

# Australian Museums and Galleries Association Annual General Meeting

Thursday 30 July 2020  
12.00 – 12.30 AEST  
Online via Zoom  
(coordinated at National Office, Deakin ACT)

## 2020 Draft Minutes

### 1. Welcome and acknowledgements

President, Robin Hirst, welcomed members and visitors to the AGM, he noted that this is the first AGM held via Zoom, due to COVID-19 pandemic, and acknowledged we were meeting on many Indigenous lands.

### 2. Attendance, apologies and proxies

#### Attendance

Sonya	Abbey	Des	Griffin	Vicki	Northey
Bianca	Acimovic	Penny	Grist	Anna	O'Leary
Margaret	Anderson	Christine	Healey	Jennifer	O'Connell
Kate	Armstrong	Rowan	Henderson	Gavan	O'Connor
Emma	Bain	Robin	Hirst	Jennifer	O'Donnell
Christen	Bell	Andrew	Hiskens	Anna	O'Leary
Margaret	Birtley	Kelly	Holton	Lucie	Paterson
Grace	Blakeley-Carroll	Jennifer	Horder	Nicholas	Reynolds
Shane	Breynard	Marian	Jenkinson	Katrina	Ross
Toni	Burton	Margot	Jolly	Claire	Savage
Eddie	Butler-Bowdon	Lynda	Kelly	Jenny	Scott
Natalie	Carfora	Imogen	Kennard-King	Lee	Scott
Carol	Cartwright	Sandra	Khazam	Cindy	Seeberger
Maria	Cleary	Jane	King	Mary	Sillince
Pauline	Cockrill	Karina	Lamb	Andrew	Simpson
Judy	Coombes	Mirani	Litster	Michelle	Smith
Rachael	Cottle	Tracey	Liu	Gillian	Smith
Jodie	Cunningham	Julie	Lunn	Beverley	Smith
Ros	Currie	Amelia	Marra	Debbie	Sommers
Suzanne	Davies	Alex	Marsden	Jane	Thogersen
Jessica	Davies	Peter	Mascini	Biba	Tominc
Simon	Elliott	Lucinda	McCann	Deborah	Tout-Smith
Lauren	Ellis	Pip	McNaught	Mathew	Trinca
Belinda	Ensor	Craig	Middleton	Leisha	Walker
Katie	Evans	JD	Mittmann	Patrick	Watt
Wendy	Garden	Michael	Moore	Ian	Watts
Roger	Garland	Sarah	Morris	Annette	Welkamp
Richard	Gillespie	Martina	Mrongovius	Linda	Young
Felicity	Green	Ian	Munro	Lynette	Zeitz

## Apologies and proxies

Louise Douglas	Jim McCann	Lyn Gorman
Kate Davies	Jan Hills	Alec Coles
Michael Moore	Robyn Daw	Mark Richardson
Mirna Heruc	Anna Grega	Annette Welkamp
Amanda James	Sue Lostroh	Ian MacLeod
Catherine Manning	Dianne Fisher	Marg Lovell (Proxy)
Suzanne Davies	Gabrielle Hyslop	Sue-Anne Wallace (Proxy)
Jenni Callander	Geoff Moor	Kylie Macey (Proxy)
Deb Sulway	Amy Middleby	David Webster (Proxy)
Wendy Lugg	Kym Matthews	Ashlinn Harty (Proxy)
Georgina Downey	Val Hutch	
Maggi Solly	Linda Bretherton	

### 3. Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2019

*MOTION: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 15 May 2019 in Alice Springs be accepted as a true and correct record*

Moved: Simon Elliott  
Seconded: Carol Cartwright  
Carried – 2 abstentions

### 4. Annual Activities Report (President: Robin Hirst)

Robin Hirst, AMaGA President, reported that the full Annual Report for the year 2019 was available online.

Key Points:

- In the early part of 2019 the Association adopted the new name of Australian Museums and Galleries Association with new brand and logo.
- The Council developed and launched the new Strategic Plan for 2019-2021.
- In response to a desire from members for more Professional Development the Webinar Program was developed with some success.
- The launch of the *First Peoples: A Roadmap for Enhancing Indigenous Engagement in Museums and Galleries* was both a highlight of the national conference and of the 2019 year.
- The national conference held in Mparntwe/Alice Springs attracted over 400 delegates and was a highlight.
- Robin also thanked the members of the National Council for their ongoing support, the National Office and the Branches.

*MOTION: That the 2019 Annual Report be accepted (as distributed electronically, and available on [www.amaga.org.au](http://www.amaga.org.au))*

Moved: Carol Cartwright  
Seconded: Simon Elliott  
Carried

### 5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented, on behalf of Margaret Lovell, by Vice-President Simon Elliott.

The 2019 year resulted in an overall deficit of \$124,846. The 2019 closing equity of the Association is \$280,598 (2018: \$405,444). The deficit result was driven by unbudgeted increases in operating expenses, and highlighted the need for a uniform approach to project management.

The 2019 audit process included a comprehensive review of the Association's financial and reporting systems which will continue through 2020.

A note was made that Donations had been wrongly categorised into the Sponsorship & Philanthropic line, Lee Scott will correct this and resend the Detailed Income and Expenditure Statement for 2018 and 2019.

*MOTION: That the audited financial reports for the year 2019 be approved for lodgement with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission (ACNC)*

Moved: Simon Elliott  
Seconded: Carol Cartwright  
Carried

## **6. Appointment of Auditor for the Association for 2020**

*MOTION: Consistent with item 37 of the Museums Australia Inc. Constitution, that Anthony Wilson be appointed as Auditor for the Association for the year 2020*

Moved: Robin Hirst  
Seconded: Simon Elliott  
Carried

## **7. Any other business**

There were a number of questions from Members:

- *What is the impact of the losses from rescheduling the 2020 conference?*  
There will be losses of approximately \$40,000 which will be reflected in the 2020 financial report, however the Canberra Conference committee is hopeful of recouping some of that loss.
- *What is the main area of overspend during 2019?*  
There was a number of small overspends in the National Office – particularly the hosting of the Galleries Advisory Group at a one day meeting in Canberra which was unbudgeted – which added up, and the use of grant funds in some State Branches further contributed.
- *Is there a strategy for increasing donations?*  
The NO and Branches are always looking to attract donors to our Association (the donations reported in Income statement as nil was incorrect) and the new initiative of the Conference Inclusion Fund has had some success as has Giving Tuesday.
- *As we are now halfway through 2020, how is the Association travelling with regard to finances?*  
Quite well and currently in surplus – partly due to the COVID-19 Federal Government relief of JobKeeper and GST assistance. The budget has been recalibrated to do less and concentrate on the "must dos". Membership is still ticking over, and the Webinar Program has been very successful bringing in revenue.

## **8. Meeting closed at 12.40 pm.** The recording of this meeting will be put up on the AMaGA website in the next couple of days.