Voices of the Top End Incorporated

Annual General Meeting

6.00 pm – 7.00 pm Monday 6th October 2025

2/ 1 Travers Street, Coconut Grove NT

Draft Agenda

1. Welcome to attendees and acknowledgement of country
2. Apologies
3. Committee Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Auditor's Report
6. Election of Management Committee

- Chairperson
- Vice-Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Six general committee members

7. Proposed special resolutions: To rescind the resolution below passed at the 2024 AGM

Motion: "That the Constitution of the Association be amended to change the name to Voices of the Territory Inc"

Motion: "That the Association's logo, website, emails, social media and all communications be updated with the new name"

8. Other Business

-Appointment of Public Officer

Guest speaker - Dr Andrew Klassen, PhD Political Science, ANU

Voices of the Top End Annual General Meeting

6 pm on Monday 23 September 2024
Casuarina Library Community Meeting Room
17 Bradshaw Terrace, Casuarina

Minutes

Acting Chair: Cath McLeish

Minutes: Louise Harrison

Members Present: Gabe Smith, Jacqui Taylor, Louise Harrison, Phil Scott, Cath McLeish, Deb Hall, Andris Bergs, Robyn Liddle, Dave Liddle, Kathie Chappell (online), Julie Fraser (arrived 6.30pm).

Appointment of Proxy - Sarah Katz (Jacqui Taylor)

Observers Present: Emma Fitzsimmons, Justine Davis (arrived 6.30pm)

Apologies: Nil

1) Welcome to all and Acknowledgement of Country.

2) Purpose of this meeting and an overview of the steps taken to get to here.

   That the minutes of the AGM foundation meeting held in February 2023 be approved. Moved: Dave Liddle Seconded: Robyn Liddle. Carried.

3) Cath McLeish outlined a brief history of VoTE including development of our vision, purpose and values; the KTCs and community engagement report launch; all of our collective contributions; the post-election celebration for volunteers and What's Next webinar.

   That the chair's report be approved. Moved: Deb Hall, seconded: Andris Bergs. Carried.

4) Robyn provided an outline of the audited financial reports for 2022-23 and 2023-24.

That the audited financial reports for 2022-23 and 2023-24 be approved. Moved: Robyn Liddle; seconded: Louise Harrison. Carried.

5) Election of members to positions on the committee until the next AGM: David Liddle managed the election of committee members.

   Chairperson – Cath McLeish
   nominated by Robyn Liddle, seconded by Louise Harrison, carried unanimously
   Vice-Chairperson – Gabe Smith
   nominated by Robyn Liddle, seconded by Louise Harrison, carried unanimously
   Secretary – Louise Harrison

nominated by Robyn Liddle, seconded by Cath McLeish, carried unanimously

Treasurer – Jacqui Taylor

nominated by Louise Harrison, seconded by Cath McLeish, carried unanimously

Six general committee members –

Phil Scott

nominated by Louise Harrison, seconded by Cath McLeish, carried unanimously

Sarah Katz

nominated by Louise Harrison, seconded by Phil Scott, carried unanimously

Kathie Chappell

nominated by Cath McLeish, seconded by Louise Harrison, carried unanimously

There being no further nominations, the appointment of the above committee members was carried unanimously.

6) Proposed special resolutions to amend the constitution.
Cath outlined the proposal for the special resolutions and the reasons for the proposal. Andris Bergs expressed concerns about the proposal and the reasons for the concerns.

Motion *"That the Constitution of the Association be amended to change the name to Voices of the Territory Inc".* Moved by Cath McLeish, seconded Jacqui Taylor. Supported by 9; 3 against.

In future it may be useful for us all to consider 'what would it take?' for us to reach a consensus on a point of difference.

Deb raised concerns re spreading ourselves too thin across the Territory & doing it well in the Top end before spreading our wings to the entire Territory.

Motion *"That the Association's logo, website, emails, social media and all communications be updated with the new name."*

Moved by Cath McLeish, seconded Jacqui Taylor. Supported by 9; 3 against. Carried.

7) Appointment of Public Officer – Phil Scott

nominated by Louise Harrison, seconded by Phil Scott, carried unanimously.

8) Next steps: Continue these conversations.
9) Thank you and meeting close

Meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

Meeting minutes confirmed as true and correct:

Catherine McLeish

Meeting chair
Date 23/9/2024

Voices of the Top End

ACTIVATING DEMOCRACY

FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I, _____

of _____

being a member of the Voices of the Top End, hereby nominate

_____

as my proxy to vote on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Voices of the Top End to be held on Monday, 6 October 2025 and at any adjournment of that meeting.

Signed by the Member: _____

Witness: _____

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2025

Please return to the Secretary via email address admin@voicesofthetopend.com.au

Committee Nomination

Positions

- **Chairperson**
- **Vice-Chairperson**
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer**
- **Up to six general Committee Members**

Public Officer: Unless elected directly as a separate office holder, the Committee must appoint one committee member to be the Association's public officer.

I wish to nominate for the following position(s):

_____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Nominated by:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Nomination seconded by:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____