

AUSTRALIAN FACETORS' GUILD LIMITED
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Location: Gateway Lifestyle Resort, 69 Light St., Casino, New South Wales.

Time: 4.00pm Friday, 6 September 2019

1. **Minutes of Annual General Meeting, Casino 31st August 2018:**
(Printed in FT 223 and available on the Guild Website.)
2. **President's Report:**
3. **Annual Balance Sheet, Financial Statement & Verifying Accountant's Report:**
4. **Director's Report & Director's Statement to Members:** To be read to meeting. (Requires a solvency resolution to be moved.)
5. **Verifying Accountant:** BNW Accountants will carry out this work as well as continuing to be the Registered Office for the Guild.
6. **Reports from Officers and Committees:**
 - (a) Membership Report: Bob Boddington
 - (b) Judging & Rules: Paul Sabolta
 - (c) Web Site Report: Ed Allison
 - (d) Supplies Officer: Pam Kinsela
 - (e) Education Report: John Broadfoot
 - (f) Facet Talk Report: John Broadfoot
 - (g) GemCad Report: Henk Prins
 - (h) 2019 Annual Competition:
7. **Election of Office Bearers and Directors:**
 - (a) President: Paul Sabolta: nominated: K. Simpson seconded J. Broadfoot
 - (b) Qld Director: Dave Radke: nominated: N Warrell seconded R. Boddington
 - (c) NSW Director: Bruce Copper: nominated: T. Comber seconded C. Comber
 - (d) Victorian Director: Reg Hall: nominated: E. Allison seconded L. Allison.
 - (e) Tasmanian Director: TBA: nominated: TBA seconded TBA
 - (f) SA Director: Carol van der Pennen nominated: J. Broadfoot seconded K. Simpson
 - (g) WA Director: Lisa Han nominated: R. Dunn seconded N. Walkley
 - (h) Secretary: by appointment by the Board
8. **Appointment of Officers:** The following are available for reappointment or appointment:
 1. Membership Secretary: Robert Boddington.
 2. Judging & Rules: Paul Sabolta (voting) and R Jones (non-voting)
 3. Website Officer: Ed Allison.
 4. Supplies Officer: Dawn Chapman
 5. Education Officer: John Broadfoot.
 6. Facet Talk Editor: John Broadfoot
 7. GemCad Officer: Henk Prins
9. **Special Business:**

Appointment of Horst Ricker as a Life Member of the Australian Facetors' Guild Ltd.
Moved by John Broadfoot and Seconded by Jenny Elliott that Horst Ricker be appointed as a Life Member of the Australian Facetors' Guild Limited. The citation for this appointment is printed below.

Resolution 1. In favour / against. (Strike out which is not desired).
The AFG Board commends the appointment of Horst Ricker as Life Member as per the attached citation which was in Facet Talk 227.
10. **General Business:**
11. **Presentation of 20 Year Club badges, certificates to retiring Office Bearers and any other presentations**
12. **Presentation of Annual Competition Trophies.**
13. **Draw for Voucher**
14. **Closure**

Citation for Horst Ricker

Appointment as Life Member of the Australian Facetors' Guild Ltd

Horst Ricker joined the Australian Facetors Guild Ltd (AFG) in 2008. However ever since the early 1980s Horst has been very active in serving members of the AFG as well as facetors Australia-wide. He also assisted with faceting classes at Sapphire from 2005. Horst continues to provide support to all facetors and is always willing to discuss technical problems with any faceting machines.



Horst travelled to Rubyvale for holidays in 1974 - 1976. Being a highly skilled toolmaker he started repairing faceting machines on the sapphire fields in Central Queensland. He decided to move permanently to the fields in 1977 - 1978 and then set up a workshop repairing and servicing faceting machines for the industry.

The late 70s saw the beginning of large scale commercial mining of sapphires in the area. There were many cutters on the fields at this time and in the early days the main machines used were Hall and Gemmasta. The rigors of commercial cutting took its toll on these machines and Horst was always ready to modify and improve these machines. In fact he provided advice to the manufacturers who then made improvements to their faceting machines based on his recommendations. The late Laurie Hall also spoke very highly of Horst and his abilities and often told AFG members to have their machines serviced and repaired by Horst. Over the last 40 years many facetors including members of the AFG have depended on Horst to service, repair and upgrade their machines. He was particularly skilled at assessing machines (new and old), repairing faults and providing advice to members.

Horst has also "invented" and manufactured a hard pewter lap (the CAT lap) which has proved invaluable for faceting most gemstones especially sapphire. This lap is used by many AFG members. He has also produced very accurate transfer jigs for both 0.25 and 0.303 inch dops for Gemmasta, VJ, Hall, etc. Horst also makes dops for most brands of faceting machines.

In 1980 Horst decided to make a more robust commercial faceting machine with a hard stop. This "Horst Ricker" machine was a great contribution to the commercial faceting industry on the fields at the time. He also modified the Gemmasta quill to reduce run-out problems using needle bearings. This improved quill design was adopted for the VJ machine produced by Sapphire Engineering (previously Val & John Carter). Many Hall machines were also fitted with this quill improving the accuracy and durability of these machines.

As a person Horst is always approachable and willingly shares his wealth of knowledge with AFG members and other facetors and provides advice in person or over the phone. He has often been the first port of call for members who have bought second hand machines that needed some tweaking. In particular Horst supported the Faceting Courses conducted in Sapphire for the Sapphire Miners' Association and the AFG over the last 14 years. He would volunteer his time every day to ensure all machines were up and running. If there were any problems he would carry out minor repairs and adjustments at no charge. He was very generous with his time. A coffee and a couple of biscuits as well as a chat was all he required for his assistance.

Horst has also been a contributor to Facet Talk through his technical advice to the Editor in writing many articles on machine maintenance. He has for many years and continues to be an advertiser in Facet Talk. Horst Ricker has provided the AFG and members with service beyond expectations and is deserving of Life Membership in recognition of his service to the Australian Facetors Guild and the larger gem cutting industry in Australia.

Nominator: John Broadfoot, Education Officer and Editor Facet Talk, AFG Ltd.

Seconder: Jenny Elliott, Coolamon Mining, Sapphire, Queensland.

Letter of support

From Rubyvale Gem Gallery

By Peter & Eileen Brown

Horst Ricker visited the Sapphire Gemfields in the early 1970's on holidays, but then something lured him back a few years later. Soon after arriving he set up his engineering workshop and never looked back. He has serviced the gem-cutting industry on the Sapphire Gemfields for over 40 years now, repairing and modifying cutting machines, turning down laps, and manufacturing dop sticks, laps, and even his own faceting machine a "Horst" machine was always highly coveted. His expertise and perfectionism has been a huge asset to our gem-cutting industry over the years, and besides all that, he is a "hell of a nice bloke", a true gentleman and we are very proud to have him as a friend.