

CoMHWA Special General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 29th May 2024

CoMHWA Training Room – 14/275 Belmont Avenue, Cloverdale

Chair: Mike Anderson

WELCOME

CoMHWA Board Director Mike Anderson opened the 2024 Special General Meeting at 5.00pm.

Mike welcomed all Board members, CoMHWA members and guests present, special guests, provided an explanation of housekeeping and provided a quick rundown of the agenda for the SGM.

Mike welcomed Dr Melissa Russell who gave an Acknowledgement of Country and Charles Foster for the Recognition of Lived Experience.

Mike then welcomed our guest speakers Dr Mad Magladry, Deputy CEO and Advocacy Manager, and Darren Munday, CEO.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mad presented to those in attendance, providing an update on CoMHWA's recent systemic advocacy activities.

Darren then presented to those in attendance, providing an update on the major issues since the October 2023 AGM.

Mike reflected on the presentations and the great work being done by CoMHWA.

ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND PROXIES

Attendees:

Board Members:

Mike Anderson, Morgan Margry, Megan McKrill (in-person)
Kayla Schembri, John Dasey, Steve Pretzel, Sheleila D'Paiva, Brian Wooller (online)

CoMWHWA Staff:

Darren Munday, Rebecca Banks, Mad Magladry, Melissa Russell, Charles Foster, Vince Alessandro, Elaine Ashurst, Hanna Zurub, Phill Moncrieff, Rumbiie Mudzengi, Julian Robinson (in-person)
Larissa Fisher (online)

Individual Members / Nominated Consumer Group Representatives:

Brian Ackersley, Howard Lance, Lorraine Powell, Sean Harrold, Shelley Scott (in-person)
Gee Anderson (online)

Associate Individual / Organisation Representatives (no eligibility to vote):

Nil.

Guests:

Nil.

Apologies:

Debbie Childs, Carli Sheers, Krys Curtis

Proxies received:

- 3 for Rebecca Banks
- 1 for Mike Anderson

INFORMATION ON VOTING ELIGIBILITY

Mike confirmed that only one individual from each consumer group is eligible to vote. Associates and guests are not eligible to vote.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

The Constitution has been reviewed by the CoMHWA Board of Directors, and the Governance Sub-Committee in accordance with advice provided by the Department of Mines, Industry, Regulation and Safety, and Hall & Wilcox lawyers.

These changes are based on the need to foster inclusivity with gender-neutral language, grammar, and formatting changes (including removing any repeated information), providing clearer definitions around membership, staff and Board, and removing the section on the Common Seal of Association.

During March and April, member feedback was sought via our newsletter and social media, where members could review an Information Pack that included a general explanation of why changes were being proposed and the full constitution with track changes enabled.

The announcement of the Special General Meeting was made on 1st May 2024.

With the announcement of the Special General Meeting the Information Pack, the Full Constitution with Track Changes and a Proxy vote form were provided.

LP raised the comment that Constitutional changes cannot be voted on by staff as the governing document of the organisation.

DM confirmed this was previously changed and under the CoMHWA Constitution, staff are eligible to vote.

Motion: That the Consumers of Mental Health WA Constitution be amended as proposed.

Moved: Lorraine Powell

Seconded: Howard Lance

Motion passed. All in favour, no objections or abstentions.

OTHER BUSINESS / DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS

Nil.

MEETING CLOSURE

Mike Anderson declared the 2024 Special General Meeting closed at 5.37pm.