



2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1.30pm Saturday 28 October 2017
Mitchell Theatre, Sydney Mechanics School of Arts
280 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

Present: Kerry Bromson (Chair); Brian Beaumont-Owles, Shirley Beaumont-Owles, Errol Benvie, Ninette Boothroyd; Leon Botes; Peter Bower; Audrey Bradshaw; Anne Brooks; Neil Burling; Pamela Burling; Tom Buckley, Erol DiGiusto; Stephanie Garland; Olivia Hammond; Pamela Hannam; Dianne Henness; Shayne Higson; Frances Hunt; Robert Jones; Tim Josling; Jan Kent; Marianne Kristensen, David Leaf; Maxine Littlefield; Margaret Luker; Philip Luker; Maria Lydaki; Susan MacDougall; David Mahoney; Phillip Marsh; Tatiana Marshall; Garth Martin; Annie Matheson; Andre Mauchle; Meg Morgan; Kate Palmer; Margot Palmer; Jacquie Peacock; Joan Poole; Eliot Redelman, Elizabeth Saadeh; Russell Schirmer; Lucia Sini; Sandi Steep; Sarah Taylor; Roxana Warning; Genevieve Wensley; Geoffrey Williams; Ian Wood.

Proxies recorded: Tony Coleing; Alice Hannaford; Winifred Little; Marilyn Mason; Wayne Mason; Catherine Osgood; John Palmer; Mary Schafer; Brian Selley; Alison Williams.

Apologies: Bertha Franklin; Penny Hackett; Margaret Hammond; Christine Jenkins; Kris Melmouth; David Scanlon; Mary Young.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM

The Minutes of the 2016 AGM, held on 29 October 2016 at the Dougherty Centre Auditorium in Chatswood were accepted. Proposed by Shayne Higson and seconded by David Mahoney.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

4. CONVENOR'S REPORT

Kerry Bromson reported on the VEP's activities. There have been no federal elections in the past year, but there have been campaigns in both Victoria and NSW asking members to write to their politicians in favour of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bills that have been brought in both state parliaments. The results are expected later in November. Both Queensland and South Australia had members interested in starting a state Branch, but to date, they have been unable to find enough willing members to form a committee. The Federal Executive will continue to offer assistance as required. Kerry thanked the Federal Executive for their efforts, and noted that Kym Buckley, Philip Nitschke, Ron Court and Daniel Spina were standing down, and not nominating for re-election this year.

5. PRESENTATION OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS

The audited financials for the year ending 30 June 2017 were presented to the meeting. The financial year opened with a carry-forward of \$20,819. After receiving income of \$9,683, and having expenditure of \$18,495, the Party had an overall loss of \$8,812, and finished the year with a balance on 30 June of \$12,008. The financial reports were accepted. Proposed Sandi Steep and seconded by Geoffrey Williams.

6. ELECTION OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE FOR 2016-2017


- a. **Convenor** – Kerry Bromson was elected unopposed.
- b. **Deputy-Convenor** – Shayne Higson was elected unopposed.
- c. **Secretary** - David Mahoney was elected unopposed.
- d. **Treasurer** - Sandi Steep was elected unopposed.
- e. **Public Officer** – Susan MacDougall was elected unopposed.
- f. **Three ordinary members** – There were no nominations for Ordinary Members, so the positions were declared vacant, and nominations were called from the floor. One member nominated, and Thomas Buckley was declared as an Ordinary Member, with two positions vacant.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Shayne Higson gave a brief update on voluntary assisted dying news in other states of Australia, and internationally, particularly in Canada and the USA. We were pleased to hear that so many places are taking action to introduce new laws.

There being no other business, the members were thanked and the official meeting closed at 2.30pm, to be followed by afternoon tea and guest speakers.

Signed as a true record



Kerry Bromson, Convenor

5/9/2018
Date