

Minutes of the General Meeting of SA Superannuants held at Pilgrim Hall 12 Flinders street Adelaide 26 September 2017

The President opened the meeting at 1pm in the presence of 36 members.

1. **Apologies** David Donaldson, Arnulf Anders, Michael Evans, John Parkinson

2. Actions by the Committee since the last General Meeting

2.1 The committee is looking into governance and also into linkages with other organisations i.e. ACPSRP, COTA, Superannuation Federation and its good relations with Federal and State Governments. We will produce a document that will be printed in *The Superannuants*.

2.2 We received a surprise donation from Walter Beale.

2.3 COTA is preparing a submission to the parties for the 2018 State election. We will be sending a document that Ray Hickman has produced. This will be approved at the next committee meeting and printed in the February issue of *The Superannuant*.

2.4 ACPSRO is making a submission to a Senate committee but is more about Commonwealth public servants. We will be making our own submission.

2.5 There is a push for a review at the Superannuation Federation. There is too much control in a few hands. We have made progress with our demands. At the Federation Superannuation meeting there have been tensions over who gets the nomination for Funds SA position. The Federation nominates three and the State Treasurer chooses one. We are saying that no Board member should be on the Federation committee. All three nominees should be professionally qualified.

The President of the Superannuation Federation wanted to refer all these matters to the Executive Committee. We oppose this and want a review committee set up. As to the review of the constitution the executive committee can identify issues and refer them to the expert committee.

2.6 Peter Frick has raised the issue of storage of our files. They can be put in the cloud. We will have 15gb for free. But we will do a back up on a hard drive. The committee has decided to accept his offer. There were questions from the floor. Should there be a payment? What about the equipment needed/ The President said these matters would be raised with Peter Frick.

2.7 In the last newsletter there was a plea for a coordinator. If there is no newsletter our membership will drop dramatically. A member asked if it was time to pay someone. The President said the committee would look at all options. There is also the need for more committee members. He urged members to think seriously about volunteering.

2.8 The President asked Ray Hickman to address the meeting.

Once we requested missing actuarial reviews they appeared within a week. In the next issue of *The Superannuant* there will be an explanation. All our endeavours have come to nothing.

3 Guest speaker

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Ian Beckingham introduced Jan Forrest former senior collection manager at the SA Museum who gave an illustrated talk on butterflies in SA and their habitats and how to encourage them and their larvae in our gardens.

After the enthralling talk Ian presented the guest speaker with a token of appreciation. The meeting closed at 2.20pm.

President
30/10/2017