

Coochiemudlo Island Historical Society Inc.

Annual General Meeting

11.30 am 4 October 2008

MINUTES

Attendance: Carolyn Brammer (President), Denise Preston (Treasurer), Margaret Walker (Committee), Edward Jones (Committee), David Paxton (Secretary) and Lindsay Duncan, Paul Flomersfeld, Gayle and David Morgan, Alastair Barber, Merle Beckett, Des and Di Binstead, Kerry Brammer, Trevor Watson, Diane and Trevor Gillham, Keith Slack, Daveen O'Pray, Patricia and Martin Screen, Margrit Lack.

Visitors: Mary Preston, Narelle Renn, Brian F. Isaacs, Cecily Dean and Rick Thomason (Redland Museum), Chris Ayres, Ruth Venner, Phil Washington, Chris Ayres, Peter and Phyllis Ludlow, Rhonda and Chris Bryce, Matthew Lamborne, Rosalea Carroll, Saren Starbridge.

Apologies: Maurine and Bill Bradby, Ellen Paxton, Elizabeth Sparks, Norma and Bruce Green, Denise and Viv Wright, Bobbe Stephens, Irene Martin, Ronnie and Peter James, Marie-Louise Potter, Cate Flomersfeld, Eithne Barber, Debra Henry, Lenore Smith.

Adopted: David Morgan/Patricia Screen

1. Confirmation of previous minutes: The minutes of the AGM 4 November 2007 were adopted (David Paxton/Margaret Walker)

Confirmed

2. President's Report: Carolyn Brammer welcomed members and visitors, and presented the President's Report, reflecting a very active year for the Society. She noted with sadness the passing of Rosemary Opala, Thomas Marsh, Kel Cranston and Keith Thomson. New members were welcomed: Gayle and David Morgan, Margrit Lack, Serge Zaleski, Robyn and Cedric Rowe. Highlights were: *The Flowering* acted by Donna Cameron on Flinders Birthday; naming of *Trim*, her launch and use on Flinders Day (rowed by the Flomersfeld family); Bayside Car Restorers visit; Open Evening at History Room; hosting the Water Transport Association visit; involvement in climate change initiatives with SEQ Catchments; successful grant application for furniture; and significant material donations by Lorraine Dixon-Bone, Arthur Underwood, Ted Jones and John Auty. Margaret Walker moved, seconded by David Paxton, that the President's Report be adopted.

Adopted with acclamation

3. Treasurer's Report: Copies of the Treasurer's Report for 2007/8 were circulated. Denise Preston presented the report (copy on file) which shows that the Society had an operating deficit of \$1435.26 for the year, reflecting the high level of activity. \$2285.75 remained at the bank on 30 June 2008 plus \$100 petty cash. Denise Preston moved, seconded by David Morgan that the Treasurer's Report (copy on file) be adopted.

Adopted with acclamation

4. Election of Management Committee: Peter Ludlow conducted the election. The following nominees had accepted nomination for the following positions and were duly elected:

President: Carolyn Brammer (Edward Jones/Denise Preston)

Vice President: Margaret Walker (Carolyn Brammer/Denise Preston)

Treasurer: Denise Preston (David Paxton/Margaret Walker)

Secretary: David Paxton (Margaret Walker/Carolyn Brammer)

Committee Members: Edward Jones (David Paxton/Margaret Walker), and Rob Allan (David Paxton/Margaret Walker)

5. A memorial celebration for Rosemary Opala was then held. Rosemary's art work and poetry, and publicity releases on her life and death were on display. The President invited members and visitors to speak on the life of Rosemary Opala, who had been an important contributor to the social development of Moreton Bay, a nurse at the Peel Island lazaret, a resident of Coochiemudlo Island with her husband Marion, contributor to Redland Museum and the History Society, and a tireless and individualistic champion for the environment. Ted Jones led the remembrances, movingly recalling Rosemary's service as a nurse during World War II and at the Peel Island lazaret. A statement by Councillor Debra Henry was read by Rhonda Bryce, Secretary of Friends of Peel Island. Many others spoke of their relationship with Rosemary. A blue gum tree was then planted in her memory, in the Doug and Mary Morton Reserve.

6. Close of meeting: President Carolyn Brammer thanked members and visitors, and closed the meeting at 1.30 pm. Lunch followed, catered by the Matthew Flinders Café.

Acclamation

Carolyn Brammer
President