



The Rural Television Network

7/7/03 - Bushvision Logo decided

The Logo with the windmill head imposed where the O is in the word Bushvision has been voted as our logo.

The first preferences of votes were:

- (a) Australia with the word Bushvision on it and circles centred on Mt Gambier 29%
- (b) The letters bv making the shape of Australia with bushvision written as the northeast coast of Australia with the slogan under the whole graphic. 25%
- (c) BushVision with a windmill head where the O is 46%

26/7/03 - First slogan vote

No Slogan 50 %

The Bush, the whole Bush & nothing but the Bush 18.75 %

Bringing BushTV to Australia 12.5 %

11/8/03 - Second Slogan Vote

(65%) for no slogan

(28%) for Empowering Rural Australia

(6%) for my vision, your vision

The other vote was for a phrase to use when ever necessary and the results were

Rural Television Network (56%)

Australian rural television (19%)

No vote / neither (25%)

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Management Committee given executive authority

The Bushvision AGM was held by teleconference on Sunday 28th Sept at 7pm EST

Until decided otherwise by the membership, the Management Committee was given the power to make all necessary decisions to get Bushvision up & running.

The management committee was decided as Leon Ashby (President & email discussion chairman) (SA)

Ruth Quigley (Vice President) (NSW)

Ian Mott secretary / Treasurer (Qld)
Raelene Hall (WA)
Margaret House (Qld)
Rick Powell (Qld)
John Lowe (ACT)

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19/2/04 - Constitutional changes decided

Question (1) Changing wording of membership eligibility -
Yes 94%
No 0
undecided 6%

Question (2) Change to Membership Process
Yes 88%
No 6%
undecided 6%

Question (3) Adding a statement about Bushvision being non aligned etc
Yes 94%
No 0
Undecided 6%

Management Committee decisions

(1) To sign a 6 month lease on the upper section of the building at 56 Gray St provided the payments can be met with Work for the dole projects negotiated with SERDE & Employ SA.

(2) Margins charged on work or activities coordinated by Bushvision

10% base + any incidental excess costs beyond admin work for projects without access to gov't funding (ie Rick's trips etc)
and 20% + any incidental excess costs beyond admin work for funded or co-funded projects.

The management committee will review this decision whenever anyone on the committee requests it

(3) Video archiving will be started during the work for the dole project. David Hill and others prepared to do the archiving will devise a system to do this. Video archiving will only be for Bushvision's sake - not necessarily for reselling although if requested, we may do so.

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Membership vote on Associate membership being \$50 - 29/3/04

votes in favour of Bushvision Associate membership being \$50 - 100%
votes against 0

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Management Committee decides how Mt Gambier Bushvision Action Group operates.

- * Bushvision Mangement Committee (BVMC) makes the final decision on any issue.
- * BVMC gives the Mt Gambier Bushvision Action Group (MGBAG) the right to meet and make decisions which it then asks of the BVMC.
- * MGBAG will be chaired by the Bushvision President or his/her delegate.
- * MGBAG has the same voting rules as Bushvision constitution (e.g. Only paid up Bushvision members (not associate members) can vote at a MGBAG meeting etc.
- * A designated member of MGBAG will notify BVMC via email of the decisions made at MGBAG meetings, asking them to be agreed with.
- * A minimum of 5 Bushvision members (those who have a full or part share in a BV membership) need to attend a MGBAG meeting to make it a proper meeting.

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4th June 2004 - Cultural Organisation Fund

Management committee decides to set up a special account for cultural donations and apply for registration as a cultural organisation.

This account is for

- (a) All donations to be received into
- (b) All donations are for the purpose of producing & broadcasting TV programs which enhance (promote) the culture of rural Australia.
- (c) All interest accrued from these donations to also be retained in the account and used for (b) above.
- (d) No other money or property to be used for any other purpose will be involved in the account &
- (e) The name of the account is BushVision Cultural Donation Account

13/7/04 - Associate Membership Fee

Management Committee decided that Associate membership is now \$55 (gst inc) (**membership is \$110 gst inc*)

4/8/04 - Program Review Committee

It was decided by the whole Bushvision membership

- * The management committee shall appoint three or more people to be Bushvision`s Program Review Committee (PRC)
- * The management committee has the authority to appoint and dismiss any or all members of the PRC without giving reason and at any time.
- * The PRC is charged with the responsibility of directing how Bushvision programs and community announcements will be broadcast so Bushvision broadcasts support the interests of the rural community.
- * The PRC will have the responsibility of viewing programs and other content before they are scheduled to be aired and can decide if any footage, program or announcements
 - (a) need adjustments, or disclaimers etc . or
 - (b) if anything is unsuitable and will not be aired
- * The PRC can decide if it will or will not communicate what action needs to be taken by a producer to assist a program or announcement etc to receive their approval.
- * Should any three Bushvision members be dissatisfied with the performance of the PRC, they can ask the membership (via the President) to have a vote of confidence in the PRC.

* Should over 50 % of members that vote on the performance of the PRC vote against having confidence in the PRC, then the management committee must appoint a completely new PRC.

11/8/04 - Program Review Committee

Management committee decided that for the time being, Leon Ashby, Jane Ashby & David Hil would decide who would be on the Program review committee.

14/8/04 - Rates of pay for freelancers associated with BushVision

In response to a question from Ross Hopkins - Management committee decided that for work which involved recording stories for them to be broadcast on Bushvision, (the cost to be paid by the individual or group who commissions a freelancer for the job) the pricing could be

For organising the job \$50

For travel to the place & recording raw footage etc - \$200

For Editing the story ready for broadcast \$200

For putting the story to air (bushvision) \$150

9/9/04 - Cultural Organisation Clauses

Membership decides to put clauses into the constitution to allow Bushvision to be registered as a Cultural Organisation.

The Committee overseeing the Cultural Donations fund are "Responsible Persons" Leon Ashby, Greg Phillips, & Russell Peate, plus Ian Mott, (Treasurer) & Faye Hill (Finance manager).

25/10/04 - AGM Processes

Management committee decided that for future AGM processes:

Where a vote on the President's position be necessary & the current President be a candidate, then the Vice president conducts the vote.

In this situation, the new president would not take over official duties until the vote has been declared. (this process was decided so that there would not be cases of a candidate having the deciding vote on his own election.)

29th October - Expanding Management Committee

The members decided to extend the management committee by five and have up to 12 positions on the management committee

6/11/04 - John Mitchell

In response to a question from John Mitchell - Management committee decided John Mitchell can have a video content sponsorship agreement with us where 30 seconds of a sponsorship announcement per program is allowed so he could raise income for paying for the production of his videos.

11/11/04 - Payment for video contributed to Bushvision

In reply to a question of paying people for videos sent to Bushvision, Management committee decided it would pay video producers remuneration when

* Finances allowed (e.g. income from tv airtime was coming in) and

* After video producers had produced three videos at a standard Bushvision was happy with.

* No definite prices were set

15/11/04 - Extra Bank Accounts

Management committee decided 4 Bushvision bank accounts can be opened - one for Bushvision (national), one for Bushvision MG (Studio), one for the Cultural Donations account & one for Project money (projects account).

20 /11/04 - Autonomy for Mt.Gambier branch

Management committee decided

The Bushvision branch be granted autonomous management under the role of the current volunteer station manager. Revocable by the committee at a moments notice. And that this autonomous role includes permission to make strategic decisions that do not incur debt, but utilises funds generated from work performed at the centre. And that the committee may from time to time add or change the condition from which this autonomy is bounded.

Key points:

- * Financial independence within a separate bank account, and no authority to incur debt.
- * Responsibility of three WFTD projects and respective volunteers within the Gray Street building
- * Accountability to the management committee
- * Authority to prepare the application for a CTV licence, subject to the committees approval.

29/11/04 - Membership of CBAA

Management committee decided that Bushvision become a member of the CBAA (Community Broadcasters of Australia Association)

30/11/04 - New Management Committee Members

Members vote in two new management committee members - David Hill, & Marlene Pulham

20/12/04 - New Management Committee Member

Members vote Cathie Polakow onto the Management Committee

20/1/05 - Assigning responsibility for BushVision National

Management committee decided the President has authority to make day to day decisions regarding handling projects for Bushvision national. More definition of this authority may be necessary as time goes on.

21/1/05 - Income for Mt.Gambier Studio

Management committee decided the income from transfers would be put into the Bushvision studio account, while income from computer & camera sales etc would be put 50 /50 into the studio account & Bushvision (national) account.

25/1/05 - Increase Bank Transaction limit

Management committee decided the bank limit per day on transactions be raised from \$1500 to \$5000

25/4/05 - Bushvision would move from 56 Gray St to 3 / 29 Percy street Mt Gambier on 1st May 2005. This gives bushvision 850 square metres of space to expand into.

56 Gray St had only 80 square metres of space.

After the trial License was issued in July 2005, It was decided the transmission tower would be erected at Neale & Nulty`s depot site on Wandilo Road 5km`s NW of Mt Gambier.

12/9/05 - Bushvision will rent to buy a video mixer for the Positive Aging project to help produce videos with.

Bushvision`s launch was on 23rd September at 6 pm with Patrick Secker starting the official first broadcast

25/9/05 - Bushvision will begin paying editors after 3 videos are produced to bushvision`s broadcast standard at the following rates.

For work done entirely with the persons own equipment.

* Equipment shall mean either (1) an editing computer, (2) a video mixing setup or (3) a video camera and tripod

7 – 13 minute stories @ \$50 each

14 – 20 minute stories@ \$70 each

21 – 25 minute stories @ \$80 each

The length of the videos include the intro & the credits, but not the breaks between sections.

Breaks shall be

one in a 14 – 20 minute story.

Two in 21 -25 minute story.

Videos need to be supplied on DVD.

A mention in the credits that this is a Bushvision production in association with Department of Families & Communities "Positive Aging" funding or similar wording.

- * For work done entirely with Bushvisions equipment, the rates will be half the above.
- * For work done with two thirds Bushvision`s equipment and one thirds their own, the rates will be two thirds the above rates
- * For work done with half Bushvision`s equipment and half their own, the rates will be three quarters the above rates.
- * For work done with one third Bushvision`s equipment and two thirds their own, the rates will be five sixths the above rates etc.

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BVAGM – January 2006

- Ruth Quigley resigned as BV Vice President.
- John Lowe elected as BV Vice President.
- Mick Inman & Gabrielle Holmes elected into management committee.
- Marlene Pulham & David Hill resigned as management committee members.

10/01/06

- BV Management Committee decided.
- Leon Ashby to oversee both National & BV Mount Gambier.
- Leon Ashby to report monthly with financial reports.

14/01/06

- Program Schedule increased to 4hrs per day.

06/03/06

- *Phase 2* – Regular program schedule.
- Broadcasting 8:30am to 10:30pm with programs.
- 10:30pm on StreetCam & Music.

10/04/06

- Evening broadcasts extend to 3:00am before StreetCam commences.