

**PUFFING BILLY PRESERVATION SOCIETY**

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**MINUTES OF THE 64TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY 8 November 2020**

**by ZOOM**

The meeting opened at 3.23 p.m. with Anne MacLeish (President) in the chair.

In opening the meeting, the Chairman acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which we were meeting, paying respects to their elders past, present and emerging. She also acknowledged those who 120 years ago were constructing the railway, which was officially opened on 18 December 1900, and those who worked to preserve the railway from 1955.

**1.1 Members present:**

David Axup, Gary Baker, Jenny Baker, Alex Blinks, Les Brown, Robert Burns, Peter Chaplin, Rodney Charlton, Fraser Clayton, Graeme Cleak, Ralph Cleary, Jean Clowes, Richard Coathup, Robert Cochrane, Andrea Coffey, John Conway, David Crawford, John Crisp, Graeme Daniel, Geoffrey Dean, John Douglas, Geoff Earl, Kevin Eisfelder, Richard Elphick, Gregory Finster, Colin Giles, Jeff Goodwin, Jim Gordon, Judy Gordon, Alan Gray, Alf Grigg, Nick Guerrine, Mal Hanson, Dylan Haywood, John Hearsch, Tim Heeks, Fran Henderson, Andrew Hennell, Russell Hicks, Steve Holmes, Tim Horton, Anthony Howker, Gareth Hunter, William Ireland, Steven Kaye, Neville Kellam, Dianna Kidgell, Graeme Kidgell, Neil Kingswood, Graham Knight, Maggie Lambert, Desmond Lang, Cliff Leigh, Neil Lewis, Leon Liang, Peter Lowenstein, Anne MacLeish, Ian Marks, Don Marshall, Phil Matthews, Alexander McCooke, Bruce McLean, Robert McUtchen, Peter Medlin, Greg Michael, Jens Neelsen, Douglas Newberry, Kim Oldfield, Bruce Paroissien, Jeremy Paton, Ronald Peach, Eric Platt, Peter Ralph, Andrew Rayment, Max Raynor, Roo Richards, Roy Richens, Colin Rogers, Robert Rossiter, Gary Ryan, Garry Sayers, John Scott, Peter Shearman, Nick Sheridan, Robert Smith, Will Smith, Paul Sparks, Kevin Stanes, Tony Stratford, Kevin Taig, Chris Tasker, Heather Tasker, Mike Topp, Peter Trenery, Lyn Wade, Geoff Wallace, Andrea West, Bruce West, Len Whalley, Andrew Wheatland, Deb Woodward, Paul Woodward

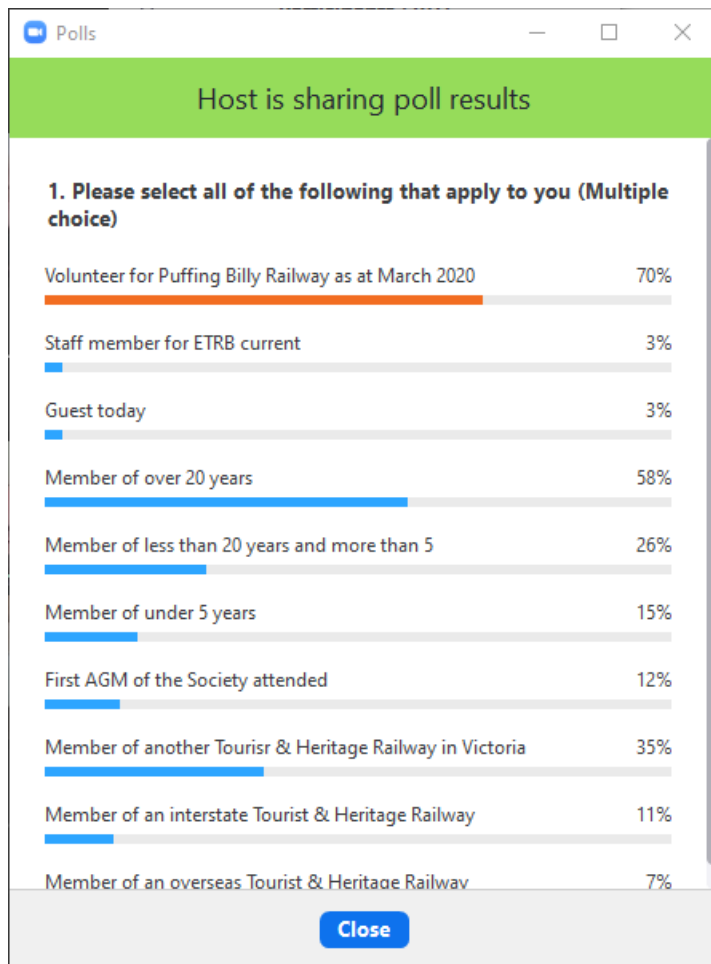
**1.2 APOLOGIES:**

John Brady, Laurie Robert Cameron, Max Cameron, Lachlan Campbell, Bill Chalmers, Graham Cornish, Ken Cox, Jill Dawson, Peter Farrell, Graham George, Ted Godwin, Peter Harcourt, Ian Harper, David Hennell, Bernie Holmes, John Hoy, Nadine Hutchins, Peter Hutchison, Dr Joe Johnson OAM, John Lawrence, Nola Ledbury, Graham Lewis, Jill Lockwood, Winston McCanna, Thomas McMaster, Peter Norton, Ivor Peach, Kevin Perry ESM, Warwick Piper, Michael Randall, Brenda Saunders, John Shaw, Lorna Shaw, Ian Shepherd, Cliff Simmons, Graeme Stapley, Andrew Stephens, Jack Stock, Peter Stowell, Graham Douglas Thomas, John Thompson, Barry Thomson, Ron Walker, Colin Walkerden, Melissa Walkerden, Herb Warren, Russell Wheatland, Hayden Williams, Leslie Wilson, Ross Wood, Grant Woolcock, Peter Zegenhagen

**1.3 GUESTS**

Anne Aldridge, Simon Nunan

A Zoom poll was conducted to identify the various interests of those attending with the following results.



## 2. MINUTES OF 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Copies of the Minutes had been made available prior to the meeting.

Amendments: Nil

It was moved Alf Grigg, seconded Andrea Coffey, that the Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting be adopted. **CARRIED**

## 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

## 4 PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

This report had previously been made available to members. Anne MacLeish summarised the Society's activities over the year, especially the setting up of separate financial systems due to separation from the ETRB and the need to improve procedures. Thanks expressed to Jenny Baker for "COVID19" weekly playlists and to all those who've assisted over the year including Max Raynor, Rob McUtchen, Jenny Baker, Ben van der Linde. Use of Zoom meetings and the jigsaw puzzles were highlighted.

It was moved Alf Grigg seconded Dylan Haywood that the President's Annual Report for 2020 be received. **CARRIED.**

It was moved Graeme Knight seconded Geoff Dean that the Society Executive's Annual Report for 2020 be accepted. **CARRIED.**

It was noted that Ben van der Linde & Jenny Baker resigned before the Executive report was prepared.

#### **5. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS for 2019-2020**

This report had been previously made available to Members. In presenting the report, the work done by the Finance Committee of Tim Horton, Eric Platt and Sandra Beldman was acknowledged together with the work done by our new auditor. Delays were encountered in getting records, also a new accounting method had to be used for Life Members, which need to be documented as a liability.

It was noted that the Locomotive 3A fund had increased by \$10,498 from donations and interest and that 3A was on loan to ETRB for Visitor Centre for 5 years. A member claimed that 3A components have been used on other locos and that ETRB haven't paid for the items they've taken.

It was noted that rolling stock in the Accounts is valued as at the time it was purchased.

It was moved Dylan Haywood seconded Greg Finster that the 2020 Financial Report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

#### **6. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS for 2021-2022**

Anne MacLeish reported that the Executive is recommending that membership rates not be increased-for 2021-2022.

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Membership grade	Current membership rates
Full	\$82.00
Full (Concession)	\$52.00
Junior (under 18 years)	\$27.00
Family (2 ad, <=4 ch.)	\$142.00
Life	\$2400.00
Senior Life	\$1430.00

In response to a question, it was stated that some membership benefits, e.g. free travel, are waiting for a response from ETRB.

A member commented that some members, especially local residents, only joined for the free travel.

It was moved Steve Holmes seconded Don Marshall that the Membership rates for 2021-2022 remain as per the current year. **CARRIED**

## 7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

It was moved Alex Blinks seconded Michael Topp that Saward Dawson Chartered Accountants be appointed as Auditor for the Society for the 2020-2021 year. **CARRIED**

## 8. ELECTION RESULTS

The following nominations for the positions previously advised have been received:

Vice President: Graeme Kidgell  
6 Committee Members: Richard Elphick

Due to there only being 1 nominee for those positions, the nominees were declared elected to their respective positions. There had been no nominations for Treasurer.

The shortfall in nominations this year leaves the Society Executive without a Treasurer and without a number of Committee Members.

As per clause 11.9 of the Constitution, nominations were called for from the meeting with successful nominees holding position until the next AGM in 2021.

Treasurer: No nominee

a 1-year Committeeman: Nominee Dylan Haywood Seconded by: Alf Grigg **PASSED**

This means that there will be 7 members on the Committee from now.

In response to a question it was stated that persons filling casual vacancies on the Committee have full voting rights on the Committee.

## 9. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

The following "Years of Membership" badges were announced and congratulated

### 20 year membership badge

Mark Banfield	Andrew Blair	Marjorie Cleverdon	Ian Dewar
Geoff Duggan	Brian Stevens	Matt Thomas	

### 30 year membership badge

Ross Barker	Peter de Garis	Robert Dow	Bob Evans
Robert Fraser	Jim Gordon	Ian Harper	Chris Jones
Colin Mason	Peter Norton	Wilma Ratcliffe	John Ross
Chris Rumble	John Sheppard		

### 40 year badge recipients

Gerard Clausen	Ray de Jager	David O'Hare
Ross Wood	Roger Wotherspoon	

### 50 year badges

Peter Cushing	Bruce McLean (present)
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### 60 year badges

Andrew Hennell (present)	David Hennell
Doug Newberry (present)	John Thompson

It was suggested that a 60 year badge for the late Tom Murray be arranged as he had attained 60 years membership before he died on 24 Dec 2015.

### Certificates of Appreciation

Alan Bailey	Neville Kellam	Greg Michael	Graeme Stapley (for Safeworking training)
Ian Park	Julie Park (for NGG project)	Ted Godwin	Maggie Lambert (for Archives)

### COVID19 Awards (only given this year, for activities during the shutdown)

Jenny Baker	Fraser Clayton	Graham Cornish	Rod Davies
Alan Gray	Neil Kingswood	Paul Woodward	

### **Significant Appreciation Awards**

Peter Ralph (NGG16 acquisition) Ben van der Linde (Museum & Exec Comm.)

### **Executive Awards**

Jenny Baker Rob McUtchen Max Raynor Kevin Perry (Minutes)

## **10. GENERAL BUSINESS**

It was noted that this could only relate to Society Business, not the Railway.

No update is available on the recent matter referred to the Ombudsman by the Society.

A Member suggested that the ETRB needs to be made aware that the Society is the heart & soul of the Railway.

It was advised that the duration of the agreement with ETRB for 3A is 5 years from 1 July 2020, which is in writing.

The Chairman advised that the Society Exec Comm. Minutes were now up to date.

Nothing further is known in relation to the caveats placed on Society land by ETRB.

All donations for 3A are now accounted for in the separate fund.

The society is working on a plan for the future of Moondarra. The ETRB has been given significant notice of Society use. Locks changed to restrict access to the Society. Ideas for use and assistance in a future Comm. of Management for the site were requested.

3A when restored should look like it did in the "days". It is able to be removed from the Visitor Centre if required. A boiler purchased for 3A was used for 14A instead. It was suggested that no further funds be spent until it is in Society hands.

The Society website is still being developed.

Ideas are sought from members for new fund raising events. An issue of *PB Times* is planned for the 120th anniversary of the Gembrook opening on 18 December 1900.

The Chairman advised that no "team" awards were given, by decision of the Committee.

Outside quotes are being sought for the 2 "Ocean Grove" carriages. They have been moved off-site to Officer. COVID-19 has stalled progress. Other options being explored including setting up a Society facility. It was noted that PRRPS use offsite restoration

Relocating other Society vehicles at Emerald has been proposed to the ETRB but no response.

## **11. CLOSURE**

Thanks expressed to Greg Michael for the Minutes and Brad Hurlle for AV support, Gareth Hunter & Russell Hicks for acting as Returning Officer.

Thanks expressed by the meeting to Anne & Graeme Kidgell for chairing meeting.

Meeting closed at 5:30 p.m.