

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE TRINITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION S.A. INC. HELD in the TRINITY COLLEGE SENIOR SCHOOL STUDIO on THURSDAY MAY 18 2023

1. Meeting opened at 5.55pm with a welcome from the Chair, David Russell. The Chair also thanked all present for their attendance. Ryan Walker-Kluske (Year 12) 2022 and 2023 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Scholarship recipient, gave the Acknowledgement of Country, then presented as guest speaker.

The Chair thanked Ryan Walker-Kluske and confirmed a quorum had been achieved.

#### 2. PRESENT

19 financial members were present: Ms K Fyfe, Mr D Bradley, Mr R Johnstone, Dr E Aldridge, Mr D Matters, Mr K Reynolds, Mr D Russell, Dr R Thorne, Mrs J Statton, Mr C Johnson, Mrs K Clarke, Mr T Stone, Mr N Hately, Dr K Heath, Mrs D Russell, Mrs J Searle, Mr R Oermann, Mr S Rosier and Mrs C Russo.

9 proxies' were received:

W Stimson > D Matters

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S Dittmar > D Russell

N Sharrad > R Thorne

J Chappell > K Fyfe

J Howard > K Fyfe

S Slocombe > Tom Stone

Minute Secretary: Clarissa Russo

## 3. APOLOGIES

M Hewitson, R Hewitson, K Stretton, A Stimson, I Stimson, J Howard, R Jarman, J Jarman, D MacGillivray, B MacGillivray, J Munn, M Elverd, J Elverd, J McDonald, M Heath, M Graveney and M Slocombe.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM, THURSDAY 19 MAY 2022

Moved by D Russell that the previous minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Seconded by Kym Reynolds

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

### 5. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair thanked the College for its ongoing support to ensure the success of the Foundation. The annual black-tie dinner *A Masquerade Party* was a great success and raised \$35,891.00 despite attendance being impacted by another COVID outbreak seven days prior to the event.

The Foundation is pleased to support the College with the construction of the new Performing Arts Theatre through a named chair campaign. Donations of \$500 or more to the Foundation Building Fund will be acknowledged with a plaque on a chair in the new theatre. By the end of the academic year in 2022, \$40,000.00 has been raised.

Two new scholarships were also established in 2022. The Sliding Doors Scholarship seeks to support high achieving students with leadership potential and whose financial circumstances mean they would find it difficult to attend or complete their education at Trinity College. In 2022 two of these scholarships were awarded.

The Roseworthy Hewitson Scholarship is funded through a generous donation by Michael and Ros Hewitson, who were both founding staff of the College when it was established in 1985 at Evanston South. This scholarship seeks to support two students who may require financial assistance to attend Trinity College Roseworthy. While anyone is welcome to apply for this scholarship, preference will be given to children of old scholars of the College.

The Chair acknowledged the dedicated work of the Development & Foundation Office team with Foundation events, scholarships and Board management. The Chair thanked the ongoing leadership of the Foundation Board Members and their willingness to undertake this voluntary role.

Moved by D Russell that the Chair's report be accepted. Seconded by R Johnson

#### **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

#### 6. FINANCE REPORT

R Johnstone reported that in 2022, due to a turbulent year on the stock market, Foundation investments saw a slight decrease in returns. However, as the Foundation has no operating costs and a less volatile stock market, will ensure a return to growth of its funds. The Foundation Board is very thankful to the College for providing all necessary resources to them at no charge for banking, reconciliation, auditing and full management of Foundation funds.

R Johnstone thanked the College and its Finance team for managing the daily financial obligation of the Foundation.

Moved by R Johnstone that the 2022 audited annual accounts be accepted.

Seconded by D Russell

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 Stephen Clayton	Seconded by David Russell
Mr Christopher Johnson	Moved by Kay Fyfe	Seconded by David Russell
Mrs Kate Clarke	Moved by David Russell	Seconded by Kay Fyfe

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 is Mr David Russell. These will be confirmed after the College Board meeting this evening.

## 9. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

No vote was necessary as three nominations were received for the four vacant positions. The Chair congratulated Board members who will serve from 2023 to 2025, Mrs Wendy Stimson, Mr Christopher Johnson and Mrs Kate Clarke. Should the need arise; the Board will recruit additional members and expertise during the year.

## 10. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Mr R Johnstone asked that Nexia Edwards Marshall be appointed in 2023.

Moved by R Johnstone that Nexia Edwards Marshall be appointed as the Foundation auditors. Seconded: R Thorne

**UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED** 

## 11. CLOSE OF MEETING

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

It is with great sadness but much pride the Chair farewelled long serving Board Member Mr David Matters who commenced on the Foundation Board in 2010.

David has had a very hands-on approach as a volunteer. He is infectious with his 'can do' attitude and has a great level of engagement with community members to seek feedback and input. David is the best Master of Ceremonies we have had, at our annual fundraising dinners, tennis luncheons and a tennis player, plus the Melbourne Cup luncheon. David has also packed biscuits into tins, secured donations for the silent auction, organised table guests, helped set up and pack down for Foundation events, labelled wine bottles, been a chauffeur and even made centrepieces – his ideas and ability to resource support of the Foundation have been wonderful.

David leads by example and is a donor at Ambassador level. He understands what the Foundation is striving to do and believes in the best outcomes for our events that will help Trinity students. We will miss his dedication of fun and fundraising. The Chair presented David Matters with a gift of thanks.

The Chair thanked all attendees for their presence as well as their continued giving to each of the three tax-deductible funds managed by the Foundation.

The Chair also reminded those in attendance of the upcoming annual Foundation dinner that will take place on Friday 23 June at the National Wine Centre and encouraged them to buy a ticket or organise a table.

**MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 6.15pm**