

Department of Education

HOBART COLLEGE



Hobart College School Association

Annual General Meeting Minutes

12 March 2019

- Venue:** Hobart College Conference Room
- Time:** 5:37pm – 5:25pm
- Meeting chair:** John Gibson
- Meeting recorder:** Lou Christie
- Attendees:** Randolph Wierenga, John Gibson, Lou Christie, Wendy Irvine, Matt Eyles, Karen Tantari, Tracy Siedler, Maree Bakker, Neesha-Maree Hartog, John Mainsbridge, Peter Hicks, Gini Ennals
- Apologies:** Alicia Hutton, Laura Blake, Suzanne West, Jamieson Smalley

Item	Person responsible
1 Welcome - Attendance and apologies	John Gibson
2 Minutes and issues from previous meeting Moved: Randolph Wierenga Seconded: Wendy Irvine Passed	John Gibson
3 Business Arising Nil	John Gibson
4 Chairperson's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attached • Tracy to extend invitation to the Student Leaders • A range of student's to be invited from VET, Year 11/12 remote to speak on issues involving them such as the transfer from Year 10. Moved: Karen Tantari Seconded: Maree Bakker Passed	Tabled by John Gibson
5 Treasurer's Report Nil Moved: Seconded:	
6 Principal's Annual Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracy tabled the 2018 Annual Hobart College Review Hobart College Association Trust: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 X \$300 scholarships, students have been allocated their first \$150 • <i>Tracy to provide balance</i> 	Tracy Siedler
7 Committee Member Appointments Chair Nominations: John Gibson Moved: Lou Christie Seconded: Randolph Wierenga	Tracy Siedler

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<p>Deputy Chair: Nominations: Randolph Wierenga Moved: Wendy Irvine Seconded: Karen Tantari</p> <p>Secretary: Nominations: Neesha-Maree Hartog Moved: Lou Christie Seconded: John Mainsbridge</p> <p>Treasurer: Nominations: Karen Tantari Moved: Peter Hicks Seconded: Wendy Irvine</p> <p>Staff: Tracy Siedler, Neesha-Maree Hartog, John Mainsbridge, Peter Hicks</p> <p>Committee Members: Gini Ennals, Maree Bakker</p>	
<p>8 Any Further Business Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil 	
<p>Meeting Concluded 6:25 pm</p>	

Chairperson's Report

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A new committee was elected at the 2018 Hobart College Association Annual General Meeting, held on 13 March 2018. Since then four meetings of the association committee have been held (13th March, 12th June, 28th August, 30th October) though for a further meeting (20th November) a quorum was not present. Attendance at the meetings has typically been perhaps 10 people, including the college principal and two or three staff members. Considering that there are approximately 2000 parents associated with the college this is a disappointing, though understandable, level of engagement. The very nature of college education means that there is less direct parent involvement with the process of their children's education, and the lack of any fund-raising component in the association's activities reduces the possibility of indirect involvement. Hobart College Association and the college's staff appear to accept that this is the reality of the situation. However, it is important that the association remains an active and responsive body in case situations arise in which its involvement is necessary.

Highlights of the 2018 association year have included:

1. Continued engagement of the association by the Australian Education Union to support wage claims currently before the Tasmania government. This has been an ongoing theme throughout the year, and is likely to continue well into the future. Correspondence has also been received from the government supporting their position. The Association does not have a formal position on the wage claim, but certainly supports any changes to the greater education system that are going to benefit, directly or indirectly, both students at the college and elsewhere within the system.
2. Continued input from students. It would appear to me that the most worthwhile discussions had at the association meetings have been those with the interested and eloquent students who have attended the meetings. While they do not necessarily represent the views of the greater student body, teasing out student attitudes through discussion and questioning appears to provide the staff members present with further insight into how the student body functions.
3. Participation in meetings associated with redevelopment of the college theatre. The chairperson has been a member of the committee tasked with oversight of the redevelopment of the theatre. While my children will have left the college by the time it comes into use, having a parent on the committee provides a different point of view that, I hope, has some relevance in the discussions.
4. Reports from the principal. While these reports will not have been disseminated to much of the parent body, the association appreciated the effort made to develop these reports. We hope that they provide a useful service to the college's management team by focusing thought on the topics discussed.
5. Approval of fees and college policies. Fee structures for 2019 and various policies have been formally approved by the college association throughout the year.

6. Interaction with Taroona High School about the nature of the extension of the school to Year 12. Quite how this will be achieved is still uncertain, but the high school will continue to interact with the college, in part through the school associations, as ideas develop. It should be noted that the Minister for Education has categorically stated the current colleges will not be damaged by the process of extending high schools to Year 12, and will retain their deeply important role in the education of the youth of Tasmania.

In summary it was a quiet year for the college association. I hope that the association remains a relevant and appreciated body into the future.

John Gibson

Chair, Hobart College Association, 2018