



MHCDASA AGM Meeting 103

AGENDA

December 3 6.00 pm

Chairperson copy

Venue: Living Choice Function room at 6.00pm in person or by zoom

Present: Committee members - Julie Monis-Ivett, Mary MacFarlane, Jenny Weaver, Shirley Lamb, Sharon Geue, Barb Jones and Susie Clarke.

Guests: Fariba Benia-Willason, Rachel Eagan, Julie Irwin, Tim Geue, Alan Collett, Hui Collett, Doone Winnall, Margaret Parsons, Julie Halifax, Karen Lorimer, Robyn Lesley, Susanne Harris, Keith Harris, Diana Tsiopelis, Erica McQuade, Barb Smithies and guest, Beth MacKenzie, Jill Worthington, Kerrie Kaesler and guest, Rod Klimionok, Michaelsons and guest, Paul Scragg and guest.

Apologies: Steve Ivett, Madhumita Mazumdar, Nikunj Mandlas, Tim Majors, Berna Kim, Yolanda Hass, Mark Hass, Elle Brown, Ivan Lloyd, Janet Scott, Craig Moffat, Peter Buik, Elsa Buik, Mark Yates, Jill Kreis, Cindy, Anne Whittleston, Darren Hassenberger, Richard Holland, Sam Cookes, Hilary Carruthers, Maura Neesom, Nancy Balmer, Shelley Halech, Eva Halech, James Halech, Tha Halech, George Kiroff, Irene Kiroff, Suzanne Green, Dave Green, Janet Ayliffe, and Beth Ogden.

We welcome everyone to our MHCDASA AGM for 2024.

Welcome to country: I begin our meeting by acknowledging the traditional custodians of the Kurna land on which we meet today and pay our respects to their elders past and present.

Welcome our guests and our apologies will be presented to our secretary to record.

Minutes of AGM December 13 2023 were passed at meeting in January 2024

1. Election of Office Bearers: No changes to slate of candidates

Julie Monis-Ivett - Chairperson

Mary MacFarlane - Vice chairperson

Jenny Weaver - Treasurer

Shirley Lamb – Secretary

All candidates have accepted these positions as the executive of MHCDASA as listed.

Move motion: “to accept slate of candidates as presented”.

Julie Irwin is happy to continue as Public Officer

2. Chairpersons Julie Monis-Ivett’s report - as in Annual Report

Motion “to approve Chairperson’s report”

3. Treasurer Jenny Weaver’s report – as in Annual Report

Motion “to approve Treasurer’s report”



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4. Move a motion “To continue appointment of Tim Majors from Lee Green & Co Pty Ltd as our auditor”
5. Annual report presented to meeting. Motion “to approve annual report as presented”

Presentation by guest speaker Dr Fariba Benia-Willason. Fariba is a gynaecologist and recently won the National and State Telstra Best of Business award and AMA Diversity in Medicine award, and is co-founder of Desert Flower South Australia with her daughter Nadia addressing FGM. From persecution under the reign of terror in Iran and her journey to receiving many awards for women’s health initiatives and her humanitarian work with FGM. I invite Fariba to speak.

Presentation by Julie and Jenny on recent DR Congo trip.
Julie on an overview of MHCD’s work and Jenny on MHCD’s journey to sustainability.

I will start the presentation to give some context to what we saw in Congo and what we heard from the people. Our vision in MHCDASA is “To see MHCD communities flourishing, independent and empowered” by building hope and self-sufficiency in the areas served by MHCD.

In Congo after years of terrible war in the Uvira District and beyond, and latterly the incursion of M23 rebels causing havoc, terror, death, rape, and also throw in natural disasters like a volcano eruption and massive floods, this is an enormous challenge. Note currently UN soldiers have left Uvira district as they consider it safe.

I want to give everyone a feel for the situation in Congo where we work and the many aspects of the work by MHCD.

Jenny will close

6. Close of AGM.