coordinator

The Technical Committee are always exploring new rescue concepts and road rescue extrication options for our annual challenges, so we continue to welcome input from our sponsors and membership accordingly.

It is with such feedback that we all will continue to contribute to ARRO's aim of influencing road rescue best practice and ultimately better casualty survivability. A subject I know we as members are all passionate about.

I would like to move that the Technical Committee report for the 2022 AGM be accepted.

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

DJ Stackhouse
Chair Technical Committee
Australasian Road Rescue Organisation

