



NRWC General Meeting of Directors – All Directors

Minutes

Notice was given that the National Rural Women's Coalition Ltd
Directors General Meeting
will be held Monday 15th April 2024
Zoom
1:00pm AEDT (NSW/VIC), 12:00pm (QLD), 12:30pm (SA)

Business

Meeting opened by Jan Clifford OAM at: 1:06pm

- Welcome -
- Acknowledgement of Country – by Jan Clifford
- Attendance – Jan Clifford, Karen Holder, Jacqueline Brotherton, Wendy Hick, Jo Stewart Rattray (1:08)
- Apologies – Nat Sommerville, Nicole O'Reilly, Dr Mel Bournnell
- Observers -
- Secretariat - Keli McDonald & Gay Quelch

1. Minutes

Minutes of last General Meeting of the Board held the 12th of February 2024 - **Appendix 1**

Motion “Minutes from the General Meeting of the Board held on 12th February 2024 be accepted”

Moved: Jacqueline Brotherton

Seconded: Karen Holder

2. Actions from the Minutes

Appendix 2

See Attachment – As per Action Sheet

3. Correspondence

Appendix 3

- TWAL- NRWC CEO Keli McDonald to Participate as a speaker at the TWAL 2024 “Living The Dream” conference 30th May to 1st June 2024
- The Hon Brendan O’Connor MP – Australian Apprenticeship Incentive System - Invitation to participate in Strategic Review consultations that will occur between March and September 2024.
- Women’s Health Council – 2024 Women’s Health Summit: Invitation to participate as a speaker.
- Future Female Entrepreneurs Expert Panel – Invitation to join the Independent Expert Panel for the Decadal Plan for Future Female Entrepreneurship and Business

Any questions on any of the correspondence?

4. Finance Report

Appendix 4

Finance Report tabled by Treasurer Jacqueline Brotherton.
Jacqueline and Keli to discuss any issues of interest to the Board.

Discussion: See how much it would be to print 10 book copies.

Motion. “The Finance Report be accepted”

Moved: Jacqueline Brotherton

Seconded: Wendy Hick

Carried

5. General Reports

Appendix 5

5.1 President’s Report – Verbal

5.2 Company Secretary Report & Governance Committee Report – Natalie Sommerville

Minutes from meeting held 18/3/2024 tabled.
Policy for Endorsement: Previous Past President – attached.

Motion: The Immediate Past President Policy is endorsed by the NRWC Board

Moved:

Seconded:

5.3 CEO Report – Keli McDonald

- See Attachment

5.4 Social Media - Report provided

5.5 Rural Regional and Remote Communication Coalition (RRRCC) – Wendy Hick

March Meeting – concern around 3G shut down. Concerns a lack of understanding the impact of close down.

Telstra has provided a way to check you can see if you Phone is 4G compatible.

A number of areas don't think that they have 4G coverage.

Submission – into 3G shutdown being worked on.

NBN – has been improving their Skymesh plus packages.

ACTION: Gay to set up a meeting Wendy/Jo/Keli regarding NRWC Submission

Directors discussing the issues of reduced connectivity in RRR.

Call for any evidence that people have of service issues

Women on the oceans also experiencing connectivity issues

Continuity of service along national highways – the Bruce Highway QLD

5.6 CSW68 – Jo Stewart Rattray

Delighted to see Tech paragraphs in – we are apart of the road to gender equality for the next five year. For every three males jobs that will be lost due to AI there will be seven women's jobs

Met with Mary Wooldridge – WEGA

Met With Sex Discrimination Commissioner Anna Cody

Met with OFW delegates

Jo met with the Minister for Women at the Embassy meeting.

5.7 CEDAW – Keli McDonald

5.8 Submission – Keli McDonald

- National Skills Passport
- Early Childhood and Education and Care

Available for reading: [Submissions - National Rural Womens Coalition \(nrwc.com.au\)](https://nrwc.com.au/submissions)

Any Other Reports?

6 Date for next Director's Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday 11th June 2024

Time: 1:00pm (AEDT)

7 Any other Business

7.7 NRWC Portal - all Directors can now access

Any other business?

8 Meeting Closed

Time 1:54pm