

## MINUTES OF CEWA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 1 December 2022 at 9.30am

Richmond Wellbeing

29 Manning Road, Cannington

### 1 Welcome / Attendance / Apologies / Acknowledgement of Country

**Attendance:** Neil Guard (CEWA), Gordon Trewern (People Kind Group), Fiona Beermier (Ngala), Lorraine Keane (Holyoake), Louise Giolitto (WACOSS), Susan Rooney (SVDPPWA), Charlie Brown (VPYA), Justine Colyer (Rise), Allison Leonard (Valued Lives), Adrian Munro (Richmond Wellbeing), Carol Daws (Cyrenian House), Kelda Oppermann (Zonta House), Melissa Perry (Communicare), Tricia Murray AM (Hope), Sam Drury (St Barts), Ian Carter AM (Ex-Melville Cares), John Knowles (360 Health), Tim McDonald (The Y), Peta Wootton (FWHC), Francis Lynch (Solariscare), Coralie Flatters (NDSWA), Ethan James (WANADA), Evan Nunn (Accordwest), Chris Hall (Juniper), Jennie Gray (WLSWA), Caroline Thompson (CSWA), Donna Rendell (Asthma WA), Nicole Jolly (Neami), Anthony Smith (Mercycare), Robyn Fitall (Koolkuna), Nicky Howe (Southcare), Justin O'Meara Smith (Interchange), Sharon Gough (Indigo Junction), David Naughton (Enable WA), Debbie Cameron (Pat Giles Centre), Felicite Black (WHFS), Ross Kyrwood (former CEWA director), Jane Chilcott (Linkwest), Jo Sadler (Wanslea), Johanna Cook (4LifeSkills), Raj Thethy (Youth Focus), Sue Budalich (Mission Australia), Sue Ash AO (former CEWA director), Susanna Wee (RAWA), Andrew Hall (PICYS), Alison Kelly (Therapy Focus), Tara Eastep (SECCA), Chelsea McKinney (Community Legal WA), Ella Dachs (Alzheimers WA), Amanda Lovelock (Ngala), Louise Johais (Ngala), Susannah Robertson (HCCWA), Louise Forster (Advocate), Mark Fuderer (Anglicare), Kim Brooklyn (Parkerville), Mel Every (FCAWA), John Bouffler (CEWA). 57

**Apologies:** Tony Pietropiccolo AM (Centrecare), Michael Chester (Uniting WA), Anna Presser (EverAbility), Sara Kane (Circle Green), Mark Gummer (Astley Care), Sheila McHale (director 'Y'), Renea Lavell (Silverchain), Michelle Jenkins (Community Vision), Maria Davison (Melville Cares), Michael Piu (St Pats), Lisa Dobrin (WAAC), Julie Waylen (Diversity South), Joe Calleja (Former CEWA director), Ian Neil (Pivot), Debra Barnes (SHQ), Danielle Newport (RAWA), Dan Minchin (Chorus), Arthur Papakotsias (Youth Focus), Angie Paskevicius (360 Health), Amanda Hunt (54 Reasons), Alison Evans (CWSW), David Armstrong (Cahoots), Dev Singh (4LifeSkills), Jill Rundle (WANADA), Jennifer Hannan AM (CAFAWA), Peter SIRR (former CEWA director). 26

2 **Mr Mike Rowe (Director General, Department of Communities) and Ms Jodi Cant (Director General, Department of Finance)** were the guest speakers prior to the formal Annual General meeting, and after an interview, participated in a Q&A session. Melissa Perry gave a vote of thanks.

3 **Chair:** Neil Guard, welcomed everyone to the AGM and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which we met.

### 4 Apologies

Noted and listed above.

### 5 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 11 November 2021

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2021.

Moved Fiona Beermier, Seconded John Knowles. Members unanimously supported the motion.

There was no business arising.

## **6 Chair's Report**

The Annual General Meeting was addressed by Neil Guard.

Neil Guard's presentation covered the Chairperson's report as presented in the 2021/22 annual report. Thanks were also expressed for the support of Rob Holmes, who retired as a director of CEWA in August 2021, and for Evan Nunn in filling the casual vacancy. Acknowledgement of the good work of the retiring Executive Director after 10 years was noted.

Adoption of the Chairperson's Report was Moved by Melissa Perry and Seconded Fiona Beermier. Members unanimously supported the adoption.

## **7 Financial Report**

Neil Guard on behalf of Amanda Hunt, CEWA Secretary, presented the financial statement for the year ending 30 June 2022. The financial position of CEWA remains sound thanks to the ongoing support of members. The external audit review was unqualified.

Adoption of the Financial Statements was Moved by Gordon Trewern and seconded by Mel Every. Members unanimously supported the adoption.

## **8 Appointment of Auditors**

It was recommended that Dry Kirkness be re-appointed as CEWA Auditors for 2022/23.

Appointment of Dry Kirkness acting as auditors was Moved by Fiona Beermier and Seconded by Jo Salder. Members unanimously supported the re-appointment.

## **8 Executive Director's Report**

John Bouffler provided a summary of the Executive Director's report, as presented in the 2021/22 Annual Report.

Adoption of the Executive Director's Report was Moved by Carol Daws and Seconded by Andrew Hall. Members unanimously supported the adoption.

## **9 Returning Officer's report on CEWA board election**

Neil Guard and Amanda Hunt re-nominated for the respective roles as President and Secretary of CEWA and being the only nominees for those roles, retained those positions.

CEWA received 8 nominations for the 7 vacant board roles and conducted a ballot. We received 72 completed eligible ballot papers and the directors elected for the next 4 years are:

Justine Colyer  
Merinda March  
Dan Minchin  
Evan Nunn  
Melissa Perry  
Susan Rooney  
Gordon Trewern.

Co-opted directors are Louise Giolitto and Kelda Oppermann.

The Chair thanked all successful board nominees and thanked outgoing board member Carol Daws for her 4 years of excellent service as a great advocate for the AOD sector.

**10 General Business**

There was no General Business.

Thanks were expressed to Richmond Wellbeing for hosting the AGM.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 11.20am.

**Accepted as a True and Correct record of the minutes of the meeting**

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**Neil Guard**  
**President**

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**Date**