



History Teachers' Association of NSW AGM

Wednesday 21st October, 2020 5:30PM

Held virtually via ZOOM

MINUTES

Item	Minutes
Meeting started	5.39pm via Zoom
Attendance	Robyn McKenzie, Paul Kiem, Lara Grimm, Nikki Brown, Jonathon Dallimore, Toni Hurley, Stephen Clarke, Elyse Read Michael Condie, Maria Dos Santos-Lee, Paula Reed, Beatriz Cartlidge, Denis Mootz, Francisca Castro, Cimen Fevzi, Kate Cameron, Ivan Lucic-Jozak, Melissa Riley, Ashley Chee Quee, Kate Littlejohn, Anne Gripton, Annika Fawcett, Donna Shelby, Helena Bozic, Joshua Wiggins, Karen Critchley, Michael Street, Stephen Clarke
Apologies	Catherine Bavell, James Goulding, Jennifer Lawless, Tim Briscoe, Dave Posker-Hill, Pam Panczyk, Pete Wilson, Bernie Howitt
Acknowledgement of Country	Robyn McKenzie
Buisness Arising from previous AGM	N/A
Last Minutes - 2019 AGM	Accepted - Ashley Chee Quee Seconded - Nikki Brown
President's Report Robyn McKenzie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Current membership of 946 including 371 individual and 502 Faculty school members. ● 2020 has been an unprecedented year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Much of the impact that the pandemic has been absorbed and has not had a severe impact on us as an association ○ Seen the importance of our respected publications as a source of income in addition to our trial exams and we also became a seller or NESA workbooks. ○ Thank you to Maria for all the government grants, tax breaks and job-keeper support that we were able to claim from the government ● Cancelled events in 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stage 6 Day, Early Career, Regional PD Days, 2-day State Conference and our flagship HSC study days. ○ Some competitions such as History Mastermind and the Australian History Comp were postponed. ○ Unable to hold our HSC High Achievers night but acknowledged them in our journal and sent them certificates. ○ Unable to run our trivia night which is a fun way to network ○ Thank you to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Maria for reimbursing everyone and helping to cancel our

venues, catering etc.

- Paul for his efforts in organising Stage 6 & Ashley for Early Career
- Everyone who had volunteered to present at our PL, many of whom had planned already presentations.
- Webinars - thank you to Jono, Paul & Maria who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to produce our great webinar programs that were very well received.
- Key developments of 2020
 - Xero accounting software that has significantly streamlined our processes on the business side of things (a transition overseen by Maria)
 - Website (project Managed by Jono) - a significant amount of time and money has been outlaid for the project but it will pay dividends in what we will be able to offer our members. The sourcing of appropriate resources, particularly to be placed behind our pay wall will be an important focus for 2021.
- Thank you for the Invaluable work of our 3 employees:
 - Paul
 - PTC Service Award → 19th February 2020, Paul Kiem was awarded an Outstanding Professional Service Award for his significant contribution to the study and teaching of history. He is the heart and soul of HTANSW and a passionate advocate for History education, he's provided invaluable support to teachers and students throughout NSW and was thoroughly deserving of this wonderful achievement.
 - Paul is a driving force behind the majority of our PL opportunities and a coordinator extraordinaire. He has continued to produce numerous publications and is a constant source of advice and wisdom.
 - Maria
 - Maria works tirelessly behind the scenes to run our office and accounts. She co-ordinates vast amounts of registrations for our many PLs, the Trial exams, our competitions and postage of our many publications.
 - We are deeply appreciative of everything they contribute to making HTANSW run so smoothly.
 - Jono
 - This time last year - Jonathon Dallimore's role was increased to .75 and upgraded his title from Professional Support Officer to a Professional Officer
 - He has presented at both teacher and student webinar events; is a writer/publisher of the impressive looking Russia text, advised on the Exec, co-ordinated the Trial exam papers and our Podcasts.
 - In acknowledgement of his increased workload, his role has been expanded to full time for 2021.
- Engagement with NESAs - Jonathon & Robyn have continued advocacy in stakeholder meetings with Paul Martin NESAs CEO & Paul Cahill, the Director of Curriculum Operations as they update us on the curriculum review and the increased role of associations
- New Directors in 2020 -
 - Elyse Read, Ivan Lucic-Jozak, Stephen Clarke and Michael Condie
 - Thank you to our new directors and the work they have done in 2020, despite the difficult year

- New arrivals of Otis, Matilda & Harry to our HTANSW family
- Thank you to the Executive (Pres, VP, Treasurer, Secretary) → extraordinary meeting held pre-Covid to discuss contracts, transition planning and will be meeting again in December.
- Thank you to Lara who has done a great job in her first year as Secretary
- PD and HSC Study Days 2020
 - Professional Development of History teachers remains our core focus.
 - Thank you to the Board Directors (Anne, Paul, Jono, Denis, Kate C, Melissa, Bernie, Toni, Lara, Dave PH as well as Michael) who have presented at various PD webinars for both Teachers and Students.
 - Paypal utilised for Zoom webinars.
 - Numbers at HSC webinars = 1939 students (lower than typical 5000 for the HSC study lectures) with big numbers at our sessions run by our patron Marnie Hughes Warrington who spoke on Historiography and our great friend Estelle Lazer who updated us about her Pompeii Cast Project.
 - Online webinars had 990 Teacher registrations, many coming back for multiple sessions.
 - Paul's highly successful Intro to Extension History rna over 3 consecutive Wednesdays and had good numbers
- RIME Scheme (Recruit, Induct, Mentor, Evaluate) - 7 teachers attended the induction, unfortunately we were unable to complete the program in 2020.
- Competitions and Awards
 - 2019-2020 NSW Premier's HTANSW History Scholarships
 - 2020 recipients Brett Bennett & Emily Shanahan.
 - Emily has presented on the National Study of Iran from 1945.
 - Scholarships put on hold this year
 - Due to our current situation the Executive recommended that we support 1 scholarship for the following year until we consolidate our financial position.
 - HSC High Achiever Awards and Extension History Essay Prizes
 - Held at Sydney Uni Nicholson Museum for the presentation of awards to top place getters in the HSC and HTANSW Extension essay comp.
 - Thanks to Bea Cartledge for organising this event that acknowledges student achievement (& their teachers).
 - National History Challenge
 - This year's theme was 'Contested Histories.
 - Special thanks to Paula Reid and Francisca Castro for their management of this competition.
 - Simpson Prize/Extension History Prize
 - Bea Cartledge is currently coordinating the 2020 Simpson Prize. Entries due Nov 6.
 - Anne Gripton is co-ordinating the Extension History Essay comp. Marking of the Extension comp is under way.
 - Australian History Competition & History Mastermind postponed until 2021
- Publications
 - Journal - Teaching History
 - Current four editors are – James Goulding (March) Melissa Riley (June), Nikki Brown (September), Kate Littlejohn

(December).

- Greatly appreciate the role of our Editor-in-Chief Catherine Bavell on her page setting and general oversight of the production quality of our journals.
- Thank you to Toni Hurley for being an extra set of eyes in the important proofreading stage.
- Discussion to change the name of our journals to Term 1-4 rather than months to reflect the month they are delivered to schools
- New Publications
 - Russia and the USSR, 1917-41 just released, trialling new design. Jono & Lani Blackman did a wonderful job as did everyone involved with proof reading, design etc
 - Others are in the pipeline but not yet in production. (Persia text, Rock n'Roll text that Paul is co-ordinating).
- Trial Exams
 - Trials appear to have been a success with 331 exams sold (232 were the 3-exam package).
 - Thanks to all involved in the writing and review process.
- Podcasts
 - Over 8500 downloads – a significant increase from the 3500 downloads last year.
 - By the end of the year there will be 20 podcasts in our library – able to subscribe to and access for free via Apple or Soundcloud.
 - There are some great podcasts this year about Vietnam's America War, Debates on Stalinism, Maori migration and Teaching the Holocaust.
 - Jonathon Dallimore has done an amazing job curating each episode and utilising the work of current historians
- Social Media
 - Ivan Lucic-Jozak and Kate Littlejohn have done an amazing job looking after our social media platforms.
 - Healthy increase in activity on these platforms.
 - HTANSW's Twitter account currently has 2070 (1830) followers and our Facebook page has had 4879 (4137) likes + Instagram 213 followers – limited post engagement as yet.
 - Social media has helped to raise the profile of HTANSW and been a valuable source of information for teachers who increasingly want to source information via social media.
- Personal Note
 - Received invaluable support from the Board, particularly the Exec
 - It hasn't been the year that we envisaged but Robyn is so incredibly proud to lead such a wonderful and professional association.
 - Focus in 2021 on succession planning with Directors shadowing key positions such as Treasurer and are also undertaking a review of our governance procedures to ensure best practice.
 - Strategic planning will occur to discuss how to proceed as a Covid Safe organiser and make contingency plans and looking at new opportunities and initiatives.

Professional Officer Report - Paul Kiem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACU - Stage 6 day 2021 (250+ attendees), Covid restrictions will present challenges for this ● Continuing to run a small webinar program this term → focusing on new teachers to senior subjects ● Thank you to Robyn for all her work in this challenging year 														
Professional Officer Report - Jonathan Dallimore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thank you to Robyn for all her support throughout this year ● Website updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Most of the website is set up, just some small fine tuning to be done ○ ○ Company has been very responsive to our needs ○ New content for the site behind the member paywall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Videos - short introductions, tips and introductions ■ In the process of expanding member resources - which will continue to occur over the next few years ○ Live in November - before the next wave of membership starts ● New Russia publication - already 120 sold. Thank you to all who have helped in its creation. ● Podcast - 2 more episodes recorded ● School visits - increased between post-trials and before the HSC → brought in approx. \$5k income ● NESAs Meetings - will be ongoing, meeting more frequently with NESAs every 6-8 weeks. Unsure what this will involve. 														
Treasurer's Report - Annual Financial Audit - Denis Mootz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Available on website for members ● No HSC Study Day this year - revenue has decreased significantly, but in reality, this is not reflected in our bottom line ● Reduction in expenses, other sources of income in Covid times and government assistance means we are still in a strong financial position ● Thank you to Maria for her diligent pursuit of money from the government and use of Xero reporting to streamline finances. ● Move to accept the Treasurer's Report and tabling of the Financial Audit to be accepted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moved - Denis Mootz ○ Seconded - Melissa Riley 														
Election of 2021 Office Bearers / Directors - Public Officer Maria Dos Santos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All positions declared vacant ● 2021 Board of Directors: <table border="1" data-bbox="612 1453 1291 2094"> <tr> <td>President</td> <td>Robyn McKenzie</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Past President</td> <td>Toni Hurley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice Presidents</td> <td>Beatriz Cartlidge Anne Gripton Melissa Riley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Denis Mootz</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Lara Grimm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Director & Editor-in-Chief</td> <td>Catherine Bavell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Directors</td> <td>Helena Bozic Sean Castle Francisca Castro Ashley Chee Quee</td> </tr> </table> 	President	Robyn McKenzie	Past President	Toni Hurley	Vice Presidents	Beatriz Cartlidge Anne Gripton Melissa Riley	Treasurer	Denis Mootz	Secretary	Lara Grimm	Director & Editor-in-Chief	Catherine Bavell	Directors	Helena Bozic Sean Castle Francisca Castro Ashley Chee Quee
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National History Challenge - Paula Reed & Francisca Castro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Down on numbers - approx 250 entries ● Very impressed with quality of entries, especially in the primary years ● Would like to add prize winning entries to the new website ● State presentation will go ahead - reduced at the ANZAC Memorial, total 35 people. The Memorial has a strict Covid policy in place. ● No trip to Canberra this year ● Thank you to Maria for her support with this ● Robyn - would like to acknowledge all the work that Paula and Francisca have done this year marking the competition as there were no other markers involved in the process this year. 								
Simpson Prize - Bea Cartlidge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2020 has been an unusual year for the Prize - winners from 2019 couldn't enjoy their prize and we don't know what will happen with the prize winners in 2020. ● Competition doesn't close till 6 Nov 2020 ● They are allowing students to enter via digital entry for the first time - new Covid change ● Thank you to Kate and Ivan for the pushing of this Prize on social media 								
Extension Prize - Anne Gripton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Instead of 1st, 2nd, 3rd - this year there is 1st then 3 x runners up ● Lost sponsorship from the US Studies Centre ● 2020 - digital system/entries for the first time. Thank you to Maria for her work with this. ● 2 new markers, 87 entries - up from last year ● Australian and Ancient History Essays on the rise - could open up new sponsorship opportunities 								

Journal Catherine Bavell & Editors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nikki Brown read out Catherine's report ● Thank you to everyone on the HTA for continued support of the journal and all contributions. ● Thank you to the featured editors, Kate, James, Nikki and Melissa, and Toni for proofreading, Paul for the advertising, Maria for distribution lists and Robyn for her ongoing support and leadership. ● Term 3 journal is at the printers and will be in schools within two weeks (max). The submissions have been of a high standard. ● Anne Gripton happy to pick u 'Appy Times' again ● Meeting in Week 9 with Journal Editors for planning for 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will report back to the Executive ○ One suggestion is for 2021 to work closely with creating complimentary resources for the Podcasts, especially as a tool for History Extension. ○ Also to ensure a broad range of articles and resources across all courses. ○ Want to bring in more teaching ideas that would suit a blended learning model moving forward.
Social Media Ivan Lucic-Josak & Kate Littlejohn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Twitter → A lot of interaction when questions or provocative quotes are posed ● Team effort - a lot of posting from HTANSW members ● Engagement has increased ● Send through any new ideas/post to Ivan or Kate ● Aesthetic look has changed and now is consistent and looks great
December Meeting & feasibility of Christmas dinner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting - Tuesday 1st December, held via Zoom ● Risk to public health is too great at the moment so our Christmas Dinner will be postponed
General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Planning Day 2021 - held in Sydney due to current Covid situation, at either PTC or Strathfield Girls HS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No date as yet, will be decided in December, traditionally week 2 of February ○ Will be an all day meeting ○ More detail to be discussed at the December meeting ● Nikki - if anyone at your school teaches Angkor in Stage 4, please let Nikki know. In the process of working with Sydney Uni to create resources.
Meeting closed	6.44pm
Minutes taken by	Lara Grimm