



**Australian Society for History of Engineering and Technology  
Incorporated (ASHET)**

**Annual General Meeting 2017  
to be held at History House at 6 pm on Thursday 27 April 2016**

**AGENDA**

1. Receive apologies
2. Confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2016
3. Receive committee report on activities for the year 2016
4. Receive and consider financial statement for the year 2016
5. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members for 2017-18

Andrew Grant  
Secretary, ASHET  
30 March 2017



## Australian Society for History of Engineering and Technology Incorporated

### Committee Annual Report and Financial Statement 2016

#### **ASHET membership**

At the end of 2016, ASHET had 42 members. Of these, 38 lived in the Sydney area, 2 in country NSW, 1 in Victoria and 1 in Queensland.

#### **ASHET Finances**

The financial report for 2016 is attached.

#### **Meetings**

ASHET held a series of meetings during 2016 at History House in Sydney jointly with the Royal Australian Historical Society:

Thursday 18 February 2016, Talk by David Rosenberg, *Inside Pine Gap: Its Technical Intelligence Surveillance Role*

Tuesday 8 March 2016, Talk by Damian McDonald, *Wartime Innovation: Learning from Loss*

Tuesday 26 April 2016, Talk by Bill Phippen, *Early Metal Railway Bridges in NSW*

Thursday 26 May 2016, Talk by Kerrie Dougherty, *Space-Related Research and Innovation in the Australian Defence Scientific Service*

Thursday 30 June 2016, Talk by Duncan MacAuslan, *Sydney's Horse-drawn Buses*

Thursday 28 June 2016, Talk by Dr John O'Sullivan, *The CSIRO WiFi Technology Story*

Tuesday 23 August 2016, Talk by Brian Kirkby, *How the Shaw Wireless Works came about*

Thursday 29 September 2016, Talk by Jim Longworth, BSc, MA, PhD, *Caldwell-Vale: the men and their engineering*

Thursday 27 October 2016, Talk by Bill Jordan, FIEAust CPEng, *Newcastle's First Water Supply — The "Walka" Scheme*

Tuesday 29 November 2016, Talk by Tom Lockley, B A, M Ed, *Engineering Heritage of the Powerhouse Museum*

## **Projects**

Two identical versions of a travelling exhibition developed by ASHET, *The meat pie: Australia's own fast food*, continued to be displayed in regional and local libraries in NSW during 2016. Late in 2016, one of the exhibitions was sent to Adelaide where the State Library of South Australia will co-ordinate, through the South Australia Library Network, a touring program for the exhibition in local libraries around South Australia during 2017.

## **Powerhouse Museum**

During 2016 ASHET made submissions to the NSW Upper House Committee of Inquiry into Museums and Galleries arguing against the government's proposal to relocate the Museum to a site in Parramatta.

## **Royal Australian Historical Society (RAHS)**

During 2016 ASHET sent letters of support to the RAHS, to accompany applications from RAHS for grants to assist in the costs of improvements to its premises, which would allow easier public access for talks and meetings.

## **About ASHET**

The Australian Society for History of Engineering and Technology Inc. (ASHET) is an association incorporated in NSW. The Public Officer is Mari Metzke. ASHET carries \$20 million of public liability insurance and holds personal accident voluntary workers' insurance through the RAHS insurance program for affiliated societies. These insurances are renewed annually.

## **ASHET committee**

At the Annual General Meeting held on 30 April 2016, a new committee was elected to serve until the next annual general meeting in 2017. The following office bearers and committee members were elected:

President	Rob Renew
Senior Vice President	David Craddock
Vice President	Mari Metzke
Secretary	Andrew Grant
Treasurer	Eric Metzke
Committee Member	Neil McDonald
Committee Member	John Roberts
Committee Member	Liz Roberts

## ASHET Finance Report for 2016

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Members Subscriptions (137)	1,070	1,095
Income from Meetings & Activities (Nett of Expenses)(103)	1,504	1,030
Unilever Display (57)	0	2,250
Bank Interest (108)	184	356
	<b><u>2,758</u></b>	<b><u>4,731</u></b>
<b>Less: EXPENDITURE</b>		
Bank Fees (1)	9	34
Stationary Tools (2)	0	147
Insurance (6)	483	561
NSW Fair Trading (14)	54	53
Subscriptions (HC & RAHS) (16)	308	100
Bank Interest Paid (44)	5	0
Office Expenses & Room Hire (45)	1,185	111
Website Expenses (50)	200	180
Unilever Meat Pie Project (59)	493	14,559
RAHS Portion of Meeting Income (50%) (60)	686	807
Donations (PHA) 61	100	0
	<b><u>3,523</u></b>	<b><u>16,552</u></b>
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIENCY for year</b>		
- Balance brought forward	20,556	32,377
- Surplus/Excess of expenditure over receipts in 2016	-765	-11,821
	<b><u>Balance carried forward:</u></b>	<b><u>19,791</u></b>
	<b><u>19,791</u></b>	<b><u>20,556</u></b>
Cash in Hand	55	148
Cash in Bank	1651	533
Cash in Bank - on Deposit	18065	19,875
Less Subscriptions in advance	20	0
	<b><u>NETT ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>19,791</u></b>
	<b><u>19,791</u></b>	<b><u>20,556</u></b>



## **Australian Society for History of Engineering and Technology Incorporated (ASHET)**

### **Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members for 2017-18**

During the ASHET Annual General Meeting on Thursday 27 April 2017, all the present office bearers and committee members will retire, following which nominations will be sought for the following year.

Nominations for the following positions will be called for:

President

Senior Vice-President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Three ordinary Committee Members

Nominations must be in writing, signed by two members of ASHET and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate. They must reach the current Secretary not less than seven days before the date of the meeting either by email to [secretary.aset@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.aset@gmail.com) or by mail at to 2 Malacoota Road, Northbridge NSW 2063.



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**Nomination for election to the committee of management 2017**

There will be an election of office-bearers and members of the committee at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday 27 April 2017. The committee elected at this meeting will take office at the close of the meeting and will retire at the close of the Annual General Meeting in 2018.

The following office-bearers and committee members are to be elected:

- President
- Senior vice-president
- Vice-president
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Three ordinary committee members

Candidates for election must be members of ASHET. Nominations must be in writing, signed by two members of ASHET and accompanied by written consent of the candidate.

Nominations must be delivered to:

The Secretary, ASHET  
2 Malacoota Road  
NORTHBRIDGE NSW 2063

and be received not later than seven days before the date of the meeting on Thursday 27 April.

You may use this form to make a nomination. If you wish to make more than one nomination, copy this form and use one form for each nomination.

Nomination of .....

For the position of .....

Signed by two members of ASHET

.....  
Name Signature

.....  
Name Signature

Consent of the candidate to nomination

.....  
Signature



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**Proxy Voting Form for ASHET Annual General Meeting Thursday 27 April 2017**

A member of ASHET entitled to vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting by notice given to the Secretary no less than 24 hours before the time of the meeting at 6pm on Thursday 27 April 2017. The proxy must be a member of ASHET to be entitled to vote.

A member or proxy is not entitled to vote unless all money due and payable to ASHET has been paid other than the amount of the subscription payable in respect of the current year.

I.....  
Full name block letters

of.....  
Full address

being a member of ASHET entitled to vote appoint:

.....  
Full name block letters

of.....  
Full address

being a member of ASHET entitled to vote, as my proxy to vote for me and on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of ASHET on Thursday 27 April 2017 and any adjournment thereof.

Dated this .....day of .....2017.

Signature of member.....



## **Australian Society for History of Engineering and Technology Incorporated**

**Minutes of tenth Annual General Meeting held at History House at 6.00pm  
on 26 April 2016**

### **Present**

Robert Renew, chairman, and 22 other members.

### **Apologies**

An apology was received from Neil McDonald, David Craddock and Anne Arthur. Moved and seconded that the apologies be accepted. The motion was carried.

### **Minutes of annual general meeting 30 April 2015**

Moved and seconded that the minutes of the ninth annual general meeting held on 30 April 2015 be confirmed as a true record. The motion was carried. (RR, JR)

### **Committee's report on activities in 2015**

Moved and seconded, that the report be accepted. The motion was carried. (M. Clarke, MM)

### **Financial statement for 2015**

Moved and seconded that the financial statement for 2015 be accepted as a true and fair record. The motion was carried. (EM, JR)

### **Election of office bearers and committee members**

The secretary reported that in response to the call for nominations, the following nominations had been received:

President: Robert Renew

Senior vice-president: David Craddock

Vice-president: Mari Metzke

Secretary: Andrew Grant

Treasurer: Eric Metzke

Ordinary committee members: Elizabeth Roberts, John Roberts, Neil McDonald

Since the number of nominations did not exceed the number of vacancies, the chairman declared the nominees for those positions to be elected.

### **Closure**

There being no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.07 p.m.

Andrew Grant

21 May 2016