Australian Council of Social Service



Minutes of the Special General Meeting, Wednesday 21 August 2019

Startrack House, Level 3, 219-241 Cleveland Street, Strawberry Hills NSW 2012

Chair

Tony Reidy ACOSS President

Attendees

Hang Vo ACOSS Deputy President

Matthew Gardiner ACOSS Director, Queensland Council of Social Service Proxy

Cassandra Goldie ACOSS CEO

Jacqueline Phillips ACOSS Director Policy and Advocacy

Amy Simmons ACOSS Director Operations and Community Engagement

Michael Raper ACOSS Senior Advisor Partnerships

Sepehr (Seppy) Pour Diverse Community and Social Services Australia Inc Proxy

Anna Bacik NSW Council of Social Service Proxy

Amanda Bresnan

David Panter

Petra Hilton

Vanessa Fanning

ACOSS Director, via tele/video conferencing

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Proxies

Megan Lee Australian Pensioners and Superannuants Federation Inc

Kon Karapanagiotidis Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, Inc

Ara Cresswell Carers Australia

Alan Kirkland Choice Australian Consumers' Association

Peter McNamara Good Shepherd Microfinance

Stella Avramopoulos Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand

Claire Robbs Life Without Barriers
Deidre Mackechnie Multiple Sclerosis Australia

Ross Wormersley South Australian Council of Social Service

Lieut Col Lyn Edge Salvation Army Australia Adrienne Picone Volunteering Australia

Apologies

Connie Digolis ACOSS Director, Tasmanian Council of Social Service Peter McNamara ACOSS Director, Good Shepherd Microfinance

Judy Slayter Australian Red Cross

Minutes

Chryl Perry ACOSS

MEETING OPENED 4.34pm

Item	Report and outcomes	Action/Resolution
1.	Welcome	
	The Chair acknowledged the Gadigal People of the Eora nation as the traditional custodians of the land on which we are meeting, and paid respect to their elders past and present.	
2.	Attendance and Apologies	
	The Chair noted that there were 11 proxies to the Chair, with Matt Gardiner, Seppy Pour and Anna Bacik attending in proxy for their respective organisations	



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3.	Background to the special resolutions	
	The Chair provided background to the meeting, noting that the current rules as adopted by the members by Special Resolution on 9 August 2017 were required to be amended to correct some typographical errors, and to clarify the Returning Officer's duties and the Board election process.	
4.	Special resolutions	
	The Chair recommended that the members consider and, if thought fit, pass the following as a special resolution.	
	That the Association:	
	(a) repeals the existing rules and objects in respect of ACOSS in accordance with sections 30 and 33 of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 (ACT) and;	The Show of hands: All Dissent: None
	(b) adopts the rules and objects as set out in Attachment 2 in accordance with sections 30 and 33 of the Associations Incorporation Act as its rules and objects in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the existing rules as set out in the Associations Incorporation Act.	Abstain: None The Chair declared the resolutions passed by 15 votes in favour and none in opposition.

MEETING CLOSED 4.44pm