

BRIGHTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY INC 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 12 September 2023 at 7 30pm at Briphil House

1 Welcome: President Ross Newton OAM welcomed members to the AGM and invited Secretary Stephen Bradford to give the Acknowledgement to Country.

2 Attendance: R Newton, J Rennie, J McKay, D Shutler, J Bell, D Harms, S Bradford, M Turco, B Baker, P Forrai, I & B Sadler, G McCulloch, R Asznowicz, A Acznowicz, C & S Bromser, A Glass, V Henry, R Sealey, D Smith, C Hamilton, R & C Fink, A Ballis, P Alexander, F Bagatin, R Hansen

3 Apologies: H Ellis & J Marinis

4 Minutes: The Minutes of the 13 September 2022 AGM were approved.

5 Annual Reports:

- The President reported on successful auctions, well attended displays, the VPC Open Day was held in April and repairs to the Molander Room. He noted the building will be 100 years old in 2024.
- The Treasurer proposed that the accounts be now presented at the 14 November display meeting, to allow time for the audit be completed.
- The Sales Branch noted the successful completion of 17 auctions and 3 Catalogued auctions and the continuance of the sale of mint decimals.
- Membership was 337 as at 30 June and is now 345.
- Exchange Branch update was given. Chris Hamilton is replacing Howard Ellis
- Property. The main achievement was the repainting of the Wells Hall and sealing of windows.

6 Election of 2023/24 Office Bearers: Deb Harms was elected President and took the Chair. The following were nominated & supported unanimously Vice President, D Shutler, Secretary S Bradford & Treasurer B Baker.

7 Election of Committee: The following were elected to the 2023/24 Committee, I Sadler, D Shutler, C Bromser, R Price, J Bell, M Turco, J McKay, M Tonta, J Marinis, V Henry, R Newton & D Smith.

8 Election of Auditor: Eric Townsend was elected as our Auditor.

9 Vote of Thanks: D Harms moved a vote of thanks to outgoing President R Newton & noted his excellent leadership of the Society and success in growing BPS.

10 Honours Committee: It was unanimously agreed to support the recommendations: Life Member Ian Sadler & Fellowship member John McKay. Long service awards were presented to R Asznowicz, 60 years, Peter Leffler 50 years and Robert Hanson, Bill Jenkins, Geoff Legge & Russell Rolls all 40 years.

11 Honorariums: It was agreed to delegate these to the October Committee meeting for determination.

12 General Business:

- In response to a written question, it was advised that the accounts are audited.
- In response to a written question, it was explained an earlier guidance that maintenance of the buildings be capped at \$50,000 over the next 10 years, was for guidance not a hard & fast rule. Since then price escalation has occurred and a failure of the Molander Room floor became evident.
- A question from the floor opined that the monies raised by current members should be expended to the benefit of current members. It was agreed that this be best answered when the accounts are considered in November together with the full knowledge of the completion costs of the Molander Room.

13 The meeting concluded at 8 45pm after which members were informed of the sad passing of a previous member Mr John Mc Nabb