

**Order of Saint John of Jerusalem
Knights Hospitaller - Australasia
Priory of Victoria
Annual General Meeting
25 June 2016**

Held at St Peter's Anglican Church 77 Were Street Brighton,

Present: Prior Dame B. Abley DJSJ, Grand Prior HE Bailiff P. Wiltshire OSJ
Dames: G. Perry, Reverend Canon C. O'Reilly, L. Christopherson, J. Young, K. Brown
A. Scott J. Synot, K. Lempriere, M. Lewis
Chevaliers: A. Anderson, D. Palmer, J. Emerson, Rev. R. Gribben, W. Myers, F. Shade,
R. Jones, J. Stuart, T. Cash, R. Trigg, G. Christopherson, A. Day, B. Walshe, R. Synot
B. Anderson, Rev. R. Joyce, D. Troedel, B. Abley, Rev Dr K. Yelverton, G. Boyles
Donats Dr. R. Blair, B. Fennell, K. Northwood, R. Schweitzer.
Visitors Commander of Tasmania Chevalier Edward Gauden KGSJ
Chevalier Reverend Canon David O'Neill KGSJ Chevalier Bob Thorpe OAM KSJ

Proxies: A total of 5 Proxy votes were received.

Apologies: HE Bailiff Emeritus J. Robb, HE Bailiff Emeritus R Pepin
Dames: E. Brereton, B. Dunlop, L. King, G. Morgan, A. Parton, V. Sarah, R.Thompson,
R. Brooks.
Donat: J. Winkett.
Chevaliers: M. King, Fr. K. Mckie, G. Neilson, D. Nosedo, A. Park, J. Thursky, M.
Tucker, J. Collas, D. Wotton, B. Mollison, B. North, D. Wilckens, N. Hirt, M. Chester, A
Davidson, T. Woods, J. Jackson, Rt Rev P. Newell, P Burrows.
The Apologies were accepted on the motion of Chevalier Alex Anderson JP KGSJ
Seconded Chevalier John Stuart JP CGSJ Carried

Opening

The meeting was called to order by The Herald Dame Helen Trigg DGSJ who
Introduced the Prior of Victoria Dame B. Abley AM DJSJ and welcomed visitors
Members from the Tasmanian Commandery were acknowledged : Commander of
Tasmania Chevalier Edward Gauden KGSJ, Chevalier Reverend Canon David O'Neill
KGSJ and Chevalier Bob Thorpe OAM KSJ

Opening Prayer

The Prior invited The Prelate Chevalier Reverend Canon David O'Neill KGSJ to open
the Meeting with prayer.

Welcome

The Prior welcomed all Knights and Dames in attendance and extended a cordial
welcome to all the visitors as mentioned previously in these minutes.
The Prior specially welcomed to soon to be Invested Knights Dr. R. Blair, B. Fennell,
K. Northwood, R. Schweitzer.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last Annual meeting, conducted at St George's Anglican Church, Malvern on Saturday 20 June 2015, were confirmed on the Motion of Chevalier Alex Anderson JP KGSJ Seconded Dame Kate Brown DGSJ
Carried

Business Arising

Nil

Treasurers Report

This report is included on a separate document with these Minutes. The results have been given a clean audit with the Grand Priory figures. The figures confirm that the Priory is in a satisfactory state to continue.

It was Moved Chevalier B. Walshe KGSJ and Seconded Wayne Myers OAM KGSJ that the Treasurers report as presented be received. Carried.

Prior's Report

Highlights from the Prior's Report (as previously circulated to Members) were noted. The report as presented was received and Moved by Dame B. Abley AM DJSJ, Seconded: Chevalier Wayne Myers OAM KGSJ. Carried.

Geelong Commandery Report

The highlights of the past year included a very successful Investiture at St Mary of the Angels Basilica Geelong. This service included the Installation of Grand Prior HE Peter Wiltshire OSJ and Victorian Prior Dame Barbara Abley AM DJSJ. The Investiture was followed by a very successful Luncheon at The Geelong Racing Club. Geelong Commandery during the year supported Barwon Family and Youth, Lazarus Centre and is running a fund raising Luncheon on Friday October 7. Moved that the report be received Chevalier B. Abley KJSJ, Seconded Dame Kate Lempriere DSJ Carried.

Tasmanian Commandery Report

Congratulations to Dame Barbara Abley AM DJSJ on being elected Prior of Victoria and also to HE Bailiff Peter Wilshire OSJ on his election as Grand Prior. The Commander, Chevalier Ed Gauden KGSJ stated that his personal visit to Malta re-ignited the relevance of the Order. This was further heightened following the discovery that Mother Teresa was installed as a member of the Order in Australia in 1983. Investiture of new members scheduled for February 2017. The passing of Chevalier Brian Speers KSJ was noted with sadness. The current Hobart Mayor (Dame Sue Hickey DSJ) is organizing a tribute event to honour the late Dame Doone Kennedy AO DGSJ a previous Hobart Mayor. Chevalier Edward Gauden was MC at the 20th anniversary Commemoration of the Port Arthur tragedy. Moved the report be received by Chevalier Edward Gauden KGSJ, Seconded Chevalier Bob Thorpe OAM KGSJ. Carried.

Administrative Council

The Prior announced changes to the Priory Council for 2015-16. This information had been previously circulated to all members as part of the Annual Report. Copies of

Victorian Administrative Council members and both Geelong and Tasmania Commandery Executives for 2016/17 are enclosed on a separate sheet with these minutes.

General Business/Closure

As there was no General Business, the Prior wished the new Members and Clergy Team well and invited the Prelate to close the Meeting with The Grace.