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| MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING NUMBER 42 |
| **Date:** | 07 December, 2019. | **Time Commenced:** | 2.07pm | **Time Concluded:** | 2.40pm. |
| **Location:** | 16 Inwood St., MURDOCH, W.A. |
| **Meeting Chaired by:** Bill Cutler, President  |
| **Item** | **Discussion / Action** | **Actionee(s)** |
| **1.0** | **Attendance and Apologies** |  |
| 1.1 | **Attendances:**Alex AitkenJulie AitkenJudy BercenePeter Miles | Ian HancockMargaret BarlowMarian RoelingLorraine SymingtonPatricia Miles | Lynton SymingtonToni MahonyJohn BarlowBill Cutler | Tony MonckCarmel MonckVeronica ElmittRoger Elmitt |  |
| 1.2 | **Apologies:**Jodi AitkenImogen HayesNeil Symington | Janet MilneLee SimmondsLionel Lovell | Glenn FarleyMarian SymingtonMaxine Talbot | Pat & Kevin St. Jack |  |
| 1.3 | **Visitors:**  | Tessa Hughes |  |  |  |
| **2.0** | **Welcome to all was expressed by Bill, especially Tessa who is here to see what we are all about.** | **Bill** |
| **3.0** | **Minutes of the Last General Meeting** | **Toni** |
| 3.1 | **Meeting Number 41 - Date: 7th December, 2019.**Distributed to members via email and Aust Post.The record of minutes of the previous meeting was adopted by the meeting as a true and correct record, with the alteration that Bill was chairing the meeting, not Alex. |  |
| 3.2 | **Business Arising from the Minutes: Nil or see Reports or General Business.** |  |
| **4.0** | **Correspondence**  |  |
| **4.1** | **Incoming: to the 7th December, 2019****Chapter Newsletters** –Moreton Chronicle; Coal River Bulletin (Hunter Valley); 1788 Chronicle (Southern Highlands), Mid North Coast.**Karys Fearon, Chapter Liaison** – schedule for December issue of Founders;Request for new committee people from chapters; **Thoughts on Welcome**/Acknowledgement to Country at meetings; forward to Members.**New members** requesting Chapter membership, from Sept and Oct board meetings;**Apologies received by email or phone –** Denise Montague, Janet Milne**Kevin Thomas, FFF** – notification of Chapter membership and deposit of $280 subsidy monies into our account. A couple of SRC people haven’t renewed their membership with FFF head office before 31 August, therefore we miss out on a subsidy payment from their membership payment.  | **Toni** |
| **4.2** | **Outgoing:****Acknowledgements** and comments for chapter newsletters received and forwarding of same to email members of SRC.**Karys Fearon** – our dates for meetings and events for the rest of 2019 and early 2020 for inclusion in Founders. Acknowledgements for other emails received. Advice of new committee positions.**Kevin Thomas** – Subsidy Claims update acknowledged.**ES Newsletters** forwarded to members with email.**Members** – Mundaring Weir Day arrangements forwarded. Welcome to country thoughts document. **Correspondence accepted and endorsed as correct by members.** |  |
| **5.0** | **Treasurer’s Report** |  |
|  | **No bank statement received to date to balance these transactions.****Financial Report:** Brought forward - from 05/10/2019 **$3,681.46cr** **INCOME –** FFF Head Office Subsidy 280.00SRC Cap/Merchandise 5.00SRC Chapter Levies 20.00Interest .91 305.91 3,987.37cr**EXPENSES -** J. Aitken, 500 brochures 109.98**Balance as at 7/12/2019 - Carried Forward $3,877.39cr** The Financial Report was adopted as presented, pending receipt of bank statements. | **Lynton** |
| **6.0** | **Reports** |  |
| **6.1** | **Website** –webmaster has been on holiday.**Library** – the Library has been updated. Reminder that these books are available for loan to our members. The Library is located at the Aitken house.**Aitken QE2 report** – Julie gave 2 talks on the QE2 while they were cruising, as they were roughly following the route of the FF; these were very well received, extra chairs required!! Some cruisers were also FF people and made themselves known.**Rations** – latest offering from Julie has also been well received by our members and from other Chapters.**St. Hilda’s Day** – Julie and others gave a brief report on this day in October. Went down very well and most of those attending were introduced to Denby Roberts, who is a benefactor to our Chapter. A great day with the girls and teachers and volunteer parents. We supped on soup (cooked on the fire) and rolls, created mud brick walls, made rag rug mats, learned more about the FF voyage, and so on.**Mundaring Pump station** – Ian reported on our day with Bill at Mundaring. As always, a knowledgeable and interesting tour of the facilities, followed by lunch at the Mundaring Weir Hotel. Thanks, Bill. |  |
| **7.0** | * **General Business**
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| **7.1** | **Future Events – 2020.****Australia Day celebratory brunch** – at the Burswood site, river side of the outdoor cinema complex. The cooks are happy to use our BBQ’s. Commencing from 8.30 onwards until whenever. Trish is happy to put a raffle basket together again and Bill to create an Australian history quiz – with prizes!! Bring the family and friends.**Margaret** is contacting the Naval Base for a possible future visit. **Toni** will organise a visit to Whiteman Park, probably about May.Other venues have been mentioned for 2020 visits, to be followed up in 2020.**Maintaining Chapter Viability and Sustainability** – this was raised earlier in 2018/19 and probably needs to be revisited – scheduled for Feb 2020 meeting.**February speaker** – Moya (via Julie) or Margaret. | **Bill** |
| **8.0** | **The Meeting closed at 2.40pm by the President, with thanks once again to Julie and Alex for the use of their home, especially as they had only just arrived home.**  |  |
| **9.0** | The next meeting will be held on **Saturday, 1st February, 2020,** atthe home of Julie and Alex Aitken, **16 Inwood Place, Murdoch,** commencing at **2.00pm.**  |  |

Minutes resolved by the meeting to be accepted as presented:

President Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_President Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Minutes prepared by: Toni Mahony, Secretary 26/1/2020.

**The meeting was followed by our Annual Show and Tell day** – provided by members –

Alex – his Dad’s MBE, given for service to the community in Koorda; he was a land clearer and farmer, Chairman of the KRB for 34 years; organised the water supply to Koorda. His mum also got an Order of Australia.

Julie – her talk was on the QE2 ship and the FF piano, which most people didn’t know about, with documentation about the people involved in its restoration – and we heard it being played.

Margaret – She showed us her dad’s memory box – it had in it his indenture papers, Aust. Passport, Citizenship certificates, Welcome Home certificates from WW2. His name was on a war memorial, but he wasn’t dead!! He collected hats and she had several to show.

Judy and cousin Tessa – embroidered cloth with many signatures on it; at least 111 years old. It is now framed, but they don’t know a lot about it. The ship mentioned on it has been researched and a list of names to be checked.

Roger – this was a reminder to access the ‘Find a Grave’ website, especially for country cemeteries. The site can be searched for names, or a request can be made for it to be done. However, we can also add to this website, so some encouragement there for jobs to be done.

Ian – he is a collector of many things, but today was about coins of the early Australian. He has replicas of the first local coin 1757 in the UK but used in 1813 in Australia. He showed a 1797 Cartwheel Penny, the 1st coin struck using steam power. There was considerably more coins and a lot of history to be gleaned. Speak to Ian about it!!

Peter – showed us some items from his family’s business in Marble Bar (G.W. Miles & Co.), which ran for 60 years in the ‘olden days’. They owned the Ironclad Hotel and other properties and had a thermometer with the ‘General Merchant’ name on it. He also told us of the hydrometer which measured how much water went into the whisky!!

Lorraine – told us of some history regarding her aboriginal serviceman relative, in the Broomehill area. His service number was No. 9 and was her Aunty’s husband and Lorraine’s step-grandfather – hope I’ve got that right??!!

Bill – spoke on a copy of the letter written by Nathaniel Lucas in 1796 to his father in the UK. It is not certain that it ever got to him, but a great account of colonial NSW.

Toni – showed her great grandfather’s I.O.O.F certificate from 1878, found in a house in Tumut, NSW back in the 1980’s, along with many other artefacts from the family home there.

**This session was followed by the usual cheese and wine partaking, great fellowship and interaction, which happens at this meeting each year.**