

Activities John Mugridge
Welfare Val Reid (absent)
Immediate Past President Margaret Cornell

Ray also asked the meeting to endorse the recommendation of the Committee that Doug Hayne be appointed as Public Officer and that Terry Pearlgood be appointed as Honorary Auditor, both for 12 months. A show of hands confirmed these appointments.

The President resumed the Chair and thanked Ray.

She also requested that the members acknowledge the contribution that Gwen Young had made to the Club during her time as Speaker-Procurement Officer. This was a job that was done behind the scene but which was essential to the proper running of the Club and Gwen had managed it well she said. The members endorsed this sentiment.

Margaret also took the opportunity to acknowledge the worthy stint by Val Reid in assisting Dennis Wheeler as roll keeper at Club Meetings. Robert Anderson is the new volunteer to this position.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

8. CLOSE OF AGM:

The President closed the meeting at 10.40 am.

GENERAL MEETING

1. The President opened the General Meeting.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer presented her financial report for the month of February.

Cash at the bank	\$7,005.27✓
Less cash held for trips and unpresented cheques	\$1,914.00 \$1,971.50
Actual Club funds	\$ 5,033.77✓

The Treasurer thanked Elaine Hayne and her team of helpers for their diligent and capable collection and recording of money taken for trips at Club meetings. She also wished Jacob Kerseboom well as her successor.

The report was received on a **motion** from Fay Williams **seconded** by Ian Gault.

3. ACTIVITIES REPORTS:

The Activities Leaders spoke about the events they had planned.
The significant points were:

- Exhibitions: plea for members to use diaries
- Trips: barbecue on Sunday, 9 April, Birrarung Park, Lower T'towe
- Outings: Portarlinton trip was very good
- Theatre: new leaders - Pat McInerney, Norma Green, Yvonne Boyall
- Walks: new leaders will be introduced next meeting
- Games: Lessons in 500 and Canasta next month
- Genealogy: 12.30pm, 6 April, Genealogical Soc., Collins St, Melb.
- Golf: Corowa: one double room avail. Cobram tournament coming
- Craft/ Embroidery/ Knitting Group: a possibility
- Gardening Group: may have a few starters

4. FELLOWSHIP BREAK:

A twenty-minute fellowship break was taken.

5. SPEAKER:

Gwen Young introduced Mathew Phelan, Communications Director of the South-East Integrated Transport Authority (SEITA), who took us on a simulated fly-over of Eastlink, (the new name for the combined former Scoresby and Frankston freeways) from its junction with the Eastern Freeway at Blackburn through to a point north of Frankston. We were able to identify the major interchanges along the route of this 40 km construction, due to be completed by November 2008. Mr Phelan explained how work goes on day and night in gouging out the tunnel section beyond Blackburn and how noise and dust suppression are major problems for its entire length. Users will pay a toll of about \$4.43 a trip, used to recoup the cost of constructing the freeway.

6. THANKS TO SPEAKER:

John Hudgson thanked Mr Phelan for his interesting illustrated talk and presented him with a bottle of wine on behalf of the Club.

7. NEXT MEETING AND CLOSING REMARKS:

The President reminded the members that the next Club Meeting will be held on Monday, 10 April 2006. The meeting concluded at the usual time of 11.50am, whereupon 40 people lunched together at the Manningham Club in an extension of our fellowship.

President

Date

Note: The Treasurer's Annual Financial Report to 31 January 2006 and the Financial Report for the Month of February are attached.