



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 9th September 2024

Zoom

4pm AEDT (ACT/NSW/QLD/VIC), 3:30pm SA

Invited: Jan Clifford OAM, Karen Holder, Jacqueline Brotherton, Wendy Hick, Jo Stewart Rattray, Nat Sommerville, Nicole O'Reilly, Dr Mel Boursnell.

Business

- Open & Welcome – Cr Jan Clifford OAM – 4:02.pm
- Acknowledgement of Country - Cr Jan Clifford OAM
- Attendance – Jan Clifford, Karen Holder, Nicole O'Reilly, Wendy Hick, Jacqueline Brotherton (poor internet connection), Jo Stewart Rattray (joined at 4.09pm)
- Apologies – Nat Sommerville
- Absences
- Secretariat - Keli McDonald & Jess Davis

1. Minutes

Appendix 1

Motion "Minutes from the General Meeting of the Board held on 11 August 2024 be accepted"

Moved: Melanie Boursnell

Seconded: Jan Clifford

Carried: Passed by all

2. Actions from the Minutes

Appendix 2

See Attachment – As per Action Sheet

Action plan has had a lot of work done to it.

Moved: Melanie Bournnell

Seconded: Nicole O'Reilly

Carried: Passed by all

No additional actions

3. Correspondence

Appendix 3

Any questions on any of the correspondence?

Melanie – Where are we at with application on Sports Grant?

Keli - Have not heard anything yet and no announcements made yet. There is also currently lots of chatter around alliances and funding moving forward.

Keli - Dr Mel attending meeting on behalf NRWC on 11th Sept in Sydney on Forced Marriages

Motion *"Correspondence is accepted"*

Moved: Melanie Bournnell

Seconded: Jan Clifford

Carried: Passed by all

4. Finance Report

Appendix 4

Treasurer to discuss engagement of new Auditor

Finance Report tabled by Treasurer Jacqueline Brotherton. This was unable to occur due to poor internet connection so Keli below update

- Finance meeting is going to be held tomorrow 10th September
- Auditor has been engaged, initial meeting went for an 1hr, portal has been set-up, auditor wanted to understand process, seeking proof of payments, deep dive into contracts with OFW , site all bank statements
- OFW Budget V's Actual – update provided for July and August 2024. Shall be provided as part of monthly finance report moving forward for next few months

Motion *"The Finance Report be accepted"*

Moved: Jacqueline Brotherton

Seconded: **

5. General Reports

Appendix 5

5.1 Member Organisations Reports – Verbal – update from each Member Organisation on current advocacy focus areas

NRHA Nicole O'Reilly – National Conference to be held in Perth next week. AGM to be held at the end of September. Stepping down as chair and off board for NHA. NRHA Constitution has being changed recently. Parliamentarian of Health – meet with politicians. Success with Community IMOP Grant (Innovative models of care) Membership base has grown to over 55 members.

ALGWA Jan Clifford – AGM to be held shortly, some states in election mode (NSW, WA and maybe TAS), most effort put into program for election of women, setting up mentorships.

WiSA Karen Holder – AGM 10th Sept in Hobart as part of larger conference. Power Up Breakfast is sold out. Looking forward next big plan is strategic plan and communications

AWIA – apology

TWAL – connectivity issues so no report

5.2 President's Report – Verbal

Canberra Delegation 12-13 August – thank you to Keli for organising.
AgriFutures National Rural Women's Awards – 20 August – outstanding recipient

Thank you to Independent Directors – Thank you to all for input and insights

Special acknowledgement of Jo Stewart Rattrays six years of service to the NRWC – been through thick and thin, held many positions, work with young women outstanding through mentoring and writing programs, Jo has been a wonderful backtop to Jan

Announce Jo and Leonie shall be ambassadors for NRWC

MOTION The inaugural invitation of Ambassador to the National Rural Women's Coalition be made to Leonie Noble and Jo Stewart Rattray. The terms of the offer to be within the NRWC Ambassador policy. This offer reflects the dedication and understanding of the national Rural Women's Coalition that these to women possess.

Moved: Jan Clifford OAM

Second: Melanie Bournsell

Carried: Passed by all – support from all board members “Unanimous”

5.3 Governance Committee Report – Natalie Sommerville

Natalie not present so no report

5.4 CEO Report – Keli McDonald - Verbal

Last week we did breastfeed chat with four rural women and very successful. Keli felt outreaching worked better in this instance as once people asked, they were willing to help.

Also working on Beijing +30 review – currently on weekly meetings. NRWC contributed 3 different elements – food security, water security, women in emergency and disaster preparation. First draft should be presented in next few weeks and Keli shall share with directors when can.

Have applied to attend a meeting in Bangkok, unsure spending/grant shall allow this moving forward. Keli feels this would be a great opportunity and place where voice can be heard.

CEDAW also bubbling away in back ground. Over word count so working on this.

Few people coming into YRRRAP and networks growing.

Canberra was busy. Did get some pushback but handled it well. Different personalities helped connect with politicians better. Meeting with OFW was good and good to meet new team members. Afternoon tea with alliances was fruitful.

CBA – are progressing this. Are not allowed to record the webinar. Need 6 weeks lead time so pushed back launch start.

Action plan – policies and procedures – add this as a sub attachment to meeting moving forward and can show working through these regularly

5.5 Social Media –

- Circulated with papers

Have upped our game in August. Followers increased.

Largest comment/likes etc. - Canberra – solar farm at Wellington – conversation starter and this exploded.

Independent Director Add – drawing people to website and having a look around.

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

The group has put in expression of interest in – TIO Taskforce and was successful.

Need a better system in RRR for access

ACMA and NBN Future planning.

Looking forward to having a meeting soon to consolidate information.

Spread word on Regional Tech Hub – Wendy asked could we promote on socials platform.

Transition to 4G now pushed back to End of October.

Any Other Reports?

5 Date for next Director's Board Meeting

6.1 The next meeting will be the AGM, 14 October 2024 11am ACT - Member Orgs

Time required is 11-2 pm to consider all three meetings

6 Any other Business

Any other business?

Reminder for any outstanding report to be in ASAP – all going to Graphic Designer on Wednesday

AGM – invited all current independent directors and all member orgs to AGM.

Melanie – has a meeting from 1pm – 3pm on 14th Oct.

Keli to clarify meeting times for AGM etc. in advance. Noting daylight savings.

Work plan – emerging issue round table. What does this look like for NRWC?

- Melanie – concerned about infrastructure, technology and accessibility. Can we dovetail this in with health. Shifting services online is only ok if have sustainable internet connections.
- Wendy – main topic of health but I would not want it to take away from overarching topic and then have subsets so nothing takes away from something else.
- Nicole – think about an election strategy. Play on “emerging” Digital health space. Maybe find a speaker from this area.

Nicole O'Reilly 4:45 PM

Northern Australian Regional Digital Health Collaborative
<https://nardhc.org/>

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- Jan – affordable housing, domestic violence, comms, health

Keli to flesh something out and bring it back to board.

Jan has requested if any other ideas please email through to Keli

Jo left the call at 4.46pm

7 Meeting Closed

Time 5.06pm