



Deaf Advocacy, Sports & Recreation ACT Inc.

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 17th November 2024 – 11am

Ainslie Arts Centre – 30 Elouera Street Braddon, ACT 2612

MINUTES

1. **Open/Welcome address by Secretary Louise Irvine – Meeting Opened at 11am**

The Secretary welcomed all members to the 15th Annual General Meeting.

Louise Irvine agreed to be the Minute Taker for this AGM.

2. **Rollcall and check of the quorum**

2.1 **Attendance**

The rollcall was performed, and the necessary quorum was ascertained.

18 Members were present.

DeafACT Board/Committee:

Lauren Reid
Jacob Clarke
Kellyanne Rosalion
Louise Irvine
Kathe O'Brien
Vera Hall
Gavin Reid

Interpreters (members):

Amanda Dolejší
Lauren Napper-Farrari

Members:

Ivan Dolejší
Max Hall
Helen Trendos
Christine Yerbury
Aisha Maria Hitaua
Katie Wilmington
Amanda Sullivan
Belinda Dawson
Miles Kemp

2.2 Apologies

Ian Slinn
Zara Maxwell-Smith
Peter Treloar
Chloe Nash-Shannon
Daniel Shannon
Gregory Ratford
Nicole Seifert (proxy)

2.3 Proxies:

Nicole Seifert (proxy provided to Chair)

3. Minutes of the previous AGM

3.1 Matters arising from the 14th AGM

There were no matters arising.

Motion: The Minutes of the 14th AGM, accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Moved: Kathe O'Brien

Seconded: Amanda Sullivan

Motion carried.

4. Presentation of the 202-2024 Annual Report

This has been a year filled with community connections, new leadership, exciting events, and some challenges. As we reflect on the past 12 months, I want to acknowledge everyone who contributed to making our events meaningful and successful. Together, we've had a year to remember, despite the hurdles we've faced with funding.

Throughout the year, we organised numerous events that brought us together to build memories, celebrate achievements, and support one another. Before the closure of our grants, we ensured a wide range of activities—from community trips and theatre experiences to workshops and sports programs—were available to engage and benefit our members.

This year brought some key changes to the board. Rhiannon Gonlag stepped down from leading the DeafACT Youth Group to pursue new career opportunities in Alice Springs. We thank her for her dedication and wish her the best on her journey. Juliet Dowling also stepped down and transitioned the Treasurer's role to Kellyanne Rosalion, ensuring a smooth handover.

We are excited to welcome Nicole Seifert as the new leader of the Youth Group. Thanks to the Church Council of North Belconnen Uniting Church the group has access to a free venue for their monthly activities. The Youth Group offers a balanced mix of arts sessions and board games, with shared afternoon teas at each gathering.

On the sports front, Ian Slinn has worked diligently to revive DeafACT Sports. His efforts led to the successful launch of Social Netball, which ran for 10 weeks and provided members with an opportunity to engage in regular sporting activities.

With the closure of our grants, we are currently unable to host more events. We understand that this may be disappointing, and we are deeply grateful for your patience and continued support during this time.

Our board is actively exploring new funding opportunities and grants to resume our activities and events. We remain committed to serving the community and providing meaningful experiences as soon as possible.

Despite the challenges, I remain optimistic about the future. With the incredible support of the DeafACT board and our members, we will continue working together to explore new opportunities, secure funding, and organise exciting events. With the passion and determination of our community, I am confident that brighter days lie ahead.

Thank you all for your unwavering support, enthusiasm, and involvement throughout the year. Your participation makes DeafACT special, and I look forward to sharing more wonderful moments with you in the coming year. Wishing you all a joyful, merry, and safe Christmas!

Motion: That the Annual Report present by the President be accepted.

Moved: Louise Irvine

Seconded: Amanda Curtis

Motion carried.

5. Presentation of the 2023-24 Annual Financial Statement

The Treasurer presented the Annual Financial Statement to the meeting.

Motion: That the meeting receives and accept the financial statement as a true account for the 2022-23 financial year.

Moved: Katie Wilmington

Seconded: Lauren Reid

Motion carried.

6. Appointment of the Returning Officer and scrutineers

The Chair stood down.

Amanda Sullivan was appointed Returning Officer by general agreement of the meeting.

7. Election and Induction of office bearers

7.1 Proxies reminder

Proxies will only be required if a vote is required.

7.2 President: One nomination – Lauren Reid was nominated off nomination form. Lauren accepted and was elected unopposed.

7.3 Vice President: One nomination – Jacob Clarke was nominated off nomination form. Jacob accepted and was elected unopposed.

7.4 Secretary: One nomination – Louise Irvine was nominated off nomination form. Louise accepted and was elected unopposed.

7.5 Treasurer: One nomination – Kellyanne Rosalion was nominated off nomination form. Kellyanne accepted and was elected unopposed.

7.6 Public Officer: No nominations – this position is vacant.

7.7 General Committee Members (up to 10 positions):

From the nomination forms:

Gavin Reid
Nicole Seifert
Ian Slinn
Helen Trendos

Gavin, Nicole, Ian and Helen accepted and were elected unopposed. We welcome Helen as a new member.

Congratulations to the DeafACT Board of 2025:

President: Lauren Reid

Vice-President: Jacob Clarke

Secretary: Louise Irvine

Treasurer: Kellyanne Rosalion

Public Officer:

General Committee: Gavin Reid, Nicole Seifert, Ian Slinn and Helen Trendos

The President took the Chair.

8. Appointment of Auditors

Motion: That the existing Accountant will continue next year.

Moved: Louise Irvine

Seconded: Kellyanne Rosalion

Motion carried.

9. Additional Business

No additional business.

10. Announcement of date, place and time of the AGM

It was agreed that the new committee would discuss and set a date and time for the next AGM to be held in November 2025.

Louise thanked all present and the interpreters for their service on behalf of DeafACT and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

11. The AGM meeting closed at 11:17am.