

**RYERSON INDEX INCORPORATED**  
**Inc 9890325**

Minutes of the third A.G.M. held 29 October 2011, at 1.30pm  
Venue: 38 Killeaton Street, St Ives, NSW 2075

The Meeting was opened at 1.45pm by John Graham, President

Members in attendance – 9

39 apologies were received.

Minutes of the last AGM held 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2010 were taken as read. Proposed Peter Kettle, seconded Barbara Willingham. No matters were arising. Adopted.

Minutes of the Special Meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> November 2010 “To consider and if appropriate approve a Constitution to replace the Rules under which the Association is currently operating” were taken as read. Proposed Bill Shute, seconded Annet Latham. No matters arising. Adopted.

**President’s Report**

John Graham presented his report to the meeting – see the website for the full text.

Acceptance of the President’s report was proposed by Bill Shute, seconded by Barbara Willingham. Adopted.

**Secretary’s Report**

The Secretary’s report was presented, and is available on the website.

Acceptance of the Secretary’s report was proposed by Bill Shute, seconded by John Graham. There were no matters arising. Adopted.

**Treasurer’s Report.**

The Treasurer’s report was presented, and is available on the website.

Acceptance was proposed by Pauline Kettle, seconded by John Graham. Carried.

**Election of Committee**

The existing committee stood down.

Doug Laidlaw had already indicated that he would not stand again.

John Graham thanked the retiring committee for their support.

**Nominations Received**

Nominations were received for -

John Graham, President

Peter Kettle, Vice President

Pauline Kettle, Secretary

Therese Delanty, Treasurer

Maxine Honczar, training coordinator  
Bill Shute, Committee Member  
Alan Nancarrow, Committee Member

As no other nominations had been received, in accordance with Rule 15(4) Election of Members (*if the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated are taken to be elected*) the above were appointed to the Committee.

### **Any Other Business**

#### **1. Application from organisations for our data.**

Over the years Ryerson has been approached by organisations not connected with genealogy to use our data. It was agreed Ryerson would evaluate each proposal on its merits, and if acceptable to us, would offer to provide suitable data and indicate that a donation would be appropriate.

#### **2. World Vital Records, Ancestry, FindMyPast and others.**

Ryerson will only provide limited data that will drive traffic to the Ryerson Index site. The complete data base will not be supplied.

#### **3. Arkangles**

Rob McDonnell will be asked to first provide a modified indexing program that will enable indexers to choose the directory where the index files will be stored, and which will not contain the zip functionality which is causing so much trouble. Duplicating the data base is of secondary importance.

John Graham will investigate the possibility of undertaking some of the programming currently undertaken by Arkangles.

Alternative hosting sites will also be investigated. A possible candidate is State Records which already hosts genealogical websites that are not prepared by them.

#### **4. Goulburn Post**

The Goulburn Library is working to correct errors in the data which was sent to Ryerson. It is anticipated that they will start on pre-1930 notices in the medium term.

#### **5. Backing Indexing from Libraries.**

It was noted that more assistance regarding copying from the hard copy of newspapers held at the State Library or other libraries for missing days is required. The matter was left for further consideration.

The meeting closed at 3.30pm.