



ALBANY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (INC)

MINUTES OF THE 2011

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Meeting took place on Saturday, 19 November 2011 at 35 Adelaide Crescent, Albany.

The Acting President, Judith Swain, opened the Meeting at 11.30am.

➤ **Present:**

See list issued with AGM paperwork.

➤ **Apologies:**

See list issued with AGM paperwork.

➤ **Alteration to, and Acceptance of Previous Minutes:**

There were no alterations to the previous Minutes.

Moved: Elaine Potter; Seconded: Craig Anderson. Carried unanimously.

➤ **Reports & Sub Committee Reports:**

President's Report:

President's Report delivered by Judith Swain as Acting President.

CEO's Report:

Delivered by Andrew Eyden, Chief Executive Officer.

Photography Department Report:

Delivered by Vice President and Head of Photography Department, Alan Hardy.

Archivist's Report:

Delivered by Judith Swain, with special note that she and Andrew Eyden feel the Society's Agreement regarding our Archives with the City of Albany is not being honoured as we believe it should be, and at this time the Society has serious concerns regarding the Agreement.

It is our hope that we will be able to rectify the issues over the next twelve months.

Treasurer's Report:

Delivered by Andrew Eyden on behalf of Doug Lane and Noeline Anderson.

Andrew acknowledged and thanked Noeline Anderson for her outstanding work processing the Society's accounts.

**All Reports Moved by: David Pomery; and Seconded by: Ken Ellis.
Carried unanimously.**

➤ **General Business:**

No General Business was discussed at the Meeting.

➤ **Election of Committee Members:**

All Committee Members were elected unopposed for a two year term.

The Committee consists of the following Members:

Alan Hardy	Vice President
Julia Mitchell	Publicity Officer
Craig Anderson	IT Manager/Maintenance Manager
Noeline Anderson	Book-keeper
Jon Price	Committee
Justin Eyden	Committee
John King	Committee
David Pomery	Committee

There being no further business, the Acting President closed the Annual General Meeting at 12.10pm.





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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen!

The last year has been one of considerable growth for the Society, as we have seen the biggest increase in our visitor numbers since I began working with the AHS.

We have now opened our fourth Museum, the Co-operative Store, to visitors. Whilst we are still seeking Volunteers to man this venue, the visitor numbers have been encouraging and continue to increase from week to week.

The Committee and I wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to John Lloyd who has taken on the majority of shifts at the Co-op and never wavered in his determination to see this venue become an integral part of the visitor experience in Albany.

I also would like to acknowledge and thank Judith Swain for taking on the role of Acting President at a time where she had her own considerable health issues to contend with. Her dedication to the Society over many years has been truly inspirational.

We continue to wait on word from the City of Albany regarding Mouchemore's Cottage. We have been asked yet again to forward another copy of our intended use for the building to the City of Albany. This was done four or five months ago and as yet, we have still not received any response. As Judith has mentioned in her report, I have been working with the Consultants of the Waterfront Design Committee to help provide appropriate interpretation for the Waterfront Development. This has culminated in the Society making available some eleven paintings from the Batelier Art Collection for copying and placement at various locations around the Waterfront. It is our hope that this project will bring the Collection to public awareness. The original Collection is housed at the National Australia Bank in their fire and flood-proof vault. I believe, due to the ability of being able to make such high quality copies with today's technology, there is no need to compromise or risk the originals by putting them on display.

This year has been one of truly remarkable growth in the Photography Department of the AHS. The appointment of Alan Hardy as Co-ordinator has seen this Department blossom into a professional and well-run entity of which each of us should be proud. I have always held the ambition that with the right management this Department could prove to be a serious contributor to our annual income. Alan is fast making this hope a reality.

I also wish to acknowledge and thank him for his latest publication '*A Pictorial History of Albany*' which has used the Society's Photographic Collection for its basis. The book is also timed to coincide with next year's 50th Anniversary of the Albany Historical Society. Alan has most generously donated the revenue from the sale of these books to the Society.

I wish to take this opportunity to firstly thank my Executive Assistant, Lorraine Middleton, for her continuing help and support over the past twelve months.

My grateful thanks also to Susanne Horton for continuing in the role of Collection Co-ordinator and the many hundreds of hours she expended on the Batelier Collection project.

Thanks also to our new Administration Officer, Teresa Featon, for making good progress in picking up our office procedures.

Our Librarian, Maureen Lucas, maintains the Society's impressive Library to a very high standard, which is a credit both to her - and the AHS - and is the envy of other historical societies! Thank you, Maureen.

Our industrious Bookkeeper, Noeline Anderson, has done magnificent work for the AHS this year and the accounts paperwork you have been given today is testimony to her skill. Thank you, Noeline!

One of the two hats Doug Lane wears for the Society is his position as Treasurer. He handles the financial side of running each of our venues on a daily basis. You will not see Doug very often - but be assured he is there!

To Craig Anderson and Justin Eyden, the Committee and I owe grateful thanks for their tireless efforts in ensuring the smooth operation of our Maintenance Department over the past twelve months.

Finally, I thank our Volunteers most sincerely. Without their enthusiasm and loyalty, we simply would not exist.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a safe New Year.

Andrew Eyden
Chief Executive Officer
November 2011