

MINUTES -2014 AGM

2/2ND COMMANDO ASSOC'N OF AUSTRALIA INC

DATE: TUES 22 JULY, 2014 -TIME: 5.30 PM -VENUE: ROB CROSSING'S OFFICE 36/18 Stirling Hwy, Started 6.05pm

1. Attendance

Rob Crossing, Colleen Thornton-Ward, Jenny Beahan, John Denman, Peter Epps, John Burridge

2. Apologies

Murray Thornton

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Jenny Beahan first and Peter Epps Seconded

4. Business arising from the minutes

No Business

5. Treasurer's report

The investment account No 21710825 has \$37,800.78

Every day Business account No 21708408 has \$3,016.84

To be deposited is \$360.00 and a cheque for two death notices \$241.70 to be withdrawn leaving a total of \$3,135.14.

Audit is to be arranged before the AGM each year, ideally in or around March.

Rob Crossing moved that the treasurer's report be carried. Peter Epps seconded the motion.

Carried.

6. Membership Issues

Pip Dunkley, Ed Willis, James Dexter and Shiona Herbert

Rob suggested that these people be allowed to join the group.

Jenny said we need to be cautious with this, as we would need to service a membership. John Burridge agreed, as did John Denman. It was resolved that the association will invite people to be friends and will ask them to do tasks.

Jenny, as president, will notify Pip Dunkley, Ed Willis, etc. of the decision.

People to be invited to donate to the association.

7. Constitution - review & discuss

John Denman feels that some of the objectives of the constitution are a bit vague.

The constitution needs to be reworded to give a better explanation of our aims and this will hopefully enable us to gain tax concession charity status and DGR status with the ATO.

Rob Crossing and John Denman will clarify and redraft the constitution.

8. Remembrance service (Nov 2014)

16 November 2014

John BurrIDGE will organize SAS

Rob Crossing will hire the equipment.

Timorese Community Timorese University students and others to be invited.

9. Meeting with Governor Malcolm McCusker

Fund-raising response

Patrons 2/2nd Commando Association/Cosgrove?

Jenny and John Denman had a meeting with Malcolm McCusker.

Malcolm said he will carry on patronage.

Discussed capacity building projects. Malcolm has volunteered to assist when there is a focused and written proposal. He will seek assistance from Stan Perron, Jack Bendat, Andrew Forrest, Tim Roberts and Kerry Stokes.

Discussed David Elphick's mini-series project with Malcolm McCusker.

Will seek Peter Cosgrove's support. He may be asked to give the 2015 address.

10. Timor capacity building projects

- **Timor DOH Report), PM : Xanana Gusmao and Resources Minister Alfredo Pires responses, WAM etc.**
- Jenny will get back to us with the proposed way forward with the Timor Debt of Honour exhibition.
- Invite James to come and talk with us.

11. Other

Micro-finance - Jenny has requested that Dr Jane Hutchinson from Murdoch University send us several academic papers on microfinance before a decision is made.

Colleen pointed out there are already many established microfinance organisations in Timor Leste to which we could donate money, such as Moris Rasik (funded by New Zealand Aid program), Oaktree Foundation, etc

12. Website

Being updated on ongoing basis. Meeting this Saturday with Peter Epps, Ed Willis, Louis and Rob.

13. Mr Jose - citizenship

John Denman dealing with this.

14. TV mini series - progress and royalties - David Elfick

Jenny reported that David Elphick said the mini-series is on hold at present.

Jenny will facilitate meeting with Julie Bishop and David Elfick.

If David Elphick produces a TV series, he has indicated that he will provide some royalties to the association.

15. Other business

Peter Epps to generate a list of dates of significance to the association, for consideration in relation to any future events or observance that we may plan.

There was a discussion about the election of office-bearers. Rob Crossing moved that all people be re-elected to hold the offices they currently hold. Peter Epps seconded this. Carried.

When the East Timorese Veterans were here in April, Peter Epps asked them how we, as an organisation, can help the East Timorese. They suggested:

1. Micro finance.
2. The provision of toilets to schools. These are particularly important because, once girls start menstruation, they stop going to school.
3. Help to train teachers. They said that it costs \$2,000.00 to train four teachers for five weeks.

John Burrridge suggested we get a quote from a builder in Timor Leste to build a toilet block and installation of septic tanks, so that we can better understand whether/how to progress this issue more broadly. John Burrridge felt that, if we built the first toilet block, others would follow suit after seeing what a splendid job we did with the first. Colleen will ask Murray Thornton for advice about how best to proceed.

Jenny has copies of "All The Bulls Men".

John Burrridge and Jenny will look into costing of lapel badges. We will aim to have two types, an inexpensive one and one of higher quality.

Jenny will write letter to Alannah MacTiernan and thank her allowing Colleen to work for the association while employed by Alannah.

Colleen sought approval to obtain an upgrade of MYOB as she has a new computer. The old version is not compatible with the new computer. The cost for this is \$516.00 plus installation and transfer of files. John Burrridge asked whether it is necessary to use a computer to record the association's finances. John Denman said he will ring around to see whether he can get a better price from MYOB. It was resolved that, when Colleen has heard from John Denman, she will email the trustees to seek approval for the MYOB purchase.

Jenny suggested that we make enquiries about the state of the Dare Museum. Jenny will ring Gerald Kenneally.

Meetina finished 7.43 pm