

# Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust Inc.

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At Cobb n Co Dunedin

5.30pm on Saturday 19th October 2019

**PRESENT:** Rex Johnson (President), Terry Davis (Co-ordinator), Jenny Stephens, Ian Findlay, Jeanette McKay, Odette Hopgood-Bride (Treasurer), Roberta Laraman MNZM, Jack, Claire and Diane Davis, Beryl Maultby, Hillary Plunket, Winsome White, Lindsay Eagle, Jim White, Susan Rae, Carol Dempster, Ali Barty, Chris Bayne, Jan Murphy, Neil and Mary Bonner, Mrs Jean Park, Don Morrison, Fleur Sullivan.

**APOLOGIES:** John Douglas, Martin Anderson, Bruce and Lesley McMillan, Steve Clark, Janice and Alan Burrow, Warwick Hawker, Robyn and Lyn Bringins, Denese Clemins and Neil Salter, John Taylor, Allan John Black, Anna Pearce, Katy Button, Nicky and Allan Backer, Patricer and Donald MacGregor, Pam Malcolm and Wayne O'Connor, Taeri Hore and Neil McKercher, Gavan and Vicky Fox.

**Moved** (from the Chair) that apologies be accepted, 2nd Jeanette McKJay, Carried.

**WELCOME:** Rex extended a warm welcome to members and guests, and thanked everyone for coming, some from long distances.

### MINUTES OF THE 2018 AGM in Bannockburn:

**Moved:** that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the Meeting ..

Terry Davis/Ian Findlay .. .. . Carried.

**MATTERS ARISING:** The intention to nominate the OGHT for recognition under the Trustpower Community Awards scheme was not carried out as the award scheme ended. The previous Financial Reviewer no longer supports Charitable Trusts and a replacement appointment will be addressed later in this meeting.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Rex Johnson's first REPORT

(See appendices A below)

**Moved:** that the President's Report be adopted. Rex Johnson/ Jack Davis. Carried.

### CAVALCADE AND OTHER EVENTS - Terry Davis

(See appendices B below)

**Moved:** that the report be adopted. Terry Davis/ Jeanette McKay. Carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT - Odette Hopgood Bride**

(See appendices C)

**Moved:** Adoption of financial Report. Odette Hopgood-Bride/ Hilary Plunket Carried

**MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

OGHT annual membership subscriptions are currently: Individual adult membership \$50, couples membership \$70. The Committee had no proposal to change that rate. The meeting agreed that subscription fees will stay the same.

**FINANCIAL REVIEWER**

The previous OGHT Financial Reviewers Mead and Stark of Cromwell no longer provide review services for charitable trusts. They suggested alternative providers and the OGHT worked with Audit Professionals Dunedin for the financial review of this years accounts. A good working relationship has been established with this company.

**Moved:** Audit Professionals Dunedin, be appointed as the Trust's Financial Reviewer Rex Johnson/Mary Bonner. .. .. . Carried.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Nominations were received as follows:

		<b><u>Nominated by</u></b>	<b><u>Seconded by</u></b>
<b>Rex Johnson</b>	President	Odette Bride	Bruce McMillan
<b>Steve Clark</b>	Vice President	Rex Johnson	Odette H-B
<b>Terry Davis</b>	Secretary	Rex Johnson	Don Morrison
<b>Odette Bride</b>	Treasurer	Terry Davis	Rex Johnson
<b>Jeanette McKay</b>	Committee	Don Morrison	Terry Davis
<b>Martin Anderson</b>	Committee	Terry Davis	Odette H-B
<b>Roberta Laraman</b>	Committee	Bruce McMillan	Odette H-B
<b>Don Morrison</b>	Committee	Jeanette McKay	Terry Davis
<b>Allison Barty</b>	Committee	Suzanne Rae	Carol Dempster
<b>Suzanne Rae</b>	Committee	Carol Dempster	Allison Barty
<b>Carol Dempster</b>	Committee	Allison Barty	Suzanne Rae
<b>Bob Craigie</b>	Hon solicitor	Rex Johnson	Roberta Laraman
<b>Fleur Sullivan</b>	Patron		

**Moved:** That Nominations be closed and all the above be elected unopposed to the positions indicated, and Fleur confirmed as Patron of the Trust. ..

Moved Rex Johnson/ Ian Findlay.. .. Carried

**Notice of Motions to amend the constitution**

Clause 46... Moved Rex Johnson 2nd Terry Davis .. .. Carried  
Need to confirm the exact location of the seal at next committee meeting.

Clause 52... Moved Rex Johnson 2nd Terry Davis.. .. Carried

**Ross Wilson nominated for life membership.** Roberta /Rex Carried

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Ian Findlay would like to see a field trip focusing on Gold Dredges - needs low river levels! Sep 28th. - see ODT articles presented. Ian is keen to help organise.
- See ODT article Sep 21/22 about lake Mahinerangi Waipouri drowned township. Ian proposes we contact and support them.
- Note from Chris Bayne's supporters, who would like it minuted that Chris Bayne, Trail Boss of the Tussock Creek Light Wagon Trail (with support from her husband Les), is approaching her 25 years served as a Trail Boss. Her outstanding service to the Cavalcade is appreciated and valued, and she is much loved and respected by her team.

**Meeting closed at 6.35pm**

Signed as a true and complete record of the 2019 AGM .....

Date .....

## **Appendices:**

**Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust  
2019 Annual General Meeting  
19 October 2019  
Cobb and Co Restaurant, Anzac Ave, Dunedin**

**First Presidents Report of Rex Johnson**

### **A. Goldfields Cavalcade:**

The Goldfields Cavalcade is the premiere activity of the OGHT in which horse, wagon, foot and cycle multi-day trails all converge on a designated host town where a final event celebration is held. The Cavalcade has two main aspects, the first being the outdoor experience of the participants, and the second being an opportunity to bring a source of funding into rural communities.

As will be reported by the Cavalcade Coordinator, the 2019 Cavalcade had an excellent turnout in trail participants and the Lake Hawea host town committee made a good profit from the event. The OGHT also conducted a financial survey of trail participants and host town attendees with the aim of using this information to support funding requests for future cavalcades.

Following the 2019 Cavalcade the OGHT Committee received advice of concerns from some participants about their trail experience. The OGHT entered into lengthy debate with a trail boss about these concerns which were ultimately resolved. As a result of this experience the OGHT has taken the opportunity to review and modernise some of its event policy and procedures documents.

The OGHT has a good working relationship with its trail bosses, all of whom volunteer their time and skills in managing trails. I would like to acknowledge them here for their support to the OGHT and their ongoing commitment to helping make the Goldfields Cavalcade a memorable event for trail participants and the host towns.

Terry and Odette are now in the midst of planning for Cavalcade 2020 where trails will converge on the host town of Patearoa in the Maniototo. The grand parade and local festival will be on leap-day Saturday February 29, 2020. All visitors are welcome to support the event and host town.

### **Heritage Site Review:**

In conjunction with funding from the Central Lakes Trust, the OGHT is managing a review of heritage sites in Otago. The aim is to create a heritage database which the CLT can use to help it assess priorities for heritage funding requests. The OGHT will coordinate

archaeological specialists in visiting and recording sites, plus assist in updating existing heritage and council databases. This activity will be a big commitment for Terry and Odette over the next 5 years.

### **Field Trips:**

The day after the October 2018 AGM the OGHT held a very successful Victorian Picnic at Stewart Town, Bannockburn. The event was to celebrate the completion of a heritage project to stabilise a stone building and reservoir dam. Later that month the OGHT supported the Australation Mining History Association conference in Cromwell by providing presentations to the attendees.

This financial year In May 2019 The OGHT ran its first overseas field trip as a part of its 30th Anniversary year. The trip saw a group explore the Victorian goldfields of Australia, including Bendigo, Ballarat and heritage aspects of Melbourne. Thanks to Odette for managing that event and to the very harmonious team who took part in our Australian travels. In August we held a field trip exploring Clyde and Earnslugh areas, plus having a 30th Anniversary celebratory dinner at Olivers Restaurant.

For our October 2019 Field Trip we are exploring some of Dunedin's amazing heritage.

I want to acknowledge the OGHT Committee for the work they put in to preparing and running these field trips.

### **Interpretation Signs:**

This year the OGHT re-designed five replacement signs for the Invincible Mine, Glenorchy, created an interpretation sign for Stewart Town, is in discussions with other parties about wording for a replacement sign at the Lonely Miners gravesite at Millers Flat, and is replacing a sign at the Come In Time Battery on Thomsons Track as the original had a large hole shot in it. Thanks to Terry for his ongoing work maintaining and creating heritage signage.

### **Finance:**

This year our financial reviewer stopped supporting charitable trusts so we had to seek an alternative provider. The OGHT approached Audit Professionals Dunedin and have developed a good working relationship with them. I particularly want to highlight a paragraph from their Review of the 30 April 2019 Financial Statements which reads:

'Financial Performance: There is a surplus for the year of \$35,157 compared to a deficit of \$2,912. This is a significant surplus reflecting a busy year. Trustees and management are to be congratulated on this achievement.'

It is not often that we see words of praise like that from a financial reviewer. This outcome is directly attributable to the work Odette has done to achieve this turnaround.

### **General:**

I want to thank Terry and Odette for their ongoing passion for OGHT activities, and also thank the OGHT committee for the wonderful support they have provided the OGHT and me during the year.

I also want to acknowledge the passing of Edith McKay in August 2018. Edith was an active member of the OGHT as well as of the Cromwell Museum Trust and other groups. The OGHT presented Edith's family with a memento recognising her generous service to the Central Otago heritage community.

At the previous AGM Martin Anderson was nominated and approved for Honorary Life Membership of the OGHT. The committee took the opportunity to present this award to Martin at a lunch event in December 2018.

Rex Johnson  
President  
Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust

## **B. Cavalcade report:**

As Odette will allude to it was financially a very good Cavalcade. Numbers wise 620 was the 2nd biggest Cavalcade ever behind the Otago 150yr celebrations finishing in Cromwell in 1998 where there was over 800 Cavalcaders.

Hawea proved to be a very good Host Town to work with. Only a couple of Kiwi's and mostly ex pat Brits but led by the laid-back Warren Hewson they did an amazing job and were very happy with how their day went and how much money they made to distribute around their local community groups.

QLDC proved to be a very difficult council to work with. And they had a councilor on their team! QLDC donated \$10,000 towards the event and charged them \$16,000 in fees... or something like that. The host town committee once again did well applying for grants and sponsorship.

We had a few issues across the Cavalcade, probably more than we would typically expect. One new catering group will not be invited back. One trail left a gate open resulting in a very displeased land owner. One trail had to completely reorganise her trail including woolsheds and tracks the week before it started due to a previous event upsetting a land owner.

## Office report:

The office is still an absolute mess. Unfortunately the wondrous duo of Terry and Odette complement each other in numerous ways but being tidy, like spelling, is neither of their strong points!

We have been busy putting together the initial phases of the COHSR. One of these situations where before you get the funding you have to do a heap of work making sure you have the backing of key stakeholders, and do up a preliminary plan before you secure the funding which we did in April this year. So now we can get in properly and get cracking... due to all the prelim work we are already well on the way.

Odette organised and lead a very successful field trip to Bendigo Australia. Signage projects have been simmering away in the background. (See example) Events around the Cavalcade have taken up a lot of time this last financial year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee for their continued support and guidance. In particular Rex spends a lot of time popping into the office helping us with many things. And a special thanks to Odette who goes above and beyond and is such a pleasure to work with!

### **C. Treasurer's Report AGM 2019**

Cavalcade Hawea was a great success with the trust making a good surplus for the first time in years, over \$20,000. The Hawea host town also made a significant surplus distributing nearly \$50,000 throughout their community.

Stewart Town/Menzies Dam project is complete as of September 2019 and all unused grant funds have been returned.

We received \$42,500 grant from CLT in May for a project to conduct a Heritage Sites Review.

An economic survey of Cavalcade Hawea was done this year from which we have had excellent results. This is being reviewed and the results will be published in the next few weeks. I can tell you that the Goldfields Cavalcade contributes at least 1.5million dollars a year to the Otago economy with most of the funds going to not for profit organisations.

2019/2020 so far is a year of planning for the Heritage Sites Review and getting excited about the 25th Walking Cavalcade and our 28th Cavalcade.

Odette Hopgood-Bride  
OGHT Treasurer