



NEWSLETTER – October 2017

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NEXT MEETING:
Wednesday 18th October 2017
SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING – 7.00pm
followed by
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – 7.30pm
at
The Evaporators

COMMITTEE CHANGES

The general make-up of our committee remains much as it was for last year, with the exception that Jane Johnson has taken on the role of Minute Secretary from Peta Sales who has admirably carried out the role for a number of years, for which we extend our gratitude and thanks. Peta will remain actively involved with the Group's activities as a Committee member. The role of Secretary has been split into two parts, with Senior Vice President, Harry Rattino taking on secretarial duties relating to correspondence. Dennis Muskovich takes on the role of Second Vice President, while Peter Shimeld joins the Committee. Peter's contribution will be most valuable as he has been involved with the Army Museum in Hobart for many years.

OCTOBER IS BLOSSOM TIME IN THE VALLEY

Franklin History Group is pleased to be supporting Rotary's Celebration of the Orchard industry by providing photographs and items for display on the evening of their dinner to be held at the Huonville Trade Training Centre, as part of the celebrations on Tuesday October 24th. An article relating to the Apple Industry is also planned for the Huon Valley News as part of the celebrations.

ATTENTION FHG MEMBERS

Below are details of the proposed changes to the Constitution, aimed at streamlining proceedings at future AGMs:

Explanation and Details of Resolutions for changes to the Constitution, to be proposed at the Special Meeting of the Association to be held on Wednesday, 18 October 2017, 7pm, The Evaporators, Franklin, 7113.

The Special Meeting will consist of the following:

THE RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 1: To consider, and if thought fit, to pass a Special Resolution in the following terms:

That the following Rule "10A Exemptions under the Act" be inserted after Rule 10:

(1) For any financial year that the Association is exempt from the requirement to be audited by virtue of section 24(1B) or (1C) of the Act –

(a) an auditor is not required to be appointed for that financial year under rule 9 unless the Association elects to have the financial affairs of the Association for that financial year audited in accordance with the Act and these rules; and

(b) if an auditor is not appointed for a financial year by virtue of paragraph (a) –

(i) rules 9 and 10 do not apply in respect of the Association for that financial year; and

(ii) rule 11(5)(b), to the extent that it relates to an auditor, does not apply in respect of the annual general meeting held by the Association in respect of that financial year; and

(iii) rule 11(5)(d) does not apply in respect of the annual general meeting held by the Association in respect of that financial year.

(2) For any financial year that the Association is exempt from the requirement to provide an annual return by virtue of section 24B(1B) of the Act, the committee must provide, as part of the ordinary business of the annual general meeting for that financial year, a copy of the annual financial report given under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 of the Commonwealth in respect of that financial year.

Explanation for proposed change:

Two changes were made to the Associations Incorporation (Model Rules) Regulations 2007 of the Associations Incorporation Act 1964, in October 2016, which affect FHG.

1. Our Association, which is incorporated in Tasmania and is a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission (ACNC), no longer needs to provide an Annual Return to the Commissioner of Corporate Affairs, so long as it complies with the financial requirements of the ACNC. We must still provide an update of the names and addresses of our Committee members to the Commissioner of Corporate Affairs and update them on the ACNC website.

2. For any year in which our organisation has revenue less than \$250,000, the requirement for our organisation to have a financial audit or pass a special resolution exempting it from financial audit has been removed.

The addition of Rule 10A to our Constitution removes the requirement in our Constitution for a compulsory audit, but makes it possible for the Association to elect to audit accounts (sometimes this is required for grants). It also retains the provision for compulsory audit of accounts if our annual revenue exceeds \$250,000.

Resolution 2: To consider, and if thought fit, to pass a Special Resolution in the following terms:

"That in Rule 30. Annual subscriptions, the words "fifteen dollars (\$15)" be deleted and replaced by the words "twenty dollars (20)".

Explanation for proposed change:

This change does not involve an increase of our annual subscriptions. FHG has been requesting a subscription of \$20 for some years and we need to make our constitution consistent with actual practice.

Resolution 3: To consider, and if thought fit, to pass a Special Resolution in the following terms:

"That in Rule 30. Annual subscriptions, a new category of membership, namely, Family membership, be added.

Explanation for proposed change:

The introduction of family memberships may make membership more attractive and may encourage new members.

Resolution 4: If Resolution 3 is adopted by the members, to consider, and if thought fit, to pass a Special Resolution in the following terms:

That

(1) **the numbering of clause 30 (1)** be changed to 30(1)(a) and that the word "individual" be inserted before the word "members" and

(2) **a new sub-clause 30 (1) (b)** be added to read: "The annual subscription payable by family members of the Association is the following amount: \$---" [the amount decided at the meeting to be inserted]

Resolution 5: To consider, and if thought fit, to pass a Special Resolution in the following terms:

"That in Rule 37 (1) the period of notice to be given prior to a special general meeting called to change the Rules of the Association, be altered from "at least one calendar month" to "at least 21 days".

Explanation for proposed change: *This change is consistent with the advance notice of a special general meeting in Clause 12 (4) of the Constitution.*

**BELIEVE IT, OR NOT,
SPRING HAS ARRIVED**

And no-where is it more evident than at the Pioneer Cemetery on Maxfield's Road, North Franklin.



This oasis is the work of FHG member Desmond Hay, reflecting dedication over many years. (On the day this photograph was taken, Desmond was busily mowing the neatly manicured lawns of this Congregational Cemetery. The feature is well worth a visit.

(Photo: A. Cato)



This photograph of the Huonville Congregational Church was provided by Des Hay. It was located on the corner of the Main Street, opposite the Post Office and Wilmot Road. It is believed to have been taken during the 1940s, the building was demolished during the early 1950s, and the entrance porch was re-erected as an entrance gate-way to the building's replacement, next to Woolworths.

More from John Hay's diary

In addition to John's private thoughts regarding his Faith, these entries give an insight into the daily life on the land and the weather conditions during the mid 19th Century.

February 17th 1864 (Tuesday)

Was at Geeves Town. (sic) Mr Robinson preached text in Judges – building up the Christian character and faith. Resting on Jesus, the chief corner stone. Actions cannot be undone. Got home about 12 o'clock. Mr Clarke also addressed the Meeting, spoke of the piety running in families. The character of the ages of the Church, the apathetic, the learned the age of creeds and formula. The present is again become apathetic. Robinson, minor differences and Dear the Bible. Cook – the Bible also.

February 18th

Hazy, small rain. Mr Hopkins, Rev Clarke, Miller, Robinson and Dear went back to Hobart. Have had a very satisfactory meeting. Mr Hopkins scolded a good deal because we do not help ourselves and hold service whether anyone came from town or not. Mr Clarke stopped at our place last night. Larger meeting than I expected.

February 19th

Raining heavily. Rather alarming weather for harvest. Had a visit from Miss Scott last night. Something very peculiar about old maids. Very few of them but has some apology for so being. Trying the peaches but cannot find any ripe ones. Clearing out about the mill. Dull hazy day. The place that knows me now will soon not.

February 20th

Breaking up, cold south wind. Fencing in front of Tom Sherrill's old place. A bad cold prevails among the people. We should be able to give a reason for everything we do. Why do we keep the Sabbath, why do we go to church? Gratitude is a compelling sentiment. Is it a duty or a virtue? Duty cannot be virtue, nor necessity.

February 21st

Memo: Trust meeting at 2 o'clock, Mechanics Hall. Fencing, steamer late. Peas in bad state. Attended Road Trust Meeting. John Lloyd Chairman. Meeting in Mechanics Hall, time full moon.

February 22nd Sunday

February 23rd

Robert gone to Hobart with Prince. Not fit to take in the peas, been a fine afternoon. Carting in peas. Heard of the Federal defeat at Fredericksburg (American Civil War) a hopeless case for the Northmen. Cannot believe that the war is carried on by the wish of the settlers of the north. I have no sons to sacrifice.

February 24th

Late peaches coming ripe, potatoes up. Been a fine day, one or two light showers. Horses twice up the hill in the forenoon. Carting peas in the afternoon. Great many fish in the river, salmon, mullet, mackerel. Believe there will be a large party for transportation (convicts). Whatever is moral wrong will ultimately be physically and financially wrong.

February 25th

Peach tree got a stripping yesterday. Peas are in at Carr's wheat in at old John's.

February 26th

Making boxes. Carting shingles. Peaches ripe, first trees.

February 27th

Heard of wheat growing in the ear before it was cut. Wet still, stormy and heavy showers all day. Could not get the apples picked. John fitted on a saw, a new one. Made some boxes. There is the same amount of happiness in every station, if hunger be kept away.

February 28th

Filled the boiler, put in the manhole door, packed the piston. Picked 20 boxes Catheads. We are accepting influences now that will act on us through eternity - as we sow so shall we reap.



The historic vessel *Admiral* being launched, at Huonville, after her restoration, November 2009
(Photos: A. Cato)



It is possible that *Admiral* will be an exhibit in our planned Heritage Centre in the 'Evaporators'.