

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Cropping Program Proposal – Dowerin Community Club

1. Outline of Proposed Cropping Program

Crop Types & Rotation Plan:

Our proposed cropping program will include a sustainable rotation of wheat, barley, and lupins. This rotation has been selected to optimize soil health, maximize yields, and reduce the incidence of disease and weed resistance.

- **Year 1:** Wheat
- **Year 2:** Lupins
- **Year 3:** Conola
- **Year 4:** Wheat

Management Approach:

The program will be managed using industry's best practices with a focus on maximizing productivity while ensuring long-term land health. An annual cropping plan will be developed in consultation with agronomists and local advisors.

Agricultural Methods to Be Used:

- No-till or minimum tillage practices
 - Precision seeding and fertilizer application at recommended rates
 - Use of soil testing and data-driven agronomy, soil tests with CSBP
 - Integrated pest and weed management as per agronomists' advice
 - GPS-guided machinery to ensure accuracy and efficiency
 - Ongoing monitoring of plant and soil health through the season with agronomist
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2. Financial Planning

Financing the Program:

The cropping program will be financed through a combination of:

- Upfront contributions from our organisation

- In-kind support from members and local businesses (machinery, fuel, labour)
- Revenue reinvestment from previous harvests
- Sponsorships or grants where available

Financial Sustainability:

Our model is designed to be self-sustaining, with inputs matched to expected returns and conservative yield forecasts used for budgeting. Annual reviews and adaptive management will ensure the ongoing financial viability of the program.

3. Statement of Community Benefit

Use of Income from Cropping:

All profits generated will be reinvested into the Dowerin Community Club and broader community projects. Proposed allocations include:

- Facility upgrades (clubhouse, sporting grounds, shared community spaces)
- Supporting youth and sports programs
- Hosting regional events and activities
- Emergency funds for community needs

Supported Initiatives:

- Expansion of local sporting events and competitions
- Scholarships or sponsorships for local youth in agriculture and sports
- Community wellness initiatives (e.g. mental health programs, seniors' activities)

Expected Outcomes:

- Stronger community cohesion
 - Improved facilities and opportunities for residents
 - Increased community participation
 - Greater economic contribution to the Dowerin
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4. Justification for Selection

Organisational Suitability:

Our organisation has a longstanding history of successful community-driven initiatives, financial transparency, and agricultural knowledge. We have a committed volunteer base, strong local support, and the operational capacity to deliver this program effectively.

Alignment with Objectives:

This initiative directly aligns with our goals of supporting regional development, fostering local engagement, and enhancing quality of life in Dowerin through sustainable agriculture and community reinvestment.

5. Cropping Manager Information

Designated Cropping Manager:

Name: Darrel Hudson

Position: Cropping Manager

Contact: 0428 311 063 hudsondarrel@outlook.com

Qualifications/Experience:

- Over 50 years' experience in broadacre cropping
 - Proven record of successful program delivery, has managed Amery Acres over 25 years
 - Familiar with local agronomic conditions and practices
 - Strong leadership and financial management capabilities
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6. Financial Viability

We have attached the following documents to demonstrate our financial capacity and transparency:

1. **Audited Income Statement** – detailing revenues, operational costs, and net profits over the past two financial years.
2. **Balance Sheet** – outlining the organisation's assets, liabilities, and equity positions.
3. **Cash Flow Statement** – showing the movement of funds in and out of the organisation, highlighting liquidity and cash reserves.

These statements are accompanied by an **Independent Auditor's Report**, verifying the integrity of our financial records and our ability to manage funds responsibly.

Thank you for considering our Expression of Interest. We believe our cropping proposal presents a practical, community-enhancing initiative that combines sustainable agriculture with real social impact. We welcome the opportunity to discuss this further.

Sincerely,
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Dowerin Community Club

NOTICE OF AGM

Location: Dowerin Community Club

Date: Monday 13th October 2025

Time: 7.00pm

- i. Call to order**
- ii. Attendees and Apologies**
- iii. Approval of minutes from last meeting**
- iv. Chairperson Report**
- v. Financial Report**
- vi. Election of Members to the Management Committee**
- vii. Election of Club Auditor**
- viii. Other Business**
 - Life Membership**

***A meeting of the new Management Committee
will be held immediately after the AGM.***



Dowerin Community Club Inc.

AGM

Minutes

Monday 14th October 2024

Opened at 7.01pm

1. Opening & Welcome

Present: Brent Walsh, Shea Donegan, Trevor Gerrard, Suzy Crippen, Julie Bailey, Deanna Hansen, Adam Metcalf, Corey Flavel, Jo Holberton, Kim Quartermaine, Jason Sewell, Darren Harris, Darrel Hudson, Stephanie Graham, Nicole Kennedy, Joyce Couper, Darrel Kennedy, Klint Hagboom, Robbie Anderson, Jamie Newton, Kim Quartermaine, Robb Trepp, Manisha Barthakar, Dianne Griffin

Apologies: Peter Richards, Emma Richards, Richard Waugh, Matt Couper, Todd Quartermaine, Di Hudson, Frances Anderson,

2. Previous AGM Minutes held October 16th 2023

Minutes of the previous AGM to be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Dp 2nd Deanna Hansen

Business arising: Nil

3. Chairpersons Report

Brent Walsh tabled his chairperson's report.

Motion: To adopt the 2023/2024 Chairpersons, Report as tabled.

Moved: Jamie Newton 2nd Jo Holberton Carried

4. Financial Report:

Motion: That the financial report be accepted as tabled, subject to final audit from Waugh Miller Macqueen.

Moved: Wes Hagboom 2nd DP Carried

There is a consensus that it is not the DCC's responsibility to donate to the community. Some suggestions that the meal prices are too high. Any maintenance & repairs addressed to the shire should be sent to councillors as well as the staff. Also suggested that we consider closing doors on kitchen nights that are not profitable and utilize volunteers where possible.

5. Election of Members to the Management Committee

4 positions available for the Management Committee.

5 nominations received from Brent Walsh, Frances Anderson, Darren Harris, Darrel Kennedy & Steve Himing

Elected to the 4 positions were: Brent Walsh, Steve Himing, Darren Harris & Darrel Kennedy

Thanks to all for their nominations, and we wish the newly elected members well.

Moved: Jamie Newton 2nd Corey Flavel

6. Election of Club Auditor.

Motion:

Waugh Miller Macqueen to be elected as the club's Auditor. Quotes on auditors. Been the same auditor for 11 years. Have information for the next AGM. Move to seek quotes for the auditor and the committee to decide.

Moved: Darrel Hudson 2nd: Shea Donegan Carried Unanimously

7. **Other Business:**

- **Air conditioners** – J Newton asked about the air conditioners and when they would be fixed. DCC is waiting on Shire to receive quotes for repairs and for approval by the Shire insurance company.
- **Sound system** – W Hagboom asked about sound system improvements, as it had been problematic for quite some time. It was suggested to look at speakers in the ceiling as they have worked well in other clubs/businesses.
- **Membership Fees** – Query regarding why sporting club members get it cheaper was explained that it was an incentive with the intent for sporting members to volunteer to keep staff wages down. However, this has not been the case for various reasons, so it was agreed that the volunteer hours would be deleted from the agreement. A previous meeting prior to the AGM with the representatives from the 6 affiliated clubs discussed the Sporting Club Agreement in depth and the pros and cons.

Motion: The DCC membership fees will increase effective immediately to \$50 for ordinary membership, \$30 for sporting club & country membership.

Move Wes Hagboom 2nd Trevor Gerrard Carried

8. Meeting Close: 8.10 pm

DOWERIN COMMUNITY CLUB INC.
ABN 37 758 027 006

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	2025 \$	2024 \$
SALES		
Sales	446,717	433,083
Sales - Catering	169,699	196,033
	616,416	629,116
LESS: COST OF GOODS SOLD		
Opening Stock	28,626	31,868
Purchases	244,132	228,102
Waste Stock - Bar	1,173	-
Purchases - Catering	88,383	109,480
Closing Stock	(31,400)	(28,626)
	330,914	340,824
GROSS PROFIT FROM TRADING	285,502	288,292
OTHER INCOME		
Crop Income	52,586	23,925
Donations	8,071	7,830
Recycling	2,950	3,045
Fundraising	2,218	3,323
Members Subscriptions	8,625	8,658
Rent & Club Hire	1,131	882
Sundry Income	20	714
Promotions	25	325
Interest Received	47	-
Jackpot Income	3,091	3,539
	78,764	52,241
	364,266	340,533

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PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
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	2025 \$	2024 \$
EXPENSES		
Advertising	-	182
Bar Expenses	3,696	2,795
Bank Charges	127	186
Catering Expenses	4,452	5,202
Cleaning & Toiletries	4,863	3,323
Merchant Fees	2,346	5,117
Crop Expenses	21,140	5,893
Kitchen expenses	1,589	3,225
Depreciation	1,258	1,517
Depreciation - Property Improvements	1,408	1,483
Donations & Trophies	2,417	5,981
Electricity	5,000	6,000
Freight & Cartage	1,539	773
Fuel & Lubricants	581	988
Gas - Bar	814	1,230
Insurance	12,291	8,331
Jackpot Payout	2,947	5,140
Licencing Fees	1,060	1,225
Promotions	-	301
Pest Control	57	-
Plant Hire	1,430	1,443
Repairs & Maintenance	12,065	786
Repairs to Premises	486	17,305
Social & Entertainment	2,091	4,464
Staff Training & Meals	1,663	13,737
Stationery and Incidentals	2,618	2,675
Sponsorship	1,220	1,890
Subscriptions	6,829	8,210
Superannuation	23,106	24,955
Telephone	1,495	1,441
Uniforms	-	419
Wages	216,110	241,671
	336,698	377,888
Profit (Loss) before income tax	27,568	(37,355)

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INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Profit (Loss) for the year		27,568	(37,355)
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year		182,488	219,844
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year		210,056	182,489

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.
These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation
report of Waugh Miller Macqueen Pty Ltd.

DOWERIN COMMUNITY CLUB INC.
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	162,984	136,889
Inventories	4	31,400	28,626
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>194,384</u>	<u>165,515</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	5	35,744	38,410
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>35,744</u>	<u>38,410</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>230,128</u>	<u>203,925</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	6	20,072	21,436
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>20,072</u>	<u>21,436</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>20,072</u>	<u>21,436</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>210,056</u>	<u>182,489</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Retained earnings	7	210,056	182,489
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		<u>210,056</u>	<u>182,489</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	2025 \$	2024 \$
3 Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash on Hand	5,210	5,210
Cash at Bank	1,216	1,217
Cash at Bank	56,204	130,155
Cash at Bank	307	307
Cash at Bank - Sandhurst	100,047	-
	<u>162,984</u>	<u>136,889</u>
4 Inventories		
Current		
Stock on Hand	<u>31,400</u>	<u>28,626</u>
5 Property, plant and equipment		
Plant & Equipment	37,849	37,849
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(28,866)</u>	<u>(27,608)</u>
	8,983	10,241
Property Improvements	46,228	46,228
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(19,467)</u>	<u>(18,059)</u>
	26,761	28,169
Total Plant and Equipment	<u>35,744</u>	<u>38,410</u>
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	<u>35,744</u>	<u>38,410</u>
6 Accounts Payable and Other Payables		
Current		
Prior Period GST Adjustments	400	348
PAYG Payable	6,742	8,710
Superannuation Payable	6,070	5,885
Tax clearing account	<u>6,860</u>	<u>6,493</u>
	<u>20,072</u>	<u>21,436</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
7 Retained Earnings		
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year	182,488	219,844
Net profit (Net loss) attributable to the association	27,568	(37,355)
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year	<u>210,056</u>	<u>182,489</u>

8 Statutory Information

The registered office of the association is:

The principal place of business is:

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