



Newtown Breakaways Football Club Inc

## Minutes / AGM

3pm Sat 22 February 2020  
Salisbury Hotel, Stanmore

### Attendees:

Abby Dixon, Allison Smith, Andrew Wood, Annalise Greive, Brendan Wilson, Chavvauhn Calver, Chris Dastoor (Nutman), Darren McLanders, El Leverington, Georgina Manning, Ingrid McLanders, Kristy Fox, Lauren Foy, Lauren Grunderman, Naomi Mason, Nicholas Beggs, Patrick Whitford, Paul Love, Paul Mitsigeorgis, Peter Tregilgas, Rosie Graham, Rosie Badger, Sarah Pitman, Sasha Gratton, Tiffany Chen, Tim Burchell, Zoe McClure.

### Apologies:

James Chilcote, Lola Perrin, Paula (Max) Bartlett, Paulette Anderson, Yves Silveira

### 1. Introduction/Welcome/Acknowledgements

The Secretary/Public Officer welcome the club & acknowledged Indigenous elders past present & emerging and noted that NBFC paled on the land of the Gadigal/Wangal people of the Eora Nation

### 2. Minutes of AGM (25 Nov 2018)

were circulated and endorsed as an accurate record of the meeting (Ingrid McLanders/Chavvauhn Calver – Carried)

### 3. Brief reports:

- Presidents Report - State of the Club & Directions (Ingrid McLanders)
  - Attached Report accepted (Lauren Foy/Sasha Gratton – Carried)
- Treasurers Report – Secretary spoke to the report
  - Attached Report accepted (Ingrid McLanders/Gee Manning – Carried)
- Secretary/Public Officer Report (Peter Tregilgas)
  - That the Associations Report be forwarded to Dept Fair Trading (Ingrid McLanders/Tiffany Chen – Carried)

### 4. Nomination & Election of Board/Committee

The meeting offered a vote of thanks to retiring Board Members:

- Bec McEwin, Ellen Leverington (Vice President 2019), Louise McKenzie and Paula (Max) Bartlett.
- The Meeting noted the extraordinary 10 Years of service by Paula Bartlett via acclamation
- Confirmation of Board/Committee
  - The Meeting endorsed that following members be appointed for 2020 (Tiffany Chen/Kirsty Fox – Carried with acclamation)

Abby Dixon, Alli Smith, Brendan Wilson, Chavvauhn Calver, Georgina (Gee) Manning, Ingrid McLanders, James Chilcote, Kristie Fox, Nicholas Beggs, Paulette Anderson, Peter Tregilgas, Rosie Graham, Tiffany Chen, Zoe McLure

**5. Election/Appointment of Office Bearers**

The Secretary/Public Officer conducted the proceedings:

The following nominations were received and appointed

- Vice President – Kristy Fox
- Secretary – Peter Tregilgas
- Treasurer – Alli Smith

- President

There were two nominations for President

- Sacha Gratton
- Ingrid McLanders

An election was conducted with 1 Vote per member present (27) Plus 8 Proxy Votes received by the Secretary before the commencement of the Meeting.

- President – Ingrid McLanders was elected

**6. General Discussion - Club Directions, Planning & Engagement**

Due to a high level of noise the Meeting agreed to postpone the Open Discussion to a future date and asked the new Board to advise the club when a whole of club meeting may be possible

**7. Thanks and Close**

Meeting closed approx 4:00pm and all members were encouraged stay, network and enjoy the hospitality of the Salisbury Hotel (noting that AFLW was playing)

The new Committee retired to the Hotel “Loft” area for a brief meeting to coordinate meeting dates

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Attached: NBFC Executive Reports 2019



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### Presidents Reports (Ingrid McLanders)

Thankyou Breakaways - what a year we have had and what challenges we face ... Welcome to the New Breakaways Decade.

In the past season had almost 100 registered players and fielded 3 teams. Since our commencement in 2002 we have been the leader in our competition for diversity and inclusivity and look to the coming season to extend that concept even further.

In 2019 as the last remaining all women's club, we have faced a number of challenges, not the least of which being what appeared to be Sydney AFL's determination to see the demise of our club. One can surmise from their recent decision to relegate the Premier team that they would rather not have rebels like us keeping them honest. But rebels we are and rebels we will continue to be. It's part of our fighting spirit. We broke away and we stayed that way.

### On Field Performance

The 2019 On-field performance was in the view of the AFL the prime reason for the clubs relegation from Premier to Division 1 Women. However, in the eyes of our club we excelled on the field demonstrating again the Newtown Breakaways capacity to produce high level players. Highlights Included:

- Inclusion of Eilish Sherrin in the VFLW Giants Team (Mid season)
- Inclusion of Hayley Warren & Eilish Sherrin in the 2019 AFL Sydney Women's Team of the Year
- Announcement of Foundation member Steph Foster as an AFL Sydney Club Legend

### Major Events

Breakaways is leading the way developing events that attract a crowd to Women's Community Football. We have continuing plans for 2020 but these events were firmly established on the Newtown Calendar in 2020:

**Pride Round:** we celebrate in a big way. Our strengthened relationship with the inner west council, saw them help us create the spectacular rainbow centre circle. We had Federal leader of the ALP Anthony "albo" Albanese come down and get stuck into some snag turning.

In addition to moving the Pride Round to Henson Park, next season we aim to create a rainbow clash kit, which we will not only wear at pride round, but whenever we face imposters in our red and white colours.

**AFLX:** we created a preseason challenge for all clubs to participate. 12 clubs/17 teams from all over Sydney, from all divisions come together in a massive and exhilarating AFLX style event.

We raised about \$10K from this event, which has helped bolster our club promotion throughout the season. We got a new marquee, signage and some great advertising opportunities, plus a Video of the event from Bova, now imbedded in our Website. We are doing it again in 2020 and again with support from Inner West Council to be staged at Henson Park.

## **Health and Welfare**

To achieve the future sporting challenges for Breakaways it is important that we move to a more conscious view of the physical and mental pressure and strain a competitive sport such as AFL put on our team. In 2019 we engaged with **YVES Physio** and looking to expand this association in 2020. Thanks Yves Silveira and his crew of volunteer physios.

In addition, the Breakaways see a role for the personal Welfare and Mental health of our members & players. In 2020 we are proposing an innovative concept to engage a Welfare Officer with a specific brief to support our players health and welfare beyond the field.

## **Future Directions.**

Despite our best efforts Sydney AFL have chosen to relegate NBFC from the Premier division women's competition in 2020. The Committee of NBFC has not accepted this but acceded that as the managers of the AFL franchise that the Breakaway would need to comply in order to be included. The Breakaways secure several concessions from the AFL including Grant to support Coaching Development in 2020, a Grant to Support the AFLX Pre-season Carnival, appointment of a Sports Management Consultant to assist with Planning during 2020 and finally direct support in partnership with Inner-West Council to upgrade the Mahoney Oval Facilities.

The club made a decision at a special meeting that to meet one of the Sydney AFL's future direction minimum standards, (that all prem teams must have a team of the opposite sex associated with their club) rather than fold into an existing, predominantly men's club we would fight to keep our name and history. That meant garnering interest in having a Div 3 men's team. The interest from local men has been extremely high and so this is now a reality. We welcome men to our women's club while not forgetting our club mantra, committed competitive and inclusive.

Next season we will compete in Women's Division one. Division 3, and our debut a Newtown Men's team.

In conclusion, my heartfelt thanks go out to all the Coaches, all the volunteers, the players groups, the leadership groups and all club members for helping to get us through a tough year and season.

I also thank my fellow Board Members and particularly the Committee Executive who bore much of the work in dealing with a recalcitrant managing authority - AFL Sydney.

I particularly acknowledge Paula (Max) Bartlett who is stepping down as Treasurer after 10 Years – she has been a solid stalwart of the Club and thank her sincerely for her efforts and attention to all club matters.

Let's raise a glass. Breakaways... All I wanna be.

**Ingrid McLanders President**

## Treasurers Report

### NEWTOWN BREAKAWAYS - AGM - FEBRUARY 2020

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Competition	-\$19,876.40	-\$34,769.56	-\$9,589.70	Includes: AFL fees
Club Costs	-\$36,609.67	-\$23,458.61	-\$17,347.30	Includes: Coaching, Umpires, Uniforms, Ground Hire, Insurance, Physios, Storage
Fundraising	-\$11,551.97	-\$5,561.00	-\$3,612.28	Includes: Canteen, BBQs, Merch, AFLX
Social Events	-\$4,696.95	-\$12,522.88	-\$7,668.08	Includes: EOST, Presentation Night, AFL9s
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>-\$72,734.99</b>	<b>-\$76,312.05</b>	<b>-\$38,217.36</b>	
<b>INCOME</b>				
Competition	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$527.50	Includes: AFL returns
Club Costs	\$29,720.00	\$29,724.61	\$20,739.27	Includes: Rego
Fundraising	\$38,523.34	\$23,945.00	\$23,679.20	Includes: Canteen, Meat Tray, Sponsorship, AFLX
Social Events	\$3,090.53	\$8,950.00	\$8,160.00	Includes: EOST, Presentation Night, AFL9s
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$71,333.87</b>	<b>\$62,869.61</b>	<b>\$53,105.97</b>	
<b>Summary</b>				
Income	\$71,333.87	\$62,869.61	\$53,105.97	
Less Expenditure	-\$72,734.99	-\$76,312.05	-\$38,217.36	
<b>Total</b>	<b>-\$1,401.12</b>	<b>-\$13,442.44</b>	<b>\$14,888.61</b>	
Opening Balance	\$46,609.59	\$52,236.85	\$37,348.24	
Less Cash Movement	-\$1,401.12	-\$13,442.44	\$14,888.61	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,208.47</b>	<b>\$38,794.41</b>	<b>\$52,236.85</b>	

#### The Treasurer notes:

- Significant increase in Club Costs constantly over past 3 season
- Improvement in Fund-raising due to continuing improvement of returns via Sponsor Hotel (Friday Night Raffle) and significant Grants attracted from the AFLX Carnival
- Income via Cost Costs (Registration) has plateaued and as it has not increased in several season needs review as the Club Cost have increased significantly.

***Paula (Max) Bartlett Treasurer***