



THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION

VICTORIA BRANCH

PO Box 18389, Collins Street East, Melbourne Vic 8003

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

held on Wednesday, 23rd November 2016 commencing at 11:05am

at the William Angliss Restaurant, 550 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Marion Lau OAM JP
Maureen Zampatti OAM
Ian Knight OAM
Neville Perrin OAM
Christine Unsworth AM
Bruce Lloyd AM
David Mann OAM
Michael Kennedy OAM
Duncan Stalker OAM
Barbara Abley AM
Jane Edmanson OAM
Barbara Thomas OAM
Brian Stahl OAM JP
Eugene O'Rourke OAM

Diane James AM
Wayne Myer AM
Helene Bender OAM
John Basarin OAM
Anne Macarthur OAM
Geoff Oscar AM
Steve Raskovy OAM
Terry O'Callaghan AM
Peter Norman OAM
Bill Noonan OAM
Voi Williams OAM
Graham Kerr OAM
Richard Rozen OAM
Neil Moriarty OAM

Dot Browne OAM
Cathy Roth OAM
Fred Harrington OAM
Julian Stock AM
Alex Arbothnot AM
Geoff Christophensen
Paul Wheelton OAM
Neil Soullier OAM
Ian Curtis AM
Mary Drost OAM
Ross Newton OAM
Meg Davoren-Honey OAM
Sam Parasol OAM
Walter Eacott OAM

1. WELCOME & OPENING COMMENTS – *Chairman Paul Wheelton OAM*

Paul Wheelton OAM opened the meeting at 11:05am and welcomed all to the Annual General Meeting of the Victoria Branch. In welcoming those in attendance Paul also congratulated Geoff Oscar and his wife on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

2. APOLOGIES – *Secretary Marion Lau OAM*

Secretary Marion Lau OAM advised the AGM that she had received Thirty Six (36) apologies as listed below

Dr David Price OAM
Rupert Myers AO
Valda Walsh OAM
. Merle Gilbo OAM
Kevin Howard OAM
Mardy Sharpe OAM

Simon Price OAM
Adrian Circuit OAM
Dame Beaurepaire
Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Frank Poke AO
Allan Myers AC QC
Peter Martin OAM

Dr Rodney Arambewela OAM JP
Nicholas Chirchop AM
Beryl McMillan OAM
Lady Potter AC
Bishop John Parkes AM
David Rayner OAM

Peter McPhee OAM JP
Frank Bertagnoli OAM
Marjorie A. Nicolas OAM
David Doherty OAM
Ian Haskins OAM
Jim Duggan OAM

Dr John Harcourt AM
Constance Walker OAM
Hilton J. Nicolas AM OBE
Barbara Thompson OAM
Bruce Clarke OAM
Geoff Crick OAM

Lady Southey AO
David Evans AM
Eddie Abrahams OAM
Leonie Christopherson AM
Marjorie Morgan OAM
Gordon Low AM

3. MINUTES OF THE 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—*Chairman Paul Wheelton OAM*

Moved by: *Cathy Roth OAM*

Seconded by: *Alex Arbuthnot AM*

Motion: *that subject to the change of Frank Costa's post nominal being changed to AO the Minutes be accepted as an accurate report of the 2015 AGM*

Carried



ANNUAL REPORT BY CHAIRMAN PAUL WHEELTON OAM

Paul presented his report as State Chair to the meeting and invited the chairs of the various sub committees to address the meeting to highlight the activities of their committee:

Events subcommittee. David Mann OAM on behalf of Christine Unsworth AM.

- Thanks to Regional Groups for their support with functions this year both at State Branch and Regional Group level. All events have been of a high quality.
- The New Awardees reception was held at the Vass Theatre in St Kilda. The branch was appreciative of Mr Alex Vass who donated the use of the facility and the afternoon tea for this event.
- Ticket for the Australian Dancesport Championship have been provided to the State Branch and have been distributed to the Regional Groups.
- The State Branch will be holding another function at the National Gallery Victoria to view the Vincent Van Gough.
- A function is being organised on 11th February 2017 for members to hear from Havala Laula, the last of the *fuzzy wuzzy angels* of the *Kokada Trail*.
- The planning is well advanced for the Australia Day *Flag Lowering* event to be held at the Shrine.
- One networking function has been held this year with thanks to Engineers Australia for their hosting of this function.
- The Governor Linda Dessau AO has agreed to present the Inspiring Australians Oration at Federation Square on 24th February 2017.
- Last year the Lord Vestey function was held and was a great success. A similar event is planned for 2017.
- An event including a *Ceremonial Sunset* service aboard a Navy vessel is being planned for 2017.
- Jane Edmanson OAM will be the guest speaker at the luncheon following this meeting.
- John Basarin and the *Friends of Gallipoli* have organised a service at the Shrine to commemorate the withdrawal of the Anzacs from Gallipoli. Sir Angus Houston AK has agreed to participate in this service.

Merchandise subcommittee. Neil Soullier OAM on behalf of Richard OAM.

- Thanks are due to Richard for the hard work and effort put into the promotion and sale of Merchandise not only for Victoria but all states of Australia.
- Profits from the sale of merchandise are shared between Victoria and national.
- Order forms for merchandise can be found in each edition of The Order.
- The committee are organising a special order of clothing items. These will include two new ties. These will be promoted in the next edition of The Order.

Communications subcommittee Duncan Stalker OAM.

- The e-newsletter has been produced regularly this year and distributed to an increasing number of members with email addresses and also sent in hard copy form to subscribers. This has led to reduced costs, particularly due to the ever increasing postage costs.
- Again this year the State Branch has distributed the full amount of the Branch Assistance Grants (BAG) to groups.
- Thanks to Fred Harrington, Todd Trimble and Tony Smith for their efforts in producing and distributing the e-newsletter.
- State Branch has now established a number of generic email addresses for committee members. These are listed on the state webpage.

Regional Groups subcommittee Voi Williams OAM.

- Thanks to all Regional Group representatives for their support and attendance at meetings during the year.
- The group meetings have had good attendances and have provided a good forum for discussion.
- Thanks to Kevin Howard OAM for his development of the regional groups and his guidance to Voi after she took over the role of Regional Groups coordinator.

Paul concluded his report by thanking all the subcommittee members for their efforts in ensuring the State Branch and Regional Groups both had a successful year.

Moved by: Diane James AM Seconded by: Cathy Roth OAM

Motion: that the report of State Chair, Paul Wheelton OAM be accepted.

Carried

4. TREASURER'S REPORT & THE ADOPTION OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2016 – Treasurer Julian Stock AM

OAA (Vic) Treasurer Julian Stock AM advised the AGM that his Treasurer's Report had been circulated.

Julian highlighted the following from his Treasurers report:

- Merchandise sales are down due mainly to the fact that currently there are no apparel items on the merchandise list. This is currently being corrected.
- The State Branch had funds in what was called Capital Reserves. This was intended for use in providing a scholarship through the OAA Foundation. These funds have been transferred into an account, along with other funds, to be named the Scholarship

account. This account now has an amount of \$47,500 in it. This is comprised of \$45,000 from state funds and \$2,500 from a donation from the North East & Goulburn Regional Group.

Moved: *Julian Stock AM* **Seconded:** *Duncan Stalker OAM*

Motion: *that the Treasurer's Report be received*

Carried

5. ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2016-2017

Paul Wheelton OAM vacated the chair and invited State Secretary Marion Lau OAM to act as Returning officer for the elections. Marion then declared all positions as vacant.

Marion then advised that as the number of nominations did not exceed the position available she declared all nominees as elected and had pleasure in advising of the Committee members elected to their positions:

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| ▪ Chairman | Paul Wheelton OAM |
| ▪ Deputy Chair (Metropolitan) | Diane James AM |
| ▪ Deputy Chair (Country) | Duncan Stalker OAM |
| ▪ Secretary | Fred Harrington OAM |
| ▪ Treasurer | Julian Stock AM |
| ▪ Committee Member | Helene Bender OAM |
| ▪ Committee Member | Cathy Roth OAM |
| ▪ Committee Member | Neil Soullier OAM |
| ▪ Committee Member | Christine Unsworth AM |
| ▪ Committee Member | Dr Michael Kennedy OAM |
| ▪ Committee Member | Dr John Basarin OAM |
| ▪ Co-opted Member | Tony Smith OAM |
| ▪ Co-opted Member | Richard Rozen OAM |

Members in attendance greeted the result of the election with applause.

Paul expressed his thanks to all members for their support in his nomination and advised that he is looking forward to the year ahead.

Paul also thanked the outgoing committee member, Marion Lau OAM JP, Voi Williams OAM and David Mann OAM for their contribution over the many previous years they have been on the State Committee..

6. OTHER BUSINESS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN RECEIVED

There was no notice received in relation to any other Business.

7. OTHER BUSINESS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN

a) Audio System

It was noted that the lack of a PA system was due to the late change of rooms.

b) OAA Vic Membership Secretary

Geoff Oscar moved a vote of thanks to Tony Smith OAM for his efforts in maintaining the membership data base.

This was carried with acclamation.

c) Bill Noonan OAM

Bill spoke about one of the challenges he experienced when filling in a government form he used his OAM after his surname.

David Mann spoke about Bill's role as Chair of the Blue Ribbon Foundation and his recent award for his continued achievements in the community.

8. CLOSE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – *Chairman Paul Wheelton OAM*

Chair, Paul Wheelton OAM closed the Annual General Meeting at 11.40am