



## MINUTES OF THE CAMBRIDGE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA (VIC) INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE SAVAGE CLUB ON 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017.

### 1. Attendance

**Present:** In the absence of the President, *Mr Peter Adams* took the chair initially and having established that there was a quorum of more than 13 attendees and proxies according to Rule 36, he opened the Meeting at 12H13. The following members were in attendance: *Trish Gowrie, Peter Adams, Ken Beadle, Andrew Caroe, Colin Chipperfield, Peter Hone, David Rand, Philip Stewart & David Rees*. The President, *Mr Chris Briggs* arrived only a little later having been inadvertently delayed. So, with the agreement of those present, he took over the role of Chairperson from Mr Adams and the meeting continued.

**Apologies** were received from: *Jeremy Platt, Peter Baines, Janelle Ward, Fabrice Boucherat, Tony Pagone, Andrew Holmes, Richard Williams, Patrick Moore, John Scott, Rupert Myer, Raul Sanchez-Urribarri, Paul Hayes & Chris Davey*. Of these, the Secretary, *David Rees* noted that 8 members had provided valid proxies prior to the AGM nominating the Chairperson or the Secretary as their representative.

### 2. Confirmation of Minutes of 2016 AGM.

Copies of the 2016 AGM Minutes were tabled and it was moved by *Peter Adams* and seconded by *Ken Beadle* that the 2016 AGM Minutes should be adopted as written. The motion was accepted unanimously.

### 3. President's Report.

*Chris Briggs* read the President's report for 2017 drawing attention to the various social events organised for the year, including excellent lunches, drinks, receptions and dinners, while on the sports side the Society had retained the golf trophies against Oxford. The Society had also supported the Cambridge Alumni Development Office during its International Global Event in Melbourne in July. He also acknowledged the support of the Committee members in achieving a Society membership of 265 members and in particular the Secretary (*David Rees*) and Treasurer (*Jeremy Platt*) for the efficient administration and funding of the Society. The aim would be to reach 300 members.

*David Rand* questioned the good relationship mentioned in the Report, with the Cambridge University Alumni Office staff. In his experience the Office had not been very helpful in supporting a recent international academic event of high standing. The President and Secretary stated their good relationship with the Alumni Office staff had been more due to what the Society could do for them especially in the case of MoUs, rather than vice-versa. However, as far as contacting local non-member Alumni, the Society was very dependent on the Alumni Office staff for information and they had been very helpful. It was proposed by *Ken Beadle* and seconded by *Andrew Caroe* that the President's report be accepted. The motion was carried.

### 4. Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's report was tabled by the President in the Treasurer's absence. The Society made a surplus of \$1,924 in 2016-17. The finances of the Society were still in good shape as indicated by the increase in Members Equity. The Equity in terms of Assets-less-Liabilities was \$8143.29 for the financial year. Following a few clarifications about the report, it was moved by *Andrew Caroe* and seconded by *David Rand* that the Treasurer's financial report be adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.



## 5. Honorary Auditor's report.

The Auditors Certificate & signed Financial Statement were tabled by the Secretary confirming the accuracy of Society accounts for 2016-17. It was moved by *Peter Adams* and seconded by *Andrew Caroe* that the Certificate & Statement be adopted.

## 6. Appointment of an Honorary Auditor

*Prof Anthony Bailey* had offered to conduct audits of the 2018 Society's books. It was proposed by *David Rand* and seconded by *Colin Chipperfield* that the offer be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

## 7. Level of Annual Subscriptions

The Secretary proposed that the Members Subscription payments commencing 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 should remain unchanged and should be as follows:

<b>Melbourne</b>	\$25 for 1 year,	\$45 for 2 years,	\$90 for 5 years
<b>Country</b>	\$25 for 2 years,	\$45 for 4 years,	\$90 for 10 years

The proposal was seconded by *Ken Beadle* and carried unanimously.

## 8. Election of Committee and Office Bearers.

*Ken Beadle* took the chair and read the nominations received for Committee Members. They were:

President	<i>Chris Briggs</i>	Vice President	<i>Janelle Ward</i>
Secretary	<i>David Rees</i>	Treasurer	<i>Jerry Platt</i>
Committee members	<i>Peter Adams, Peter Baines, Trish Gowrie, Fabrice Boucherat &amp; Raul Sanchez-Urribarri.</i>		
Past President	<i>Antara Mascarenhas (ex officio)</i>		

There were no objections or additions, so *Ken Beadle* declared the above nominees elected.

## 9. Any Other Business

The President took great pleasure in announcing the appointment of *His Honour Mr Justice Tony Pagone* as the new Patron of the Cambridge Society of Australia (Victoria) Inc. as from 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017. The previous Patron, *the Reverend Dr John Scott*, now in his 90<sup>th</sup> year had been the Patron since the late 1980s and had expressed a wish to stand down from the position for personal reasons. The Committee therefore agreed to his wishes and subsequently expressed its gratitude to him for his long and dedicated service on behalf of the Society.

## 10. Conclusion

The President noted that *George Dixon*, a member who regularly attended the Society's AGMs and dinners had passed away the previous day. Condolences were expressed. The meeting was closed at 12H42.