



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and the General Meeting
held on Sunday, March 28, 2021
hosted by Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society**

Present: Libby Skidmore, Dawn Harris (Bass Valley), Jenny Ferguson, Stan Ciuchak (Dandenong), John Woolley (Hastings Western Port), Heather Arnold, Philip Harris (Koo Wee Rup), Veronica Hahn (Mordialloc), David Price (Mornington), Lyne McGregor, Jane Rivett-Carnac (Narre Warren Family History), Gaye Cleeland, Bruce Procter (Phillip Island), Robyn Robie, Bill Warner (Springvale), Irene Williams, Fay Quilford (Wonthaggi) Apologies: Leonie Taylor (Chelsea), Polly Freeman (Cranbourne), Marion Harriden (Dingley), Paula McCarthy (Mordialloc College Alumni), Lynne Bradley (Narre Warren Family History), John Janssen (Phillip Island) Margaret Hunter.

The Annual General meeting commenced at 1.50pm.

Welcome

The President, Libby Skidmore, welcomed us to our 54th Annual General Meeting, postponed from August 2020, and thanked Koo Wee Rup for hosting the meeting.

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

A motion to accept the 2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes was moved by Robyn Robie and seconded by Bruce Procter. Motion carried. There was no Business Arising from the Minutes.

President's Report – Libby Skidmore

Libby reported on some local issues including some of the strange queries that are received by Historical Societies.

Treasurer's Report - Philip Harris

Annual Financial statement for 2019/2020

Income to 30/6/2020		Expenditure to 30/6/2020	
Subscriptions	\$420.00	Hosting Societies	\$100.00
Interest	\$155.86	Consumer Affairs	\$ 59.20
		Seminars	\$354.07
		RHSV m'ship and Insurance	\$163.03
		Treasurer's expenses	\$ 66.46
Total Income	\$575.86	Total expenditure	\$742.76

Bank balances - Investment account \$8,913.09; everyday account \$380.37. Total \$9,293.46
Philip moved the motion that we adopt the Annual Statement of Accounts. This was seconded by Fay Quilford. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Office Bearers

All positions were declared vacant, and Jane Rivett Carnac took the chair and conducted the election. The following were nominated, and all positions were elected unopposed.

President: Libby Skidmore. Nominated by Heather, seconded by Dawn.

Senior Vice-President: Veronica Hahn. Nominated by Heather, seconded by Bruce.

Junior Vice-President: Robyn Robie. Nominated by Lyne, seconded by Jenny.

Secretary: Heather Arnold. Nominated by Libby, seconded by Robyn.

Treasurer: Philip Harris. Nominated by Lyne, seconded by Bruce.

Project Officer: no nominations, position in abeyance, but Lynne Bradley will continue to oversee the website.

Jane wished the Association well for the coming year and Libby resumed the Chair.

Review of Annual Subscriptions

Bill Warner moved that the fees remain at \$20.00, this was seconded by Jenny Ferguson and the motion was carried unanimously.

Meeting closed at 2.04pm and was followed by the General meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the February 2020 meeting were accepted on the motion of Lyne which was seconded by Dawn. Business Arising: nil.

Reports

Correspondence - Heather Arnold

Heather reported on the correspondence received since December 2020. Quarterly summaries of the correspondence received since the February 2020 meeting can be found on our website

<http://seha.org.au/>

Correspondence: Balnarring & District Historical Society newsletter Snippets February 2021**Brighton Cemeterians Diary dates Feb 2020, newsletter *The Cemeterian* March 2021**Chelsea and District Historical Society newsletter January-March 2021**Friends of Cheltenham & Regional Cemeteries notification of Almost Famous Tour 21/3/21 newsletter *Raves from the Graves* December 2020, March 2021**Friends of Edithvale-Seaford Wetlands – Glimpses: a history of FESWI**Hastings Western Port Historical Society newsletter December 2020, March 2021**Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society newsletters December 2020, February 2021, March 2021**Lang Lang & District Historical Society newsletter January 2021**Mornington & District Historical Society newsletter February/March 2021**Mornington Peninsula Family History Society newsletter *Peninsula Past Times* February 2021**Narre Warren & District Family History Group newsletter Spreading Branches February 2021**Phillip Island & District Genealogical Society newsletter *Reflections* November 2020, February 2021**Rye Historical Society newsletter *White Cliffs* January-March 2021**Somerville Tyabb & District Historical Society newsletter December 2020**Wonthaggi and District Historical Society Annual report; invitation to launch of *Two Rivers Run* by Tony Hughes and newsletters *The Plod* December 2020, February 2021, March 2021.

Treasurers Report – Philip Harris.

No change from AGM report. Phillip moved the motion that we transfer \$500 from the Term Deposit to the working account. This was seconded by David and motion carried unanimously.

General business

- Libby reported that Bass Valley are moving their meetings to Sunday afternoons as it is hard to get caterers.
- Jenny reported that Dandenong recently held their AGM. From next week researchers will be allowed back in the Research Room. Their annual luncheon will be held on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at the Dandenong Club. Preliminary details are here <http://seha.org.au/event/dandenong-district-historical-society-annual-luncheon>
- Bill asked for a list of past SEHA Presidents. He also suggested that we should apply for grants. He also said he had his family history published by COTA, Council on the Aging. It cost \$500 and was based on a number of interviews they held with him.
- Fay said that Wonthaggi is hosting the launch of Tony Hughes' book *Two Rivers Run: the story of Gippsland's first pioneer settler - Samuel Anderson* on May 1, 2021. All details including the flyer to order the book are here <http://seha.org.au/event/book-launch-two-rivers-run-by-tony-hughes>

- Fay and Irene also reported on the extension to the Museum, the 'west wing' which will be officially opened on April 21. This extension houses storage material and has allowed the Museum space to be revamped. A series of 15-minute talks on different aspects of the history of Wonthaggi were held over January. It was very successful, and attendance numbers grew by word of mouth as the talks went on. It was also promoted on local radio, on-line and through flyers. Fay said that a young person told her that there was nothing about their granddad at the Museum - a lesson for all of us that we also need to collect and promote more recent history.
- David said the Mornington Historical Society has supplied historic photographs to the local restaurant that is based in the old Presbyterian Church and younger people find these photos interesting. The tragic story of the 15 young men from the Mornington Football Club, who drowned whilst returning from a football trip in 1892, also resonates with young people.
- Gaye and Bruce reported on the current state of their Museum. The Cultural Centre at Cowes is to be demolished and they will have some space in a new building that will replace it. Their collection needs to be packed up by the end of April.
- John reported that cataloguing of material continued at Hastings during the Covid shutdown. The work to erect, in the Museum grounds, the old porch from the original Latter Days Saints chapel has restarted.
- Robyn said that Springvale is still at Morwell Parade and they are finalising their lease on space in the new Community hub at Springvale. There is some dissatisfaction with the shelving provided. Chris Keys was recently elected President of Springvale; she is also President at Dandenong. Bill advocates that all Historical Societies should have a Councillor attend their meetings.
- Jane - the Family History research room at Cranbourne Library has reopened but they are only allowed three people at a time, including the volunteers. The Group and Casey Cardinia Libraries held some Zoom talks over the past few months on family and local history and they went well. A Cemetery walk at the Cranbourne Cemetery is planned for October.
- Heather promoted the Koo Wee Rup Annual luncheon. Details are here <http://seha.org.au/event/koo-wee-rup-swamp-historical-society-annual-luncheon>

Meeting closed at 3.07pm. Next meeting is to be hosted by Phillip Island & District Historical Society on June 20, 2021. Our AGM will be held in October.