

# The Range Children's Centre

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held Tuesday 20<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 at 6:30 PM

Attendance: Janice Semple, Rebecca Corfield, Carey Dewerson, , Stephanie Dow, Kelly Chandler, Annabel Kent, Geoff Kaandorp, Neil Savage, Chris Jones, Jenny Royes, Jessica O'Brien, Penelope Shone, Alastair Doherty, Aislinn Guthrie-Jones, Rebecca McGill, Peter Jones, Jacqui Trethowan, Michelle Raymond, Karolina Daaboul, Sandhya Burgess.

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#### Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and Introduction – Aislinn Guthrie-Jones

Acceptance of previous AGM minutes: Carey Dewerson, Peter Jones

# President's Report - Aislinn Guthrie-Jones

A quick history of the Centre provided. TRCC is a not-for-profit run in the interests of the community. Centre is well regarded and parents comment on the inclusive and happy 'feel' of TRCC. Testament to the staff.

-Covid 19 meeting occurred to discuss action plan for the centre

## Covid-19

-Aislinn confirmed ad hoc Covid-19 meeting occurred to make executive decisions based on the changing covid environment

## Finance - Steve Fuller

- o TRCC year end surplus of \$377,079
- Income up approx. \$200k on previous year, largely due to numerous successful grant applications and the centre still receiving fees for the majority of the year, even whilst the centre was at a reduced capacity
- Expenditures approx. \$100k lower than 2020 year, which is a reflection of centre being closed for periods throughout the year (lower expenses during closure and reduced hours periods)
- Approx. \$1mil in total assets, liabilities at approx. \$400k, which leaves net asset position of approx. \$600k
- The cash reserves at the Centre have significantly improved (year end of approx.. \$200k) and have been earmarked as emergency funds if the centre needs to close due to Covid-19
- Accounts have been signed off by auditors and are available in centre office for any interested parties



#### Janice Semple - 2021 Achievements

- Called out key achievements of 2021. Highlights include the large bathroom grant to revamp kinder bathrooms, various other smaller grants utilised throughout centre, professional staff development (with in person training largely taking place at start of the year, pre lockdowns), music programs, online packs.
- Staff development courses included: raising emotionally intelligent child course, First aid,
   CPR, child protection, puppet training (Jenny detailed the puppet training, and how it's been received by the children)
- Aislinn thanked Janice and centre staff for remaining so committed to improving the centre, despite all the obstacles of the year (here here from all the committee and AGM attendees)

# Jenny- 3 and 4 yo kinder update

- o 3 yo kinder: really loved the dinosaur work throughout the whole year
- 4 yo kinder: really enjoyed solar system unit, as well as project work on their birds unit. Have
  utilised intentional teaching to really connect to the children, drill down on their interests.
   Will be incorporating some cooking lessons throughout term 4. Emphasised the importance
  of friendship development, to ready the children for their progression into school
- Highlighted the resilience of the children has just been incredible, given all they have faced this year. Thank you to the parents, Janice and the committee for supporting the kinder teachers through it all
- Completed incursions: dentist visit, animals on the move, ceres excursion, dinosaurs and fossils
- Upcoming incursions: police visit, Christmas celebrations, bike course

## 2022 Goals - Janice Semple

- o Reviewed goals contained within the agenda presentation
- Detailed the complex process for grant application

## **Strategic Plan – Aislinn Guthrie-Jones**

 Committee endeavours to keep current to ensure we're all aligned with the strategic directions of the centre



- o Always committed to maintaining our exceeding rating
- Whilst the plan has been updated, it has had to take a backseat due to all the extra ongoing work with Covid
- o Endeavour to focus on it in greater depth next year, with covid hopefully taking a backseat
- Thank you from Janice to the staff team who have supported her throughout the year. Another big thank you to the children, the families and the committee.

#### **Committee Members**

- Thank you and farewell to the outgoing committee members: Carey Dewerson, Steve, Jacqui
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- Nominations for committee membership should be brought to Janice & election of new committee members to occur in November meeting

# Meeting closed at 7.52pm

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Simone Zulic	<u>%</u> 🖦
Jacqui	½ <b>%</b>
Lauren Hill	<u>%</u> 📈
Steph	½ <b>%</b>
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