

**OTAGO SETTLERS ASSOCIATION (OSA) INC
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**7.00 pm on Thursday, 21 September 2023
Auditorium, Toitū Otago Settlers Museum**

Chairperson: Moira Styles (President)

Present: Moira Styles (President), Keith Clifford (Treasurer), Pete Smith (Immediate Past President), Susan Schweigman, Phil Dowsett, Hilary Allison, Ann Barsby, John Barsby, Dot Page, Austin Gee, Dianne Souness, Lesley Marlow, Chris Marlow, June Turnbull, Paul Turnbull, Carol Pike, Chris Pike, Beryl Maultby, Nan Rickard, Rosalie Clarke, Lloyd Smith, Ray Beardsmore, Peter Miller, David Crooke, Claire Radford, Karen Wards, Charmian Smith, , Cam McCracken (Director TOSM), Jane Macknight (Exhibitions & Collections Manager TOSM), Will McKee (Exhibition Developer TOSM, Guest Speaker)

Apologies: Anne-Marie Hutton, Rhonda Martin, Joan Carter, Shirley Ungemuth, Russell Wall, Leslie Frederikson, Florence Stone, Correen Rodger, Geoff Simons, Di Honan, Garth Christensen, Charlotte Christensen, Sue Cathro, Sue Lambie, Ian Lambie, Jane Malthus, Louise Croot

Minute Taker: Jude Johnston

1. WELCOME

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies acknowledged but not read out.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved: that the Minutes of 22 September 2022 be approved as a true and correct record.

(M Styles/P Smith) **CARRIED**

4. MATTERS ARISING – nil

5. PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT 2022 (ATTACHED)

Moira Styles summarised the 124th Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2023. The Report (attached) was circulated. Moira acknowledged our DCC Representatives, outlined the hope to move to more electronic communication in things such as the newsletter and thanked Jude Johnston for her office management.

6. PRESENTATION OF REVIEWED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2022 - 2023

Keith Clifford presented the annual financial statement (attached) and noted points as follows:

- Subscription and donations are steady

- Investment income has been very good with newer investments making higher interest rates.
- Keith noted two large donations and thanked everyone who had donated
- Increasing costs to newsletter printing and postage were noted. Keith thanked Austin Gee for his terrific work on the newsletter.
- Keith thanked the administrator and all the committee members for their work
- Ray Beardsmore commented drawing attention to the 'very good' growth in the Association's funds over the past three decades.

7. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Moved: that all subscription amounts are increased by \$5 for 2024 – 2025 payments

(M Styles/K Clifford) **CARRIED**

Moved: that the appointment of Audit Professionals Ltd, as independent reviewers for the Association, be ratified.

(M Styles/S Schweigman) **CARRIED**

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Committee was listed (attached)

Moira Styles was duly elected as President, unopposed.

Susan Schweigman

Ann Barsby

Phil Dowsett

Pete Smith

Russell Wall

Anne-Marie Hutton

Chris Marlow

Moved: that Moira Styles declare Susan Schweigman, Phil Dowsett, Ann Barsby, Pete Smith, Russell Wall, Anne-Marie Hutton and Chris Marlow as the duly elected Committee.

(M Styles/H Allison) **CARRIED**

9. TOITŪ OTAGO SETTLERS MUSEUM ANNUAL REPORT (ATTACHED)

Cam McCracken Director of Toitū OSM presented the Toitū Otago Settlers Museum Annual Report (attached) and highlighted key point to the Members:

- The 'crowning achievement of the past twelve months' was the completion of the Journey to New Edinburgh documentary project, with the gala launch at the Rialto Cinema being a wonderful event
- Refreshing of the displays in the former NZR Road Services bus garage is progressing well, and the gallery with several new exhibits should be open again by Christmas

- Cam drew attention to the 'very useful' digitisation of the minutes of the Otago Early Settlers' Association, pointing out it can now be 'mined for information on collection items.' Jane Macknight later pointed out it also benefits the preservation of the original documents, as it reduces the amount of handling they need be subjected to
- The Museum's online presence continues to grow, with many videos on YouTube. Curator Pete Read has produced dozens of 'really wonderful' short items bringing to life drawings, paintings and photographs from the collection
- Cam praised Yvette Billot and the retail team, saying they 'really understand our market.'
- The Association was thanked for its ongoing support.

10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND THANKS

Moira Styles thanked the retiring committee members Jean Roulston and Hilary Allison and thanked Carol Pike for her ongoing work meaning the newsletters get folded and posted.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS – no additional business

GUEST SPEAKER, WILL MCKEE: THE JOURNEY BEHIND THE JOURNEY

Will McKee spoke on what happened behind the scenes of the Journey to New Edinburgh, including a much appreciated blobber reel.

Moira Styles thanked Will for his informative and entertaining talk.

The meeting closed at 8:05 pm.

To be confirmed 19 September 2024

Chair

Moira Styles

