



BOER WAR MEMORIAL SOCIETY OF WA Inc

Reg No 1018354K
ABN 53 280 732 725



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Minutes of Annual General Meeting for 2018-2019 held on 18th December 2019 at Claremont Bowling Club, Bayview Terrace, Claremont Western Australia.

Meeting Commenced 6.30 p.m.

Meeting facilitator -- Brendan Cook (Treasurer)

Attendees: Brendan Cook, Moira Wilson, John Burrridge, John Sweetman, Sharon Thomas, David Thomas (phone dial in due to being on work trip to Karratha)

Apologies: Robert Smith, Kevin Bovill

2017-2018 AGM Minutes

Facilitator moved that the minutes of the 2017-2018 (attached) be accepted. Seconded by Moira Wilson, all in favour

Business Arising from 2017-2018 AGM Minutes

Gazetting Boer War Day -- David Thomas advised that a communication was sent to Minister Tinley and a negative response was received. The Society will continue to agitate to have the day officially recognised.

President's Report

Please see attached

Treasurer's Report

Please see attached

Secretary's Report

Paul Prickett resigned his position as Secretary during the course of the year. There was nothing to report that is not covered in the President's report.

Dissolution of Committee and Election of Office Bearers for 2019/2020

Facilitator dissolved the incumbent Committee and called for nominations for Office Bearers. By unanimous vote, the following people were elected to the positions below:

- President – David Thomas
- Vice-President – John Sweetman
- Secretary Treasurer – Brendan Cook
- Committee Member – Moira Wilson
- Committee Member – Sharon Thomas

Special Resolutions put forward to the new Committee and members in attendance at AGM

1. *That the Boer War Memorial Society of Western Australia Inc. affiliate with the Claremont Sub-branch of the RSLWA per the proposal put forward by Brendan Cook (Attached)*

Moved – Moira Wilson
 Seconded John Sweetman
 Vote - Unanimous

2. *That the Boer War Memorial Society of Western Australia Inc. close their bank account with the ANZ Bank and open a new account with the National Australia Bank with the initial signatories to be President David Thomas and Treasurer Brendan Cook.*

Moved – Moira Wilson
 Seconded Sharon Thomas
 Vote - Unanimous

General Business

John Sweetman advised success in obtaining a Memorial Plaque for Trooper Albert Eagle who lays at rest in an unmarked grave at Fremantle Cemetery. Brendan Cook advised that an application to DVA for a grant has been made to cover the costs of a plinth and memorial service and that the Claremont Sub-Branch of the RSL and Military History Society of WA had both pledged financial support.

John Sweetman advised that he attended the recent Jewish Servicemen's remembrance service in Kings Park on behalf of the Society. He said that it was well attended and that they expressed their thanks for the Society's attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7 p.m.

Signed



David Thomas (President)



Brendan Cook (Secretary)



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2019 AGM Member Sign-in Sheet

Meeting Date: 18th December 2019 @ 6.30 p.m.

**Claremont Bowling Club
Bayview Terrace
Claremont WA**

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BWMS WA Inc

AGM 20/10/18

MINUTES

- 1) President calls the meeting to order (13.00)
- 2) Roll Call-President to confirm that all present have signed the visitors book - *10 members present.*
- 3) Apologies

Stephen Dawson, MP. And Kevin Trent. Kevin Bovill has resigned and relocated to NSW.

- 4) Presidents welcoming address and report.
The President's report was delivered and well received by the meeting-One question arising regarding a permanent home for the BWMS-WA. The President advised that he is exploring avenues for a permanent home.
See appendix 1.

- 5) Treasurer's Report:
The Treasurer provided a Verbal report on the Societies finances. (written-copies available by email on request).

We are in a less sound financial position than last year. The society continues to rely on grants and donations. These will be pursued through usual sources. No questions arising.
See appendix 2.

The Treasurer also provided an update on the creation of the BWMSWA Website and during the break provided a demonstration of the website prototype.

- 6) Secretary's Report
The Secretary reported that he had received both hard and electronic copies of the Societies archives and correspondence data from the outgoing Secretary.

Briefly discussed the requirement for the BWMS-WA to purchase a laptop and projector for general committee use. Funding to be discussed at next committee meeting.

- 7) President discussed the minutes of the last AGM.
Minutes were unanimously accepted.

8) The President commented on the following issues:

- . *Intent to produce a final Newsletter for 2018.*
- . *The ongoing requirement to seek external funding support.*
- . *Need to acquire independent insurance as a stand-alone organisation.*
- . *Requirement to finalise the review of the Constitution in 2019.*

9) Election of Office Bearers- The President declares all positions vacant. Calls for nominations for the following positions from the floor.

- President
- *Returned unopposed-DAVID THOMAS*
- Vice President
- *Returned unopposed-JOHN SWEETMAN*
- Treasurer
- *Returned unopposed- BRENDAN COOK*
- Assistant Treasurer (Membership)
- *VACANT*
- Secretary
- *New appointee –PAUL PRICKETT*
- Assistant Secretary
- *New appointee-BARBARA HORGAN*
- Historian and Media Liaison
- *Returned unopposed-JOHN SWEETMAN*
- Editor Newsletter
- *Returned unopposed-PAUL PRICKETT*
- XLH Memorial Tp Advisor/Liaison
- *Duties assigned as a task to the Secretary.*
- Director of Music
- *Returned unopposed-MOIRA WILSON*
- Committee members-
- *Garth Pienaar-SAMVOA*
- *Others as interested to assist or as required.*

10) New committee assumes seats.

General Business arising for new committee and general discussion:

- 1) *Membership fees to remain at \$15.00 for 2018/19*
- 2) *Date/Timing of AGM-more members able to attend of held on a w/e*
*Due to low number turn-out to this meeting proposed that the AGM for 2019 would return to a week night, late **Oct/Nov 19**. TBC*

3) Next GM-TBC **Feb 19.**

4) Commemorative Service **02 June 2019.**

5) Schools incursion – was to commence 9/4/18 to 4/5/18 -11 Wheatbelt schools listed to attend with RSL rep, Mr Graham Brooks. *This did not occur due to sudden illness by K.Bovill. The President will contact Mr Brooks and try to kick-start for 2019. Moira Wilson showed an interest in participating. The Secretary will be available at different times to assist.*

6) Gazetting Boer War Day- *still with Minister Tinley.*

7) *There were no Future projects discussed.*

8) Further and final general business.

- Nil

BREAK-SUPPER

The Treasurer demonstrated the Website.

Guest Speaker: Mrs Barbara Hargan

Subject: My Family Experiences in the Boer War

Raffle Draw:

President to thank all for their attendance and close the meeting at 14.30

Signed......./...../ 2018

David Thomas President

Paul Prickett Secretary

Appendix 1: President's Report

Appendix 2: Treasurer's Report

Appendix 2: Treasurer Report

Date	Description	Folio	Debit	Credit
8/01/2018	Membership Fees	1A		10.00
22/01/2018	8 Donation (Agent Deposit?)	1B		40.00
22/01/2018	8 Membership Fees	1A		10.00
13/02/2018	8 Cheque 1101 - Reimb D Thomas	2B	31.86	
23/02/2018	8 Grant - Chevron Australia Pty Ltd	1C		1,000.00
26/02/2018	8 Cheque 1104 - Australia Post - Post Box Rent	2A	127.00	
1/03/2018	Cheque 1103 - Micro Media	2A	614.90	
7/03/2018	Cheque 1049 - Boys Brigade Re-dedication Nov 17	2B	100.00	
21/03/2018	8 George Galvin - 5 Years Membership Fees	1A		55.00
4/04/2018	Cheque 1106 - Micro Media - Printing Rededication Nov 17	2B	950.00	
13/04/2018	8 Cheque 1105 - Coastals Pipe Band - Rededication Nov 17	2B	400.00	
9/05/2018	LotteryWest Grant	1C		1,960.00
15/05/2018	8 Membership Fees	1A		70.00
7/06/2018	Cheque 1110 - Castlerock Entertainment	2B	1,210.00	
11/06/2018	8 Cheque 1108 - St John Ambulance	2B	181.50	
19/06/2018	8 Cheque 1111 - Hearts in Flowers	2B	660.00	
25/06/2018	8 Cheque 1107 - Chaplain Taxi Reimbursement	2B	90.00	
9/07/2018	Cheque 1112 - Reimbursement Kevin Bovill - stationery etc.	2A	84.85	
31/07/2018	8 Cheque 1113 - Churchlands SHS - Music for Ceremony	2B	50.00	
10/08/2018	8 Cheque 1116 - Micro Media Brochures Commemoration Ceremony	2B	847.00	
30/08/2018	8 Cheque 1109 - Widdessons Hire - Chairs for ceremony	2B	496.00	
11/09/2018	8 Cheque 1114 - 10th Light Horse Bunbury Troop - Ceremony	2B	100.00	
13/09/2018	8 Cheque 1115 - Boys Brigade - Catfalaque Party - Ceremony	2B	100.00	
8/10/2018	Membership Fees - Stephen Dawson	1A		15.00
18/10/2018	8 Donation - Thomas/Rees	1B		120.00

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8 Cheque 1117 - Cash - Float for AGM

2A 100.00

Total

22,310.3 24,253.7
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Balance at 18/10/18

1,943.36

Bank Statement Balance

1,943.36

Variance

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Available Funds

1,943.36

Less Unpresented Cheques

-

Total Unpresented Cheques

-

Sub-Total Funds Available

1,943.36

Add Cash

Petty Cash Incl \$100 AGM Float

1 175.70

Total Funds Available

2,119.06

Less Lotterywest Grant (Tied Grant)

1,960.00

159.06

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BWMS WA Presidents Report December 2019.

It is yet again an honour and privilege to have served as your President during 2019. There has been little progress for the Boer War Memorial Society in 2019 but a time of reflection and review on where the society is heading and how to increase its membership and presence in Western Australia. It was also the 117th year since the signing of the Peace Treaty at Vereeniging to end the Boer War.

The Western Australian Boer War memorial commemoration and reconciliation held on Sunday 2nd June 2019, on a pleasant sunny day. The service went well, and it was pleasing to see so many wreaths laid and young children in attendance. Numbers were down in 2019 but the timing of the commemoration over a long weekend is problematic with numbers attending. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers for their support, on the day, that once again saw the event operate with military precision and respect. Also thank you to MC, Duncan Warren AM RFD, ADC and John Elsegood as the keynote speaker and presentation on "Two Little Boys". The Rev. John Dunn provided the spiritual guidance and prayers for the day, his welcome return was most appreciated. The society also thanks those invited guests in attending the commemoration and reconciliation event including the opposition leader Liza Harvey, the only politician to attend and a long-time supporter of our Society. The event could not be complete without the many volunteer and support groups such as Bob Wise and his Westralian Great War Living Association team providing the Catafalque party. The fine bugler from Churchlands Senior High, Joe Shore and the Boys Brigade lead by Capt. Andrew Twine who return each year to assist. This year all the chairs and tables were provided by the SAS Regiment, picked-up and taken away by Peter Lutley. Without them all and the attendees the reconciliation and commemoration could not continue. Special mention to our songbird, Moira Wilson, and the choir, Wembley Entertainers, who added that musical capacity on the day and our Treasurer Brendan Cook who recited the poem "On the Trek" by Andrew Barton (Banjo) Paterson.

All who are involved contribute in the preservation of the commemoration as a prominent fixture each year on the Western Australian calendar.

As a society we have been asked to attend several related commemorations and thank you to the committee members who were able to attend and represent the society. These events strengthen our existence in Western Australian.

The society has and maintains pressure on the Minister of Veterans Affairs, of Western Australia, to have the state government gazette the day. To date we have had no traction with the letters and meetings presented.

During 2019 our Secretary, Paul Prickett, stood down and these duties have been shared amongst the existing committee. I thank Paul for his time and effort and hope to see him back in the future as a member of the society. The secretary's role is a challenging role but most rewarding and a key element to the committee.

Today all positions are open on the societies committee, so I encourage you all to consider and apply for a position that ensures the ongoing good work of the society as we move into the next phase of its existence.

The society, being an NFP organisation, relies on funding from limited sources which is hard to come by and scarce for a society such as ours. Grants such as Anzac Day trust fund-

grant application do not fit within Boer War presence. The society does recognise the valued contribution by Chevron who last year committed \$1K to our society and we are trusting again in 2020 that this grant is once again generously provided to us. As a society we are seeking every opportunity to apply for grants as it is important to be able to hold the commemoration and reconciliation ceremony annually with these funds.

The grant received from Lotterywest in 2018 has been utilised to set up the Boer War Memorial Society Web Site that allows us to post articles, events and current stories. Thank you to our Treasurer, Brendan Cook, who tirelessly toiled to see this to completion and commissioning.

I insist that if you have not already visited the site you need to. The web address is

www.boerwarwa.org.au

We welcome your comments, suggestions and stories associated with the Boer War that shall be considered to be included in the BWMS WA web site.

The society has continually pursued a permanent home and finally after many years in the woods we are now affiliated with the Claremont RSL Sub-branch who utilise the Claremont Bowling Club as their Headquarters. I can now declare the Claremont Bowling Club our home for the society into the future. I welcome you all to attend the Claremont RSL Sub - Branch meetings and enjoy the fellowship and comradery that is offered being affiliated with the RSL branch. This consolidation allows the BWMS society a place to meet socialise and hold our meetings. The Claremont Bowling Club provides a facility including meeting rooms with operating bar and kitchen.

My sincere thanks to the BWMS WA committee for their tiresome work and dedication in maintaining the momentum in recognizing and remembering the Boer War so it is not forgotten and upholds the significance it has in Western Australian history.

I wish all society members a Merry Christmas and a safe, prosperous year in 2020 and hope to see, as many as possible at the reconciliation and commemoration service on Sunday 31st May 2020.

David Thomas

President Boer War Memorial Society of Western Australia.

Boer War Memorial Society of WA Inc.

Statement of Income and Expense 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

Revenue

1A	Membership Subscriptions	440.00
1B	Donations	240.00
1C	Grants	1,000.00
1D	Other	41.80
	Total Revenue	1,721.80

Less Expenditure

2A	Running Expenses	84.85
2B	Event Expenses	2,428.00
2C	Other	2,200.00
	Total Expenses	4,712.85

Net Revenue (Deficit)	-	2,991.05
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Boer War Memorial Society of WA Inc.

Balance Sheet as at 30/6/2019

Assets

Cash at Bank	595.16
Website: www.boerwarwa.org.au	2,200.00
Petty Cash	60.00
Total Assets	2,855.16

Liabilities

Un-presented cheques @ 30/6/19

Cheque 1123 - Boys Brigade	100.00
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Unrequitted Tied Grants

Total Liabilities	100.00
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BWMSWA Equity	<u>2,755.16</u>
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07/11/2018	John Adeney	1A		15.00	
08/11/2018	Mike Galvin	1A		20.00	
12/11/2018	David Maffey	1A		15.00	
15/11/2018	Cash Deposit - AGM Float Repayment	2A		100.00	
15/11/2018	Cash Deposit - Membership Fees	1A		120.00	
15/11/2018	Cash Deposit - Raffle Proceeds	1D		41.80	
22/11/2018	William Dunn	1A		15.00	
27/11/2018	Paul Papalia	1A		15.00	
29/01/2019	Kevin Bovill	1A		15.00	
29/01/2019	Stephen Dawson	1B		15.00	Paid m'ship twice - 'donation'
29/01/2019	David Theodore	1A		15.00	
30/01/2019	Terri Leckey	1A		15.00	
30/01/2019	Christopher Mews	1A		15.00	
30/01/2019	Christopher Mews	1B		35.00	
30/01/2019	Logan and Patricia Howlett	1A		30.00	
30/01/2019	Logan and Patricia Howlett	1B		70.00	
31/01/2019	Kevin Brice	1A		15.00	
01/02/2019	Peter Lutley	1A		15.00	
05/02/2019	Glenn Smythe	1A		15.00	
06/02/2019	Maurice Kissane	1A		15.00	
12/02/2019	William Green	1A		15.00	
12/02/2019	Neil Fisher	1A		15.00	
21/02/2019	Cash Deposit	1A		45.00	
22/02/2019	Chevron Australia	1C		1,000.00	
01/03/2019	Chq 1118 - Micro Media - Website	2C	2,200.00		
16/05/2019	Chq 1119 - Gwen Wheatley - Reimbursement for Viall's Wreath	2C	65.00		
12/06/2019	Chq 1121 - Shirly Mooney - Wreaths for Annual Service	2C	170.00		
13/06/2019	Chq 1120 - Reimbursement - David Thomas, sound system for Annual Ser	2C	600.00		
02/07/2019	Chq 1122 - Wembley Choir - Annual Service	2C	80.00		
04/07/2019	Chq 1124 - St John Ambulance - Annual Service	2C	184.80		
25/07/2019	R Delaney Membership	1A		15.00	
	Total		25,610.15	25,955.51	
	Balance at 31/7/19			345.36	
	Bank Statement Balance			345.36	
	Variance			0.00	
	Available Funds			345.36	
	Less Unpresented Cheques			-	
	Cheque 1123 - Boys Brigade (Annual Service)			100.00	
	Total Unpresented Cheques			100.00	
	Sub-Total Funds Available			245.36	
	Add Cash				
	Petty Cash	1		70.00	
	Less purchase of postage stamps			10.00	
	Net Petty Cash on hand			60.00	
	Total Funds Available			305.36	
	Add additional Grants/Donations				
				305.36	

Proposal

Boer War Memorial Society of WA Inc. (BWMSWA) affiliation with the Claremont Sub-branch of the Returned and Services League of WA Inc. (Claremont RSL).

Background

BWMSWA was incorporated in 2016 and it and its antecedent organization have held the annual Boer War Commemoration Service at the South Africa War Memorial in Kings Park since 2008.

The society was established to promote the preservation of the South African War Memorial in Kings Park and the education of all West Australians about Western Australia's involvement in, and commitment to, the Boer War of 1899-1902.

BWMSWA has 25 financial members out of 93 people who have either been members or expressed interest in its activities over the years.

The BWMSWA was successful in obtaining a grant for the development of a website www.boerwarwa.org.au

Challenges

The Boer War is considered a niche area of military history often overtaken by the First and Second World Wars and, even today, the war is considered somewhat controversial.

The principal challenge in conducting activities is the lack of resources, human, financial and physical.

The Management Committee is dedicated but small, a number of its members work full time and capacity is limited.

As with all voluntary organisations, finances are tight. BWMSWA has been successful in obtaining Lotterywest and DVA Grants to fund special Commemoration services and further Lotterywest Grants, coupled with Grants from Chevron Australia, for the development of the website. The Society's operating revenue however is very small, coming principally from membership subscriptions (\$15 per annum) and raffles held at meetings.

The BWMSWA currently has no home. Previous meetings have been held at the Bullcreek RAAFA with the kind assistance of the Military History Society of WA however this option was always limited and was not intended to be a permanent home.

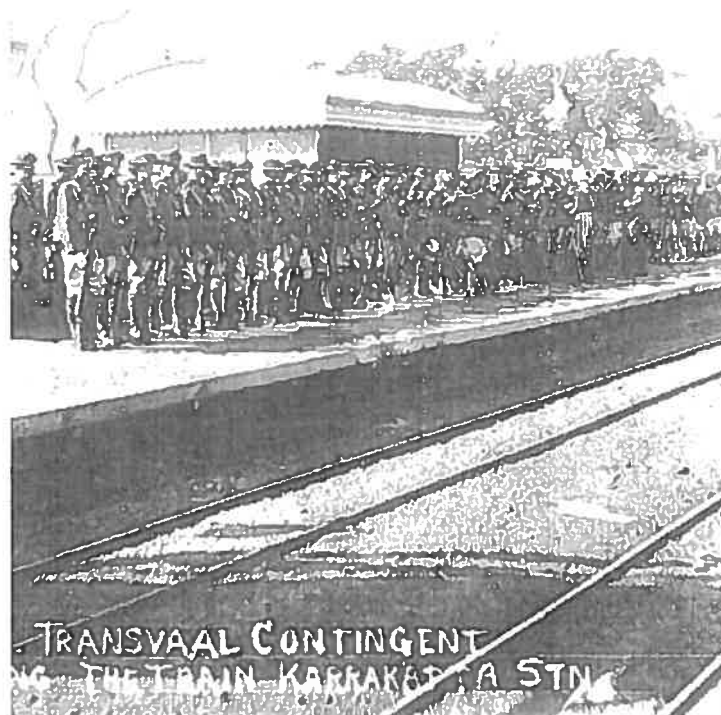
Benefits of affiliation with Claremont RSL

The Claremont RSL has only recently re-established itself and is looking for new members. It is possible that the membership base could be expanded by inviting members of the BWMSWA to be members. The BWMSWA could reduce its membership fee to \$10 per annum making the total cost of membership of both organisations \$15, the current level of BWMSWA membership. For those

members of BWMSWA who do not wish to be, or who are already members of another RSL sub-branch, the fee could remain at \$15.

The suburb of Claremont is near where military preparations for the Boer War were made and therefore shares its history with both the Claremont RSL and those who served in the Boer War.

The West Australian Contingents trained at nearby Karrakatta and then entrained from the Karrakatta Train Station to Fremantle where they departed for South Africa. The photo below shows the 1st West Australian Mounted Infantry Contingent lined up at Karrakatta Station.



The RSL being a Federal organization is principally concerned with wars fought by Australia as a nation rather than those fought prior to Federation. The Boer War however transcended the period of Federation, commencing on 11 October 1899 and ending on 31 May 1902. From 1 January 1901 the contingents fought as part of the Commonwealth of Australia forces and it is believed that up to 30% of the Australian soldiers who landed at Gallipoli were Boer War veterans.

The annual Commemoration event held by the BWMSWA in late May/early June is a significant event attended by many military and political dignitaries. Affiliation with the Claremont RSL will help

raise the profile of the Claremont RSL at this event as any assistance/mutual participation will be acknowledged.

The current President and Treasurer of the BWMSWA are also the current President and Treasurer of the Claremont RSL and there is the potential for efficiencies there. However, the Management Committees of both Associations have different members so the opportunity for any undue influence by the President and/or Treasurer will be limited by the authority of both committees.

Brendan Cook

Treasurer, BWMSWA Inc. and Claremont RSL

29th August 2019

