

**Stuart**

**FAAAA Federal Council Meeting 2019**  
**Held at the FAA Museum HMAS Albatross Nowra on**  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Meeting opened by the President at 1000ESDST**

**Present:**

**National Executive**

Rear Admiral Mark Campbell  
Phil Carey Vice President  
Dick Martin, National Secretary  
Denis Mulvihill, National Treasurer  
Marcus Peake Webmaster  
Paul Norris Database Manager

**Division Delegates**

**ACT:** John Schonberger  
**NSW:** Terry Hetherington  
**QLD:** John Stewart  
**SA:** John Siebert  
**TAS:** Apology  
**VIC:** Mal Smith  
**WA:** Greg Kelson

**Observers:**

Fred Dawson, Ian Warren, Stuart Harwood, Greg Wise

**Welcome and Opening Remarks by the National President:**

The President opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to all Delegates and observers. He mentioned that we are a Federated Organization but thinly spread. He also gave a warm welcome to the Commander of the Fleet Air Arm Commodore Donald Dezentie who is our guest speaker for today.

**Apologies**

Ray Murrell, Ron Batchelor, Chris Fealy, Paul Shiels, George Sydney, John Balazic and Jock Caldwell

**Remembrance of Departed Shipmates**

Prior to the minutes silence for departed shipmates the President read out a list of shipmates who have crossed the bar in the past twelve months.

**“A minutes silence was then observed “**  
**Guest Speaker**

The President introduced COMFAA (Commodore Don Dezentie) to the members

Commodore Denentie gave members a run down on the current and future positions of the RAN Fleet Air Arm. He mentioned that this was a time of change and by the end of next year we will have changed not only every Aircraft type but also the majority of structures that make up HMAS Albatross.

He then gave members information on the following;

- a. Number of Squadrons
- b. Manning of Squadrons
- c. HATS (Helicopter Training School)
- d. Requirements to support Fleet Units
- e. Future of Unmanned aircraft including rotary wing machines.

On completion of his talk he answered a number of questions from the members.

Mr. Greg Kelson (President WA Division) thanked the Commodore for his presentation which was informative and concise.

He then asked the following “Are you contactable, approachable, re communications with visiting ships in far flung areas of our country. I refer to Freemantle so that our division may be able to extend an invitation to FAA personnel to have a brew or two.

Greg went on to say do you see where I am coming.

We might be getting old; it was very interesting listening to our Obituary List this morning which was longer than the numbers attending this meeting. We have people in the Association in our Division in WA who are Korean Veterans who are still interested in the work done by the serving boys and girls of the Fleet Air Arm He mentioned that we old sailors cannot even get on the base at HMAS Sterling without a specific invitation and then escorted by a tour guide.

Greg also mention the lack of information available when 822X Squadron was commissioned last year pointing out that there were many ex-sailors in the local area who had a great association with the original unmanned target vehicles that would have been interested in this event

***“The Commodore then informed the meeting of ways that information could be obtained in relation to these matters”***

The information was concise and interesting and much appreciated by all present this was shown by a round of applause from the members

**Minutes of the 2018FCM (Federal Council Meeting)**

All office bearers had previously received copies of the 2018FCM Minutes and copies were available for members present.

Moved: South Australia  
Seconded: ACT  
“That Minutes as read be accepted”.....Carried

**Business arising from previous Minutes**

Nil

**Presentation of Life Memberships and Awards**

The President presented the retiring National Secretary (Dick Martin) with Life Membership

**REPORTS:**

(All reports are available as an Annex to these minutes)

**National President's Report:**

The President presented his report for 2019 to the meeting and stated that a copy was available to members present and that it would also appear on our web site. He also mentioned that when he became President of the Association he came with four main aims to achieve and that he still had two left.

- a. To improve communications with to-days Fleet Air Arm.  
(Stating that he had good relationships with the FAA {probably because he has scrambled eggs on his cap}. Unfortunately the people to my right and left who do the work of this organization still have problems obtaining information. I can get information about ship visits but am not around all the time to get the information out to you, so we have to find a mechanism to do so.)
- b. Secondly I want us to be an Organization that is supporting our members particularly in regard to Veteran Affairs. I am a veteran like all of you and have to suffer the frustrations of dealing with them. People leaving the current FAA need assistance with transition I would like us to be part of that. We are very closely linked with ADSO but have found it had to get traction with them but we are gradually breaking them down.

Moved: ACT  
Seconded: SA  
“That the President’s Report be accepted”.....Carried

**Secretary's Report:**

The Secretary's report was available to those present, and is also on our Website

Moved: NSW

Seconded: VIC

“That the Secretary’s Report be accepted”.....Carried

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer's report was available to all members present, and is available from the National Executive.

Moved: ACT

Seconded: VIC

“That the Treasurer’s Report be accepted”.....Carried

**Webmaster’s Report**

The Webmaster Marcus Peake tabled his report and it is attached at the end of these minutes

Moved: ACT

Seconded: NSW

“That the “Webmasters Report be accepted”.....Carried

**Database Manager’s Report**

The Database Manager Paul Norris tabled his report and it is attached at the end of these minutes

Moved: ACT

Seconded: NSW

“That the Database Managers Report be accepted”.....Carried

**Slipstream Report:**

The Secretary presented the Slipstream Report on behalf of the Editor Mr. Paul Shiels who tendered his apology to the meeting. He asked the secretary to stress a couple points to the meeting. The main one being the lack of communications he has been unable to achieve with the current FAA. Despite repeated requests for information none has been forth coming.

Moved: NSW

Seconded: ACT

“That the Slipstream Report be accepted”.....Carried

**Wall of Service Report.**

The Wall of Service Administrator John Balazic was unable to attend the meeting and his report was presented by the secretary and it is attached at the end of these minutes

Moved: ACT

Seconded: NSW

“That the “WOS” Report be accepted”.....Carried

(Secretary to raise a letter thanking john for his services.

## **Fleet Air Arm Museum**

The FAAA Museum Manager Stu Harwood presented his report to the members and the report is attached to these minutes.

**Moved: Victoria**

**Seconded: ACT**

**“That the Museum Report be accepted”.....Carried**

## **Registration Fees, Capitation Fees and Slipstream levy for 2019-2020**

### **Registration Fees, Capitation Fees and Slipstream levy for 2019-2020**

Prior to the setting of the Fees for 2019-2020 the Webmaster (Marcus Peake) spoke to the members.

He pointed out that at the current rate of membership decline, the Association would most probably become defunct in about ten years. He suggested that whilst attracting and keeping members was primarily a matter for each Division, the National Executive had a role by helping them as much as possible. One way would be to ease the Divisions’ financial burdens, and reconsideration of the price we charge for ‘Softcopy’ Slipstream may help in this regard.

He reminded the Meeting that the current charge of \$2.50 per person per soft copy was brought in about four years ago when the softcopy option was first introduced. It was accepted at the time because we considered that even the electronic copy had an intrinsic value, and people shouldn’t get something for nothing. We also agreed at the time that it would be reviewed as time went past. That \$2.50, which equates to \$10.00 per annum, has remained unchanged – that’s what each Division pays to the National body.

Some Divisions, however, have adjusted the charge to their members and make no money from electronic slipstreams. He considered that in this time of change we should ask why the National body is still charging each Division this amount when the Slipstream account was healthy. If the \$2.50 for softcopy Slipstreams was waived, Divisions would be better off and may well be able to further adjust their membership fee which may encourage more people to join, or stay.

He finished off by saying that the way we have done things in the past is not necessarily the way to do things in the future.

The Secretary, Mr. Dick Martin, remarked that the \$800 we are now paying to eliminate the advertisements in the new soft copy format should be covered by the \$2.50 per issue charge, and if that price was waived we would be about that amount worse off. He asked the Treasurer to confirm this figure.

The Treasurer, Mr. Denis Mulvihill, confirmed it equated to about \$800 per year, in addition to the \$950 we are required to pay for editorial fees.

Marcus Peake asked if we made a profit from the \$5.00 we charge for the hard copy edition, and the Treasurer replied “not much”.

There being no further discussion the fees were voted upon.

**Moved: South Australia**  
**Seconded: New South Wales**

**“That the Registration Fees. Capitation Fees and Slipstream Levy for 2019 be as follows:**

**Registration Fees.....\$10.00**  
**Capitation Fees.....\$05.00**  
**Slipstream Levy.....\$05.00 (per issue) (Hard Copy)**  
**Slipstream Levy.....\$02.50 (per issue) (soft Copy)**

Moved: South Australia  
Seconded: New South Wales

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Slipstream Levy.....\$05.00 (per issue) (Hard Copy)  
Slipstream Levy.....\$02.50 (per issue) (soft Copy)  
.....Carried

### **Triennial Election of National Executive:**

The following members have been nominated for the following positions and have indicated that they are willing to accept the nomination.

### **Nominations for Office Bearers**

**President Rear Admiral Mark Campbell CSC RANR**

**Proposed ACT**  
**Seconded NSW**

**V/President Mr. Phil Carey**

**Proposed Dick Martin**  
**Seconded Mark Campbell**

<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	
		<b>Seconded</b>	
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Mr. Jock Caldwell</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Denis Mulvihill</b>
		<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Dick Martin</b>
	<b>Mr. Mike Keogh</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Greg Kelson</b>
		<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Keith Taylor</b>
<b>(One to be elected)</b>			
<b>Webmaster</b>	<b>Mr. Marcus Peake</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Dick Martin</b>
		<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Denis Mulvihill</b>
<b>Database Manager</b>	<b>Mr. Paul Norris</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Terry Hetherington</b>
		<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Ron Batchelor</b>
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	<b>Dave McKean</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Marcus Peake</b>
		<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Dick Martin</b>

**(Persons Nominated have Indicated their acceptance to stand-Paper work is held by National Secretary)**

*“The current Vice President Phil Carey acted as Returning Officer (Phil has re-nominated for Vice President and is unopposed in that position)”*

There were two nominations for National Treasurer namely

**Jock Caldwell (NSW)**

**Mike Keogh (WA)**

Result of the ballot for National Treasurer

**Jock Caldwell was elected as National Treasurer**

**The new Executive Committee of the FAAA is as follows:**

President.....RADM Mark Campbell AM CSC RANR

Vice President.....Phil Carey

Treasurer.....Jock Caldwell

Secretary.....Nil

Webmaster.....Marcus Peake

Database Manager.....Paul Norris

Welfare Officer.....Dave McKean

Please Note: “ *Dick Martin has agreed to continue as Secretary until a suitable candidate can be found.*”

**SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION**

NIL.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. The WA Division tabled a proposal to the meeting relating to the National Secretary’s position.

The proposal covered a number of options that could be adopted if the National Secretary’s position remained vacant.

- b. Fleet Air Arm Association Welfare Representative Discussion Paper

Vice President Phil Carey presented a discussion paper on the National Welfare position on the National Executive. He asked the Delegates to take the paper back to their divisions for discussion and reply to the paper by the end of November 2019. Replies to be forwarded to the following email address

[admin@shoalegal.com.au](mailto:admin@shoalegal.com.au).

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 1155am

Next meeting

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2020.