

**Minutes SJAHSA 18th Annual General Meeting,
NAB Building, Melbourne, 3rd May 2019.**

by **Edith Khangure (Deputy Secretary)**

Item 1 - Opening & Welcome

The meeting was opened by the President, Dr David Fahey, at 2-43pm. After welcoming all present Dr Fahey requested that everyone sign the attendance and apologies sheets.

Item 2 - Attendance & Apologies

Attendance – I Howie-Willis (ACT), J Cheshire (VIC), E Khangure (WA), T Mayhew (NSW), D Fahey (NSW), A Mawdsley (VIC), J Pearn (QLD), D Bache (VIC), M Glozier (NSW), B Dawson (QLD), B Caslake (VIC), T Oxford (VIC), D Cochrane (VIC), J Priest (VIC), K Dansie (SA), L Dansie (SA), B Fotheringham (SA), N Dine (VIC), E Ellis (NSW), M Godwell (WA), P Burke (VIC), D Heard (SA), P Kemp (QLD), R Devere (QLD)

Apologies – H Oxeer (WA), G Fairfax (QLD), J Spencer (NSW), J Marshall (SA), J Penaluna (), M Penaluna (), M Nunn (SA), M Bache (VIC), P Gwilliam (UK), A Chadwick (QLD), A Demaine (QLD), G Vann (QLD), S Szabo (NSW), K Anker (VIC).

Item 3 - Confirmation of Minutes

The draft minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting of the St John Ambulance Historical Society of Australia held at the Realm Hotel, Canberra on the 4th May 2018, and as previously circulated, were accepted.

Moved D Fahey, Seconded T Mayhew - Carried

Item 4 - Matters arising from the minutes of the last AGM

There were no matters arising

Item 5 - President's annual report

The President formally tabled his report which had been previously circulated. He declined to read the whole report but noted that the NSW history project by Matthew Glozier was nearing completion. He also noted that from its small beginnings last year that the NSW Historical Society was progressing well.

Moved D Fahey, Seconded J Pearn - Carried

Item 6 - Treasurer and Membership Secretary's annual reports

The acting Treasurer, Dr Allan Mawdsley formally tabled his report which had been previously circulated. He commented on the difficulties in finalising the accounts after Stuart McEwan's untimely death but that the Society was in a good financial state and that the books were ready for his successor.

Moved Allan Mawdsley, Seconded Trevor Mayhew – Carried

Dr Mawdsley then proposed Paul Copeland to fill the position of Treasurer and Bob Devere to be Deputy Treasurer.

Moved A Mawdsley, Seconded I Howie-Willis - Carried

Dr Howie-Willis then informed those present that Paul Copeland's absence was due to a family commitment interring his late mother's ashes in Thailand.

Item 7 - Publications: journal, quarterly newsletter, on-line international journal

Dr Ian Howie-Willis tabled his report as circulated. He gave special thanks to Gabby Lhuade for her work planning and designing the annual journal, and in also taking responsibility for the on-line journal. He noted that her career work is as National Manager for Publications and that her work for the Society is entirely voluntary. A vote of thanks was proposed for her.

Moved I Howie-Willis, Seconded J Pearn - Carried

Item 8 - Reports from states/ territories

The state and territory reports were formally tabled with some additional highlights presented.

New South Wales - Matthew Glozier advised that, with the help of his daughter, they had produced a complete electronic record of their library catalogue for the NSW Archives. The Historical Group had several meetings with many items of interest raised such as a preview of Trevor Mayhew's new book *An Accidental Historian*.

Victoria – Dr Mawdsley had no additional comments

Queensland – Bob Devere said they were still looking for accommodation following the sale of the previous St John House.

South Australia – Dr Fotheringham commented on the 30th anniversary of the SA Historical Society with John Pearn attending the celebrations. He also showed a pair of 3D printed sword rests.

Western Australia – Dr Edith Khangure made special mention of all the work of the Heritage Centre volunteers.

Northern Territory – Dawn Bat had no additional comments to the tabled report.

Australian Capital Territory & the Priory – Dr Howie-Willis presented the report and highlighted 2 future potential projects –

- 1) Messrs Howie-Willis, Glozier & Pearn made a submission in October 2018 to the Steering Committee of the Grand Council proposing that the Order publish a commemorative history of the Eye Hospital celebrating 140 years in 2022. The Steering Committee has referred the submission to the Hospital but no response has been received to date.
- 2) Ian Howie-Willis has prepared a proposal re an official history of the Bicentenary of the Order in 2031. The last general history was published in 1967 & was little more than a repeat of the 1924 publication. The proposal has been sent to the Office of the Priory & if accepted will progress to the Steering Committee of the Grand Council.

There was no report from Tasmania.

Item 9 - Other business

Dr Fahey asked for any other items.

Ian Howie-Willis explained the reasons for his Notice of Motion 'That the St John Historical Society of Australia seek affiliation with the Federation of Australian Historical Societies as an Associate Member and agree to paying the annual fee (currently \$30) required for such affiliation'. He thanked Dr Harry Oxer for having raised this initiative some time ago.

Moved Ian Howie-Willis, Seconded Brian Fotheringham – Carried

Matthew Glozier advised that NSW had purchased several copies of his book on NSW Members of the Order & generously donated a copy to each state & territory.

Item 10 - Closing comments

Dr Fahey thanked every one for attending, advising that the next meeting was expected to be in Sydney but that no confirmation of dates was as yet available. He formally closed the Annual General Meeting at 3-10pm.