

EAST MELBOURNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2019

AT EAST MELBOURNE LIBRARY, 122 GEORGE STREET, EAST MELBOURNE

COMMENCING AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

The President, Jill Fenwick, welcomed members and guests to the Society's twentieth AGM.

PRESENT

As per Attendance Register

APOLOGIES

Anita Simon	Myra Anderson	Merrilyn Murnane	Michael O'Brien
Margaret O'Brien	Gay Sussex	Graham Oxley	John Barry
Deidre Basham	Bretan Clifford	Daryl Dawson	Carol des Cognets
Ann Marie Eckersley	Philip Freier	Joy Freier	Robin Marks
Margaret Marks	Stephen Meek	Christine Meek	Angela Mercer
Doug Robertson	Pamela Robertson	Joy Waring	Patrizia Kelly

BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes of the 2018 AGM held on Wednesday, 17 October at East Melbourne Library, and chaired by President Jill Fenwick, were available to all attendees.

Liz Rushen moved that the minutes be accepted as a true record of that meeting; seconded by Ian Mitchell. Carried.

2. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

A full copy of the 2018-2019 Report of the Committee was available to each attendee. The report, in brief, covered the following:

Thanks to members of the committee and volunteers for their work and contribution during the year. Sue Larkin and Sue Hamilton will stand down from the Committee.

Membership numbers currently stand at 185.

The activities of the society undertaken during the year:

August – Carol Rosenhain related the story of Major James Lean head of the 'Base Records'.

October – At the AGM Professor Geoffrey Blainey eloquently shared his memories of East Melbourne much to the enjoyment of those in attendance.

February – Monique Webber led two guided walks in the Fitzroy Gardens to re-imagine the statues that were a feature during the nineteenth century.

March – Dr. Barry Jones entertained a full audience about his 1982 book *Sleepers Wake* along with his reflections some thirty-seven years later.

April- Local librarian Fiona Campbell provided a comprehensive presentation on the history of Spencer Street Bridge.

June – Historian Mary Clarke spoke about her book *A Tear in the Glass*, a memoir of Nina Stanton, the admired Australian museum curator.

During the year, Alissa Duke conducted two guided mini tours of the Supreme Court Library that participants found both fascinating and enjoyable.

In December, the EMHS Christmas Party was held at the glorious home of Krystyna Campbell-Pretty, who generously arranged and paid for the event herself. The EMHS donated all proceeds to Krystyna's nominated charity, the Lazarus Centre.

The EMHS newsletter was published and circulated 3 times this past year. Our appreciation to Rod Goodwin who for over 20 years has done the layout of the newsletter.
The website, thanks to Graham Shepherd continues to be upgraded and generates much interest for researchers with 1,989 Catalogue items.

Heritage Preservation remains a major focus for EMHS with ongoing tension between those who seek to maintain heritage status and the provision of 21st century housing in such a desirable location. The old Peter McCallum Hospital site remains a focus for the EMHS given projected plans for a multi-level hotel. The increased commercial events utilising Yarra Park (public open space) is an issue of continued collaboration between the EMHS and the East Melbourne Group .

Jill Fenwick moved that the Report of the Committee be accepted; seconded by Ian Hind Carried.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

A full copy of the Treasurer's Report was available to each attendee.
Balance as at 1 July 2018 was \$25,056.10 plus income of \$14,718.29 = \$39,774.39, less expenditure \$15,163.61 Balance at 30 June 2019 = \$24,610.78

Malcolm Howell moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Oliver Larkin. Carried

4. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

Nominations have been received from:

Tim Holland for position of President
Barbara Paterson for position of Vice-President
Sylvia Black for position of Secretary
Malcolm Howell for position of Treasurer
Diane Clifford for position of Membership Administrator
Jill Fenwick, Graham Shepherd, Gay Sussex and Ian Hind for the four committee member positions.

There being no other nominations, Jill Fenwick declared that each nominee is duly elected.

5. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

Malcolm Howell moved the motion that the Annual Subscription payable by members of the Society for the year ending 31 December 2020 will be increased to \$30.00 to cover increasing administrative costs. The motion was seconded by Marlene Mackintosh. Carried.

After the close of business Graham Shepherd presented outgoing President Jill Fenwick with flowers in appreciation of her significant contribution and commitment to the EMHS over the past 13 years.

The AGM was concluded at 8.30p.m.

At the close of the meeting Jill introduced the night's speaker, Bruce Trethowan who gave a very interesting presentation on the history of Cliveden supported by old photos and plans .

Confirmed as a correct record:

President _____

Date _____