



**Minutes of the 71st Annual General Meeting of the Australian Nurses Memorial Centre
Held virtually via ZOOM on Monday 15th November 2021 at 6.00pm**

Chairperson: Ms Arlene Bennett, President

Directors in Attendance: Dr Elizabeth Lavender, Ms Barbara Green, Dr Beverley Wood, Mr David Balcombe, Ms Angela Doherty, Assoc Prof Rowan Story, Ms Cynthea Wellings

Members in Attendance: Elizabeth Allwood, Mark Aitken, Catina Adams, Mari Botti, Carmel Cleary Maxine Duke, Elizabeth Foley Rebecca Jedwab, Elizabeth Gheradin, Yvonne Liard, Jill Linklater, Lisa McKenna, Emily Malone, Robert Malone, Jane Malone, Julia Morphet, Patricia O'Hara, Helen Pickering, Kay Plymat Sara Renshaw, Meg Ryan, Sue Sherson, David Shipston, Stephanie Sprogis, Kath Walsh.

Guests: Mr John Bullwinkel, David Young

Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 6.00pm

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

The President welcomed Members and Directors to the 71st 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 – notice given 22nd October 2021

3. Confirmation of Quorum

A quorum was declared for the 71th AGM with 33 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 Chair advised that the guest speaker Priscilla Gates is unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances.

The agenda as distributed be adopted

Moved: Barbara Green

Seconded: Beverley Wood

5. Apologies

Georgina Barraclough, Melissa Bloomer, Yung-Hui Chen, Robyn Christie, Judith Congalton, Nan Cook, Sandra Dent, Elizabeth Eadie, Maggie Flood, Marion Kilvert, Dolores Makris, Dr Ian McPhee, Helen Menadue, Elizabeth Oldland, Cathey Pizzey, Jocelyn Sellers, Ann Sprague, Alice Walthall, Deanne Whitehead.

Moved: Barbara Green

Seconded: Elizabeth Lavender

6. Confirmation of the minutes

The minutes of the ANMC 70th AGM held on Monday 2020 was taken as read and confirmed.



Moved: Dr Beverley Wood

Seconded: Barb Green

Carried

7. Presidents Report

Ms Arlene Bennett

Ms Arlene Bennett presented some key highlights as circulated in the 71st President's report to the members present;

- A plaque funded by a grant from Victoria State Government and placed on the reverse of the Memorial to the Nurses was unveiled by Honourable Sean Leane, Minister for Veterans, on 26 Feb 2021.
- ANMC 2021 Awards ceremony Friday 12th March via Zoom was a successful event.
- Commemorative Service held on Sunday 18th April 2021, with the inaugural laying of the collaborative "Commemorative" Wreath raising \$4,000
- Appointment of Patron, Emeritus Professor Judith Parker

Vale – Miss Joyce Newton a former member of Council of the NMC.

Resignation

One resignation from the board in the 2020-2021 financial year from Ms Sue Morisset in August 2021. We thank Sue for her contribution to the board. We are looking to fill the board vacancies.

Sincere thanks to the directors and special thanks to our Centre Manager, Elizabeth Allwood, for her much valued work at the ANMC.

Adoption of the President's Report

Moved: Rowan Story

Seconded: Beverley Wood

Carried

The Chair handed over meeting to the Treasurer, Mr David Balcombe

2. B. Financial Report

Mr David Balcombe

The finances of the ANMC are sound. Year end June 2021 surplus of around 55k

Our portfolio recovered the value it lost last year.

The portfolio from which we fund our operations and scholarships is 2.4million currently.

The Treasurer expressed thanks to the organisations and individuals who have donated to the ANMC to help fund scholarships.

Thanks also to our Centre Manager, Elizabeth Allwood for her accounting knowledge and administration support.

Acknowledged the members of the Finance Committee for their guidance with particular mention to Mr Cameron Telford for his expertise.

The Treasurer opened the floor to questions.

As there were no questions Mr Balcombe asked that the financial report for 2020-2021 be received.

Moved: Kay Plymat

Seconded: Barbara Green

Carried

3. Election of Office Bearers & Board of Directors

The following Board of Directors were formally elected as office bearers and Directors for the 2021-2022 financial year at the ANMC.

a) President – one nomination - Ms Arlene Bennett

Moved: Rowan Story

Seconded: Meg Ryan

Carried

b) Vice President – one nomination – Dr Elizabeth Lavender

Moved: Arlene Bennett

Seconded: Angela Doherty

Carried

c) Treasurer: one nomination - Mr David Balcombe

Moved: Elizabeth Lavender

Seconded: Angela Doherty

Carried

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

1) Rowan Story

Moved: Beverley Wood

Seconded: Barbara Green

Carried

2) Barbara Green

Moved: Elizabeth Lavender

Seconded: Arlene Bennett

Carried

4. Honorary Life Memberships – The Chair gave a brief background on each of the nominations.

- John and Melissa Bullwinkel
- Jane and Robert Malone
- Sara Renshaw
- Emily Malone
- David Young

The Chair gave an opportunity for anyone to speak to the nominations. As there were no comments the Chair moved that the Honorary Life memberships be ratified.

Helen Pickering was delighted to second this motion as these family members are the living link to the ladies that survived the camp.

Moved: Arlene Bennett

Seconded: Helen Pickering

Carried

The Chair took a comment from Mr Robert Malone, as he had a point of order: that as the polling was conducted as a group, they voted in the interest of the other people nominated, and thanked the ANMC for the honour.

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



Moved: David Balcombe

Seconded: Barbara Green

Carried

6. Any other business

Mr Robert Malone shared that Emily Malone spoke at the Mordialloc ANZAC day ceremony, with her speech 'Images of War' with the conventional image of a soldier, Emily contrasted this with the photo of Betty Jeffrey, and shared the story of the sinking of the Vyner Brooke. It was evident that many officials did not know the story of our nurses. Every chance we get to spread the story of the nurses we should grab.

Maxine Duke applauded the Honouring of the Life Memberships. Maxine also highlighted that the polling for the two directors should have been individual not as a group.

David Young then thanked the ANMC for the Honorary Life Membership and for the great work that the ANMC continues to do.

Maxine Duke asked a question to the Treasurer of the amount we have invested, what do we want as a reserve, and how much to use to increase scholarships?

The Treasurer responded - scholarships are the main way which we perpetuate the memory of the nurses. We are planning use some of the unrealised money to fund scholarships. The Directors are holding a strategic planning day this month to discuss exactly this.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 6.37pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the 71st AGM
On Monday 7th November 2022

Dr Elizabeth Lavender
ANMC President