



Notice of Annual General Meeting

Dear Member,

This is to advise you of the upcoming Annual General Meeting of the members of the Tasmanian Whisky & Spirits Association Incorporated (TWSA). The details of this meeting are as follows:

Meeting details

Date	Monday, 26 October 2026
Time	8.15 AM
Place	Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Dunn Place, Hobart TAS 7000

At the meeting, TWSA Members will be asked to:

- Confirm the minutes of the last preceding Annual General Meeting
- Receive from the Committee, reports on the transactions of the Association during the last preceding financial year of the Association;
- Elect two Committee members;
- Appoint the auditor;
- Consider Special Resolutions, of which due notice has been given.

To facilitate your engagement in the AGM, the following materials are attached:

- Agenda for this Annual General Meeting
- Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
- Proposed Special Resolutions
- Digital Committee nomination form
- Digital voting by proxy form

Regards,

Nick Conolly
Secretary, TWSA

12 October 2026

AGM Agenda

Tasmanian Whisky & Spirits Association Incorporated

Monday, 26 October 2026, 8.15 AM

Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Dunn Place, Hobart TAS 7000



Agenda Item	Responsible	Attachment
1. Welcome and introductions	President	
2. Apologies	Secretary	
3. Acceptance of Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting	Secretary	Attachment A
4. President's report	President	Presentation
5. Treasurer's report	Treasurer	Presentation
6. Acceptance of audited financial statements	Treasurer	
7. Appointment of the auditor	Treasurer	
8. Questions to Committee	President	
9. Proposed Special Resolutions	President	Attachment B
Special Resolution 1: Administrative changes to reflect current practice		
That the Constitution of the Tasmanian Whisky and Spirits Association Incorporated be amended, as shown in the marked-up Constitution accompanying the Notice of Meeting, by amending Section 2 (definition of "in writing"), Sections 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 24, 27(1), 29, 31, 32, 33, 37 and 39 and Schedule 1, and inserting Section 15A, to make administrative changes that reflect current practice.		
Special Resolution 2: Mechanisms for questions, polls and voting		
That the Constitution of the Tasmanian Whisky and Spirits Association Incorporated be amended, as shown in the marked-up Constitution accompanying the Notice of Meeting, by amending Sections 19, 20, 21, 22 and 27(5), to provide modern mechanisms for conducting polls, votes and questions.		
Special Resolution 3: Life membership		
That the Constitution of the Tasmanian Whisky and Spirits Association Incorporated be amended, as shown in the marked-up Constitution accompanying the Notice of Meeting, by amending Section 2 (definition of "Life Member") and Rule 1, to reinstate the definition of Life Member and clarify the provisions relating to Life Membership.		
10. Election of Committee Members Fill two (2) ordinary vacancies.	Returning Officer	
11. Meeting close	President	



Minutes

Minutes of Tasmanian Whisky & Spirits Association Annual General Meeting

Held in person on Monday, 27 October 2025 at 9.00 AM in the Wellington Room of Wrest Point, 410 Sandy Bay Road, Sandy Bay, Tasmania, 7005.

Present

Executive Committee

President, Kristy Lark
Vice-President, Damian Mackey
Treasurer, Mark Wray
Secretary, David Hunn

TWSA Staff

Nicole Lestal
Bruce Clapham

Members

Battery Point Distillery
Bintani
CCL Label
Charles Reuben Estate
Clyde Mill
Dog Tag Whiskey
Dunalley Bay Distillery
Fermentis
Greenbanks Tasmanian Whisky Co.
Hartzview Vineyard
Hellyers Road Distillery
Hunnington Distillery
Hunter Island Distillery
Killara Distillery
King Island Distillery
Lark Distilling Co
Launceston Distillery
Maguire and Co Distillery
McHenry Distillery
New Norfolk Distillery
Old Kempton Distillery
Overeem Distillery
qdos
Ratho Farm Highlands Resort



SAVU Glass Australia
Spring Bay Distillery
Sullivans Cove Distillery
Turner Stillhouse
Western Tiers Distillery
White Label Distillery
Winequip

1. Welcome

The President (Ms Lark) opened the meeting at 9.15 AM and welcomed Members in attendance.

The President paid respects to the Traditional Custodians and First Peoples of Tasmania, acknowledging their continued connection to country and culture.

The President advised Members of the meeting procedures, noting that motions had proposers and seconders arranged, and reminded Members that only Full and Financial Members were entitled to vote on Special Resolutions

2. Apologies

Apologies were noted from:

- Alychmia Distillery
- Tasmaniac Distillers
- Drifters End
- Callington Mill
- Lower Marsh Distillery
- Derwent Distillery
- My Whisky Journeys

3. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Tasmanian Whisky & Spirits Association held on 28 October 2024 were accepted.

MOVED: David Hunn SECONDED: Damien Mackey

The motion was **carried**.



4. President's Report

The President (Ms Lark) delivered her report, highlighting key achievements and activities of the Association over the past year.

The President noted that the Tasmanian whisky and spirits industry continues to be dynamic and distinctly different, with pristine waters, extraordinary climate, and abundance of quality ingredients providing producers with the perfect canvas to create distinctly Tasmanian spirits. The President acknowledged that while the industry has achieved growth, many distilleries including her own have faced challenges in the uncertain economic climate and cost-of-living crisis. The President commended the industry's spirit of collaboration and growth mindset in facing these challenges together.

The President reported that the Committee held a strategy session in October 2024, reaffirming the Association's role as a strong advocate for the industry. Five main focus areas were identified: safety in the industry; appellation and branding; regulations; excise; and national representation. The Committee has been working on advocacy through policy implementation, trade opportunities, regulatory reform, and red tape reduction.

Key member services and events delivered during the year included:

- A highly successful Tasmanian Whisky Week
- Updates to the Tasmanian Whisky & Spirits Trail
- Promotion of Tasmanian whisky at the Whisky Abbey event in Melbourne
- The Annual Conference with valuable speaker presentations and trade show opportunities

The President noted that 32 TWSA Members attended the inaugural Policy Day in May. Key topics discussed included the Association's position on excise, the Memorandum of Understanding between TWSA and the Australian Distillers Association, and updates on appellation and industry regulations.

The Association was invited to participate in Tourism Tasmania's "Come Down for Air" winter campaign launch, where four representing distilleries showcased products to over 50 journalists and influencers. In August, Narryna House in Battery Point hosted an exhibition about early whisky making in Tasmania with a focus on women in the Tasmanian distilling industry.

The President acknowledged that many distilleries are increasing the reach of Tasmanian spirits through award wins and participation in trade missions with State Growth assistance.

Tasmanian Whisky Week was highlighted as the showcase event of the year, with over 20 different events around the state, most of which sold out. The President thanked Bruce Clapham, who started in June, along with Mark, Ally, Justin, Emma, Luke and Seamus on the organising committee for creating another successful event.

The President noted that the newly elected Liberal government brings fresh opportunities for the industry, and the Association looks forward to working constructively with them to advance shared goals.

The President acknowledged the TWSA staff, particularly Nicole Lestal for organising the conference, and thanked the presenting partners Bintani and Fermentis, along with qdos, CCL Label



and Manildra for their sponsorship support. The President also thanked the Tasmanian State Government for continued support.

The President extended particular thanks to fellow Committee members Damian, David and Mark, along with former Committee members Sarah and Andrew, acknowledging their volunteer commitment. The President acknowledged outgoing Vice President Damien Mackey's five years of exceptional service.

The President's report was received by the Members.

MOVED: Damien Mackey

SECONDED: Mark Wray

The motion was **carried**.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer (Mr Wray) spoke to the presentation, noting the following key points:

- The Association remains in a strong financial position with net assets of \$224,109 at 30 June 2025
- The Association recorded an operating loss of \$24,782 for the financial year, compared to a profit of \$108,597 in the previous year
- Total income for the year was \$366,528, a slight decrease from \$375,748 in the previous year
- Key sources of income included:
 - Government grants of \$154,025 (down from \$210,000)
 - Tasmanian Whisky Week income of \$148,092 (up from \$109,344)
 - Membership fees of \$23,291 (up from \$21,045)
 - Participation fees of \$20,727 (up from \$16,210)
 - Sponsorship of \$19,800 (up from \$15,000)
- Total expenditure increased significantly from \$267,151 to \$391,310, an increase of \$124,159
- Major areas of expenditure included:
 - Employee expenses of \$184,025 (up from \$42,579), reflecting investment in staffing aided by Tasmanian Government grant
 - Tasmanian Whisky Week expenses of \$96,275 (down from \$124,192)
 - Consulting fees of \$40,443 (up from \$31,388)
 - Advertising and marketing of \$27,400 (down from \$38,950)
- The Association maintains strong cash reserves with \$244,722 in cash and cash equivalents, including a term deposit of \$150,000, only slightly down from \$250,140 last year
- Current assets total \$252,155 with minimal liabilities of \$31,715, demonstrating sound financial position
- The accounts have been prepared on a cash basis in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act (Tas) 1964 and have been audited by Ruddicks Chartered Accountants



The Treasurer's report was received by Members.

MOVED: Mark Wray SECONDED: Damien Mackey

The motion was **carried**.

6. Acceptance of Audited Financial Statements

The Treasurer (Mr Wray) moved that the Financial Statements as audited and circulated to all Members be received and that he be authorised to make the necessary declarations.

MOVED: Mark Wray SECONDED: Damien Mackey

The motion was **carried**.

7. Appointment of and Questions to the Auditor

The Treasurer proposed that Ruddicks Chartered Accountants be appointed as the auditor for the Tasmanian Whisky & Spirits Association for the 2025-26 financial year.

MOVED: Damien Mackey SECONDED: David Hunn

The motion was **carried**.

8. Questions to the Committee

The President invited questions from Members on any matters arising from the reports or the operations of the Association. Members enquired as to:

- whether the TWSA held any data regarding the effectiveness of Tourism Tasmania's 'Come Down For Air' campaign. The President advised that TWSA Tourism Tasmania would be presenting to the conference later in the day;
- the status of the employment grant and how many payments from State Growth remained. The Treasurer advised that three more payments were due and that TWSA is working to have the grant renewed.
- the association's lobbying program to attract more government investment in the sector. The Treasurer advised a Budget submission would be drafted ahead of the May 2026 State Budget.
- activities that members could run collaboratively to generate additional funds, leveraging Tasmanian Whisky Week and understanding what works and what could be improved. The President advised that events for white spirits producers were being considered, along with other initiatives.



9. Proposed Special Resolutions

The President advised that two special resolutions required consideration and voting by Members.

Special Resolution 1 - Committee Size

The President explained that the first special resolution related to the size of the Committee. The current constitution requires a minimum of six Committee Members, and the resolution proposed to reduce that minimum to five Members, providing greater flexibility in governance while maintaining appropriate oversight.

MOVED: David Hunn SECONDED: Damien Mackey

That Clause 26(1) be amended to remove the number 6 and replace with the number 5.

The President called for a vote. The motion was **not carried**.

Special Resolution 2 - Non-Member Committee Appointments

The President explained that the second special resolution related to the appointment of non-Member Committee Members to address skills gaps. The resolution would allow the Committee to appoint up to two additional persons who are not Members of the Association to serve on the Committee, provided they possess professional skills identified by the Committee as necessary to meet required skills gaps. Appointments would be for a maximum term of three years, with appointees having all responsibilities, powers and obligations of other Committee Members, except they cannot be elected to the positions of President or Vice President.

MOVED: Mark Wray SECONDED: Damien Mackey

That the following words be added at the end of Clause 26:

"(5) The Committee may appoint no more than two additional non-Members of the Association to be Members of the Committee. The person appointed to the Committee will only be eligible for appointment if they satisfy the professional skills identified by the Committee in order to meet required skills gaps. The appointment will not be longer than the term available for ordinary Members, that being up to a maximum of the balance remaining of a three-year term. The person will remain a Member of the Committee until such time as they resign from the Committee or the expiration of their term of appointment. The person appointed will have all such responsibilities, powers and obligations as other Members of the Committee, but cannot be elected to the position of President or Vice President."

The President called for a vote. The motion was **not carried**.



10. Election of Committee Members

The President invited the Returning Officer, Nicole Lestal, to present the results of the Executive Committee elections.

The Returning Officer reported that at the close of nominations for Executive Committee positions, two nominations were received:

- Derek Charge, Managing Director and CEO of Hellyers Road Distillery
- Nick Conolly, Operations Manager at Maguire & Co. Distillery

As there were two nominations for two vacancies, the Returning Officer declared both nominees elected unopposed.

The President moved that the Returning Officer's report be received, noting the election of Derek Charge and Nick Conolly to the Executive Committee of the Tasmanian Whisky & Spirits Association.

MOVED: Mark Wray SECONDED: David Hunn

The motion was **carried**.

The President welcomed Derek and Nick to the Committee and expressed appreciation for their willingness to serve. The President extended special thanks to outgoing Vice President Damien Mackey for his outstanding service to the Committee.

The President advised that the newly elected Committee would meet directly following the close of the AGM to appoint officeholders, with an update to be shared with Members at the start of the Conference.

11. Any Other Business

The President (Ms Lark) acknowledged the recent passing of a valued member, Suzy Brett, of Spring Bay Distillery.

The President acknowledged Suzy's significant contribution to the industry through her work with the Australian Women in Distilling Association and the TWSA, as well as her support of her husband, Cam Brett, who previously served as President of the Association.

The President extended condolences to Cam, the family and the Spring Bay Distillery team on behalf of all TWSA Members.

12. Meeting Close

There being no further business, the President closed the Annual General Meeting at 10.01 AM.

The President thanked Members for their attendance and participation.



Committee Nomination Form

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This form is used to nominate a candidate for election to the Committee at the Annual General Meeting. A nomination must be made by two Members of the Association and accepted by the person nominated. The fields may be completed on screen using any PDF reader.

1. Nominating Member

Name of nominating Member

Business or distillery

Signature

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

2. Seconding Member

Name of seconding Member

Business or distillery

Signature

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

3. Person nominated

We nominate the person named below to be a Member of the Committee of the Association.

Name of person nominated

Business or distillery

Email address

4. Acceptance of nomination

I accept the nomination to be a Member of the Committee of the Association.

Signature of person nominated

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

Lodging this form

This form must be received by the Secretary by **12 noon on Wednesday, 21 October 2026**. Please email the completed form to the Secretary via **ido@twasa.net.au**, or contact the Secretary for any other means of lodgement.

Where a signature cannot be provided on this form, the nomination, seconding or acceptance may instead be confirmed by email to the Secretary, subject to verification under Section 27(1)(d).

Extract from the Constitution: Section 27. Election of the Committee

(1) A nomination of a candidate for election as a Member of the Committee, is to be –

(a) made in writing and signed, or otherwise indicated, by 2 members of the Association; and

(b) accompanied by the written consent, or otherwise indicated consent, of the person nominated; and

(c) lodged with the Secretary by 12 noon on the Wednesday in the week preceding the week in which the annual general meeting is to be held. For the purposes of this sub-section a week commences on a Monday.

(d) The term "otherwise indicated" as specified in sub-section 1(a) and (b) of this Section is taken to mean any other means of indicating the nomination or acceptance that is corroborated by email, letter, or some form of verified nomination or acceptance process that satisfies the Secretary and one other member of the Executive.



Proxy Voting Form

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A Member who is unable to attend the Annual General Meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on their behalf. Please complete each field below, save the form and email it to the Secretary. The fields may be completed on screen using any PDF reader.

Member appointing a proxy

Full legal name of Member

Business or distillery

Email address

Person appointed as proxy

Full name of proxy

Business or distillery of proxy (must be a Tasmanian whisky or spirits producer, Section 21(1))

Appointment

I appoint the person named above to represent me as a voting Member at the Annual General Meeting of the Tasmanian Whisky & Spirits Association Incorporated, to be held at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery on Monday, 26 October 2026 at 8.15am, as I am unable to attend.

Signature of Member

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

Lodging this form

This form must be received by the Secretary **prior to the commencement of the Annual General Meeting at 8.15am on Monday, 26 October 2026**. Please email the completed form to the Secretary via ido@twsa.net.au, or present it to the Secretary at the meeting before it commences.

Proxy nominations presented after the meeting has commenced will not be valid. The person appointed as proxy must attend the meeting in person to exercise the proxy.

Extract from the Constitution: Section 21. Proxies

- (1) Any Member may appoint another person that is from a business or entity that manufactures, produces, distils whisky or spirits in the State of Tasmania to act as a proxy at a general meeting of the Association.*
- (2) Such appointment made in sub-section (1) shall be made in writing, stating clearly the name of the person to whom the proxy is issued, and given to the Secretary of the Association prior to the meeting, or in the absence of the Secretary, the Chairman of that meeting.*
- (3) A proxy nomination presented after the commencement of a meeting will not be valid.*
- (4) A proxy appointment is only valid for the single meeting nominated.*
- (5) A proxy must be present at the meeting to exercise his or her right as a proxy.*
- (6) A proxy is entitled to participate in the meeting as if he or she was the member in attendance.*
- (7) Any determination as to the validity and clarity of the nomination of a proxy is to be determined by the Secretary and one other member of the Executive, or any two members of the Executive.*