

MINUTES FOR HCSA Annual General Meeting
Friday 18th September, 2015 State Library of South Australia – Hetzel Theatre

Meeting opened at:

1. Present: Susan Marsden, Annmarie Reid, Michael Szwarcbord, Adrian Rudzinski, Philip Payton, Michael Mills, Christeen Schoepf, Kiera Lindsey, Mandy Paul, Pauline Payne, Peter Monteath, Greg Slattery, Lauren Gobbett, Kevin Modra, Lois Zweck, Richard Venus, Jenny Stock, Roger Andre, Jenni Caruso, Bernie O'Neil, Wilfrid Prest.

Guests: Gilbert Matern, Anna Kovac, Yianni Cartledge and Mrs Cartledge, Carmel Pascale and partner

2. Apologies: Brian Samuels, Annette Mills, David Barber, Elspeth Grant, Caroline Adams, Heidi Ing

3. Welcome: Dr Susan Marsden, President of HCSA

4. Guest speakers:

Yianni Cartledge from Flinders University spoke about his essay titled, 'Ikarians in South Australia: the origins of the Pan-Ikarian Brotherhood of SA "Ikaros Inc", and its connections with the community'.

Carmel Pascale from the University of Adelaide discussed her prize winning research and her essay titled, 'Chinese Immigration Restriction and the Pursuit of Nationalist Ideals in Colonial South Australia'.

Both presentations were well received and we thank Yianni and Carmel for their attendance.

5. Minutes of 2014 AGM

Susan Marsden presented the minutes of the 2014 AGM.

That the 2014 minutes be accepted -

Moved by: *Richard Venus*

Seconded by: *Michael Szwarcbord*

4. Business arising from the Minutes

Susan noted the recent passing of Ron Gibbs and spoke of his outstanding contribution to SA History. Out condolences were offered to Margaret Gibbs and family. There was no other business arising.

5. President's Report

See attachments 1, 2a and 2b. Susan referred to the contents of her annual report. In particular, she thanked Greg Slattery and Michael Szwarcbord for their work to increase membership, Lauren Gobbett for her efforts with Twitter, Annmarie Reid for the fortnightly eNewsletter and Annette Mills for keeping the HCSA web site up to date. Susan also thanked the General Committee for their support and the hard-working Executive Committee for their efforts and support during her time as President.

That the President's report be received and adopted-

Moved by: *Susan Marsden*

Seconded by: *Annmarie Reid*

6. Treasurer's report

See attachment 3. Greg Slattery reported that the HCSA is in a healthy position financially, due largely to the efforts of Susan Marsden and Michael Szwarcbord to increase membership. He thanked them on behalf of members.

That the Treasurer's report be received and adopted-

Moved by: *Greg Slattery*

Seconded by: *Michael Mills*

7. Election of Secretary

Annmarie Reid and Annette Mills have again accepted the position of shared secretary for the 2015-2016 financial year.

8. Election of Committee members

8.1 Executive Committee

President: Peter Monteath (Flinders University)

Moved by: *Richard Venus*

Seconded by: *Kiera Lindsey*

Immediate Past President : Susan Marsden

Moved by: *Greg Slattery*

Seconded by: *Peter Monteath*

Vice President: Richard Venus. His two year term (2012-2014) ended and he was nominated for a further two year term (2014-2016). ***No election needed for this position.***

Treasurer: Greg Slattery (Friends of Immanuel College Archives). His two year term 2012-2014 ended and he was nominated for a further two year term (2014-2016). ***No election needed for this position.***

Members of the Executive Committee: resignations and nominations.

-Geoff Roe Philips resigned from the Executive Committee and was replaced by David Barber in 2015, prior to the AGM.

-Sue Coppin resigned from the Executive Committee prior to the AGM and has been replaced by Lee Amoroso on the General Committee.

-Wilfrid Prest concluded his term in the office of Immediate Past President and has therefore retired from the Executive Committee.

-Michael Mills had nominated to join the Executive Committee but has withdrawn his nomination.

8.2 General Committee

Nominations received from:

Annmarie Reid (Individual Member)

Annette Mills (SLSA)

Geoffrey Bishop (Historical Society of SA)

Kiera Lindsey (UniSA - Hawke Research Institute)

Heidi Ing (Friends of SA Archives)
Elspeth Grant (HTASA)
Lee Amoroso (Australian Society of Archivists, SA Branch)
Christeen Schoepf (Pt Pirie District Family History Group)
Jenni Caruso (University of Adelaide)
Peter Monteath (Flinders University)

Members of the General Committee retiring in 2015: Melanie Oppenheimer, Wilfrid Prest, Sue Coppin

8.3 The 2015-2016 Committee is therefore composed of the following members:

(a) Members elected 2014 for a two year term (expires 2016 AGM)

Norman Etherington (National Trust)
Michael Mills (Museums Australia, SA Branch)
Adrian Rudzinski (Flinders University)
Jenny Stock (Professional Historians Association SA)
Lauren Gobbett (Australian Library and Information Association)
Mandy Paul (HistorySA)
David Barber (SAGHS)
Susan Marsden - Immediate Past President
Richard Venus - Vice President
Greg Slattery - Treasurer

(b) Members elected 2015 for a two year term (expires 2017 AGM)

Geoffrey Bishop (Historical Society of SA)
Kiera Lindsey (UniSA Hawke Research Institute)
Heidi Ing (Friends of SA Archives)
Elspeth Grant (HTASA)
Lee Amoroso (Australian Society of Archivists, SA Branch)
Christeen Schoepf (Pt Pirie Family History Group)
Jenni Caruso (University of Adelaide)
Peter Monteath (Flinders University) – President
Annmarie Reid (Individual Member) - Secretary
Annette Mills (SLSA) –Co Secretary and web controller

c) Executive (also members of General committee)

Peter Monteath – President (2 years expires 2017)
Susan Marsden - Immediate Past President (2 years expires 2016)
Richard Venus Vice President (2 years expires 2016)
Greg Slattery Treasurer (2 years expires 2016)
Annmarie Reid Secretary (2 years expires 2017)
Annette Mills Co Secretary and web controller (2 years expires 2017)

Note: Ex officio membership secretary Michael Szwarcbord (individual member)

8.4. Total membership of General Committee

This brings the total membership of the General Committee (including executive) to 20 (20 being the maximum number of members).

Susan thanked retiring members: Sue Coppin, Melanie Oppenheimer and Wilfrid Prest. The conduct of the AGM was then handed to incoming President, Dr Peter Monteath. Peter urged HCSA members to contact him via his Flinders University email address (peter.monteath@flinders.edu.au) or to telephone him if they have issues that they would like to discuss. Peter also spoke briefly about the significant contribution of Ron Gibbs.

9. General Business

- a) Recruitment of CE to replace Margaret Anderson at HistorySA: Peter invited Mandy Paul to report on the recruitment process to replace Margaret who has retired. She noted that Kevin Jones is currently acting in the position and the recruitment process is expected to be underway soon.

10. **Voting on two special resolutions:** Copies of the resolutions were emailed to members on 3 September, 2015 and were also handed to members upon arrival. Richard Venus provided background information to the HCSA application for DGR status and he then explained the need for two resolutions: Special Resolution 1 allowed for the necessary additions and amendments to various clauses within the constitution; Special Resolution 2 allows the Executive of the HCSA to hold the changes back until such time that the Attorney General's Department confirms that they will accept such changes unconditionally. (Resolutions attached.)

That Special Resolution 1 be accepted by members of the History Council of SA:

Moved by: *Richard Venus*

Seconded by: *Michael Mills*

That Special Resolution 2 be accepted by members of the History Council of SA:

Moved by: *Richard Venus*

Seconded by: *Michael Mills*

Members voted unanimously to accept both of the resolutions thereby empowering the Committee to make editorial changes consistent with the intent of the resolution when the time comes.

11. Close of AGM: President Peter Monteath

Meeting closed at: 6.10pm

Attachment 1:

Attachment 1: History Council of South Australia - President's Report AGM 2015 (Susan Marsden, 18 September 2015)

I'm pleased to present this annual report to the 13th AGM at the end of my third and final year as President. As proposed in my first *Newsletter* (May 2013), our work in the past year has comprised broadly two parts:

1 Maintaining and consolidating current activities: promoting members and history, including media articles; arranging events; website, email newsletter and twitter; advice to members; and the annual awards and prizes.

2 Helping develop HCSA activities: enlarge and consult with membership; extend advocacy, liaison and lobbying; meet with or write to key staff, agencies and ministers.

The year 2014/5 has involved action in all of those areas, as detailed in my *President's Newsletters* (11 over three years) and in the e-news produced by co-secretary Annmarie Reid at the same time as she's been completing her PhD. E-news and tweets (by Lauren Gobbett), combined with the work of Michael Szwarcbord and treasurer Greg Slattery attracted many new members, raising numbers to 100 for the first time in our history. (As an aside, I've completed a draft summary history of the HCSA and will place it on our website, and Annette Mills is continuing to gather and arrange our archival records at the State Library.)

Calendar of events (2015)

3 May - About Time History month event, co-arranged by Professional Historians Association (SA) & HCSA: 'Grave matters', Susan Marsden's tour of North Road Cemetery, Nailsworth.

30 July - Presentation of HCSA's History awards and Wakefield Companion prize by the Honourable Hieu Van Le AO, at a reception hosted by him and Mrs Le at Government House

7 August - Annual HCSA Lecture (city), co-hosted with History Teachers Association of SA: Dr Rosalie Triolo, '*Our Schools and the Great War*', Hetzel Theatre, State Library of SA.

8 August - Annual Lecture (country), Dr Triolo, '*Our Schools and the Great War*', Co-hosted with Ms Paula Bartsch (Mt Pleasant District History Room) at Talunga Park Pavilion, Mt Pleasant.

18 September - 13th AGM, and presentations by Wakefield Prize winners, Hetzel Theatre.

HCSA Operations and membership

As this is my last report I'd like to give special thanks to a supportive General Committee and a brilliant Executive Committee over the past three years. Wilfrid Prest who is retiring as Immediate Past President, supplied a much-appreciated continuity and action over those years, as did the other committee members, Vice President Richard Venus, treasurer Greg

Slattery, co-secretaries Annmarie Reid and Annette Mills, and Sue Coppin (who retired before the AGM). I also thank Michael Szwarcbord for his key work on the membership.

The General Committee met on 1 December 2014; and in 2015 on 2 March, 1 June and 31 August. The Executive Committee met on 27 October 2014, and in 2015 on 9 February, 27 April, and 13 July. The 12th AGM was held on 29 August 2014 and the 13th on 18 September 2015.

I'm grateful for vital financial support of our members, sponsors, and the Copyright Agency Ltd. Michael Szwarcbord presented the following tables on membership in this new financial year (2015/6) in his report to the General Committee on 31 August:

Row Labels	Count of Rural/Metro
METRO	46
RURAL	24
Grand Total	70

2015/16 subscription paid	Yes
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TABLE 2

Row Labels	Count of Rural/Metro
METRO	46
Individual	23
Major	4
Not for profit	13
Professional	6
RURAL	24
Individual	2
Not for profit	22
Grand Total	70

We're having difficulty linking names to EFT payments, and estimate that around 85 members have renewed/joined. They include a Senator in response to the letters I'd sent to all SA Senators. (Another nominated two regional historians for the 2015 award). I urge all members to encourage their own MPs to join/promote the HCSA and to nominate to the awards.

I'm also grateful to host venues - for our regular meetings, the State Library of SA and History SA - and for other events: Government House, North Road Cemetery, Paula Bartsch and the Mt Pleasant District History Room and Barossa Council. Our income derives almost entirely from membership subscriptions, which will be unchanged for another year. We gained a fourth annual grant (\$2000) from the Cultural Fund of the Copyright Agency Ltd towards the costs of mounting our lecture; our awards were sponsored again with generous

vouchers by Wakefield Press, and Brick Kiln Wines and Scorpiion Wines continued to donate their good wine.

Awards

Thanks to royalties from sales of the book and in particular, from the editor, Wilf Prest, the Wakefield Companion to South Australian History Undergraduate Essay Prize was again presented. The 2014 joint winners Yianni Cartledge and Carmel Pascal are speaking tonight.

On 30 July at Government House all those nominated for the HCSA Awards in 2015 were presented with certificates together with the five awardees. His Excellency the Honourable the Honourable Hieu Van Le AO presented the following: South Australian Life-long History Achievement Award – jointly awarded to Mr Tom Gara and Mr Graham Jaunay; South Australian Historian of the Year - Mr Peter Donovan; South Australian Regional History Award - Mr John Mannion; and Emerging South Australian Historian of the Year - Ms Carly Osborn.

We congratulate them, and thank His Excellency, Mrs Le and staff for hosting the Awards, making this the third year the ceremony was so appropriately and enjoyably held at Government House. We also thank the essay judges as well as the three award judges: John Bannon, Geoffrey Bishop and Carol Fort, the nominators and nominees, who were all invited to the event. Photos were taken by Richard Venus, and can be accessed on our website.

Advocacy, consultation and communication

Consulting with members, advocacy and communication has involved contact with many organisations, media interviews and letters, campaigns (including opposing the integration of State Records with the State Library and the de-funding of Wakefield Press), and meeting with MPs and officials.

Annamarie and I conducted an extensive correspondence mainly by email, that included giving historical advice. She reported to the last General Committee meeting (31/8) that since June a total of 1,300 emails had been sent out including e-news. HCSA correspondence over the past year has also included Richard Venus' letters concerning DGR status as well as my letters to members and potential members, awardees, the annual lecturer and event co-hosts, the Governor, MPs, and media including *The Advertiser*. For example, *the Advertiser* (21 April 2015) published a letter about use of the State's heritage by filmmakers and hence its economic value (These letters can be viewed on the HCSA website.) I also gave several interviews on ABC radio.

The annual program of arranging meetings with relevant Ministers included a meeting on 2 September 2014 by Greg Slattery and me with Hon Geoff Brock (Minister for Regional Development), and on 28 August 2015 by Dr Peter Monteath and me with Simone McDonnell, Advisor to the Arts Minister Hon Jack Snelling, as well as ArtSA executives Jennifer Layther and Paul Rees (See also Attachment 2a). This was followed up by advice on introducing a Premier's prize for History, and urging the Minister to appoint a practising professional historian to succeed Margaret Anderson as CE of History SA. (See Attachment 2b)*

We can never let up! But just remember, historians always have the last word.

Being HCSA President is a challenging but enormously satisfying role, and one I've relished, and have appreciated sharing this vital cultural activity with other committee members. Thankyou all HCSA members for your own unending efforts to record, interpret, teach and share history in its myriad forms in the 21st century. And thankyou for joining and helping to extend the reach of the History Council of South Australia.

I commend this work to our new president and look forward to working with him and the other Executive members in the coming year.

Susan Marsden

**Attachment 2 (a): Notes for and from meeting with Arts Minister Adviser
HON JACK SNELLING MP (Advisor, S McDonnell)**

Minister for Arts

MEETING INFORMATION SHEET – Agenda & record of meeting

INFORM-ATION	COMMENTS
Date & Place of Meeting	Friday 28 August 2015, 1pm Minister’s Office, Level 9, 11 Hindmarsh Square, Adelaide
Organisa-tion	History Council of South Australia
Attend-ees	Dr Susan Marsden (President) & Dr Peter Monteath, meeting with Ms Simone McDonnell, Adviser to the Hon. Jack Snelling MP, Minister for Arts (on behalf of the Minister), together with Arts SA’s Jennifer Layther (A/Executive Director Arts SA; Director, Arts Programs) and Paul Rees (Manager, Cultural Heritage – soon to become Director, Motor Museum, Birdwood)
Contact Details	S Marsden 1 Rosalind Street Erindale 5066 - 08 8331 3839 smarsden@bigpond.net.au HCSA: PO Box 6809 Halifax St Adelaide 5000
Agenda Topics / Issues	<p><i>Introduction</i></p> <p><i>S Marsden:</i> Overview of HCSA; membership spans whole history sector in SA; annual lectures & awards (see media release); significant contribution by history and heritage and activities of organisations and historians in SA’s cultural life and as part of the arts portfolio; problems and challenges including minimal & declining state support or publicity.</p> <p><i>S McDonnell & J Layther:</i> Overview of Arts SA support for history – cultural institutions, community history, public awareness; increased storage for collections a priority; update on Wakefield Press</p>

	<p><i>S Marsden & P Monteath: Issues</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wakefield Press – defunding by Arts (see letter to Minister, attached) 2. Increase overdue for SA History Fund for small history projects (annual total \$35,000 cf \$25,000 when started in early 1990s) 3. Request to establish Premier’s Prize for History & annual Community History awards (cf NSW, NT, Vic) 4. Need for Arts SA to assess & support administration of voluntary historical organisations in SA; secondment of staff; internships 5. Act to improve State Library services to history researchers (including from country) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Severely reduced access to records essential to history, especially for country practitioners - HCSA proposal to reinstate Mortlock wing of State Library (see letter to <i>Advertiser</i> 3.7.14) - State Library advice/support for local research services provided by local groups eg Pt Pirie 6. City of Adelaide Museum – any support? Interim concepts such as ‘pop up’ museum
<p>Attach-ments</p>	<p>HCSA President’s letter to Minister (17.3.15) requesting regular meetings and reinstatement Arts funding to Wakefield Press; <i>Advertiser</i> 3.7.14 & 25.7.14 re restriction of access to historical records; HCSA brochure & awards media release;</p>

***Attachment 2b**

From: Susan Marsden **Sent:** September 15, 2015 6:19 PM **To:** McDonnell, Simone (Health)
Cc: History Council of SA; Peter Monteath **Subject:** History Council and History SA

Dear Simone

Thankyou again for arranging and advising us at this meeting with the History Council of SA (Dr Peter Monteath and I) on 28 August.

Can I please also remind you that in our original letter to Mr Snelling in March we asked that regular briefing meetings be held with him.

As we have learnt since our meeting with you of the departure of Margaret Anderson as CE of History SA, and of the reduction to one only historian on its Board, these briefings are crucial.

Meanwhile, please can you bring to Mr Snelling's attention to the following note in my current HCSA President's newsletter sent to all of our members and supporters, particularly the request in bold:

Margaret Anderson has resigned as CE of History SA (History Trust of South Australia)... In an era of mostly diminishing government support she's heroically maintained the State's renowned history agency and helped expand public participation in history activities at the three museums, in the digital universe, and with 'About time' history month, Australia's largest community event. We all lose by her departure, and from SA in mid-October...

The History Council of South Australia urges the Arts Minister the Hon Jack Snelling to recruit a practicing professional historian of similar expertise to Margaret Anderson to this crucial history position.

The HCSA asks also that a second qualified historian be added to the History SA Board to ensure continuity in the most significant expertise required on that Board.

We look forward to your early reply.

Regards
Susan

