



2023 AGM Minutes

Saturday 14th October, 2023 at 1:30pm
Treacy Centre, Parkville, VIC

1. Acknowledgement of Country by Elaine McLeish
2. Welcome and [apologies](#) by Elaine McLeish
3. Quorum count taken, including [attendees](#) (in person and online) and [proxies](#). Thanked the Consultant group for their support in reaching a quorum.
4. Approval of Minutes from [2022 AGM](#)
Resolution:
That the Minutes of the 2022 AGM be accepted as a true and accurate record.
Moved by Elaine McLeish, Seconded by Roslyn Neilson, passed.
5. [President's Report](#) presented by Elaine McLeish. Discussed the onboarding of new staff, Hema Desai as the Education Manager and Dr Sherree Halliwell as the General Manager. Talked about the direction of LDA going forward and the development of the strategic plan. She also announced that LDA is currently at the highest membership level on record and thanked all members of the council for their contributions. Mentioned the preparation of the submission to the Victorian Enquiry into State Education.
6. [Treasurer's Report](#) presented by Iain Rothwell, including Financial Statements, Independent Auditor's Report and Certificate. Thanked Elaine for her support throughout the year. Confirmed that financial records are maintained as required and talked briefly about the report and audit statement. Iain talked about the onboarding of staff, outlined reasons for the deficit and how LDA is planning to move forward including the strategic plan. This includes membership increase and increased strategic PD. Opened for questions, none asked.
Resolution:
That the financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2023 as audited pursuant to the requirements of section 97 of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act and submitted to the Annual General Meeting, be received and approved.
Moved by Iain Rothwell, Seconded by Elaine McLeish, passed.

7. [General Manager's Report](#) presented by Dr Sherree Halliwell. Sherree also talked about her previous experience in education and the workplace as a dyslexic and how different it is to be working for LDA. She also talked about the strategic plan, development of a benevolent fund, membership value, cross promotion of events with other organisations, and plans for future PD and fundraising.
8. Elaine Mcleish announced the 2023-24 council and presented recognitions of service for Jacinta Conway and Melanie Henry.
9. Announcement of Awards:
 - a. **AJLD Eminent Researcher Award** Emeritus Professor Kevin Wheldall AM
 - b. **LDA Tertiary Student Award** Elvira Kalenjuk
 - c. **LDA Tertiary Student Award Highly Commended** Dr Shae Wissell
 - d. **LDA Bruce Wicking Award** Julie Mavlian
 - e. **LDA Mona Tobias Award** Julie Phillips
 - f. **LDA Rosemary Carter Award** Ann Ryan
10. Announcement & Presentation of Honorary Life Memberships to Emeritus Professor Kevin Wheldall AM and Dr Roslyn Neilson. Dr Robyn Wheldall accepted on Kevin's behalf and Ros made a short speech.

AGM closed at 2:08pm

AWARDS CEREMONY

Presentation of Awards to recipients.

- a. **AJLD Eminent Researcher Award** presented to Emeritus Professor Kevin Wheldall AM by Jessica May of Taylor & Francis, and accepted by Dr Robyn Wheldall.
- b. **LDA Tertiary Student Award** presented to Elvira Kalenjuk by Dr Alison Madelaine.
- c. **LDA Tertiary Student Award Highly Commended** presented to Dr Shae Wissell by Dr Alison Madelaine.
- d. **LDA Bruce Wicking Award** presented to Julie Mavlian by Eleanor McMillan.
- e. **LDA Mona Tobias Award** presented to Julie Phillips by Eleanor McMillan.
- f. **LDA Rosemary Carter Award** presented to Ann Ryan by Anne Bellert.

Appendix

Apologies

Alison Clarke
Pamela Snow

Attendees

Name		
Elaine McLeish*	Alecia Beahan	Judith Hudson
Geoff Ongley*	Amanda McDiarmid	Judith Raisbeck*
Robyn Wheldall*	Betty Brooks	Kate Hopkins
Iain Rothwell*	Bronwyn Taylor	Kathryn Olsen
Stephanie Murphy*	Candice Macqueen	Katrina Kelso
Jacinta Conway*	Christine Sinopoli	Kirsten Agius
Eleanor McMillan*	Clare Iacono*	Kristin Anthian
Alison Madelaine*	Elvira Kalenjuk*	Lindy Cox-
Erin Rollason*	Heather Hannock	Louise Sheldon
Laura Glisson*	Heather Ronngard*	Maureen Wickham-Kenneday
Anne Bellert*	Heidi Gregory	Meredith Davies
Felicity Brown*	Jennifer Buckingham	Robyn Monaghan
Siobhan Merlo*	Jennifer Deyzel	Rosalinde Lane
Molly de Lemos*	Jenny Vanderzweep	Roslyn Neilson*
Diane Barwood*	Joan Pilbeam*	Roslyn Tuia
Ann Ryan*	Joy Robson	Suzanne Elliott
Kevin Wheldall	Juanita Lee	Wendy Ashton-Smith
Mim Davidson*		

Proxies

Member	Proxy
Marg Young	Eleanor McMillan
Alison McMurtrie	Robyn Wheldall
Jan Roberts	Elaine McLeish
Vikki Kuzmanoski	Elaine McLeish
Tsaketas-Robertson	Elaine McLeish
Kathleen Pearce	Diane Barwood
Coralie Leong	Diane Barwood
Allyson Kop	Felicity Brown
Julia Thiele	Felicity Brown
Christine Lisov	Felicity Brown
Natalie Brass	Kate Hopkins
Ange Wiseman	Kate Hopkins

Jane Gagiero Long	Kate Hopkins
Sandra Brady	Amanda McDiarmid
Anne Pringle	Heather Ronngard