

**SCOTTISH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL Inc. (SAHC)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022**

19 June 2022 via Zoom

The meeting opened at 6.11 pm.

1. Attendance and apologies

Members present: Malcolm Murray The Earl of Dunmore, Malcolm Buchanan, Nea MacCulloch, Susan Cooke, Lorna Barrow, Judy Buchanan, Carol Budlong, Ross Coleman, Geoff Davidson, Barbara Gurney, Stephen Hope, Helen McMaster, John McNeil, John Macpherson, Liz Munro, Duncan Sutherland, Dr Ian Young.

Apologies: Anne Breust (Clan Douglas), Sir Wayne Broun, Mal Edmiston, Matthew Glozier, Sybil Jack, Frank McGregor, Patsy McLennan (Clan MacLennan), Mal Nicolson, Andrew & Robyn Smith (Hunter Valley Scots), Susan Wanless.

SAHC Patron, Malcolm Murray, welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed his pleasure being present. He is looking forward to the upcoming Scottish Week activities and the opportunity to catch up with everyone personally at the event.

2. Minutes of previous Meeting (23 March 2021)

Motion: That the minutes of the 2021 AGM be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Barbara Gurney, seconded Stephen Hope. 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 2021 (see attached).

Motion: That the President's Report for 2021 be accepted.

Moved John Macpherson, seconded Duncan Sutherland. Carried.

5. Life Membership

No nominations for Life Membership were received this year.

6. Presentation of accounts

Nea MacCulloch presented the Treasurers Report (see attached). The Treasurer reported on the state of the SAHC accounts. The total cash at bank at 31 December 2021 was \$32,516.74. Interest received \$1.88.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report for 2021 be accepted.

Moved: Malcolm Buchanan, seconded: Lorna Barrow. Carried.

7. Membership Fees

Motion: That membership fees for 2022 not be increased and remain: Individuals: \$20, Families: \$25, Students: \$10, Clan & Family Societies and Other Organizations: \$25.

Moved: Nea MacCulloch, seconded Judy Buchanan. Carried

8. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members

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

Duncan Sutherland moved into the chair and conducted the election for the President.

Position	Nominee	Moved & Seconded
President	Malcolm Buchanan	Nea MacCulloch and Malcolm Murray Carried unanimously

The President returned to the chair. Malcolm Murray asked for dispensation that the Deputy President

also fulfill the role of the Treasurer. Duncan Sutherland advised that he regretfully will not nominate for the Scottish Week Coordinator position.

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

Position	Nominee	Moved & Seconded
Deputy President	Nea MacCulloch	Barbara Gurney & Duncan Sutherland
Treasurer	Nea MacCulloch	Malcolm Murray & Lorna Barrow
Secretary	Helen McMaster	Carol Budlong & Duncan Sutherland
(Senior) Vice President	Susan Cooke	Judy Buchanan & Lorna Barrow
Vice President – Clans Liaison	Geoff Davidson	Carol Budlong & Lorna Barrow
Vice President - History	Sybil Jack	Lorna Barrow & Malcolm Murray
Vice President - Newsletter	Helen McMaster	Nea McCulloch & Malcolm Buchanan
Committee - Director Publicity (Media & Public Relations)	Carol Budlong	Stephen Hope & Lorna Barrow
Committee - Director Media Production	Stephen Hope	Nea MacCulloch & Malcolm Murray
Committee - Membership	Judy Buchanan	Geoff Davidson & Stephen Hope
Committee – Highland Dance Liaison	Liz Munro	Lorna Barrow & Judy Buchanan
Public Officer	Nea MacCulloch	John Macpherson & Stephen Hope
Committee - Heraldry Consultant	Mal Edmiston	Carol Budlong & Lorna Barrow
Committee - History Consultant	Lorna Barrow	Judy Buchanan & Helen McMaster
Committee - Annual Program Editor	Barbara Gurney	Lorna Barrow & Stephen Hope
Committee – Genealogy Consultant	Barbara Gurney	Carol Budlong & Lorna Barrow
Committee - Scottish Week Manager	Vacant	
Committee - Director Sponsorship & Fundraising	Vacant	
Committee - Australian Tartan	James McCann	Malcolm Buchanan & Geoff Davidson
Committee member without portfolio	Ian Young	Carol Budlong & Lorna Barrow
Committee member without portfolio	Mal Nicolson	Malcolm Murray & Lorna Barrow
Committee member without portfolio	Susan Wanless	Susan Cooke & Judy Buchanan
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9. Declaration of Election

The President declared the election result complete as recorded.

All Committee vacancies will be considered and filled by the SAHC Committee in due course. SAHC Office Bearers, Committee and Appointments would be made by the SAHC Committee.

John McNeil offered his services as Liaison for South Australia.

Ian Young offered to continue in his role as Liaison for the Melbourne Highland Games.

Shirley Lomas will be invited to continue as our First Nations Liaison Officer.

Bruce Thomas will be invited to serve as the Events lighting & Sound Coordinator.

10. General Business

No other business was received for the AGM.

11. Next Meeting

The next AGM meeting will be held in February 2023 on a date to be determined. This will be the AGM to be followed by a general Committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2021

By Malcolm Buchanan, FSA Scot

Given the circumstances of the past two years, there is not too much to report. However, at last, more opportunities to enjoy the personal interaction with friends and our Scottish heritage and culture are opening up.

I wish to thank all of our members both new and returning this year. It has been challenging in many ways for our community. We look forward to a better future when we can all enjoy being together safely to celebrate our heritage and culture.

Most of the events in 2021 were cancelled and there was still hesitancy in early 2022, with many events, including clan gatherings and highland games being postponed to later in 2022.

We took the opportunity during this pause in activities to upgrade our website to enable us to do more online for membership applications, thereby saving the increased cost of postage for members, and to book our events directly with us, helping us to manage our events.

Several challenges have emerged in the community as cultural organisations and pipe bands have closed down. Much of this arises from the fact that a very dedicated cadre of enthusiasts has run out of steam as they have aged. Recently, I was asked about the very issue of encouraging a younger generation to inherit these important community leadership roles. It is a complex issue and has been the subject of many discussions throughout the world. It is a topic of discussion that we need to continue to explore. I have suggested that as a community we need to work together more about this. A good place to start is to identify members of the Diaspora and promote them so that others can see the potential for themselves.

I wish to thank the Committee for their continued contribution to the SAHC throughout the past year. In particular, we note the retirement of Susan Cooke as Hon. Secretary. Susan joined the committee in 2012 as the Hon. Secretary. Not only did she undertake the role of Secretary for 10 years, Susan organised many events throughout the years as well.

Lastly, it is with great sadness that we learned about the passing in 2022 of two stalwarts in the Australian-Scottish community. Both Val Smith and Bob Cameron have made important contributions to both the community and to clans. Val was a strong individual spending many years organising the Scottish Australian Heritage Council, finally retiring as the President in 2012. Bob contributed to Clan Cameron over many years and produced an amazing resource documenting Camerons in Australia. His advice has helped many clans with their genealogy projects. We miss their passion, friendship and participation.