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## **FCAT AGM Meeting Minutes**

**The Grange, Campbell Town, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2021**

### **Attendance**

Lynne Watson	Fiona Moore	Mat O'Brien
Hannah Knowles	Bert Aperloo	Judith Hearn
Tahlia Norris	Mark Mason	Stephen Hansen
Georgia Geard	Stuart Carnaby	Ross Mackenzie
Marguerite Smith	James Davis	Ron Grassl
Kelly Jennings	Danielle Slade	Stephanie Lovell
Carol Giizel	Wendy James	Terry Howard
		Jacinta Morris

### **Apologies**

Paul Briant	Roland Chugg
Steve Curtis	Anthony Plisek
Lauren Matthews	Rhett McKenzie-Edwards
Tina Johnston	Chantal Filgate
Elizabeth Skirving	John Dunbar
Sandra Neil	
Linda Groombridge	

Meeting opened by Fiona 10:30am

### **Minutes of the last meeting**

No comments. Moved by Ross, seconded by James.

### **Business arising from minutes**

Nil. Minutes of last meeting accepted.

### **President's Report**

The last 12 months have continued to be a time of upheaval. Tasmania has been lucky not to have to go into lockdown but the continuing lockdowns interstate, and opening and closing of borders has had an effect here, particularly in tourism and hospitality. Our FCAT conference was cancelled, and many others interstate.

FCA Darwin conference went ahead which was a great opportunity to network. Fiona attended a session on small business financial counselling which is an area that generalist financial counsellors across the country are now able to work in. Demand is expected to grow in this area.

Fiona linked in with the ATO regarding their new cash flow toolkit which has generated opportunities for training for staff.

On a national level, FCA passed the national supervision policy. FCAT has developed its own policy to be discussed in the general meeting.

FCA is also working on developing national membership categories which will make it easier for financial counsellors to move between states.

Over the past year we have seen new members join as the government funded an intern program, and funding for additional financial counsellors. We have also seen people leave us. On a sad note, we lost Jodie Van Aggelen after a battle with cancer. We acknowledge her contribution to financial counselling and that she will be missed, particularly by her team in the North.

During the last year after a lot of soul searching and reflection, Fiona has decided after five years as president and three as secretary, that it's time to step out of involvement

with the committee of FCAT. Fiona has thanked people for the support and involvement during her time as president.

Members have thanked Fiona for her hard work, dedication and passion in the role.

Moved by Danielle, seconded by Bert.

**Secretary's Report** – nothing to report.

### **Treasures Report**

On behalf of Steve C apology for the meeting. Budget is in a healthy position. Due to the FCAT conference cancellation, there may be refunds required to sponsors, discussions in progress. Query re Amovita training, to be followed up. Query re 50k threshold for exemption, clarified it's increased to 250k, no exemption required.

Moved by Ross. Seconded by Danielle.

### **Election of Office Bearers**

All positions vacated. Received the required number of nominations for all positions except vice president and one ordinary member. All nominees are eligible.

President – James Davis elected

Vice President – no nomination received, call to the floor. Stephen Hansen elected.

Secretary – Kelly Jennings elected

Treasurer – Steve Curtis elected

Public Officer – Ross Mackenzie elected

Ordinary Member – Marguerite Smith elected.

Ordinary Member – no nomination received, call to the floor. Stephanie Lovell elected.

FCA Representative – Danielle Slade (two year term)

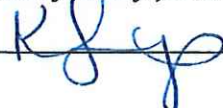
### **Other Business**

James Davis has introduced himself as the incoming President and has indicated he will be focused on the ongoing matters of supervision policy and re-scheduling of FCAT conference.

Danielle has provided an update on her role as the FCA rep. FCAT is an entity of it's own as part of the overarching Financial Counselling Australia (FCA). FCAT is asked to vote on matters, the president usually votes, the rep can in the president's absence. As part of her role, Danielle is part of a committee for reviewing membership standards which aims to make the standards more uniform so the transition for financial counsellors to other states is easier. There are lots of social justice campaigns the FCA is involved in and encourage FCAT to be involved and advocate for social change. Reminder to contact Danielle with anything she can represent FCAT to FCA with.

Meeting closed 10:55am.

Exiting Secretary: Kelly Jennings

Signature  Date 23/9/21


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