

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Vision 2020 Australia Annual General Meeting

Meeting Date 2 November 2023, 1.00pm AEDST

1 Welcome and apologies

The Hon Christopher Pyne, Chair of Vision 2020 Australia, declared the meeting open at 1.04pm and welcomed members and guests. The traditional owners of the many land's attendees were on were acknowledged.

2 Minutes of 2022 Annual General Meeting

The Hon Christopher Pyne presented the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

Resolution 1: That the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting are adopted.

Moved: Damian Papps

Seconded: Fiona Woods

Motion Carried

3 Electronic Ballot to elect Directors

Noting that in line with section 31.7 of the Constitution, an election was required to elect five of the eight nominees for appointment to the Vision 2020 Australia Board, with the election held via an electronic ballot, using True Vote system granting all paid corresponding member organisations had access to vote.

Nominations were received by the following.

- Mr Brandon Ah Tong
- Mr Dale Cleaver
- Professor Lisa Keay
- Mr Peter Larsen
- Mr Damian Papps
- The Hon Christopher Pyne
- Dr Kris Rallah-Baker
- Mr Murray Smith
- Ms Jane Schuller

who, being eligible, offer themselves for election as Directors, pursuant to Article 28.2.

Of the eight nominees Brandon Ah Tong, Dale Cleaver, The Hon Christopher Pyne, Dr Kris Rallah-Baker and Jane Schuller were successful in their applications for directorship for a three-year term. The Chair congratulated the successful applicants.

The Chair would also like to thank those Directors whose terms have come to an end; Dr Jessica Gallagher for her 9 years, Jaki Adams for her 6 years and Shaun Tatipata for his 3 years of service to the Board and thanked them all for their time and dedication throughout their tenures.

There will also be up the 3 further appointments to the Board through a skills gap audit of the directors to ensure good governance of the organisation.

4 Special Business

The Chair also presented the Confirmation of the new constitution as a special business item for the AGM, noting apart of the True Vote system the members were asked to vote on the replacement of the constitution and was happy to confirm that the membership has voted and ratified the change in the Constitution. I now deem the Constitution dated 2023 to be the organisations new constitution.

5 Chair's address and presentation of Annual Report 2022-23

The Chair reported on the past year as positive progress to improve equity and access to eye health services and ensure independence and participation for people who are blind or low vision. The Organisations relationship with the Australian Government is healthy and our programme of doing more at the State and Territory level is growing.

Acknowledging former CEO, Patricia Sparrow, who departed the organisation in December 2022. Patricia laid the groundwork of our strategic direction which has begun to bear fruit through the efforts of the team over the past 12 months. And recognised the excellent work if the current CEO, Carly Iles. Carly has transferred her enthusiasm and dedication to the sector from her previous role as policy and advocacy manager to leading the organisation. Her vigour in approach to make a positive impact and drive our strategy has provided a solid foundation for the organisation. Noting there have been several highlights this year, including the annual Parliamentary Friends Group for Eye Health and Vision Care with co-chairs Meryl Swanson and David Gillespie to raise awareness of how easy it can be to deliver accessible and inclusive events. Barry Jones Vision Oration, which was delivered by ABC disability affairs reporter, Nas Campanella and the establishment of a genuine Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan that places the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at the centre of our efforts has been an achievement I, and the Board, are proud of.

The Chair thanked all of those who have helped the organisation reach its achievements. The committed staff, Board, Committee members and of course, the membership noting the members remain at the centre of Vision 2020's endeavours.

6 Chief Executive Officer's report

The Chair handed over to Ms Iles who commenting on her first year as CEO is a privilege. Noting the previous year concluded with the development of the five-year strategic plan and this year the focus was on turning strategy into action.

Highlighting the organisation's focus on; advocating for improvements in the NDIS and aged care systems to meet the specific needs of people with vision loss. Development and launch of Audio Described content on ABC iview, making inroads made with political engagement and advocacy efforts at the state and territory level. The successful World Sight Day screening event in NSW Parliament, the NSW state election campaign calling for action to reduce cataract surgery wait times in public hospitals. The organisations

completion of the organisations first reconciliation action plan is another step towards becoming a stronger ally for First Nations People. Actively supporting the Voice to Parliament and Allies for Uluru Coalition.

Carly also was proud to roll out the member events that were held across the country, providing insight into the challenges and opportunities for eye health in each state. As well as increasing the member benefits by launching a new education and information series. Confirming the achievements of the past 12 months have been made possible through the support of the Board, staff and membership.

7 Financial statements and reports

Mr Damian Papps, member of the Audit, Finance and Risk Standing Committee noted that the Directors' and Auditor Reports including financials for the year ending 30 June 2023 were on the Vision 2020 Australia website and that these showed that the organisation is in a sound financial position with an unqualified report.

He noted that for the reporting period:

- Total income for the year was \$2.666 million, with 71% of that from Federal Government funding and a further 14% from Victorian Government funding for the Vision Initiative/ Education and Development program.
- Membership revenue accounted for a further 13% of income and remains a critical part of our income as it supports activities such as advocacy and engagement.
- Like many organisations, staff expenses were the one of the largest categories of expenses in the 2022-23-year accounting for 29% of expenses.
- Occupancy expenses were the next highest category at 3%, which includes contracted professional services.
- Overall, a surplus of \$26,986 was recorded for the year.
- The organisation has a strong balance sheet including solid financial reserves and on 30 June 2023, had net assets of \$1.2 million.

Mr Papps noted that the Board is committed to maintaining sound financial reserves that are conservatively managed, but also recognised the need to balance this with investments to support the membership and had therefore committed some of these surplus funds to sector wide initiatives over the coming year.

In closing, Mr Papps formally laid the financial statements and reports before the meeting for consideration in accordance with the ACNC guidelines.

8 Appointment of the Auditor

The Chair moved on to the appointment of the Auditor, McBain McCartin and Co has agreed to act as Auditor for the 2024-27 financial years.

As part of the TrueVote ballot system eligible members were asked to vote on this appointment. The confirmation is that this has been ratified and McBain, McCartin and Co will be appointed as Auditor for Vision 2020 Australia for the 2024-2027 period.

9 Meeting close

As no other business was raised by the membership, the meeting was declared closed at 1.2pm AEDT, with members encouraged to view the Annual Report and reports from the policy committee chairs on the Vision 2020 Australia website.

Attendees

Pete Haydon	Australian College of Optometry
Katrina Ronne	Australian Society of Ophthalmologists
Deb Deshayes	Blind Citizens Australia
John Simpson	Blind Citizens Australia
Justine Cain	Diabetes Australia - National Office
Karen Titheridge	EverAbility Group
Dale Cleaver	Guide Dogs NSW/ACT / Director, Vision 2020 Australia
Jock Beveridge	Guide Dogs Queensland
Nicky Long	Guide Dogs Victoria
Associate Professor Mitchell Anjou	Indigenous Eye Health Unit at Melbourne University
Amanda Trotman	Optical Distributors and Manufacturers Association of Australia
Skye Cappuccio	Optometry Australia
Professor Mark Radford	Queensland Eye Institute
Mr Brendon Gardner	Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital
Associate Professor MeiYing Boon	School of Optometry and Vision Science - University of Canberra
Associate Professor Andrew Metha	School of Optometry and Vision Science - University of Melbourne
Mr Damian Papps	Seeing Differently with the Royal Society for the Blind
Jennifer Gersbeck	The Fred Hollows Foundation
Mark Carmichael	The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists
Honourable Christopher Pyne	Chair, Vision 2020 Australia
Jane Schuller	Deputy Chair/ Director, Vision 2020 Australia
Jaki Adams	Director, Vision 2020 Australia
Dr Jessica Gallagher	Director, Vision 2020 Australia
Dr Kate Reid	Director, Vision 2020 Australia
Murray Smith	Director, Vision 2020 Australia
Fiona Woods	Director, Vision 2020 Australia
Professor Nitin Verma	Director, Vision 2020 Australia

Apologies

Mr Shane Mohor	Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia
Ms Heather Machin	Australian Ophthalmic Nurses Association
Mr James Colligan	Beyond Blindness
Ms Selina Madeleine	Brien Holden Foundation
Ms Yvette Waddell	Brien Holden Vision Institute
Mr Lester Wynne-Jones	Can: Do4Kids

Connor Costello	CBM Australia
Professor Keith Martin	Centre for Eye Research Australia
Mr Glen Noonan	Diabetes Victoria
Mr Luke Weinel	Eye Bank Association of Australia and New Zealand
Mr Remy Di Ponio	Foresight Australia
Mr Richard Wylie	Glaucoma Australia
Mr Larry Kornhauser	Keratoconus Australia Inc
The Hon Bryan Hearn OAM JP	Lions Eye Health Program
Professor Bill Morgan	Lions Eye Institute
Dr Kathy Chapman	Macular Disease Foundation Australia
Mr Chris Rehn	NextSense
Mr Wayne Hogan	OneSight Essilor Luxottica Foundation
Ms Vickie Anderson	Orientation and Mobility Association of Australasia
Ms Amanda French	Orthoptics Australia
Ms Julia Hall	Retina Australia
Mr Richard Barker	Queensland Braille Writing Association (Braille House)
Ms Philippa Nicholson	Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
Professor Peter McCluskey	Save Sight Institute
Professor Lisa Keay	School of Optometry and Vision Science - University of NSW
Ms Judy Hatswell	Sight for All Foundation
Ms Lyndall De Marco AM	St Johns Ambulance Queensland
Professor Garry Fitzpatrick	University of Western Australia
Mr Abe Ropitini	Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation
Mr Ron Hooton	Vision Australia