

2026 ANNUAL REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2026

Australian Industrial Hemp Alliance Inc.
Australia's national hemp association
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WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

The Australian Industrial Hemp Alliance has just completed a productive, visible, and consequential year, with a number of achievements that are described in the Reports of the President and the Secretary. In 2025-26 we are proud that:

- We put industrial hemp before the Australian Parliament, lodging our submission to the Senate Inquiry on time in September 2025, setting out 11 big hemp solutions to big global problems.
- Our President gave evidence in person to the Senate Committee on 14 April 2026, and James Vosper and Phil Warner appeared in Canberra on 15 May 2026.
- The Senate Committee's Final Report, handed down in July 2026, made 14 majority and 5 minority recommendations, all supportive of growing the industry.
- We tabled our letter to the Office of Drug Control exposing the absurdity of treating a fibre crop as a drug.
- We won a seat at the table, with the AIHA accepted as a member of the APVMA's Veterinary Medicines Working Group in December 2025.
- We attended the Victorian Government Roundtable on 14 proposed changes to Victoria's hemp laws (February 2026), and the first meeting of the re-established NSW Hemp Taskforce (June 2026).
- We ranked our Top 12 Hemp Solutions and launched a strategy to win government procurement, starting with hemp uniforms for first responders.
- We joined Seamless, the national clothing stewardship scheme, to bring hemp into textile recycling.
- We celebrated our members' innovation, including the launch of Andrew Meseha's hemp particle board at Melbourne Design Week.
- We supported the Global Hemp Summit at Lardner Park, and represented the AIHA at the AgriFutures Summit, the Levied & Emerging Industries Conference and evoke ag.
- We continued our National Webinar Series, with 67 registrants for our session on digital crop monitoring, most of them non-members.
- We held 12 monthly Executive meetings, and members can now join and renew online with immediate card payment.

We are building the future, one hectare, one regulation, one headline at a time. Welcome to the harvest.

We remain dedicated to removing industry barriers, driving public and market awareness, and ensuring that industrial hemp becomes recognised as a mainstream crop for its sustainable benefits and commercial viability.

FOOD

Hemp foods are legal for human consumption in Australia, since the FSANZ (Food Standards Australia New Zealand) submissions were approved by the Federal Government in November 2017. This was a landmark for the industry as hemp foods can be profitably grown on smaller size holdings. The benefits of hemp foods (seed, oil, flour and protein) are that they contain Omega 3, 6 and 9 fatty acids in the correct ratio for human consumption. Hemp foods are high in protein (20%-30%) and essential vitamins and minerals.

Australia has appropriate climate types for hemp crops of all descriptions. The expansion of food production and processing has economic and social benefits for rural Australia. This relates to products marketed in Australia and for export.

One of our key strategies is to drive public awareness and demand for hemp food products of all descriptions for humans and animals, leading to significant health benefits for all.



FIBRE

Hemp fibre is obtained by separating the outer skin (bast) from the woody core of the plant, known as hurd. This was traditionally done in the field through a process known as "retting". Advances have been made, and this is now achievable through decortication of material directly at harvest and without the need for retting. This improves the fibre quality and reduces costs overall, making hemp fibre competitive with all other natural and synthetic fibres.

Hemp fibre has a number of important uses, most commonly in textiles, ropes, weed matting and composite materials, including as a substitute for fibreglass. Hemp clothing is hardwearing and has natural antiseptic qualities. Hemp is finding increased favour in the fashion industry. Fully manufactured Australian hemp clothing will require a significant investment in infrastructure and machinery. Hemp fibre is also used in making weed matting, packaging, and insulation. Latest innovations are now leading to manufacture of wonderful building materials that can be an alternative to hempcrete in the construction industry.

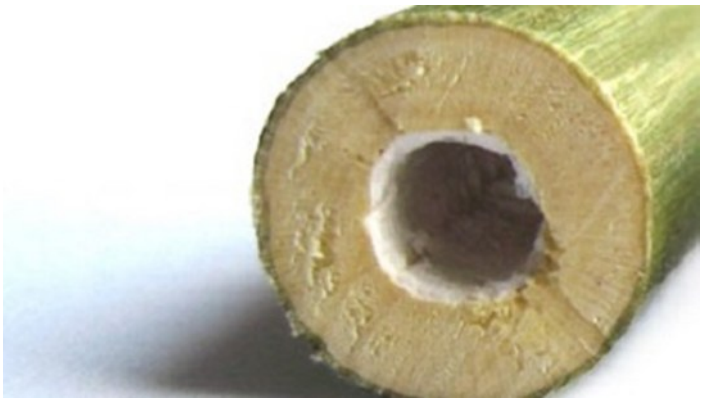


HURD

Hemp hurds, also known as shives or hemp wood, are a product from the inner woody core of the hemp stalk. Once separated from hemp fibre the hurd is broken into pieces, where the grade or specification depends on the purpose for which the hurd is to be used.

Hemp hurd provides the base material in making hemp concrete, called hempcrete. When mixed with a binder the hurd can be used to create hemp concrete in the form of bricks, blocks, panels or poured into formwork. Over time this hardens to become a material that is hard and fire and pest resistant. It also continues to absorb CO_2 as it undergoes "carbonisation".

Hurd can be used as a wonderful mulch, proven to be superior to most others, and in particleboard for building and insulation. Hemp hurd is also used for bedding for animals, most notably horses, and also as a cellulosic feed source to produce clean and green ethanol.



MEDICINE

Whilst the AIHA was formed in 2015 primarily to facilitate the development of the hemp fibre and hemp seed food industries in Australia, when the Alliance was established, there was also a commitment made to ensure that as and if needed, the Alliance would support the development of an ethical medicinal cannabis industry in Australia.



An excellent hemp fibre crop in Victoria during the harvesting process.

TOP 12 SOLUTIONS THAT HEMP PROVIDES IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

Industrial hemp offers versatile, sustainable solutions to some of the world's most pressing global problems.

Here is a list of 12 solutions that industrial hemp can provide to address critical global challenges in order of importance, impact and attractiveness to decision makers.

1. Replacement of Unsustainable Textiles

- Cotton production consumes 2.6% of global water and high pesticide use. Hemp textiles require 50% less water and minimal pesticides, producing durable fabrics for clothing and industrial use. This reduces environmental impact of the $1 trillion textile industry, offering sustainable alternatives for global markets.

2. Sustainable Construction Materials to Reduce Deforestation

- Hempcrete, made from hemp hurd and lime, is carbon-negative, sequestering ~2-3 tonnes CO_2e/ha when used in buildings. It can replace wood and cement.

3. Affordable Housing Solutions

- Hempcrete offers a low-cost, durable, and insulating building material, reducing construction costs by 10-20% compared to concrete (FIHO data).

4. Energy Efficiency in Buildings

- Buildings account for 39% of global energy-related emissions (IEA), driven by poor insulation and materials. Hempcrete and hemp insulation improve energy efficiency, reducing heating/cooling needs by 15-20%.

5. Bioplastics to Combat Plastic Pollution

- Hemp-based bioplastics, derived from hemp fibres and seeds, are biodegradable and can replace petroleum-based plastics (e.g., packaging, automotive parts).

6. Replacement of Fossil Fuels with Hemp Biofuels

- Hemp seeds and stalks produce biofuels (e.g., biodiesel, ethanol) yielding ~2 tonnes/ha.

7. Carbon Sequestration

- Hemp captures 10-15 tonnes of CO_2 per hectare per crop, surpassing many crops and forests. Scaling to 1 million hectares globally could sequester 10-15 million tonnes CO_2e annually, offsetting ~0.2-0.3% of global emissions.

8. Soil Regeneration to Address Land Degradation

- Hemp's deep roots improve soil structure, prevent erosion, and remediate contaminated land (phytoremediation).

9. Reduction of Agricultural Emissions

- Hemp's low-input cultivation (minimal fertilisers/pesticides) reduces emissions compared to crops like dairy or soy.

10. Food Security through Hemp Seeds

- Hemp seeds, rich in protein, omega-3s, and fibre, yield 1-2 tonnes/ha.

11. Economic Diversification for Rural Communities

- Hemp cultivation and processing create jobs (5,000-10,000 jobs for each 10,000 hectares of hemp). It diversifies crops, reducing reliance on monocultures.

12. Waste Reduction through Circular Economy

- Global waste generation (2.24 billion tonnes annually) overwhelms landfills. Hemp's entire plant is usable, with seeds for food, fibres for textiles and hurd for hempcrete, minimising waste. Biodegradable hemp products further reduce landfill reliance.

Increasing use of hemp can enable Australia to improve its environment and at the same time reduce net carbon emissions, without the financial detriment of most other solutions.

AIHA'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO GOVERNMENT

As you will read in other parts of this Annual Report, the opportunities for the expansion of the industrial hemp industry in Australia, and globally, are numerous and vast.

AIHA's vision includes Australian farmers planting one million hectares of hemp crops of all descriptions by 2030. At present, the global acreage is in the order of 300,000 ha only, and Australia's acreage is less than 5,000 ha. The economic and societal benefits of such expansion are clear.

What can Governments and Organisations in Australia do to support this Vision?

AIHA has five simple and clear recommendations:

1. Governments must remove any unnecessary impediments to the use of industrial hemp.
2. Large companies need to be encouraged to educate themselves on the hemp solutions in this Report and then take steps to invest serious funds to create the solutions for their business activities.
3. Large investment funds, superannuation funds and investors that wish to positively impact on our planet need to be encouraged to invest money into hemp, to convert hemp from a cottage industry that is unnecessarily blocked by governments and red tape into one of the world's major industries.
4. Local government authorities and most government authorities are risk averse and are unwilling to be innovative without incontrovertible proof. Such authorities must shift that attitude and give preference to hemp solutions. Governments should specify hemp textiles for all uniforms for government employees and particularly first responders such as police, fire and ambulance staff.
5. Consumers globally need to be educated to demand hemp products and solutions from large companies, from suppliers, from retail outlets, so that the demand will drive ever-increasing levels of investment and ever-increasing supply that will be a mutually supportive, circular economic growth machine. Governments can contribute to educating the public on these solutions.

The AIHA Executive Committee
10 November 2026

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2025-26

PRESIDENT
Charles Kovess LL.B. (Hons), LL.M., CSP, KSJ

VICE-PRESIDENT
James Vosper B.Sc (Hons), FRGS (part year)

SECRETARY
Marlene Hargreaves BA

TREASURER
Arthur Wajs MBA, B.Com

PUBLIC OFFICER
James Vosper

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Dr Mary Cole PhD
Georgina Wilkinson Dip. Bus.

Biographical details of your committee are available on the Alliance website: www.hempalliance.org.au

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow members,

Thank you to every member and supporter of the AIHA. It has again been a privilege to serve as your President, in a year when industrial hemp finally received the national attention it deserves. For the first time, the Australian Parliament examined our industry in detail, and the AIHA was there at every step, speaking clearly for growers, processors and manufacturers.

1. The Senate Inquiry: our industry's day in Parliament

In August 2025 the Senate established its Inquiry into the hemp industry, initiated by Senator Richard Colbeck from Tasmania. We chose not to seek an extension and lodged our written submission on time in September 2025, setting out 11 big hemp solutions to big global problems. 68 submissions were lodged in total.

On 14 April 2026 I appeared in person before the Committee to deliver our Opening Statement and answer the Senators' questions. I also tabled our letter to the Office of Drug Control (ODC), prepared with the help of Arthur Wajs, Georgina Wilkinson and Prof Kylie O'Brien. It exposes the absurdity of treating a fibre crop as a drug: Georgie waited nine months for approval to export hemp fibre. James Vosper and Phil Warner appeared in person in Canberra on 15 May. We pressed the Committee to look beyond Tasmania, and to ask what Australia has received for the public money already spent on hemp.

As this report goes to print, the Committee's Final Report has been handed down in July 2026 with 14 majority and 5 minority recommendations, all supportive of growing the industry. We call on the Australian Government to adopt all 19 of the recommendations, and to commence immediate implementation.

2. Holding regulators to account

Building on last year's APVMA victory, Arthur Wajs continued to lead our campaign for hemp to be treated like any other crop, such as flax, in animal feed. In December 2025 the AIHA was accepted as a member of the APVMA's Veterinary Medicines Working Group, so we now have a seat at the table. We also made a submission on a proposed new pesticide, and with media adviser support we are highlighting a hard truth: Australia remains a dumping ground for farm chemicals that are banned elsewhere.

At state level, Dr Mary Cole and I attended the Victorian Government Roundtable on 4 February 2026, which considered 14 proposed changes to Victoria's hemp laws. We met no resistance from government representatives. In NSW, the Hemp Taskforce has been re-established and I attended its first meeting in June 2026.

3. Driving market demand

Regulation matters, but demand builds industries. This year we ranked our Top 12 Hemp Solutions in order of importance and attractiveness to decision makers, with the replacement of unsustainable textiles first. We launched a strategy to win government procurement, starting with a brochure on hemp uniforms for first responders, and conversations with local government councils and government bodies.

Our members are proving the point. Andrew Meseha's hemp particle board was launched at Melbourne Design Week on 20 May 2026. We joined Seamless, the national clothing stewardship scheme, to bring hemp into textile recycling. Hemp biofuels are attracting growing public interest.

4. Events, education and recognition

We supported the Global Hemp Summit at Lardner Park on 10-12 December 2025, organised by the NSW Hemp Association and iHemp Vic, with 32 speakers and a strong focus on construction. We represented the AIHA at the AgriFutures Summit in Canberra (July 2025), the Levied & Emerging Industries Conference (October 2025), and evoke ag (February 2026).

Our National Webinar Series continued, with 67 registrants for Mario Nazaruk's session on digital crop monitoring, most of them non-members. Mary was a national finalist in the 2025 Rural Women's Award, and her Cert III in Horticulture with TME Group attracted students from around the world. Congratulations to Georgie on again becoming Chair of iHemp WA.

5. Operations

The Executive met every month, twelve meetings in all. Thanks to Arthur, members can now join and renew online with immediate card payment. We welcomed new corporate and individual members, including President Water. Our finances remain modest but in the black, and FIHO membership remains our largest commitment.

We also held to our standards. Where we could not be satisfied on transparency and accountability, we declined to lend the AIHA's name, and we will keep doing so.

6. Federation of International Hemp Organizations (www.fiho.org)

I continued to serve on FIHO's Executive Board, chairing the Governance Committee and co-chairing the Communications & Engagement and Policy & Regulations Committees. Board and Executive meetings often begin at midnight my time. Over the 12 months I attended 12 Board meetings, 11 Executive Committee meetings and chaired a further 27 committee meetings.

A highlight was the appointment of Rick Fox, formerly of the US Department of Agriculture, as FIHO's part-time Secretary-General; he spent two weeks at COP30 representing hemp. FIHO's AGM was held in Poznań, Poland, on 12 June 2026. Its greatest challenge, like ours, is attracting members to fund its vital work. Subsequent to that AGM, FIHO has received significant financial support from a donor that has led to Rick Fox now being the full-time Secretary-General, thereby increasing FIHO's impact globally.

Into the Future

Our Nine Key Issues, now ranked in order of importance, remain our roadmap, led by attracting significant equity investment through removing regulatory hurdles and driving market demand. The Senate's recommendations give us a mandate to push harder, and a seed supply that cannot yet meet rising demand tells us that demand is coming.

To Arthur, who never lets a regulator off the hook; to Marlene, our steady Secretary; to Mary, who carries hemp onto the national stage; to Georgie, and every member who renewed, referred or simply refused to give up: thank you. The case for hemp has now been heard in Parliament. Together, we can work to ensure it is acted upon.

Charles Kovess LL.B. (Hons), LL.M., CSP, KSJ
President 2025-26

SECRETARY'S REPORT

As Secretary of the AIHA, I am pleased to report on our activities, member engagement, and operational progress for the past year. Our focus on strengthening our organisational structure, refining membership processes, and enhancing our advocacy efforts has contributed to AIHA's continued growth and influence within the industry.

Administrative Developments and Subcommittee Work

Our Executive Committee has met monthly, maintaining a consistent focus on member support, event planning, and issue resolution.

The online payments system we implemented last year for managing member renewals and applications has ensured an efficient process for both new and returning members.

Membership Growth and Engagement Initiatives

Our membership numbers have reduced and more work needs to be done to add value for members and attract and retain more corporate members. Events, national webinars and newsletters have kept members engaged and informed.

We are grateful for the participation and dedication of our members in advancing AIHA's goals.

Advocacy and Industry Relationships

In addition to administrative tasks, our committee's advocacy focus has continued to be strong. AIHA was involved in multiple consultations with the NSW and Victorian governments, promoting hemp's potential across various industries. These efforts are vital in demonstrating to government stakeholders the economic, environmental, and social benefits of a fully realised hemp industry in Australia.

Senate Inquiry into opportunities for the development of a hemp industry in Australia

AIHA and various executive members sent submissions to the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee. In July 2026, the Committee released its report titled *Opportunities for the development of a hemp industry in Australia*. The report contains 14 key recommendations to overhaul Australia's industrial hemp laws, supply chains, and market treatment.

The recommendations are designed to break down regulatory barriers and transition industrial hemp into a mainstream agricultural sector. The complete list of recommendations spans five core areas of action:

Coordinated National Regulation (Recommendations 1-6 & 8)

- **Recommendation 1:** The Commonwealth should actively consider the downstream implications of adopting a formal legislative definition of industrial hemp as Cannabis sativa with less than 1% total THC.
- **Recommendation 2:** The Department of Health and Aged Care, alongside the Office of Drug Control, must prioritise their review of regulatory barriers affecting industrial hemp.
- **Recommendation 3:** Establish a dedicated taskforce to develop a cohesive National Hemp Framework that harmonises confusing state-by-state laws.
- **Recommendation 4:** Establish mutual recognition of state and territory hemp cultivation and processing licences across all borders through National Cabinet.
- **Recommendation 5:** Streamline export licensing pathways to eliminate heavy administrative burdens on local processors.
- **Recommendation 6:** Simplify the registration and approvals process for agricultural chemicals, inputs, and veterinary medicines intended for hemp crops.

- **Recommendation 8:** Modernise therapeutic guidelines to ensure hemp seeds, oils, and low-THC bioproducts are handled with appropriate agricultural exemptions.

Demand & Government Procurement (Recommendation 7)

- **Recommendation 7:** The Department of Finance should establish processes to explicitly include Australian hemp-based products in government procurement plans to stimulate market demand.

Building & Construction Standards (Recommendations 9-12)

- **Recommendation 9:** The Australian Building Codes Board must create a specific standard under the Building Code of Australia to allow the use of hemp materials.
- **Recommendation 10:** The Government must provide funding to support formal fire rating testing for local hemp construction products.
- **Recommendation 11:** Conduct formal, independent scientific measurement of the carbon-carrying and carbon storage capacity of hemp materials.
- **Recommendation 12:** Launch a targeted taskforce to develop a best-practice standardisation process and officially recognise hempcrete in the National Construction Code.

Research & Infrastructure (Recommendation 13)

- **Recommendation 13:** AgriFutures Australia must design and fund a comprehensive Industrial Hemp Research and Development Plan focused on plant breeding, local decortication facilities, and supply chain infrastructure.

Industry Legitimacy & Fair Access (Recommendation 14)

- **Recommendation 14:** Financial institutions, payment providers, digital advertisers, and tech platforms must update their internal protocols to treat legal hemp businesses as legitimate agricultural enterprises rather than blocking them under illicit drug policies.

Further Government support for the industrial hemp industry

In mid-2026, two $10 million government-funded grants were awarded under Round Two of the Sustainable Communities Program (Economic Development and Infrastructure Round). This joint initiative was funded by the Australian Federal Government and delivered by the NSW Government, injecting $20 million into regional hemp processing and manufacturing infrastructure in the Murray-Darling Basin.

The Funded Projects

> **(1) Murray Industrial Hemp (MIH), Barham NSW**
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> **Project Scope:** Awarded $10 million to redevelop a former redgum sawmill into a processing and brick-manufacturing facility.
> **Key Output:** It will feature industrial hemp decortication equipment alongside a dedicated manufacturing line to produce low-carbon hempcrete blocks for sustainable housing.

> **(2) Ausuntech Pty Ltd, Gundaline Station, near Darlington Point/Carrathool, Riverina NSW**
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> **Project Scope:** Awarded $10 million as part of a $26.77 million venture backed by its parent entity, Zhejiang Sunrise Garment Group.
> **Key Output:** Building Australia's first large-scale industrial facility utilising European technology to process up to 20,000 tonnes of raw hemp annually into high-quality textile and linen fibre.

Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority

AIHA has continued to advocate for the hemp industry with the APVMA, in particular with the efforts of Arthur Wajs who became a member of the APVMA Working Group.

We note that Catherine Ainsworth, a recently appointed Director of AgriFutures, is also the Chair of APVMA.

Australian Industrial Hemp Alliance participation in the Australian Industrial Hemp Conference, 21-23 September, Rydges Hotel, Geelong

The two national peak bodies outlined national priorities for the next three years. Focus areas:

- Fibre grade standardisation
- National genetics strategy
- Food regulatory alignment
- A unified national hemp roadmap

This session tied policy, industry, and research into one cohesive direction.

Charles Kovess and Georgina Wilkinson were pleased to support the summit, and Charles was asked to present on two occasions.

Federation of International Hemp Organisations

AIHA continued its international engagement as a founding member of FIHO, with Charles Kovess serving as a Director and Secretary. Through FIHO, AIHA is aligned with global efforts to harmonise standards, create export pathways, and share regulatory successes. FIHO's strategic influence has helped bolster AIHA's standing, allowing us to engage more effectively with Australian policy-makers by presenting a unified international stance. The new extraordinary and inspiring financial support for the Federation of International Hemp Organizations (www.fiho.org) will significantly enhance the global growth of our industry.

Global Hemp Summit, 10-12 December 2025, Lardner Park, Gippsland

AIHA executive team members were pleased to attend and support the Global Hemp Summit.

The Future

AIHA's agenda for 2027 is comprehensive, with plans to continue advocating for fair regulations, expanding our educational offerings, and increasing member support. The Executive Committee will also focus on partnerships that align with our mission to promote industrial hemp as a sustainable and viable industry for Australia's future.

Of note, we kindly bid farewell to Dr Mary Cole as an executive team member. Her efforts and support have been greatly appreciated.

Thank you to our committee members, partners, and AIHA members for your continued support.

Marlene Hargreaves
Secretary, 2025-26

TREASURER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL HEMP ALLIANCE INC

Statement of Profit or Loss

Australian Industrial Hemp Alliance Incorporated
For the year ended 30 June 2026
Cash basis

	2026
Income	
Membership subscriptions received, bank transfers	$4,400.00
Membership subscriptions received, card through Stripe	$550.00
In-kind contribution, website hosting and domain	$1,179.36
Total Income	**$6,129.36**
Expenditure	
FIHO membership fees remitted	$3,365.00
Accounting and compliance services, BSA Partnership Pty Ltd	$786.31
Stripe processing fees (GST inclusive)	$10.54
Website hosting and domain services, in-kind	$1,179.36
Total Expenditure	**$5,341.21**
Surplus for the year	**$788.15**

Comparatives for the year ended 30 June 2025 are not presented, as the 2025 statements did not record the President's website contributions or the Stripe card facility. A comparative for net assets at 30 June 2025 is shown in the Statement of Financial Position.

Statement of Financial Position

Australian Industrial Hemp Alliance Incorporated
As at 30 June 2026
Cash basis

	30 June 2026	30 June 2025
Current Assets		
Cash at bank, CBA Business Transaction Account	$2,968.63	$2,719.94
Funds held by Stripe from card receipts (paid out 10 July 2026)	$539.46	nil
Total Assets	**$3,508.09**	**$2,719.94**
Total Liabilities	**nil**	**nil**
Net Assets	**$3,508.09**	**$2,719.94**
Members' Funds		
Accumulated funds at 1 July	$2,719.94	
Surplus for the year	$788.15	
Accumulated Funds at 30 June	**$3,508.09**	**$2,719.94**

The accounts are a special purpose financial report prepared on a cash (receipts and payments) basis from the Association's Commonwealth Bank statements and Stripe account records. Amounts are in Australian dollars and include GST. The accounts have not been audited or reviewed; the Association is not required to be audited.

Arthur Wajs B.Com., MBA
Treasurer, 2025-26

Notes to the Financial Statements

Australian Industrial Hemp Alliance Incorporated
For the year ended 30 June 2026

Note 1, Basis of preparation

The accounts are a special purpose financial report prepared on a cash (receipts and payments) basis for the members of the Association. They are not a general purpose financial report and have not been audited or reviewed; the Association is not required to be audited. Amounts are in Australian dollars and include GST, consistent with the membership fee schedule (Ordinary and Affiliate $220, Corporate $550, Associate $55) and with Stripe's tax invoices, which show GST included in its fees. Where any GST is payable or refundable it will be determined by the Association's accountant in the activity statements referred to in Note 8; no amount for GST has been brought to account.

Note 2, Membership subscriptions

Subscriptions of $4,950.00 were received during the year in 18 receipts: $4,400.00 in 14 bank transfers and $550.00 in 4 card payments through Stripe. Each receipt has been agreed to the Association's bank statements and to the Stripe records. The allocation of receipts to members is as recorded in the Committee's membership status schedule dated 16 July 2026 and updated 6 August 2026, including the corrected AgPath and Hemp Pet attribution of the 13 November 2025 payment (Note 9). The Stripe records show that Shaun Sutton's associate payment was taken on 15 March 2026, not in November 2025 as the schedule records; the schedule should be corrected on that point.

Note 3, Website hosting and domain costs funded personally by the President (in-kind member contribution)

Since 2017 the President, Charles Kovess, has paid for the hosting and registration of the hempalliance.org.au domain and associated website services through Crazy Domains using his personal credit card. Those payments were not recorded in the Treasurer's reports for 2024 and 2025. The omission was identified in the Treasurer's reconciliation to the Executive Committee dated 12 July 2026, in which the Treasurer advised that the position would be correctly ledgered and reconciled in the 2026 reports, and that the President's contributions exceed his membership fees and place him in credit for a number of years.

Note 4, FIHO membership fees

$3,365.00 was remitted to the Federation of International Hemp Organisations during the year, in two transfers (10 September 2025, $2,475.00 and 4 February 2026, $890.00), described in the bank statements as refund of FIHO fees. This remains the Association's largest single cost. AIHA's FIHO membership invoice for 2026 (FIHO-2026-01, dated 14 January 2026, 2,010 euro after the Tier 2 small-hectare adjustment) was paid on 12 August 2026, outside this reporting period, and will be reported in the 2027 statements.

Note 5, Accounting and compliance services

$786.31 was paid to BSA Partnership Pty Ltd on 29 October 2025 for accounting and compliance services. On 20 October 2026 BSA Partnership advised that $5,151.07 was outstanding on the Association's account for their work. That amount is a post-year-end liability and is not reflected in these cash-basis statements. The Committee is attending to it.

Note 6, Goods and services tax

Stripe's tax invoices are issued to Australian Industrial Hemp Alliance Inc, ABN 53 617 534 381, and show GST of $0.11 on each $55.00 transaction and $0.37 on each $220.00 transaction, being $1.09 of the $10.54 in Stripe fees expensed this year. The membership fee schedule also states that fees include GST of 10%. Whether any net GST is

payable or refundable for the year depends on the Association's registration position and on the outstanding activity statements, and is left to the Association's accountant (Note 8).

Note 7, Stripe card payment facility

Card payments made through the website are collected by Stripe Payments Australia Pty Ltd and paid into the Association's bank account. Stripe pays out on its own cycle, so card receipts can be held by Stripe across a year end. During the year four card payments were taken and held: $55.00 on 9 November 2025, $55.00 on 15 March 2026, $220.00 on 23 June 2026 and $220.00 on 24 June 2026, totalling $550.00, with Stripe's fees of $1.23, $1.23, $4.04 and $4.04 (tax invoices 6UZYIGXY-2025-11, -2026-03 and -2026-06). At 30 June 2026 the Stripe balance stood at $539.46 and no payout had been made to the bank account during the year. Stripe paid that balance to the bank account on 10 July 2026, and the receipt appears in the bank statement as Direct Credit 158824 AIHAMEMBSTRIP. Because the money was received by the Association's processor during the year, the $550.00 is recognised as income of the 2026 year, the $10.54 in fees as expenditure, and the $539.46 held at the year end as an asset. The 10 July 2026 bank receipt is not income of the 2027 year; it settles that asset. The Stripe records also show attempts that are not income: an invoice payment of $55.00 by Augustine Approved on 9 September 2025 that was never completed, two declined attempts by Sharlene Mavor on 21 July 2026 for insufficient funds, and one declined attempt by Malcolm Heighway on 28 August 2026 before his successful payment the same day.

Note 8, Income tax and activity statements (overdue lodgements)

The Association's accountant advised on 20 October 2026 that the following lodgements were overdue to the Australian Taxation Office: activity statements for the eight quarters from July to September 2024 to April to June 2026, and income tax returns for the 2024 and 2025 financial years; with the September 2026 activity statement and the 2026 income tax return also then falling due. Because the 2024 and 2025 returns were outstanding at 30 June 2026 the 2026 return due date was brought forward to 31 October 2026. The accountant has requested the Association's bank statements for 1 January 2025 to 30 September 2026, notification of income and expenses outside the bank statements, and part payment of the outstanding fees. These statements and notes provide that information. No provision for taxation, penalties or interest has been made in these cash-basis statements.

Note 9, Attribution of the 13 November 2025 receipt

The $550.00 receipt of 13 November 2025 was transferred from the AgPath Pty Ltd account but carries two payment references in the bank record. Following the correction applied by the Committee in its membership status schedule, it is recorded as the HempPet Pty Ltd corporate membership fee; AgPath Pty Ltd's most recent subscription was the $550.00 received on 28 August 2025. On the corrected attribution there is no duplicate receipt in the year and no refund is owing on this payment.

Note 10, Other in-kind support not brought to account

Since September 2025 HempPet Pty Ltd, as an AIHA corporate member, has funded public relations consultants to secure media coverage for the Association (cost range advised by the Treasurer at $3,500 to $4,000 per month, continuing at a reduced rate). This support has been provided directly by the member and no invoice is rendered to the Association; it is not quantified or brought to account in these statements. Similarly, no amount is recognised for the time given by members and office-bearers. The Committee should decide whether any of this support is to be quantified in future reports.

Note 11, Events after the reporting date

On 10 July 2026 Stripe paid the year-end balance of $539.46 to the bank account (Note 7). Other receipts recorded since 30 June 2026 are $220.00 from Happy Soils Pty Ltd, $220.00 from Industrial Hemp WA, $220.00 from Leigh Fletcher, $220.00 from Hemp Collective, $220.00 from Malcolm Heighway taken by card on 28 August 2026 (net $215.96 after a Stripe fee of $4.04, paid into the bank account on 2 September 2026) and $50.00 on 9 October 2026. Payments include $3,380.00 to FIHO on 12 August 2026. The bank balance was $1,224.05 at 30 September 2026.

Note 12, Officers and related parties

No remuneration or fees were paid to any office-bearer or committee member during the year. The only transactions with office-bearers or their related entities were the membership subscriptions of those entities recorded in the schedules, the website costs funded personally by the President in Note 3, and the in-kind matters in Notes 3 and 10. The President's company and the Treasurer's company are recorded in AIHA Inc.'s registrations as registered agent and registered office; no fees were charged or paid for that role.

Note 3 detail: AIHA costs paid by the President in the year ended 30 June 2026

Invoice date	Invoice	Purpose	Amount
4 Aug 2025	59959511	Website hosting, quarterly to 3 November 2025	$61.81
3 Nov 2025	60808789	Website hosting, quarterly to 3 February 2026	$61.81
3 Feb 2026	61433891	Website hosting, quarterly to 4 May 2026	$61.81
26 Feb 2026	61607857	Biz Standard Linux hosting, three years prepaid to 26 February 2029	$712.40
28 Feb 2026	61621281	Advanced technical support, one hour	$108.90
7 Apr 2026	61914187	Domain renewal and Domain Guard, three years to 7 April 2029	$110.82
4 May 2026	62111653	Website hosting, quarterly to 3 August 2026	$61.81
		Total recognised as in-kind contribution and expense	**$1,179.36**

The amounts and invoice numbers are taken from the schedule of Crazy Domains invoices paid by the President, prepared by the Committee (AIHA Website Expenses 2017 to 2026). That schedule totals $3,722.68 from March 2017 to 3 August 2026 and is available to members on request. Two of the payments relate to services to be delivered in future periods: three years of hosting to February 2029, and three years of domain registration and protection to April 2029. Consistent with the cash basis used throughout these accounts, payments are brought to account in the year they are made. The President is separately checking with Crazy Domains whether both hosting services are required and whether any overlapping charge is refundable; any refund would be brought to account in the year it is received. The payments made before 1 July 2025 were not recorded in the earlier reports, and those reports are not restated. Because the President has funded these costs personally since 2017 and has not sought reimbursement, and because the accumulated amount is well in excess of the membership fees payable by him over that period, he remains in credit against his membership fees.

Schedule of Subscriptions Received

Year ended 30 June 2026

Received by bank transfer

#	Date	Member or payer as recorded by the bank	Class	Amount
1	28 Jul 2025	Glenda Gould	Ordinary	$220.00
2	19 Aug 2025	David Galloway	Associate	$55.00
3	28 Aug 2025	AgPath Pty Ltd (Dr Mary Cole)	Corporate	$550.00
4	28 Aug 2025	John A. Wightman	Ordinary	$220.00
5	8 Sep 2025	Geosip Pty Ltd (Johan Tijssen)	Ordinary	$220.00
6	10 Sep 2025	Bactivate Pty Ltd	Corporate	$550.00
7	9 Oct 2025	David Forscutt (for Marlene Hargreaves)	Ordinary	$220.00
8	17 Oct 2025	Catherine Cowan (Carbon Futures Australia Pty Ltd)	Corporate	$550.00
9	29 Oct 2025	Ecoprofit Management (Winton Evers)	Ordinary	$220.00
10	6 Nov 2025	Industrial Hemp Victoria	Affiliate	$220.00
11	6 Nov 2025	Ratnakar Vallabhaneni	Associate	$55.00
12	7 Nov 2025	Wandarra Pty Ltd	Ordinary	$220.00
13	13 Nov 2025	HempPet Pty Ltd (paid from the AgPath Pty Ltd account)	Corporate	$550.00
14	29 Dec 2025	President Water Co (Jody Spencer)	Corporate	$550.00
		Total received by bank transfer		**$4,400.00**

Received by card through Stripe

#	Date	Payer	Class	Gross	Fee	Net	Stripe invoice
1	9 Nov 2025	Gerry Gillespie	Associate	$55.00	$1.23	$53.77	6UZYIGXY-2025-11
2	15 Mar 2026	Shaun Sutton	Associate	$55.00	$1.23	$53.77	6UZYIGXY-2026-03
3	23 Jun 2026	Arthur Wajs (Treasurer)	Ordinary	$220.00	$4.04	$215.96	6UZYIGXY-2026-06
4	24 Jun 2026	D W Low	Ordinary	$220.00	$4.04	$215.96	6UZYIGXY-2026-06
		Total card subscriptions		**$550.00**	**$10.54**	**$539.46**	

The net $539.46 was still held by Stripe at 30 June 2026 and was paid into the bank account on 10 July 2026 (Note 7). Stripe's tax invoices 6UZYIGXY-2025-11, -2026-03 and -2026-06 substantiate the fees.

Schedule of Payments

Year ended 30 June 2026

#	Date	Payee and purpose	Amount
1	10 Sep 2025	FIHO, membership fees remitted	$2,475.00
2	29 Oct 2025	BSA Partnership Pty Ltd, accounting and compliance services	$786.31
3	4 Feb 2026	FIHO, membership fees remitted	$890.00
4	9 Nov 2025 to 24 Jun 2026	Stripe Payments Australia Pty Ltd, processing fees	$10.54
5	4 Aug 2025 to 4 May 2026	Crazy Domains, website hosting and domain, funded by the President (in-kind)	$1,179.36
		Total payments	**$5,341.21**


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Australian Industrial Hemp Alliance Inc.
Australia's peak national industry organisation
www.hempalliance.org.au
Join the AIHA to:
Network with hemp industry professionals
Access hemp industry insights and trends
Learn about new business opportunities
Market business services to AIHA members
Have input on the development of the AIHA
Shape the future of the Australian hemp industry
The purpose of the AIHA is to represent people and organisations interested in any aspects of industrial hemp and associated products at a national level, in order to develop and grow all aspects of the industry.
Our members operate in the areas of food, fibre, hurd and medicinal. We are keen to expand our membership in these and other areas. The members of AIHA include growers, processors, retailers, educators and manufacturers, all united in their passion for this wonderful natural crop.
Membership is open to individuals over 18 years, Hemp Industry Associations and organisations, and Industrial Hemp businesses. The Alliance is incorporated under the NSW Associations Incorporation Act 2009. We invite you to become a Member.
The types of membership are:
ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP - $200 plus GST- Entitled to vote.
CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP - $500 plus GST - Corporate Members are able to display their logos on the AIHA website and are given prior notification of enquiries made to the AIHA that could be of commercial benefit. Corporate Members are able to share their profile on the AIHA website. Entitled to vote.
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP - $50 plus GST- No voting entitlement.
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AIHA'S STRATEGIC PLAN: AN ONGOING WORK IN PROGRESS.

A number of strategic planning discussions led to the adoption of the following Vision for AIHA:

> *AIHA's Vision is to be recognised as Australia's peak national body for industrial hemp by all relevant stakeholders.*

This will occur when the AIHA achieves its Goals that are designed to build all aspects of industrial hemp in Australia, to make the industry a sustainable, successful, profitable and respected mainstream agribusiness endeavour.

Adoption of clear goals is essential prior to adopting a strategy. The Business Plan aims to prioritise our Goals and sets out our Strategies to achieve the goals.

AIHA Goals for the industry are:

1. Government recognition and acceptance that AIHA is the peak national body for industrial hemp
2. Membership goals
    a. We have 200 corporate, ordinary, and associate members by 30 June 2026
    b. We retain ongoing membership of all members along the journey
    c. All State Hemp Associations are members
3. Conduct hemp events for education, fundraising and awareness raising
    a. National: one event annually.
    b. State: three events in each State each year
    c. Event programs are designed for corporates and individuals, novices and experienced, growers and all other stakeholder interests
4. Attract research funding to pursue key research areas.
5. Key farmers' organisations are well-informed about the benefits of hemp
6. Key end markets are well-informed about the benefits of hemp: seed, fibre, hurd, medicinal & nutraceutical
7. There is significant demand for hemp products of all descriptions
8. Create alliances with relevant associations globally
9. AIHA generates sufficient profits to be able to effectively pursue achievement of these goals
10. There is high awareness of the AIHA amongst key groups:
    a. Farmers
    b. Governments, being municipal, state, and federal
    c. Sponsors
    d. Public
    e. Corporates
    f. Academics, universities and research institutions
11. There are clear and useful standards for seed, fibre, hurd and nutritional products

12. Consistent and sensible laws and regulations govern all aspects of industrial hemp, both federally and state
13. We create significant impact on social media platforms that speeds up the achievement of these Goals.

The AIHA Business Plan and Strategy

Key elements are as follows, set out for consideration by our members and stakeholders, with a view to seeking feedback and ongoing development and implementation of the Plan.

AIHA was founded in 2015, and the initial aim was to become the recognised peak body for the whole Industrial Hemp Industry. Progress has been made by developing strategic working relationships with:

- Federal and State Governments in Australia
- Research departments in universities
- CSIRO and AgriFutures
- State hemp associations
- International hemp associations
- Hemp media outlets
- Farmers and farmer organisations

For the AIHA to move forward, it is considered necessary to prioritise activity to focus on nine main areas of activity:

1. Removing some or all of the unreasonable Regulatory Hurdles.
2. Educating Australians to understand the many benefits of hemp, so that consumer demand for hemp increases and any negative connotations around "hemp" or "cannabis" are reduced.
3. Influencing Government procurement policies to prefer hemp products that will drive our exponential growth, benefitting both Australia and the industry.
4. Educating the building industry that hemp homes are a viable solution to the building materials shortages and also a cost-effective housing solution.
5. Shifting the mindsets of Australia's 537 local municipalities away from the fear of using new materials like hemp to embracing hemp as an innovative solution to problems.
6. Educating the agricultural sector about non-chemical farming and the need to rebuild our precious soils.
7. Sharing the carbon sequestration benefits of hemp farming.
8. Working with FIHO to clarify global customs codes and import protocols for the wide range of hemp products that are being imported and exported, and to clarify policies and regulations that support, rather than hinder, the growth of the industry.
9. Attracting significant equity investment into our industry, to enable our speedy growth, primarily by removing regulatory hurdles and driving market demand.

Industry Relevance

To be industry relevant, AIHA needs to:

- Identify leading politicians who are Industrial Hemp 'friendly'
- Develop Mainstream Media Interest - ABC / Seven Network / Nine / Ticker News
- Widely circulate the AIHA Newsletter
- Use Social Media effectively - create the AIHA YouTube channel
- Develop a Professional "look and feel" for AIHA
- Create useful and impressive marketing collateral
- Exhibit at Rural and Agricultural Field Days/Shows
- Ensure our website is constantly kept up to date and content-rich

Industry Thought Leadership

The AIHA and its members are recognised as thought leaders in the hemp industry both locally and globally.

This is based on the knowledge, abilities, experiences and activities of the committee members and members generally. Evidence of this is the number of speeches and presentations that have been delivered by AIHA members at major events in Australia and overseas.

It is also evidenced by written articles, media interviews and the citations of published works.

Hemp is, in most cases, in the position of being a challenger to existing choices, whether this be in the areas of food, textiles or building: hemp has never been the first option.

It is therefore necessary to break conventions and change how products are valued. In order to do this, there needs to be trust in the organisation and the people that are driving change.

Thought leadership is vital to the growth of the hemp industry.

November 2026

LISTING OF CURRENT MEMBERS AS AT 30 JUNE 2026

CORPORATE MEMBERS

- AgPath Pty Ltd represented by Dr Mary Cole
- Bactivate Pty Ltd represented by Mark Gabsch
- Cannabiz represented by Martin Lane
- Carbon Futures Pty Ltd represented by Catherine Cowan
- Happy Soils Pty Ltd represented by Andrew Meseha
- Harvey Hemp WA represented by Greg LeGuier
- Hemppages Directory represented by Michelle Tardini
- Hemp Pet Pty Ltd represented by Sandra Wajs
- President Water Co represented by Jody Spencer
- Wandarra Pty Ltd represented by Steve Tiley

ORDINARY MEMBERS

- Winton Evers
- Glenda Gould
- Marlene Hargreaves
- Charles Kovess
- David Low
- Johan Tijssen
- Hebal Al Ubeed
- Arthur Wajs
- John Wightman

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

- IHA WA, represented by Georgina Wilkinson
- Industrial Hemp Victoria, represented by Darren Christie

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (NON-VOTING)

- David Galloway
- Gerry Gillespie
- Sid Nair
- Sean Sutton
- Ratnakar Vallabhaneni



Hemp can grow up to 8m in height! This is a California crop.

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