

**SCOTTISH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL Inc. (SAHC)  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021**

**23 March 2021 on Zoom**

The meeting opened at 6.11 pm.

**1. Attendance and apologies**

Members present: Malcolm & Judy Buchanan, Nea MacCulloch, Sybil Jack, Barbara Gurney, Geoff Davidson, Mal Nicolson, Carol Budlong, Liz Munro, Susan Wanless, Duncan Sutherland, Ian Young, Susan Cooke

Apologies: Ross Coleman, Lorna Barrow, John McPherson, Stephen Hope, Malcolm Murray The Earl of Dunmore, Frank McGregor, Mal Edmiston

**2. Minutes of previous Meeting (12 February 2020)**

**Motion:** That the minutes of the 2020 AGM be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Susan Cooke, seconded Sybil Jack. Carried

**3. Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising.

No audit report is required for organizations of our size.

**4. President's Report**

Malcolm Buchanan presented his President's Report for 2020 (see attached).

**Motion:** That the President's Report for 2020 be accepted.

Moved Carol Budlong, seconded Barbara Gurney. Carried.

**5. Life Membership**

A nomination was received for Life Membership for Colin Stewart Cartwright.

**Motion:** That Colin Stewart Cartwright be granted Life Membership of the SAHC.

Moved Malcolm Buchanan, seconded Nea MacCulloch. Carried.

**6. Presentation of accounts**

Nea MacCulloch presented the Treasurers Report. The Treasurer reported on the state of the SAHC accounts. The total cash at bank at 31 December 2020 was \$21,667.35.

**Motion:** That the Treasurer's report for 2020 be accepted.

Moved: Mal Nicolson, seconded: Sybil Jack. Carried.

**7. Membership Fees**

**Motion:** That membership fees for 2021 not be increased and remain: Individuals: \$20, Families: \$25, Students: \$10, Clan & Family Societies and Other Organizations: \$25.

Moved: Nea MacCulloch, seconded Barbara Gurney. Carried

**8. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members**

The President declared all positions vacant and moved out of the Chair.

Susan Cooke moved into the chair and conducted the election for the President.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Moved &amp; Seconded</b>
President	Malcolm Buchanan	Judy Buchanan and Nea MacCulloch. Carried unanimously

The President returned to the chair.

The results of the election (all positions carried unanimously):

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Moved &amp; Seconded</b>
Deputy President	Nea MacCulloch	Susan Cooke & Sybil Jack
Treasurer	Nea MacCulloch	Susan Cooke & Carol Budlong
Secretary	Susan Cooke	Carol Budlong & Barbara Gurney
(Senior) Vice President & Genealogy Consultant	Barbara Gurney	Judy Buchanan & Susan Wanless
Vice President - Clans	Geoff Davidson	Susan Cooke & Nea MacCulloch
Vice President - History	Sybil Jack	Malcolm Buchanan & Judy Buchanan
Vice President - Newsletter	Vacant	
Committee - Director Publicity (Media & Public Relations)	Carol Budlong	Susan Cooke & Barbara Gurney
Committee - Director Media Production	Stephen Hope	Nea MacCulloch & Geoff Davidson
Committee - Membership	Judy Buchanan	Malcolm Buchanan & Nea MacCulloch
Committee – Highland Dance Liaison	Liz Munro	Susan Cooke & Nea MacCulloch
Public Officer	Nea MacCulloch	Carol Budlong & Mal Nicolson
Committee - Heraldry Consultant	Mal Edmiston	Judy Buchanan & Ian Young
Committee – History Consultant	To be followed up with Lorna Barrow	
Committee - Annual Program Editor	Barbara Gurney	Judy Buchanan & Susan Cooke
Committee – Scottish Week Manager	Duncan Sutherland	Sybil Jack & Liz Munro
Committee - Director Sponsorship & Fundraising	Vacant	
Committee – Australian Tartan	Vacant	
Committee member without portfolio	Ian Young	Judy Buchanan & Susan Cooke
Committee member without portfolio	Mal Nicolson	Susan Cooke & Susan Wanless
Committee member without portfolio	Susan Wanless	Barbara Gurney & Judy Buchanan

## **9. Declaration of Election**

The President declared the election result as recorded. All Committee vacancies will be considered and filled by the SAHC Committee in due course. SAHC appointments would be made by the SAHC Committee.

## **10. General Business**

No other business was received for the AGM.

## **11. Next Meeting**

The next AGM meeting will be held in February 2022 on a date to be determined. This will be the AGM to be followed by a general Committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.07 pm.

Minutes accepted as a true record:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## SAHC PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2020

By Malcolm Buchanan, FSA Scot

What a year we have had in 2020. Firstly, our thoughts and prayers are with those families who have suffered the impact of Covid-19 and most recently with the flooding and other natural disasters occurring at the moment.

Given the impact of Covid-19 on the ability to have gatherings, Judy and I were fortunate to attend quite a few events early in the year:

- The Scotland in Australia Festival 2020 had started and I attended a show in Canberra in January. Shortly after, the international Scottish acts were not able to come to Australia to complete the festival program around Australia
- The Scottish community in Sydney was on display on the 27 January Channel 7 Sunrise morning tv show, hosted at the Warringah Scottish Society's venue. What great fun that was!
- The SAHC Macquarie dinner was held in the company of our Governor Lachlan Macquarie Patron, Professor Dame Marie Bashir, with a presentation by Mr Paul Brunton OAM, Emeritus Curator of the State Library of New South Wales about "Macquarie's Rum Hospital: the building that refuses to fall down"
- We took the SAHC tent to 'Scots Day Out' in Bendigo, Victoria, where we had a very pleasant and busy catch up with many friends from the Clans, Scots of Victoria Coordinating Group and the Victorian Scottish Union
- We attended a Clan Chisholm outing in Ballarat, Victoria, and worked on some family history
- The SAHC hosted the Celtic Tattoo and Clan Village at the National Multicultural Festival in Canberra, where we were honoured to have Her Excellency Vicki Treadell CMG, British High Commissioner, open the concert and meet the clans.

Unfortunately, all events from then on were cancelled for the year as Covid-19 had a huge impact on our celebration of Scottish and Celtic culture throughout Australia. Plans for Scottish Week in Sydney were put on hold.

However, there are always creative ways of maintaining a presence. There are many creative Scottish communities and performers who did not let the pandemic hold them back and used the internet to present entertainment virtually to those who took the time to tune in. We wish to commend the artists from Australia who held their own shows and to those societies who had the foresight to put on virtual events, particularly, The Camperdown Robert Burns Festival and the Ringwood Highland Games and Celtic Festival in Victoria.

Plans for major events had to be cancelled, including those commemorating the 700th anniversary of the Declaration of Arbroath (6 April 1320), the arrival of Captain Cook and the passing and burial of Forby Sutherland, the first Scotsman to be buried at Botany Bay, New South Wales on 2 May 1770 (Sutherland Shire is named after Forby), and the 200th anniversary of the Scottish Radical War/Battle of Bannymuir, which involved hundreds of Scots, execution of the ringleaders and the deportation to Australia of 19 of the Scottish Radicals.

There are some positives from 2020, with time to review and rethink how the SAHC should provide services to our members. Also, we are learning that events are being planned in 2021. These are on our SAHC website [www.scottishaustralianheritagecouncil.com.au](http://www.scottishaustralianheritagecouncil.com.au)

For the SAHC, the Scottish Radicals arrival in Australia will be commemorated and Scottish Week is being planned as a mixed physical and virtual program.

Membership has stayed much the same as in 2019 and we thank everyone who has stayed with us during this time (with 133 people/clans/societies comprising financial individuals/families: 57; Clans/Societies: 57; Life Members/Patrons/Clan Chiefs/Chieftains: 19). Thank you to everyone who has continued to support our Scottish culture and heritage. We wish all our members and friends worldwide a brighter and involved 2021.