

**TASMANIAN BRANCH**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Date:** Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> Augusts 2019  
**Time:** 6:00 pm  
**Venue:** Upstairs, New Sydney Hotel, 87 Bathurst St, Hobart

**1. Welcome to all and guest, Adrian Linacre.**

Phoebe Carter  
Charles Connor  
Karen Connor  
Damian Crowle  
Gerard Dutton  
Loene Howes  
Matt Streat  
Rita Westbury

**2. Apologies**

Ken Bathman  
Jane Devenish-Meares  
Paul Holloway  
Roberta Julian  
Louise McMahan  
David North  
Kerrie Whitwam

**3. Minutes from 2019 AGM (29/8/18)**

An omission from the 2018 minutes was that Loene Howes attended the 2018 AGM. Karen Connor and others agreed that she had attended and had accepted the nomination for Branch Secretary at the meeting.

Adoption of minutes with amendment.

Moved: Charles  
Seconded: Loene

**4. Matters arising from previous minutes**

None.

## **5. General Business**

### **a. ANZFSS Travel Awards**

Charles re-iterated congratulations to 2018 awardees of the ANZFSS Symposium (Perth, 9-13 September) travel award (with Branch top-ups): Gerard Dutton, David North, Mithun Rajshekar.

Ways to make members aware of the opportunity to apply for travel awards for the IAFS/ANZFSS 2020 Symposium were discussed. It was agreed to advertise the opportunity amongst branch members and to highlight the option for new members of a professional development award, which does not require the recipient to make a presentation. It was noted that this award may be particularly valuable for technical staff at FSST and Tasmania Police members for whom there may be limited provision of professional development funds.

### **b. 2020 IAFS/ANZFSS Symposium, Sydney, 21-25 September**

Adrian Linacre provided some updates on progress in the organisation of the IAFS/ANZFSS meeting. He informed members that:

- the IAFS was not actually a society but was for the purpose of the meetings, which are held every three years and are largely driven by medical sciences.
- meeting to be underwritten by UTS and led by Prof. Claude Roux. The format will reflect ANZFSS with 22 themes, including some extra ones and a range of workshops. The arrangements and costs overall have aimed to strike a balance between IAFS and ANZFSS.

### **c. Upcoming workshops/speakers and suggestions for the future**

Charles and Gerard raised the point that ANZFSS funds of up to \$1,000 are available to branches to host speakers. A discussion followed of possible speakers and topics of interest. Amongst these were the Sue Neill-Fraser case. Suggestions included local people involved in research and practice (e.g., from UTAS, from FSST – the idea of a lab tour with Michael Manthey was proposed). Anne-Marie Prettyman was also suggested. A talk on the Lindt café siege would be of interest to many.

Arrangements were already in the pipeline to hear from Kaye Ballantyne (NIFS) in October, and Linzi Wislon-Wilde (February 2020). The plan would be to request an extra half-day workshop for those interested from Tasmania Police,

FSST, and some additional invited people. We could host a 2-night stay for the guests.

#### **d. Branch position nominations**

President: Charles Connor (Gerard nominated, Loene seconded)

Vice President: Roberta Julian (Rita nominated, Phoebe seconded)

Secretary: Loene Howes (Charlie nominated, Gerard seconded)

Treasurer: Gerard Dutton (Loene nominated, Karen seconded)

Public Officer: SRita Westbury (happy to do if a name is needed for the role)

General Committee Members: Phoebe Carter, Karen Connor, David North, Rita Westbury (Charlie nominated; Loene seconded)

#### **6. President's Report**

Charlie invited everyone to let him know if there is anything that they would like put to the National Council. Professionalisation is now up and running, although there has not yet been much uptake.

Report accepted (motion Rita, seconded Phoebe).

#### **7. Treasurer's Report**

Gerard advised that ANZFSS Tas was still doing well from the 2012 Symposium. There had been few expenses, except a visit from Jan de Kinder, some food at meetings, and branch supplements to national travel award scholarships. Membership had previously been 40 and was now 32 – with the expectation that membership would increase prior to the IAFS/ANZFSS 2020 Meeting.

Report accepted (moved Rita, seconded Loene).

#### **8. Secretary's Report**

Loene reported that she checked the email system for new membership applications and responses to formal emails from time to time. Although the system was a bit clunkier than regular email, it was generally working well.

#### **9. Other Business**

Karen noted that she would be happy to help out by running small surveys to members should the need arise.

Gerard asked Adrian whether there was a need to record attendance at meetings by visitors. Gerard noted that it may be helpful to maintain a record

but there is currently no facility within the email system to do so. Adrian agreed to make a note of this for discussion at the national meeting.

Gerard raised the issue of membership payments to branches on spreadsheets on odd dates. He requested that month-by-month payments be made as this would be helpful and easier to keep track of.

**Meeting closed: 7:15 pm**

**Guest speaker presentation: Adrian Linacre**