

**TOURISM CENTRAL AUSTRALIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**21<sup>st</sup> November 2024**  
**Mercure Hotel and Resort Alice Springs – White Gum Room**

Meeting commenced at 5:14pm

CHAIR opened the meeting

### **Welcome & Apologies**

The CHAIR acknowledged traditional owners of the land on which we meet and their elders, both past, present and emerging and welcomed VIP's, life members, Board Directors & all TCA members.

Apologies were prerecorded. NIL apologies from the floor.

### **Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting 2023**

Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting.

**Motion:** That the minutes of the 2022/2023 AGM be accepted as a true and accurate record.

**Mover:** Steve Shearer  
**Seconder:** Nick Prus-Mroczkowski  
**CARRIED**

### **Chair's Report**

The CHAIR spoke on his annual report.

### **Treasurers Report**

Jodie Summers spoke via Teams link to the Annual Report and Audited Annual Financial Statements.

**Motion:** That the 2023/2024 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements be accepted.

**Mover:** Kyle Pearson  
**Seconder:** Steve Shearer  
**CARRIED**

## Appointment of Auditor

**Motion:** That Clarity NT be appointed as the Auditors for the Association for the financial year of 2024/2025.

**Mover:** Reg Ramsden

**Seconder:** Brendan Heenan

**CARRIED**

## Changes to Constitution Special Resolutions

The CHAIR and the CEO spoke to the motions proposed for changes to the TCA constitution and the floor was opened up to members for a lively discussion as to the FOR and AGAINST for each of these.

### MOTION 1:

**Mover:** Matt Paterson

**Seconder:** Kyle Pearson

**FOR:** Matt Paterson spoke to the benefits of this and the importance of TCA and the Town Councils working together.

**AGAINST:** Steve Shearer raised concerns as to the future representatives from council and inability for TCA members to have a say as to the representatives.

**FOR:** Jeff Macleod ensured the members that the Barkley Town Council Mayor would be committed to being the board representative for the next four years.

**AGAINST:** Lynn Peterkin raised concerns around the independence of TCA.

**FOR:** Eli Melky spoke to the potential support and positive collaboration that could be achieved.

**AGAINST:** Grant Whan suggested a need for positive collaboration with Council without the need to give up independence of TCA

**FOR:** Matt Paterson ensured that there would be no immediate changes to the relationship and stated that providing a vote for council would future proof the relationship.

This motion went to a vote.

**CARRIED**

**Motion 2:** That a new section be inserted to Section 5 (2) after point (f) and add in new section (3) and (4) that reads:

(g) enter into any other contract it considers necessary or desirable.

(h) engage and terminate staff;

(i) compromise any claims made against it;

(j) carry on or be engaged or concerned in any business;

(k) make donations, give grants and sponsor individuals or groups;

(l) act on professional advice;

(m) incorporate or settle any subsidiary company or trust;

(n) insure itself, its office bearers, its staff or its property for any risk;

(p) do anything reasonably ancillary to the exercise of any of the foregoing powers.

(3) The Association must not distribute any income or assets directly or indirectly to its members, except as provided in subclauses (4).

(4) Subclause (3) does not stop the association from doing the following things, provided they are done in good faith:

(a) paying a member for goods or services they have provided or expenses they have properly incurred at fair and reasonable rates or rates more favourable to the association, or

(b) making a payment to a member in carrying out the association's purposes, with prior approval from the committee.

**Mover:** Deborah Moyle

**Secunder:** Ian Soloman

**CARRIED.**

**Motion 3:** That the word "General" in Section 11 (1) be changed to the word "Board".

**Mover:** Deb Moyle

**Secunder:** Michelle Petit

**CARRIED.**

**Motion 4:** That the word "Treasurer" In Section 11 (2) be replaced with the word "organisation"

**Mover:** Deb Moyle

**Seconded:** Michelle Petit

**CARRIED.**

**Motion 5:** That the number three “3” be replaced in section 11 (3) with the number two (2).

**Mover:** Deb Moyle

**Seconded:** Brendan Heenan

**CARRIED.**

**Motion 6:** That Clause 13 be deleted and replaced with the following new Clause 13

### **13 Voting**

(1) Members shall have one vote at Annual General, General and Special meetings of the Association.

(2) A Members vote at an Annual General Meeting can be exercised either;

(a) By the Member personally in attendance (including electronic attendance where permitted); or

(b) By voting paper (including an electronic voting paper where permitted) delivered at or before the commencement of the Annual General Meeting

(3) The Board may by ordinary resolution make such rules and procedures as are necessary to administer the processes of electronic attendance, voting papers and electronic submissions of voting papers. This includes without limitation engaging the assistance of third party's in the administration those processes.

**Mover:** Steve Shearer

**Seconded:** Deb Moyle

**CARRIED.**

**Motion 7:** That section 23 (2) (e) be deleted and replaced with a new section that reads:  
(e) any other elected member provided for in this constitution

**Mover:** Deb Moyle

**Second:** Michelle Petit

**CARRIED.**

**Motion 8:** That Section 29 be deleted and replaced with the following new Section 29

29 Election by ballot

- (1) If the number of nominations exceeds the number of **Board Member** vacancies on the **Board**, ballots for those positions must be conducted.
- (2) The vote of a Member in a ballot may be exercised;
  - (a) By the Member personally in attendance (including electronic attendance where permitted); or
  - (b) By voting paper (including an electronic voting paper where permitted) delivered at or before the commencement of the Annual General Meeting

**Mover:** Steve Shearer

**Second:** Ian Soloman

**CARRIED.**

**Motion 9:** That section 30 (b) (i) be amended by adding in the words “(unless leave is approved by the Chairperson)” after the word “meetings” and before the semi colon .

**Mover:** Deb Moyle

**Second:** Matt Paterson

**CARRIED.**

**Motion 10:** That section 32 (1) be deleted and replaced with a new Section 32 (1) that reads;

- (1) If a vacancy remains on the Board after the application of clause 28 or if the office of a Board Member becomes vacant under clause 30, the Board may, subject to Clause 25(1), appoint any person to fill that Board Member's vacancy for the balance of their term.

**Mover:** Deb Moyle

**Seconder:** Michelle Petit

**CARRIED.**

**Motion 11:** That Section 38 be amended and renumbered to add in a new Section (2) that reads

- (1) Board Members may attend electronically where the Board resolves to allow this either on a case-by-case basis or in accordance with any standing procedure.

**Mover:** Deb Moyle

**Seconder:** Brendan Heenan

**CARRIED.**

**Motion 12:** That the word "Chairman" in Section 44 (1) be deleted and replaced with the word "Chairperson"

**Mover:** Deb Moyle

**Seconder:** Brendan Heenan

**CARRIED.**

**Motion 13:** That section 45 be amended to include a new clause “45A” after point three that reads:

**45A Electronic Attendance**

The Board may by ordinary resolution make such rules or procedures as it thinks fit to allow electronic attendance by Member’s at any general meeting (including Annual General Meetings).

**Mover:** Steve Shearer

**Seconded:** Deb Moyle

**CARRIED.**

**Motion 14:** That the current section 47 be deleted and replaced with the following:

**47 Notice of meetings**

- (1) The Secretary must ensure that a notice is given under this Part by serving it on a member personally; or
- (2) sending it via any electronic means directed to a Member at an address or such other method of direction advised by the Member to the Association from time to time; or
- (3) sending it via ordinary post to any postal addresses advised by the Member to the Association from time to time
- (4) If a notice is sent by post under subclause (1)(b), sending of the notice is taken to have been properly effected if the notice is addressed and posted to the member by ordinary prepaid mail.

**Mover:** Deb Moyle

**Seconded:** Matthew Kopp

**CARRIED.**

**Motion 15:** That section 50 be deleted and replaced with a new section 50 that reads:

**50 Voting**

- (1) Each member present at a general meeting is entitled to a deliberative vote.

- (2) A Member's vote at a general meeting may be exercised;
- (a) By the Member personally in attendance (including electronic attendance where permitted); or
  - (b) By voting paper (including an electronic voting paper where permitted) delivered at or before the commencement of the general meeting

**Mover:** Deb Moyle

**Secunder:** Nick Prus

**CARRIED.**

**Motion 16:** That the Schedule to the Constitution Part One be amended so as to remove the words “, and the logo is:” as well as the actual logo.

**Mover:** Deb Moyle

**Secunder:** Brendan Heenan

**CARRIED.**

## **Election for Board Directors and Appointment of Stakeholder Representatives**

The CHAIR stepped down from the role at 6:00pm and welcomed Mayor Matt Paterson as acting CHAIR for the meeting.

The acting CHAIR thanked the former CHAIR for his leadership throughout the year and acknowledged the continuing Board directors not up for election.

Continuing Board Directors were acknowledged.

PATRICK BEDFORD – Emu Run Experience  
ALEX DYE – Uluru Segway / Uluru Audio Guide  
KYLE PEARSON – Alice Springs Brewing Co.  
ALLAN WOO – Airport Development Group  
JODIE SUMMERS – Charles Darwin University

Joining the elected representatives are four stakeholder representatives representing Alice Springs Town Council, Barkly Regional Council, Parks and Wildlife and Tourism NT.

SCOTT LOVETT – Deputy CEO of the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade NT

NEVA MCCARTNEY – Executive Director of the National Parks and Wildlife Service NT  
MATT PATERSON – Alice Springs Town Council  
SID VASHIST – Barkly Regional Council

Duly elected to the board of Tourism Central Australia for two-year terms are:

CRAIG JERVIS – Iris Capital  
DAVID WHITE – Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia  
BRADLEY KERKMAN – G'Day Group  
ANDREA LEHMAN – Outback Ballooning  
BEN HALL – AAT Kings

No Election was required for the appointment of the new board members.

The acting CHAIR congratulated the new Board members.

## **Guest Speaker – Suzana Bishop**

Suzana Bishop spoke about the new Department of Tourism and Hospitality and the goals and developments of the department moving into 2025.

## **Close of Meeting**

The acting CHAIR invited Lynn Peterkin to discuss the History of TCA and tourism in the region. Lynn then announced the Life Member and Chair-Person Memorial boards and these were presented to the members.

The acting CHAIR asked if there was any general business.

NIL

With no further business

The meeting closed at 6:40pm.

The acting CHAIR invited the newly appointed Board directors to accompany Lynne Peterkin to a private board room to elect a new CHAIRPERSON.

Members and VIPs were thanked and asked to enjoy the Christmas Celebrations with some food and drinks while the new Board elect a CHAIR.

At 7:30pm the CHAIR announced the winner of the Barry Bucholtz award Marcus Williams – Pyndan Camel Tracks.

## TCA AGM 21/11/2024 ATTENDANCE

### Attending in Person

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Adam List	Lhere Artepe Enterprises	Alfred Goody	A Good Rest B&B
Alison Bitar	Outback Cycling	Allan Woo	Airport Development Group
Anasmon Cheeran Kulangara	Evora Care	Andrea Jewell	Dept. Tourism and Hospitality
Andrea Lehman	Outback Ballooning	Andrew Lock	Manta Bus Pty Ltd
Andrew Wilsmore	Alice Springs Town Council	Arun Sharma	Lhere Artepe Enterprises
Atiq Rehman	Lhere Artepe Enterprises	Brad Gaddes	Alice Springs Golf Club
Bradley Kerkman	G'day Group	Brendan Heenan	Wintersun Caravan Park/Life Member
Bruce Pascoe	Alice Springs Desert Park	Cassie Dowd	G'day Group
Ceidleigh Stafford	Alice Springs Expeditions	Chrissy Gorey	Tourism NT
Christabel Moschetti	Alice Springs Reptile Centre	Craig Jervis	Lasseters
Deborah Moyle	Insight Group Global	Elena Obermeier	Boomerang Art - Aboriginal Art Gallery
Eli Melky	Alice Springs Plaza	Elizabeth Durnin	Alice Springs Tourist Park
Emma Fraser	Department of Tourism and Hospitality	Gayle Shearer	Lasseters
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Grant Whan	Business Enterprise Centre NT	Holger Strie	Trek Larapinta
Holly Wyatt	Alice Springs Desert Park	Hon. Josh Burgoyne	Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment
Ian Rockwell	Boomerang Adventures	Ian Solomon	Mercure Alice Springs Resort
Iris Bendor	Iltja Ntjarra Art Centre	Jade Rooke	Lasseters
Jane Ticehurst	G'day Group	Jason Livingston	Outback Ballooning

Jason Stray	Alice Silver Passenger Services	Jeff MacLeod	Barkly Regional Council
Jim Thomas	Aviation Museum	Joe de Beer	Megafauna Central
John Stafford	Alice Springs Expeditions	Kim Shegog	Kim's Handyman Services
Kristina Dickman	Department of Tourism and Hospitality	Kyle Pearson	Alice Springs Brewery
Lincoln Van Der Zwaag	Department of Trade, Business and Asian Relations	Luke Johnston	G'day Group
Lynne Peterkin	Life Member	Mahesh Mahendra	Alice Holiday Tours
Marcell Mikkelsen	Europcar	Marcus Williams	Pyndan Camels
Margaret Cain	A Good Rest B&B	Mark Stoyles	Electorate Marion Scrimgour
Mathew Kopp	Thrifty	Matt Percy	Manta Bus Pty Ltd
Matt Paterson	Alice Springs Town Council	Megan Thompson	
Michelle Petit	Hello Alice	Mick Ticehurst	G'day Group
Nick Prus- Mroczkowski	Road Transport Historical Society Inc	Nick Scharm	Trek Larapinta
Nicole Battle	Alice Springs Town Council	Patrick Bedford	Emu Run Experience
Paul Sukkar	Office of the Minister of Tourism and Hospitality	Peter Holden	Lhere Artepe Enterprises
Peter White	Caravan and Camping SA/NT	Phil Sinnott	Caravan and Camping SA/NT
Phil Williams	Centralian Today	Philip Cowan	Parks & Wildlife Commission
Phillip Winther	Europcar	Reg Ramsden	Remote Tours
Renata Peters	Yeperenye Shopping Centre	Rex Neindorf	Alice Springs Reptile Centre
Ric Farmer	Yubu Napa Pty Ltd	Roger Holford	Chamber of Commerce
Ross Nowland	Department of Trade, Business and Asian Relations	Stacie Bodnar	Northern Territory Business Events
Steve Shearer	Life Member	Stewart Brasch	ABC Alice Springs
Stuart Ord	Fabalice	Susie Thompson	Alice Silver Passenger Services

Suzana Bishop	Department of Tourism and Hospitality	Temba Ncube	Lhere Artepe Enterprises
Tim Fredrickson	Trek Larapinta	Tom Kearney	Yubu Napa Pty Ltd
Tony McGovern	Alice Springs Turf Club	Tony Quarmby	Department of Tourism and Hospitality
Wayne Kraft	Mates of the Murrnaji	Werner Obermeier	Boomerang Art - Aboriginal Art Gallery
Wyatt Martin	Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters		

### Attendance Online

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Alex Dye	Uluru Segway Tours	Alana Madden	Office of the Minister for Tourism & Hospitality
Cassy Searle	Adventure Rentals	David White	Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia
Jodie Summers	Charles Darwin University		

### Apologies

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Angus M Robinson	Leisure Solutions	Chris Hill	Uluru Camel Tours
Dale McIver	Life Member	Grant Wilckens	The G'day Group
Linda Wilcox	G'day Mate	Nicky Oosthuizen	Alice Springs School of the Air Visitor Centre
Paul Ngala	NT GOV	Scott Harris	Cavenagh lodge
Sera Bray	NT GOV	Shona Harris	Cavenagh lodge
Trudy Robertson	Volunteer		