



Doncaster-Templestowe Historical Society Inc..

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Schramm's Cottage

On Saturday 1st July 2017

The President opened the meeting at 2.00pm and welcomed all in attendance

Apologies: Greg & Lydia Hamilton. Greg King, Kay Mack, Jane Jones
Carmen & Frank Woodward

Minutes: Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were adopted on the motion of
Eric Collyer Seconded: John Humphreys Carried

The President informed the meeting that it was to hear reports from office bearers and adopt the financial statements for the year ending 31st March 2017, to elect four members of the committee in place of those retiring, for the next two years and to appoint an auditor for the ensuing year. The remaining five members will be retiring next year and may offer themselves for re-election in 2018. Office bearers will be elected at a committee meeting on Wednesday 19th July at 3.15pm

President's Report:

Eric Collyer read the 50th annual report. This was a comprehensive report of activities of the Society for the previous year and looking ahead to the coming twelve months. We have 104 members, eight joining in the last few months. He made special mention to the 50th Anniversary of the Society. A dinner was held at the Yarra Valley Country Club on 22nd April and the museum complex was open on Saturday 29th April when over 200 visitors enjoyed the special day.

The President moved that his report be adopted Seconded: Stephen Digby Carried

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, John Humphreys, presented the financial statements for the year ending 31st March 2017 (copy attached) and moved that the statements of income and expenditure together with the balance sheet be adopted.

Seconded: Glenys McIntyre

Carried

The Treasurer advised the Doncaster-Templestowe Historical Society Incorporated had no assets or liabilities other than those stated in the Balance Sheet and Statement of

Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31st March 2017 and that it held no mortgages or trusteeships.
The President thanked John Humphreys for his contribution for the past three years.

Roster Secretary's Report:

Deslea Reynolds reported on the number of visitors to Schramm's Cottage. This was down by 20. Deslea thanked all members who had helped with duty and hoped everyone would continue to support the cottage in this way.

The report was received on the motion of Deslea Reynolds

Seconded: Marion McNeil

Carried

Social Report:

Trish Renfree reported on the year's events and moved that her report be accepted

Seconded; Geoff Broome

Carried

Library Report:

In the absence of the Librarian, Greg Hamilton, the report was read by the President.

We now have 577 catalogued books/publications in our library

The report was received on the motion of Deslea Reynolds

Seconded: John Humphreys

Carried

Newsletter:

A report was given by the editor, Geoff Broome, and received on the motion of Geoff Broome

Seconded: Barbara Hetherington

Carried

The President thanked members of the committee for their hard work over the last year along with members of the Society for their support

Election of Committee:

The President informed the meeting that John Humphreys is not seeking re-election to the committee and thanked him for his many years of service on the committee.

The three remaining committee members, Eric Collyer, Greg Hamilton, Geoff Broome, and the new member of the committee, Angela Eichler were the only nominations received, so he declared them duly elected for a further two years. (Office bearers will be elected at its next meeting on 10th July 2017 at 3.15pm.

Auditor:

John Humphreys moved that Peter Lecatsas C>P>A> be appointed auditor for the next twelve months.

Seconded Geoff Broome

Carried

A letter will be forwarded to Peter Lecatsas, thanking him for auditing our records for the financial year ended 30th June 2017.

As there was no further business the President closed the meeting at 2.40pm



DONCASTER TEMPLESTOWE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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2017 AGM - President's Report

I am pleased to submit this report on key activities and events within our Society for the year ending 30th June, 2017.

Our current memberships stand at 104 with an average attendance at monthly meetings of around 25. Twenty five members have not yet renewed their membership subscriptions for the current year and I urge them to do so. We need your support. In recent weeks we have however added 8 new members to our ranks. Ours is an ageing membership and we must recruit younger members if we are to remain a vibrant and progressive organization into the future.

Our major event in the past year was the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of our foundation in 1967. This was celebrated with a dinner at the Yarra Valley Country Club, Bulleen on 22nd April and an open day at Schramm's Cottage on 29th April. This latter event attracted more than 200 people. I thank our volunteer task force for the part you played in organizing such a successful day.

Visitors

Sunday visitors to the cottage in the past year 1st July – 30th June totalled 207 (last year 227). Two schools, Templestowe Heights and Donvale Gardens Primary Schools also visited in the latter part of 2016 along with members of the Pakenham Probus Club. The Austin 7 Club held a rally at Schramms last October and their members appreciated the opportunity to meet and talk with our members about our history and to look at our many exhibits. More recently the National Heritage Motoring Day was also held at Schramms with four clubs participating and an attendance of 40. All of these events serve to promote an awareness of our Society and its function in the public eye and I thank Graeme and Glenys McIntyre in particular for organizing these rallies.

Outings

Two outings were organized during the year. Members enjoyed their visit to Loel Thomson's Costume Collection in Bulleen last August and more recently some of our members visited The Australian Tapestry Workshop in South Melbourne. Thank you Trish Renfree for arranging these visits.

Newsletter

Four newsletters were published in the past year and I thank Geoff Broome in particular for his contribution in gathering and compiling the content material for these publications.

Vale

With the recent death of Bill Ling we have lost an esteemed member of long standing and I wish to acknowledge in this report the much valued contribution he made to our organization over many years – the garden development and wall display of woodwork tools in the Sloyd room in particular.

Speakers

We again enjoyed some informative presentations by our guest speakers during the year. They included researchers Joy Braybrook (John Pascoe Fawkner), John Daniels (John Batman), author Jacqueline Dinan (Between the Dances), member Lydia Hamilton (her collection of Christmas thimbles), member John Banao (origans of fruit shops in Box Hill and his family involvement), member Greg Hamilton (his collection of nanny brooches), Val Polley, Warrandyte Historical Society (historic buildings and land marks in Warrandyte) and Wendy Brown, Australian Genealogical Society (family history)

Gardening

Working bees to maintain the grounds and gardens at Schramm's Cottage continued throughout the year and we are grateful for the support that the Rotary Club of Doncaster has given us on several occasions. Looking after the property is a big task and does not get any easier as we ourselves advance in years. Attendance has varied at our working bees unfortunately, and it is incumbent on all of us to assist in maintaining the property in whatever way we are able to contribute.

MAV Accreditation

Our accreditation with Museums Australia (Victoria) is due for review in May next year and we need to be sure that suggestions and recommendations made in their report of 2013 have been addressed. The Society committee will need to take responsibility for this and other members will be asked to assist where possible.

St John's Church and Hall, Donvale

Much attention has been directed in recent months to the question of relocating these historic buildings to the Schramm's site. We have been proactive in supporting this proposal in the face of opposition on the part of Manningham Council. I thank those of our members who have written letters to the Leader Newspaper, supported a petition circulating in the community and attending meetings of Council as observers when this matter was before Council. We must keep up the momentum in persuading Council that these buildings are part of our heritage and must be saved for the benefit of the wider community both now and in the future.

In concluding this report, I thank all of our members for your support in so many ways throughout the past year – garden maintenance, Newsletter publication, cataloguing, organizing functions, Sunday duty roster, special displays to name but a few. Without your help we could not operate this complex or indeed reach out to the wider community.

Digitisation of Records

This is very much a work in progress and I thank Stephen Digby for the leading role he is taking in establishing this important facility. Copies of earlier Newsletters have been digitised and extracts from these posted on a facebook page that Stephen has set up on our behalf. Currently, work is proceeding on the digitisation of our extensive collection of photographic negatives. I also acknowledge here the contribution that Audrey Killey has made in sorting through and filing these negatives.

Thank you Audrey for your faithful service.

Manningham Interfaith Network Visit

Earlier this year, 30 members associated with this community organization visited Schramm's Cottage and were most appreciative of our hospitality and the opportunity to learn more of the history of our municipality. I thank Dot Haynes for arranging this successful event.

Eric L. Collyer
President