



**T.S. Vindicatrix  
Association  
of  
Western Australia Inc.**



**Minutes of the  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
held on Thursday, 15th April, 2010  
at the Fremantle Workers Social and Leisure Club, Henry Street, Fremantle**

- Present:** Doug Amor, Michael Barnes, Dave Bell, Derek Butler, Ken Cliff, John Davis, Dave Douglas, Ken Gray, Tony Harben, Jim Hatton, Jim Hidden, Ron Howells, Terry Pickett, Lionel Shephard, John Taylor, Chas White
- In attendance:** Dot Bell, Moira Butler, Irene Cliff, Maggie Gray, Margaret Harben, Margaret Stock, Anne Taylor
- Apologies:** Eric Coningsby, Alan Creasey, Brenda Douglas, Rob Ozanne

**1. Opening of Meeting**

The President, Tony Harben, declared the meeting open at 12.55 pm.

**2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2009.**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2009, were read by the President and a motion for the acceptance of the minutes was moved by Dave Bell, seconded by Ron Howells and passed by those present.

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2009**

**3.1. Memorial Clean up**

Tony Harben and Dave Bell cleaned and tidied up the Merchant Navy area of the Monument on Monument Hill, Fremantle at a cost of \$500.00.

**3.2. Recruitment Drive**

A recruitment drive in the *Senior* and *Have a Go* newspapers resulted in ten new members. Another recruitment drive will be held in the near future.

**4. President's Report**

The President welcomed the ten new members to the Association, reported on the events of the previous twelve months; thanked the Committee for their efforts during that period; expressed appreciation to David Douglas for the fantastic help he has given the club in regard to the donation of raffle prizes; and advised that the next Vindicatrix DownUnder Reunion would be held in Fremantle on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2010.

A motion for the acceptance of the President's Report was moved by Terry Pickett, seconded by Jim Hidden and passed by those present.

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

In the absence of the Treasurer, Brenda Douglas, the President read the Report, which indicated that the balance of the T.S. Vindicatrix WA account as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010, was \$3,012.44.

A motion for the acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was moved by Terry Pickett, seconded by Jim Hidden and passed by those present.

## **6. Social Report**

Derek Butler reported that nine social activities and four commemorative services/parades had been attended by Vindi members and their partners during the previous year. Due to a lack of numbers at some events, a minimum of six responses had been set prior to social events being arranged, however, although a suggestion to restrict these to three per year had been received, "one-off" special opportunities such as the visit to the Australian Submarine Corporation's Facility in Rockingham and the Australian Marine Complex's Common Users Facility Floating Dock at Henderson would continue to be sought and a program of events for the coming year was being prepared.

A motion for the acceptance of the Social Report was moved by Tony Harben, seconded by Charlie White and passed by those present.

## **7. Reunion Committee Report**

The 10th Annual DownUnder Reunion will be held on the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2010, at the Cockburn Power Boat Club, Fremantle.

A Reunion Committee has been formed to organise the event.

Charlie White, the Treasurer of the Reunion Committee, advised that as at 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2010, the Reunion Account balance was \$3,660.75; \$500.00 of which was the floating fund which would need to be provided to the 2011 Reunion organisers.

In line with the 2007 Reunion expenses and the possible attendance of 80 people, a budget based on a \$135.00 registration fee per person has been set, however, without the proceeds from raffles and the sale of merchandise, a deficit is anticipated. Whilst some raffle prizes have already been gratefully donated, additional donations would be appreciated. All donations will be stored at Tony Harben's home.

Merchandise in the form of specially labelled bottles of red and white wine and port will be available to purchase prior to the Reunion.

Fred Reid has accepted the invitation to officiate at the Commemorative Service on the Sunday morning.

The assistance of the ladies on Saturday afternoon would be greatly appreciated in the preparation of the salads for the barbecue lunch on Sunday.

Planning is underway for the provision of transport between the Fremantle Railway Station, Coogee and Woodlands Point Caravan Parks and the Cockburn Power Boat Club.

Tony Harben outlined the program for the Reunion and urged W.A. members to register their intention to attend with Charlie White ASAP, as numbers for catering, etc, need to be confirmed. Registration forms are available on the website or from Charlie White.

## **8. Correspondence**

### **8.1. ANZAC Day**

An invitation has been received from the Fremantle City Council for the Dawn Service and Parade on ANZAC Day.

Tony Harben and Dave Bell will attend the Dawn Service on Monument Hill at 5.30 am and lay a wreath on behalf of the Association.

The Parade will muster on the Esplanade, Fremantle, at 9.45 am for a 10.15 am march off. Charlie White and Ron Howells will carry the Vindicatrix Banner and volunteers to carry other flags were requested. Space has been provided for four Vindicatrix members in the Parade cars. The President urged as many members as possible to attend the March or join the supporters lining the route.

Following the Parade, an ANZAC Day lunch will be available at the Fremantle Workers Social and Leisure Club. Beer, wine and soft drinks to the value of \$300 will be provided to members from Association funds.

### **8.2. Incorporation and Constitution**

The WA Department of Commerce has provided information on the importance of associations having a constitution, being incorporation and the role and responsibilities of the committee members. The WA Vindicatrix Association is aware of these issues and is, consequently, already incorporated with a constitution.

Changes to the constitution can be proposed via a “Motion on Notice” to the AGM or a Committee meeting.

### **8.3. International Merchant Navy Day**

In response to a letter addressed to the Mayor of Fremantle, the Events Management Organiser, approval has been given to a wreath laying ceremony at the Fremantle War Memorial at 10 am on 3<sup>rd</sup> September and to the Merchant Navy flag (provided by the Association) being flown at half mast from the City of Fremantle administration building, on that day.

Tony Harben will discuss this matter with Jack Edwards of the Allied Merchant Navy Association and Marie La Frenais, Events Management Coordinator, City of Fremantle.

## **9. Election of Office Bearers**

As the current Committee Members had indicated their willingness to continue serving on the Committee and as there were no new nominations, they were unanimously re-elected to Office:

President;	Tony Harben
Vice President and Social Events Organiser:	Derek Butler
Treasurer:	Brenda Douglas
Secretary:	Moira Butler
Committee Members:	Dave Bell Chas White

**10. General Business**

***10.1. Photographs***

Irene Cliff donated photographs of the Vindicatrix Camp site and the old Arranmore, which were accepted with thanks.

***10.2. Plaque***

Two plinths have been erected on the Merchant Navy area of the Fremantle Monument on Monument Hill. David Partridges poem “Heroes”, inscribed on a bronze plaque, has been mounted on one plinth and the Allied Merchant Seamen’s Association plaque (donated by the Maritime Union of Australia) will be mounted on the second plinth in the near future.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1.50 pm.

*Confirming acceptance as a true record of the proceedings*

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President

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