



**MINUTES OF INAUGURAL MEETING OF OOFERS AUSTRALIA COUNCIL
HELD AT THE SHANGRI LA HOTEL, CAIRNS, QUEENSLAND ON 19TH MAY
2017.**

Present: Kevin Hughes (Chair), Roy Cottrell, Bruce Kilpatrick, Terry Lane, Don Kirk, Ben Guzzardi, Graeme Chisholm, Jeff Griffiths, Allan McWhirter, Michael Duff, Michael Houlihan, Denis Fitzgerald, Margaret Taylor, Robert Riordan, Rob Godson, Tony Hillier, Lindsay Evans, Ross Lake.

Apologies: Grant Stillman, Bryson Fredericks.

Agenda Item 1

Chairman opened the meeting and referred to the agenda items to be covered and any resolutions as deemed appropriate.

Agenda Item 2 – Review of Awards Program

This item encompassed a number of points, namely, limiting number of awards each function; should there be a committee to review nominations; how many should be on that committee; and in the event of rejection notices – how many will cause the nomination to be rejected.

Varying thoughts were raised and considered. Chairman referred to the fact that there had been a small number who have not proceeded with becoming an OOFER. Confirmed that there had been no rejections since inception of the Awards Program.

After lengthy debate, the consensus was that the current selection criteria works well and should remain as it is.

RESOLVED that the existing criteria remain in place.

On the question of electing a committee to review nominations in future, the suggestion was put forward that a sub-committee consisting of the Chairman plus two or three others be put in place.

On the point of reasons for rejection, it was decided that the committee should make their decision(s) based on the fact that if you miss, say, three meetings, then the nomination should be rejected.

Agenda Item 3 - Electing Office Bearers

Consensus was that we seek registration as a not-for-profit organisation and formalise into the structure.

RESOLVED that Ross Lake undertake the registration process.

It was also agreed that the offices consist of (a) Chairman (b) Deputy Chair and (c) Secretary/Treasurer.

Kevin Hughes advised that he was happy to chair next meeting.

RESOLVED that Ben Guzzardi be elected to the position of Deputy Chair and Ross Lake as Secretary/Treasurer. Both were elected unopposed.

RESOLVED also that the role of Secretary/Treasurer would become the Public Officer under the not-for-profit organisational rules.

Honorary Auditors would continue to be Price Waterhouse Cooper's Adelaide Office.

Agenda Item 4 – Opening a bank account / charging an annual subscription

Ross Lake gave a verbal report on the current financial position, noting the cost of producing the book "Out of the Grip" and that 250 copies had been printed. Some copies would be made available to various people at no cost; however, there was a need to arrive at a price for purchasing the publication to those wanting a copy or copies. Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that the cost would be \$50.00 per copy plus \$10.00 for postage.

On the question of implementing an annual subscription for membership, it was proposed that an annual fee of \$50.00 be introduced.

Ross made special mention of the fact that we had received generous donations of \$42,000.00 with several major donors participating, and there could be significant monies still in progress.

Currently we had around \$8250.00 in the bank, plus 250 copies of the book.