



**AUSTRALIAN ARMY APPRENTICES ASSOCIATION  
INCORPORATED**

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Patron: Brigadier Andrew Mathewson, AM

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
AUSTRALIAN ARMY APPRENTICES ASSOCIATION  
HELD AT 1100 HRS, AT THE BLAZING STUMP HOTEL, 4315  
ANZAC PDE, WODONGA, VIC ON SATURDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2014**

1. Opening: Meeting opened by the President at 1440 hrs

2. ATTENDEES :

Barry Minster: Neil Bennett: Owen Reynolds: Frank Maloney: Gary Byard RFD: Frank Poole: Jeff Heron: Richard Pike: Harry Cole: Harry Hoger: George Reid: Allan (Fred) Read: Dave (Spick) Valenta: Denis Chivers

3. APOLOGIES :

- Andrew Mathewson : Ian Morris: Norm Wells: Russell Evans: Ray Wilson: Bill Mertin: Glenn Jones: Lucas McGann: Bill Van Ree :Ian Laurie: Ian Peut: Martin Magill: David Cooper; David Young: Brian Daley: Mark Ryan: Matt Bouma: David Miller: Tom Esze: Rev Bryan Nicholls JP: Rev Craig Potter: Rev Alan Kelb OAM: Jim Hislop, Greg Mulcahy.

4. PROXIES

-Brian Daley; Russell Evans: Norm Wells: Lucas McGann

5. Confirmation of Minutes of the 2013 AGM

Moved: Jeff Heron

Seconded:- Harry Cole

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes of the 2013 AGM

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

7. Correspondence In/Out

Sent out correspondence to all Regional Representatives and Appointments that were due for re-appointment.

Received Nominations for Committee positions that were up for re-election.

8. REPORTS:

a. TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT

A summary of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2014 is as follows:

INVESTED FUNDS

The balance of Association funds held on term deposit or investment on behalf of the

Association is	\$32,904.82
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TRANSACTIONS

Income

YTD income from all sources is	\$21,811.76
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Undeposited funds held as cash on hand is	\$Nil
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Expenditure

YTD Expenditure for all purposes is	\$36,882.86
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Accounts payable not yet included in the above total are	\$Nil
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CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE

Balance (Bank Statement dated 31 March 2014) is	\$19,566.33
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The figures above agree exactly with the operating balance at the bank, June 30, 2014, and all documents are now available for the auditor to review at his/hers convenience.

Owen Reynolds

TREASURER

July 13, 2014

Owen moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Frank Maloney asked the Treasurer if there was a signed Auditor's Report available. A debate between the Treasurer and FM then ensued about what constituted a proper Auditor's Report.

President Barry intervened and reminded members of comments made in the previous year's auditor's report that changes should be made to improve the recording of revenue and expenditure of the Association financial transactions.

The motion was put that the Treasurer's Statement be accepted pending the accounts being subjected to proper Audit a.s.a.p. upon the appointment of an Auditor.

Proposed by- Barry Minster

Second by:- Gary Byard

Carried

Frank Maloney abstained from voting on this issue

**b. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Since my election as your president in October 2013, I have seen some improvement in the Association's communications.

Our revised website is now officially complete and after what I believe an extended period of acceptance testing is now live on our old domain [www.austarmyapprentice.org](http://www.austarmyapprentice.org).

A lot of work has gone into the process and Ian Morris and Jeff Heron are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Our social media presence continues to improve with more than 700 former apprentices and or their wives and partners as members we are able to place comments, photos and the like for our comrades to view.

Our patron Brig. Dave Luhrs, is retiring as his duties are more demanding so I offer a most sincere thanks on behalf of the committee and all our of our association membership. We are after all primarily a military based and focused association. Dave- we hope you continue to enjoy your postings and I know you will never forget your initial training as an army apprentice.

Our nominee for patron Brig. Andrew Mathewson, Director General Army Aviation Systems, Head of Corps Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers has accepted this position with pride.

He said in reply to our offer of Patron when I outlined the remuneration of ZERO \$\$\$

*Many thanks for considering me for this role, I am proud of my background as an Apprentice and would be delighted to accept.*

*I would value the opportunity to read through the constitution so I can better understand the objectives of the association. Pls keep me informed of issues as they arise so as I am able to assist where possible.*

*Let me know when there may be an opportunity for us to meet in person and indeed other members of the Committee and the Association.*

*Very comfortable with the remuneration arrangements and look forward to negotiating performance based increments.*

*Cheers, Andrew*

To all the Committee I thank you your role[s] in which we could not continue as an effective association and in particular Neil Bennett our Secretary and Owen Reynolds our Treasurer. These are two most important positions and ought not be undervalued.

Thank you to all our members who pay their subscriptions to keep this most worthwhile organisation running, without you we are nothing but a distant memory. Please encourage others to join and enjoy our youthful memories, as we all gradually get older and hopefully wiser.

As I enter my second year of my appointment, I look forward to continuing a level of growth in numbers albeit small but equally important I am looking to attending as many association reunions as possible - my own intake 20<sup>th</sup> are soon to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> and the Electrical trades are meeting at Hastings in February 2015 to do just that.

Here's to another year of our Association and all it represents.

Sincerely

Barry Minster

20<sup>th</sup> Radio Mechanic

President AAAA Inc.

At a recent Committee meeting a motion was passed that we recognise our outgoing Patron for his support to Association during his tenure between October 2011 to October 2014 with the presentation of a small token of our appreciation to David Luhrs at an appropriate time /event.

Motion that the President's Report be accepted.

Moved:- Barry Minster

Seconded Richard Pike

Carried

- c. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:- Position vacant No Report
- d. SECRETARY'S REPORT:- As per Correspondence In/Out
- e. HERITAGE OFFICER'S REPORT

#### HERITAGE OFFICER REPORT-AGM 2014

Since I was encouraged to take up the vacant Heritage Officer position on the Committee of AAAA some months before and during the build-up period of the Balcombe extravaganza it was a pleasure to work with Frank Maloney in the heritage research of the old Balcombe Camp and the older military and civilian history of the Mornington region which along with Peter Muir and we put into permanent record by way of true history story boards and plaques of the true history of Mt Martha Army Camp. Might I say the success in many ways of the "Back to Balcombe" Reunion was credit to the management skills of our retiring Events Manager 13<sup>th</sup> MV Frank "Speed" Maloney and this Association will miss his hand on the wheel of future events without question. Thank you Frank.

Our gatherings have been the life blood to the growth of this association since its rebirth in the modern era being not long ago. It has only been these interstate gatherings that has attracted surges in financial membership outside of these events I believe little effort has been taken to promote this Association to increase membership by the central National Committee who seem more interested I developing awards for themselves and more gracious awards for their friends of the past. Who are barely known to those still alive and unheard off to the modern ex apprentices still serving in today's highly technical military forces.

In recent months there has been much discussion regarding awards for past Workshop Apprentices (Pre Balcombe) Fitters and Turner Apprentices who lived at home with their family and served an under military adult age apprenticeship by day nearby to their home in a military workshop. Most went on to commissioned service in the new ARA as with LTCOL "Paddles" Parker RAEME who served 40 years. In some cases nice guys but they were not ARMY APPRENTICES and our constitutions as at Version 4.0

29 Oct 2011 makes no mention of their entitlement of association of earlier 1938-1948 WORKSHOP APPRENTICES.

I would suggest there is many Apprentices of the tools that have served the nation in war and peace in technical roles often in terrifying life threatening circumstances or associated to major procurement analysis of war fighting equipment that this Association should be directing their acknowledgement to.

Might I introduce some other points for discussion?.

**NOTIFICATION OF MEETINGS:** The Association meetings are not promulgated in a way that general members or Committee members are advised with suitable notice of location and time of the convention. Particularly as many may need to arrange air travel and accommodation to be present. Computer email announcements is unsatisfactory for Annual General Meeting. Currently no one knows it is on!!!

**ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF THE WORD:** While I respect the hard input of Jeff Heron and the support work he does he has only authority within his own elected role. If Jeff produces an announcement on behalf of another it should be stated on the sign off or opening. Currently it appears Committee man Jeff is policy producer for most decisions of Committee. Where is the Secretary?

**MINUTES OF MEETINGS:** It has been said before. While those who are able to attend the Association meeting of whatever level AGM or Committee come away with an understanding of current business direction . Those absent are in the dark and currently remain so until around the next gathering usually some many months later. Mr Chairman could you please ensure a draft copy of meeting minutes is appropriately circulated WITHIN ONE MONTH to members of the committee. Why be a committee member if are left in the dark for a month.

**MEETING RESOLUTIONS:** Mr Chairman I must say in recent committee meetings I was very disenchanted by the behaviour of some members of Committee who worked to cause delay ed to a duly passed resolution. Particularly as to the resolution was relevant to financial management. I would point out regardless of the opinion of dissenters a motion resolved must be action and it is the role of the Secretary to ensure its prompt action as instructed by resolution of the directors. To delay or change a motion or Directors resolution of a registered association is an offence in corporate law. Regardless of our charitable or other charter in any State or Territory of Australia.

**MEETING DECORUM:** Mr Chairman I endeavour to attend each Association Event, and AGM as well as each committee meeting from my home in Perth WA. The scheduling of meetings normally causes me to be away from home for some three days to attend a three or four hour meeting that seems to collapse in uncontrolled decision between members who are not controlled soon enough by the chair.

The collapse of meetings - brings on the sudden departure of warring friends leaving me to wonder why one bothers to cross the nation twice spending nine hours in a jet plane with knees around my ears and then two nights in a strange bed away from loved ones to witness immature uncontrolled bad behaviour of committee colleagues. a four figure cost to the association for my attendance to a collapsed meeting is a huge embarrassment to me and no doubt other travellers from afar. Please ensure correct decorum is maintained by all so that business may proceed to a satisfactory completion

NORM WELLS

Heritage Officer 2014

Frank Poole moved that the Heritage Report be accepted.

Seconded by Frank Maloney

Harry Hoger objected to the report's tone and indicated that it should be rejected as it was demeaning of committee members who have volunteered their time to the Association.

Frank Maloney informed the meeting of the skills and expertise that Norm brought to the Association with his work at the Military Museum in Perth and was entitled to his opinions which everybody may or may not agree with.

Given the concerns regarding the tone of the report by various people the President called for the report to be accepted in its current form and that matters raised be considered in due course.

Carried.

#### WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT

I will not be renominating for the position of Welfare Officer.

I have enjoyed my time over the past eight years and have come to appreciate the very hard work that has been done by so many since the inception of the Association to enable it to be in the sound position that finds itself in today. I especially make mention of Frank Poole, without whose dedication, commitment, foresight and hard work this Association could not have done without.

Wishing the Association well into the future.

Best Regards,

Russell Evans

23<sup>rd</sup> Musician

Motion that the report be accepted.

Moved by Gary Byard

Seconded by Frank Poole

Carried

Frank Maloney suggested that a Certificate of Appreciation forwarded to Russell for his services to the Association.

Jeff Heron to create the Certificate and send to Barry Minster for the President's signature prior to forwarding to Russell.

#### **g. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Membership Report Annual General Meeting 2014

Membership of our Association remains one of the great mysteries of life.

Our registered numbers have increased by 10 indicating 788 ex apprentices have had membership at

one time or another; however the number who have not, at this time, renewed brings our overall, active membership back to:

Ordinary Memberships	213
Retired Memberships	223
Associate Memberships	6
Life Memberships	1
Total	443

As indicated above ten new memberships which are included in the above table, have been processed this reporting period.

Once again the renewal drive for the second half of 2014 commenced early in August. Not only those memberships falling due 1 September 2014, but a continuation to regain many who still have not renewed for 2012, 2013 and the first half of this year The table below tells the story.

Due:

Have not renewed for Mar 09	22
Mar-08	14
Mar-10	7
Sep-10	3
Mar-11	1
Sep-11	10
Mar-12	8
Sep-12	21
Mar-13	37
Sep-13	24
01-March-2014	62
01-September-2104	46
	<b>255</b>

Perhaps the continued growth of membership on social media may also be having some impact upon renewals as it provides access to the plans for future functions featuring on our website and Facebook.

To our wonderful and reliable members my thanks in your ongoing interest in maintaining a viable Group.

A reminder to those who may being hesitant in renewing membership, that without the continued strong support, the committee will be restricted in pursuing those aims and goals that have set our Association aside from many others.

Might you be one of those who may have overlooked the reminders issued in 2012/13/14?

Need confirmation of your status? Please contact me on the Email address below and I will happily follow up for you.

Gary Byard (21<sup>st</sup> VM)

Membership Secretary

membership@austarmyapprentice.org

Gary commented and suggested that a compiled list (state by state) of members and their contact details who have not renewed their membership be forwarded to the appropriate Regional Representatives so they may do the follow up as to why they have not resigned.

Motioned moved that the Report be accepted.

Moved by: Harry Cole

Seconded by: Jeff Heron

Carried.

With the event in Albury next year Gary intimated that we should expect an influx of renewals based on past experience.

Barry Minster suggested that we should consider giving Members some sort of discount on the Event's registration fee.

Frank Maloney informed the meeting that for previous events a Membership/Renewal forms were included with the Registration Application which included the appropriate costings.

Barry M made the point that the Registration Form could have the proviso that as a Member you will be entitled to a reduced registration fee.

Harry Cole thanked Gary for fixing the Members Roll as he was a Missing person for a while.

#### h. EVENTS MANAGER'S REPORT

I have been privileged to have held this position since the incorporation of the Association some eight years ago.

My original title was Promotions and Marketing though Frank Poole and I agreed that Event manager was a more specific description of the operation aspects of the position.

In early 2007 the Committee determined that the Association needed to involve itself on a recruiting drive because we were never going to survive without a drastic lift in members, at the time we were about 60 strong.

Frank Poole was working on a project to raise the image of the Association. Eventually the Memorial proposal at Bandiana was born. I then set about organising a reunion to be held concurrently with unveiling of the Memorial with emphasis on raising the level of the membership.

The end result was the building of the Memorial and a cracker of a reunion in Oct 2008. It was a great success with result that the membership to around 500. Thus our two aims were achieved an AAAA was firmly on the map. The highlight was the march of some 550 down the main street of Albury to a reception at the Albury City function premises. The reunion dinner was attend by just under 350 members, partners and officials.

To maintain momentum of member involvement our next event was a Canberra reunion in 2011. It too was again a great success, less complex than 2008 but with a most impressive event at the Australian War Memorial, some 320 at the reunion dinner and

about 150 at the church service at the Royal Military College chapel.

At the conclusion the President of the day asked me to get involved in what was known as the Balcombe Gates project. It was at this time that Peter Muir who lived locally joined us on the Committee. The project had been on foot for close to two years and was on the verge of collapsing. Peter and I got cracking and with the renewed interest of the Mornington Council we were away again. The title was changed from Balcombe Gates to the Balcombe Barracks Commemoration and included the Balcombe Grammar School.

The end result was without a doubt the best event we have conducted to date. We availed ourselves of the excellent facilities of the Mornington Racing Club on two occasions, the latter being the Dinner which was attended by 474 guest with the guest of honour being Col John Stevens, Secretary of the 1<sup>st</sup> Division US Marine Corps Association, accompanied by Mrs Stevens.

We were permitted to march on Main St Mornington to their War Memorial where our own Chaplains conducted the Remembrance Service.

I have prepared the outline of events for the next reunion in 2015. This has been documented for some time and it should maintain the interest and attendance of the membership.

Finally I have worked with some very helpful people both Committee and lay members and I am appreciative of their efforts to help bring about functions that relevant and enjoyable for the members.

Best wishes to you and your loved ones,

Frank Maloney

13<sup>th</sup> Veh Mech

AAAA Events Manager, 2006 to 2014

Motion to accept the report.

Moved by: Gary Byard

Seconded by: Richard Pike

Frank Poole commented that the report was a great Heritage report in that it covered some of the function/events that have occurred during the early days of the Association and that it should be retained somewhere as part of our history.

Motion to accept the report:- Carried

**j.** SPAASSM

Refer the Webmaster's Report

**k.** WEBMASTER AND FORUM MODERATOR REPORT

## AAAA INC AGM 2014

### WEBMASTER'S REPORT

#### Introduction

It has been a difficult year with the website redevelopment consuming a great deal of time and effort. Consequently there has been little progress on other activities except for the routine maintenance of our current website.

#### Website Redevelopment

The year started well but progress was slow due to complexity of our current website and the volume of data we hold. When the developer working on our project left the company there were further delays. However a replacement was soon appointed and by September the website was handed over to us for acceptance testing. While the website framework was good we still had a fair bit of work to do before we could go public. The ever willing Jeff Heron has completed a lot of this work including developing and maintaining a completion Plan and updating the website (after learning some WordPress!) There are still a number functions necessary for full maintenance of the site which we can't access until the website is fully handed over. Thanks to Jeff's efforts this should only be several weeks away and we should be able to go public before Christmas 2014.

#### SPAASSM

There has been no progress for reasons outlined in the Introduction. However the software used for our current photos on the new website may be suitable for the SPAASSM images.

#### Website Routine Maintenance

Vale notices, new events, records updates, system changes and fault correction continued to be time consuming (but necessary) activities.

Ian Morris  
Webmaster  
20 Oct 2014

### AAAA WEBSITE FORUM MODERATOR'S REPORT FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 25 OCT 2014

Since the last AGM, the Forum continued to have input in the forms of: job opportunities, breaking news, upcoming reunions and other get-togethers, some general feedback, and members seeking lost Apprentices. This year, to date, 83 MTUDDA job ads, an asbestos assessor position, a couple from RAEME Qld, and a small number of opportunities with the Australian Defence Consultancy Group have been posted.

The Forum continues to receive numerous hits every week, and we continue to provide a reunion service to numerous people.

Examples are:

1. the "*DATE CLAIMER 23 OCT to 25 OCT 2015*" post, which has had 126 hits in five months
2. the "*10<sup>th</sup> Intake Reunion - Albury/Wodonga 21-23 Oct 2015*" post, which has had 89 hits in six months
3. the "*22<sup>nd</sup> AAS Intake - Fifty Year Reunion - JAN 2017*" post, which has had 1018 hits in 17 months.

With the impending renewal of the AAAA Website, the Forum as we know it may be replaced by a Blog; however, it will still serve the same basic function.

Jeff Heron  
AAAA Website Moderator  
21<sup>st</sup> Radio Mechanic

9 Oct 2014

Jeff Heron spoke about Webmaster's Report in the absence of the Webmaster, Ian Morris, and informed the meeting about some the various problems that presented themselves causing delays in the delivery time of the new website.

It is hoped to have the Site up and running before Xmas 2014.

As far as SPAASSM is concerned, it appears that there may be an option on the Website whereby the images that are currently on SPAASSM can be made available to all, however this will have to be investigated once we have full control of the Site.

Jeff also commented on his Forum Moderator's Report indicating that he was not sure that if any of the job adds were successful and that the October 2015 Event date disclaimer along with the various Intake reunion notices were receiving many hits.

Motion that the Webmaster's, SPAASSM and Moderator's Reports be accepted.

Moved by: Harry Hoger

Seconded by: Frank Poole

Carried

## I. MEMORIAL SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

### **2014 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE MEMORIAL SUB-COMMITTEE**

This year has seen the continuation of the concept of our Memorial being a "living" memorial with a number of developments;

1. The continued receipt of paver orders and their placement in the memorial pavement. We have changed our supplier to a local manufacturer which facilitates their ordering and collection and are slightly cheaper. Jim has advised that the black inscribing paint on some of the earlier pavers is beginning to show signs of age and we will be addressing this issue in the coming year. Greg is embarking on a "site plan" for the pavers as time allows.
2. It was found following heavy rain that drainage in one area of the pavement was inadequate and water was pooling against one end of the right wing wall, resulting in staining of some pavers and the base of the wing wall. A catch drain has now been installed at the bottom of the grassed slope on the right of the memorial to lead storm water away to behind the Remembrance Wall.
3. The Memorial brochure was distributed to a number of Apprentice events and to the Museum and to major sponsors of the Memorial. It is also included in the membership package. Stocks are held by the Chairman of the Sub-committee.
4. Increasing numbers of Apprentices are becoming aware of their ability to have a Remembrance plaque placed at the Memorial, as evidenced by the number now on the wing walls under their respective schools.
5. An Order of Service has been developed by our Chaplains for use by lay persons when Remembrance Plaques or Ashes are placed at the memorial and a service is requested by the NOK.
6. The List of Apprentices who died whilst on active overseas service has now been fixed to the Remembrance Wall, which now makes our Memorial an official War Memorial and not just as formally, a memorial.

Future work will include ongoing maintenance as required, the production of greeting and in sympathy cards featuring the Memorial, the production of a pavement "paver plan" and ongoing arrangements to improve/simplify access arrangements.

I would like to thank the members of the sub-committee for their help throughout this year, particularly Greg Mulcahy and Jim Hislop who shoulder most of the load associated with the pavers and plaques. I also recognise and thank those Apprentices who have been kind enough to contribute towards the Memorial costs with donations at the time of membership application and renewal and some just out of pure generosity.

I trust that all Apprentices are satisfied with the work of this sub-committee and feel a pride with their ownership of the Australian Army Apprentices Memorial.

*Frank Poole*

Chairman, Memorial Sub-committee

Motion that the Report be accepted.

Moved by: Frank Maloney

Seconded by: Gary Byard

Frank P commented that currently access to the Memorial has been restricted due to the current security restrictions that are in place at all Military Installations and will not be available until these restrictions have been lifted.

Availability of access to the Memorial has been in conjunction with the Museum's opening times.

Barry M suggested that through Jim Hislop we may be able to get Base Standing Orders changed to permit access for those who wish to only visit the Memorial and not the Museum.

Frank P next project is the coordination of a date for the dedication of the plaques to Fred Millar (Past Trustee) and Jack Westernhagen (Life Member) when both families are available.

Barry M informed the meeting that Jack's, Mary, had given several items of merchandise/memorabilia including cuttings from printed media. It was suggested that the items should be part of our Heritage collection and that Norm Wells as the Heritage Officer be informed of their existence and that the items in this collection be stored within Museum's Apprentice area until a decision has been made on what to do with them.

Motion that the Report be accepted: Carried

**m. MERCHANDISER'S REPORT**

Richard Pike in his role as the Merchandiser informed the meeting that sales for the year were \$1075.00 and that when he receives an order he encloses a Membership Renewal Form with the item on return post.

He receives quite a few orders from Apprentices who are not current members so it would appear that they are making use of the Website.

As far as new merchandise is concerned for the October 2015 Event and following discussions with Frank M he was considering hats Black or Green with 1948-1998 dates incorporated in the design at the front and with the Intake Number on the back.

He believes that this may increase sales to the various Intakes. Also under consideration are T-shirts however sizing may be a problem. Suggestion from the floor intimated that it should not be a problem as Size XL should be adequate.

The sizing of the T-shirts could be overcome by having an area on the Registration

Form that requests the size and quantity required.

Having sent out a survey amongst some his Intake on what Badge they would prefer on any merchandise items and the nominated badge was the Balcombe Badge and not the Association Badge.

Motion that the Merchandise Report be accepted.

Moved by: Allan Read

Seconded by: George Reid

Carried

At this juncture Frank Poole took his leave from the Meeting.

**n. PUBLIC OFFICER'S REPORT**

No Report

**9. Standing Down of Retiring Officers**

Vice-President-Vacant- Treasurer-Owen Reynolds Membership Secretary- Gary Byard RFD Memorial Chair-Frank Poole Events Manager Frank Maloney- Welfare Officer- Russell Evans & 3 [ Three] Committee members- Jeff Heron; Bill Van Ree: Glenn Jones

**10. Vote of Thanks to Outgoing Committee Members**

Barry Minster as President moved a vote of thanks for those Committee Members standing down for their efforts and contributions to AAAA during their time on the Committee.

**11. Election of Office Bearers of the Association for the Next Two Years**

VICE- PRESIDENT. Nominations:- Harry Hoger

Nominated by Frank Maloney                      Seconded by Harry Cole

There being no further nominations Harry was elected as Vice- President

TREASURER: Nominations:- Owen Reynolds re-nominated for the position.

Seconded by Neil Bennett

Richard Pike:- Nominated by Frank Maloney                      Seconded by Gary Byard

There being more nominations than vacancies a vote was taken by a show of hands as directed by the meeting.

Richard Pike was elected as Treasurer.

EVENTS MANAGER:- Nominations:- As there were no nominations received via mail or from the floor of the meeting the position was declared VACANT.

WELFARE OFFICER:- Nominations :- As there were no nominations received via mail or from the floor of the meeting the position was declared VACANT.

VACANCIES:- *As per the Constitution Annex A: Committee and Appointments, Part 1 Association*

*Committees and Appointments – Composition and Membership- Section 3 e. Term of Office states*

*[ If there is a vacancy in the membership of the Committee, the Committee may appoint a member of the Association to fill the vacancy and the member so appointed holds office, subject to the Constitution, until the conclusion of the next general meeting after the date of the appointment.]*

PUBLIC OFFICER:- Ray Wilson renominated for the position.

Seconded by:- Neil Bennett

There being no further nominations Ray was elected as Public Officer.

MEMORIAL CHAIR:- Nominations:- Frank Poole re-nominated for the position.

Seconded by Neil Bennett

Norm Wells:- Nominated by Frank Maloney      Seconded by Brian Daley

There being more nomination than vacancies a vote was taken.

Frank Poole was elected as Memorial Chair. Vote 10 to 4

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (3) :- Nominations:- Jeff Heron, Frank Maloney and Glenn Jones all nominated for positions on the Committee. Seconded by Neil Bennett

As the total of nominations was equal to the number of vacancies all were elected as Committee Members.

President Barry welcomed the incoming members to the Committee.

#### REGINAL REPRESENTATIVES

The following Members have been appointed to these position:-

David Cooper (NT), David Young (Nth Qld), Brian Daley (Sth Qld), Richard Pike (NSW),

Frank Poole (ACT), Mark Ryan (Central Vic), Matt Bouma (Sth Vic), Neil Bennett ((SE Vic),

Lucas McGann (Vic Metro).David Miller (Sth Aust), Tom Esze (WA), Gary Byard (TAS)

#### APPOINTMENTS

Chaplain Rev. Brian Nicholls JP

Chaplain Rev. Craig Potter

Chaplain Rev. Alan Kelb OAM

Legal Advisor:- Vacant

Auditor:- Vacant

Trustee:- Jim Hislop

Motion that all the above appointments be accepted.

Moved by: Gary Byard

Seconded by: Harry Cole

Carried

The President, Barry Minster moved the following motion that Brig. Andrew Mathewson be appointed as Patron of the Australian Army Apprentice Association Inc.

Seconded by: Harry Hoger

Carried.

Patron:- Brig. Andrew Mathewson

**12. General Business:**

**a. Constitution Revision**

Jeff Heron gave a brief summary on the amendments to be made to the Constitution of the Association as was posted on the Website and The Apprentice About.

Dave Valenta (27<sup>th</sup>) moved the Motion that the changes to the Constitution as posted the Website and the T.A.A. be accepted as the Secretary has not received any dissenting comments from Members.

Seconded by: Jeff Heron

Carried.

At this juncture President Barry Moved a vote thanks for the work that Jeff carried out in compiling these amendments.

Carried.

**b. Appointment of an Auditor.**

Frank Maloney Moved a Motion that Peter Montgomery be approached with the view of becoming the AAAA Inc. Auditor pending Peter's acceptance of the position.

Seconded by: Richard Pike

Carried.

**c. Nomination for Life Membership**

Frank Maloney proposed that Brian Daly be elevated to Life Membership in recognition for his work over the past 14 years in organising and conducting the Queen's Birthday reunion at the Bulimba Workshop Area and the work that he and his wife do at running the raffles at our major function as well as overseeing merchandise sales.

To comply with the requirements of the Constitution the President adjourned the meeting so as the Management Committee could fulfil its obligation in confirming the nomination of Brian Daley being elevated to the status of Life Member.

The result of which will presented to the AGM for confirmation.

The President closed the Management Committee meeting and reopened the AGM.

The recommendation that Brian Daly be elevated to Life Member as proposed by Frank Maloney was put to the meeting.

Seconded by: Barry Minster

Carried.

- d.** George Reid proposed a vote of thanks to Owen Reynolds for time and effort that he has given to the Association while carrying out the duties as Treasurer.
- e.** Seconded by: Allan Read
- f.** Carried.

**13.** Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Venue.

The next AGM will be held at Albury/Wodonga during the October 2015 Event on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October at a venue and time T.B.A.

**14.** Meeting Close at 1540 hrs