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August 29 2018 Minutes  
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## Minutes of Members

**Date:** August 29, 2018

**Zoomers:** Rose Hudson, Elaine Mergaard, Lindsay Whitehead, Belinda Osborne, Sandy Aslett, Bec Bayss, Laura Dunnington, Louise MacDonald, Margaret Watson, Katherine Cherry, Annalese Fowler, Jo Peterson, Lisa Bell, Louise Swann, BrenPC, Catherine Ellen, Sandra Forrester, Linda Ford, Neil Grigg, Ana Pribylova, Irene Moore, Kylie Heagney, Christine Martin, Delphine, Susan McArthur, Helen Wilkinson, Kylie Williams, Lys Stevens, Kate, Lauren Ritchie, Sinead Howard, Meredith, Lisette Margini, Bronwyn Shooks, Cathy Chivers, Alison Clark, Lynette, Abigail Fergusson, Alison

**Apologies:** Georgia Skelton, Sue Younis, Victoria Henderson, Johanna Guerin, Michele Cameron, Chantelle Westlake, Jill Humphries, Rachel Henry, Shara Gillahan, Enza Geddes, Chris Mullane, Felicity North-East

**1. Minutes of previous meeting**

Forwarded – Sandy Aslett  
Second – Helen, Katherine, Lisa

**2. Business arising from previous minutes**

No business arising

**3. New Members**

Rose Hudson, welcomed all new members, Neil Grigg

**4. Guest Speaker, panel:**

Available via a Zoom link if you are interested, please let us know.

Milano Imai,

Racing fashion blogger, entrant fashions on the field, 2015 started Milano blog. Runs fields fashion community Facebook groups. In 2017 created millinery market, makes bespoke milliner to everyday race day goers.

Louise MacDonald,

Bespoke orders for clients. Active member of association.

Neil Grigg

Association member, renowned Sydney milliner perspective doing a range for David Jones.

Unfortunately, Neil was not able to participate in the panel discussion due to technical issues.

Their perspective on the millinery industry

Thank you Katherine for organizing very interesting indeed.

## 5. Presidents Report

### Presidents Speech August Member Meeting via ZOOM

**Hello and welcome to our members on zoom tonight. It's been very cold in Melbourne this week, so on Monday I did a quick Facebook survey of who would be attending in person, three people said they would and about 20 on Zoom so the Zoomers won! This is historic, I think, more interstate members than locals attending and I don't blame the locals either, it's freezing here. On with the meeting,**

**Awon Golding is coming to town.** We have had strong interest from all the major states. Awon is going to Adelaide, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne. Her workshop offer looks really interesting, with 3D crin techniques, feather draped turbans, brim extensions and feathered wings. The MAA is taking her to Oaks Day and she is attending our Friday night cocktail party as well. She is in Australia for a total of 22 days. She gets the odd half day off while she travels from place to place, so I hope we don't wear her out when she here. We will get material and equipment list from her soon, so please don't ask us about this until we hear from her. Thank you to everyone who showed support for these workshops. A lot of organising goes into something like this. We have committee members booking flights and accommodation, chasing visa details, writing contracts, liaising with the tutor over sometimes frustratingly inconvenient time zones, following up class numbers and scouting for workshop venues. We do it because we are your elected committee, but we are also unpaid volunteers, squeezing all this into our working and family lives, with reduced committee help at the moment due to ill health and family matters. In the busiest time of the year, don't forget. With this in mind, I'd like to remind members of their manners, give us a break and be patient if we make a mistake.

**Pop up shops and launches.** Good luck to all our members with their Spring Racing launches and popup shops. This is our time of year, a productive, crazy time and we wouldn't have it any other way. We hope you sell every hat you have. Do remember you can download an MAA member poster from our website. Please consider displaying this in your popups and in your shops and studios, being a part of this association means you take your work and workmanship seriously.

**VRC Kennedy Oaks Day Millinery Award.** We all know this is being overhauled this year and when the VRC sent invitations for us to apply, we saw just how different it is. There is an emerging Designer Category (interestingly, they use our millinery from previous years to promote this, and the winner of the Oaks day Award last year is in this category too, so maybe they listened when we told them that outfit was in the wrong category, who knows?) So, get your portfolios polished, find the best images of your recent work, check the details of your social media, and get that application in by the due date, Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of September. They're only choosing 60 this year so some people will be disappointed.

**Royal Show Masters of Millinery** and millinery categories judging. This will happen on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September when I journey out to the straw and saw dust of the Showgrounds. The standard was very high last year with Bronwyn Shooks taking out the top prize, and Jo Peterson winning just about everything else! Good luck to all who have entered, I look forward to seeing some lovely things. The RASV will notify the winners. We will celebrate the winners at the next meeting too.

**The Annual General Meeting** is on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November and you will receive proper notification in due time for this important meeting. At this meeting, we will vote in a new committee. Some great people from the 2018 committee are staying on and

considering taking on executive roles for the sake of succession. They have seen how we work and they are committed to continuing the things we have set in place for next year, which is very important. Succession is so important. We've seen in politics this last week the revolving door of politicians putting themselves before the electorate, and they will pay for that. Good people must be ready to step up when called upon, and we are fortunate that Katherine Cherry and Helen Wilkinson have volunteered to take on the two top jobs. Please have a think about what you can do as well for this association. It's a big job but its so worthwhile, you wont regret it, you make friends and networks that are valuable in this tenuous industry.

Busy months ahead, get blocking and sewing and making beautiful things, have a great month.

Thanks

**Sofitel Girls Day out Hats and High Tea.** We have a table of MAA milliners all geared up and ready to go on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. We have one spot left on the table. \$135 for three course buffet lunch and desserts. It's a great day, a lot of fun with a hat completion one of us will surely win.

### **Emerald Peacock Millinery Salon October 6**

We have our milliners lined up and ready to roll at the Emerald Peacock and they are; Sandy Aslett, Possum Ball, Felicity Northeast, Laura Dunnington, Katherine Cherry, Sinead Howard, Chantelle Westlake, Delphine Nicholson, Serena Lindeman and Lisette Margini. These milliners will showcase their hats and headwear on the afternoon of the 6<sup>th</sup> of October in the Millinery Salon of the Emerald Peacock. An invited audience of race going women will sip cocktails and enjoy finger food for the afternoon while browsing the selection of this seasons newest looks for Spring. I will be there too, I look forward to a fun afternoon for us all.

- 6. Secretary Report**  
No secretary report
- 7. Treasurer's report**  
No Treasurer's report
- 8. State Reports:**  
Nothing to report
- 9. NSW – Lisa Bell**  
No
- 10. QLD – Sandy**  
Mercedes Benz fashion festival in Brisbane, QLD milliners but on our best hats, the only table with hats on. Great time had by all.  
Looking forward to what Awon brings us from the description of her course.
- 11. South Australia**  
No report
- 12. Victoria – Katherine Cherry**  
Thank Jo Peterson and Lizette for all their help setting up Sofitel for design award finalists and also to Louise and Lisa for their help with that.

I am going to set a Tasmania and Victoria Facebook site for specific things.

Ladies in Black in September to the cinema will posting that on the Facebook page

Prize for the AGM for people that wear their hats to the meetings a \$200 voucher to spend at one of our associate suppliers. Winner to be announced at AGM.

**13. Reports – move all accepted**

Moved – Louise MacDonald

Seconded – Jo Peterson

**14. Awon Golding**

Any questions anyone

Sandy Aslett:

Have we had anything further on the description of the course what she's going to deliver can we have an idea with the brim extension what is the material.

Rose Hudson – I can't I've given too much details that will be unfolding in the next few days, 3D print techniques, Feather mounts and brim extension are both half day classes, she might make them a full class but we are not quite sure. Feather turbans, a silk turban with feathers/silk/crin. Awon said she would investigate the materials bring them here if they are available here. I am happy to talk to Lindsay and the others and see if they are happy to supply. The crin is very fine not like our ones. I don't want to say too much until I have a bit more details from Awon.

Brenda will we get the confirmation on details of the classes before we have to make payment. I just want to know exactly what we are committing to before payment. RH made payment by 15<sup>th</sup> September. Will have the information in a matter days we are just finalizing details with Awon.

VRC Display (Modern Millinery)

Lisa after all that back and forth and ideas about the hats. It's on hold at the moment.

I had a call scheduled today.

It sounds like they are going to change the date again, I am waiting to hear more. Will keep you posted.

Catherine Ellen

The Essential hat is planning a milliner convention in February 2019 it's a quiet time for the year for and it's nice to have something to do.

We announced today that Eugenie Orschot and Myumi Takeguchi with straw cloth so we should probably be buying a whole bunch. Offering millinery classes for show girls and drag queen headwear. Tomorrow were going to announce the lovely Rose Hudson and Richard Nylon who will be teaching again.

The other thing we will be offering we have a fantastic venue for our we will be able to set up a milliners market in February it will be a leady to blue diamond stakes in Melbourne we buy a lot of travel and sun hats.

That's all for now keep an eye on social media.

Sandy Aslett Q: what are the date and how long is it

Catherine Ellen A: 10 – 15 February 2019 it's a whole week Monday to Friday.

Sandy Aslett Q: The milliner market and stalls to sell is that each milliner comes and sets up their stall and man their stall.

Cahterine Ellen A: yes unless you want someone to do it form

Sandy Aslett Q: Classes will they be day/half –

Catherine Ellen A: some will be full and half day might have a 2 / 1 1/2 day class.

Sandy Aslett Q: When will this go on sale

Catherine Ellen A: we have a week and a half for details to go on site. I will post something on members site once details confirmed.

**15. General Business**

Nothing

**16. 2019 Committee**

Does anyone have any thought as to whether they would like to stand for a position.

Lisa, come on everyone put your hand up.

Katherine, I want to be involved and feel like I am getting into the swing of things. More than happy for Neil or Lisa or Laura or Catherine to go for president.

Neil Grigg says maybe for president.

**17. Meeting closed at 8.19pm**

18 September, St Kilda, No meeting in October, AGM on the 21 November 2018.