

## Minutes – ONU 118<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting 2013

Type of meeting	ONU 118 <sup>th</sup> AGM
Time and date	Tuesday 19 November 2013 at 6.30pm
Location	Prescott Hall, Newington College

### Present

David Mulford, Andrew Hirst, Phil Davis, Rod Bosman, James Jordan, Karl Watson, Barry Collins, Brad Gill, Nigel Watson, Nick Grogin, John Carroll, Robert Hill, Adam Latham, Stan Comino, Peter Kuburlis, Michael Bennett, Tony King, RN Angus Talbot, Greg Grogin, Tony McDonald, Bruce Mellor, David Jin, John Astley, Greg Mitchell, Richard Spira, Phillip Holey, Andrew McKirdy, Cameron Quince, Bill Clark, L. Robert Clifton-Bligh, Theodore Potts, Philip Moffitt, George Long, Wayne Cooper, Tim Vidler, Alexander Pagonis, Aran Alexander, John Treloar, Bruce Carroll, Mark Gilbert, John Treloar.

### Item 1

Pastor Michael Bennett opened with a prayer

### Item 2

Apologies and Confirmation of Minutes from AGM 2012

### Apologies

Mark Bland, Robert Webster, Peter Carton, John Southwell, Ian Webster, Ian Thomas, Ben Adler, John Sainsbury, Russ Barnett, Mario Isaias, Peter Collas, David Doust, Gary Bradshaw, Stephen Ollerenshaw, Rob Wild, Stuart Smith, Scott Brandon-Smith, Ian Armstrong, Rob Corbett, Graeme Martin, Graeme Fear, John Benn, Niel Burling, Tony Bosman, Rod Thomas, Roger Davidson, Grant Leonard, Garnet Mekkinings.

**Motion:** That apologies be accepted

**Moved:** John Carroll

**Seconded:** Rob Hill

**Passed:** Unanimously

**Motion:** That the minutes of the 2012 AGM be accepted

**Moved:** Mark Gilbert

**Seconded:** Greg Grogin

**Passed:** Unanimously

### Item 3 - Presentations

- ONU President, James Jordan presented College Council Chairman Angus Talbot with a cheque for \$295,000.00.
- James Jordan presented Stan Comino with a gift in recognition of all the work he does with Old Boys.

- James Jordan presented Cameron Quince a gift in recognition of his tireless efforts in running school trips to Tonga and his ongoing work with Tongan boys at Newington. Cameron thanked the ONU for their ongoing support of the Tongan program over the years.
- Karl Watson, on behalf of the ONU Council, presented a gift to James Jordan in recognition of his successful term as ONU President.

#### Item 4 – ONU President’s Report (James Jordan)

Report circulated with Council Papers.

In brief, the President thanked the ONU Executive and Council for their support during the last 3 years. He was pleased to see the profile of the ONU expanded within the school community. There is much ONU representation in the College Council.

He congratulated Rod Bosman and the HM for a wonderful Sesquicentenary Year.

ONU achievements in 2013 included:

- Contributing \$510,000.00 to the capital campaign and receiving naming rights for the Old Boys Lecture Theatre
- Old Boys scoreboards on the Buchanan and Johnson Ovals
- A sold out ONU Golf Day that raised about \$18,000.00 for the ONU Depression Program
- 670 attended the ONU Annual Dinner

#### Item 5 – Treasurer’s Report (Andrew McKirdy)

As at 18 Nov 2013:

Westpac	\$34,322.00
College on behalf of ONU	\$76,574.00
Depression funds	\$36,715.00
Bank of Sydney term dep1	\$276,890.00
Bank of Sydney term dep2	\$181,616.00

**Total funds** **\$569,402.00**

ONU corpus	\$200,000.00
Depression fund	\$36,715.00
Funds for previously agreed expenses	\$15,000.00
Expenses to be paid	\$3,000.00
Donations:	
Geography Dept	\$3,000.00
History Dept	\$3,000.00
English Dept	\$3,000.00
Languages Dept	\$3,000.00
Sports (minor)	\$3,000.00
Rifle Shooting Club	\$5,000.00

The balance of \$295,000.00 will be donated to the College.

**Motion:** That the President’s and Treasurer’s Reports be accepted.

**Moved:** Karl Watson

**Seconded:** Robert Hill

**Passed:** Unanimously

#### Item 6 – Headmaster’s Report

Report circulated with Council Papers.

In brief, the HM congratulated everyone for a great Sesqui year. He welcomed the appointment of Rod Bosman as Director of Community and Development.

Enrolments had increased markedly.

He claimed that it was most likely that HSC results would be down this year due to a very strong IB cohort.

Staff leaving or retiring include Paul Bourke, Sadie Leftinger, Julia Shea, Jeff Snare, Jamie Breden. He also announced that Rob Edgerton would be joining the Science Dept in 2014.

The HM also commented on the recent media “attacks” on Scots and to a lesser extent Newington. He stated that the GPS was dealing with the matter and that Newington had always been upfront with the GPS over its enrolment policies.

Phil Davis commented he was a member of the AAGPS Executive for 25 years and had fielded numerous calls over this matter. He supported the HM’s current policy.

Stan Comino also applauded the ONU for its activities within the Newington Community, in particular its bursary program.

#### **Item 7 – College Council Update (Angus Talbot)**

He thanked the ONU for the donation.

He thanked James Jordan for his term as President of the ONU stating that the relationship between the ONU and the College Council had never been stronger.

The Sesqui had been a great success. He thanked Rod Bosman and the HM for their respective roles this year.

He commented that the Foundation had successfully established a culture of giving. He thanked Bruce Mellor for his efforts as Chairman of the Foundation.

He was pleased to see the many Old Boys that were involved in different aspects of College life from Council to staff to committees.

To date there had been 7 major construction projects overseen by the HM and Phil Holey with more to come in the near future.

He reflected on time spent working with former HMs David Scott and Michael Smee.

#### **Item 8 – Community and Development Report (Rod Bosman)**

In brief, Rod thanked the HM and Angus for their kind words. He has thoroughly enjoyed his short time in the job. He acknowledged the good work done by Lea before him. He acknowledged the good work done by Mylee Angelo. He thanked David Roberts and Mona De Araujo. He announced that Noelene Hugh Smith would be working one day a week for the Dept as part of the agreement between the College and the ONU.

To date 115 seats had been sponsored in the OBLT. The naming ceremony will be on 07 Mar 14. All capital campaign contributors would be invited.

The seats in the Chapel were currently being replaced with pews. About half the necessary fundraising had been achieved.

#### **Item 9 – Sesquicentenary Update (Rod Bosman)**

Report circulated with Council papers

#### **Item 10 - 70s Club Update (Robert Hill)**

Report circulated with Council papers.

In brief, Robert thanked James Jordan and the Alumni Office for their support over the year.

Recent highlights were the Sep lunch, a \$2000 donation to the Cadet Unit.

The Club is also restoring flags for the Prescott Hall and is investigating the origins of the Honour Boards at the entrance of the Founders Building.

#### **Item 11 - GPS OBU Update (John Astley)**

Report circulated with Council papers

**Motion:** To accept all reports

**Moved:** John Carroll

**Seconded:** Nigel Watson

**Passed:** Unanimously

### Item 12 - Election of Officers

The following were elected unopposed for 2014:

<b>ONU Executive</b>	
President	Bruce Mellor
Honorary Secretary	Karl Watson
Assistant Honorary Secretary	Nigel Watson
Honorary Treasurer	Andrew McKirdy
Assistant Honorary Treasurer	Brad Gill
70 Club Ex Officio	John Carroll
70 Club Ex Officio	Robert Hill
Immediate Past President	James Jordan
<b>ONU Council</b>	
Councillor	Aran Alexander
Councillor	Rod Bosman
Councillor	Nick Grogin
Councillor	David Jin
Councillor	Peter Kurburlis
Councillor	Adam Latham
Councillor	Grant Leonard
Councillor	George Long
Councillor	Alexander Pagonis
<b>Vice Presidents</b>	
Perth	Russell Barnett
Metropolitan	John Carroll
Metropolitan	Robert Clifton-Bligh
Metropolitan	Robert Hill
Regional	John Sainsbury
Regional	Richard Spira
<b>Lodge Wyvern</b>	
	Peter Carton

### Item 13 – Appointment of Honorary Auditor

The firm Moser Bland was appointed.

### Item 14 – AOB

Malcolm Brown (ON 1964 and retired Fairfax journalist) is helping with the Notable Newingtonians project (see <http://insites.newington.nsw.edu.au/newington150/people-and-history/notable-newingtonians/>) by researching and writing profiles on some of these people. The original aim was to launch the Notable Newingtonians website this year, but it had to go on the back burner because of other priorities. It's still moving along in the background, though. The initial list was put together back in 2010 after a call for suggestions, but it's not meant to be definitive. The idea is that more people will be added over time, but the arrangements for this is one of the issues still to be settled. He informed us that the project was still going ahead.

Meeting closed at 20:00.