



Spectemur Agendo

BOER WAR MEMORIAL SOCIETY OF WA Inc

Reg No 1018354K
ABN 53 280 732 725



Boer War Memorial Society of WA Inc:

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 11th August 2022 - held at the Claremont Bowling Club,

64 Bayview Terrace Claremont

6.00 p.m.

Minutes

6.07 p.m. Meeting commenced

Brendan Cook – President/Treasurer

- 1. Apologies:** Kevin Bovill, Audrey Bullough, John Sweetman
- 2. Attendees:** Brendan Cook, Peter Lutley, David Thomas, Mike Galvin, Sharon Thomas, Roley Crook, Robert Smith.
- 3.** The President declared a Quorum and the meeting proceeded.
- 4. Review of 2020-2021 AGM Minutes:** Moved John Burr ridge, Seconded Peter Lutley
- 5. General Business Arising from the last AGM**
 - a. Nil
- 6. President's report.** See attached, moved David Thomas, seconded John Burr ridge. Note of thanks moved by David Thomas for Brendan's work as President and Treasurer of the Society
- 7. Treasurer's Report.** See attached, moved Mike Galvin, seconded David Thomas
- 8. Dissolution and Election of new Committee for 2022-2023**
 - The President declared committee positions vacant. No prior nominations had been received and therefore nominations were taken from the floor. Positions were filled thus:

- President: David Thomas (moved Brendan Cook, seconded John Burrige)
- Vice-President: John Burrige (moved David Thomas, seconded Peter Lutley)
- Secretary: Robert Smith (moved Brendan Cook, seconded John Burrige)
- Treasurer: Not filled, most likely Treasurer of Claremont RSL
- Committee: Peter Lutley (moved John Burrige, seconded Robert Smith)

All nominees from the floor were voted by universal acclaim by the members.

9. General Business/Resolutions: Nil

10. Meeting Close 6.28pm

As at the time of signing below, Mr. Joseph Lieberfreund, will act as Treasurer of the Society.

Signed:



Brendan Cook

President

30/9/2022



Robert Smith

Secretary

30/9/2022



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(Let us be judged by our acts)

President's Report

Annual General Meeting

Date: 11 August 2022

Our total active members for 2021-2022 is 12 which is a significant decrease from the previous year (29). Despite a number of follow ups, people have not paid their annual membership fees.

This financial year we were required to repay \$799.97 to Lotterywest on account of our decision to cancel the annual commemoration ceremony for 2022, however, we were successful in obtaining a grant of \$1,000.00 from Chevron for future ceremonies. Since joining the Society in 2016 and commencing as Treasurer shortly after, I have successfully applied for grants totalling nearly \$12,000 of which \$4,000 came from my employer, Chevron Australia.

The decision not to proceed with the annual Commemoration ceremony was not taken lightly. The decision was made in March of this year at the height of the uncertainty as to when restrictions would be lifted. The annual ceremony, whilst quite small, is costly for an organisation of our modest means and the decision was taken to preserve our funds for future ceremonies. As it turned out, we could have had the ceremony given the lifting of restrictions however I would not have been able to attend as I came down with COVID the day before and our past-President, David Thomas, was called away on urgent business. I am most grateful to Mr. John Burridge MG for managing the service in our absence and it was pleasing to see a good turnout from the South African community.

With regards to having Boer War Day (i.e. 31 May) being officially recognised as a day of remembrance my efforts have not met with much success. I wrote to all State and Territory Ministers with responsibility for veterans' affairs and received responses from all of them supporting our proposal. The Victorian minister went so far as to write personally to the Federal Veterans Affairs Minister at the time, Andrew Gee, to throw his support behind the proposal. Despite writing twice to the Federal Minister, I received no response from his office at all. Likewise, communications with his DVA parliamentary office representative met with no action and no response to my last communication. In a recent communication I have seen between our esteemed member Kevin Bovill and the current Minister's office it would seem that this has yet again been swept under the carpet. Fortunately, however, our past-President Mr. David Thomas as President of the Claremont RSL was successful in garnering State-level RSL support for this proposal at the last state conference so hopefully we will see some action in this space.

This will be my last year of active involvement at a committee level with the Society. I am taking time out next year to travel and to concentrate on my health and other projects. In late 2021 I was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and whilst it is currently indolent and not doing anything nasty I want to take the opportunity to pursue other things.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support over the years and I wish the Society all of the very best for the future.

Brendan Cook (President)

Financials

The 2022 year saw a minimal movement in the Society's financial position. The repayment of the Lotterywest grant was more than offset by the Chevron Grant.

As at the 30th of June 2022 the Society has 12 financial members.

2. Balance Sheet

Assets

Cash at Bank - Operating Account	3,460.26
Petty Cash	-
Total Assets	3,460.26

Liabilities

<i>Un-presented cheques</i>	-
<i>Unrequitted Tied Grants</i>	-
Total Liabilities	-
 Claremont RSL Sub-branch equity	 <u><u>3,460.26</u></u>

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Financial Statement for the Year Ended 30 June 2022

1. Statement of Income and Expense

Revenue

1A	Membership Subscriptions	255.00
1B	Donations	185.00
1C	Grants	200.03
1D	Other	151.60
1D	Other - Interest	-
	Total Revenue	791.63

Less Expenditure

2A	Running Expenses	241.00
2B	Event Expenses	270.00
2C	Other	-
	Total Expenses	511.00

Net Revenue (Deficit)	<u><u>280.63</u></u>
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Brendan Cook (A/Treasurer)