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MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FRANCIS FORBES SOCIETY FOR AUSTRALIAN LEGAL HISTORY HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2018 AT NSW BAR ASSOCIATION, COMMON ROOM, SYDNEY

1. **OPENING OF MEETING:** The meeting commenced at 5:15pm with Chief Justice Allsop in the Chair.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Professor Mark Lunney, Philip Selth (Councillors), David Ash, Professor David Barker, Andrew Cappie-Wood, Wendy Fisher, Suzanne Howarth, Con Ktenas, John Newton, Wilfrid Prest, Michael Tidball, Stephen Toomey (Members).
3. **PRESENT:** Chief Justice Allsop, Simon Chapple, Justice Geoff Lindsay, David Miller, Wendy Robinson QC, Carol Webster SC (Councillors), The Hon John Hamilton QC, Chris Lemercier, The Hon John McLaughlin, Kathleen Morris, Larissa Reid, Mandy Tibbey, Greg Tolhurst (Members).
4. **ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Greg Tolhurst as Returning Officer reported to the meeting that 9 nominations for election to the Council had been received from current members (Chief Justice Allsop, Wendy Robinson QC, Justice Geoff Lindsay, Carol Webster SC, Michael Tidball, Simon Chapple, Professor Mark Lunney, David Miller, and Ben Chen). Each was declared elected to the Council for the ensuing year.
5. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** Resolved that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21 November 2017 be confirmed (moved Justice Geoff Lindsay, seconded Greg Tolhurst).
6. **REPORTS:** Formal reception of Annual Reports and Accounts:
 - a) The meeting received the "Financial Accounts" for the year ending 30 June 2018 as circulated and resolved that they be accepted (moved Justice Geoff Lindsay, seconded Wendy Robinson QC).
 - b) The meeting received the "Annual Report 2018" (dated 13 November 2018) presented by Simon Chapple as Secretary and Carol Webster SC as Treasurer / Assistant Secretary as circulated and resolved that it be accepted (moved Justice Geoff Lindsay, seconded Chris Lemercier).
7. **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - (a) **Consideration of 2019 Forbes Lecture:** Simon Chapple invited suggestions for ideas. Carol Webster SC suggested that Professor Anne

Twomey be invited to deliver a lecture based on her research on Pitt Cobbett, for which the Forbes Society had provided some funding. There was general agreement that such a lecture would be well received.

8. **CLOSE OF MEETING:** There being no other business, the meeting closed at 5:23pm.

Signed as a correct record