



**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 24th April 2016
Location: Darling Harbour, Sydney, NSW**

The General Meeting was opened at 1005 hours.

The President welcomed and thanked all for attending.

1 Present were:

Denis McCann	Ian Baines
Pat Slee	John Barnes
Mark Nicolai	Vince Head
Anthony Eddie	Stuart Ware
Geoff Harris	Trevor Worland
Kemm Baber	Russell Towers
Ken Chester	Ron Hughes
Barry Daly	Chris Felkin
Lee Walsh	Len Armstrong
Brian Irving	Mark Wahlen
Geoff Cutts	Jim Piet
Grant Foster	Lou Heidenreich
Denis Foster	Shane Mitchell

2 The apologies list was read.

Maj Gen David Ferguson (Ret)	Peter Keane
Phill Spry	Terry Heydon
Barry Gannon	Ned Miller
David Goad	John Whittaker
Tony Dowd	Brig. Mick Ashleigh
Gary Cole	

3 Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous annual general meeting held 24th April 2015

Moved Kemm Baber Seconded Geoff Cutts that the minutes be accepted

Carried

4 Business arising from the minutes - Nil

5 Presidents Report

Mark Nicolai provided a report on business that took place during the last 12 months.

Moved Shane Mitchell, seconded Geoff Cutts that the Presidents report be adopted.

Carried

6 Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Denis McCann reported that all statutory reporting was up to date and provided copies of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2015.

Moved Anthony Eddie, seconded Geoff Harris that the reports be adopted

Carried

7 **Nominations for Life Membership**

The President read the names of Members who had fulfilled the requirements for Life Membership:

Kemm Baber, Gary Cole, Anthony Eddie, David Ferguson, Barry Gannon and Brian Irving.

Moved Mark Nicolai seconded Shane Mitchell that the nominations be confirmed
Carried

8 **Alterations to the Rules and By-laws of the Constitution**

The Secretary informed the meeting of an amendment proposed by member Ned Miller to allow postal voting for matters determined by the Management Committee to be of such significance as to require postal voting.

Remove the Sub Clause 24.4.(1)

Insert new Sub Clause 24.4.1

(a) Subject to Sub (b) below, at a general meeting, each question, matter or resolution, other than a special resolution, must be decided by a majority of votes of the members present.

(b) Notwithstanding Sub Clause (a) above, at the discretion of the Management Committee, a postal vote may be implemented to determine the outcome of any issue or proposal to be resolved at a General or Annual General Meeting if determined by the Management Committee to be relevant, but subject to exclusion under Clause 10, for the input of all financial members.

(c) Upon distribution, all ballot papers be sequentially numbered

Moved Anthony Eddie, Seconded Rusty Towers, that the amendments be approved.
Carried.

The Secretary put forward a second proposal without notice to remove the option to grant Life Membership to an Honorary Member. Moved Rusty Towers Seconded Brian Irving that the matter be brought before the meeting. After considerable discussions, it was agreed that the proposal be held over for further assessment.

9 **Election of Management Committee**

The President declared all position vacant and requested Kemm Baber to assume the chair as Returning Officer for the election.

The forms received by the Secretary were accepted by the meeting.

President: A nomination form was received for the position for Mark Nicolai. As there were no further nominations, Mark Nicolai was elected President unopposed.
Carried

Vice President A nomination form was received for the position for WO1 Anthony Eddie. As there were no further nominations, Anthony Eddie was elected unopposed.
Carried

Secretary: A nomination form was received for the position for Jim Piet.
As there were no further nominations, Jim Piet was elected unopposed.
Carried

Treasurer: A nomination form was received for the position for Geoff Harris.
As there were no further nominations, Geoff Harris was elected unopposed.
Carried

Assistant Secretary: A nomination form was received for the position for Lou Heidenreich. As there were no further nominations Lou Heidenreich was elected unopposed.

Carried

Committee Member:

A nomination form was received for the position for Grant Foster. As there were no further nominations, Grant Foster was elected unopposed.

Carried

Committee Member:

A nomination form was received for the position for Geoff Cutts As there were no further nominations, Geoff Cutts was elected unopposed.

Carried

Public Officer:

There was no nomination for the position so nominations were called from the floor. Nominated Mark Nicolai, seconded Denis McCann that Jim Piet be Public Officer.

As there were no further nominations, Jim Piet was elected unopposed.

Carried

The Returning Officer declared all positions had been filled and the elected President resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting

10 **Election of State Representatives and other positions:**

The following personnel were elected:

State Rep. Queensland:	Kemm Baber
State Rep. New South Wales	Grant Foster
State Rep. ACT	Paul Brealey
State Rep. Vic and Tas	Graham Papworth
State Rep. SA	Lou Heidenreich
State Rep. WA	Ed Duffy
Newsletter Editor	Jim Piet
Awards and Liaison Officer	Denis McCann
Merchandise Officers	Geoff Harris
Historian	Garry McGravie

GENERAL BUSINESS

11 **Appointment of Signatories**

The signatories for all Association Bank accounts are:

President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Treasurer is authorised to take appropriate action to make the changes with the Bank of Queensland.

12 Brian Irving proposed assisting the State Reps in arranging localised functions to attract more participation. Denis McCann reported that funding was approved at a previous meeting but no action has been taken by State Reps.

13 Lou Heidenreich proposed issuing a membership card for members - to be investigated

14 Geoff Cutts gave a talk about the planning of the reunion in Melbourne for the 75th Anniversary of the Myola Airdrops.

15 Grant Foster and Mark Nicolai provided information about the Poppy Park in Penrith.

16 **Next Annual General Meeting**
The location, Date and Time will be advised.

Meeting Closed 1136 hours.

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