

**Minutes of the 22nd Annual General Meeting held on 7th March 2024
at Guildford Leagues Club at 11.15am**

Present: As per the Attendance Sheet (41 members).

Apologies: Carol & Brien Duane, Dorothy Warwick, Merv & Jill Barnett, Lydia Culican, Mayda Devlin, Robyn Corliss, Frank Spittle, Norma Dickie, Jack Babooram, Ann Ensor. Allan Ezzy (who we had asked to act as Returning Officer) sent apologies as he is not in good health at present.

President Barry said our numbers have decreased over this last year but we have two new members today so looking fine. Great roll-up here today, thanks everyone. Our best wishes to Allan Ezzy who could not be here today. During the year we have enjoyed outings, more locally, and several longer holidays. Looking forward to more in coming months with your support.

Moved Peter McGann and **Seconded** Sue Both that President's report be accepted. **Carried.**

Confirmation of 21st AGM Minutes of 2nd March 2023 (copies available).

Moved Judy Matthew and **Seconded** Heather Hogan that this be accepted. **Carried.**

Setting of Annual Membership Fee at \$40 (2024-2025).

Setting of Joining Fee at \$20.

Moved Noelene Mitchell and **Seconded** Jim Gibbs that these Fees be accepted. **Carried.**

Audited copies of **Treasurer's Annual Report** available.

Proposed Fees for 2025-26 – Annual Membership \$40 and Joining Fee \$20.

Confirmation of Membership ceiling at 100. **Moved** Kay Hayes and **Seconded** Terry Dickie. **Carried.**

Public Officer: Mrs Maureen O'Donoghue is nominated as our Public Officer for 2024-25 and verbally accepted to continue.

Moved John Collins and **Seconded** John Flood that this be accepted. **Carried.**

AUDITOR & FEES: **Moved** Annette Gibbs and **Seconded** Margaret Ricketts to re-appoint Mr John Farfus as Auditor and confirm fees remain at \$200. **Carried.**

President Barry then welcomed Helen Reardon who has held positions of President and Secretary over a number of years previously and who was happy to act as Returning Officer today.

Helen then declared **all Committee positions vacant**. She said it was an honour to be here in place of Allan Ezzy. Short notice so forgot her hat and gloves! Helen then read nominations for specific committee positions.

The following Members were nominated:

PRESIDENT:	HEATHER SCHABEL (Accepted)
VICE PRESIDENT:	BARRY HOGAN (Accepted)
SECRETARY:	GWENDA COLLINS (Accepted)
TREASURER:	PETER SCHABEL (Accepted)
TOURS CO-ORDINATOR;	RHILMA BRUCE (Accepted)
TOURS ASSISTANT:	CORAL HUGHES (Accepted)
WELFARE OFFICER:	SUE BOTH (Accepted)
SOCIAL DAYS OFFICER:	SUE BOTH (Accepted)
GUEST SPEAKER CO-ORDINATOR:	GORDON MITCHELL (Accepted)
NEWSLETTER OFFICER:	CAROL DUANE (Verbally accepted prior if elected)
MEMBERSHIP OFFICER:	MARGARET RICKETTS (Accepted)

Barry then thanked Helen for acting as Returning Officer.

Gordon introduced today's Guest Speaker, Noel Phelan, who gave a very informative and interesting presentation on "The Sinking and Salvage of the Costa Concordia". Gave some very knowledgeable facts on the Titanic when compared to the Costa Concordia and the modern ships of today.

Noel is a very loyal supporter of the Maritime Museum and advised all the grandparents here today to make sure their grandchildren get to experience the Museum and the three ships (one submarine) at anchor there.

Barry then drew the Lucky Door Prizes.

Meeting closed at approx. 12.40am.