

SAVE THE CHILDREN AUSTRALIA (SCA)
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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT: 33 LINCOLN SQUARE SOUTH, CARLTON
ON WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 2019 AT 3.10pm

<u>Board Members</u>	Peter Hodgson (Chair)	
<u>Present:</u>	Jill Cameron	Michelle Somerville
	Karen Harmon	Harvey Collins
	Annabelle Herd	
<u>Members</u>	Margaret Mckay	
<u>Apologies</u>	Gary Oliver (Director)	
	Barbara Knight	
	Helen Lezala	
	Margot Melzak	
	Neita Price	
	Janice White	
	John Mckay	
<u>Attendees:</u>	Paul Ronalds	Chief Executive Officer
	Alistair Brown	Chief Financial Officer
	Mat Tinkler	Director Policy and IP
	Simon Miller	Company Secretary
	Elizabeth Flynn	Company Secretary
	Grace Williamson - Legal Counsel	
	Lisa Hamer - Executive Assistant	

The meeting commenced at 3.10pm.

Welcome

The Chairman began by introducing himself, acknowledging the traditional owners and custodians of the land upon which the meeting was being held, and paying his respects to the elders past and present.

The Chairman welcomed those present and acknowledged SCA's Directors, executive team and staff, as well as Members, thanking them for their commitment to SCA.

1. Minutes of 2018 AGM

The Chairman then officially opened the 2019 AGM and noted a quorum was present. He advised that the minutes of the 2018 AGM had been signed and entered into the Minute Book and that a copy was available for review by attendees.

The Chairman invited questions on the minutes. There were no questions raised. The Chairman formally noted the minutes.

2. Election Results and Introduction of Board Members

The Chairman informed the meeting that a Directors election had been conducted immediately prior to the AGM.



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The Chairman noted that any Director appointed by the Board may hold office only until the next AGM and is then eligible for election at that AGM. The Chairman informed the meeting that Michael White was appointed by the Board in September 2018, and that Gary Oliver and Michelle Somerville stood for re-election. All candidates were endorsed by the Board.

In accordance with the Constitution, a postal ballot was held and the counting of the ballot papers was undertaken on 15 May 2019 by Elizabeth Flynn, the company secretary, as Returning Officer, and Luke Daggian of PwC as scrutineer.

On the basis of the results the Chairman declared all candidates elected to the Board. The Chairman then formally welcomed and thanked the Directors who were at the meeting and noted that all Board members are unpaid volunteers.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave a presentation to the meeting which provided an overview of some of the challenges children around the world faced in 2018.

The Chairman highlighted that SCA is currently celebrating its 100th year – an astonishing achievement for any organisation – and that SCA continues to stay true to its values and vision by responding to the challenges that face the world's children with bold and ambitious initiatives, and by drawing encouragement and inspiration from SCA's founders, Eglantyne Jebb and Dorothy Buxton.

The Chairman gave some examples of innovation at SCA, such as the launch of the Endowment Fund, the Impact Investment Fund, and SCA's commitment to the social enterprise sector.

The Chairman noted that these new approaches to funding will deliver transformative change to maximise SCA's impact for children. In 2018, SCA delivered 37 international programs providing health, education, and protection to children and families, and 51 programs at over 200 sites around Australia.

The Chairman acknowledged the contribution of board members and the executive team and the CEO.

The Chairman offered the attendees the opportunity to ask questions. The Member in attendance asked about SCA's involvement in juvenile justice initiatives, noting that this is an important issue in her local community. The CEO outlined the juvenile justice programs SCA runs in Tasmania and the advocacy SCA is doing around Australia to promote investments in preventative programs and support for young people at risk of offending. The Member thanked SCA for its positive work in this area.

No further questions were raised.

4. Financial Statements and Reports

The Chairman introduced the Treasurer, Michelle Somerville, who reported on the year ended 31 December 2018. The Treasurer noted that the Financial Statements had been signed off by PricewaterhouseCoopers, SCA's auditor, and received an unqualified audit opinion.

No questions were raised.

The Treasurer concluded by asking the Members to formally receive the Financial Statements, the Directors' Report and the Auditor's Report for the year ended 31 December 2018.



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5. Life Membership Presentation

The Chairman announced that there were two new Life Members, both of the Upper Blue Mountains branch.

Gail Metcalfe

The Chairman informed the meeting that as a branch member, Gail has raised awareness of SCA, worked tirelessly for 50 years as a committee member and co-ordinated many fundraising events. Gail has repeatedly been President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Upper Blue Mountains branch. The Chairman thanked Gail for her dedication and generosity of spirit.

Margaret Webb

The Chairman informed the Committee that as a branch member, Margaret has displayed an excellent work ethic, and has been an active part of many fundraising activities for over 45 years.

6. General Business

The Chairman thanked the present Member for her support over the years and for years to come, and thanked all present for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 3.30pm



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