



AUSTRALIAN NURSES MEMORIAL CENTRE

Minutes of the 70th Annual General Meeting of the Australian Nurses Memorial Centre Held virtually via ZOOM on Monday 30th November 2020 at 6.00pm

Chairperson: Ms Arlene Bennett, President

Directors in Attendance: Dr Elizabeth Lavender, Ms Barbara Green, Dr Beverley Wood, Mr David Balcombe, Ms Sue Morisset, Dr Beverley Wood, Cynthea Wellings,

Members in Attendance: Emily Malone, Rob Malone, Jane Malone, Meg Ryan, Sue Sherson, Diane Whitehead, Sarah Cresp, Helen Pickering, Temika Mu, Rebecca Jedwab, Olga Kanitsaki, Sandra Dash, Helene Johns, Kylie Alger, Lisa McKenna, Stephanie Sprogis, David Shipston, Patricia O'Hara, Jill Linklater, Kay Plymat

Guests: Mr John Bullwinkel, Mr Larry Orr

Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 6.00pm

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

The President welcomed Members and Directors to the 70th Annual General Meeting of the Australian Nurses Memorial Centre and acknowledged the Traditional Owners as well as their Elders, past, present and emerging.

2. Reading of the Notice of Meeting

3. Confirmation of Quorum

A quorum was declared for the 70th AGM with 29 members in attendance

4. Adoption of Agenda

The Chair requested the adoption of the Agenda, asking if there was any further business to be added to the agenda.

The agenda as distributed be adopted

Moved: Barbara Green

Seconded: Beverley Wood

5. Apologies

Margaret Nuttall, Elizabeth Oldland, Leanne Carlson, Helen Barallon, Narelle Goldie, Rebecca Dowling, Glenys Frank, Annette Robinson, Dr Ian McPhee, Catherine Pizzey, Helen Pickering, Georgina Barraclough, Margaret Peters, Karla Freer, Anne Craigie, Elizabeth Foley, Marion Kilvert, Sara Renshaw

Moved: Barbara Green

Seconded: Elizabeth Lavender

6. Confirmation of the minutes

The minutes of the ANMC 69th AGM held on Monday 28 Oct 2019 was taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Kay Plymat

Seconded: Sue Morisset

Carried

7. Presidents Report

Ms Arlene Bennett

For the year ended 30 June 2020.

Ms Arlene Bennett presented some key highlights of the circulated in the 70th President's report to the members present;

We had some grand plans for 2020 being the 70th Anniversary of ANMC, 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Nurses and the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife, then the global pandemic, Coronavirus COVID19 hit and all plans were put on hold.

Vale – it is with sadness we advise the passing of Dorothy Pizzey, August 2020. Dorothy was Sir Albert Coates's daughter and sister of Win Gheradin, both former Presidents of the ANMC.

Resignation

One resignation from the board in the 2019-2020 financial year from Mrs Rochna Banerjee 15th October 2020, as Treasurer. We thank Rochna for her contribution to the board.

New Directors

We welcome the appointment of one new Director – Ms Sue Morisset since July 2019. Sue brings to the board an extensive background in governance, strategy and fundraising.

Directions of the Board

We continue to work through the Strategic Impact Review, and am thrilled that we are proceeding with the establishment of an Alumni, however this has been delayed due to the COVID19 pandemic restrictions. The website is taking shape nicely with the stories of the nurses being shared. Our venue hire continues to expand with the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra now calling the ANMC their home for rehearsals.

The occasion of the 70th Anniversary of the ANMC together with the 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Nurses was to be celebrated at the Royce Hotel on 19th Sept 2020, but this had to be cancelled due to the pandemic restrictions.

Our fundraising has stalled somewhat this year; however, we have installed Paypal onto our website to enable donations and membership payments to be transacted.

Grant application

We submitted a grant application to Victoria Government 'Restoring Community War Memorials and Avenues of Honour' which we were thrilled to have approved. We will place a plaque to memorialise Betty Jeffrey and Vivian Bullwinkel, together with acknowledging all serving nurses, on the rear of the plinth of the Memorial to the Nurses on St Kilda Rd. We hope to unveil this plaque on the 19th February 2021.

Sincere thanks to all of the directors of the ANMC for their continued dedication and commitment to the ANMC.

We finish this unusual year on a high note, as we look forward to the coming year. Like the POW nurses, we have learnt to be patient and thus resilient.

Adoption of the President's Report

Moved: Meg Ryan

Seconded: Barbara Green

Carried

2. B. Financial Report

Mr David Balcombe

Expressed appreciation to Rochna Banerjee.

It does show that we made a loss of 162k, which included in that loss is a reduction in the value of investments, which as of yesterday, around about 145k of that loss has improved.

The centre ran at a cash profit of 13k, which was assisted by a 10K cash grant from the government COVID19 grant.

In summary, the ANMC is in a reasonably strong financial situation.

The cash flow has been adversely affected

Thank you to our auditors, Orr Martin & Waters for their continued support.

The Treasurer opened the floor to questions. As there were no questions Mr Balcombe asked that the financial report for 2019-2020 be received.

Moved: Sue Morisset

Seconded: Cynthea Wellings

Carried

3. Election of Office Bearers & Board of Directors

The following Board of Directors were formally elected as office bearers and Directors for the 2020-2021 financial year at the ANMC.

a) President Ms Arlene Bennett

Moved: Elizabeth Lavender

Seconded: Meg Ryan

Carried

b) Vice President: Dr Elizabeth Lavender

Moved: Arlene Bennett

Seconded: Cynthea Wellings

Carried

c) Treasurer: Mr David Balcombe

Moved: Sue Morisset

Seconded: Barbara Green

Carried

d) Re-elect our two directors who retire via rotation:

1) Angela Doherty

Moved: Arlene Bennett

Seconded: Sue Sherson

Carried

2) Cynthea Wellings

Moved: Elizabeth Lavender

Seconded: Arlene Bennett

Carried

e) To ratify the board appointment of Ms Sue Morisset

Moved: Arlene Bennett

Seconded: Cynthea Wellings

Carried

4. Appointment of Auditors, Messrs Orr, Martin & Waters

Moved: Meg Ryan

Seconded: David Balcombe

Carried

5. Any other business

A question from the floor with regards to re-scheduling the 70th anniversary celebrations which will be rescheduled, however is dependent on the pandemic and lifting of restrictions.

The evening concluded with a vote of thanks for Elizabeth Allwood the Centre Manager for preparation of the AGM and the virtual platform.

There being no other business, the meeting was declared closed at 6.45pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the 72nd AGM

Date: 15th November 2021

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A Bennett'.

Ms Arlene Bennett
ANMC President