EAST MELBOURNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2025

AT THE EAST MELBOURNE LIBRARY

COMMENCING AT 7.33 P.M.

WELCOME

The President, Tim Holland, opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests to the Society's twenty-sixth AGM.

PRESENT

48 members were recorded as present, as follows:-

Elizabeth Alexander	Susan Barker	Bob Bartouney	Gregory Bisinella
Sylvia Black	Mary Ryllis Clark	Diane Clifford	Ruby Coppens
Frank Coppens	Robyn Damm	Jill Fenwick	Peter Fenwick
Prue Forster	Elizabeth Heathcote	Peter Hendrickson	Krystyn Hendrickson
Tim Holland	Bernie Holtschke	Lorraine Holtschke	Malcolm Howell
Peter Jenkins	Sally Laurie	Esther Lewin	Lisette Malatesta
Marita McCabe	Maureen McKeon	Stephen Meek	Christine Meek
Ian Mitchell	Kate Parsons	Chris Reardon	Trish Reardon
Doug Robertson	Pamela Robertson	Albert Rotstein	Andrew Russell
Marita Russell	Carmel Sandiford	Doug Sandiford	Charmaine Simpson
Darryl Stanisich	Jennifer Stanisich	Gay Sussex	Graham Sussex
Cathy Wagner	Marie Walpole	Andrew Walpole	Margaret Webster

APOLOGIES

24 apologies were received, as follows:-

Julia Armour	Deirdre Basham	Marion Adler Bishop	Bretan Clifford
Anne Coleman	Peter Coleman	Lizzie Crosby	Shelley Faubel
Elizabeth Fieldus	Alan Fieldus	Ian Hind	Penny Hughes
Marlene McIntosh	Angela Mercer	Jennifer Owen	Richard Owen
Barbara Paterson	Di Renou	Peter Renou	Liz Rushen
Kathleen Rutherford	Joan Tehan	Tony Tehan	Graeme Williams

PROXIES

1 proxy was received from:-
Angela Mercer

BUSINESS

1. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 25TH AGM HELD ON 16 October 2024

Last year's AGM minutes were emailed to all members and were available on the website. There were no questions regarding the minutes.
Tim Holland invited someone to move and to second that the minutes be confirmed.
Moved: Marita McCabe
Seconded: Jill Fenwick
Carried on a show of hands

2. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

The annual report was emailed to all members and was available on the website. Tim Holland did not read the full report. He thanked all members of the committee for their assistance and work over the past year. He made special mention of the generous bequest of $20,000 to the society by the late John Barry.

Tim moved that the Annual Report be received and adopted

Seconded: Marita McCabe

Carried on a show of hands

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

The financial statement was emailed to all members and was available on the website.

The treasurer, Malcolm Howell, gave a brief overview of the society's financial activity for the year. Our bank balance has increased substantially due to John Berry's bequest. The bequest money has been placed on term deposit, separate from our trading account.

Malcolm invited questions.

Stephen Meek asked how long the term deposit was for, and how were we going to spend the money. Malcolm replied it was a three month term, and how the money was to be spent was still under discussion. Stephen then asked why had not more money been put into the term deposit. Malcolm accepted the question as valid and did not offer an answer.

Malcolm moved that the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

Seconded: Doug Robertson

Carried on a show of hands

4. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Nominations have been received from:

Tim Holland	for position of President
Barbara Paterson	for position of Vice-President
Sylvia Black	for position of Secretary
Malcolm Howell	for position of Treasurer
Diane Clifford	for position of Membership Administrator
Lisette Malatesta	for position of committee member
Marita McCabe	for position of committee member
Jill Fenwick	for position of committee member
Ian Hind	for position of committee member

There being no other nominations, Tim Holland declared that each nominee was duly elected.

5. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2026

Members had been previously advised that the subscription for the year 2026 would remain at $30.00.

Malcolm Howell moved the motion that the Annual Subscription payable by members of the Society for the year ending 31 December 2026 be $30.00, payable by 31 January 2026.

Seconded: Lisette Malatesta

Carried on a show of hands

The AGM concluded at 7.44 p.m.

At the conclusion of the meeting Tim announced a project that the society will embark on over the next year. This is to be a history of Cliveden, the home of Sir William and Lady Clarke, and said to be the largest town house in Australia. It was later converted to up-market apartments. There is an enormous amount of material to be explored and we invite anyone interested in helping to contact

us. Bruce Trethowan who has given two talks to the society on the architecture of the building, will contribute his extensive knowledge to the project.

We also hope to run some workshops on researching family history and house history.

Tim then introduced the night's speaker, Anna Blainey Warner, who was to tell us how women in the 1890s alerted the public to the sexual assault and prostitution of young girls and of the controversy that followed, leading to the eventual acceptance that the age of consent be raised from 12 to 16.