

# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AMIENS HISTORY ASSOCIATION**

18th February 2023 at 2pm  
Amiens Legacy Centre  
17 Goldfields Road, Amiens

Welcome

Attendance: Morwenna Harslett, Dale Minchenton, Alan Kerr, Heather & Don Dux, Alec & Denise Harslett, Roger & Colleen Willis, Greg & Jane Turner, Nick Casey, Ken Edge-Williams, Barry Creed, Maree Klemm,

Apologies: David & Marlene Muir, Steve & Di Jones, Peter & Karen Klemm, Denis & Lyn Ritchie

Acceptance of Minutes of previous AGM 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Moved Heather 2<sup>nd</sup> Denise – Carried  
Business arising – Nil

Motion for Membership fees to remain at \$10 per person for 2023 - Moved Morwenna 2<sup>nd</sup> Colleen

## **President's Report**

2022 was 150 years since the official naming of the tin town of Stanthorpe and the Amiens History Association combined, on two occasions, with other community organisations to celebrate this milestone. Our first Tin Day was held in May in conjunction with the Stanthorpe Little Theatre's production of a play re-enacting those early days. Despite horrendous weather, there was a good turnout of visitors and so we decided to team up with the Heritage Railway group to revisit the event in August. A particular thank you to Colleen for representing AHA on the S150 committee. We again held our annual fundraising dinner, this year with a German theme and silent auction at the Stanthorpe RSL Club. One of our greatest areas of growth in 2022 was in the number of tour groups who visited our centre and the purchases of souvenirs and books as well as donations, often association with these tours. Winter and spring, in particular, was a very lucrative period with visits, morning teas, lunches and dinners by several large groups. In total \$13 595 was raised through tours, sales and donations in 2022. Thank you to all who have helped with these tours, especially Denise, who has been the main liaison for group bookings.

Recently, we have changed our opening time from Sunday to Saturday and while this trial is still in its infancy, I think it is proving successful. I would like to thank each and every volunteer who gives generously of their time, skills and resources to act as tour guides, ambassadors, cleaners, gardeners, plumbers, carpenters, painters, plasterers, shop assistants, grant and letter writers, technicians, financiers, and so much more. I urge everyone to take this opportunity to acknowledge each other's contributions, big or small, practical or administrative. It is not always smooth sailing – working with people never is – but in my two years in this chair, I have never once doubted the good intentions of every single person who is involved with AHA and the ALC.

As one looks around the grounds of the Amiens Legacy Centre today, the site has taken on a look of settled permanency. The gardens are coming into maturity, the poppy field is a wonderfully eye-catching attraction in Spring and the buildings are beginning to come together around the village green to form a neat site that tells a broad but cohesive story. While the Pikedale Soldier Settlement, the branch line and the Amiens village remain the central focus of the organisation, expansion into other aspects of our history and culture are becoming more evident and are attracting interest from a wider cross-section of the community. The indigenous garden and information board, the tin area with information and regular panning demonstrations as well as the popular revenue stream of tin souvenirs and jewellery have expanded AHA's scope and are excellent additions to the Amiens legacy. This is set to continue into the coming year with the launch of an exhibit dedicated to Pastoralists with a model of the Pikedale Homestead as the centrepiece as well as plans afoot for an environmental project in the Memorial grounds. Other exhibits concerning the Branch Line and Western Front, Soldier Settlers and Amiens Village, will all soon take on renewed vigour as we expand into the Resource Centre, now complete. An office and shop will also, hopefully, follow. Thank you to all who have come together to bring the creation of the ARC to fruition and good luck to all who will continue with the fit-out of the interior. I think this is a very exciting chapter for the association.

Questions regarding report - Nil

Acceptance of report: Moved Morwenna 2<sup>nd</sup> Alan - Carried

## **Treasurers' Report**

Bank Balance as at 1/01/2022 - \$21,110.69.

Bank Balance as at 31/12/2023 - \$3,203.72

Financial report for the Financial Year 2022 as prepared by Zealous Accounts has been circulated. Fee for the audit was discounted by 50% as a donation to AHA. Should have been \$620 (excl GST), charged \$310 (excl GST).

Since installing solar panels in July 2021, AHA has not incurred an Ergon Bill. The credit amount with Ergon as at 31/12/22 was \$132.23. Have been told that Ergon payout the credit amount when it reaches \$500.

Significant Income (rounded) during the year.

- . \$5,386 - Guided Tours & Morning teas
- . \$3,216 – Books & Tin Jewellery sales.
- . \$5,003 - Donations
- . \$4,516 – German Dinner (profit)
- . \$1,571 – Tin Events (21/5 & 4/9) (profit)
- . \$2,000 – SDRC grant
- . \$3,000 – CHART grant
- . \$5,000 – Acciona Energy
- . \$8,600 – RSL sponsorship
- . \$1,500 – Bendigo Bank sponsorship
- . \$1,310 – Membership Fees
- . \$4,000 – Loan from A & D Harslett

Significant Expenditure (rounded) during the year

- . \$165 - Cover for Pikedale Station model
- . \$330 - Audit Report (2021)
- . \$60 - Office of Fair Trading
- . \$90 - SDRC Rates
- . \$50,700 – New Building (includes flooring, paint, ramps, electrical work, plastering, insulation)
- . \$3,800 - Maps, sign boards, computer for Resource Centre
- . \$1,820 – Insurance
- . \$306 – Dept Environment & Science for permit
- . \$810 – Supplies to make tin jewellery
- . \$426 – Guided Tour costs
- . \$4,000 - Repay loan from A & D Harslett

Questions regarding report - Nil

Acceptance of report: Moved Roger 2<sup>nd</sup> Colleen

Motion to nominate Zealous Accountants for audit in 2023 Moved Roger 2<sup>nd</sup> Denise

Greg Turner assumed role of Chairperson – All positions declared vacant

President: Dale accepted nomination by Alec 2<sup>nd</sup> Denise - Carried

Vice President: David accepted nomination by Colleen 2<sup>nd</sup> Dale - Carried

Secretary: Morwenna accepted nomination by Heather 2<sup>nd</sup> Jane - Carried

Treasurer: Roger accepted nomination by Morwenna 2<sup>nd</sup> Heather- Carried

Grants Officer: Marlene accepted nomination by Colleen 2<sup>nd</sup> Alec - Carried

Publicity Officer: Heather accepted nomination by Denise 2<sup>nd</sup> Alan - Carried

Committee members: Barry accepted nomination by Alan 2<sup>nd</sup> Denise – Carried

Motion to remove Peter Klemm and Marlene Muir as signatories on the Bendigo Bank account and to replace them with Dale Minchenton and Roger Willis. Morwenna Harslett to remain as signatory.  
Moved Colleen 2<sup>nd</sup> Alan – Carried

Meeting closed: 2:20pm

**Profit & Loss Statement**  
**Amiens History Association Inc**  
**For the 12 months ended 31 December 2022**

	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Income</b>		
Memberships	\$ 1,160.00	\$ 1,260.00
Donations	\$ 5,003.02	\$ 1,897.90
Booklets/Sales/tour guides	\$ 8,602.35	\$ 6,958.30
Grants	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 40,659.00
Fundraising	\$ 9,285.93	\$ 6,186.00
Sponsorship	\$ 6,500.00	\$ -
Solar Rebate Income	\$ 680.10	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 44,831.40</b>	<b>\$ 56,961.20</b>
<b>Cost of Goods</b>		
Opening stock	\$ 2,380.00	\$ -
Consumables	\$ 210.87	\$ 296.95
Books/Memorabilia/Trinkets	\$ 973.46	\$ 1,383.08
Less Closing Stock	-\$ 2,000.00	-\$ 2,380.00
<b>Total Cost of Goods</b>	<b>\$ 1,564.33</b>	<b>-\$ 699.97</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 43,267.07</b>	<b>\$ 57,661.17</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Advertising	\$ 520.04	\$ 1,701.36
Audit Fees	\$ 330.00	\$ 66.99
Development of Centre	\$ 1,443.73	\$ 3,587.90
Depreciation	\$ 5,318.00	\$ 4,513.00
Electricity	\$ 574.04	\$ 279.17
Equipment <\$300	\$ 84.00	\$ 184.98
Fees & Charages	\$ 456.50	\$ 745.70
Fundraising Cost	\$ 3,392.49	\$ 2,699.11
Insurance	\$ 1,816.56	\$ 1,816.56
Internet	\$ 60.00	\$ -
Landscaping Expenses	\$ 90.00	\$ 257.40
Printing & Stationery	\$ 575.25	\$ 305.95
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 312.72	\$ 2,579.31
Scrapbook Expenses	\$ -	\$ 667.66
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 14,973.33</b>	<b>\$ 19,405.09</b>
<b>Net Profit/(Loss) for the Year</b>	<b>\$ 28,293.74</b>	<b>\$ 38,256.08</b>
<b>Adjustments from prior year</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Solar Rebates 2021 Adjustment	\$ 261.00	\$ -
<b>Expenses</b>		
Depreciation 2021 Adjustment	\$ 153.00	\$ -
Electricity 2021 Adjustment	\$ 281.52	\$ -
<b>Total Adjustments</b>	<b>-\$ 173.52</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Adjusted Profit/(Loss) for the Year</b>	<b>\$ 28,120.22</b>	<b>\$ 38,256.08</b>

**Balance Sheet**  
**Amiens History Association Inc**  
**As at 31 December 2022**

	2022	2021
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at Bank	\$ 3,203.72	\$ 21,110.69
Stock on Hand	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,380.00
Ergon Account Credit	-\$ 132.23	\$ -
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 5,071.49</b>	<b>\$ 23,490.69</b>
Building Works in progress	\$ 76,982.65	\$ 26,398.00
Property, Plant and Equipment	\$ 188,211.00	\$ 186,853.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation	-\$ 22,041.00	-\$ 10,839.00
Rounding		\$ 0.13
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 243,152.65</b>	<b>\$ 202,412.13</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 248,224.14</b>	<b>\$ 225,902.82</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Loan - A & D Harslett	\$ -	\$ -
Prepaid Memberships	\$ 150.00	\$ -
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 248,074.14</b>	<b>\$ 225,902.82</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Accumulated funds	\$ 225,902.82	\$ 187,646.74
Current earnings	\$ 28,120.22	\$ 38,256.08
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 254,023.04</b>	<b>\$ 225,902.82</b>

**Auditors Report**  
**Amiens History Association Inc**

I have examined the books and records of the Amiens History Association Inc for the period 1st January 2022 to 31 December 2022 together with the financial statements.

It must be noted however in common with many organisations of similar nature it is only possible for me to check financial transactions when they entered into the books of the Association, accordingly my Audit was limited to amounts recorded.

The financial statements have been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Amiens History Association Inc. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial statements to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

In my opinion, subject to the preceding paragraph the financial statements of the Amiens History Association Inc represent a True and Fair view of the financial position and activities for the year ended 31 December 2022.



Kylie Speer (Chartered Accountant)

Dated: 16 February 2023