



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Venue:	Via Zoom Meeting
Date:	Wednesday, 23 November 2022
Time:	9:30–11:00am AEDT 6:30–8:00am AWST 8:30-10:00am AEST (QLD) 9:00-10:30am CDT (SA)
Approved:	

PRESENT

Fellows

Rachel Ankeny	Cheryl Dissanayake	Ralph O'Brien
I Wayan Arka	Nick Enfield	Graeme Orr
Neal Ashkanasy	Lisa Given	Andrew Podger
Greg Bamber	Heather Goodall	John Poynter
Adrian Barnett	Jane Hall	Kalpana Ram
Sascha Becker	Keith Hancock	David Rowe
Roland Bleiker	Brian Head	Tim Rowse
Linda Botterill	Richard Holden	Rosemary Sheehan
Kathy Bowrey	Jolanda Jetten	Deborah Stevenson
David Bradley	Fleur Johns	Shurlee Swain
Nicholas Brown	Diane Kirkby	Margaret Thornton
Verity Burgmann	Garry Magee	Carla Treloar
Don Byrne	Leon Mann	Farshid Vahid
Wai Fong Chua	Fethi Mansouri	Frans Verstraten
Catharine Coleborne	Gael Martin	James Walter
Fang Lee Cooke	Kevin McConkey	Jane Watson
Jenny Corbett	Barry McGaw	Sarah Wheeler
John Cordery	Warwick McKibbin	Glenn Withers
Susan Danby	Bernadette McSherry	Angela Woollacott
Kate Darian-Smith	Bronwen Morgan	

National Office

Chris Hatherly
 Anna Dennis
 Bonnie Johnson
 Clare McHugh
 Isabel Ceron
 Zoe Perry (Minute Taker)

AGENDA ITEM

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair, Professor Richard Holden President of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, opened the meeting at 9.32am.

He noted that he had received proxies from Nick Evans and Martin Parkinson.

Apologies were received from 51 Fellows:

Alison Aggleton	Heather Feather	Nicholas McAdam
Alison Bai	Henry Fox	Norm McCallum
Allan Beasley	Jane Friel	Peter McKibbin
Amanda Bellgrove	John Gallois	Renee Nettelbeck
Amarjit Blandy	John Geffen	Richard Nickels
Andrew Bongiorno	Kevin Godden	Richard Parkinson
Anne Booth	Lee He	Robert Richardson
Anne Borowski	Lyndsey Hull	Sarah Ritter
Baogang Breunig	Lynette Jolly	Sharon Roach-Anleu
Beth Brewer	Margaret Kaur	Sharyn Robison
Christine Brodaty	Margaret King	Sue Ross
Cindy Calma	Marilyn Lake	Terry Russell
David Davies	Mark Leder	The Hon. Justice Iain Stanton
David Deane	Mark Lillis	Tom Throsby
Frank Douglas	Martha Macintyre	Vera Webster
Gilah Edwards	Martin Mackie	William Western
Gina Evans	Neil May	Xuemei Wilson

2. Acknowledgment of Country

The Chair recognised the traditional owners of the lands from which Fellows were joining the meeting and recognised and paid respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders past and present.

3. Minutes

The Chair moved that the minutes from the 2021 Annual General Meeting held on 24 November 2021, having been circulated, be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved : Wai Fong Chua

Seconded: Andrew Podger

Carried

4. Acknowledgment of new Fellows, Jubilee Fellows and recipients of Paul Bourke Awards for Early Career Research Awardees

The Chair acknowledged and congratulated 34 new Fellows elected in 2022.

- Professor Rachel Ankeny
- Professor Sascha Becker
- Professor Peng Bi
- Professor Kathy Bowrey
- Professor Robert Breunig
- Professor Henry Brodaty AO, FAHMS

- Professor Tom Calma AO, FAA
- Professor Mandy Cheng
- Professor Monica Cuskelly
- Professor Cheryl Dissanayake AM
- Professor Kim Dovey
- Professor Michele Ford
- Professor Michelle Foster
- Professor Bronwyn Fredericks
- Professor Marylene Gagne
- Emeritus Professor Geoff Gallop AC
- Professor Lisa Given
- Professor Evelyn Goh
- Professor Anita Harris
- Professor Guyonne Kalb
- Professor Grace Karskens FAHA
- Professor Simon Killcross
- Professor Janet McColl-Kennedy
- Professor Sharynne McLeod
- Professor Francesca Merlan
- Professor Tiffany Morrison
- Professor Hans Pols FAHA
- Professor Ben Saul
- Professor Brad Sherman
- Professor Russell Smyth
- Professor Deborah Street
- Professor Jakelin Troy
- Professor Harald van Heerde
- Professor Roger Wilkins

The Chair also congratulated the 2022 Jubilee Fellows.

- Professor Stuart Harris
- Professor Peter Dixon

The Chair also congratulated the 2022 winners of the Paul Bourke Awards for Early Career Research.

- Dr Harry Hobbs
- Dr Gemma Sharp
- Dr Felix Septianto
- Dr Sophie Webber

5. President's Report

The Chair moved that the President's Report as published in the 2022 Annual Report be accepted.

Moved: Leon Mann

Seconded: Keith Hancock

Carried

6. Treasurer's Report

The Chair introduced the Treasurer, Professor Wai Fong Chua, and thanked her for her work.

The Treasurer gave a verbal report introducing the Audited Financial Statement. Noting:

- The Academy is in a strong financial position, with net assets of \$1.65 million and secure revenue from Government block grant and membership fees.
- The full year result was a statutory surplus of \$233,027.
- However, this result is somewhat skewed by the need to recognise receipt of a \$300,000 donation that was received during the year.
- This donation was made to allow the Academy to establish the Rechnitz Fund, to be allocated in grants over the coming decade and the expenditure will be recognised in the accounts during those years.
- To give a more balanced picture of the Academy's performance over the financial year, if the \$300,000 is set aside, there is an effective deficit of \$66,973.
- This deficit in turn consists of an operating surplus of \$15,854 which was in line with budget, and an investment of \$82,827 from the Academy's Strategic Initiatives Fund in the Seriously Social podcast and communications platform, and the State of the Social Sciences report.

The Treasurer referred Fellows to the Audited Financial Statements published in the 2022 Annual Report.

The Treasurer moved that the 2021/22 Financial Statements and Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Moved: James Walter

Seconded: Keith Hancock

Carried

7. Appointment of External Auditor

The Office of Regulatory Services requires the Academy's Financial Statements to be audited by a registered company auditor. To meet this requirement, the Executive Committee recommends the re-appointment of Anthony Wilson of AccountAbility (ACT) Pty Ltd for the 2022/23 financial year.

The Treasurer moved that the current auditor, Anthony Wilson of AccountAbility (ACT) Pty Ltd, be re-appointed for the 2022/23 financial year.

Moved: Warwick McKibbin

Seconded: Jane Hall

Carried

8. Confirmation of 2023-24 Fellowship Fees

The Academy's Executive Committee has undertaken a review of membership fees in comparison with Australia's other learned Academies with a view to ensuring equity across the Fellowship and supporting the costs of running the organisation. This review has identified that membership fees for the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia are lower than those of each of the other four Learned Academies, and also that we lack a discounted rate for Fellows employed on a part-time basis.

Accordingly, it is proposed that:

- membership fees for Fellows employed on a full-time basis be increased by \$50 p.a. (approx.) for three years
- that a 30% discount on fees be introduced for Fellows employed on a part-time basis (<20 hours per week)
- that the existing 50% discount be retained for retired Fellows and those living overseas.

This change would place the Academy's fees at the lower end of other Australian Academies, while addressing equity considerations that have been raised by some Fellows about the current arrangements where part-time or semi-retired Fellows pay full fees.

With approval of this motion, membership rates for 2023-24 would be:

- Full-time Ordinary Fellows – \$600 (inc. GST; 2022-23 rate \$552)
- Part-time Ordinary Fellows – \$420 (inc. GST; 2022-23 rate \$552)
- Retired/Overseas Fellows – \$300 (inc. GST; 2022-23 rate: \$275)
- Honorary Fellows – no fee
- Emeritus Fellows (opt in from age 80) – no fee.

Moved: David Rowe

Seconded: John Cordery

Carried

9. CEO's Report

The CEO, Dr Chris Hatherly, spoke to his report as published in the 2022 Annual Report, noting highlights of the reporting period of the 2021-22 financial year including:

- The Academy's 50th anniversary since it was established as an Academy in 1971, with a longer period preceding that as the Council for Social Sciences.
- The 2021 Annual Symposium held online due to Covid19, titled The Social Future of Australia.
- The 2022 Annual Symposium to be held in Melbourne at the end of November, titled Democracy: Risk, Relevance, Revival, based on the challenge of the democratic deficit as identified in the State of the Social Sciences Report.
- The transition of Academy presidency from former President Jane Hall to current President Richard Holden.
- The conclusion of the 2019-22 Strategic Plan and the introduction of the 2023-25 Plan.
- The introduction of new IT and finance systems within the Academy's National Office to streamline administration processes.

The CEO moved that the CEO's Report as published in the 2022 Annual Report be accepted.

Moved: Barry McGaw

Seconded: Richard Holden

Carried

10. Announcement of the Rechnitz Fund for Indigenous Society, Language and Culture

The Chair formally announced a new initiative of the Academy that has been made possible by a generous donation from the estate of Dr Wilhelm Rechnitz, and provided a brief background:

- Dr Rechnitz was born in Germany in 1899 and trained in the classics before fleeing Nazi Germany for the UK in 1933. At the start of the war he was detained as an enemy alien and transported to Australia on the HMT Dunera in 1940.
- After his release from wartime internment, he lived and taught at schools in Melbourne and NSW, before becoming ordained as a priest of the Church of England.
- His work took him to the Torres Strait Islands in the late 1940s, and he developed a life-long interest in the Island peoples and the culture. Over almost 20 years living and working with Torres Strait Island communities between 1948 and 1972 he learned and documented the languages and culture, including a substantial written and photographic record now held by the State Library of Qld.

- Wilhelm Rechnitz died in Brisbane in 1979. His estate is overseen by his close friend Mr Ralph O'Brien, who was present online for the meeting.

The Chair advised this generous gift will allow the Academy to establish the Rechnitz Fund to provide research grants to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander social scientists in the early- and middle-stages of their research careers, and to recognise research excellence and leadership in research on Indigenous knowledge and culture through an annual Rechnitz Award. Grant applications and award nominations will open early next year and close at the end of April; annually thereafter.

The Chair thanked Ralph O'Brien once again, and acknowledged the Academy's former President Leon Mann whose introduction of Ralph to the Academy and contribution to the planning were instrumental in helping get to this point.

11. Highlights

Policy

Chair of the Policy Committee, Professor Kevin McConkey, thanked the committee, the policy team at the National Office and the Fellows who contribute to the Committee's work, and spoke on:

- The development of a new process to anticipate upcoming potential policy initiatives in the form of a rolling 12 month policy work plan.
- The ongoing work on social science research infrastructure and reporting on national and international trends.
- The ongoing work on the Australian Research Council (ARC) and Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) review.
- The ongoing work on the Australian Universities Accord.

Grants and Awards Committee

Chair of Grants and Awards Committee, Professor Neal Ashkanasy, acknowledged his predecessor Cindy Gallois, and spoke on:

- The four Paul Bourke Award winners for 2022, Dr Sophie Webber, Dr Felix Septianto, Dr Gemma Sharp and Dr Harry Hobbs.
- Work to review and improve the application and assessment process for the Paul Bourke Award.
- 16 applications received for the Workshop Program, with 8 of the Workshops being granted for 2023.

International Program

Chair of the International Committee and International Secretary, Professor Fleur Johns, thanked spoke on the work of the international program at the Academy:

- Both the ASSA-CASS Joint Action Program and the Australia-France Collaborative Research Program have been renewed and extended.
- The Academy remains involved in the International Science Council (ISC) and has supported Fellows to be involved in various ISC Committee's.
- The Academy continues to play an active role as Secretary General of the Association of Asian Social Science Research Councils (AASSREC). The AASSREC 25th biennial conference is to be held in Korea in June 2023.
- Through AASSREC, the Academy is involved in two exciting projects; the design and implementation of a journal directory and a mentoring program to support junior social science researchers in the region.

- The Academy also has ongoing involvement and collaboration with colleagues from the Royal Society Te Apārangi.

Communications and RAP

The CEO spoke on the Communication Strategy and Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), noting:

- The 50th episode of the Seriously Social Podcast, hosted by experienced radio journalist Ginger Gorman had recently been released.
- The new school engagement program in partnership with the Museum of Australian Democracy is progressing, with the production of learning resources linked to the curriculum. The schools initiative will be a strategic priority going forward.
- There has been significant work on the *Reflect* RAP with progress or completion of most of the 53 targeted actions. The next *Innovate* RAP is in the early stages of development.

The Chair thanked the Committee Chairs and representatives for their reports and the AGM **noted** the reports.

12. 2023-25 Strategic Plan

The Chair introduced the 2023-25 Strategic Plan, which is a revised edition of the Academy's plan endorsed in late-2019. The major changes include the following:

- A re-arrangement of the focus areas: policy and advocacy promoted to the 'first' column, and reconciliation integrated across all activities rather than singled out as a discrete area of work.
- A new focus on school education, with a decision by the Executive to invest part of our strategic initiative reserve in a new program to create and promote curriculum-linked teaching and learning resources for high school students and teachers.
- The resources will bring Fellow-reviewed social science content into the classroom, and will link to the Academy's successful Seriously Social podcast as well as the growing Social Sciences Week program, and a new initiative promoting social science study and career pathways that the Academy is commencing in partnership with disciplinary societies and associations.
- The establishment of a new Education Committee of the Executive to oversee the above-mentioned work.

13. Panel Committee Reports

Panel A Committee

The Panel A Chair, Professor Nick Enfield, gave a report on the activity of Panel A, noting that at the Panel meeting before the AGM the following was discussed:

Panel A Committee membership update:

- Stephen Dovers (Geography) has renewed for a full term and will continue until December 2025
- Heather Booth (Demography) has been newly nominated for a term of 3 years from the beginning of 2023
- The Chair thanked the present ongoing members, Roland Bleiker (Political Science), Yi-chong Xu (Political Science), Emma Kowal (Anthropology), Robert van Krieken (Sociology), Felicity Meakins (Indigenous Studies) and Bill Randolph (Built Environment and Design)
- The Chair thanked the three outgoing Committee members for their expertise and contributions, David de Vaus (Sociology), Fiona Haines (Sociology) and Chris Reus-Smit (Political Science)
- New Fellows in Panel A:
- Tom Calma (Sociology), Kim Dovey (Human Geography), Michele Ford (Political Science),

Bronwyn Fredericks (Indigenous Studies), Geoff Gallop (Policy and Administration), Lisa Given (Sociology), Evelyn Goh (Political Science), Anita Harris (Sociology), Francesca Merlan (Anthropology), Tiffany Morrison (Human Geography), Jakelin Troy (Linguistics)

- The Paul Bourke Award winner in Panel A for 2022 was Dr Sophie Webber from the University of Sydney.
- The Chair noted discussions in the Panel meeting on the importance of the quality of completion of fellowship nominations to allow for proper assessment of the candidate, and the issue of Ministerial veto's and the Academy's involvement in addressing this concern.

Panel B Committee

In the absence of the Panel B Chair Professor Renee McKibbin, Academy CEO Dr Chris Hatherly gave a report on the activity of Panel B, noting that at the Panel meeting before the AGM the following was discussed:

Panel B Committee membership update:

- Stephen Taylor (Accounting) and Glenn Withers (Economics) have both renewed for a full term and will continue until December 2025
- Newly elected Fellow, Harald van Heerde (Marketing) has been nominated for a term of 3 years from the beginning of 2023
- The Chair thanked the present ongoing members, Lisa Cameron (Economics), Pauline Grosjean (Economics), Carol Kulik (Management), Neal Ashkanasy (Management), Roger Simnet (Accounting), Gael Martin (Statistics) and Nisvan Erkal (Economics)
- The Chair thanked the two outgoing Committee members for their expertise and contributions, Sara Dolnicar (Marketing) and Jenny Williams (Economics)

2022 New Fellows in Panel B:

- Sascha Becker (Economics), Robert Breunig (Economics), Mandy Cheng (Accounting), Marylene Gagne (Strategy, Management and Organisational Behaviour), Guyonne Kalb (Economics), Janet McColl-Kennedy (Marketing), Russell Smyth (Economics), Deborah Street (Econometrics), Harald van Heerde (Marketing), Roger Wilkins (Economics)
- The Paul Bourke Award winner in Panel B for 2022 was Dr Felix Septianto from the University of Queensland.
- The CEO noted discussions in the Panel meeting on the difficulty of assessing new fellowship nominations from lesser established disciplines and nominations elected as a practitioner rather than for research excellence.

Panel C Committee

The Panel C Chair, Professor Kate Darian-Smith, gave a report on the activity of Panel C, noting that at the Panel meeting before the AGM the following was discussed:

Panel C Committee membership update:

- Kate Darian-Smith (History) continuing as Panel Chair until December 2024
- Helen Irving (Law) and Margaret Thornton (Law) will renew for a further 2 years and continue until December 2024

- Andrew Goldsmith (Law) has been newly nominated for a term of 3 years from the beginning of 2023
- The Chair thanked the present ongoing members, Garrett Cullity (Philosophy), Nicholas Brown (History), Nathalie Nguyen (History) and David Lowe (History)
- The Chair acknowledged the passing of Panel C member and Victorian Co-Convenor Janna Thompson in June this year

2022 New Fellows in Panel C:

- Rachel Ankeny (History), Kathy Bowrey (Law), Michelle Foster (Law), Grace Karskens (History), Hans Pols (History), Ben Saul (Law), Brad Sherman (Law)
- The Paul Bourke Award winner in Panel C for 2022 was Dr Harry Hobbs from UTS.
- The Chair noted discussions in the Panel meeting on the difficulties faced by national collecting institutions and particularly the National Library (including TROVE) and the strain that this places on research infrastructure for many social scientists. Discussions also considered the Academy's work on addressing the impact of climate change.

Panel D Committee

The Panel D Chair, Professor Don Byrne, gave a report on the activity of Panel D, noting that at the Panel meeting before the AGM the following was discussed:

Panel D Committee membership update:

- Sarah Medland (Psychology) has renewed for a full term and will continue until December 2025
- Henry Jackson (Psychology) has been newly nominated for a term of 3 years from the beginning of 2023
- The Chair thanked the present ongoing members, Anne Castles (Psychology), Kim Cornish (Psychology), Jane Watson (Education), Russell Tytler (Education) and Sidney Bloch (Social Medicine)
- The Chair acknowledged the passing of Committee Member Anne Cutler in June 2022

2022 New Fellows in Panel D:

- Peng Bi (Health Sciences), Henry Brodaty (Health Sciences), Monica Cuskelly (Education), Cheryl Dissanayake (Psychology), Simon Killcross (Psychology), Sharynne McLeod (Health Sciences)
- The Paul Bourke Award winner in Panel D for 2022 was Dr Gemma Sharp from Monash University.
- The Chair noted discussions in the Panel meeting on needing more structure in the Paul Bourke Award nominations and being more specific with the information requested, along with the difficulty of assessing disciplines such as psychology where multiple authors contribute to publications.
- Special mention was given to Professor Ron Taft, who is the oldest Fellow in the Academy at 102 years old, and Norm Feather, another longstanding Academy Fellow who was elected in 1970. The passing of Peter Glow was also acknowledged.

The Chair thanked the Panel Chairs and CEO for their reports and the AGM **noted** the Panel Chair reports.

14. State Convenor Reports

The Chair invited the State Convenors to report on the activity in their states during the year.

South Australia

Academy CEO Dr Chris Hatherly gave the report on behalf of convenors for South Australia, Professor Sharyn Roach Anleu and Professor Marika Tiggemann, who were unable to attend the AGM. He noted:

- The SA convenors wished to thank their predecessors, Keith Hancock and Jonathan Pincus for their efforts over the previous years.
- The SA convenors also extended their thanks to Events Manager Anna Dennis from the National Office for her organisation and management of the events.
- The SA Chapter held four successful dinner meetings during 2022, each being held at the Vileroy restaurant in Norwood:
 - 27 April 2022: Megan Warin: 'The politics of epigenetic hope and hype in Indigenous Australia'
 - 8 June 2022: Peter Mühlhäusler 'Slow linguistics: 25 years of documenting and helping to revive the Norfolk language'
 - 17 August 2022: Amanda Nettlebeck: 'Memorial culture and the state of reconciliation'
 - 19 October 2022: Chris Beasley: 'Internet Dating "Chemistry" over 50 and beyond'

Australian Capital Territory

The convenor for the Australian Capital Territory, Professor Linda Botterill, provided an overview of activity in that territory. She noted:

- The ACT branch held one event early in the year at the National Museum which was chaired by Professor Frank Bongiorno and addressed by Professor Sharon Friel.
- She hopes more events will be able to be held in 2023 and thanked the National Office staff for their support.

Victoria

The convenor for Victoria, Professor Greg Bamber, provided an overview of activity in that state on behalf of himself and co-convenors Dr Dennis Trewin and Professor Beth Webster. He noted:

- The sad passing of former Victorian co-convenor Professor Janna Thompson.
- The first in-person event in nearly 3 years, presented by Janet McCalman on the recent Jobs and Skills Summit, including contributions from former Presidents Leon Mann and Barry McGaw, along with many other Fellows, with a reception following at Melbourne University House.
- Greg mentioned Monash and Melbourne University's jointly held annual symposium on the theme of 'Digitisation at Work', held in honour of the late Professor Joe Isaac, a former Academy President, which was attended by many Fellows and others from around the world.
- Greg thanked the National Office staff for their support and initiative throughout the year.

The Chair thanked the State Convenors for their reports and the AGM **noted** the State Convenors reports.

15. Other Business

Professor Leon Mann wished to acknowledge the passing of highly respected Fellow Professor Peter Glow of Panel D, who was elected to Fellowship in 1974 and served as South Australian branch convenor for many years, and died at the age of 92 in early 2022. Professor Neal Ashkanasy congratulated Chair and

President Richard Holden on a successful first year of presidency. The Chair encouraged Fellows to attend the Annual Symposium, the Cunningham Lecture and Dinner in Melbourne the following week, and reminded Fellows that Fellowship nominations for the following year close on 30 November 2022.

16. Closure

With thanks to National Office and attendees for a successful meeting the Chair closed the meeting at 10:53am.