

## EMERGE AUSTRALIA INC

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER 2022 AT 6.00PM

1. **Present**

Mark Clisby (Chairman), Laura Allen, Lesley Beasley, Agnes Boskovitz, Andrew Bretherton, Alison Campbell, Rebecca Davey, Mary Edwards, Simone Eyssens, Kara Fisher, Paul Fisher, Joanna Fulton, John Jeffries, Laura Kool; Justine Lawson, Craig MacDonald, Caitlin Phillips-Peddlesden, Clare Reardon, Ron Smith, Russell Smith, Michelle Tivolletti, Anne Wilson, Martin Wilkinson

2. **Apologies**

Scarlett Abramson, Thalia Castles, Lauren Clair, Martin Cossettini, Kathy Darling-Brookes, Nooreen Dossa, Malle Eden, Nora Gainey, Stephen Hart, Juliette Lewis, Christine Kelly, Carol King, John Nicoll, Maria Solano, Jonathan Stavridis, Muhammad Muaaz Tahir, Rebecca Williams

3. **Welcome to meeting**

Mark Clisby, the Chairman, welcomed members to the AGM and provided an acknowledgement to country.

4. **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the previous annual general meeting held on 18 November 2022 be approved. Moved: Andrew Bretherton; seconded Agnes Boskovitz. Passed.

5. **President's Report**

The Chairman spoke to his Report as published in the 2022 Annual Report. He highlighted the problems and opportunities provided by Covid. He sought to highlight 3 things not apparent from the written reports:

The resetting of the narrative and what we have learnt from Long Covid;

The strength and trust in strategy – the growth of trust between relevant parties due to the high level of disclosure and public agenda.

The relationship building with stakeholders.

The Chairman thanked the CEO and her team, the Board and members. He noted the plan of the Board to appoint additional directors and particularly acknowledged the major contribution of RS as treasurer for 10 years. Moved Andrew Bretherton; seconded Mary Edwards that the President's report be approved. Passed.

6. **CEO's Report**

Anne Wilson spoke to her report. She highlighted the State of Nation Report which identified of 5 key areas requiring attention namely, GP Education, the coordination of care and allied support services, NDIS and DSP access and equity, more research collaboration and updated Australian clinical guidelines.

The CEO thanked Board members and staff for their trust and support, the State and Federal Government and donors, in particular the response from donors over the past few months necessary to maintain services. Moved Mary Edwards; seconded Simone Eyssens that the CEO's Report be approved. Passed.

7. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer, Russell Smith, spoke to his report. He noted that the challenging times were reflected in the accounts. He noted that the Board had taken a positive approach to using reserves to ensure the continuation of services. Moved Mary Edwards; seconded Andrew Bretherton that the Report be approved. Passed.

8. **Vote of thanks**

The Chairman then proposed a vote of thanks to all who had helped the Association during the financial year. Moved Simone Eyssens; Seconded Justine Lawson that the motion be approved. Passed.

The Chairman then closed the meeting.