



## **AUSTRALIANA SOCIETY**

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### **Minutes of Annual General Meeting**

National Trust Centre, Observatory Hill Sydney NSW  
6:00 pm, Wednesday 19 June 2019

#### **Present**

Peter Towson, David Bedford, Elspeth Westwood, Wendy Barnett, Graham Barnett, John Wade, Gail Darby, Barbara Wheatley, Zeny Edwards, Andrew Jackson, Mary Sutton, Lynda Summers, Robert Stevens, Ian Southwell, Gay Horsburgh, Norma Courtney, Jim Bertouch, Jenifer Bedford, Annett Blinco, Bill Blinco, George Lawrence, Andrew Simpson, Tim Cha, Christine Erratt, Lesley Garrett, Judy Higson, Ian Higson, Michel Reymond, Paul Simadas, Colin Thomas

#### **Apologies**

Robin Hunt, Anna Denton, Jolyon Warwick James, Liz Maclaine, Adam Kempton, Lourdes St George, Paul Donnelly, Peter Watts, Annabel Tyson, Warwick Risby, Kathryn Gong, Phillip Black, Jan Stanwell, John Taylor, Vera Taylor, Christine Lynette Dippy, Margaret Carlisle, Les Carlisle, Troy McDonald, Peter David Lane, Bruce Heiser, Paul Thannhauser, Graham Hesse, Robert Fredman, Dianne Byrne, Bernard Begley, Carol Westmore, Gemma Webberley, Ron Erratt, Brett Manley, Sarah Loxton Guest, Robert LaNauze, Bill Cullen, Terence Lane, Carol Hinton, Scott Carlin, Phillip Wheatley, Robert John Henley  
Read onto record by Secretary Lynda Summers, seconded Tim Cha

**Proxy Votes Tabled:** The Secretary noted the receipt of a number of proxy votes received in favour of the Special resolution. All votes have been validated.

Acceptance Moved: David Bedford, Seconded Colin Thomas

#### **Confirmation of Minutes of AGM 2018**

Minutes amended to record that Michel Reymond was in attendance.

Moved: Michel Reymond, Seconded Robert Stevens

#### **President's Report 2019**

Prepared and read by Jim Bertouch (as previously published)

Proposed for adoption: Annette Blinco

Seconded: Judy Higson

#### **Treasurer's Report FYE Dec 2018**

##### **Tabling of the Society's financial information for the year to 31 December 2019**

Prepared and tabled by George Lawrence

Proposed for adoption: Michel Reymond

Seconded: Andrew Simpson

#### **Election of Committee Members for 2018/19**

Several committee members have decided to retire, and an acknowledgement of their sterling service and contribution was noted. Several committee members have decided to stand again for another year, 2019-20. It was noted that after receipt of nominations two committee vacancies exist and nominations were called from the floor by the President. No further nominations were received. Valid nominations were previously received, and the following positions have been filled unopposed:

President: Jim Bertouch

Vice-president: Tim Cha

Treasurer: George Lawrence

Secretary: Lynda Summers

Members: Andy Simpson, Michel Reymond, Phillip Black, Katrina Banyai, Barbara Wheatley, Kathryn Gong

Resolved to accept nominations and election as above

Moved Lynda Summers, Seconded Andy Simpson

**Special Resolution**

That within 28 days of the AGM, the Society's committee commence an organisation wide review of the Constitution and established structures, processes and procedures of the Australiana Society to:

- 1. Ensure the Society is fit for the future, in its vision, goals, process and procedures
- 2. Ensure the Society is organisationally compliant with the Constitution and the legislation that governs its operation
- 3. Identify members interests, benefits and desired improvements to the Society's activities

A preamble and explanatory notes had previously been circulated to the membership regarding the special resolution.

Moved: Colin Thomas, Seconded David Bedford.

Resolved unanimously (In excess of 75% required).

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.40pm**