

SOUTHERN HERITAGE TRUST

Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting held in the offices of Galloway Cook Allan at 123 Vogel Street, Dunedin on Thursday 21 June 2018, beginning at 5.30pm.

Present: Ann Barsby, John Barsby (Chair), Merrin Bath, Geoff Bellamy (Secretary), Jack Gordge and forty-three members and other attendees.

Apologies: Hillary Alison, Marjorie Anderson, Liz Angelo, Glynn Babington, Ann Barrow-clough, Kay Bradford, Anna Carr, Ross Corton, Jonathan Cweorth, Lyn Evington, Laurie & Sandra Forbes, Jo Galer, David & Sandra Goodchild, Cecylia Kloo, Mandy de Leeuw, Jeanette Leigh, Brent Lovelock, Anna McCreath Munro, Louise Petherbridge, Billy Rawlings, Janet Yiakmis, Shane White.

1. Introduction.

John Barsby opened the meeting by welcoming members and receiving apologies, as above.

2. Previous minutes.

The minutes of last year's AGM held on 16 August 2017, having been previously circulated to members and taken as read, **were accepted: moved John Barsby, seconded Geoff Bellamy – carried.**

3. Chairman's Annual Report, 1 July 2017–30 June 2018.

John Barsby presented this year's Annual Report in the absence of Brent Lovelock, current Board Chairman. It was a comprehensive report on happenings, beginning with the year's highlight, the Dunedin Harbour City Heritage Festival, though followed then by the year's low, the death of former Chairman and Life Member Barry Clarke. A further loss were the resignations of Trustees Craig Bush and Jonathan Cweorth, who were given thanks for their valuable input over the years. As replacements on the Committee we welcomed Merrin Bath, Mandy De Leeuw and Jack Gordge, whom we look forward to working with over the years ahead. Other key events included: the AGM, and the lecture on local and international heritage presented by Nick Dixon of DCC; the annual Lawson Lecture, which this year featured the architecture of Mason and Wales presented by David Murray, Hocken Library archivist; the annual David Cox Memorial Award, which is to be offered biennially from 2019; and a regular program of members' visits to heritage and other sites, which included the former Cadbury factory. The Trust continues to sustain a variety of heritage functions in its advocacy role, including being against the proposal to build a 17-story hotel on Filleul Street; continuing to support DCC's Heritage Fund; presenting a regular series of heritage-oriented talks on *Heritage Matters* via Otago Access Radio – which this year won the award for best spoken program in the Community Access section; together with ongoing input into the future of Donagh's Ropewalk and the Cadbury site; and the possible relocation of the historic Braemar Street Cottage. The Trust continues to help in preserving and promoting Dunedin's heritage wherever possible, and to this end was most grateful in becoming the beneficiary, earlier this year, of a substantial bequest from the late Ngaire Broadfoot – long-time Trust member and heritage supporter. Finally, a very special thanks to John Barsby who is stepping down from his long term roles as Secretary and Treasurer to the Trust. These roles will now be filled by Trustees Geoff Bellamy as Secretary, and Mandy de Leeuw as Treasurer.

4. Annual Financial Statement.

Owing to the AGM's early date this year, details of the Trust's annual Financial Performance for Year Ending 30 June were not then available. Copies of a statement for 31 December 2017 were circulated instead on which John Barsby made comments, particularly in connection with the Broadfoot bequest of almost \$80,000, which raised the Trust's finances to a level almost twice what they had been the previous year.

5. Conferment of Honorary Life Membership.

In recognition of John Barsby's valuable service and contributions to the Trust over time, Geoff Bellamy presented him with Honorary Life Membership of the Trust. John responded with thanks, expressing enjoyment in his Trust roles, while being happy now to devolve his long-held administration burdens to others.

6. General business.

Ann Barsby made comments on the range of lecture meetings included in the series, *Visions for Dunedin: Our Heritage, Our Future*, through to the end of the year. Lectures are held in the Public Library, she said, and are free. She also mentioned the ongoing tea/talks at the Savoy, and an up-coming tour to North Otago in September with accommodation at *Burnside* for whoever needs it. After calling for ideas from members to include in the 2019 events program, Ann thanked everyone for attending the AGM and continuing to support the Trust and its work.

The formal meeting closed at 5.55pm.

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