

## **Annual General Meeting ADAA 15 June 2010 RAAF Richmond**

The meeting was opened at 11:17 am by Gary Cole, Vice President, who welcomed all present. He indicated that a quorum of members was present with about ten percent of the financial members attending.

Present were:

Barry Gannon, Peter Edwards, Vince Head, Tony Dowd, Ron Blakely, Peter de Jeney, Denis McCann, Bren Helson, Chris Gill, Nev Varley, Henry Fabisiak and Kemm Baber. Allan Bewley arrived shortly after the meeting opened. Brian Irving arrived late in the meeting and apologised for his late arrival due to heavy traffic.

The minutes of the previous AGM were discussed and Denis McCann requested the number of financial members of the Association. Kemm Baber responded it was approximately 140 give or take a few.

After some discussion on general matters it was MOVED Tony Dowd seconded B Gannon *“That the minutes be adopted as a true account of the previous AGM”*.  
CARRIED

The President then called on the Treasurer Kemm Baber for a financial report. The Treasurer then provided a financial statement (Copy attached to minutes) and spoke at length on the details. The audit is required to be carried out after the close of the financial year on 30 June and will be done and published in the following edition of the Clipped Wings. A number of questions were raised about the report and Kemm answered all to the satisfaction of the meeting. One particular matter was a sum of \$40-00 which had been written off, another was the cost of Insurance to provide indemnity for Officers and the Association. There was also the cost of sending Vice President Cole to Townsville to represent the Association. After some further discussion it was MOVED Nev Varley seconded Chris Gill *“That the Treasurer’s report be adopted”* CARRIED

The Secretary then provided a copy of Paul Mulvay’s report on stock held by the Association which showed there had been very little movement in a number of items for the last year. The Secretary suggested that the Association might consider discounting those items to reduce stale stock and the inventory overall. Some discussion took place and it was moved Denis McCann seconded Chris Gill *“That the COM be authorised to make a decision on discounting items, advertising same in the Clipped Wings and reducing the inventory as they deem reasonable”*. CARRIED

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The Secretary then gave a short report on activities planned by the ADAA which centred on the coming International Reunion in Europe this September, there are about twenty four members and wives attending with tours through France, Belgium and Holland ending up at Arnhem for the Market-Garden commemorations on the anniversary date of the assault, 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. Also attending will be members of the UKADA , NZADA and the Red Hat Chapter from the USA.

The Secretary then raised the matter which had been of considerable concern to the Association due to an article in the January 2010 edition of the Clipped Wings by John Liston. The Secretary indicated that most if not all members would be well aware of the circumstances and the resolution of the matter and he then suggested that unless someone wished to reopen it, that the matter was best left as settled business. After a short discussion it was moved Denis McCann seconded Ron Blakely *“That the matter had been properly resolved by the Committee and no further action was required or desired”*. CARRIED

The President then invited Allan Bewley to act as Returning Officer for an election for all positions on the Committee. To general applause Allan accepted the request. Vice President Gary Cole vacated the Chair and Allan Bewley took the Chair and declared all positions vacant.

He then called for nominations for **President**

Barry Gannon nominated Gary Cole who accepted the nomination. Allan called for further nominations but none were forthcoming. He then declared **Gary Cole** President.

He then called nominations for **Vice President**

Peter Edwards nominated Nev Varley who accepted the nomination. Allan then called for further nominations, there were no further nominations and Allan declared **Nev Varley** Vice President.

He then called nominations for **Secretary**

Nev Varley nominated Barry Gannon who accepted the nomination. Allan then called for further nominations, there were no further nominations and Allan declared **Barry Gannon** Secretary

He then called for nominations for **Treasurer**

Denis McCann nominated Kemm Baber who accepted the nomination. Allan then called for further nominations, there were no further nominations and Allan declared **Kemm Baber** Treasurer.

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He then called nominations for **Assistant Secretary**

Barry Gannon nominated Denis McCann who accepted the nomination. Allan then called for further nominations, there were no further nominations and Allan declared **Denis McCann** Assistant Secretary.

He then called for nominations for **Merchandising Officer**

Nev Varley nominated Chris Gill who accepted the nomination. Allan then called for further nominations, there were no further nominations and Allan declared **Chris Gill** Merchandise Officer

He then requested nominations for the positions of State Representatives for the Association and Barry Gannon indicated that he understood that the following persons were prepared to accept the positions.

Doug Carpenter in Western Australia.

Denis McCann in New South Wales.

Frank Zuppar in South Australia.

Graham Papworth for Victoria and Tasmania

Nic Nicolai for the Northern Territory and

Barry Gannon for Queensland

Peter Edwards moved "*That the nominations as presented be accepted*" this was seconded Nev Varley and CARRIED

Allan then requested any further nominations for the positions, there being none he declared the positions filled as reported.

Allan Bewley then congratulated the incoming officers of the Association and spoke about how pleasant it was to be associated with the ADAA. He then invited Gary Cole to take the chair as the new President and vacated the Chair.

The President then opened the meeting for General Business

Kemm Baber raised the matter of the name of the Association and suggested that it should more rightfully include the word ARMY as part of the name. A good general discussion then took place around the suggestion with all being receptive to the proposed change. The Secretary raised the point that such a matter should be canvassed amongst the broad membership prior to any decision, this was discussed at length and it was MOVED Kemm Baber seconded Peter de Jeney "*That the Committee determine the name change proposal as to where the word "ARMY" should be placed in the name and such proposal then be disseminated to the full membership of the Association for their feedback. Then after considering same the Committee make the decision as to the proposal*". CARRIED

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The matter of Insurance costs was then discussed but no determination was made.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 11:56 AM and invited all to a bar-b-que lunch with the members of 176 AD Squadron and the presentation of the Association award for Soldier of the Year 2009 . He wished all a safe journey home.