

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND COMMITTEE MEETING
OF OLDER MEN NEW IDEAS INC HELD AT THE BOWLERS ROOM OF THE
RETURNED SERVICES CLUB, DOBBS STREET WAGGA WAGGA
ON 17TH AUGUST 2012 COMMENCING AT 10.00AM**

Annual General Meeting

Welcome/apologies Chairman Laurie welcomed all the OMNI groups and their representatives. A number of individual apologies were received and OMNI Canterbury's Jack Smith missed his first ever AGM and apologized for his group's absence. The Chairman thanked the host families and asked that there be a minutes silence for members who have passed away since the last AGM.

1. **Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting of 19th August 2011 were tabled and taken as a correct record of that meeting (Holbrook/Charlestown)
2. **Correspondence.** Letters to and from the RSL requesting waiving of the booking fee and the Secretary's letter to members were read.
3. **Elections** (Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary/Public Officer)
The following office bearers were appointed: Chairman: Victor MacGill, Treasurer: Laurie Hull, Secretary/Public Officer: Ray King.
4. **Treasurer's report.** Ray King presented the report which was tabled and moved its adoption (Mick Sheehan)
5. **Vote on subscriptions** for 2013-2014 It was moved that the subscriptions remain at \$10.00 per head (Holbrook/Temora)
6. **Thanks to sponsors** (Eldridge) Chairman Victor moved that a letter of appreciation be sent to our Sponsors, Eldridge Australia (Steve Cooper-Glebe).

Committee Meeting

1. **Charlestown motion** The attached motion (see attached A) was presented by Herb Sowter and passed with the amendments as shown (Charlestown/Tomaree). Consequent on the passing of this motion the following members forming the Committee were elected:
Office Bearers: Victor Macgill, Laurie Hull, Ray King and
Non office bearers: Alan Puckeridge (Cootamundra/Temora), Peter Piltz (Wagga 2), Frank DeLuca (Wagga 3). The first meeting of the committee would be held on 1st September at 10.00am at 19 Taupo Drive, Wagga Wagga. Laurie Hull's apology for this meeting was noted.
2. **Wagga Wagga DVD and Website** were demonstrated.
3. **OMNI publicity** Publicity packages were distributed to each group. There was discussion about ways to publicize OMNI in the community (see attached B).
4. **Discussion topics** There was a need expressed for new discussion topics for groups. A group activity was held to generate new topics (see attached C).
5. **Reports from OMNI Groups** All groups present reported and a special report was given by the visitor from Willoughby (see attached D)
6. **Discussion topic:** *What do you see as the greatest challenge to your family in the next 10-15 years?* There was insufficient time for this discussion.
7. **OMNI power point** This was planned for during afternoon tea but was not available.

8. Date and location of next Annual General and Committee Meeting It was resolved that the next AGM and Committee Meeting would be held in Wagga Wagga on August 16th 2013. (Charlestown/Griffith)

9. Any other business Members were reminded of the 6.00pm dinner in the Bistro. In the absence of any other business the meeting closed at 3.30pm.

RK 25th August 2012

ATTACHMENT A

Notice of motion to Committee section OM:NI AGM 17th August 2012

Due to new information becoming available from Wagga Wagga and a review of our constitution we need to modify our notice of motion as follows,

Move that a subcommittee of 3 **in addition** to the elected officers (selected from the Wagga Wagga groups) be setup at this meeting to,

Support & assist the elected officers to,

Ensure the survival of OM:NI (unlike the departed OMNi)

1. Encourage communication between groups and ~~“head office”~~ the committee
2. ~~Help group leaders justify continued membership of OM:NI~~ Assist group leaders to maintain OMNI's objectives and strengthen their group membership
3. Spread the executive workload
4. Develop a plan of action to,

Ensure the masters, artwork and website file are safely maintained along with the website access code.

Ensure our insurance is maintained yearly and a copy of the “Product Description” is sent to groups.

Send a quarterly report to groups indicating current stock of Guideline books and Brochures. Current price of Books & Brochures to be shown in this report along with current cash balance (even if no change as this is helpful information to groups).

Report to Groups any suggestions or recommendations from the groups.

Encourage all groups to send quarterly reports to ~~head office~~ the committee showing subjects discussed in the last quarter and any other information that may be helpful to the subcommittee & officers.

As our website is becoming vital in the growth & development of OM:NI, ensure the website is updated regularly and old files remove. This is necessary to give the impression that the website is current and being reviewed. It will encourage revisiting of the site.

This motion could act as an action plan for 2012/2013

2nd Motion

This motion is withdrawn as it is covered by the requirements of the constitution in conducting the AGM.
Charlestown Group

ATTACHMENT B

Publicity promotion suggestions

CWA wives might encourage their men folk to join OM:NI

We can use free local newspapers more. We could use interviews and stories about our groups

Make sure we are on the Centre Link directory and other community directories

We can use brochures: Drop off at:

Doctor's surgeries

Health Service

Libraries

Retirement homes

Carers' support

Make sure you add your local details to brochures

You need to recheck that these places still have a supply of brochures
 Word of mouth is very powerful. Offer to take people to meetings as your guest
 There are community grants available. It is good to keep up to date.
 We can do radio interviews, DVDs and we have our website
 We could get little wallet size cards to carry around and give to interested people. We could get magnetic cards

ATTACHMENT C

Proposed discussion Topics

Personal	The media
Family life	The economic recession
History, sharing personal stories, my first job, etc.	Skate boarders on pavements
Downsizing the house – shifting into a smaller house and the readjustment	Fertility issues
Answering grandchildren's questions	Health
What skills do you have?	Dental experiences
What has been the most influential in your life?	How to get help, get a nurse
Use it or lose it?	Prostate problems
Coping with computers	Diet
Generational change	Modified foods
Self esteem	Family
What's left on your bucket list?	Children
Politics	Jobs, Job losses
Illegal immigration	Economic issues an the family
Youth aggression	Family history
Local problems	Current affairs

ATTACHMENT D

Suggestions and comments from group reports

Dealing with difficult members, Losing members to the men's shed
 Operating with low group numbers, Keeping in touch with members who can't get to meetings
 We lose a significant number of people through issues of aging, which puts even more pressure on the need for new members to keep numbers up.
 We sometimes need a way to quickly get hold of group members. We need a list of phone numbers which includes the wives names.
 Members were generally pretty happy with the meeting format, but group are autonomous and are free to experiment with other formats, e.g. share a cut lunch, singing, ask questions are each 5 people who have shared, guest speakers
 Dividing into two groups when group size increases, how to do it well.
 Generation gap Our members range from 50 to over 90. We might assume we are all the same, but there are two or more generations represented.
 Some groups have had the same members for 10 years. Meetings are the same. Is it feeling boring?
 How to handle politics and religion. It is OK to discuss them, but be aware they are contentious issues and that OMNI cannot have a political or religious bias.
 Variable skill levels of facilitators. Some people are excellent others don't know how to keep order well.
 We can organize other events. Outings, expos
 Group meetings are very good. If groups are a bit far apart, it may be better to meet at a point in between the two groups.
 Ask new members to share first – although this might feel overwhelming for some people. They might be better hearing some other people share first.
 Coffee breaks are great sharing times and it is OK to let them go a bit longer. *V. MacGill*