



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
19th November 2021**

MINUTES

DATE: Friday 19th November 2021

WHERE: Zoom Meeting

TIME: 10am – 1.30pm

MINUTE TAKER: Wendy Anders

This meeting was recorded for accuracy.

Attendance and Apologies

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Patricia Waria-Read (Director SA)

Vickey Walgraven (Member)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Christine Ross (Member)

Joslyn Eades Tass (WA Director)

Angela Ryder (Member)

NEW SOUTH WALES

Beverly Collins (Director NSW)

Julie Welsh (Member)

TASMANIA

Bianca Templar (Director TAS)

Mary New (Member)

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Karen Parter (Chair, ACT)

Lea House (Member)

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Tanyah Nasir (Director NT)



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Barbera Nasir (Member)
Joanne Nasir (Member)
Ngarla Monks (Member)
Janon Betty (Member)

QUEENSLAND

Sandra Creamer (CEO NATSIWA)
Kadie Asskov (Member)

TORRES STRAIT ISLAND

Sasau Mills (Member, phone)
Kathleen Jilla (Member)

VICTORIA

Jessica Bennett (Director VIC)
Wendy Anders (Staff, Member)

STAFF PRESENT: Sandra Creamer (CEO), Wendy Anders (Senior Project Officer).

APOLOGIES:

Michelle Elwell (WA Member)
Rena Stanton (NT Member)
Jacinta Elston (ACT Member)
Malina Saunders (ACT Member)
Tanja Hirovenan (Director QLD)
Shelee Kartinyeri (SA Member)
Karen Glover (SA Member)
Regina Turner (TSI Director)



Welcome

Chairperson's Welcome:

Karen welcomed everyone to the NATSIWA AGM 2021.

Karen Parter acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the lands we are all meeting on and payed respect to Elders past, present and emerging as they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hopes of Aboriginal and Toress Strait Islander People across Australia. Karen also thanked the women who have allowed us to work with them to bulid their capsity and empower them to build better lives.

Item 1. Confirmation of Quorum

Quorum has been achieved.

Item 2. Confirmation of previous AGM Minutes.

Moved Patricia Waria Read, seconded Tanyah Nasir that Minutes of AGM 2019 – 2020 held on June 18th, 2021, are true and correct.

This AGM was held over due to Covid 19.

Item 3 Business Arising from Previous Minutes.

No Business arising.

Item 4 Financial Report

Financial Audit Report was presented and spoken to by Sandra Creamer. We were successful in our tender for continued funding for next 3 years.

Angela Ryder requested clarity around the distribution of the Audit report to members. How do members approve the Audit report if they do not have a copy? Angela felt that it was very unusual for members to accept an audit report when they have not sighted it and would like us to check what the requirements are for sending out the AGM reports.

Sandra advised that we post it on our webpage and send out to members if they request it.

Sandra will seek further clarity about the rules regarding sending out the Auditors report.

NATSIWA reports can be found on the ORIC Website. We post our reports at end of December.



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Moved Patricia Waria-Read (SA), Seconded Sassau Mills (TI). That NATSIW Audit Report for July 2019 -June 2020 Be accepted. Carried.

Item 5. Chairperson Report

Karen commenced as Chair in June 2021 at the AGM in Alice Springs. It has been a very busy time since then, we were lucky to be able to hold our AGM in Alice at that time.

Karen thanked Christine Ross for her time a chairperson, she is such a valuable member, and we acknowledge all the work Christine has done for NATSIWA and we wish her all the best for the future.

We had two new members join us on the board Joslyn Eades -Tass from Western Australia and Tanja Hirovenen from Queensland.

Karen thanked Sandra for the hard work she has been doing and the work she has achieved over the last 12 months. Karen thanked the staff, Wendy, Kadie and Rebecca for the support given to the Directors and the Women we work to support.

Item 6. Reports

Sandra Creamer spoke to the CEO Report.

- Sandra thanked Karen for the support she has provided to both herself as the CEO the Board and to the Staff and Members.
- We have done a Webinar about DV Orders. This explained how to fill in a DV form, and how important it is to correctly fill in these forms, as well as women's rights within the Law.
- We have had a lot of women contact us on various different Issues. One particular issue is around workplace Issues.
- We have had to hold a lot of Webinars and Zoom Meetings as well as well as Factsheets during the year.
- We have been working with SKY Orange, Sandra attended their meeting and suggested they go to Alice Springs. Wendy went with them and introduced them to organisations and communities.
- We thank Marrawah Law and Westpac, for their support with our business workshops.
- We thank American Express and Rare Birds. We were able to access scholarships for our members.



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- We have been working regarding Child Placement. Women are receiving breaches due to not been able to meet their court order requirements due to Covid 19. This impacts of this can have long term effects regarding women having their children returned to them in the future. I have really been speaking out about this issue.
- We have held several Business meetings around Australia. We will be looking to host further meetings in the future.
- As you know our people love their animals and AMRRIC has been unable to go out to communities due to Covid - 19. This has huge impact on the health and wellbeing of people when dogs get sick. I have worked to get them back in the communities.
- We worked with a lady from Santa Theresa who made a complaint to the Dept of Housing as she had sewerage in her house for days. Karen and I worked with her, and she has won her complaint against NT Housing.
- Wendy and I Have been working with 6 women who were forced to withdraw from university due to Covid – we were successful in getting them back into their courses.
- We have been on several panels; I spoke at the National Summit.
- We have been working with the Respect Work Task force.
- We have been working with Modii Body, Workplace Gender Equity, and DV “Say no More”.
- I thank Wendy and Rebecca and the board, it’s been a very busy year.

Item 7. Other Business

Patricia Waria Read (SA Director):

Thank you to Wendy for her patience and support.

Thank you to Sandra for the hard and diligent work as well as Karen as chair. Karen has done an excellent job and I hope she stays on as chair.

Karen (chair) thanked the Board and reminded that Directors positions are not paid positions.

Vickey Walgraven (SA Member)

Acknowledged Aunty Pat the South Australian Director for her the amazing work she does in a voluntary capacity for South Australia, I wish to thank NATSIWA CEO and each and every woman who has worked to put NATSIWA where it is today. I always look forward to the newsletter and information put-on the Facebook page, website and sent out. Whenever I’m out doing my advocacy work, I always give NATSIWA a plug. NATSIWA is doing some amazing work.

Karen thanked Vickey and everyone for their kind words and support of NATSIWA.

Appointment of Auditor: No changes to the Auditor for 2022.



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Item 8. Conclusion and Date of next meeting.

Annual General Meeting was closed at 1pm

Next AGM will be held November 2021 date to be advised at later time.