

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Britain-Australia Society, West Country Branch, held on the 24th of April 2016 at the Infantry Officers' Mess, Warminster Garrison.**

The meeting opened at 11.35 am.

Apologies for absence were received from Richard Pavitt, Christina Slade and Robert Hamilton

1. The Branch Chairman, Keith Newton, welcomed members and guests.
2. Mr David Leonard took the Chair.
3. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2015 were approved.
4. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
5. The Branch Chairman, Keith Newton, the Branch Treasurer, Alan Cox and members of the committee, namely Godfrey Hall, Barbara Jeremiah, David Leonard and Peter Leppard having indicated that they were willing to offer themselves for re-election and Eva Hamilton, who had been co-opted after the last Annual General Meeting and was willing to continue, were elected en bloc to serve for the ensuing year.
6. The Chairman presented his report, indicating that the Branch had had a successful year and that membership was steady at about 100, some losses having been balanced by gains. The report was approved.
7. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Alan Cox, who pointed out that although there was a deficit on the year of £2,114.00, due to unusual administration costs, the Branch finances were in a healthy state, with accumulated reserves standing at £4,674.00. In addition to that sum, £2,000.00 had been set aside with a view to a possible charitable donation, yet to be decided upon. The report was approved.
8. Other business. Alan Cox appealed for volunteers to help with the administration of the Branch, in relation for example to membership records. Eva Hamilton observed that it was desirable to identify younger people as potential members and said that she would be willing to sound out university students in the region. This initiative was welcomed by the Branch Chairman.
9. The date of the next meeting would be advised in due course. It would normally be the nearest Sunday to the 25<sup>th</sup> of April (ANZAC Day).
10. There being no other business to transact, the meeting closed at 11.50 am.

David Leonard (Returning Officer) & Keith Newton (Branch Chairman)