



Transplant Australia Annual Members Update Minutes 2025

LOCATION: Zoom

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday 30 October, 2025 at 7.00pm

ATTENDANCE: **Directors:** Petrina Coventry (Chair), Chris Thomas, Michelle Daley, Colin Liebmann, Heidi Monsour, Rohit D’Costa, Lisa Gavin, Georgie Irish

Staff: Jo O’Farrell, Ian Atkin, Angela Cairns, Dan Grant, Kate Clark, Julie Edwards, Vivienne Lee

Members: 38 attended online

APOLOGIES: Lelah Bahari

1. Proxies

Proxies to Julie Edwards: Emmy O’Neill, Margaret Hill and Bernie Morellini

2. Previous Minutes of 2024 AGM

Professor Petrina Coventry moved a motion that the minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 1 October 2024 are accepted. The members approved the Minutes. (21 For: 0 Against).

3. Chairman’s Report

I am sure everyone has reviewed the Annual Members Report.

A few points I would like to emphasise, mainly about the progress being made to improve organ and tissue donation and transplantation in Australia:

We are proud of the work we have contributed to helping improve donation in Australia. Support from the community is paramount if we are to give Australians more access to life-saving transplants.

More work needs to be done.

There is a new national strategy approved by all state governments and the Commonwealth last November but yet to be funded. Encouraging the government to get on with this is a priority.

We have a role to highlight the inequities in transplantation – Indigenous Australians, people from different ethnic backgrounds and those from rural and remote Australia, all have challenges accessing transplantation.

I am concerned about the gender bias in transplantation. Women are more likely to become living donors but less likely to receive a transplant. And Australia must place greater emphasis on new technologies.

It was wonderful to attend the Games in Canberra last year and meet so many inspiring people. The Games will always remain our flagship. But with the inequities in transplantation for so many people, our role as a strong advocate is more important than ever.

Finally thank you to my fellow directors, in particular Michelle Daley who has stepped down for family reasons, our hardworking staff and everyone in the community who gives so generously to this wonderful cause.

4. CEO's Report

Thank you Petrina and thanks for your voluntary contribution as Chair of Transplant Australia.

Our Strategic Plan continues in the areas of advocacy and storytelling, active lifestyles and education and support.

Our vision is for everyone with a transplant to live life well.

Earlier this year our advertising agency conducted a series of focus groups exploring how we can better help those living with a transplant and their carers and supporters.

The feedback confirmed this strategy plan and our transition from a purely sports-based health charity to a fully fledged support charity helping people on the entirety of their journey.

There are unmet needs for education, mental health support and peer support. That is our focus.

And it is clear if we offer help in these areas – our community responds. You only have to look at the success of the education seminars held this year and last in WA and South Australia. This is the model we are expanding across the country.

Our role is greater than turning up years after a transplant and simply joining in the celebration. We have a mandate to be there when people need it the most.

That's why we are evolving. A transplant is for life and we at Transplant Australia are HERE FOR LIFE – to help recipients, those waiting, carers, living donors and the families of donors.

Of course we take great pride in our flagship program, the Australian Transplant Games. Yes, it is getting harder to deliver these Games. The deficit Ian will refer to is due to an unexpected decision by the ACT Government not to support last year's Canberra Games. We were pleased to still be able to deliver a high quality event and I would like to thank the staff who worked so tirelessly, literally beyond what is expected, to ensure the Games' success. We are in deep discussions with the Tasmanian Government for next year and look forward to providing more details soon.

We can't do this without you and i would like to thank:

The Board and Staff

Our State Committees and the Football Club

Our Advisory Groups

5. Presentation of Financial Report for year ended 31 December 2024

Ian Atkin, Finance Manager, presented a report on the annual financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Deficit - \$373,177 (2023 Surplus \$205,616)

Total Revenue - \$1,300,290 (2023 \$3,402,848).

Key revenue items are:

- Sponsorships \$718,667 which relate to the Australian Transplant Games, the football world cup and Transplant Active.
- Grants received from the Australian Sports Commission which relate to our ongoing annual support from the Commission.
- Donation revenue which included significant contributions from the Second Chance Golf Day, The Orange Ball and the Queensland Golf Day.

Total Expenditure - \$1,673,467 (2022 \$3,197,232)

Key expenditure items are:

- Employment and consultants which increased over 2023 and is a result of additional resourcing required in relation to the management of the Transplant Active Programs
- Expenses incurred in relation to the Australian Transplant Games
- Sporting and support programs
- State and member support

Total Assets - \$1,083,278 (2023 \$903,590)

Total Liabilities - \$887,160 (2023 \$334,295)

Equity - \$196,118 (2023 \$569,295)

Key points to note:

- The decrease in equity is reflective of the deficit for the year
- The organisations assets are primarily in cash either held in National Office accounts or State accounts.
- Included in current liabilities is Deferred Income of \$616,926 (2023 \$159,990) and is income which will be brought to account in future years.
- These financial statements have been audited by the company's auditor Mr. George Vourantonis. who, during his audit found no matters of concern and has formed the opinion that the statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the company as at the end of the financial year.

Petrina Coventry moved a motion to accept the Finance Report for the year ended 31 December 2024. The members accepted the Finance Report. (24 For: 0 Against).

6. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

The summary of Amendments to the Constitution were presented.

Section	SGS	Current Clause	Expected Standard
Director Independence	4.4	5.7	All elected and appointed directors are independent and have no conflicts.
Elected and Appointed Director Mix	4.6	5.2	The board has 21-40% appointed directors
Director Exclusion Period	5.3	5.3(d)	The organisation has a minimum period of 3 or more years before a former director is eligible to re-join the board.
Finance, Audit & Risk Committee	6.1	Not codified	The organisation has a Finance, Audit and Risk Committee (or equivalent) but does not operate under an agreed terms of reference
Conflicts of Interest	6.4	5.7	The organisation has a constitution which: • defines appropriate ineligibility criteria for individuals holding positions or interests which may conflict with the NSO/D • requires the maintenance of a register of conflicts

The members adopted the proposed amendments to the company's Constitution.
(25 For: 0 Against).

7. Confirmation/Appointment of Directors:

Current Directors – Professor Petrina Coventry, Chris Thomas, Dr Rohit D'Costa, Colin Liebmann, Heidi Monsour, Dr Georgina Irish

Ms Michelle Daley and Ms Lisa Gavin resigned as Directors of Transplant Australia Limited effective at the date of this meeting.

Petrina Coventry moved a motion seeing reappointment of the below current director. The members confirmed the re-appointment.

- Dr Rohit D'Costa – The members confirmed the re-appointment. (25 For: 0 Against).

8. Re-appointment of Auditor

Professor Patricia Coventry moved a motion to ratify the re-appointment of Mr George Vourantonis as Transplant Australia's auditor. The members ratified the re-appointment of the Auditor.
(23 For: 0 Against).

9. General Business

The Chair responded to a question from the membership stating the matter had been covered in the Finance Report.

A moment's silence was held to remember those who had passed in the last 18 months.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Chair

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