

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of TRANSPLANT AUSTRALIA LIMITED

Held at 6.00pm on May 29, 2017 at St. Vincent's Clinic Lecture Room, Level 4,
438 Victoria Street, Darlinghurst NSW 2010

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies include: Tricia Kavanagh, Alan Amodeo, Antony Harding, Julie Edwards, Margaret Hill, John Purdy, Barbara Lee, Sandra Walton, Clayton Walton, Jeff Sewell, Felicity Nolan, Chandana Guha

2. Present

Jason Ryan, Josh Moyes, Chris Thomas, Jan Wall, Jeremy Chapman, Richard Allen, Matthew Maddocks, Holly Tyrrell, Heather Edgell, Ian Atkin, Murray Rose, Joanne Rose, Jessica Younan, Matty Hempstalk, Helen Haynes, Rachel Saffron, Brooke Huuskes

3. Minutes of Previous AGM

Copies of the minutes of the previous AGM had been posted on the company's website and further copies were available to the attendees.

Moved: Matty Hempstalk moved to accept the minutes of the previous AGM

Second: Richard Allen

Motion Carried

4. Chairman's Report

- No greater success than the record number of donors in 2016 – 503 donors saving the lives of 1,447 Australians
- Transplant Australia plays a strong advocacy role to Government and has been supportive of the reform program. That support is paying off with more lives saved every year.
- We have also been successful in putting the Organ Donor Register back on the government's agenda and we are pleased this year's Budget announced that an improved online register would be operational by December 1, and
- We are pleased the Government has extended the living donor support program
- I would like to acknowledge the role Professor Jeremy Chapman and Chris Thomas have played on Advisory Council of the Organ & Tissue Authority. Let's trust the new board is able to provide the type of advice they have been afforded over the past few years.

Closer to home

- I want to acknowledge the success of last year's Australian Transplant Games in Western Sydney. To all the volunteers who helped make it a great event, thanks. And to our staff, Chris and the team, and especially Julie Edwards who seems to be part of the fabric of Transplant Australia, thank you. A fitting recipient of the DonateLife Award.
- In particular, Jessica, the Board wants to acknowledge the work you did in achieving the media coverage for the Games. Some 369 articles, more than double than that achieved in Melbourne. Of course to all those athletes who participated in the media program thank you.
- It was wonderful to have the NSW Governor, David Hurley as the Patron of the Games.
- The launch of the Australian Transplant Football Club was another notable achievement. This was the inspiration of Matty Hempstalk who has now joined our staff full time, another success story
- We are building our member services under our strategic plan and we look forward to seeing the results of the work undertaken by Chandana Guha on our 'living with a transplant' program

On a global scale

- I want to acknowledge the work our CEO is undertaking as the President of the World Transplant Games Federation. Last year saw the Federation sign an agreement with the International Olympic Committee and that work will positively flow into every member country, including Australia.
- Good luck to the 118-strong team heading to Malaga next month for the World Transplant Games. And I am really pleased that Richard Allen will be attending as a director.

Directors

- I would like to acknowledge three new directors to Transplant Australia tonight. They will be accepted shortly.

1 – James Reilly – James is an influential businessman and Business Development Manager working with ABN Newswire and has been helping our 2020 Strategic Group for the past six months. He has excellent connections with the top 100 companies in Australia. James received a kidney transplant 18 months ago and he has become a passionate advocate of Transplant Australia. James is a member of the Australian Team to the World Transplant Games in Malaga, Spain.

2 – Rachel Saffron – Rachel is the Strategy and Business Manager, Platform and Investments, for BT Financial Australia. She has been a Company Secretary for many divisions within the Westpac and BT group while in her personal capacity she is the Company Secretary for the Commando Welfare Trust. Rachel was recommended to us by Josh Moyes.

3 – Holly Tyrrell – Holly is currently the National Participation Manager at Water Polo Australia and has held roles with Surf Life Saving and Equestrian Australia. With her sports management background Holly is passionate about growing the role of sport and physical activity in specific communities, in particular the transplant community. Holly has received two corneal transplants and talks passionately about the transformation of her sporting life achieved from the gift of life.

Motion: Matthew Maddocks moved to accept the Chairman's report.

Seconded: Heather Edgell seconded.

Motion Carried.

5. Chief Executive Officer's Report

As you know the year 2016 was a record year for organ and tissue donation. A total of 503 Australians became organ donors.

Even more impressive is the fact that these donations translated into 1,448 Australian receiving the gift of life. It was just 10 years ago when the annual average number of recipients was around the 600 mark. Of course this exponential growth brings with it challenges. Transplant units and their staff are run off their feet with no traditional downtime to recover. On one hand it is nice problem to have but the people caring for our recipients in turn need care.

Over the past 10 years Transplant Australia has conducted a number of member surveys and they provide a great reality check to help an organisation to pause and reflect on what it is doing right and what can be improved? Earlier this year our new National Membership and Sports Administrator, Matty Hempstalk, conducted a community survey to gauge what members want from their Transplant Australia? Many of the themes from members in this latest survey have been reflected before and it is clear members are looking for greater support from their organisation.

As our donor rate continues to improve, and more and more Australians receive a transplant, I wonder whether there is in fact a correlation between recipients feeling out in the wilderness and the fact that our wonderful transplant units have less and less time to spend with their patients?

Matty and I have had many conversations about these issues over the years and I was always impressed with his dedication to kidney patients through Kidney Health Australia. It seemed not a weekend would go by that he wasn't flying somewhere to run a support group meeting.

Everyone at Transplant Australia is thrilled to have him as part of the team. We have recently adopted a new membership strategy and this will address many of the issues outlined by members in the survey. Some of them will require funding, such as a 1800 helpline but developing support chapters in local areas and a mentoring program are low-cost items that will have a big impact.

I can also announce tonight that Helen Haynes has joined us as a fundraising consultant. Helen brings not only professional fundraising skills to Transplant Australia but worked with Marks Cocks some 20 years ago on the World Games in Sydney while having also worked on the British Transplant Games. It means that within our office we have two recipients, a living donor, a carer and a donor family member. I think we can genuinely say we are connected to the cause.

It is 10 years since I joined this wonderful charity. It is an ideal opportunity to reflect on what has been achieved and what more needs to be done. Our advocacy work and help in raising the overall numbers of donors in that period would I hope receive a very positive mark. Increasing donation rates is undoubtedly the great outcome for which we can strive.

Maintenance and growth of the transplant games and ensuring they remain relevant to governments has also produced great results.

However the support of recipients through their journey remains unfinished business.

To help achieve that we have an ideal organisation that is represented by many hundreds of people who have given great service and time over many years. Transplant Australia has emerged as a broad 'church' representing recipients, paying respect to donors and living donors, and providing a support network for all of those touched by transplantation.

As we enter this next phase of support, I would like to thank all those who have made Transplant Australia what it is today. Our directors, those who have served in state committee roles, those who have worked on transplant games committees in all the various host cities, the staff who have worked tirelessly, the life members, some of whom are no longer with us, and most importantly, the everyday members who make up this organisation. Thanks for your support.

Motion: Jeremy Chapman moved to accept the CEO's report.

Second: Brooke Huuskes seconded.

Motion Carried

6. Presentation of Financial Report

Ian Atkin presented the Finance Report for year ended – December 31, 2016

This report is in respect of the Income Statement and Balance Sheet for inclusion in the company's Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2016:

The company's audited financial statements for the 2016 financial year disclose a net loss of \$43,178.

Income for the year was \$1,090,715 as compared to \$774,235 in the previous year and is indicative of 2016 being Australian games year. Key points to note are:

1. The organisations major fund-raising initiative (Santa for a Day) did not proceed for the 2016 year. With resources and efforts being focused on preparing for, and then presenting the Australian Transplant Games valuable preparation time was lost in the lead up to the planned event.
2. Federal and State government funding is again a significant contributor to the funding of the organisation with \$525,461 being received from this source. In addition there is an amount of \$116,415 shown on the balance sheet as deferred income which will be brought to account in the 2017 financial year.
3. Income from donations is significantly higher than in previous years due to a significant bequest being received.

Expenses for the year were \$1,133,893 as compared to \$836,271 in the prior year. This again is indicative of the games being held.

With respect to the balance sheet the organisation continues to hold most of its assets in cash with the significant liabilities being Deferred Income \$116,415 and Employee Provisions \$93,762.

Motion: Josh Moyes moved to accept the Treasurer's report.

Seconded: Murray Rose

Motion Carried

7. Confirmation/Appointment of Directors

The following Directors were nominated for appointment:
Richard Allen, Rachel Saffron, Holly Tyrrell and James Reilly.

The following Directors to retire:
Alan Amodeo, Tricia Kavanagh and Josh Moyes.

Motion: Ian Atkin moved to approve re-appointments of the nominated Board Directors.

Second: Joanne Rose seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

8. Re-appointment of Auditor

Ian Atkin formally welcomed Doug Wood, from Foster Raffan, as observer and thanked him for his involvement.

Doug Wood, on behalf of Foster Raffan, confirmed their willingness to continue as the auditors for 2017 but advised there would be a transition to retirement by June 2019 and that YCG Accountants and Auditors would be taking over the practice.

Moved: Moved by Jeremy Chapman to re-appoint Foster Raffan to be auditor for the coming year.

Seconded: Jessica Younan seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

9. General Business

Chris Thomas thanked the three retiring Directors. He also thanks Doug Wood and Foster Raffan as well as Ian Atkin in the office. Chris acknowledged St Vincent's Clinic for the use of the lecture room.

10. Minutes Silence

The group was silent for a minute in remembrance of Organ and Tissue Donors and Recipients.

11. Closure

The Annual General Meeting closed at 7.00pm.

Signed as a true record of proceedings:

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Chairman