MINUTES OF ELEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held at the Royal West Australian Historical Society, Stirling House, 39 Broadway, Nedlands, WA 6009 on Wednesday 14 August 2013

1. Welcome
The meeting opened at 5.50pm. The President, Dr Lise Summers, welcomed all in attendance and acknowledged the Whadjak people, the tradition owners of the land on which the meeting was taking place.

2. Recording of Members Present and Apologies
2.1 Registered Attendees:
Gail Barrow; Glen Bennett; Ian Berryman; Helen Birch; Andrew Bowman; Kerry Boyd; Don Boyd; Bill Bryant; Sondra Bryant; Robin Chinnery; Bridget Curran; Nick Drew; Pamela Statham-Drew; Steve Errington; Liana Fitzpatrick; Neil Foley; Charlie Fox; Andrew Gill; Jan Gothard; Sue Graham-Taylor; Tim Graham-Taylor; Alison Gregg; Jim Gregg; Jenny Gregory; Ross Gregory; Sue Hart; Peter Hopper; Ed Jaggar; Lenore Layman; Antoni Lucev; Jocelyn Mitchell; Robert Mitchell; Mike Murray; Rob O’Connor; Bobbie Oliver; Brian Shepherd; Lesley Silvester; Lise Summers; Julia Wallis.

2.2 Apologies:
Jim Cameron; Heather Campbell; Jean Chetkovich; Anthea Harris; Helen Henderson; Juliet Ludbrook; Lennie McCall; Robert Nicholson; Leith Robinson; Trish Robinson; Jacqui Sherriff; Meredith Southee; Robyn Taylor; Julie Zuvela.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of 10th Annual General Meeting, 2011-12 (attached)
The President recommended from the Chair that the minutes of 2011-12 Annual General Meeting held on 1 August 2011 be accepted as a true and accurate record, (moved Nick Drew, seconded Sue Graham-Taylor. Carried unanimously).

4. Presentation of Annual Reports 2012-2013 (tabled)
4.1 President’s Report
The President presented the Annual Report.

We are grateful to the financial support of the WA History Foundation and for meeting support from the Constitutional Centre and the National Trust of Western Australia.

The President reported that at the end of July 2013 the History Council of Western Australia had 27 institutional members and nearly 67 individual members.

The President emphasised the importance of our members continuing to support the History Council and for us to increase our membership base in order to be able to fulfil our strategic objectives. In addition we will seek assistance to develop a business plan and seek alternate funding and sponsorship in order to sustain our long term existence.

Our communication strategy has been successful and we continue to keep members updated via our website, newsletters and email round ups. We now have 214 Twitter followers and 184 Facebook friends.

We have held a range of successful events throughout the year on the theme of “Revolution” including a History in the Pub; two public lectures (one being part of the Heritage Festival); a digital information seminar and a digital debate sponsored by Curtin University.

In 2014, we had hoped to hold a conference on and about Rottnest entitled “Exploration, Incarceration and Recreation” but we need the support of our members in order to do this.

On the advocacy front, we continue to press for a purpose built State archives; we were part of a consortium that identified issues of concern over issues at the State Library of Western Australia and met with the Chair of the Library Board and we have raised the profile of history and the arts with our State politicians. We are developing an advocacy position on access to
family information records. Other items on our watch list include indigenous heritage matters, the new Heritage Bill and the proposed Stirling Highway extension.

The President thanked retiring members Glen Benett and Robert Mitchell for their long term and valuable work on the Committee.

Finally the President acknowledged the loss of Tom Stannage and Lindsay Peet. They are sadly missed for their personal qualities as well as their support to the History Council and the history community in Western Australia generally.

4.2 Acceptance of President's Report
The President recommended from the Chair that the Annual Report be accepted (moved Pamela Statham-Drew, seconded Helen Birch. Carried unanimously).

4.3 Treasurer's Report
Robert Mitchell presented the Treasurer's Report for 2012/13 that was tabled at the meeting. The History Council has an operating loss of $2,058.12 which was an improvement over the previous year. The major saving was the reduction in salary of the Executive Officer and the fact that most of the events and activities undertaken during this financial year achieved a break even status. The lack of financial security, however, greatly reduces our capacity to take on additional advocacy and to undertake major initiatives.

4.4 Acceptance of Annual Statement of Accounts 2012-2013
Robert Mitchell recommended that the Report and Statement of Accounts be accepted (moved Glen Bennett, seconded Andrew Gill. Carried unanimously.)

5. Election of committee members and office bearers
Robert Mitchell read the report of the Returning Officer. The report noted that nominations for positions on the History Council of Western Australia closed on 24 July 2012 and that nominations were:

President (1): Lise Summers
Secretary (1): Vacant
Treasurer (1): Vacant
Vice-President (1): Vacant
Committee Members (9/11): Andrew Bowman, Kerry Boyd, Steve Errington, Rosemary Fitzgerald; Neil Foley, Andrew Gill, Ed Jaggard; Antoni Lucev, Meredith Southee.

Nominations were called from the floor. No nominations were received.

The President nominated Julia Wallis, Executive Officer to take the role of Secretary. Julia Wallis accepted the nomination.

The President recommended that the nominations be accepted (moved Jean Chetkovich, seconded Sue Hart. Carried unanimously.)

6. Notices of Motion
No Notices of Motion were received.

7. General Business
Pamela Statham-Drew proposed that the History Council of Western Australia collate and publish a history calendar of events on their website to publicise history/heritage related events from all history/heritage organisations and to avoid potential clashes of events. It was agreed that we would look into providing this service.

8. Close of Meeting
The meeting closed at 6.20pm.

At 6.30pm, historian and UWA Honorary Research Fellow, Charlie Fox presented a topical and entertaining address entitled: Writing Radical Perth: a hidden history to which members of the public were welcomed.

Signed as a true and accurate record
Dr Lise Summers
President