

# MINUTES

16th Annual General Meeting of the St John Historical Society of Australia

Friday 28 April 2017

Hotel Grand Chancellor, 1 Davey Street, Hobart, Tasmania

## Item 1 - Open & Welcome

The meeting was opened by the President Dr Allan Mawdsley at 3.30pm.

## Item 2 - Attendance and Apologies

Attendance – J Cheshire (VIC), I Howie-Willis (ACT), M Glozier (NSW), J Pearn (Priory), S McEwan (VIC), L Webster (TAS), K Ashenden (WA), F Reeve (TAS), H Oxe (WA), B Fotheringham (SA), D Fahey (NSW), S Walden (TAS), T Wieland (ACT), S Reeves (QLD), T Tiley (QLD), G Fairfax (QLD), I Nicolson (VIC), N Dine (VIC), J Crennan (VIC), M Sellar (VIC), N Mawdsley (VIC), A Mawdsley (VIC), J Priest (VIC), F Bridgewater (Priory), K Dansie (SA), L Dansie (SA), J Marshall (SA), V Pavlik (SA), T Mayhew (NSW), R Hurford (NSW), F Nevev (QLD), T Hall (QLD), G Ledger (WA), S Kerr (NZ), F Billson (NSW), M Andrew (QLD).

Apologies – B Stirton (NSW), B Dawson (QLD), E Khangure (WA), B Caslake (VIC), P Kemp (QLD), S Moon (VIC), M Connelly (VIC), E Brentnall (VIC), D Hulls (VIC), R Denham (SA), M Nunn (SA), D Heard (SA), D Bat (NT).

## Item 3 - Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the 15th Annual General Meeting of the St John Ambulance Historical Society of Australia held at the Rydges Hotel, 1 South Terrace, Adelaide, Friday May 13th 2016 as previously circulated were accepted.

Moved H Oxe, Second B Fotheringham - Carried

## Item 4 - Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

## Item 5 - President's Report

The President formally tabled his report that had been previously circulated. This being his last meeting as President Dr Mawdsley extended his best wishes to his successor and observed that he had enjoyed the six years he had spent as President and was sure that the society would enjoy continued success into the future. It was then moved that the President's report be accepted.

Moved A Mawdsley, Second J Pearn - Carried

## Item 6 - Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer formally tabled his report that had been previously circulated. The Treasurer made mention that the membership records had been reviewed and arrears followed up for ongoing members. It was then moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved S McEwan, Second N Dine - Carried

Dr Howie-Willis spoke to the excellent work that the Treasurer had done on the membership and the production of the report. Dr Howie-Willis moved that the society should record a vote of thanks to the Treasurer for all his work and particular on the membership. Carried by acclamation.

#### Item 7 - Publications Report

The Society's Editor formally tabled his report that had been previously circulated. Dr Howie-Willis went on to highlight in some detail a number of items including the International Journal, All-in-Order, web site links and the ongoing publications including the annual St John History and regular newsletters. It was then moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved I Howie-Willis, Second I Nicolson - Carried

Dr Harry Oxer spoke to the work both domestically and internationally performed by Dr Howie-Willis including the great supporting role he plays to encourage others write and present papers. Dr Oxer moved that the society should record a vote of thank to the Editor for his outstanding and long term contribution. Carried by acclamation.

#### Item 8 - Triennial Elections & Appointments

The triennial elections of office holders and committee members for the society was then held. As the number of nominations for each position did not exceed the number of positions there was no requirement to move to a vote. Consequently the results of the triennial elections are:

President – Dr David Fahey

Secretary – Mr James Cheshire

Treasurer – Mr Stuart McEwan

Committee Members – Mrs Lyn Dansie, Mr David Heard, Mr Jeffrey Butler, Mr Michael Andrews, and Dr Matthew Glozier.

#### Item 9 - State & Territory Reports

The State and Territory reports were now formally tabled individually and spoken to by the representative for each jurisdiction.

New South Wales – Dr Matthew Glozier, special mention was made of the activity within a growing group of members and work continuing on the archives.

Victoria – Mr Michael Sellar, special mention was made of the renovations currently being undertaken at the Museum at Williamstown as well as plans for additional works and IT developments.

Queensland – Ms Gloria Fairfax, special mention was made of the intended relocation of the current holdings of the section with additional discussions to be held with the leadership group in relation to the management of these issues.

South Australia – Dr Brian Fotheringham, special mention was made of the well attended meetings and working bees. The Museum at Unley hosts over 500 visitors each year who are assisted by uniformed guides. The reach of the group is extending with a travelling exhibition and the display of the refurbished M-Care vehicle.

Western Australia – Dr Harry Oxer, special mention was made of the efforts by the centre to remain contemporary which is assisted by their membership of Museums Australia as well as activities such as every new career or voluntary staff member attending the centre to gain an appreciation of the history of the organisation. It was also pleasing that the award for the Volunteer of the Year went to a member of the Museum team.

Tasmania – No Report

Northern Territory – Mr Mark Ferguson, special mention was made of the research continuing in to previous Commissioners in the Northern Territory. The 500th edition of the NT *Vollie News* came out during the year and 2018 will see the sixtieth anniversary of the first Division on the Northern Territory.

ACT & The Priory – Dr Ian Howie-Willis, special mention was made of the Grant of Arms being finalised by the College of Arms and a copy of the grant has been obtained for the Priory. This was a composite grant which also included New Zealand, Singapore, Wales, Kenya, Hong Kong, and the Eye Hospital. Mention was made that this grant occurred as a result of the research conducted by the Secretary.

#### Item 10 - Other Business

Dr Brian Fotheringham spoke to the great deal of work being done by the society generally both centrally and by each of the constituent jurisdictions. Dr Fotheringham observed that not only was there a great deal being done but that it was being done very well indeed. Dr Fotheringham moved that these good efforts be recognised by the meeting. Carried by acclamation.

The incoming President Dr David Fahey recorded his thanks to the meeting for their support of him being appointed as President. Dr Fahey spoke of the good shape that the society currently finds itself with such enthusiasm, great collaboration and coordination. With all of this Dr Fahey felt that the future of the society looks good.

#### Item 11 - Closing Comments

Dr Mawsdley thanked everyone for attending and their ongoing support to the society. He wished everyone well and formally closed the Annual General Meeting at 4.45pm.

#### Next Meeting

The venue and time of the next meeting is to be advised to members.

James Cheshire  
Secretary