



## Retired Ambulance Association of Victoria Inc.

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

#### For 2022 — 2023 Financial year

Held at the Chas Martin AOM Ambulance Museum on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

1. Welcome: President welcomed all and opened the meeting at 11.30am
2. Present: As per attached list. Also we welcomed R. Lougheed, N. Longwood, R. Oliver, P. McMurtrie, L. Wood, T. Van Dyken and S. Ford via video link.
3. Apologies: G. Quennell, S. Kahn, N. Lloyd, T. Walker, M. Wilson, G. Hood, A. Wilson, G. Douglas, J. Edwards, N. Johnston.
4. Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting:  
Moved by: Ian Cameron Seconded by J. Head that the minutes of the last AGM held on the 23rd November 2022 be accepted as a true record. Carried
5. Matters Arising from the minutes:  
No issues from the last AGM
6. Correspondence:  
A total of 795 email were sent during the year with many in multiple formats ranging from 2 to 300 reciprocates. On average there would have been approximately 90 email per week. Subjects ranged from general information, new member invitations to newsletters and Committee matters.  
There were 20 Australia Post letters received from Members providing items of Information for inclusion in the Newsletters to asking for clarification on various matters with regard to the Association.
7. Presidents Report:  
The President outlined that it had been a rather difficult year with various issues taking up time. The President Mr. I Donaldson said that he had been honoured to be President for the preceding 5 years but looked forward to fresh incumbents taking the Association forward. He thanked his committee for their continued support.
8. Secretary's Report:  
As per the President's report, the Secretary was engaged in many issues over the previous year, although he lamented that he was unable to secure a date for a meeting with Ambulance Victoria for further discussion relating to the Association going forward. Further it was noted that a Peer Support (RAFE) Coordinator position hasn't yet been finalised which is disappointing.  
  
The Secretary declined to nominate for another period and like the President he felt it was time for some fresh eyes after a marathon 13 years in the position. During this time Secretary I. Cameron has commendably been responsible for the expansion of our Association, particularly in the regional areas with districts now operating throughout country Victoria and new branches in the Wimmera and East Gippsland, future discussions to be held regarding Swan Hill and Echuca.

9. Peer Support Report.

As discussed no Peer Support Coordinator yet appointed.

10. Welfare Report.

J. Clancy reported that it has been reasonably busy with sending out bereavement cards and get well cards which has occupied his time, although he noted that it was good that it had been quiet of recent times. As with our President and Secretary, John has elected not to resubmit his name and intends to resign from the Committee for the same reason as to allow fresh people to assist the members with their welfare needs.

There has (or is to be) an expansion of the role of welfare to the local area and oversight from the next Welfare Officer.

John thanked the Committee and his wife as his number 1 assistant for making his role easier and wished the next incumbent well going forward.

11. Election of Office Bearers.

Under the Constitution we held an election for the positions of those Office Bearers whose 4 year term have expired. The position of President, Secretary, and Welfare Officer are due for re-election.

The President incumbent Mr. I. Donaldson declined to renominate. Call for nominations and Mr. G. Wood nominated, there being no further nominations Mr. G. Wood was elected as our new President unopposed.

Mr. G. Wood was formally the Vice President and upon being elected as President the position of Vice President was declared vacant. A call for nominations for the vacant Vice President position was called. Mr. S. Mulligan nominated for this position and was elected unopposed.

The Secretary incumbent Mr. I. Cameron declined to renominate. A call for nominations for the position of Secretary, Mr. J. Ballard nominated. There being no further nominations Mr. J. Ballard was elected unopposed.

Mr. J. Ballard was formally the Assistant Secretary and upon being elected as Secretary the position of Assistant Secretary was declared vacant. Mr. D. Hadj nominated for the vacant position and was elected unopposed.

There are still 3 general Committee positions vacant.

12. General Business

A Special General Meeting was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 which proposed the increase in fees from \$10.00 per annum to \$30.00. Moved B. Ellis Seconded J. Head Carried

A recommendation for the continuation of the \$30 annual fee was moved by Mr. B. Ellis. Seconded by Mr. C. Evans. Carried.

The Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by AV and is due for renegotiation in April 2024.

A membership report was table by I. Cameron which detailed that we now have a total of 440 members of which we have 36 new members. The breakdown of this is 304 full members, 82 Life members, 7 Honorary members, 44 Associate members, 2 suspended memberships and 1 pending.

Moved by I. Cameron that the membership report be accepted. Seconded by J. Ballard Carried.

13. Meeting Close

There being no further business the Annual General Meeting was closed at 12:10 PM with special thanks to our retiring President, Secretary and Welfare Officer for their service to the Association Committee.

# Attendance Record

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

(Present	(Partner	Apologies
Ian Donaldson	Christine Donaldson	
Ian Cameron		
Jim Ballard		
Greg Wood		
John Clancy	Maryann Clancy	
John Head	Judy Head	
Steve Mulligan		
David Hadj		
David Skinner		
Ralph Casey		
Julieanne Casey		
David Perkins	Gladys Perkins	
Bruce Westerland		
Darryl Rintoule		
Col Evans		
Gary Grant (Chaplain)		
Dave Calder		
Ben Ellis		

