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FCAT AGM Meeting Minutes

The Grange, Campbell Town, Wednesday 26th August 2020

Attendance

Anglicare Tasmania staff:

South: Fiona Moore, Ross Mackenzie, James Davis, Jonathan Turk, Chris Harris and Ron Grassl

North: Danielle Slade, Lynne Watson, Sandra Neil, Susan Mudge, Judith Hearn, Marguerite Smith, and Kelly Jennings

North West: Lauren Matthews, Steve Curtis and Tina Johnston

Rural Business Tasmania staff:

South: Tony Doyle and Linda Groombridge

North: Stephen Hansen and Roly Chugg

North West: Paul Briant

Other members: Lyndelle Wright, Hannah Knowles

Presenters: Allan Walsh and Daniel Burke AFSA

Apologies

Anglicare Tasmania Staff:

South: Bert Aperloo

North: Jodie Van Aggelen

Rural Business Tasmania staff:

North: Elizabeth Skirving and Chantal Filgate

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North West: Rhett McKenzie-Edwards

Other Members:

South: Terry Howard, Jean NILS, Anthony Plisek, Stephen Cleaves.

Meeting opened by Fiona 10:30am

Minutes of the last meeting

No comments. Moved by Danielle, seconded by Paul.

Business arising from minutes

Nil. Minutes of last meeting accepted.

President's Report

The last 12 months have been a different and unusual time. Unprecedented events beyond our control have had a great impact on our sector and how we deliver services. October 2019, we had a very successful state conference. Thanks to all involved and to Ross for being MC. Planning for the 2021 conference will start in the coming months. Bushfires across several states during summer resulted in the establishment of the national small business bushfire helpline to assist businesses affected by the crisis. Soon after, we were hit with the COVID-19 pandemic which has resulted in the phone helpline being extended to all small business.

COVID-19 has had a great impact on us, the FCA conference has been postponed, and training activities have been cancelled, put on hold, or held via online platforms. Working from home has become the norm for a lot of people. It has, and continues to be a time of adapting and changing.

On a national level, there is a lot of work in progress providing support to our sector. The Sylvian review which resulted from the Royal Commission into the banking sector, highlighted what needs to happen to secure the future of the profession, and raised our profile significantly.

Work is progressing on an industry levy to ensure there is ongoing secure funding for agencies.

FCA is working on a model to ensure students can access placements to complete the diploma of financial counselling, and there has been money allocated by government to FCA under COVID-19 provisions, to support agencies and peak bodies to provide internships across the country.

A national supervision policy was passed by the representative council in Feb. The policy is being finalised and should be ready by the end of the year.

This year is FCAT's 10th Anniversary. FCAT/FCT started with 12 members, we now have 30. We have had several new members come on board this year, and some have left to pursue other things. Welcome to all new members.

Thank you to the committee for their work and support over the last year.

Moved by Chris, seconded by Lauren.

Secretary's Report – nothing to report.

Treasures Report

Nothing of note to report, budget remains heavily reliant on ANZ funding issued annually and the conference sponsorship funding. Annual funding from DPAC may be an option in the future.

Moved by Roly. Seconded by Ron.

Election

All positions vacated. Received the required number of nominations, and no multiple nominations. All nominees are eligible.

President - Fiona Moore elected

Vice President – Paul Briant elected

Secretary – Kelly Jennings elected

Treasurer – Steve Curtis elected

Public Officer – Ross Mackenzie elected

Ordinary Member – Bert Aperloo elected

Ordinary Member – no nomination, remains vacant

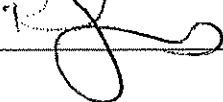
FCA Representative – Danielle Slade (two year term)

Other Business


Nil.

Meeting closed 10:50am.

Exiting Secretary: Kelly Jennings

Signature  Date 7/9/20

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