

The Philatelic Association of NSW Limited

ACN 687 057 601

MINUTES of the FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11am on Saturday 29 November 2025

2, City View Road, Pennant Hills NSW 2120

DELEGATES LIST

Delegate	Club
Geoffrey Kellow	ACCC
Gordon Towell	ACCC
John Bozic	ACCC
Billy Lau	Sutherland Shire PS
John Moore	Newcastle PS
Barry Parker	Newcastle PS
Michael Hirschhorn	Smithfield SC
Paul Storm	Toronto SC
David Collyer	AS of Polar Philately
John Pearson	Boambee East PS
Robert Layzell	Castle Hill SC
Steve Searle	Shoalhaven PS
Peter Myers	Gosford District SC
Phillip Miller	Parramatta PS
Laurent Villoing	Europa Collectors SSA
George Petridis	Earlwood & Districts SC
Graeme Morriss	Manly Warringah SC
Geoffrey Lewis	PSNSW
Wayne Donaldson	PSNSW
Wendy Ferguson	Sutherland Shire PS
Sandra Mottram	Sutherland Shire PS
Wilson Ilbery	Cinderella SC
Patrick Gunning	Illawarra PS
Andrew Bennett	SASS
David Miner	Campbelltown District PS
Gert Ebing	RSPC
Bruce Chadderton	Orange C&SC
David Benson	PSNSW
Peter Brigden	Turramurra SC
Mick Evans	Tamworth PS
Mike McHugh	Piallaway PS
Darren Jones	Apology

Club members present who were not Delegates: Sarah Harvey, Michael Nibbs, Alan Pitt, Dennis Sonter, Phillip Green, Tony Ward, Ray Woodbury, Tony Yang.

1. **Presidents Welcome & Introduction** – PHILAS President, Bruce Chadderton welcomed all present to the first Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Philatelic Association of NSW Limited (PHILAS) and he took the opportunity to welcome all to the new home of PHILAS: Ground Floor, 2 City View Road, Pennant Hills NSW 2120. Bruce confirmed that Ground Floor, 2 City View Road had been purchased and that 20 Egerton Street, Silverwater had been sold.
2. **Annual Report – 30 June 2025** – PHILAS Treasurer, Peter Brigden presented the Philatelic Association of NSW Limited Annual Report – 30 June 2025, copy of which is attached. The President and Treasurer invited questions from the floor:
 - 2.1. Q: Does PHILAS NSW Limited have Directors Insurance?
A: Peter Brigden undertook to consult with PHILAS' Insurers to clarify the cover available to Directors.
 - 2.2. Q: the losses in the Report, are they actual losses or paper losses?
A: Yes, the losses were paper losses, related to the reduction of the loan account between the PHILAS Library Inc and PHILAS NSW Limited.
 - 2.3. Q: What was the sale price of 20 Egerton Street?
A: \$5,525,000 + GST
 - 2.4. Q: What was the purchase price of Gr. Floor, 2, City View Rd?
A: \$2,300,000 + GST.
 - 2.5. Q: Will the PHILAS Library Inc own Gr. Floor, 2 City View Rd?
A: Yes. The President added that PHILAS Library Inc works in conjunction with PHILAS to ensure we can support NSW philately into the future.
 - 2.6. Q: What interest has been earned on the investments?
A: The Treasurer advised that interest earned will be included in the 2025 accounts of the PHILAS Library Incorporated.
 - 2.7. Q: Will there be a PHILAS Library Incorporated Annual Report?
A: Yes. The report has been completed and is currently with the Auditor.
 - 2.8. Q: What are the annual strata fees for Gr. Floor, 2 City View Rd?

A: Council Rates (per annum)	\$1,528	
A: Water Rates (per annum)	\$1,400	
A: Strata Levy (per annum)	\$40,728	Total \$43,656 (pa)

- 2.9. Q: What will it cost to move everything at Egerton Street to City View Rd?
A: circa \$21,000 + GST.
- 2.10. Q: Will the shipping containers inside 20 Egerton St be returned?
A: Yes – the shipping containers will be returned to source as soon as they have been emptied by the removalists.
- 2.11. Q: Is there a loading bay at 2 City View Rd?
A: Yes. The loading bay is at the northern end of the building, close to the Pennant Hills Road. The loading bay provides very easy access to the PHILAS premises. A tour of the premises is available after the AGM.

3. **Stanley Griffith Awards 2025** – the President confirmed that there were two nominations for the Stanley Griffith Award 2025:

- 3.1. **Howard & Lucy Fisher** – nominated by Toronto Stamp Club
- 3.2. **Peter Simpfendorfer** – nominated by Wagga Stamp Club.
- 3.3. At an earlier meeting, the PHILAS NSW Limited board had decided by unanimous vote to accept both nominations.
- 3.4. At the request of the Toronto Stamp Club and the Wagga Stamp Club, the presentations will be made at a Club meeting.
PHILAS President, Bruce Chadderton, undertook to travel to the Club meetings to present the Awards.

4. **Election of Elected Directors:**

- 4.1. In the Notice of the Annual General Meeting, there was a call for nominations for three Elected Director positions:
- 4.1.1. The position of *Elected Director – President*
- 4.1.2. The position of *Elected Director*
- 4.1.3. The position of *Elected Director*
- 4.2. The PHILAS board received three (3) acceptable nominations:
- 4.2.1. Bruce Chadderton nominated for *Elected Director – President*
- 4.2.2. Mick Evans nominated for *Elected Director*
- 4.2.3. Billy Lau nominated for *Elected Director*
- 4.3. In the absence of any other nominations, Bruce Chadderton was elected as *Elected Director – President* – his election was enthusiastically received by the Delegates present.

At this point in the program, Michael Nibbs raised a Point of Order:

The point of order related to the PHILAS NSW Limited Constitution, Part E: Section 50: Transitional Arrangements: Parts 50.5 and 50.7.

The PHILAS NSW Limited board had determined to offer two *Elected Director* positions for election at the AGM (other than the *Elected Director – President* position), to fill the vacancies left when Brian Moore and Michael Nibbs resigned from the Board. Michael Nibbs suggested to the meeting that this action did not meet the requirements of 50.5 & 50.7 and there should be four (4) *Elected Directors* elected at the AGM. John Moore advised the meeting that the election of four (4) *Elected Directors* at this AGM would be un-constitutional since the Clubs were not informed. Peter Myers suggested we ask the assembled Delegates to decide if four *Elected Directors* should be elected at this AGM – this was accepted as a motion from the floor. A vote was called for. Peter Myers moved the motion. Michael Hirshhorn seconded the motion. There were two (2) votes in favour of the motion. There were fourteen (14) votes against the motion. There were two (2) abstentions. The motion was defeated.

There being two nominations for *Elected Director* and two positions:

- 4.4. Mick Evans was deemed elected as an *Elected Director*.
- 4.5. Billy Lau was deemed elected as an *Elected Director*.
- 4.6. The elections were enthusiastically received by the Delegates.
- 4.7. The President moved a vote of thanks for the contributions to the work of PHILAS made by Michael Nibbs and Brian Moore. Michael Nibbs thanked the President and Delegates and responded with an enthusiastic endorsement of 2 City View Road, wishing the Board well for the future.

5. Appointment of Auditor

- 5.1. The Treasurer moved that we retain the current Auditors for a further year. The President seconded the motion. There were no votes against. The motion was carried.

6. The President called for any other business.

- 6.1. Q: does PHILAS NSW Limited have a Company Secretary?
A: the President responded that a candidate has been recommended and is being considered.

- 6.2. Q: what is the ongoing status of the Sydney Youth Stamp Group (SYSG) as related to PHILAS NSW Limited?
A: SYSG works with PHILAS NSW Ltd but is essentially independent in how it carries out its business.
- 6.3. Q: is SYSG currently an independent entity?
A: this needs some investigation – Sarah Harvey undertook to research the issue and respond to Paul Storm & Bruce Chadderton. Paul & Bruce will then discuss the issue.
- 6.4. Q: what is the status of the money that was willed to SYSG?
A: John Moore undertook to research the issue and respond to Paul Storm & Bruce Chadderton.
- 6.5. Q: could SYSG become a Club affiliated to PHILAS NSW Ltd?
A: it's a possibility – however – who would constitute the members of SYSG? More research needed.
- 6.6. Q: PHILAS Auctions: can the issue of heavy boxed lots be addressed before the next auction?
A: Yes – we recognise the problem, and it will be addressed when we meet, early in the New Year, to discuss how to proceed with Auctions in 2026.
- 6.7. Q: Services to Member Clubs: when the move to Pennant Hills is complete, will PHILAS continue to facilitate the services that Member Clubs have come to expect? For example, the PHILAS Library, PHILAS Auctions, Open Days, Meeting Rooms?
A: Yes. The PHILAS Library will be up-and-running early in the New Year. The Meeting Room will be available for Club Meetings early in the New Year and as soon as the building upgrades are complete, we can develop a calendar for Open Days. As noted in point 6.5 above, we will meet early in the New Year to discuss how to proceed with PHILAS Auctions.
- 6.8. Q: how will PHILAS NSW Ltd attract more volunteers?
A: several issues we believe will attract more volunteers:
- 6.8.1. The new premises at City View Rd provide a comfortable and secure environment for volunteers.
 - 6.8.2. The PHILAS Library will be open early in the New Year.
 - 6.8.3. In the future, PHILAS will not be reliant on revenue from Auctions to fund its operations. The Auctions will continue primarily to service the needs of Club members, with revenue raised being a bonus.

- 6.8.4. There was a suggestion from the floor that we consider having smaller, more frequent Auctions – this is on the agenda early in the New Year.
- 6.9. Q: when can we have the first Open Day?
A: we will aim to have the first Open Day during the first quarter of 2026.
- 6.10. Q: what days will PHILAS operate in Pennant Hills?
A: we will open on Tuesdays and Saturdays to begin with. It is intended to have the Meeting Room available all days for Club meetings.
- 6.11. Q: is PHILAS considering paid employees to run the day-to-day business?
A: this is an ongoing Board discussion; no decisions have been made.
- 6.12. Q: what would employees be paid to do?
A: we are looking for a bookkeeper to assist the Treasurer; an Admin Assistant to handle phone, mail & emails and an Auctions Manager.
- 6.13. Q: will member Clubs be charged to use the Meeting Room?
A: probably yes – however – this has not yet been discussed by the Board.
- 6.14. Q: how will member Clubs gain access to the Meeting Room?
A: we are researching the market for a suitable & cost-effective, computer controlled, or recorded swipe card, access system.
- 6.15. Q: what security measures are in place at 2 City View Road?
A: the exterior security of the building is in the hands of a third-party | security company. The interior security of the building is provided by 24/7 Concierge services managed by the Body Corporate, although some security elements will be introduced within PHILAS's premises to protect our interests.
- 6.16. Q: when will lots for future PHILAS Auctions be accepted in?
A: when the move from Silverwater to Pennant Hills is complete, we can schedule days for acceptance of lots for future PHILAS Auctions.
- 6.17. Q: were catalogue prices for Auction 145 raised above the reserves indicated by vendors?
A: it is possible that some catalogue prices were higher than the reserves indicated by vendors. PHILAS reserves the right to set catalogue prices.
- 6.18. Q: Auction 145 unsold lots, will anymore be sold?
A: No. With the move from Silverwater to Pennant Hills happening before Christmas, we have closed off Auction 145.
- 6.19. Q: Auction 145 – will unsold lots be returned to vendors before the move to City View Road?
A: No, unless specifically requested by vendors.

There being no other business, the President thanked all the Delegates for their attendance and their contributions to the business of the AGM.

The President also thanked Sarah Harvey for preparing 2, City View Rd for the AGM and the tour, and Mick Evans for his work on the visual projection.

The meeting closed at 11:48am.

Lunch was provided and an introduction to the new premises followed.

Mike McHugh – Mike McHugh – Administration Secretary – PHILAS NSW Limited

Attached: Annual Report – 30 June 2025 (PHILAS NSW Limited)