

**AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF LITURGY
GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, 22nd January, 2009.**

OPENING:

The President, the Revd Dr David Pitman, convened the meeting and welcomed all.

PRESENT:

(As per attendance sheet) John Bunyan, Albert McPherson, Tom Knowles, Paul Mason, Jenny O'Brien, Vicky Cullen, Joan McRae, D'Arcy Wood, Garry Deverell, Tom Elich, Bob Brown, Julie Kelly, Stephen Millington, Carmel Pilcher, Eileen Lüthi, Donrita Reefman, Jo Dirks, Paul Taylor, Clare Johnson, Jenny Close, Joe Duffy, Kerry Willison, Maria George, Anthony Kain, Nathan Nettleton, Scott Holmes, Anne Wentzel, Ray Hartley, Andrew Doohan, David Orr, Judith Foster, John McCarthy, Cathy Murrowood, Ilsa Neicinieks, Brian Nichols, Margaret Cusack, Stephen Hackett, Inari Thiel, Alison Whish, Julie Moran, Bill Griffiths, David Pitman, John de Lange.

APOLOGIES:

(As per attendance sheet) Gerard Moore, Monica Barlow, Robert Gribben, Ron Dowling, Charles Sherlock, Cathy Laufer, Susan Daily, Russell Hardiman, Angela McCarthy, Elizabeth Harrington, Ursula O'Rourke, Russell Briese.

Moved and seconded that the apologies be accepted. Carried.

MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEETING

- were ratified by council.

Moved and seconded that the Minutes are a true record of the previous General Meeting held in Adelaide on 18th January, 2007.

(Copy to be available on the web-site and e-mailed to members.)

REPORTS**President's Report**

The President presented his report.

Presentations

The President reported that by resolution of Council, Honorary Life Membership was conferred upon the Revd Ray Hartley.

The Revd Dr D'Arcy Wood addressed the meeting, after which the certificate of Honorary Life Membership was formally presented to the Revd Ray Hartley. The recipient made suitable reply.

Presentations were made to the Revd Dr Tom Elich and Dr Clare Johnson for their contributions to the Conference.

Suitable thanks were also to be sent to the Revd Dr Anita Monro and the Revd Charles Sherlock.

Chapter Reports

- Tasmania - Ms Cathy Murrowood reported.
Moved and seconded that the report be received. Carried.
- W.A. - A written report by the Chapter Convener (absent) was read by Mr. John McCarthy.
Moved and seconded that the report be received. Carried.
- S.A. - Dr Jenny O'Brien reported.
Moved and seconded that the report be received. Carried.
- Victoria - The Revd Albert McPherson reported.
Moved and seconded that the report be received. Carried.
- N.S.W. - Mr Paul Mason reported.
Moved and seconded that the report be received. Carried.
- Queensland - Ms Inari Thiel reported.
Moved and seconded that the report be received. Carried.
- A.C.T. - The Revd Vicky Cullen reported.
Moved and seconded that the report be received. Carried.
- Newcastle sub-group of NSW - The Revd Andrew Doohan reported.
Moved and seconded that the report be received. Carried.

Sr Judith Foster (Townsville, Q) expressed interest in starting a group in North Queensland. She was encouraged to see what could be done.

Moved and seconded that the Chapter Conveners be thanked. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer, the Revd John de Lange, presented an audited report and tabled copies. Questions were invited.
Moved and seconded that the report be received. Carried.

Website Report

Mr Paul Mason reported.
Moved and seconded that the report be received. Carried.

ELECTIONS

Executive

Moved and seconded that the present executive, namely

President:	The Revd Dr David Pitman
Secretary:	Ms Elizabeth Harrington
Treasurer:	The Revd John de Lange
Qld Chapter Convener:	Ms Inari Thiel

- be re-elected until the next national Conference.
Carried.

Chapter Conveners

The meeting noted that the Chapters had elected as follows:

Tasmania:	Ms Cathy Murrowood
W.A.	Dr Angela McCarthy
Victoria:	The Revd Albert McPherson
N.S.W.:	Mr Paul Mason
S.A.:	Sr Ilsa Neicinieks
Canberra:	The Revd Vicky Cullen
Queensland:	Ms Inari Thiel
Newcastle sub-group:	The Revd Andrew Doohan

Website Convener

Mr Paul Mason re-elected.

NEW MEMBERS

The following persons were elected as new members:
Mr Kym Bills, Dr David Cohen, Ms Rhondda Fahey, Ms Eileen Lüthi,
Mrs Donrita Reefman.

AUSTRALIAN JOURNAL OF LITURGY

The Editor, Ms Inari Thiel, reported.
Moved and seconded that the report be received. Carried.
The President placed on record the appreciation of the meeting for her term as editor.
The meeting endorsed the appointment of the Revd Dr Robert Gribben as the next editor.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was placed before the meeting.

NEXT CONFERENCE

The meeting endorsed the choice of **Melbourne**, at a date to be determined.
The theme of the next Conference will be considered by Council.

Some suggestions from the floor:

Aboriginal understanding of place

Music

Gen Y

Secular liturgies, such as naming rites, weddings, funerals

CLOSE

The President closed the meeting.

SIGNED:**DATE:**