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## **11<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

**Friday, 20 September, 2013**

Allan Scott Auditorium, City West Campus , University of SA 55 North Tce, Adelaide (corner of Fenn Place)

***Meeting commenced at 4.45 p.m.***

**1. Present – as recorded on the signing in sheet**

Susan Marsden (President), Lauren Gobbett (Secretary), David Albano, Geoffrey Bishop, Margaret Anderson, Jack Cross, Norman Etherington, Angus Knox, Lyall Kupke, Angus Knox, Susan Marsden, Wilfrid Prest, Adrian Rudzinski, Greg Slattery, Jenny Stock, Alexis Tindall, Elizabeth Weeks, Richard Venus, Jacinta Weiss, Lois Zweck, Annmarie Reid, Alan Mayne, Elizabeth Wilson, Brian Samuels

**2. Apologies**

Sue Coppin, Heidi Ing, Lyn Leader-Elliott, Alison Mackinnon, Annette Mills, Melanie Oppenheimer

**3. Minutes of 2012 AGM**

Minutes of the 2012 AGM had been circulated prior to the 2013 AGM.

*Correction:* Geoff Speirs spelling of name to be corrected.

Moved with correction, Richard Venus, seconded Greg Slattery, that the minutes be received and adopted.

**Carried**

**4. Business Arising**

There was no business arising.

**5. President's Report**

*See attachment 1.*

Moved Lauren Gobbett, seconded Wilfrid Prest, that the President's Report be received and adopted.

**Carried**

**6. Treasurer's Report**

*See attachment 2.*

Moved Richard Venus, seconded Geoffrey Bishop, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. **Carried.**

## **7. Election of Office-Bearers**

Susan was declared elected for a two year term in 2012, therefore she will be President for 2013.

Richard Venus, nomination from Engineers Australia, was declared elected for a two year term as Vice President.

Greg Slattery was declared elected for a two year term in 2012, therefore he will be Treasurer for 2013.

## **8. Election of Committee members**

Nominations received from the HCSA's corporate membership for the Committee by the due date were:

Melanie Oppenheimer, (Flinders University, History)  
Annmarie Reid (Hawke Research Institute, University of SA)  
David Albano (Flinders University, Education)  
Geoffrey Bishop, (HSSA)  
Annette Mills (SLSA)  
Kiera Lindsey, (Hawke Research Institute)  
Daryl Best, (HTASA)  
Hugh Magarey, (Coromandel Valley & Districts Branch NTSA)  
Lauren Gobbett, (Individual member)

There being fewer nominations than positions vacant, all the above nominees were declared elected.

The 2012-2013 Committee is therefore composed as follows:

(a) Members elected 2013 for a two-year term:

Melanie Oppenheimer, (Flinders University, History)  
David Albano David Albano (Flinders University, Education).  
Geoffrey Bishop, (HSSA)  
Annette Mills (SLSA)  
Kiera Lindsey, (Hawke Research Institute)  
Daryl Best, (HTASA)  
Hugh Magarey, (Coromandel Valley & Districts Branch NTSA)  
Lauren Gobbett, (Individual member)

(b) Members elected 2012 for a two-year term, now with one year remaining:

Jenny Stock (Professional Historians Association of SA)  
Norman Etherington (National Trust)  
Greg Slattery (Friends of Immanuel College Archives)  
Adrian Rudzinski (Flinders University)  
Alexis Tindall (Museums Australia SA Branch)  
Richard Venus (Engineers Australia)  
Margaret Anderson (History SA)

Annette Mills (State Library of South Australia)  
Wilfrid Prest (Adelaide University)

(c) Executive

Susan Marsden- President (one year remaining)  
Wilf Prest – Immediate Past President  
Greg Slattery – Treasurer (one year remaining)  
Annmarie Reid – Secretary (two year term)  
David Albano- Membership Secretary (two year term)  
Annette Mills – (one year remaining)

**9. General Business**

*Further announcement:* To be followed by HCSA Annual Lecture from 5.45pm for 6pm: **Alistair Thomson**, 'Australian Generations: an oral history of our living memory' This lecture is part of joint: Biennial National Conference of Oral History Assoc and History SA's State History Conference (21-24 Sept). Presented in partnership with Hawke Centre, UniSA, and assisted by Copyright Agency Cultural Fund. *Light refreshments will be served following the lecture.*

**11. Close**

Meeting closed at 5.30 p.m.

## **Attachment 1:**

### **President's report to the Eleventh Annual General Meeting of the History Council of South Australia**

#### **HCSA President's Report AGM 2013 (Susan Marsden, 20 September 2013)**

I'm pleased to present this report to the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the History Council of South Australia, at the end of my first year as President. I'll keep this verbal report brief, as this AGM will be followed tonight by the Annual Lecture. The printed report will also be available on our website, by email (or on request, by post).

In summary, this has been a busy year for the HCSA, with our calendar since 2012 including two public events during May's *About Time* History month, two Annual Lectures (country and the city), and a 'gala event' for invited guests when the Governor presented the HCSA's 2013 Historians' Awards. We increased communications with members by personal contact, newsletters, via email, and on social media (Twitter), and we're updating our website. We've resumed the advocacy and history-promoting activities which are also 'core business'. This is particularly important given the decline of government interest in history and heritage, and the opportunities presented by the state election (in 2014). We are indeed taking seriously our role as 'the voice for history in South Australia'.

In my start to 'the presidency', I followed up established tasks, such as writing a Proclamation Day article (published in the *Advertiser* on 27 December 2012 with an ensuing letter). As proposed in my first *Newsletter* (May 2013), our work through the ensuing year falls into two parts:

*Part 1 Maintaining and consolidating current History Council activities:* promoting council members and history, including media articles; arranging a calendar of events; website update and email newsletter; services to members; and continuing awards. *Part 2 Discussing and helping develop HCSA activities:*

extend membership services; speak with general committee members and boards; provide history teaching support; extend advocacy, liaison and lobbying, including: policy on history/heritage for the election year; meet with or write to key staff, agencies and ministers.

All of those activities have been followed up by the HCSA, as detailed in the President's Newsletters and in emails. I consider consulting with members and advocacy – broadly defined – as particularly important, and this has involved meetings with member organisations, conferences, media interviews and letters, submissions (for example, to the review of University of Adelaide's History School, membership of History SA's campaign group for a Museum of Adelaide, and meeting with officials and MPs. These included meetings with Steven Marshall (Leader of the Opposition) on 6 August and confirmed for 22 October with Hon Ian Hunter (Minister for Environment & Conservation). I was pleased to be invited to present a teaching award to Deirdre Walters at the History Teachers Association conference on 2 August. Daryl Best has provided a HTASA report for this AGM.

#### ***HCSA Operations***

After years of energetic support for the HCSA, Dr Carol Fort resigned as Vice President in March 2013, and was succeeded by Richard Venus. We're grateful to both for their commitment to the

cause of history, as also to our hard-working Secretary of the past two years, Lauren Gobbett, who ends her term at this AGM. Lauren inaugurated our HCSA presence on Twitter, and will continue to do tweets, thankfully. Annette Mills worked with Urzula Richards to improve the security and efficiency of the website. We decided to rebuild the website on a new platform, to improve security, gain responsive design and rearrange menu items. Annette also continued to compile an archival collection relating to the HCSA, including from the 'History Alliance' days.

We gained a second grant from the Cultural Fund of the Copyright Agency Ltd for \$2,500 towards the costs of mounting our Annual lecture. We provided \$1,000 as sponsorship for History SA's State History Conference, and other expenditure on our website (which had serious malware problems), and on producing HCSA brochures and business cards. The Council (General Committee) met on 3 December 2012; and in 2013 at an informal garden party on 14 February, and on 25 March, 3 June, and 9 September. The Executive met on 5 November 2012, and in 2013 on 4 February, 1 May, and 3 July. The 11<sup>th</sup> AGM was held on 20 September.

### **Awards**

As our Past President Wilfrid Prest anticipated last year – and with his considerable help as an organiser – the HCSA Awards have become an annual event. Calling for nominations (we received 19), arranging for their assessment and presentation were demanding of time, and we also made adjustments proposed in 2012. For example, the 'Young Historian of the Year' award was renamed 'Emerging Historian', to also encourage nominations of people who have come to history later in life – although this year's recipient *was* young.

Three historians were honoured with the Awards at a ceremony held on 29 July at Government House. His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR presented the Awards for 2013 to: Elspeth Grant - Emerging South Australian Historian of the Year Award; Ron Gibbs - South Australian Lifelong History Achievement Award; and Patricia Sumerling - South Australian Historian of the Year Award. We congratulate them, and thank His Excellency and an efficient Government House staff for hosting the Awards, the three judges: Wilfrid Prest, Alison Mackinnon and John Bannon, and nominators and nominees, who were all invited to the event. Photographs were taken by Alex Kwong.

### **Events (2013)**

*29 May and 31 May:* 'Hollywood of the south: the SAFC at 40', an 'About time' event. Co-event with Flinders Library and SA Film Corporation- films and talks on SAFC's formative years led by film experts and historians, including Flinders staff members Assoc Professor Mike Walsh and cultural tourism academic Lynn Leader-Elliott. Audiences of about 40 appreciated the food and drink supplied by HCSA.

*29 July:* Governor's presentation of HCSA 2013 Awards.

*14 and 20 September:* Annual History Council Lecture - 'Australian Generations: an oral history of our living memory' (Australian Generations Oral History Project): country lecture presented at Mt Gambier by Nicole Curby, and city lecture by Professor Alistair Thomson. Vicki Hutchinson and Kristi Leamey of Mt Gambier Library were wonderful co-organisers, with Richard Venus and me, getting wide publicity in local media and attracting 45 guests – despite it being SE football finals night. (*Their media release is in the file*)

We are fortunate to have following tonight's AGM the speaker Professor Alistair Thomson...

### **Supporters**

I'd like to record our gratitude to our sponsors and supporters. For vital financial support, to our members and the Cultural Fund of the Copyright Agency Ltd. We also appreciate our sponsors Brick Kiln and Scorpiion Wines, Graphic Designer Alison Fort and Ursh Richards (onlineiq). The publisher Wakefield Press again generously provided vouchers for \$500 worth of their books, presented to Award recipients. We're also grateful to host venues - for our regular meetings, the State Library of SA and History SA - and for events: Flinders University Library, State Library, Government House, Mt Gambier Library, and the Hawke Centre (University of SA).

I thank volunteer Elizabeth Weeks – and all members of the HCSA Committee who are all volunteers, and in particular the energetic Executive. I am grateful to office-bearers Carol Fort, who was both Vice-President and Acting President in my stead (in late 2012), her successor Richard Venus, Lauren Gobbett, Secretary, Greg Slattery, Treasurer, and Wilfrid Prest, Immediate Past President, web manager, Annette Mills, and media advisor Jacinta Weiss, who was succeeded in mid-2013 by Sue Coppin. I thank all for your commitment, hard work and support over a demanding 12 months in the transition from one president to another.

What are we achieving for all of this effort? Have we raised the profile of history in South Australia? Of the HCSA? Have we helped to defend the concept of heritage? Are our members and supporters being usefully informed? Too much, too little? Should we provide resources such as teachers' kits? What progress is being made on particular advocacy such as support for a Museum of Adelaide? How can we expand our membership the better to represent their interests and concerns? What else should we be doing – and how can we do it, with limited time and less money? As we are YOUR History Council, please circulate our brochures and newsletters, encourage new membership, advise your HCSA representatives about issues you want to raise, and send notice of your own history events, courses and publications to our secretary for email distribution and tweeting. With your advice and support, as Wilf Prest said at last year's AGM, I'm confident that the History Council's second decade will be even better than the first.

***Thankyou, Susan Marsden***

**Attachment 2: History Council of South Australia Inc  
Financial Statement Year ended 30 June 2013**

**Current Assets**

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
Bank SA Term Deposit	5,000.00	5,000.00
Bank SA Society Cheque Account	853.35	6,823.91
Bank SA Society Gift Account	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total Current Assets at Bank</b>	<b>5,953.35</b>	11,923.91

**Revenue**

Subscriptions	1,595.00	
Grant – Adult learners	985.50	(later paid to State Library)
Bank Interest	265.44	
<u>CAL Fund</u>	<u>00.00</u>	(previous year 1600 + 5,000)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>2,845.94</b>	

**Expenditure**

Audit fees	132.00	
Catering and Functions	5,742.56	(includes 985.50 paid to SLSA)
PO Box 6809	156.00	
Post & Stationery	164.20	
Guest Expenses	00.00	
Website	1,621.74	
<u>Sponsorship &amp; Promotion</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>8,816.50</b>	

**Bank Reconciliation**

Opening Balance	6823.91
+ Memberships	1,595.00
+ Interest	265.44
+ Grant	<u>985.50</u>
	9,669.85
<u>Less Cheques</u>	<u>-8,816.50</u>
Cheque A/c Balance 30/6/13	853.35