



**Minutes of the Cambridge Society of Australia (Victoria) Inc. Annual General Meeting 2020**  
**6:30pm, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020**  
*Online via Zoom*

### 1. Welcome & Attendance

**AGM attendees:** Raul Sanchez-Urribarri, Michelle Cooper, Andrew Caroeco, Jerry Platt, David Ran, David Rees, Annabelle Walker, Trish Mullen, Neville Norman, Anita Eglitis, Antara Mascarenhas, Christopher Davey and Quentin van Abbe.

**Proxies:** Fabrice Boucherat, Peter Adams, Peter Hone, Charles Allen.

**Apologies:** Peter Adams, Fabrice Boucherat, Paul J Hayes QC

Chaired by the President, Dr Sanchez-Urribarri, the attendees constituted a quorum with over 5% of membership represented including several additional valid voting proxies as listed above.

Proceedings were officially opened online at 6:34pm.

### 2. Minutes from 2019 AGM & Business Arising

The 2019 AGM Minutes were tabled by the Secretary and a motion was moved by David Rees and seconded by Neville Norman to adopt the minutes. The motion was carried.

### 3. President's Report

Dr Raul Sanchez-Urribarri tabled his Presidential Report and presented it to the attendees in the first online AGM. The President commented on the extraordinary year that was 2020, noting the support the committee provided our members despite the global pandemic. This was achieved through digitising our offering for members through online events including trivia and an Annual Dinner like no other with food delivered to our doors and members sharing a special evening together in the comfort of their own homes.

The President also highlighted the efforts of Jerry Platt who steps down as Treasurer at the end of 2020. Jerry continues to provide exceptional support to the committee and the society's members, and he will continue on in 2021 as a committee member. Positive sentiment of Jerry's continued contribution to the committee was also shared by the Secretary.

The President's report was accepted unanimously. The full report can be found on the society's website here:

[www.cambridgesociety.org.au](http://www.cambridgesociety.org.au)

### 4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was tabled by Jerry Platt. The accounts show that the Society is in a strong financial position. Due to the reduced activity over 2020, our accounts reflect more funds than is normally the case. Details as follows:

Income: \$15,852	Expenditure: \$14,808
Surplus: \$1,044	Funds available: \$19,511
Liability: \$5,960	Net assets: \$13,551

It was moved by Jerry Platt and seconded by Annabelle Walker that the Treasurer's financial report be adopted. The motion was carried.

## 5. Honorary Auditor's Report

The Auditors Certificate & signed Financial Statement were tabled by the Treasurer confirming the accuracy of Society accounts for 2019-20 by the Honorary Auditor Mr Douglas Soden. CPA.

It was moved by Jerry Platt and seconded by Raul Sanchez-Urribarri that the Certificate & Statement be adopted.

## 6. Level of Annual Subscriptions

As the society has maintained a sound financial position over 2020 with few events scheduled due to COVID-19, the committee voted to provide free membership for the coming year. This will be implemented by the Membership Secretary.

Neville Norman suggested the need to focus on an incentive for younger/new members to join through the provision of free membership to encourage more members to join the society.

Trish noted that there are opportunities to capture people through both content and reduced membership fees. For example, the inclusion of additional networking events are required to ensure we expand our offering, acknowledging that the committee are required to address the needs of various society members.

## 7. Election of Committee and Office Bearers

Nominations received below were unanimously elected.

**President:** Raul Sanchez-Urribarri

**Vice President:** Fabrice Boucherat

**Secretary:** Michelle Cooper

**Membership Secretary:** Annabelle Walker

**Treasurer:** Fabrice Boucherat

### **Committee members:**

Peter Adams (current member)

Peter Baines (current member)

Anita Doraisami (new application)

Trish Mullen (current member)

Antara Mascarenhas (current member)

Jerry Platt (current member)

## 8. Other business

- The first AGM held online allowed for discussion and general agreement to build on the value the committee presents by looking at developing new initiatives as well as utilising the rich intellectual value of our members.
- Neville Norman shared some of his personal reflections on spending over 10 months in Cambridge over the global pandemic.
- Further thanks were expressed for Jerry Platt's past contribution as a Secretary, Treasurer and his continued support as a committee member in the year to come.

**Meeting closed at 7:32pm**