



TRINITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE TRINITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION S.A. INC.  
HELD in the TRINITY COLLEGE SENIOR SCHOOL STUDIO on  
THURSDAY MAY 15 2025**

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1. Meeting opened at 5.55pm with a welcome and Acknowledgement of Country from the Chair, Mr David Russell. The Chair thanked all present for their attendance and invited Kelechi Ekwomadu (Year 11) 2025/26 Foundation General Excellence Scholarship recipient to give a short address to the gathering. The Chair thanked Kelechi Ekwomadu for his excellent presentation and confirmed a quorum had been achieved.
  
2. **PRESENT**  
21 financial members were present: Ms K Fyfe, Mrs M Dwyer, Mrs K McMahon, Mrs J Chappell, Mrs D Russell, Mr T Stone, Mr D Russell, Mrs D Collins, Mrs W Stimson, Mrs J Statton, Dr R Thorne, Mrs K Clarke, Mr D Bradley, Ms B De Duonni, Mr K Reynolds, Mr N Hatley, Mrs J Searle, Mr R Oermann, Mr J Munn and Dr E Aldridge.  
  
6 proxies' were received:  
S Hart-Lamont > K Fyfe  
K Heath > David Russell  
M Heath > David Russell  
A Cameron > K Fyfe  
S Holton > K Fyfe  
K Stretton > K Fyfe  
  
Minute Secretary: D Collins
  
3. **APOLOGIES**  
D Matters, K Matters, J Stimson, D Stimson, A Stimson, I Stimson, M Hewitson, R Hewitson, D MacGillivray, A Balayance, D Saunders, K Stretton, K Heath, M Heath, A Cameron, S Holton, K Stretton.
  
4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM, THURSDAY 16 MAY 2024**  
Moved by Wendy Stimson that the previous minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record.  
Seconded by Rupert Thorne **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**
  
5. **CHAIR'S REPORT**  
The Chair reminded those in attendance that his full report had been published on the College website, it had been available to read for some weeks and that most people in the room would be familiar with its content.

The Chair then acknowledged the sad loss of past parent and long-term Board member Mr Russell Johnstone, who passed away in December 2024. Russell was always a committed and enthusiastic ambassador for all things Trinity College related and served on both the College Board, Foundation Board and various subcommittees. He will long be remembered for his commitment to the College, volunteering and service and his commitment to help whenever the opportunity arose. The impact of his generosity and kindness will be remembered by many whose lives he touched. The Chair asked those in attendance to also remember his wife Lynette and daughter old scholar Nathalie.

Moved by D Russell that the 2024 Chair's report be accepted.

Seconded by K Reynolds

**UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**6. FINANCE REPORT**

T Stone advised that no active fundraising occurred during 2024 due to 40<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations for the College and the Community Dinner special event. He reported that the Foundation remains in a healthy financial position and will continue to meet all commitments as well as support Trinity College students with the guidance of Jon Munn and the Foundation Board.

Moved by T Stone that the 2024 audited annual accounts be accepted.

Seconded by K McMahon

**UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**7. DECLARATION OF VACANCIES**

Four Board positions fall vacant each year as per the constitution. The following elected Board members nominations have been received.

Mrs Wendy Stimson

Moved by David Matters

Seconded by Janet Chappell

Mrs Kate Clarke

Moved by David Russell

Seconded by Karen McMahon

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Two positions, Head’s Representative and College Board Representative, are also filled each year. The Head’s Representative is Mr Jon Munn, the Chair of College Board Representative will be nominated at the following College Board meeting this evening. Both representatives will be confirmed in writing.

**9. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

No vote was necessary as three nominations were received for the four vacant positions. The Chair congratulated the Board members who will serve from 2025 to 2027, Mrs Wendy Stimson, Mrs Kate Clarke and Mrs Karen McMahon. Should the need arise; the Board will recruit additional members and expertise during the year.

**10. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

Mr T Stone asked that Nexia Edwards Marshall be appointed in 2025.

Moved by T Stone that Nexia Edwards Marshall be appointed as the Foundation auditors.

Seconded: R Oermann

**UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**11. CLOSE OF MEETING**

No questions were received prior to the meeting. There were no questions without notice.

K Fyfe was invited to the lecture and advised those present that current Chair of the Foundation Board, Mr David Russell had expressed to the Foundation Board early last year he would be stepping down as Chair and would retire from the Foundation Board. She thanked him for his service and presented him with a gift.

David has been the College Board representative since 2016. David came to the Foundation Board a little apprehensive as to what he could offer, as an Engineer, to the fundraising arm of the College. Her response was “fresh eyes on the Foundation and a different lived experience is valuable to the work we are trying to do”, plus his involvement with St Georges Church would make him a great Foundation voice to the wider community.”

David quickly became, after many questions, a very balanced voice on the Foundation Board and into that influential Foundation Ambassador within the Gawler community – spruiking all the good news stories and projects the Foundation was involved with. David generously became an active Foundation Board member, encouraging people to attend our events, getting hands-on with wine labels and seeking donations for various causes.

David was also the College Board representative to the Blakeview P&F which gave the Foundation an advantage on the ground with their parent body. David has certainly grown the relationship between Blakeview parents and the Foundation to a very healthy and informative partnership.

With the retirement of Dr Rupert Thorne as Chair of the Foundation in May 2018, David willingly accepted the nomination to Chair the Foundation, which he has done in a devoted and kind-hearted manner for seven years. David believes in process and fairness and wisely led the Foundation through COVID in a very considerate manner.

After nine years of service to the College Foundation, we say thank you. We also say thank you to your wife Deborah Russell, and your two sons Hayden and Mathieson who you have fostered to be great supporters of the work the Foundation continues to do, and generous donors in their own rite.

David has a passion for 4W driving and his last task will be to attend the Operation Flinders Exercise this weekend that the Foundation has generously supported every year since 2012. We know David does not consider this task as to be onerous but, is thrilled to be asked to attend and see the transformation take place of the students who undertake this experience. I think of all the awards he has presented on behalf of the Foundation; the Operation Flinders Certificates are his favourite to do. So this trip is a fitting conclusion to his role as Chair. Enjoy the Flinders Ranges and here is a small token of thanks in appreciation for your service to the Foundation.

**MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 6.12pm**

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