



Meeting Minutes

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Day & Date:	Saturday 21 November 2020, 11 am
Timings:	Opened 11.05 am; closed 11.58 am
Meeting Location:	Launceston Police Station, Cimiterere Street
President:	Peter Edwards
Attendees & Apologies:	See Appendix 1

1. Arrivals

All attendees signed in at Launceston Station, completing the DPFEM COVID-19 visitor health screening requirements; and the NHWT attendees register.

2. Meeting open, Welcome & Apologies and Acknowledgement of Country

NHWT members from the Board of Management and Watches of Mowbray, Devon Hills, Newnham, Riverside, George Town and Pipers River attended.

See Appendix 1 for the attendees register and apologies.

3. Guest Speaker: NHWT welcomes [Hon. Rosemary Armitage](#) MLC Launceston

Rosemary spoke of the value of being involved and giving back to the community, through anecdotes of her involvement in NHWT, and with Tasmania Police more broadly.

4. Confirm the minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting

MOTION: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 2019 are accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Ian Sullivan

Seconded: Les Pride

OUTCOME: CARRIED

5. Reports

5.1 President's Report (Peter Edwards)

2019-20 saw an almost entirely new Board for NHWT and Peter spoke to the report, highlighting various points. There was reflection on the impact of COVID-19, and the continued engagement evidenced by participation especially members who travel for the AGM e.g. George Town, Gravelly Beach and Pipers River.

Peter spoke about a number of initiatives to further NHWT objectives including grants given to some Watches, the transition to on-line registrations for members through the NHWT website <https://nhwtas.org.au/join/>), as well looking forward to 2021 for the 35th anniversary, the changing activity levels of local groups and the value to the community of NHWT.

DISCUSSION: Ian Peck (Riverside) spoke to the declining membership of the Riverside group's committee and a particular challenge related to keeping the newsletter/crime reports being shared, as the Committee expects to go into recess in 2021. Following some discussion , Peter Edwards would discuss further with Ian.

MOTION: That the President's report presented at the Annual General Meeting of 2020, be accepted.

Moved: Peter Edwards

Seconded: Ranald Moore

OUTCOME: CARRIED

5.2 Treasurers Report (Christine Fraser)

Christine acknowledged Wayne's long service (over 10 years) and ongoing support and advice and assistance in transition of roles.

The audited finance statements showed the following balances @ 30 June 2020:

- Trading Account (Bendigo Bank): \$ 19 465. 54
- Reserve Account (My State): \$ 47 924. 65.

MOTION: That the Treasurer's Report presented at the Annual General Meeting of 2020, be accepted.

Moved: Christine Fraser

Seconded: Wayne Burgess

OUTCOME: CARRIED

5.3 State Community Policing Report (Constable Marita Osborn)

Marita acknowledged Peter Edwards efforts especially over the COVID-19 period with community engagement.

Annabel Shegog noted the Northern District's report which was included with the State Community Policing report.

MOTION: That the State Community Policing Report presented at the Annual General Meeting of 2020, be accepted.

Moved: Ian O'Sullivan

Seconded: Malcolm Cash

OUTCOME: CARRIED

5.4 Watch Reports (From the floor): NIL

6. Elections for Board of Management

Vice-President Frank Pearce chaired this agenda item, explaining that the positions that were due for re-election were the President and a Board Director. One nomination was received from Peter Edwards for President. No other nominations were received, and Peter Edwards was returned to the President's role. Frank noted that there were vacancies on the state Board.

7. Special Business: Resolution to adopt a new Constitution

Frank Pearce spoke to this item, noting the main reason for changing the Constitution was to align it with updated state guidelines, and he highlighted the main changes.

After the motion was resolved, Peter Edwards thanked Frank for his work to update the Constitution.

MOTION: The Neighbourhood Watch of Tasmania resolves to rescind its Constitution of September 2014, and adopt the draft Constitution provided with the Notice of Meeting for the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

Moved: Frank Pearce

Seconded: Ranald Moore

OUTCOME: CARRIED

8. Appointment of the Auditor

MOTION: That NHWT endorses Rendell Ridge from Max Peck and Associates for the Auditor role for the 2020-21 financial year.

Moved: Christine Fraser

Seconded: Ranald Moore

OUTCOME: CARRIED

9. Recognitions & Awards

Certificates of Appreciation:

- Jill Strauss (Mowbray)
- Ian Peck (Riverside)

Peter Edwards presented the certificates to Jill and Ian on behalf of the members, commending them on their fine work and community spirit. Photos were taken with a reminder that permission was given to NHWT to use those photos in future publications.

10. Thanks, Meeting Close & Lunch

Peter provided printed copies of the NHWT annual journal the 2021 calendars to attendees, closed the meeting and invited members to stay and enjoy a light lunch.

APPENDIX 1: ATTENDANCE **means NHTW Board member*

Attendees

1	Rosemary	Armitage – Special Guest (left at 11.50 am)
2	Wayne*	Burgess
3	Phil	Canning
4	Malcolm	Cash
5	Kate*	Dobson
6	William	Doggett
7	Peter*	Edwards
8	Christine*	Fraser
9	Ron	Gill
10	Monica	Knobloch
11	Kylie	Machen
12	Cheryl	Martin
13	Ranald*	Moore
14	Shirley	Neville
15	Joan	North
16	Ian	O’Sullivan
17	Frank*	Pearce
18	Ian	Peck
19	Wendy	Pride
20	Les	Pride
21	Sally	Rubeck
22	Jill	Strauss
23	Shirley	Wiltshire

Apologies

- Linda Madill from Newnham
- Andrew Doyle from SLCD (Kings Meadows and Youngtown area)
- Aaron Pride from George Town
- Emilie Dellar from Western District
- Michael McLaren from Latrobe
- Michael Fama from Spring Bay (Triabunna)
- Valerie Reid from Southern Beaches
- Maureen Newman from Shoreline/Howrah
- Paul Turvey from West Hobart
- Nicola Webb from Glebe Residents Association
- Jan Dunsby from Claremont Combined
- Irene Taylor-Smith from New Norfolk