



# MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

Military Veterans' Group



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## MINUTES

Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 11 October, 2023  
Commencing 1115 hrs  
Venue: Hans Ebeling Room

**Opening:** Tribute to the fallen and departed comrades.

**Welcome by the Chair:** The Chairman welcomed all those attending the meeting.

**Present:** Roger W Greene; Michael Annett; Roger Schie; Ivo Sist; Barry Minster; De Bourke; David Baker; Jim Barry; Matthew Thorpe; Dechlan Ellis; Peter Osbourne; Peter Saville; Mark Leary; Peter Donoghue; Michael Pignatelli; Raymond Holliday; John Wertheimer; Gavin Lee; John Bitcon; Robert Bruce; John Decher; David Jackson; Harry Birrell; Sean Kennaway; Angus MacEwan; Andrew Behan; Graeme Day – Auditor & Returning Officer; Jason Cook – Observer.

**Apologies:** AIRCDRE Grant Pinder; Martin Wettenhall; Jenny Alexander

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting 5 October 2022 and Special General Meeting 12 July 2023.**

It was Moved, Seconded and Resolved that the Minutes of Annual General Meeting 5 October 2022 and Special General Meeting 12 July 2023 be accepted.

**Business arising from Previous minutes:** There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

**Chairman's Report:** It was Moved, Seconded and Resolved that the Chairman's Report be accepted.

Mr Gavin Lee made an observation that from the last Chairman's Report and the current report that the passing of Arthur Atkins in October 2022 had not been recorded. The Chair acknowledged that was an oversight.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Financial: Bank Accounts and Audited Financial Statement.

The Treasurer presented the bank accounts and the Audited Financial Statement. There being no discussion it was Moved Seconded and Resolved that Audited Financial Statement be accepted.



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## General Business:

1. Election of Committee Members. The Returning Officer Mr Graeme Day presented his report. At the close of nominations at 5.00 pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023 there were eleven valid nominations received for a position on the Committee of the MCC Military Veterans' Group.

As the number of nominations was less than the positions available there was no requirement for an election. He then announced that the following have been elected to the Committee of the MCC Military Veterans' Group for the ensuing period:

- a. Roger W. Greene;
- b. Michael Annett;
- c. Roger Schie;
- d. Ivo Sist;
- e. Michael Pignatelli;
- f. Stewart Robinson;
- g. Peter Osbourne;
- h. Andrew Mason;
- i. Sean Kennaway;
- j. Raymond Holliday; and
- k. Dechlan Ellis.

2. Any other business.

Mr B. Minster advised the meeting that he along with Mr G. Lee submitted to the Secretary a Notice of Motion to be included on the agenda for this Annual General Meeting. The Notice of Motion was "That a vote be held at this AGM to decide whether or not to give an acknowledgment to country at the beginning of any meeting of the Military Veterans' Group."

He advised the meeting that he had received verbal and written notification from the Chair that the Notice of Motion would not be put to the AGM.

He observed the following:

1. That we are holding a private meeting ie that not no uninvited guests or the public can gain admission, and according to State Legislation we are exempt from conducting any acknowledgement;
2. What Constitutes an event or meeting of significance? Surely a lunch in the private dining room is neither;



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3. That he recently attended with his wife, both MCC Members, a Ladies at the MCC cocktail party held in the Hans Ebeling Room. There was a brief welcome by the President of the MCC but no acknowledgement oddments to country;
4. That there was no acknowledgement to country at the beginning of this AGM; and
5. That he was against the way the Committee handled the Notice of Motion.

The Chairman responded advising that on receipt of the Notice of Motion we sought advice from the MCC Committee. The MCC Committee advised that under Rule 10 of the Military Veterans' Group rules we are bound to abide by the MCC rules which includes the Reconciliation Action Plan. After discussion with MVG Committee and on the advice of the MCC Committee the MVG Committee decided not to put the motion.

Mr G. Lee advised that:

1. It was a recommendation only to undertake an acknowledgement;
2. He asked if we had sought advice from Glen James our only Aboriginal member; and
3. He thought we should have gone to all on an issue such as this.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 1133 hours.

**Roger W Greene, OAM, JP**  
**Chairman**