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THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND  
FORENSIC SCIENCE SOCIETY INC.

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**Time and Date:** 6:00 pm, Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**Venue:** Upstairs, New Sydney Hotel, 87 Bathurst St, Hobart

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**1. Welcome to all (President Charles Connor).**

Ken Bathman  
Phoebe Carter  
Charles Connor  
Damian Crowle  
Gerard Dutton  
Clare Fulton  
Loene Howes  
Graham Hyland  
Roberta Julian  
Carmen Reid  
Rita Westbury

**2. Apologies**

Karen Connor  
Suzanne Langlois  
Tersia Oosthuizen  
Matt Streat

**3. Minutes from 2019 AGM (28/8/2019)**

Adoption of minutes without amendment.

Moved: Charles

Seconded: Phoebe

**4. Matters arising from previous minutes**

None.

**5. General Business**

### **a. 2023 IAFS Meeting Update**

Some contention around the plans for the proposed 2023 meeting. It is not currently/yet confirmed as being under the IAFS umbrella.

### **b. ANZFSS Travel Awards**

Congratulations to award recipients for the ANZFSS Symposium (Perth, 9-13 September) travel award. Tasmania Branch agreed to top up scholarships.

### **c. Suggestions for future speakers at Branch Meetings**

- Carl Grosser (FSST) on activity level reporting. Has been used for DNA in several sexual assault cases in SA.
- Michael Manthey (FSST) – show and tell at lab.
- Michael Breadmore (UTAS) – lab on a chip technology.
- Clare Fulton (FSST) – recent research in analytical chemistry.
- Paul Holloway (FSST) possibly with police investigator (Tasmania Police) – Sue Neill-Fraser case once finalised.
- Rebecca Johnstone (US).

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

President: Charles Connor (Gerard nominated, Rita seconded)  
Vice President: Roberta Julian (Charlie nominated, Rita seconded)  
Secretary: Loene Howes (Charlie nominated, Gerard seconded)  
Treasurer: Gerard Dutton (Charlie nominated, Loene seconded)  
Public Officer: Rita Westbury (Charlie nominated, Phoebe seconded)  
General Committee Members: Phoebe Carter, Karen Connor (Roberta nominated; Loene seconded)

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

Report provided outlining that fewer face-to-face activities had taken place since the previous AGM due to COVID restrictions. However, Charlie attended the 2019 National ANZFSS AGM in Darwin in October 2019. Discussions with the national committee have been on how best to plan for the forthcoming symposium and meeting.

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

Gerard advised that ANZFSS Tas Branch funds are looking better than they did after the 2012 Symposium. Usually, food is provided at the AGM but not this year due to COVID restriction issues. Flights and accommodation were provided for guest speakers (Kaye Ballantyne and Linzi Wilson-Wilde). Tas

Branch received \$3,000 as a share from the ANZFSS Perth symposium. Membership - very similar numbers to last year. There had been few expenses, except a visit from Jan de Kinder, some food at meetings, and branch supplements to national travel award scholarships. Travel awards have not yet been paid and as arrangements for symposia are up in the air, to be decided at a future date. New treasurer at national level, Natasha.

Report accepted (moved Charlie, seconded Roberta).

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

Nothing major to report.

### **9. Other Business**

Roberta asked for suggestions of how to spend ANZFSS Tas funds. Ideas of interstate and overseas attendance as well as guest speakers were raised. Currently overseas participation still mostly limited to Zoom.

**Meeting closed: 6:45 pm**

**Speaker presentation: Sergeant Gerard Dutton**