



Old Grammarians Annual General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 02 May 2018 at 5.00pm

1. WELCOME

The President, Trudie Horsfall, welcomed all Old Grammarians, members of the School and friends of the School to the Annual General Meeting of the Old Grammarians Society of Melbourne Girls Grammar.

2. PRESENT

Trudie Horsfall, Judith Wilkinson, Catherine Misson, Louise Gourlay, Emma Harrison, Rowena Mytton, Margaret McNaughton, Anne Williams, Angela Buckle, Margaret Swale, Athena Kellis, Julia Hare, Phillipa O'Connor, Reahn Aitchison, Robyn Fergusson.

There being a quorum present, the President declared the meeting open.

3. APOLOGIES

Margaret Spring, Venetia Patchett, Meredith Windust, Anna Permezel, Diana Refshaugie, Merrill Clarke.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL 2017

Minutes were confirmed by Emma Harrison and seconded by Judith Wilkinson

The motion that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 26th April 2017 be confirmed was carried.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AUDITORS REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2017

The Finance Report was present by the President, Trudie Horsfall.

The total of the general account as at 31st December 2017 was \$ 86,691.

The Old Grammarians Society pledged \$100,000 to the Merton Hall Foundation for the Artemis Centre over a period of 4 years. The final instalment of \$25,000 was paid in 2017.

Donations of \$5,000 were made to the three scholarship funds in 2017

The expenditure for the Anniversary Lunch 2017 will be included in the 2018 financial report.

Margaret Swale moved that the Auditors report be received and adopted and Julia Hare seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

6. Reports

• President

The President affirmed the Old Grammarians Society mission statement as committed to facilitating and actively encouraging the continued involvement of all Old Grammarians in the wider community of MGGs with a view to ensuring the continued well-being of our School and its Old Grammarians.

She announced the new regional representatives as Alison Walker (Western Australian Branch), Kirsten Grace (South Australian Branch) and Jenny Brogan (ACT Branch)

The 113 Annual Anniversary Lunch was a success and the event included a tour of the Artemis Building, the annual chapel service which acknowledged the 50-year consecration of the Chapel of St Luke and the dedication of the Old Grammarians Bridge. Judy Wilkinson was made an Honorary Life Member of the Old Grammarian's Society at the luncheon

The President indicated the strategic priorities for 2018 and beyond involves a review of reunion events, strengthening the communication channel with our Old Grammarian community, improving data management and updating the operational handbook.

Trudie Horsfall thanked the Chair of School Council, the School Principal, the Director of Marketing and Community Engagement, the Alumni and Engagement Manager, the School Historian and the Committee members.

She also reported that Meredith Windust and Robyn Fergusson, Honorary Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, have stepped down from their roles.

- Principal

Catherine Misson acknowledged the important role of the Old Grammarians Society to support the School philanthropically. She expressed gratitude for the support to the Artemis Centre which has made such a difference to the student's wellbeing and education. One of the aims is that 100% of all leaving Year 12 students will engage in an active life for the rest of their life.

Many representatives from other schools have visited MGGS to observe the new centre and the innovative programs. Catherine Misson reported that seventy young Old Grammarians are employed at MGGS in the boarding house, sports programs and as academic coaches.

The principal expressed gratitude to the students and staff at MGGs and to the Old Grammarians Society.

- Life members Trust Account

Total funds held at 31/12/2017 was \$288,593.65

- Old Grammarians Scholarship

Margaret McNaughton reported the new OG Scholar in Year 9 is Isla Tremlett and the value of the award is generally \$2,500.00 per year and is held for each of the subsequent years up to and including Year 12

- Gilman Jones Scholarship

The Chairman of the Trustees reported the completion of the Amendments to the Trust Deed. She thanked Old Grammarian lawyer, Rachel Trindade, for her legal advice and documentation.

The 2018 award was shared between two VCE students - Alexandra Roger and Isabelle Stewart.

- D.J. Ross Memorial Fund

Louise Gouley reported that the fund was financially secure and that the DJ Ross Oration would be held on 4th June and the speaker would be Margo Cooper, a medical illustrator.

Margaret McNaughton moved that all reports be accepted and Trudi Horsfall seconded the motion

The motion was carried

7. General Business

No items of general business were submitted.

8. Election of Office Bearers

8.1 Secretary – No nominations were received

8.2 Treasurer – A single nomination was received and so Rowena Mytton (Watson 1983) was declared Treasurer of the Old Grammarians Society

The following people were duly elected to the executive office positions for 2018/2019

- President-Trudie Horsfall
- Vice Presidents- Athena Kellis and Emma Harrison
- Treasurer- Rowena Mytton
- Secretary – yet to be filled
- Records secretary – Margaret spring

Meeting closed at 5.50pm