



MEETING MINUTES

First Nations Advocates Against Family Violence – Annual General Meeting

At Port Lincoln Hotel, Port Lincoln, SA

15 October 2024

1. Welcome to AGM and Acknowledgement of Country by Wynetta – 9:45am start meeting
2. Tribute – 1 minute of silence in recognition of those who have lost their lives to violence
3. Code of Conduct
 - As part of today’s meeting, FNAAFV is committed to promoting freedom of expression, open communication and asking of questions, however we also expect all Board, staff and members to follow members to:
 - Treat other members and the Directors with respect and dignity, and
 - To not behave in a way that significantly interferes with the operation of the corporation or the corporations meeting
4. Quorum – conducted at 9:49am
 - Wynetta asked if there was a quorum
 - Quorum was confirmed with 13 members present, each service has 1 vote
5. Attendance
 - Aboriginal Family Legal Services Queensland: *Kathleen Wincen and Emma Jones*
 - Aboriginal Family Legal Services WA: *Corina Martin and Gail Dodd*
 - Binaal Billa FVPLS: *Jade Acheson and Sarelle Dwyer*
 - Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Unit: *Phynea Clarke, Carol Smith, and Jordan Smyth*
 - Djirra: *Amy Moore, Anne Lenton, Antoinette Braybook, and George Selvanera*
 - Family Violence Legal Services Aboriginal Corporation SA: *John Tonkin and Tosha Sambo*
 - Many Rivers FVPLS: *Julie Perkins and Rodney Hetherington*
 - Marninwarntikura Women's Resource Centre: *David Couri and Lauren Reed*
 - North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Service: *Cindy Torrens, Lee Vanderwarker, and Rachel Hill*
 - NPY Domestic and Family Violence Service: *Heather Smith and Grace McCabe*
 - Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service: *Wynetta Dewis, Thelma Shwartz, and Kulumba Kiyingi*
 - SiS Tasmania: *Jake Smith and Tyne McConnon*
 - Warra Wara Legal Service: *Nicholas Sharke and Melissa Calliss*



- FNAAFV Staff in attendance: *Kerry Staines, Priya Devendran, Lianne Brown, Marlo Slavin, Jennifer FitzGerald, Jenny Thompson, Kari Greenswag*

6. Apologies

- Thiyama-li: *Denise Ranby and Christopher Picone*
- Update: Denise and Chris (Thiyama-li) arrived at 9:53am due to travel disruptions
- Total services present now 14

7. Proxies

- No proxies submitted

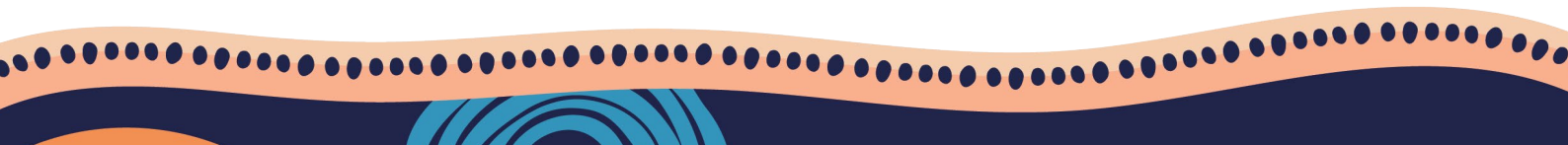
8. 2023 AGM Minutes

- No previous minutes as no previous meeting

9. Chair's Report – Wynetta acknowledged the work Antoinette Braybrook, Phee Clarke along with others that undertook previous work voluntarily on behalf of the sector. Thanked the Interim Board for the support over the last year.

10. Annual Report

- Kerry presented the Annual Report
- This report covers up until the end of June 2024, and it captures many of the activities that have been undertaken this year. You will see in the report:
- The full story of the amazing artwork by Nikita Herd which highlights beautifully connection to our mission, country and the journey to healing.
- From this art piece we engaged Yirra Miya who have developed the FNAAFV branding such as, logo and Cultural elements to support how we share our story and who we represent. You will see this all on page 12
- Incorporation (all the new registrations, constitution, charter, policy and procedures, interim board, growing the team)
 - Vision and Mission
 - Strategic Plan, Strategic Priorities 2024-2029
 - Name change is still an ongoing education piece
- Engagement
 - With Members and understanding their needs
 - Building and establishing the new roles with external Stakeholders
- FNAAFV Team & Roles now a team of 7 with Aunty Jenny joining the team last month.
- Building team culture (all work from home),
- implementation framework and actions of the strategic plan completed
- You have the report to read at your leisure and would love for you to share your thoughts on this first annual plan at any stage over the next two days. I will talk you through how we are working to meet the strategic priorities.
- Provided overview of FNAAFV Strategic Priorities, updates, and what those updates encompass.
 - There are 47 activities that fall out from these three priorities.
 - Kerry gave some examples of what falls under strategic priorities, and we also report to the Board on a regular basis about the strategic plan.





- Ultimately all our work is to support our members and ultimately support to create safer communities for our families.
- Corina moved to accept, Antoinette seconded
- Carried at 9:57am

11. Financial Report

- Wynetta presented the FNAAFV 2023-2024 financial report
- Questions:
 - Antoinette asked about the \$9,947 marketing and communication expenses. The response was that the figure was primarily due to rebranding, setting up all the media contacts was due to marketing, rebranding costs
 - Antoinette asked about the amount paid for professional fees and services expenses of \$181,000. The response was that it accounted for audit fees, IT services, NOUS and SVA consultancy for projects, and administration fee from QIFVLS.
- David moved to accept, Corina seconded
- Carried at 10:01am

12. Elections for FNAAFV Board of Directors

- The Chair (Wynetta) called for a vote by ballot and called for volunteers.
- John volunteered to facilitate the elections
- David volunteered to be scrutineer
- Election began at 10:05am; Wynetta thanked Interim Board and vacated all Board positions
- John began facilitating the election process; 4 directors were up for nomination from the nomination committee: Wynetta Dewis, Phynea Clarke, Corina Martin, and Kathleen Wincen.
- All nominated persons presented briefly about themselves.
- John outlined ballot procedure (KG to add cut and paste in from Chairing notes).
- Votes were collected by David and Kari, counted, and results provided to John
- All 4 candidates were endorsed by each receiving 14 votes by 14 member services represented.
- John read out that all nominated directors were elected as directors of the Board of FNAAFV.
- Result: all nominated persons were endorsed; Wynetta, Phee, Corina, and Kathleen are the duly elected Directors of the Board for FNAAFV – at 10:14am

13. Appointment of Auditor and Fee

- Wynetta presented the three auditors who had provided the best quotes to audit FNAAFV for the 2024-2025 financial year
 - BDO; quoted fee of \$10,000+GST
 - Grant Thornton; quoted fee of \$17,500+GST
 - McConachie Stedman; quoted fee of \$9,000+GST
- Some discussion about who each of the auditing companies were



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- Kathleen moved to accept **McConachie Stedman**, Antoinette seconded
 - Carried at 10:19am; McConachie Stedman is the 2024-2025 FNAAFV auditor; to be notified
14. Wynetta concluded meeting and thanked members for taking their time

Meeting closed at 10:20am

