



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



**Minutes of the  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
held on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2011  
at the Fremantle Workers Social and Leisure Club, Henry Street, Fremantle**

- Present:** Doug Amor, Michael Barnes, David Bell, Derek Butler, Ken Cliff, John Davis, David Douglas, Tony Harben, Ron Howells, Michael Jarvis, Fred Parrot, Terry Pickett, Lionel Shephard, John Taylor, Charles White
- In attendance:** Moira Butler, Irene Cliff, Brenda Douglas, Margaret Harben, Chris Jarvis, Anne Taylor, James and Daphne Wallace-Jarvis
- Apologies:** Alan Creasey, Ken Gray, Jim Hidden, Margaret Hidden, Rob Ozanne, Ted Reeks, Jim Spratt

**1. Opening of Meeting**

The President, Tony Harben, declared the meeting open at 12.45 pm.

**2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2010, were taken as read and a motion for the acceptance of the minutes was moved by David Bell, seconded by Ron Howells and passed by those present.

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2010**

There were no matters arising from the previous Annual General Meeting Minutes.

**4. President's Report**

The President reported on the events of the previous twelve months and the success of the 10<sup>th</sup> Vindicatrix DownUnder Reunion, which had been held in Fremantle from 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> November, 2010. He thanked both the Association and Reunion Committees for their efforts during the year and expressed appreciation to David Douglas for the fantastic help he has given the club in regard to the regular donation of raffle prizes.

A motion for the acceptance of the President's Report was moved by David Douglas, seconded by Derek Butler and passed by those present.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was tabled. It was noted that the Reunion had been a financial success and the resulting profit had been transferred to the T.S. Vindicatrix W.A. account. The balance of the T.S. Vindicatrix W.A. account as at 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2010, was \$3,944.67.

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

## **6. Secretary's Report**

The Secretary reported that membership of the T.S. Vindicatrix Association currently comprised 26 paid up members (including a Life Member and an Associate Member), 21 partners and four widows.

Sponsorship was unsuccessfully sought from Lotteries West and the Department of Veterans Affairs during the year.

## **7. Social Events Organiser's Report**

Derek Butler reported that six commemorative services/parades and 13 social activities had been arranged for Vindicatrix members and their partners during the previous year, more than 50% of which had been either free or at concessional prices.

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

## **8. Reunion Report**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Down Under Reunion, held on the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> November, 2010, at the Cockburn Power Boat Club, Fremantle, was an organizational, social and financial success. The format for the weekend is now forming the basis for Eastern States Reunions.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Down Under Reunion will be held on the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, in Adelaide, South Australia. The importance of our members' attendance at Reunions, where possible, was emphasized.

## **9. Correspondence**

### **9.1. ANZAC Day**

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

## **10. Membership Fees**

A motion to increase T.S. Vindicatrix W.A. membership fees from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per annum was passed by those present.

## **11. Election of Office Bearers**

Terry Pickett was appointed the Returning Officer for the election of office bearers.

The current Committee Members stood down and, following the receipt of nominations, an election was held for each position. The results of the elections were as follows:

President:	Tony Harben
Vice President:	As no nominations were received, this vacancy will be addressed at the next Committee meeting.
Treasurer:	Brenda Douglas
Secretary:	Moira Butler
Social Events Organiser:	Derek Butler
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Chaplain:	Fred Reid

Committee Members: Ron Howells  
Terry Pickett  
John Taylor  
Michael Barnes

## **12. General Business**

### ***12.1. Flags***

Following an e-mail discussion between Committee members, an Australian National Flag and Australian Red Duster were purchased for use on parades/commemorative events. This purchase and the purchase of a British Red Duster were supported by those present.

### ***12.2. ANZAC Day***

Tony Harben attended a number of meetings with the Fremantle Council regarding the organisation of the ANZAC Day Parade.

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

Space has been reserved for five Vindicatrix members in the Parade cars/Fremantle Tram and parking tickets for Car Park 11 provided for use by T.S. Vindicatrix members. It is anticipated that two bands will accompany the March (not four as originally advised) and the 10<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Memorial Troup of horses will be placed at the rear of the March.

The Parade, which will be led by Mr Jack Edwards, Secretary, Allied Merchant Services Association, will muster on the Esplanade, Fremantle, at 9.45 am for a 10.15 am march off.

Derek Butler and Jim Hidden will carry the Vindicatrix Banner, Ron Howells will carry the Australian National Flag and David Douglas will carry the Australian "Red Duster". Tony Harben will take the Salute on behalf of the T.S. Vindicatrix Association of W.A.

The President urged as many members as possible to attend the March or join the supporters lining the route.

An exhibition in the Victoria Hall will include a Merchant Navy and Vindicatrix display.

Following the Parade, an ANZAC Day lunch (including beer, wine and soft drinks) will be provided from Association funds to those attending the event at the Fremantle Workers Social and Leisure Club.

### ***12.3. Blessing of the Plaques***

The two plaques erected on the Merchant Navy area of the Fremantle Monument on Monument Hill will be blessed at 11 am on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2011, by the Rev'd Dennis Claughton.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1.30 pm.

*Confirming acceptance as a true record of the proceedings*

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President

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