

Coochiemudlo Island Historical Society Inc

Annual General Meeting

2.30pm Saturday 6 December 2003 at Community Hall

Attendees: Merle Beckett, Carolyn Brammer, Lindsay Duncan, Julie Harris, Stan Harris, Ronnie James, Edward Jones, Barbara Larsen, Jeff Larsen, David Paxton, Marie Louise Potter, Margaret Walker and **Visitors:** Norma Green, Carolyn Phillips and Judith McQueen.

Proxy votes: Nil.

Apologies: Margaret Nash, Wendy Noble, Rosemary Opala, Denise Wright and Viv Wright.

1. **Confirmation of previous minutes** Confirmed
The minutes of the AGM 19 October 2002 were read. Ronnie James moved, seconded by Margaret Walker, that the minutes be adopted.
2. **President's Report:** Copies were circulated and the report was read by Merle Beckett (copy attached). The report was adopted (moved Marie Louise Potter, seconded David Paxton). Adopted
3. **Treasurer's and Auditor's Reports:** The Special Purpose Financial Statements and Auditor's Report were circulated. The Financial Statement was read and a summary of the situation since 1 July 2003 to date was given by the casual Treasurer. He described several bills which needed to be paid, that is, the annual return to Office of Fair Trading, and amounts owing to Ted Jones (\$27), Marie-Louise Potter (\$21) and Joy Fritz (\$12) for book sales. Adoption of reports and payments as described moved by David Paxton, seconded Stan Harris. Adopted
4. **Election of Management Committee:** Lindsay Duncan conducted the election of the new Committee. The following nominees had accepted nomination for the following positions and, since no further nominations were received from the floor, the nominees were duly elected:
President: Merle Beckett, nominated by Stephen de Weger and David Paxton
Vice President: Margaret Walker, nominated by Carolyn Brammer and Lindsay Duncan
Secretary/Treasurer: David Paxton, nominated by Margaret Walker and Lindsay Duncan
Committee Member/Historian: Edward Jones, nominated by Merle Beckett and Margaret Walker
Lindsay Duncan welcomed the new Committee. Acclamation

5. **Appointment of Auditor:** David Paxton moved, seconded Merle Beckett, that Arthur Chaston be appointed Auditor. It was agreed the Secretary should request Arthur Chaston in writing to accept the nomination. Arthur's willing past assistance was noted with thanks. Appointment to be requested in writing

6. **General Business:**

Ronnie James expressed appreciation for the work of the Management Committee in the previous twelve months.

Stan Harris asked that all documents belonging to the Progress Association, including correspondence folders 1970-74 inclusive, be returned to the Association without delay, for photocopying. Copies will then be made available to the Society. Merle Beckett agreed to cooperate

Stan Harris moved, seconded Marie Louise Potter, that the Secretary should obtain a copy of the Society's Constitution held by the Office of Fair Trading and this be copied to all financial members of the Society. Adopted

Merle Beckett was pleased to acknowledge the donation of a number of significant historical documents to the Society, including Rosemary Opala's undated paper "The Sixth Island".

Judith McQueen expressed extreme disappointment that her efforts, made at great personal cost prior to resigning from the Society, to re-organise the Society's affairs after the death of Warwick Peberdy, had little apparent impact. She was assured her efforts are appreciated and are assisting the Society to move efficiently along the path of promoting and preserving the history of Coochiemudlo Island.

7. **Close of meeting:** The President closed the meeting at 3.15 pm.

Ted Jones presented an informative and entertaining account of the development over the past few decades of facilities for travel between the mainland and the Island.