



Royal Australian Armoured Corps Association Inc.
(Victorian Branch) A0023458C

Minutes of the AGM
held at the
Greensborough RSL
On Sunday 19th February 2023 commencing at 1158 hrs.

Attendance: Peter Branagan OAM, Peter Coutts CSM, Ian Smith, Peter Axton, Graham Douglas, Stan Rydel, John Hopkins, Ted Acutt, Benny Lonnborn, Mike Fogarty OAM, Andrew Clark, Jenny Clark, Robert Toy, Ray Babarikas, Colman Moloney.

Apologies: Ian Murphy, Stephen Bird, Vin Brennan, Dot Brennan, Doug Caulfield OAM RFD FAIES, Daryl Pinner, Colin Carrington, Noel McLaughlin, Jimmy DeFrancesco, Pat O'Hanlon RFD, Chris Morris, Mick O'Brien AM, Alleyne Walsh, Gary Piper, Greg Sheppard, David Boulton, Richard James, Brian Dunn, Bryan Kesby, Rod Westgarth, Rod Jones, Werner Golla.

Proxy Votes: Stephen Bird, Vin Brennan, Dot Brennan, Doug Caulfield OAM RFD FAIES, Daryl Pinner OAM, Pat O'Hanlon RFD, Alleyne Walsh, Gary Piper, Greg Sheppard, Colin Carrington.

Moved: S Rydel, **Seconded:** J Hopkins, that the attendance record be accepted.

Carried

*A minute's silence was observed in memory of those who have died over the past year, especially .
Andy Zsolt, Barry Davidson, Lionel Baily, Terry Bullock & Ray DeVere.*

The Secretary stated that the figures reported on the day show: From a membership of 200, there are 14 members in attendance and 11 proxy votes giving a representation of 25 members. A minimum of 10% of the membership (20 people) was needed to form a quorum so that was achieved meaning the meeting could continue.

Confirmation of Minutes: The minutes from the previous AGM had been distributed previously and copies were available on the day.

Moved: R Toy, **Seconded:** I Smith, that the minutes as distributed be accepted.

Carried

Business arising from Minutes: There was no business arising from the minutes.

Correspondence:

Out: Letter to Honorary Legal Officer, Colman Moloney inviting him to the AGM and asking that he continue in his role.

Letter to Patron, Brig Ted Acutt (Retd) inviting him to the AGM and asking that he accept the appointment for another year.

In: E-mail from Patron, Ted Acutt accepting the position of Patron for another year.
E-mail from Colman Moloney accepting the position of Honorary Legal Officer.
E-mail from ANZAC Day organisers re plans for ANZAC Day march.

Moved: B Lonnborn, **Seconded:** M Fogarty, that the correspondence be accepted.

Carried

Annual Reports of the Association:

Reports by the President, Secretary & Treasurer were tabled and discussed. The Treasurer’s Report included the Annual Financial Statements and the Auditor’s Report. Copies of all reports were available to the members who were present at the meeting, and these are to be included as attachments to these minutes. A signed copy of the Declaration regarding the presentation of the Financial Report is also to be attached to these minutes.

Membership

Honorary Life Member	10
Paid Life Member	44
Financial Members	91
Un-financial Members	56
Total Membership	201 including 16 Affiliate Members

Moved: G Douglas, **Seconded:** S Rydel, that the President’s, Secretary’s, Treasurer’s and Membership reports be accepted.

Carried

The Committee: The Secretary reported that, under the Constitution, at the AGM, the members are required to decide each year, the number of members to make up the committee for the coming year. The number decided for 2022 was 12.

Moved: R Toy, **Seconded:** G Douglas, that the maximum number of committee members for 2023 should be set at 12.

Carried

Suspension of Standing Orders

Conduct the elections for Committee of Management positions:

The President stated that he would have liked to see some “young blood” amongst the committee to learn from the current members and carry the association into the future, and thanked Benny Lonnborn for accepting a nomination to join the committee this year. There were 10 nominations for positions on the committee which had been received prior to the meeting. With 2 more vacancies available, a final call was made but no further nominations were forthcoming.

With no further nominations, under the Constitution, since there was only 1 nomination for the executive positions and no more nominations than positions to be filled, there was no need to hold a ballot, so all nominated members were accepted into the positions as follows:

Position	Nominee	Nominator	Secunder
President	Peter Branagan OAM	Ian Smith	Peter Axton
Vice President	To be filled from committee members later		
Secretary	Peter Axton	Graeme Perkins	Daryl Pinner
Treasurer	Andrew Clark	Peter Axton	Trevor Watts
Membership Officer	Robert Toy	Ian Smith	Peter Branagan
Family Liaison	Rod Westgarth	Robert Toy	Ian Smith

Committee Member	Patrick O’Hanlon	Robert Toy	Ian Smith
Committee Member	Ian Smith	Robert Toy	Peter Branagan
Committee Member	Trevor Watts	Andrew Clark	Patrick O’Hanlon
Committee Member	Graeme Perkins	Peter Axton	Robert Toy
Committee Member	Benny Lonnborn	Peter Branagan	Andrew Clark

Other Appointments:

The following people had been approached and agreed to continue in their role:

Patron: Brig Ted Acutt (Retd)

Honorary Legal Officer: Coleman Moloney

Editor of Track: Peter Branagan OAM

Property Member: Andrew Clark

Webmaster: Peter Axton

Resumption of Standing Orders

General Business:

- **ANZAC Day:** The Secretary advised that the RSL has sent an email from the ANZAC Day organizing committee. This sets out the Order of March (OOM) with timings, but he had been advised by Daryl Pinner OAM that there were a couple of details he wished to discuss with the committee, so he has asked that this information is not passed on yet. Things have been rearranged but at the moment it has 1st Armoured Regiment stepping off at 10 AM but Associations are listed in another group just behind 4th Brigade which doesn’t step off until 11 AM. RAACA is listed at the head of this group. The Secretary told members to expect an e-mail soon setting out the details. Some members expressed concern about the numbers marching under the RAACA banner since many in recent years marched with their units. This was to be taken up with Daryl Pinner.
- **Autumn Picnic:** The President advised that, having lost the Tank Museum as a venue and avoiding other activities, the picnic is planned for Sunday 16th April starting at 10:30AM at the Light Horse Memorial Park in Seymour and includes the usual BBQ lunch and Easter egg hunt. He stated that it was a pleasant location near the Old Seymour Camp. The Light Horse Railway Horse Box has been relocated there from the Tank Museum. This will be the week after Easter. Details are on the RAACA (Vic) website.
- **Honorary Legal Officer:** The Honorary Legal Officer was asked if he had any comments or concerns regarding the conduct of the association during the year or the meeting but he replied that he was very happy and honoured to continue in his role. He also congratulated the association on the recent celebration of the 77th anniversary of the formation of the association. He put this milestone down to it being well run with dedicated leadership and members.
- **Auditor:** The Secretary advised members that, at the 2022 AGM, it was decided that RAACA (Vic) is not required to have an audit of the accounts, but it was considered by the committee, prudent to have someone confirm that the procedures were being followed. At the AGM last year, a resolution was passed for this to be carried out by the Secretary and that report formed part of the Treasurer’s Report

- **Gordon Davidson & Charlie Walsh Scholarships:** The Secretary reminded members that scholarships aimed at the first 2 years of secondary school had been reintroduced and would carry on the old names, Gordon Davidson and Charlie Walsh Scholarships in memory of those who were instrumental in establishing the original scholarship.
- **The Patron's Report:** The Patron was called on to comment on the previous year of operation of the Association and had the following to say:

Although he felt the low numbers in attendance were disappointing, the Patron congratulated the members on another good year completed. He also agreed with the approach of continuing with an audit of the accounts even though it was not a requirement. On the matter of the RAACA (Vic) Scholarships, he felt it was a good initiative to reintroduce the scheme and aim it at grandchildren but felt the value of the scholarship could be more significant.

The following program of events for the remainder of 2023 was announced.

Easter Picnic	Sunday	16 Apr 2023
ANZAC Day	Tuesday	25 Apr 2023
Reserve Forces Day	Sunday	2 Jul 2023
Cambrai Dinner	Saturday	18 Nov 2023
Christmas Picnic	Sunday	17 Dec 2023

Members were reminded that they can find all the activity details on the RAACA (Vic) website.

Meeting Close: The meeting closed at 1242 hrs. Members had been advised prior, that lunch would be available in the Bistro at the close of the meeting.

Chairman

Peter Branagan OAM

Attachments:

President's Report on 2022

Secretary's Report on 2022

Treasurer's Report on 2022

Profit & Loss Statement for the F/Y 2022

Balance Sheet as at 31 Dec 2022

Declaration of submission of Financial Reports to the AGM