

World Families Australia

Annual General Meeting – 17th October 2017, 7pm

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1. Welcome Morgan Smith welcomed all to the 2017 Annual General Meeting
2. Present: Morgan Smith, Vicki Hyde, Elaine Smith, Jenny Minck, Steve Hodgson, Tammy Garrett, Sandi Petersen, Bruce Smith, Elaine Smith, Christine Hoffman, Bert Michels, Glenn Smith, Karan Coombe-Smith
3. Apologies Liz Rankin, Cathy Deane, Dani Potter, Kerry Walker, Dee Lumsden, Emma Lewis
4. Minutes of last year's AGM- October 4th 2016 Move to accept Bert, seconded Di, all in favour.
5. Business arising (from 2016)
 - Barmera camp; the last camp has been held and WFA has agreed to how Helen McInerney has suggested to deploy the funds in the bank account. Morgan will contact Helen concerning the processing of the funds.
 - Minjur; Extended for 3 years
 - Sri Lanka: PSA, PSB, PSC & SA; Karan is flying out late October to visit the Project Officer for SA and Sr Prisca. Project will be reviewed again in 12 months.
 - MIF (Sayap Ibu): Cathy Deane's offer to project manage MIF and coordinate a review in 12 months.
6. Correspondence
 - A letter from KEDI (Lea Sander) was tabled.. Management expressed its thanks for the time Lea has spent with us and offered her any support we may be able to provide.
 - Sandi's email re Michelle Nethery. Michelle has offered to take on the DOL project in Ethiopia and is well known by Sandi. Moved to accept; Sandi, all in favour.
7. President's report
 - Through its generous donors World Families Australia continues to fund many projects in developing countries that improve the quality of life for communities, families and individuals. Over the last twelve months project reviews have continued to ensure the organisation meets quality and compliance expectations.
 - Under Bert Michels' leadership the governance of the organisation has continued to be strengthened. New key policies have been developed including a draft Sponsorship Policy, a Fund-raising Policy and an Administration Budget Policy. New ways to publicise the organisation have been explored and branding has been reviewed with the development of a new logo.
 - During the year, we have investigated support for project officers who travel overseas. This is an ongoing issue. Currently project officers fully fund themselves and this can be very costly. Di Amato continues to provide us with informative newsletters that chart the achievements and changes of World Families Australia.
 - Elaine Smith and Kerry Walker have continued to manage the organisations finances efficiently and effectively. The setting up of the Late-payment Fund (ELF) by Kerry has proven effective and viable and has now been extended to all projects. Individual children supported through a number of projects now experience a little more financial security.
 - Adoption support continues as practicable. The last Barmera camp was held in January 2017. There was good attendance for this historic event. I would like to thank Helen and Dennis McInerney and Sue Dobbin for organising the camp over many years as well as those that did so before them.

I would like to acknowledge the death of Kevin Lynch earlier this year. He was a much valued project officer and donor and his thoughtful, wise, advice to the management committee has been missed.

I would like to thank everyone for their support over the last twelve months. The donors who made funding the projects possible. The office staff for ensuring the organisation ran smoothly, the members of the management committee and the project officers.

Morgan Smith

8. Evaluation reports BOR, BFC & K, BBL, BWDP, WOL, MKC & MKS,
TFH &NH, PAF

All projects were received other than TFH and NH. These are to be presented at the next meeting in December. All reports were accepted and signed off by Morgan. All, including Minjur, were extended for a further 3 years.

BWDP & WOL were extended for a further 12 months.

It was decided to agenda a suggestion for the December meeting considering one report for all projects coming from the same area of a country.

9. Annual Project reports- tabled; moved to accept, all in favour.

10. Adoption support report

World Families Australia specific events – I continue to answer occasional queries from the public regarding the adoption process. Gaye Turland continues to hold her regular monthly coffee morning to provide support for adoptive parents. A number of parents attend regularly and find the group invaluable in providing support both at and between meetings. This year saw the last of the Barmara Camps. The camp was held between 6th – 10th January and approximately 70 people attended to make this a memorable farewell to the Barmara Camp.

Adoption support - PASS and ISS continue to provide counselling support, information and education service for the pre- and post- adoption community. In addition PASS provides Therapeutic parenting courses and activities for adoptees.

Inter country Adoption Support Groups– have stopped meetings due to low numbers of intercountry adoptees. The Curry Club also held their last dinner for pre- and post- adoptive fathers earlier this year. The adoptive mothers group have also not met for some time, but it is anticipated that this group will continue.

WOMAD

WFA have applied for a stall at WOMADelaide between 9th – 12th March 2018. The application was lodged on 4th October 2017 and we will be informed of whether we are successful or not by 17th November 2017. Project officers have been approached for their interest in providing material for displays and being on the roster for the event should we be successful. If WFA is successful the event will substantially raise the profile of WFA in South Australia and may attract a number of new sponsors.

Vicki Hyde

11. Treasurer's report

Auditor's report presented Glenn Smith. Glenn found an error with one entry in "Consolidated Balance" sheet. Glenn will ensure Peter Hall Auditor's correct the error. The amount in "foreign account" \$31878 and the amount in "sponsorship" \$313; need to be transposed. Move to accept, Glenn; seconded by Chris, all in favour.

Appointment of auditor

Moved to accept Peter Hall Accounting to undertake the auditing for 2017/18 financial year.

Moved Glenn, seconded Elaine. All in favour.

12. Other business Logo – accepted. All in favour

13. Election of committee -

There being no nominations, all Project Officer's eligible for membership were duly accepted.

14.	Election of office bearers	President –	Morgan Smith-	elected unopposed
		Vice President	Christine Hofmann-	elected unopposed
		Secretary	Bert Michels-	elected unopposed
		Treasurer	Glenn Smith-	elected unopposed

14. Meeting closed 9.30pm

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