



## British Pensions in Australia Inc.

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### Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

Held on Tuesday 15th November 2016 at 10.00 am AEDT

<b>Attending</b>	There were approximately 50 members present.
<b>Apologies</b>	From committee member Tony O'Connor based in Queensland and Brian Leggett based in UK and about 30 other members by email.
<b>Welcome by Acting Chairman:</b>	The Acting Chairman, Pat Redlich, welcomed those present and introduced the committee members for 2015 - 2016 who were present being Jim Tilley, Brian Owles, Michael Goodall, Cheryl Harvey, Tom Graham and David Rumball and recorded that Tony Jackson, who was not present, had resigned due to ill health. He then called for a vote of thanks for Tony's long service involvement.
<b>Minutes of Previous AGM:</b>	<p>The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015 were confirmed and adopted.</p> <p>Proposed by Angela Waters and seconded by Bernard Stone.</p>
<b>Matters arising:</b>	There were no matters that are not covered in the rest of the agenda.
<b>Acting Chairman's Report:</b>	The Acting Chairman reported that the year had passed similarly to past years with committee meetings and general media publicity about the pension issue in the UK much as before. However, there were some policy disagreements during the year in The International Consortium of British Pensioners (ICBP) between CABP and BPiA which gave cause for some concern. Concerns were also expressed about a decline in BPiA's financial membership and the balance of funds at year end, which were about half of what they were at end June 2015.
<b>Financial Report:</b>	The Acting Chairman presented the Financial Report on behalf of the Treasurer absent in Queensland. He referred to the Annual Financial Reports, which were available at the registration desk, and showed our bank balance as at 30 June 2016 being \$18,797. However, analysing the potential cash flow forward if BPiA continues to receive new memberships at the same low level as last year and to fund the ICBP at the same rate as during this past year, then BPiA could run out of funds by the end of June 2017.
<b>Report on the difference between Parity and Partial Upgrading of our Pensions:</b>	Mike Goodall, BPiA's Regional Coordinator for Western Australia, presented a paper explaining the difference between partial pension uprating and pension parity, which remains BPiA's eventual mission.

<b>Activities of ICBP:</b>	An oral report was presented by ICBP Board member Mike Goodall.
<b>Appointment of Chairman:</b>	As there were no other nominations for Chairman, Pat Redlich declared himself Chairman according to the BPIA Rules of Association.
<b>Appointment of Hon Auditor:</b>	The Acting Chairman expressed the appreciation of the Committee for the assistance of Jenny Smith our auditor who has agreed to continue in this position for another year.
<b>Appointment of Public Officer:</b>	This was not dealt with. The committee can decide this posting
<b>Committee:</b>	The Chairman reported that there was one nomination by Tony O'Connor for the office of Treasurer and therefore he would remain as Treasurer. There were nine nominations for the other eight positions on the committee. After much discussion, Tom Graham withdrew his nomination and the following members were elected: Jim Tilley, Brian Owles, Michael Goodall, Cheryl Harvey, Francis Keegan, Brian Leggett, Judith Metcalf and David Rumball.
<b>Brexit Report:</b>	Brian Leggett, located in the UK, had prepared a paper on how Brexit, in his opinion, may impact on the campaign for pension uprating. This paper was presented to the meeting by Pat Redlich, however since the paper being prepared the issue of Brexit is still uncertain, for it will be the subject of a UK Supreme Court hearing to decide if Brexit may require a debate and vote in the UK Parliament to proceed.
<b>Closing:</b>	The meeting closed at 12.15 pm.