



PAPUA NEW GUINEA ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA, Inc.

Incorporated in New South Wales - ABN 35 027 362 171

Incorporating the former Rabaul & Montevideo Maru Society

PO BOX 453, ROSEVILLE NSW 2069

Minutes of Annual General Meeting: Sunday 1st May, 2021

**The AGM opened at 1.30pm following an address by Alice Kang
from the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway**

1. Members Present and Apologies:

There were 24 members present as recorded in the attendance book. Apologies were received from the following members:

- Murrough Benson
- Steven Gagau
- Yana di Pietro
- Roy Ranney
- Chris Warrillow
- Ross and Pat Johnson
- Belinda Macartney
- Bev Melrose
- Terry Chapman
- Kylie Adams-Collier
- Jacky Lawes
- Stella Conroy
- Neil Harvey

2. Confirmation of Minutes of the AGM held on 26th October

Copies of the Minutes of the previous AGM held on 26th October 2020 were circulated. It was moved and accepted that these Minutes be taken as read.

3. President's Report

President Max Uechtritz noted that the past 12-18 months had been a difficult period for the PNGAA with many restrictions placed on activities including planned events due to Covid.

The president also noted that one of the planned events that had been postponed was the proposed trip to PNG by Members and mentioned that he hoped that this could be organised as soon as travel allowed, and that a PNGAA meeting could be held in PNG as part of the trip.

President Max announced that due to the pressure of work commitments, he was reluctantly withdrawing his nomination as President but that he would be available to contribute to the work of the committee if requested.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report and copy of audited financial accounts were circulated by Murrrough to all members who indicated their intention to attend the AGM, prior to the meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was present by Andrea Williams in the absence of the Treasurer. It was subsequently moved and adopted unanimously:

"That the Treasurer's report be adopted and that the Audited Financial Statements be adopted as a true reflection of the state of affairs for the period ended 31 December 2019 and that the Treasurer be authorised to complete and lodge the Annual Return with NSW Fair Trading."

5. Election of Office Bearers

The following nominations had been received for election to the PNGAA committee:

- President: Chris Pearsall
- Secretary: No nominations
- Treasurer: Nomination withdrawn during the week prior to AGM.
- Membership Officer: Roy Ranney
- Editor: John Egerton
- Committee - Archivist & Collections: Cheryl Marvell
- Committee - Events Coordinator: No nominations
- Committee: Phil Ainsworth
- Committee: Chris Warrillow
- Committee: Andrea Williams
- Committee: Kalo Fainu
- Committee:

There is provision within the PNGAA Constitution for up to 12 committee members to be elected.

Members present were asked if anyone would like to fill any vacant position but no-one was in a position to assist.

There being only one nomination for each committee position, President Max declared that the above had been duly elected.

6. General Business

There being no general business, the meeting closed at 2.30pm.