

SA SUPERANNUANTS - MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

1:00 pm Monday 30 August 2021

1. Welcome

President James Vandenberg welcomed 39 members to the meeting, also welcoming guest speaker Peter Christopher and his colleague Bernadette.

2. Apologies

Secretary Brenton Pain noted that apologies had been received from Peter Fleming, Max Jahn, Helen Green, Bill Harte, Alex Hodges, Charles Tucker, Bob Carmichael, Robin Percy, Trevor Miller and Graham Thomson.

3. Reports

James reported recent developments, including from the Committee meeting held on 23 August:

- Ray Hickman had agreed to be the convenor of the Superannuation Advisory Group, whose members include people from Western Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, and New South Wales.
- The 2021 membership brochures were currently with the printer.
- Newsletter co-ordinator & Website manager Peter Frick had finalized the September newsletter, to be issued soon.
- The Association now had almost 70 members in Victoria, and was moving closer to holding a meeting of Victorian members. Arrangements were being made to set up a formal sub-committee of Victorian members, with the convenor of the sub-committee joining the Executive Committee.
- Almost everything was now in place for the change of name of the Association, with just a Tax Office clearance needed before changes to the website and publications.

James expressed his gratitude for the more than \$5,000 in member donations received to date, and encouraged those still considering a contribution to make one.

James advised that member Joe Frank had asked to raise two matters: the ethical investment of superannuation funds, and a welcome to country or acknowledgement of traditional indigenous land ownership at Association meetings.

4. Ethical investing, and acknowledgement of traditional owners

Joe addressed the meeting and pointed out that the information to Super SA scheme members on the current candidates for the Super SA board offered nothing on where they stood on ethical issues such as investing in fossil fuels and weapons, and asked whether the Association should take some action on this.

Joe also asked the meeting whether there should be an acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land on which the Association holds its meetings.

James thanked Joe for raising these issues and said that they would be discussed by the Committee.

Lindsay Oxlad noted that Funds SA rather than Super SA made the investment decisions.

Brenton Pain said that the Chief Executives of Super SA and Funds SA would be joint guest speakers at the General Meeting on 27 September, and available to answer members' questions.

5. Special General Meeting 17 September 7, 2021

Brenton advised that the 27 September General Meeting would be preceded at 12:30 pm by a Special General Meeting to consider changes to the constitution, requested by the Attorney-General's Department when considering the Association's application to change its name. Brenton said that the Association was now officially "The Association of Public Sector Superannuants Incorporated".

6. Guest Speaker: Peter Christopher, Director, Clipper Ship *City of Adelaide* Ltd.

Brenton introduced Peter Christopher as the convenor of the first meeting in July 2000 aimed at saving the *City of Adelaide*, and a former Chief Industrial Officer of the Public Service Association.

Peter took the meeting through the history of the ship, purpose built in 1864 in Sunderland in the UK as an iron framed, wooded hulled vessel to carry migrants to South Australia.

The *City of Adelaide* sailed to Adelaide for 23 years, spent 6 years in North America timber trade, after a brief time as a collier in Ireland, and in 1893 stopped sailing and became an isolation hospital in Southampton. In 1923 the Royal Navy took it over, renamed it HMS *Carrick* and moved the ship to Scotland as a cadet gunnery training vessel.

In 1947 *Carrick* became Royal Navy Reserves club rooms on the Clyde River, Glasgow. After sinking in 1991, it was raised and moved to Irvine, onto private land. In 2000 the vessel faced being broken up, and an Adelaide volunteer campaign to save ship started.

After long negotiations, fundraising and a big engineering project, the Adelaide volunteer team succeeded in lifting the ship in its specially designed cradle and transporting it to Port Adelaide, arriving in February 2014. On the way HRH The Duke of Edinburgh renamed the ship back to its original name, *City of Adelaide*.

The ship now sits on the barge *Bradley* in Dock 2, Port Adelaide. It will be moved on to adjacent land in future to form the centre-piece of a Seaport Village, a maritime version of the Sovereign Hill village in Ballarat. The final cost to complete the whole project will be about \$25 million, and involve commitments from commercial partners.

Peter illustrated the significance of the *City of Adelaide* project to Australia's social history, with 250,000 people able to trace their heritage back to the ship. Peter discussed the current activities to continue the restoration of the vessel sympathetically with its history, and how it is open every day to be visited as a tourist attraction, operated by volunteers often with a family connection with the ship.

A major event at the ship this year will be Descendant's Day on 7th November, with people from the Victoriana Society attending in period dress.

Peter's absorbing presentation concluded with answers to several questions, such as where the ship originally docked (near the present red lighthouse), access to the original designs, volunteer numbers (50 active, 50 on the books), how to access the ship, installing the masts, and the relationship with the Maritime Museum (through "Museums of the Port").

Brenton led members in thanking Peter Christopher for his address, and presented Peter with a bottle of wine to mark the Association's appreciation.

7. Next Meeting

Brenton advised that the next meeting would be the Special General Meeting at 12:30 pm on 27 September, followed immediately at 1:00 pm by the General Meeting with the Chief Executives of Super SA and Funds SA as guest speakers.

Meeting Closed: 2:25 pm approximately
