



## **Wangka Maya PALC AGM 2024**

Held on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
At Wangka Maya Conference Room

**Minute Taker:** Alicia Lockyer

### **Agenda Item 1: Welcome, attendees and apologies**

**Meeting start:** 11am

#### **Attendees:**

#	Name	Position	Participation Method
1	Alicia Lockyer	Secretary	In Person
2	Harry Taylor	Treasurer	In Person
3	Robyn Churnside	Vice – Chairperson	In Person
4	Bruce Thomas	Chairperson	In Person
5	Valda Sesar	Director	In Person
6	Bronwyn Liddell	Member	In Person
7	George Pitt	Member	In Person
8	Jason Gardiner	Member	In Person
9	Lorraine Injie	Member	In Person
10	Marilyn Clifton	Member	In Person
11	Vincent Thomas	Member	In Person

Staff – Lorraine Injie (member), Chiyoko Kitaura, John Lockyer, Vincent Thomas, Syvannah McDonald and Madison McPhee

Visitors – Courtney Kelly

#### **Apologies:**

Sandra Clifton, Gingin Harry and Ann Sibosado

#### **Quorum:**

There were enough members for a quorum, the AGM can proceed.

## **Meeting Opened:**

Bruce Thomas (Chairperson) opened the meeting.

John Lockyer (Kariyarra Traditional Owner) done the Welcome to Country.

Acknowledgement to members and families that had bad luck/sorry business. 1 minute silence to show and pay respects to all.

Harry Taylor (Treasurer) chaired the meeting on behalf of Bruce Thomas (Chairperson).

Harry read out the Agenda for the AGM

## **Agenda Item 2: Proxy Appointments**

No proxy appointments.

## **Agenda Item 3: Minutes of the Previous Meeting AGM**

### **Confirmation of Minutes:**

Alicia Lockyer and Chiyoko Kitaura (staff members) were the minute takers at the previous AGM.

Chiyoko read through the previous AGM minutes held on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024.

### **Matters Arising From the Previous Minutes:**

No matters arising.

***Proposed Resolution:*** That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 be accepted.

**Moved By:** Robyn Churnside

**Seconded By:** Alicia Lockyer

## **Agenda 4: Corporation Reports**

### **Chairpersons Report:**

Harry read out Chairpersons Report on behalf of Bruce Thomas

- Busy year for Wangka Maya
- Busy year for Bruce, travelling around, working at Strelley School and NAIDOC activities
- Would like more funding to employ more Language Workers
- Looking forward to next year's work load

## **Managers Report:**

Lorraine read out her report

- The centre has had technology and computer upgrades, new equipment, new computers and smart screen.
- Linguists and Admin Staff worked tirelessly on the archives and digitalising our records. WM has the largest collection in Australia. Ideally we need a full time archivist to sort through and digitalise the archives.  
*Bronwyn Liddell asked: if there would be any option to outsource this role, Lorraine said at the moment not enough funding is available*  
*Robyn Churnside mentioned the idea of having community based Linguists, so our Language Workers could work from home*
- Town of Port Hedland photo collection, WM is still working on obtaining the collection and having family members to identify people and photo's
- VR Project is still in the process of being built and worked on
- ALWA – Aboriginal Languages WA, Lorraine and Chiyoko have been attending meetings with other Language Centres in WA, to set up State Government Funding and working on Closing the Gap - Target 16
- Importance of recording Languages, as a lot of our people/speakers are passing away before recordings are made. Community needs to work together to record words, language and knowledge, these could form dictionaries and language resources.

## **Language Report:**

Harry read through the Language Report

- There are various projects the Language Team is working on, such as the VR project, working with the schools to have the VR project up and running.
- Dictionaries – a new dictionary for Yinhawangka is nearly finalised and ready for printing, updated Martu Wangka dictionary has been sent to the printers and should arrive in the new year 2025 and updating the Kariyarra dictionary is almost complete.
- New recording equipment has arrived, WM needed the upgrades as our current equipment is old and not compatible with the latest technology.

## **Audit and Financial Report:**

Lorraine Injie read through the Financial & Audit Report

- Audit Report: Joel Schriber (Auditor) has declared a clean audit, WM has enough money to keep operating, a good audit makes it good when applying for grants

## **Agenda Item 5: Appointment of Auditor 2024/2025**

***Proposed Resolution:*** That the Audit Report be accepted and to appoint the same Auditor, AISD Accounting Services Ltd for the next Audit Report 2024/2025

**Moved By:** Marilyn Clifton

**Seconded By:** Alicia Lockyer

Lunch Break at 12.30pm to 1.15pm

**Agenda Item 6: New Membership**

***Proposed Resolution:*** *The Directors convene to a Board ordinary meeting to discuss the new membership applications at 1.20pm*

Directors met to discuss the membership application form.  
There was one Membership Application:

Courtney Kelly

***Proposed Resolution:*** *That the Directors resolves to accept new members.*

**Moved By:** Alicia Lockyer

**Seconded By:** Harry Taylor

1.30pm – return back to AGM

**Agenda Item 7: Election of Directors**

The terms of appointment for the following people expired:

Bruce Thomas  
Harry Taylor  
Robyn Churnside  
Ann Sibosado  
Milton Chapman  
Bruce Booth  
Gingin Harry  
Valda Sesar  
Adam Jeffries  
Alfred Barker Snr  
Alicia Lockyer

**Nominations:**

Harry Taylor  
Bruce Thomas  
Valda Sesar  
Alicia Lockyer  
Robyn Churnside

Lorraine Injie  
Bronwyn Liddell  
Courtney Kelly  
Marilyn Clifton

All nominee's accepted their nominations. There are now 9 Directors.

**Agenda Item 8: General Business**

- TOPH photo collection: members have mentioned they'd like if there could be a male and female group looking at the photos as there could be restricted photos for one group to view only. Also would like more information about the collection, where and how to access the photos
- Annie Cameron – Senior Linguist recently resigned and WM will have to recruit another Linguist

**Agenda Item 9: Meeting Closed**

Notices will be sent out for the next Board of Directors Meeting, in the New Year 2025.

The AGM was declared closed at 3pm

**Signed**

Chairperson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "BRUCE Thomas". The letters are slightly slanted and the ink is dark.

Bruce Thomas