

FLOREAT SEMPER FELLOWSHIP

Minutes of the meeting of the 19th Floreat Semper Annual General Meeting held in the Old Collegians' Pavilion on 27 March 2019 commencing at 12.30pm

WELCOME:

Garth Williams (President) and 73 members of the Floreat Semper Fellowship attended the AGM. Additional guests included Headmaster Simon Lamb, Deputy Head John Payne, Head boy James Hancock and Head girl Evie Clatworthy. Garth thanked Rev Warren Watson for the chapel service. Garth also thanked the Vocalists and vocal coach Gina Sanders and music teacher Chris Artley for the brilliant array of performances before the AGM.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies received include:

Julien Browne, Alistair Burry, Donald Caulton, Geoff Furkert, Arnold Hart, Roy Kelley, Bob Kerridge, Don Mackay, Jim McLay, Malcolm Pease, Geoff Turner, John Walker, David Watts, Terence Way and Russell Williams.

Further apologies include:

George Johnstone and John Turnwald.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Minutes from the last Annual General Meeting were previously tabled and approved.

MATTERS ARISING:

No additional matters were raised.

ANNUAL REPORT:

The Annual Report from the President Garth Williams was given.

Another successful year for the Floreat Semper Fellowship. Garth stated that Much importance is placed on the value to the College of past collegians and, hopefully this trend will continue in the many years to come.

Garth provided a summary of the previous year's events:

Autumn Luncheon was held on Wednesday 28th March 2018. This began with a chapel service conducted by Revs Warren Watson and Onasai Auva'a. Garth Williams read the lesson and the congregation, which also consisted of about 150 students as well as 100 Floreat Semper supporters. Special and delightful organ recitals were provided by Paul Chan and Matthew Kirman-Martin. An Honours Tie was presented to Hylton Mackley who spoke with great sincerity. After the service we proceeded to the Pavilion. Our guest speaker was Geoff Smith, who was Deputy Head of Achievement at the College. He gave us an insight of where education is heading.

Midway through the year members of Floreat Semper were invited to attend a production of “Harvey”, a play with much humour. It was especially enjoyable and the production could not have been more professional.

The Spring Luncheon was held on Wednesday 26 September 2018. Garth mentioned that this was a very enjoyable occasion with many attendees. It began with a Chapel service which was in the capable hands of Revs Warren Watson and Onasai Auva’a. Garth Williams read the lesson and Paul Chan was the organist. Then William Wei gave a splendid recital on the organ. The service finished with a rendition of the School Song. After the service we proceeded to the Sports Pavilion where we mixed and mingled with fellow guests. This was followed by an excellent luncheon and we were entertained by Jasmine Kovach and Sandra Ward who gave us a rather humorous introduction to the archives of Kings College.

Thanks was given to William Zhu, Jasmine Kovach, Jeanette Paine, Paul Stanton and his Catering team from the College for their work for the Floreat Semper.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Your committee has endeavoured to keep the costs down but, as both luncheons last year ran at a loss we are having to increase the ticket price by \$5 which, fortunately, is not much in the overall scheme of things. We do have a healthy amount of \$16,810 in the bank as at the 31st December 2018. We aim to keep the funds at this level.

Full Financial Statements are on the luncheon tables.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

This AGM marked the conclusion of the two-year tenure for Garth William’s presidency and now occupies the position of immediate past president.

Rob Fisher has been elected as the new President of the Floreat Semper.

Immediate past president Peter Wilson retires from the Committee.

The following Committee Members have agreed to stand again:

- Robin Beckett
- Ron Chitty
- Bruce Chambers
- John Owers
- Tom Sinclair
- Garth Williams

UPDATE FROM THE HEADMASTER:

Headmaster Simon Lamb provided a brief update on current affairs and matters from the College.

Simon mentioned that the roll at the college has been incredibly strong for the year of 2019 sitting at 1101. Simon reassured that the average class size is maintained at 15 with the largest classes sitting on 22 or 23 per class. The small classes are a key differentiator between the offerings of the College and various state schools. The roll for 2020 sits comfortable on 999 to date which ahead of projections to date.

Simon provided an update on the Master Property Plan paying emphasis on the upcoming performing arts centre which is well into the stages of development. Simon envisions the planning stages will conclude by September/October with construction beginning at the end of the year. Further development beyond the performing arts centre will be the main quad. Many

buildings surrounding the quad; the dining hall and the south wing are earthquake risks and will require strengthening along with the demolition of the south wing. The library will return to the memorial building with a student services centre on the ground floor.

Simon provided a brief update on the current matters of the 1A rugby situation. The decision made was that all schools will stand down any new players in the first six games and any new players in the semis and finals.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A member wanted to acknowledge the talent of music teacher Chris Artley and the College is incredibly to have someone so talented on the staff.

The meeting concluded at 1.00pm.

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Garth William – PRESIDENT