

ST. KILDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 at 3.30pm held at St. Kilda RSL

**Item 1 - Welcome and Introductions**

The President, Jennifer Stone, opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests including the Mayor of St. Kilda, Dick Gross.

**Item 2 – Apologies**

Tasma Mousaferiadis, Gina Fiske, Liz Kelly, Anne Thompson, Barbara Hoad, Sarah Nikolsky, Paul Jenkins, David Moeller, Jack Halliday

**Item 3 – Indigenous acknowledgment of country**

Meeting on the traditional lands of the Yalukit Willam people of the Boon Wurrung acknowledged and respects paid to their leaders past, present and emerging.

**Item 4 - Acceptance of minutes of previous annual general meeting**

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, as circulated, were confirmed. (Lizzie Burns, Helen Halliday)

**Item 5 – President’s Report**

The President’s Report for the year ending 30 June 2019, included in the Annual Report was circulated at the meeting. The following were highlighted:

- Re-vitalisation of the Society continued.
- Membership growth from 118 to 170.
- Ten events, including 2 collaborations, held.
- Website upgraded and paywalls removed.
- The lengthy process of reviewing and digitising the Society’s collection for inclusion on Victoria Collections continuing.
- Submission made, and lobbying continuing, for improved office space and storage. (Clarification sought regarding present accommodation – a small room in library together storage in basement which is subject to flooding).

- A grant of \$10,000 from City of Port Phillip for a research project on the life and work of the late Mirka Mora was received. Work proceeding on a film documentary.
- An unsolicited donation of \$10,000 to assist funding of projects was received.
- Society's logo revised.
- Society's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be celebrated in 2020.

The President thanked the volunteers who had assisted throughout the year. She also acknowledged the help received from the St. Kilda RSL.

### **Item 6 – Treasurer's Report**

Helen Halliday presented the Treasurer's Report which was included in the Annual Report. She explained that past publications had contributed to an accumulation of funds some of which are earmarked for 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary projects including a writing competition.

### **Item 7 – Acceptance of Annual Report**

The Annual report, including the President's Report and the 2018-2019 Financial Statements, was accepted. (Phillip Stewart, Claire Barton)

### **Item 8 - Confirmation of 2019-2020 membership fees**

The meeting endorsed Committee's recommendation that membership fees remain at \$20 and \$15 (Concession) for the current year. It also endorsed waiving membership fees in special circumstances, as determined by the Committee.

### **Item 9 – Election of members to the Committee of Management**

Re-nominating members Jennifer Stone, Helen Halliday, Phillip Stewart, Janine Burke, Jennifer Bryce, Liz Kelly and Maureen Walker were re-elected. Anne Thompson was elected to replace Lizzy Burns who was retiring.

(The President foreshadowed a review of the Constitution to enable committee numbers to be expanded)

### **Item 10 – General Business**

The meeting thanked the retiring committee for work undertaken during the year.

### **Item 11 – Close of formal meeting and serving of refreshments**

The President closed the meeting and invited members to a presentation by guest speaker, Richard Peterson.