

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Meridian Incorporated

Wednesday 27 November 2024, 5:00pm-6:30pm

Midnight Hotel, 1 Eloura St, Braddon ACT 2612 and Microsoft Teams

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The President (Andrew Robertson) acknowledged the traditional owners of the land, past, present, and emerging.

The President (Andrew Robertson) also recognised the contributions and legacy of LGBTIQ+ and HIV leaders.

2 INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The President (Andrew Robertson) opened the meeting at 5:00pm and welcomed everyone attending in-person and online.

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Members Present:

Richard Allen	Brendan Taber	Nikolaas Kostraby
Joshua Anlezark	Wayne Herbert	Deborah Simpson
Jodie Bateup (Teams)	David Momcilovic (Teams)	Andrew Robertson
David Bengier	C Moore	Matthew McCormack (Teams)
Peter Black (Teams)	Philippa Moss (Teams)	Peter Leek
Marcus Bogie	Cameron Darling (Teams)	Kate Molinari
Leon Buker (Teams)	Robert Henderson	Jay Moran
Kathy Ehmann	Alexander Hood	Luka Musicki
Jodie Vaile	Yvonne Korn (Teams)	Minerva Ni
Anthony Smart		

Apologies:

Brendan Smyth	Kim Malcolm	Melanie Cantwell
Jane Malcolm	Darlene Cox	Kevin Schamburg

In attendance:

Scott Harlum	Kate Phu	Josephynn Tran
Kathy Ehmann	Sally Wooldridge (Minutes)	

4 PETER ROWLAND MEMORIAL ADDRESS

The 2024 Peter Rowland Memorial Address was delivered by Mr. Scott Harlum, President, National Association of people with HIV Australia.

5 CANDIDATES FOR ELECTED BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS

The President (Andrew Robertson) introduced Marcus Bogie in his capacity as Returning Officer.

Candidate statements for Elected Board Member positions were read to the meeting by Marcus Bogie.

Following the reading of the Candidate Statements, Voting Members cast their ballots.

6 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 22 NOVEMBER 2023

Resolution: That the minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 22 November 2023 be accepted.

Moved: Wayne Herbert Seconded: Richard Allen CARRIED

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising.

8 PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS

The President (Andrew Robertson) provided the President’s Address.

Resolution: That the President’s Address be accepted.

Moved: Tony Smart Seconded: Peter Leek CARRIED

9 PRESENTATION OF THE 2023-24 ANNUAL REPORT

The CEO (Joshua Anlezark) presented the 2023-24 Annual Report.

Resolution: That the 2023-24 Annual Report be accepted.

Moved: C Moore Seconded: Minerva Ni CARRIED

10 PRESENTATION OF THE AUDITED 2023-24 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITORS REPORT

The President (Andrew Robertson) presented the audited accounts.

Resolution: That the audited 2023-24 Financial Statements and Auditor’s Report be accepted.

Moved: Peter Black Seconded: Minerva Ni CARRIED

11 APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR FOR 2024-25

Resolution: That Hardwickes be appointed as auditor for 2024-25.

Moved: Tony Smart Seconded: Brendan Taber CARRIED

12 ANNOUNCEMENT AND ENDORSEMENT OF THE FOUR (4) ELECTED BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION

The Returning Officer, Marcus Bogie, announced the successful candidates as being: Matthew McCormack, Andrew Robertson, Jodi Vaile and Peter Black.

13 CLOSE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The President (Andrew Robertson) called for any questions.

C Moore asked if the board were continuing to co-opt members? The President (Andrew Robertson) then introduced Peter Leek, a Chartered Accountant who brings expertise in financials as well as lived experience as a LGBTQI+ person with a disability.

C Moore is also a coopted member and introduced themselves to the meeting as being a non-binary person with a disability.

The President (Andrew Robertson) thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 6:30pm.