

Minutes of PODC AGM 17th March 2022

Attendance

Mark Burfield	President	✓
Maria Fresta	Treasurer	✓
Chi Yhun Lo	Secretary	✓
Suzie Robertson	Ordinary Committee Member	✓

Fleur Henderson	Executive Officer	✓
Roxanne David	Project Manager	✓
Kellyanne Rosalion	Administration and Communications Officer	✓
Michelle Bamber	Governance and Finance Consultant	✓
Ann Porter	Aussie Deaf Kids (guest)	✓

Previous minutes

- The previous minutes were moved by Maria and seconded by Suzie.

President's Report

- Mark's report can be found in the attached document "PODC AGM 2022 – President's Report". (Appendix 1)

Executive Officer's Report

- Fleur did not provide an Executive Officer's Report.
- Fleur raised concerns regarding the committee but did not provide specific details.

Treasurer's Report

- Maria's report can be found in the attached document "PODC AGM 2022 – Treasurer's Report", and "PODC AGM 2022 – Signed Financials". (Appendix 2)
- The Treasurer's Report was moved by Chi and seconded by Suzie.

Committee Position Nominations

- Suzie was successfully nominated as President.
- Maria successfully nominated as Treasurer.
- Chi and Mark were successfully nominated as Ordinary Committee Members.
- The Secretary position remained vacant, and the committee flagged this would likely be filled by hiring a professional Secretary in the interim.

Appendix 1

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 17 March 2022

Ten years ago this month, this organisation originally known as the Federation for Junior Deaf Education from 1961 and then the Parent Council for Deaf Education from 1989 held a major event to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary and also rebranded as the Parents of Deaf Children (PODC). I was President at that time (from 2009-2012). I became President again in December 2017, with the honest expectation that core funding would cease in 2018, and PODC would need to transition or wind up within a few months. To my surprise, core funding continued to now, but will almost definitely cease at the end of June 2022.

PODC did successfully apply for a two-year ILC Grant in September 2020 – now extended to the end of 2022 due to COVID, and more recently successfully applied for a substantial one-off short-term grant to be expended by the end of June 2022.

So we are again faced with a very uncertain future beyond December 2022, and as always our ongoing viability continues to be dependent on the ability to attract funding and/or to collaborate, partner, or merge with like-minded organisations.

Grant funds are being applied to a raft of projects and activities, and these will escalate as the limitations from the COVID pandemic progressively dissipate. Also, more human resources are being engaged to deliver and support.

To this end, our long-serving Executive Officer, Fleur Henderson, has been joined in recent months by Administration and Communications Officer, Kellyanne Rosalion, bookkeeper and governance consultant, Michelle Bamber, IT project consultant, Sean Watharow, and just this week a new Project Officer commenced, Roxi David. I thank them all for their specific contributions.

I also recognise with deep appreciation the dedication and investments of my fellow committee members - Chi Yhun Lo (who stepped up as Secretary and has continued to facilitate Junior Science Camps for children who are deaf or hard of hearing), Maria Fresta (Treasurer), and Suzanne Robertson, along with others who contributed on the committee over part of the last year: Laura Fox, Jessica Kirkegard and Darlene Thornton.

After over four years as President on this occasion (well beyond my expectation), I will be step down from this role, though I am willing to stay on the committee if required.

I wish our members, supporters and representatives of related entities who engage with PODC all the best for 2022.

Mark Burfield

President

Appendix 2

Parents of Deaf Children - Treasurer's Report - 30 June 2021

The audited reports at 30 June 2021 show funding received this financial year as follows:

Department of Social Services - Individual Capacity Building (ICB ILC) funding of \$146,200

NSW Government Department of Communities & Justice – Social Sector Transformational Fund (SSTF) funding of \$20,000

NSW Government Department of Communities & Justice -Disability Advocacy Funding (TAFS) of \$118,235

Total Funding of \$284,435, which compares favourably to the prior year funding of \$114,214.

In addition, we received ATO Cash Boost of \$10,000 and \$8400 from Job Keeper 2.

Total expenditure was \$139,403 compared to \$126,463. Expenditure was lower as a percentage of funding as it was difficult to organise events and programs due to COVID-19.

Profit was \$169,879 compared to \$11,370 last year.

The bank account balance is \$181,060. Net assets balance is \$170,165 compared to \$287 last year.