

RESEARCH AUSTRALIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

18 November 2021 | 9.30am – 10.00am

By Zoom

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<p>1</p> <p>Chair's Welcome</p>	<p>The Chair declared the AGM open at 9.30am, delivered an Acknowledgment of Country and noted those in attendance including the newest members of Research Australia, Sydney Health Partners and Sydney Local Health District, together with apologies and proxies received.</p> <p>Director Apologies: Professor Melissa Little Professor Mary Foley AM</p> <p>Directors in attendance: Associate Professor Annette Schmiede, Chair Professor Dawn Freshwater, Deputy Chair Ms Nadia Levin, Managing Director Mr Peter Wills AC Mr Warren Bingham Mr Martin Bowles AO PSM Professor Nicholas Fisk Associate Professor Greg Kaplan Ms Jenny Morawska Dr Andrew Nash Professor Brian Schmidt AC FAA FRS</p> <p>Others in attendance: Ms Maeve McCarthy, Company Secretary Kevin Beck, Pacific Accounting</p> <p>Members in attendance: Professor Angela Dawson, UTS Professor Michael Good, Griffith University Tegan Cox, Brain & Mind Centre Professor Susan Dodds, La Trobe University</p>

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	<p>Jeppe Theisen, Novo Nordisk Dr Ana Svensson, Novo Nordisk Ms Nicole Pitcher, BioMelbourne Network Professor Mike Calford, Hunter Medical Research Institute Professor Carl Kirkpatrick, Monash University Dr Claudia Giurgiuman, Wesley Medical Research The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson, AARnet Angus Griffin, AARnet Ms Simone Yendle, ACTA Professor Mike Ryan, Monash University Nicole Philippson, Edith Cowan University Victoria Bowring, Sanfilippo Children's Foundation Assoc. Professor Vicki Taylor, Sydney Local Health District Penelope Vogelzang, Sydney Local Health District Mariam Damen, Sydney Local Health District Professor Janette Perz, Western Sydney University Professor David Irving, Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Lynette Round, Bupa Health Foundation Assoc. Professor Angela Todd, Sydney Health Partners Monica Ferrie, Genetic Support Network Victoria (GSNV) Professor Bing Wang, Charles Sturt University Dr Shanny Dyer, ARCS Australia Professor Jacques Oosthuizen, Edith Cowan University Dr Alison Butt, UNSW Simone Flanagan, St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research Jonathan Smithers, Arthritis Australia Professor Chris McConville, Deakin University</p> <p>Research Australia team in attendance: Ms Sabrina Stone, Executive Assistant to CEO and MD Ms Lucy Clynes, General Manager Mr Greg Mullins, Head of Policy Ms Mia Calabritto, Government Relations Officer Ms Peta Garrett, Senior Government Relations Advisor</p> <p>Proxies received: Professor Chris McConville for Professor Iain Martin, Deakin University Professor John Lynch for Professor Benjamin Kile, University of Adelaide Chair for Professor Peter Schofield AO, Neuroscience Research Australia</p>
<p>2 Chair's Address</p>	<p>The Chair noted that a quorum was present and proceeded to extend her thanks to her fellow Directors for their advice and support during the year with particular thanks to Professor Dawn Freshwater as Deputy Chair and also acknowledging new director Professor Brian Schmidt AC FAA FRS.</p> <p>The Chair went on to acknowledge the work of the Board Sub-committee Chairs, Associate Professor Greg Kaplan, Ms Jenny Morawska and Professor Russell Gruen and also thanked those Directors who participated in the judging of the Research Australia Awards.</p> <p>The Chair noted that 2021 marked 20 years since the establishment of Research Australia building to a solid and credible source of policy and funding advice representing Members across the research pipeline. The COVID-19</p>

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	<p>Pandemic had created a once in a lifetime opportunity to strengthen the health research sector and the Research Australia team, led by CEO Nadia Levin, had worked tirelessly and relentlessly to engage government and funders to this end. The Chair observed that the Pandemic had also exposed some fragility of Australia's research infrastructure and caused disruption to universities and their research activities. This had led to a recognition of the need for a longer-term restructure of Australia's research funding framework driven by an overarching strategy for co-ordinating investment.</p> <p>The Chair then invited Research Australia's Managing Director Nadia Levin to address the meeting.</p>
<p>3 Managing Director's Address</p> <p>Directors' Reflections on 20 years</p>	<p>The Managing Director thanked the Chair, Deputy Chair and fellow Directors for their support and advice during another challenging year. Thanks were also extended to Research Australia's accounting team, company secretary and the team at AARNet for their pro bono support.</p> <p>The Managing Director then highlighted a number of Research Australia successes and achievements during the year, noting in particular the efforts of the spectacular Research Australia Team who had gone above and beyond in advocating for the sector and Research Australia members as well providing incredible support for the CEO and the Board. The Chair then invited some of the directors to share their reflections on their involvement with the organization over the past 20 years.</p> <p>Peter Wills reflected that Research Australia continues to do incredible work building the case for public investment in health and medical research together with private investment in translation of that research.</p> <p>Brian Schmidt observed that there are lessons to be learned from astronomy which has a very cohesive voice because it is 'at the bottom of the pecking order'. He advocated strongly for a focus on a unified whole of sector voice and strategy that avoids special interests and pointed to the all-encompassing role Research Australia has in this regard.</p> <p>Andrew Nash echoed the need for a single voice to address issues that impact the diverse membership – whether singly or across the sector. CSL recognizes Research Australia as a valuable partner in collaborating on influencing policies and outcomes and its credible, whole of sector view on these matters.</p> <p>The Chair then made some remarks on behalf of Mary Foley. Telstra Health is a committed member of Research Australia because it is a unique organization bringing together the diversity of organisations across the research sector. Going forward there would be increasing use of digital technology with huge potential and Research Australia's role in drawing together some of the opportunities to ensure a cohesive direction is part of its mandate, including through drawing on expertise of its members in this particular domain.</p> <p>Dawn Freshwater observed that Research Australia's role was to achieve actionable insights, for example in relation to the future health and medical workforce. She recognized and enjoyed the fact that the organization understands that its audience is not its membership but rather society at large.</p>
<p>4 Minutes of</p>	<p>The Chair proposed that the minutes of the AGM held on 3 December 2020 be adopted. Ms Jenny Morawska seconded the motion which was put to a vote by</p>

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previous AGM	a show of hands and with no votes against was declared carried unanimously.
<p data-bbox="150 241 370 362">5 Adoption of Annual Accounts</p> <p data-bbox="150 474 370 537">Ordinary Resolution #1</p>	<p data-bbox="395 241 1433 403">The Chair noted that the organisation's finances were in a healthy state. The financial statements, including the Directors' and Auditor's report, had been audited by KPMG who were thanked for almost two decades of pro bono service to Research Australia. This was very much appreciated, and the Chair thanked KPMG Director Cameron Slapp and his Division for their support.</p> <p data-bbox="395 474 1433 604">There being no questions, the Chair proposed that the Audited Financial Statements, Director's Report and the Auditor's Report be adopted and put the motion to the vote by a show of hands and with no votes against was declared carried unanimously.</p>
<p data-bbox="150 649 370 770">6 Re-appointment of Directors</p> <p data-bbox="150 810 370 873">Ordinary Resolution #2</p> <p data-bbox="150 1518 370 1581">Ordinary Resolution #3</p>	<p data-bbox="395 649 1433 770">The Chair noted that in accordance with clause 11.4.1 of the Constitution, three (3) retiring directors were eligible for re-election by rotation in accordance with clause 11.4.3. She then handed over to the Managing Director to deal with the first of these.</p> <p data-bbox="395 810 1433 940">Associate Professor Annette Schmiede Questions were invited and there being no questions the resolution was put to a vote by a show of hands and with no votes against was declared carried unanimously.</p> <p data-bbox="395 981 1433 1012">The Managing Director then handed back to the Chair.</p> <p data-bbox="395 1048 1433 1178">Associate Professor Greg Kaplan Questions were invited and there being no questions the resolution was put to a vote by a show of hands and with no votes against was declared carried unanimously.</p> <p data-bbox="395 1218 1433 1348">Professor Nicholas Fisk Questions were invited and there being no questions the resolution was put to a vote by a show of hands and with no votes against was declared carried unanimously.</p> <p data-bbox="395 1384 1433 1482">The Chair then noted that in accordance with clause 11.5 of the Constitution there was one (1) director appointed in 2021 who was eligible for election in accordance with clause 11.5.2.</p> <p data-bbox="395 1518 1433 1648">Professor Brian Schmidt Questions were invited and there being no questions the resolution was put to a vote by a show of hands and with no votes against was declared carried unanimously.</p>
7 Other Business	No other business was raised prior to or during the meeting.

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8 Close	There being no other business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending, wished everyone a healthy and safe holiday season and said that she was looking forward to working with everyone in the new year. Meeting closed 10:09am.
