



LIGHT RAILWAY RESEARCH SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC.

Incorporated Association A14384U

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held On: Thursday, 10th August, 2023 AD.

Venue: Conducted in cyberspace via Zoom®

Commenced: 8:02pm AET (Melbourne time)

Chairman: W. L. (Bill) Hanks, (President)

Present: 52 members

Apologies: .

Minutes of Previous AGM: Minutes of the 2022 AGM were available for members on the society's web site as previously advised and are taken as read. Moved by P Evans, Seconded by Scott Clennett, that the Minutes be accepted;

Carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report compiled by the Hon Treasurer, Colin Harvey for the Year Ended 30 June 2023, was available for members on the society's web site as previously advised and are taken as read. Includes the Statement of Income and Expenditure, Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Statement of Cash Flows. Moved by S. Moorehead, Seconded by R. Smith that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Carried.

JLN Southern Award: The **Tenth** annual awarding of the J L N Southern Award, to recognise the best article published in *Light Railways* each year, took place. The judging panel, composed of Dr Ruth Kerr, David Whiteford and Roderick Smith declared the winner of the award for the calendar year 2022 to be Mike McCarthy for 2-part article **Red Cliffs Pumping Station** that appeared in *Light Railways* issues 283 and 284 . Mike, greatly surprised, gave a short speech of thanks.

President's Report: Bill Hanks presented his 33rd Presidential Report. Some main points being:

At the end of the 2022-2023 financial year we had a total of 674 members, 15 less than at the same time last year.

Our Light Railways of Australia Facebook group continues to be very busy, with 5400 members, an increase of almost 50% from the previous year.

During the 2022/23 year we published one new book, *Wooden Rails & Green Gold* by Peter Evans.

Sales orders for the year was 612 orders compared to the previous years end total of 542. The total value of sales was \$43,951 compared to \$40,283 the previous year, The NSW and SA groups continue to have regular meetings, although unfortunately the SE Qld group have ceased to run meetings.

Our society at the end of the 2022/23 financial year is again in a very sound position. Whilst membership subscriptions cover the cost of producing LIGHT RAILWAYS and mail outs, our financial reserves are there to publish more books. The time will come when the services needed to publish our books that are currently performed by volunteers will have to be outsourced and that is when our cash reserves will need to be draw on.

Online Member's Entertainment Meeting have again been hugely successful. With presenters scheduled more than twelve months in advance of a meeting. In November 2022, Simon Moorhead conducted the first post-COVID tour to Timboon with the assistance of Peter Evans.

It was moved by M. McCarthy, Seconded by P. Evans, that the President's report be accepted. **Carried.**

Election of Office Bearers: The President declared all positions vacant and, in his capacity as an Ordinary member, duly advised that there was only one nomination for the position of **President** and declared W.L. (Bill) Hanks re-elected for another term. Bill re-assumed the position of chairman and read out the nominations for Council positions – **Vice-president:** Michael McCarthy; **Secretary:** Nick Sheridan; **Treasurer:** Colin Harvey. As there was only one nomination for each of the three mentioned positions, all were duly declared elected. **Committee Persons,** nominations: John Dennis, Peter Evans, Richard Warwick, Frank Stamford OAM, Phil Rickard. As the number of nominations – five – equalled the number of vacant committee-person positions – five – the Chairman declared all nominees elected.

General Business: The Chairman called for any General Business and received no response. The Chairman called for any Other Matters arising from the AGM and received no response. The Chairman called for any Other Matters pertaining generally to the society and received no response.

Meeting Closure : At 8:17pm, there being no other business to be transacted, the Chairman (the President, W L Hanks), declared the meeting closed.

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