

President: Phil Carey (PC)  
Secretary: Jeff Dalgliesh (JD)  
Treasurer: Ron Batchelor (RB)  
General Committee: John Balazic (JB)  
Dick Martin (DM)  
Todd Glynn (TG)

Minutes for the Annual General Meeting held at White Ensign

Club Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 1035AEDT

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks by President Phillip Carey.  
The NSW Division President Phillip warmly welcomed all members present and thanked them for making the effort to attend the AGM.
2. Attendance Register. In addition to the Executive and Committee listed above NSW Division Life Member Marcus Peake and Full Members Ian Carroll and Kevin Camm were listed in the Attendance Register.
3. Apologies. Vince De Pietro, Stafford Lowe, Terry Hetherington, Keith Boundy, David Moffitt and John Macartney.
4. Remembrance of Departed Shipmates.

“A minute’s silence was observed in remembrance of departed shipmates”.

A list of Departed Shipmates (all Divisions) since the previous AGM is attached as Attachment 1 to Minutes.

5. Minutes of previous AGM 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Business Arising from Previous Meeting. No business arising from previous AGM Minutes.

Moved: Dick Martin

Seconded: Jeffrey Dalgliesh

“That Minutes as read be adopted by show of Hands-Carried”.

6. Annual Reports.
  - a. Presidents Report for 2022 by Phil Carey.

The President tabled his report – the Digital version added as Attachment 2 to Minutes.

Moved: Jeffrey Dalgliesh

Seconded: Kevin Camm

“That the President’s Report as read be received by show of Hands-Carried”.

- b. Secretary’s Report for 2022 by Jeff Dalgliesh.

The Secretary tabled his report-

I would like to welcome all Members to the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Fleet Air Arm Association Australia New South Wales Division and particularly those who have travelled some distance to be here.

The year since the last AGM has progressed from being freed from COVID 19 thru continued conflict between Ukraine and Russia, increasing Inflation and Interest rates, cost of living increases and very recently the release of the Defence Review. All of us have been affected by all or some of these factors.

During the year Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence has been tabled and dealt with at the General Committee meetings and in the main has concerned Subscription payment and issues evolving from that process. Listing of all Correspondence can be seen in front of me. As I do not have direct access to the NSW

Division Mailbox Dick (Pincher) Martin continues to monitor Memberships and Mail and I would like to thank Dick for doing that onerous task.

A very high percentage of administrative effort continues to be focused on correcting Subscription issues with the principal problem being members not being aware if their Subscription is based on Hardcopy or Electronic (Softcopy) Slipstream and sending in the incorrect amount. Please remember if you receive Hardcopy Slipstream subscription is \$40.00 and if you receive the electronic version \$30.00. If you wish to change from Hard to Soft and help the environment, save postage and handling it is a simple process – just let the Secretary or Paul Norris know and it will happen.

The National Database Manager, Paul Norris continues to be very efficient in updating our membership records even though he has changed allegiances to the Queensland Division.

Meetings have been scheduled bi-monthly and have been well attended by the elected committee and a smattering of local members. Captain Todd Glynn re-joined the General Committee during the year and as he is presently posted to Canberra, he makes himself available by telephone if required.

Membership for NSW Division is 367. This can be further broken down to show: 335 Ordinary Members, 10 Life Members, 9 Lifetime (Perpetual) Members, 12 Associates, and 1 Honorary Member. 09<sup>th</sup> March 2023 93 Ordinary Members and 6 Associate Members were unfinancial.

While the passing of Shipmates are always a sad event and we have listed all that we are aware of in the relevant section I would like to make a special mention of a very recent passing in Canberra. I refer to LCDR James Buchanan (P) DFC RAN (Ret'd) who was a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Contingent RANHFV. Jim was a genuine "bloke" who was remembered on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 at a well-attended service by Family, RSL representatives, RAN uniformed serving personnel and FAAAA Members.

Thank you for your support during the short time that I have been in this position.

Member Kevin Camm had some questions regarding terminology used in the Secretaries Report which were answered by Members present.

Moved: Dick Martin.

Seconded: Ron Batchelor

"That the Secretaries Report be received by show of Hands-Carried".

c. Treasurer's Report for 2022 by Ron Batchelor.

The Treasurer tabled his report-

Treasurers 2022 NSW FLEET AIR ARM ASSOCIATION  
TREASURER'S REPORT 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2022-31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2022

OPENING BALANCE

INCOME	Membership Banked
	Membership Direct Deposit
	Wall of Service
TOTAL INCOME	
EXPENDITURE	
	Slipstream
	Cancelled Cheques Bank
	2 x PO Letter Boxes
	Refund Colin Blundell
	Return Cheque to Qld Ass
	Refreshments Annual Meeting
	Secretary Expenditure
	Joining Fees National Ass

John Balazic WOS  
Bronze Plaque National Ass  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Raffle  
Ball Plaques  
Cap Fees National Body  
John Downton Painting  
HAS Insurance  
Sound Equip. National Ass  
Raffle Print

TOTAL EXPENDITURE  
ENDING BALANCE  
FIXED ACCOUNT

A Full Bank Statement for the year 2022 can be produced if required.

The Secretary asked if the St George Account had been closed. RB confirmed that the St. George Account has not been closed as the Bank is not answering correspondence. Suggestion made that the Balance be reduced to \$1.00 by transferring the balance to the Greater Bank Operating Account.

Pre AGM Marcus-Peake and the Treasurer Ron Batchelor had a robust private discussion re “read only” access to Division Financial Records and on completion Marcus left the Meeting.

Moved: Jeffrey Dalgliesh                      Seconded: John Balazic

“That the Treasurers Report as read be received by show of hands- Carried.”

d. Wall of Service Report for 2023 by John Balazic.

The WoS Administrator tabled his report.

In November 2022, the cost of plaques was increased due to foundry costs. The current pricing of plaques is \$200.00 for FAAA Members and \$250.00, for non FAAA members which includes their first year’s membership into FAAAA.

Application submissions continue to vary in numbers and intervals.

The current status of Wall of Service plaques/applications is as follows:-

- a. The total number of plaques on the wall now stands at 1066,
  - b. 15 new plaques have been placed on the wall over the past 12 months,
  - c. Order 52 is open with two applications received, and
  - d. An updated list of all plaques mounted on the Wall of Service (dated 11 December 2022) is available for viewing on the FAAA of A website.  
Questions from the floor regarding the process of ordering plaques, validation of details and other Division Administration all answered by John Balazic.
- Moved: Phillip Carey                      Seconded: Todd Glynn.

“That the WoSA Report as read be received by show of Hands- Carried.”

7. Annual Election of Executive and Committee Positions.

Appointment of Returning Officer:

President invited Member Ian Carroll to assume the Chairman’s role and he declared all Executive and Committee positions vacant for the election of the 2023 Committee. 2022 Committee Members willing to re nominate require a Seconder.

- a. President: Phillip Carey seconded by Jeffrey Dalgliesh

No other Nominations forthcoming Phillip Carey was elected as President.

- b. Vice President: Keith Boundy seconded by Jeffrey Dalgliesh

No other Nominations forthcoming Keith Boundy was elected as Vice President.

- c. Secretary: Jeffrey Dalgliesh seconded by Ronald Batchelor.

No other Nominations forthcoming Jeffrey Dalgliesh was elected as Secretary.

- d. Treasurer: Ronald Batchelor seconded by Jeffrey Dalgliesh.

No other Nominations forthcoming Ronald Batchelor was elected as Treasurer.

- e. WoS Administrator: John Balazic seconded by Dick Martin.

No other Nominations forthcoming John Balazic was elected as

WoS Administrator.

- f. Museum Liaison Officer: Keith Boundy seconded by Jeffrey Dalgliesh.

No other Nominations forthcoming Keith Boundy was elected as Museum Liaison Officer in addition to the role as Vice President.

- g. General Committee: The Chairman called for at least four nominations for the General Committee with no limitation on elected members.

- Howard McCallum seconded by Jeffrey Dalgliesh.

Howard McCallum was not present and is unfinancial, so this election deferred until the next NSW Committee Meeting in May.

- Dick Martin seconded by Jeffrey Dalgliesh.

Dick Martin has resigned from the General Committee.

- John Balazic seconded by Dick Martin.

John Balazic was elected to the General Committee.

- Todd Glynn seconded by Jeffrey Dalgliesh.

Todd Glynn was elected to the General Committee.

The Charman called for any further nominations for the General Committee from Members present. No other Nominations were forthcoming.

The Acting Chairperson appointed those nominated for Executive and General Committee positions as duly elected and relinquished his position to the re-elected President-Phillip Carey.

#### 8. Notice of Motions.

- a. Bimonthly NSW Committee meetings become the normal scheduling- this concept has been trialled for the last 6 months. Instead of having a Committee Meeting every month. January, March, May, July, September, and November are meeting months with meetings generally on the third Wednesday of allocated month except for March when the AGM is scheduled normally on a Saturday.

ACTION: Discussed by all Members Present and agreed that a more flexible approach should be adopted by the NSW Division for the scheduling of Committee Meetings with a basis of bimonthly meetings for the future.

9. General Business.

- a. Membership and Capitation Fees for 2023/24. Remain at \$40.00 for Member with Hardcopy Slipstream Elected- \$30.00 if electronic ( Soft copy) version of Slipstream elected.
- b. ANZAC Day. Discussed in Other Business after completion of AGM.
- c. Other Business from the floor. Ian Carroll suggested that a Cost Benefit Analysis should be conducted by the National Body regarding standardisation of Subscription across all Divisions – refer to national Secretary.
- d. Other Business from the floor. No other Business.

10. Honorary memberships for 2023/24.

- a. Commanding Officer HMAS Albatross: Captain Robyn Phillips removed from Membership List as Honorary (posted).
- b. Commanding Officer HMAS Albatross: Captain Scott Palmer – ACT Division Member Honorary status not required.
- c. COMFAA: Commodore David Frost Honorary Member while posted to COMFAA position.

11. Raffle Draw: Drawn by Member Ian Carroll.

- 1. Ticket Number: 0975- Glenn Harley N1300.
- 2. Ticket Number: 3509- Max Altham N1009.
- 3. Ticket Number: 0380- Murray Coppins N3511.

12. Closure and Date of next AGM: AGM closed at 1110 AEDT- 2024 AGM scheduled for Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 at 1030AEDT WEC NAS Nowra.

On completion of the AGM a short Committee Meeting was held to discuss relevant items from the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 Committee Meeting and recent correspondence concerning ANZAC day.

13. Treasurers Report:

- a. The Treasurer presented the following Report for the period January and February 2023.

OPENING BALANCE

INCOME

MEMBERSHIP Direct Deposit	.....
Membership Banked	.....
WALL OF SERVICE	.....

TOTAL INCOME

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EXPENDITURE

Plaques	
Raffle Postage	.....
Laser Printer	.....
Slipstream	.....
Cheque refusal Greater Bank	.....

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

ENDING BALANCE

FIXED ACCOUNT

Acceptance of Treasurers Report.

Moved: Jeffrey Dalgliesh

Seconded: Phillip Carey.

14. General Business from 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 NSW Committee meeting.:

- a.** Signatory requirements have not been completed at the Greater Bank Nowra. On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023 the FAAAA NSW Division President Phillip Carey and Treasurer Ronald Batchelor are to attend the Greater Bank Nowra and resign as Authorised Signatories on the FAAAA Account. NSW Division Secretary Jeffrey Dalgliesh will also attend and become an Authorised Signatory and past Secretary Terrance Hetherington will be removed from the Authorised Signatory list.

ACTION: Completed Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Phillip Carey, Ronald Batchelor, and Jeffrey Dalgliesh attended the Greater bank Nowra and resigned and signed as Authorised Signatories. Terrance Hetherington was removed from the Authorised Signatory list. NFA Required.

- b.** JWD proposed that 2024 Subscription Rates for NSW Division be rationalised with one rate covering both Soft and Hardcopy Slipstream. Robust discussion by all present with the realization that the Subscription is made up of several elements with the National body setting the price of Slipstream. Committee and Members present agreed that rationalisation irrespective of Slipstream version would be a reasonable move and would simplify administration of Membership. IT WOULD NOT CHANGE VERSION OF SLIPSTREAM that a member receives.

ACTION: NFA Issue Closed.

- c.** JWD proposed that the National Committee be approached to legislate that all future New Memberships require an email address, and that Hardcopy Slipstream would not be available for any new Members.

ACTION: NFA Issue Closed.

ANZAC Day. The association has received the following from Debra Rayner JP Hon Secretary Nowra RSL Subbranch.

- a.** Dawn Service at Greenwell Point, participants will assemble at the Greenwell Point Memorial Hall at 0510 and march to ANZAC Park at 0525, then return to the Memorial Hall at the conclusion of the Dawn Service.

ACTION: Secretary to write and thank the Nowra RSL Subbranch for the invitation and stating that while the Association may not march it will lay a wreath. President Phillip Carey to arrange.

- b.** Commemorative Service Nowra, participants will assemble at 1010 in Junction Street, between Berry and Osborne Streets, then march to the Memorial Gates at 1030. It is anticipated that the service will last about one hour, after which time the assembly will march eastward towards Shoalhaven Street where the parade will be dispersed.

ACTION: Secretary to write and thank the Nowra RSL Subbranch for the invitation and stating that while the Association may not march it will lay a wreath. President Phillip Carey to arrange.

- c.** Should an Association representative wish to lay a wreath at either or both locations, please contact the undersigned on 0413 787858, or by email, by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April, so that names may be added to the wreath laying list. Silk floral wreaths are available for purchase from the sub-branch at a cost of \$44 including GST.

ACTION: Secretary to write and thank the Nowra RSL Subbranch for the invitation and stating that while the Association may not march it will lay a wreath. President Phillip Carey to arrange.

- d. Bomaderry RSL Subbranch has extended an invitation to the Association to attend the Bomaderry ANZAC Day Service commencing at 1000 at Walsh Memorial and afterwards for light refreshments at the Bomaderry Bowling Club.

ACTION: Secretary to write and thank the Bomaderry RSL Subbranch for the invitation and stating that while the Association may not march it will lay a wreath. President Phillip Carey to arrange.

MEMBERSHIP:

- a. How to manage unfinancial Members. Approximately 80 have email addresses and 20 Snail mail addresses. Reminders have been posted by the Webmaster in FlyBy.

ACTION: President Phillip Carey has undertaken the task of writing to everyone that is unfinancial and reminding them of their status.

- b. Over and Underpayment of Membership. How to administer going forward 2024 and beyond.

ACTION: Agreed that overpayment be treated as a donation and underpayment be viewed case-by-case.

THANKS: In closing the President thanked all for attending and thanked Life Member Dick (Pincher) Martin for his many years of devoted service to the FAAAA as National Secretary, NSW Division Secretary and most recently as an NSW Division General Committee Member. A round of applause was made by all present and Dick responded by volunteering to continue clearing the Division mailbox and inviting all present to partake of the light lunch that he had organised.

15.Closure and Date of next Committee Meeting: Meeting closed at 1130 AEDT. Next Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 1200 EST at the WEC NAS Nowra.

Phil Carey  
President

Jeff Dalglish  
Secretary

Attachment: 1.Departed Shipmates All Divisions.

2.Presidents Report.

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DEPARTED SHIPMATES MARCH 2022- MARCH 2023

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>
William "Dickie" Bird and Arthur Rowe	March 2022 FlyBy
Geoff Litchfield and Les Powell	April 2022 FlyBy
Duncombe, James Hitchen, Raymond	May 2022 FlyBy
Colin Mackenzie, Jack Duperouzel and Brendan Hill MBE.	June 2022 FlyBy
Theo Bushe-Jones, Barry Lister and Barrie McConchie.	July 2022 FlyBy
Peter Justice, Richard Marum, Bob Simmonds and Fred McCreanor.	August 2022 FlyBy
Don "Sandy" Sandberg	October 2022 FlyBy
Terence (Terry) Thornett,	November 2022 FlyBy
Robert "Bob" (Tubby) Gilmore, Lindsay McDonald, Bryan "Ben" Matthews and Ken Vote.	
Neville Livingstone, Doug Anstee, Keith Baker, Douglas Morris, Richard (Dick) Parry and Phillip Wright.	December 2022 FlyBy
Ron Gent, Robert (Bob) Bryce, William (Bill) Lindon, Harold Hurren and Hans Reinhaedt	January 2023 FlyBy
Rob Waites, Les Kube, Peter Berzins and Les Meakin.	February 2023 FlyBy
John Ahern, Jim Buchanan	March 2023 FlyBy



Attachment: 2. Presidents Report.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

11<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Annual General Meeting

Welcome

Fallen shipmates.

**A special mention** should be made of the untiring efforts of Paul Norris in his role of National Membership Database Manager. Paul's correspondence with new members is the first interaction between the association and a new or returning member. As such that communication sets the agenda for the way ahead for that new member and involvement with the Association.

I have one further member to mention and that is our current secretary Jeff Dalglish who lives in Sydney and travels down to participate at meetings. His fresh ideas and vast knowledge have been and hopefully will continue to provide a positive influence of the association and not just the day-to-day management of the division.

Political observations

How fast has the geopolitical landscape has evolved in the last 12 months.

We as a nation are in a war with Russia, albeit indirectly. We supply vehicles, weapons and ammunition to Ukraine and have an agreement with France to jointly produce 155mm consumables.

Added to that we have the expansionist intentions of China quickly materialising in the Indo Pacific region. New defence alliances have been negotiated and countries large and small are looking to shore up allies and identify those nations that are most likely not to be allies. Not the least of which is recent Australian defence cooperation and initiatives which have raised the ire of the Chinese.

The AUKUS (Australia UK and US) agreement has introduced into the ADF a new propulsion system based on modular nuclear reactors that power the Virginia class submarines. Each boat has one S9G reactor producing 280,000 horsepower. The fuel supply in each boat is intended to give more than 30 years' service. Our boats are anticipated to be the block V boats that are 140 metres long and with a displacement of 10,200 tons. (Collins boats are 3,400 tons and 78 metres long)

But most surprising is the support from the current labour government for the purchase.

Australia has reached defence agreements with India, Japan and the United States generally referred to as the Quad.

Defence and defence related matters are the forefront of most news programmes and will continue to be for the next few years. Very interesting times ahead for the world particularly when compared to almost doldrum like world view of the period of my service from the late 60s to the early 90s.

**The Association.**

As an Association our demographic is one of an aging membership. Membership numbers are slowly on the decline, and we are becoming less relevant to ex Fleet Air Arm personal. We joined the Navy with the magic number of 20 years in our sights. The current defence members join with much less of a view of the future and most will leave the service after 7 to 10 years.

Over the next couple of months, it is my intention to canvas current and immediate past members for their views on the role and future of the association.

**Anzac Day 2023.**

It is intended that the Fleet Air Association would participate in the local commemorations. March in Nowra and at Greenwell Point and lay wreaths at Nowra cenotaph, Bomaderry, Greenwell Point and the War Cemetery Nowra

**Nowra Veterans Wellbeing Centre.**

RSL LifeCare have completed the construction of their building at East Nowra in the Jonathan Rogers complex.

Which raises the subject of the welfare position on the National Executive. I can indicate that it is anticipated that position may be filled in next few weeks, but the National Exec have yet to fully define the role of the incumbent.

I have in the course of my job had contact with the Wellbeing Centre and I am pleased to say those contacts have been quite positive. The original model was that the Commonwealth would provide initial funding for construction and seed finance but after a time the centre was intended be self-funding. I have no information on the progress of that aspect.

**Committee Meetings.**

It has been the practice in recent past of the Division committee to meet bimonthly.

It is intended that the bi-monthly meetings will continue and any business that is outside of that will be dealt with by means of emails and phone calls etc.

**Conclusion**

We are a diverse and fairly loose association of ex members. The thing that we all have in common is that we have all served. Some for longer than others and some for a very short period indeed but we all served. We all entered as volunteers without any real knowledge of that would lay ahead for each of us in our service careers. We are now no longer serving members. We do however have a shared experience, a shared knowledge of what it takes to serve.

The coming months we will see a new world order emerging from the chaos that is the war in Europe and the rise of an Asian beast. The posturing of nation states with expansionist views is troubling.

Cherish your friendships and your families and do whatever is needed to support the folk in uniform that have followed us.

Thank you.

P J Carey

President