

EMERGE AUSTRALIA INC

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 5.30PM

1. Present

Mark Clisby (President), Anne Wilson (CEO), Lesley Beasley, Andrew Bretherton, Sarah Brown, Roseda Campbell, James Chambers, Aran Chevalier, Rebecca Davey, Anne Dorey, Kate Herbert, John Jeffries, Megan Knight, Dave Long, Geraldine Moylan, Guiliana Piccari, Nicolas Porter, Caitlin Phillips-Peddlesden, Kerry Simmonds, Jane Sydenham-Clarke, (by proxy), Indiara Wake, Martin Wilkinson

2. Apologies

Jane Sydenham-Clarke

3. Welcome to Meeting

Mark Clisby welcomed members to the AGM on behalf of the Board and provided an acknowledgement to country.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the previous annual general meeting held on 28 November 2024 be approved. Moved: Andrew Bretherton; seconded: Rebecca Davey. Passed

5. The appointment of Directors

The President reported that, valid and uncontested nominations having been received, the following Directors had been reappointed for 2 years in accordance with the terms of the Constitution:

President:	Mark Clisby
Vice President:	Martin Wilkinson
Treasurer:	Nicolas Porter
Secretary:	Andrew Bretherton
Other directors:	Roseda Campbell, Rebecca Davey, Caitlin-Phillips-Peddlesden and Kerry Simmonds

6. President's Report

The President spoke to his report as published in the 2025 Annual Report. He indicated that the year had been one of transition and strengthening. There had been a massive effort to address policy and funding issues in the context of the

Federal election. He highlighted the work of Anne Wilson as CEO and warmly thanked the efforts of staff, volunteers, donors and our Ambassadors. Moved: Kate Herbert; seconded: Dave Long that the Report be approved. Passed.

7. CEO's Report

The CEO spoke to her report in the 2025 Annual Report. The CEO indicated that the main feature of the year has been the level of collaboration with the formation of the ME/CFS Alliance Australia, uniting 5 ME/CFS organisations to advocate with one voice in the lead-up to the Federal election. This was a significant development for the ME/CFS community.

The Association's work continued under the 4 areas of education, advocacy and policy, research and patient support.

The CEO noted that the NHMRC had begun developing new clinical guidelines for ME/CFS.

The CEO warmly thanked the remarkable team of 8.4 FTE staff and the efforts of our wonderful donors, philanthropic partners, volunteers and supporters.

Finally, the CEO noted that she had detected a positive shifting of attitude by government and the community towards ME/CFS, Long Covid and related complex conditions.

Moved: Andrew Bretherton; seconded Caitlin Phillips-Peddlesden that the Report be approved. Passed.

8. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer spoke to his Report and the financial statements in the 2025 Annual Report. He noted that the income of the Association had slightly increased and that expenditure remained tightly controlled. The Association had effectively broken even for the financial year as a result of a constant effort by the Board and management.

Moved: Roseda Campbell; seconded Geraldine Moylan that the Report and the Financial Statements in the Annual Report be approved. Passed.

9. Vote of thanks

The President then proposed a vote of thanks to all who had helped the Association during the financial year. Moved: Nicolas Porter; seconded Martin Wilkinson that the motion be approved. Passed.

The Chairman then closed the Meeting.