



Voluntary Euthanasia Party (NSW)  
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## VOLUNTARY EUTHANASIA PARTY (NSW) 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

3.15pm Saturday 28 October 2017  
Mitchell Theatre, Sydney Mechanics School of Arts  
280 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW

### MINUTES

#### 1. ATTENDANCE

**Present:** Pamela Burling (Chair); Brian Beaumont-Owles, Shirley Beaumont-Owles, Errol Benvie, Ninette Boothroyd; Leon Botes; Peter Bower; Audrey Bradshaw; Kerry Bromson; Anne Brooks; Neil 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; 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; Geoffrey Williams; Ian Wood.

**In Attendance (not NSW Branch members):** Alexandra Koutchavis; Susan MacDougall.

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

**Apologies:** Penny Hackett; Margaret Hammond; Christine Jenkins; Kris Melmouth; Mary Young.

#### 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM

The minutes of the Inaugural AGM held on 29 October 2016 were accepted.

#### 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

#### 4. CONVENOR'S REPORT

Pamela Burling reported on the year's activities. Major activities centred around the NSW By-Elections in April 2017 and the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill. In April 2017, Kerry Bromson ran for the NSW seat of Manly, and Brian Beaumont Owles and for the seat of North Shore. We were able to get an average of around 3% of the primary vote. The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2017 (NSW), will be debated and voted on in the coming weeks. The VEP(NSW) submitted a detailed response to the draft bill. Pamela informed the meeting that she was stepping down as NSW Branch Convenor.

#### 5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Brian Beaumont Owles tabled the 2017 audited financial report. The VEP (NSW) had total funds of \$21,277 at 30 June 2017. Income for the 2016-17 financial year had been \$25,884 and expenditure had been \$15,642, meaning the Branch showed a profit of \$10,241 for the period.

## **6. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

- a. NSW Branch Convenor – Shayne Higson was elected unopposed.
- b. NSW Branch Deputy-Convenor – Penny Hackett was elected unopposed.
- c. NSW Branch Secretary – Sandi Steep was elected unopposed.
- d. NSW Branch Treasurer – Brian Beaumont-Owles was elected unopposed.
- e. NSW Branch Media Officer – position was declared vacant with no nominations.
- f. Three Ordinary Members of the NSW Branch Executive – Errol Benvie, David Leaf and Russell Schirmer were elected, with no other nominees.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS NOT REQUIRING NOTICE**

The meeting organisers were thanked for their efforts. There was no other business and the meeting closed at 3.55pm.

Signed as a true record

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Shayne Higson, Convenor

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