

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT 2026

Organisation Name: Fairfax Matters Inc.

Reporting Period: August 2025 – August 2026

Date & Time of AGM: Sunday, 16 August 2026, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: St Mark's Anglican Church Hall, Buderim

1. Welcome & Acknowledgements:

Welcome to the 2026 Annual General Meeting for Fairfax Matters Inc. & thanks everyone for taking the time to attend today.

Acknowledgement of country:

I begin with an acknowledgement to the traditional custodians of the lands we meet on today....

I also would like to acknowledge and extend my heart-felt gratitude to all the committee members for the passion, commitment, and energy they have contributed over the 2025 - 26 year, and recognise that some of us, have been part of this movement since the inception in 2024 and so we do have a number of people stepping down from the committee at today's AGM.

Fairfax Matters will also be looking for interested people to step up & join the committee as we move forward 2026 - 2028.

The 2025 Management Committee:

Chair: Christine Mohr

Secretary: Marissa Bartlett

Treasurer: Gina Foster, resigned from committee 7/7/26 & Hugh Butler replaced her

Committee Members:

Hub Leader Nambour: Marilyn Keene, resigned from committee 21/7/26

Hub Leader Coolum: Annie Nolan

Hub Leader Buderim/Maroochydore: Linda Taylor

Hub Leader Eumundi/Yandina: Frances Chegidden

We are a volunteer, grassroots group powered by locals and I thank everyone who has stepped up to help us elevate the issues that matter here in Fairfax – we about transparency, accountability and prioritise people & community.

Our mission is to build a strong, connected, and engaged electorate here in Fairfax by:

- encouraging informed civic participation.
- promoting integrity in politics.
- supporting an independent, community-minded candidate.
- having some fun doing all of it

2. The Year in Review:

Since the AGM on 23 August last year, we have come to recognise that Fairfax Matters is navigating in a different kind of space as we are not actually in any current campaign mode. The primary goal for Fairfax Matters has been to maintain a strong

connection with the already established Hubs and the community that we built across 2024 & 2025, which has been slow going at times and the aim is to really strengthen our identity and branding.

- We held a Strategic Planning Day on 15th November 2025, to explore the next steps and guide our focus and future activities for 2026 and beyond. This remains a significant piece of ongoing work for a new committee to progress, ensuring strong governance and structures so that we remain effective, progressive and forward-thinking from now into 2028.
- We have moved our data base across to a new platform called “CORE” which has been deployed and has benefited us from an economic point but has also allowed greater efficiency in our communications and event creations on our Fairfax Matters website. I want to particularly acknowledge the time and many hours that Hugh Butler has put into creating our new data base, website & events page.
- We have maintained our focus on community connection through the Hub-led engagement and listening events that we have run and I want to acknowledge the hard work of the Hub leads in successfully hosting these events which include:
 - **Targeted Forums:** such as "Difficult Women's events" and focus group on "Over 65's issues & concerns".
 - **Casual Outreach:** via numerous "Cafe & pub catchups" to listen directly to community locals.
 - **Key Issue Discussions:** hosted community events exploring topical issues around the impact of “Artificial Intelligence” on our economy and in education, now & into the future.
 - **Direct Advocacy:** for the Gambling Petition to demand an immediate end to gambling advertising.

At this precise time, we are still between 12 to 18 months away for any federal election campaign and it's fair to say that the current political landscape remains a dynamic and changing space. Fairfax Matters was never created to be just about one candidate or one campaign, and while we did not win this seat in 2025, we had over 16,000 voters back our Community Independent Representative, and that incredible momentum was real, and so our purpose continues to be strong in that we prioritise people and community and we believe that our region deserves a representative who truly listens and acts in the interest of the Fairfax people.

3. Looking Ahead 2026 - 2028:

As we move ahead from this AGM, Fairfax Matters will have a new committee elected to direct our focus on listening to our community, planning for events, fundraising and bringing people along to support our continued goal for Independent Community Representation for Fairfax. We invite each of you to be involved as we expand our hub events, elevate local issues, and challenge the political status quo as we keep the community's voice central to everything we do – please join this movement as we cannot do it without hearing from all of you.

I officially move that this Chairperson's Report be accepted for the 2025–2026 reporting period.

Christine Mohr: ____ **Seconded:** __ **Date:** 16 August 2026