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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

5:30PM, 1 SEPTEMBER 2025

ST KILDA ARMY and NAVY CLUB

1. Welcome and Introductions

Society President Helen Halliday welcomed members.

2. Apologies

Philip Bird, Janine Burke, Mary Hall, Beverley Kannegiesser, Chris Kealy, Desleigh Kent, Randall Kent, Krystyna Kynst, Simon Smith, Maureen Walker

3. Indigenous acknowledgement of Country

The traditional owners of the land on which the meeting was held, the Yalukit Willam clan of the Kulin Nation, were respectfully acknowledged.

4. Housekeeping

Helen Halliday outlined the timing and process for the AGM.

5. Acceptance of Minutes of 2024 AGM

Acceptance of the minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting moved Mike Perkal, seconded Phillip Stewart. Motion carried.

6. President's Report

Helen Halliday gave a comprehensive report on the Society's activities for the year, focussing in particular on the work done to recognise the history and culture of the Yalukit Willam clan. She also talked about the Society's other projects, the ongoing work in responding to email enquiries, the increase in social media activity, and the success and variety of events held. She acknowledged the contributions made by all committee members and thanked Krystyna Kynst for her time and patience over many years in editing the newsletter and promoting the Society's events.

Helen concluded by reflecting on how much she had enjoyed her 13 years on the committee, the last 5 years as President. She said that, although she would no longer be on the committee, she would continue to work on important projects including the maps and mansions project, the indigenous project, and the opportunities presented by the reallocation of space for the Society in the library.

7. Treasurer's Report

Helen Halliday presented and spoke to the Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2025.

8. Acceptance of Annual Report (President's and Treasurer's reports)

President's report acceptance moved Alan Baskin, seconded Christine Perkal. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report acceptance moved Sally Moore, seconded Mike Perkal. Motion carried.

9. Election of Members to the Committee of Management

Nominations for seven of the eight positions on the Committee were received, all from current Committee members.

As there were fewer nominations than available positions, all nominees were declared elected as follows:

President:	Alan Baskin
Vice President:	Phillip Stewart
Treasurer:	Liz Kelly
Secretary:	Lindy Smith
Ordinary members:	David Brand
	Sally Moore
	Margaret Pagone

Moved Carmel McKenzie, seconded Clare Barton. Motion carried.

10. Membership fee review

Helen Halliday outlined the committee's recommendation that the annual membership fee be increased to $25 Full and $20 Concession. New rate moved Chistine Perkal, seconded Alan Baskin. Motion carried.

11. Life member nomination

Helen Halliday outlined the committee's recommendation that Jocelyn Harvey be appointed Honorary Life Member of the Society in recognition of her volunteer work in designing the newsletter over the past 13 years, including her commitment to quality, her patience and understanding of the Society's needs, and her quick response to edits. Jocelyn's graphic design and her dedication enabled the newsletter to grow into the excellent publication it is today. Appointment moved Alan Baskin, seconded Phillip Stewart. Motion carried.

12. General Business

On behalf of the committee, and all members of the Society, Phillip Stewart paid tribute to Helen for her tireless work and contribution over the years. He spoke of their friendship and collaboration, and of how she had grown the Society's membership, increased the number of events and Council grants for successful projects and raised the profile of the Society in the Council and in the community. He thanked her for all she had done and noted that her hard work and wise guidance have made the Society one of the most successful in the State.

13. The meeting closed at 6.05pm.

Attendees

Barton, Claire
Baskin, Alan
Baskin, Sandie
Brand, David
Cowden, Sally
de Silva, Connie
Foy, Robyn
Grant, Drew
Halliday, Helen
Halliday, Jack
Kelly, Liz
McKenzie, Carmel
Moore, Sally
Pagone, Margaret
Paulin, Carolyn
Perkal, Christine
Perkal, Michael
Smith, Lindy
Smith, Paul
Stewart, Phillip
Wilkins, Charles