



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY HISTORICAL COMPANY

**Minutes of the  
Royal Australian Artillery Historical Company  
Annual General Meeting  
Location: Online (to allow remote participation by members)  
on Saturday 20th November 2021  
1000h**

**1.0 Opening and Attendance.**

The Chair opened the Meeting at 1004 hours and welcomed members. He noted that the AGM was being conducted online (Zoom) due to the uncertainties regarding inter-state travel and that an online meeting allows participation by a broader range of members.

**1.1 Directors in Attendance (all Online):**

Ian Ahearn, Chair	IA
Schon Condon	SC
John Cox	JC
Rob Crawford, Honorary Secretary	RC
James Eling	JE
Nick Floyd	NF
Bill Foxall, Assistant Honorary Treasurer	BF
Craig Furini	CF
Peter Lawrence, Honorary Treasurer	PL
Ron West	RW

**Members in Attendance:**

Brian Armour  
Nick Floyd  
Tim Ford  
Ian George  
John Johnston  
Ian Taylor

**2.0 Apologies and proxies.** The following apologies and proxies were received:

**Proxies**

Nil

**Apologies:**

The Patron, LTGEN Greg Bilton  
Kevin Browning  
Craig Taggart

**3.0 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7th November 2020**

3.1 The Minutes were reviewed and accepted.

**3.2 Motion:**

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the RAAHC held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.”

Moved by Ian Ahearn, seconded Bill Foxall and carried.

#### **4.0 Review Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 2020 AGM**

4.1 No matters arose from the Minutes of the AGM held 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

#### **5.0 RAAHC Chair’s Report**

5.1 The Chair’s report (along with all AGM papers) had been published on the RAAHC Website (<http://www.artilleryhistory.org/>) prior to the AGM. IA outlined his report. IA drew attention to the fact that a withdrawal in publishing support has resulted in *Cannonball* now only being published electronically (likely into the foreseeable future).

#### **5.2 Motion:**

That the Chair’s Report for 2021 be received.

Moved by Ian Ahearn, seconded John Johnston and carried.

#### **6.0 Financial Statement, Financial Performance and Auditor’s Report for the Year Ended 30th June 2021**

6.1 The Honorary Treasurer (PL) reported briefly on the RAAHC’s financial position. He confirmed the Company was financially sound, could meet all known liabilities and made mention of the following:

- The detailed financial figures for FY 20/21 were presented in the RAAHC Financial Report available on the website.
- The RAAHC has introduced *Sage* accounting software. It had been trialled and then adopted late in FY 20/21. *Sage* has made Company financial management easier.
- Explanations were given for the RAAHC’s asset and cash values.
- PL acknowledged the very good condition of the financial records handed over to him by Brian Hall, just before Brian finished as the Honorary Treasurer.
- The Financial Report was prepared and audited by the Honorary Auditor, Graham Martin (of Martin and Luscombe). The Report was circulated to directors and approved on 22 October 2021. It is available on the Company’s website for members.

#### **6.2 Motion:**

That the Financial Statement for the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2021 be received.

Moved by Peter Lawrence, seconded Tim Ford and carried.

#### **7.0 Election of Directors of the RAAHC**

7.1 The Honorary Secretary advised the AGM that three directors had retired and that all had agreed to stand for re-election. The AGM was reminded that each nominee’s nomination with proposer and seconder; and resume were published and available on the RAAHC website. Additionally, Craig Furini had consented, in writing, to being a director on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

7.2 There being fewer directors than the maximum of 15 permitted by the Constitution, the Honorary Secretary enquired if there were any objections to the three directors seeking re-election and one seeking election for the first time. There was no objection.

#### **7.4 Motion:**

That in accordance with Clause 15.4.2 of the Constitution, Ian Ahearn, John Cox and William (Bill) Foxall be re-elected and Craig Furini be elected as directors of the

RAAHC.

Moved by Rob Crawford, seconded Peter Lawrence and carried.

## **8.0 RAAHC Corporate Plan 2021-2024**

8.1 The Plan was introduced by the Chair. It had been circulated to all directors prior to the meeting and approved on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021. A copy of the Plan is available on the RAAHC website.

Note. No formal motion required, as Item 8 was an outline of an already approved plan.

## **9.0 General Business**

9.1 The Honorary Secretary (RC) read an email sent to the RAAHC from the Head of Regiment, BRIG Richard Vagg, dated 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021, acknowledging the assistance the RAAHC had provided during the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of Australian Artillery.

9.2 The Chair (IA) highlighted the achievements of the RAAHC in the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of Australian Artillery, particularly:

- Continual consultation and cooperation with the Artillery Association of Australia (AAA).
- The frequent input to articles and provision of information requested by a variety of organisations (military, veteran and civilian) seeking assistance about Australian Artillery heritage.
- The social media campaign to tell Australia's Artillery story.
- Production of the Book of Days (an Australian Artillery pictorial history), with a copy being given to each RAA unit and sub-unit.
- The release of the 'Ubique 150' label pin, in cooperation with the AAA.
- The exchange of correspondence with 'Gunner' organisations in other countries, particularly the Royal Artillery and Royal Canadian Artillery.

The Chair acknowledged the Royal Regiment's professional conduct of the National Gun Salute and poignancy of the 'Last Post' Ceremony on 1<sup>st</sup> August.

The Chair thanked those people who had been directly involved in delivering 'Ubique 150' events.

The Chair's view is that the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year be considered a success, noting the COVID-impacted circumstances event planners had to grapple with. He hoped dates can be found in 2022 for key events postponed in 2021.

## **10.0 Other Business**

10.1 The following matters were raised:

- On behalf of the members, Tim Ford thanked the Chair for production of the Book of Days and 'Ubique 150' lapel pins, which was acknowledged by IA.
- John Johnston noted that the items on loan to the Darwin Military Museum were 'present and correct'.
- Nick Floyd provided an update on 'Ubique 150', outlining that:
  - Historical articles and media posts would continue into December 2021.
  - 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Presentation of Gunner ties and lanyards to the RMC cadets about to graduate to the Royal Regiment.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (St Barbara's Day):
    - 'Last Post' Ceremony at AMW, commemorating BRIG Goodwin.

- RAA Association (WA) - Gunner Dinner.
- RAA Association (VIC) – 18 Gun Salute.
- 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Unveiling of the Armstrong Gun ‘370’, by the Werribee Half-Battery.
- Administration and support to the handover of Head of Regiment, BRIG Richard Vagg to BRIG Damian Hill.
- Unveiling of the ‘Port Jackson’ 4 Pounder at the School of Artillery in the first half of 2022.
- July 2022. A SEQLD Open Day, which will likely involve 1 Regt, 20 Regt, the Fort Lytton Museum and local Artillery associations.
- Progression of planning for the transfer of the Australian Centenary Gun.
- 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022:
  - Parade – presentation of new Queen’s Banner – Victoria Barracks Sydney.
  - All ranks Cocktail Reception - Victoria Barracks Officers’ Mess.

Note. Nick Floyd was posted as the Staff Officer Grade One Australian Artillery 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, working direct to the Head of Regiment, from May to December 2021.

## 10.2 **Acknowledgement**

The Chair acknowledged the efforts of the following in 2021:

- LTCOL Nick Floyd, who stepped down from the RAAHC Board of Directors and as Deputy Chair to carry out military duties at the Staff Office Grade One ‘Ubique 150’. Nick was pivotal in planning and delivering many 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year events. It is hoped he will return to the Board of Directors in 2022.
- The Honorary Auditor, Graham Martin, of Martin and Luscombe Chartered Accountants. It is hoped Graham will be available again in 2022.
- The Honorary Solicitor, Paul Fordyce. It is hoped Paul will be available again in 2022.
- The North Head volunteer group. Tim Ford was asked to pass on the RAAHC’s appreciation.
- The Australian Centenary Gun volunteer group. IA will pass on the RAAHC’s appreciation.
- MAJGEN Steve Gower, as the previous Patron.
- LTGEN Greg Bilton, who took over as Patron during 2021.

10.3 **Closure.** There being no further business the Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 1045 hours

10.4 Next AGM is planned for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022, with confirmation and details posted to the RAAHC website.

Ian Ahearn  
**Chair RAAHC**

November 2022