



ACT  
Mental Health  
Consumer Network

# 2023 Minutes Special and Annual General Meetings

# ACT MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMER NETWORK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

21 November 2023

Via Zoom and in person at the Network's office

## **Present:**

### *Members:*

In person: Lachlan Atyeo, (meeting chair), Paul Thompson, Bianca Rossetti, Sara Bhas, Phillip Green, Felicity Maher, Jennifer Nixon, Coralyn Bushell, Bradley Foxlewin, Julie McMahon, Colin Hales, Michael Schmohl, Evalyn Smith, Petra Kallay, Ai Ning Peterson, Assunta Arioli, Chris van Reyk, Bibek Pant, Thi Nha Tran, Rose Beard (with support worker) and Dalane Drexler (minutes).

Via Zoom: Bridget Berry, Katie Price, Dia Andrews, Jo Hargense, Kathryn Dwan, David Lovegrove, Jane Grace, Ann-Marie McNess, Babette Fahey, Zac Chu, Peter Dwyer and Patricia Green.

*Non-members:* Valan Phoenix and Joanne Smith.

## **Apologies:**

Jayanti Gupta, Lucas Spensberger, Elise Crouch, Chris Corcoran, John Forsey, Laarni Tingston, Ariel Kaufman and Maree Pavloudis.

## **Welcome**

Lachlan Atyeo opened the AGM at 11:10am with an Acknowledgement of Country and of people with lived experience of mental illness.

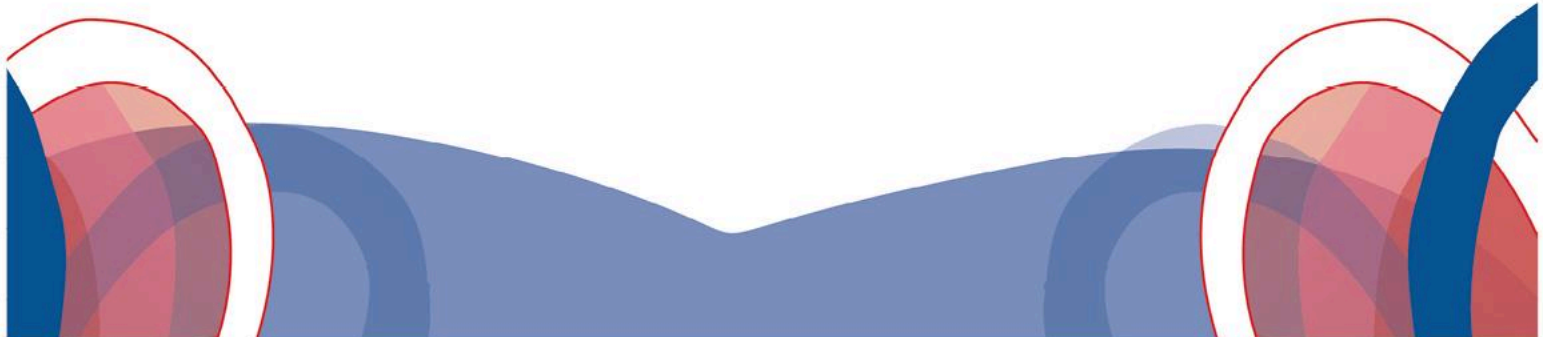
## **Special General Meeting Business**

Confirmation that no consumers have been disadvantaged by the error in the constitution as the Board has been referring to clause 6 which is correctly in the spirit of the intended phrasing of clause 5. Upon learning of the errors, the Board retrospectively endorsed all affected primary members. The Board continued to endorse associate members as appropriate to their membership type.

**Motion:** To endorse the Special Resolution as tabled and shown in Attachment 1 Special Resolution, p.6.

**Moved:** JM **Seconded:** PT

**Motion passed unanimously**



## **Annual General Meeting commences 11:22am**

### **Minutes of previous AGM**

**Motion:** To accept the minutes from the 2022 AGM, as amended to correct KP's apology.

**Move:** RB    **Seconded:** PT

**Motion passed unanimously**

### **Chair's report**

As per 2022-23 Annual Report.

BR requested that the title of the report be amended to 'Deputy Chair's Report' as she (as the Board Chair) did not write the report. Noted that the title is an official Annual Report title, and that it is clear the report was authored by someone other than the Board Chair.

*Discussion:* BR advised the members present that her original Chair's Report was not endorsed by the Board. Noting that the Chair's Report in the Annual Report is intended to be an accurate representation of the Board, and that the Board did not agree with the contents of BR's report, the original report was not endorsed. BR accepted the opportunity to submit a replacement report, but ultimately did not do so. Concerns were raised that the contents of the report may be detrimental to some individuals referred to in the report.

**Motion:** To permit Bianca to read her originally tendered Chair's Report at the end of the AGM's tabled business.

**Moved:** BR    **Seconded:** KP

**Motion passed 19 yes/13 no**

**Motion:** To accept Chair's Report as tabled

**Moved:** BR    **Seconded:** MP

**Motion passed 29 yes/3 no**

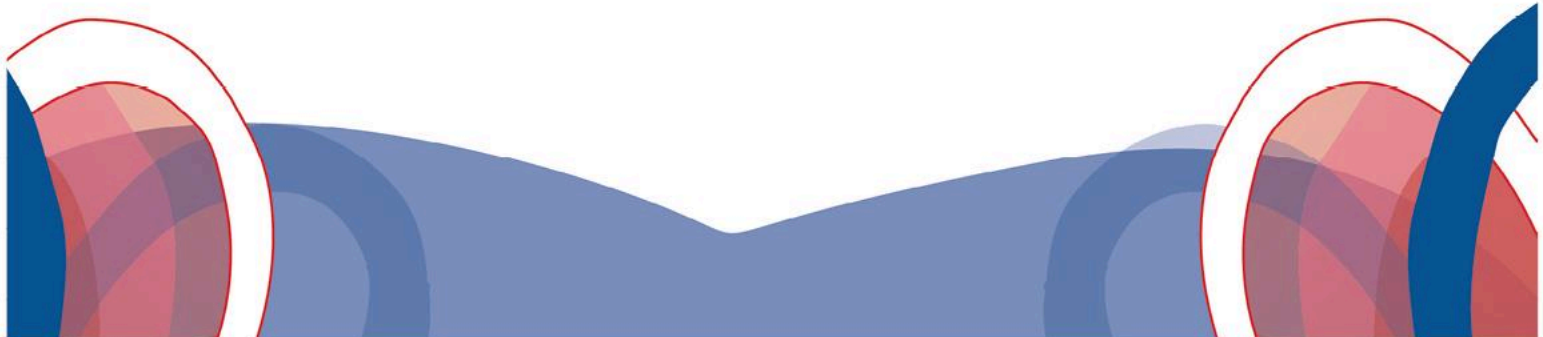
### **Finance Report**

As per Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statements, 2022-23 Annual Report.

**Motion:** To accept the Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statements.

**Moved:** PT    **Seconded:** CvR

**Motion passed unanimously**



### **Appointment of Auditor**

**Motion:** That Perceval Smith Consulting be retained for the next Audit.

**Moved:** PG **Seconded:** JG

**Motion passed unanimously**

### **Appointment of Public Officer**

**Motion:** That the Chief Executive Officer, be appointed as Public Officer for the 2023-24 financial year.

**Moved:** JM **Seconded:** ES

**Motion passed**

### **Appointment of Returning Officer**

**Motion:** That Joanne Smith be accepted as Returning Officer.

**Moved:** MS **Seconded:** PT

**Motion passed**

### **Board Elections**

All Board positions due for election were declared vacant and new members were elected to the 2023-25 Board.

#### **2023-25 Board**

**Chair:** Paul Thompson (elected)  
**Deputy Chair:** Lachlan Atyeo (continuing)  
**Secretary:** Kathryn Dwan (elected)  
**Treasurer:** Maree Pavloudis (continuing)

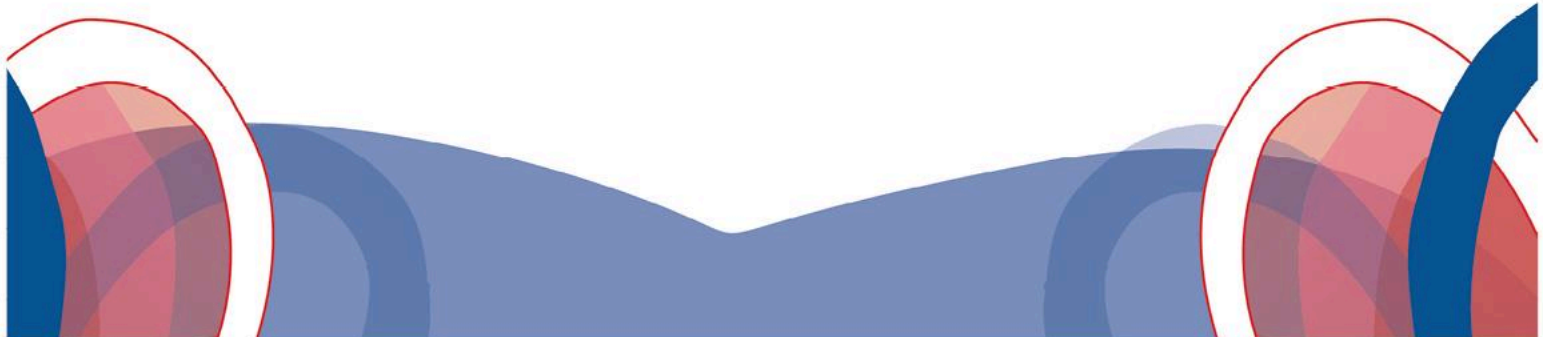
#### **Ordinary Members:**

Jenny Adams (continuing)  
Assunta Arioli (elected)  
Bridget Berry (continuing)  
Zac Chu (elected)  
Chris Corcoran (continuing)  
Babette Fahey (elected)  
Graham Jackson (elected)

### **Ballot Destruction**

**Motion:** That all ballots and related documentation be destroyed, in accordance with the Constitution.

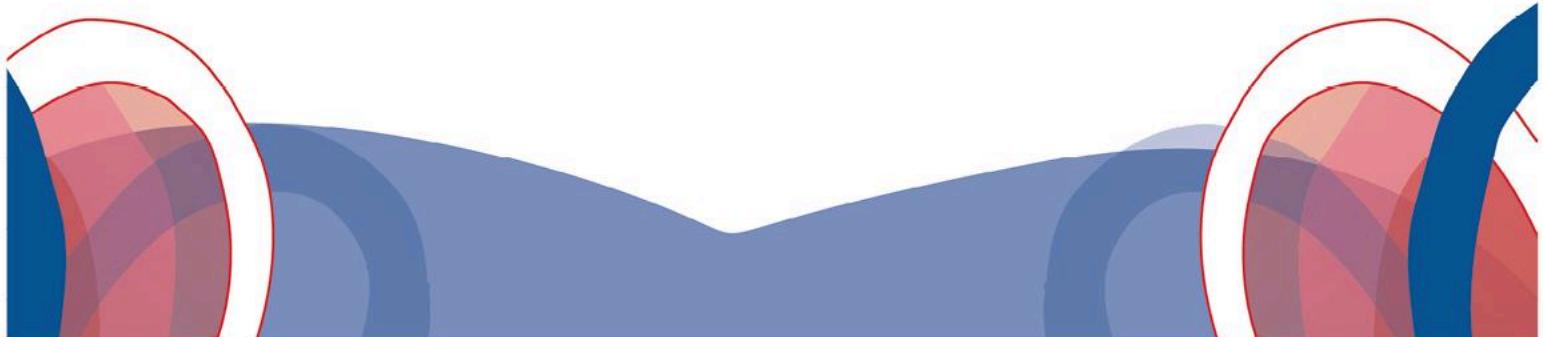
**Moved:** BR **Seconded:** ES



**Motion passed unanimously**  
**Chief Executive Officer's Report**  
As per 2022-23 Annual Report.

**Meeting closed at 12:55pm.**

BR was invited to read her original report, noting that she read a revised version rather than the original. Members were invited to leave or remain. Discussion not recorded due to the sensitive nature of the discussion.



## Attachment A: Special Resolution:

### ***Item 1: Amend the Constitution to correct the errors in '5. Membership Qualifications'***

To consider and, if agreed by required majority, pass the following resolution as a special resolution:

That the document titled *Constitution of Australian Capital Territory Mental Health Consumer Network Incorporated* (the Constitution) be amended as follows, recognising that the current text contains errors as marked with red stricken text for deletion and green text for replacement:

#### **1. MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS**

- 5.1 An individual is qualified to be a primary member if the individual:
  - 5.1.1 identifies as having lived experience of mental illness or psychiatric disorder, or has personally used a mental health service for their own mental health needs;
  - 5.1.2 is resident in the ACT or uses services and programs in the ACT;
  - 5.1.3 accepts the objectives of the Network; and
  - 5.1.4 **has lodged an application for primary membership** ~~has been accepted for primary membership by the Board.~~
- 5.2 An individual is qualified to be an associate member if they:
  - 5.2.1 empathise with consumers;
  - 5.2.2 accept the objectives of the Network; and
  - 5.2.3 have been accepted for associate membership by the Board.
- 5.3 An organisation is qualified to be an associate member if they:
  - 5.3.1 accept the objectives of the Network;
  - 5.3.2 have paid the membership fee determined under clause 9; and
  - 5.3.3 **have been accepted for associate membership by the Board** ~~has lodged an application for membership.~~

