

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 06 May 2021

5.20pm-6.00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 715 243 6983

Minutes

1. **Welcome & Acknowledgement.**

Those in attendance were welcomed as part of the special resolution meeting.

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were read by Mark Cottee

Notice of Motion: *That apologies be noted.*

Moved: Vern Hilditch

Seconded: Andrew Scanlon

Result: Passed

3. **Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting**

Notice of Motion: *That the minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting be accepted with adjustment.*

Moved: Dr Kaye Harris

Seconded: Chip Eling

Result: Passed

4. **Guest Speaker – Jen Tait, Disability Consultant – Purple Chicken**

Mark introduced Jen and spoke about her work within the community.

Jen gave an overview of her journey to starting Purple Chicken, her passion for disability employment and changing the landscape in Albury/Wodonga. Purple Chicken is a café focusing on employment preparation. Nothing could operate without NDIS and this shows a positive example of working with NDIS.

Purple Chicken offers personal support in a truly fully inclusive way; provide a bridge to the community to help them and the community members build confidence and navigate connection. This shows potential employers the reality of the skills of staff, not just hearsay. Job options for parents of children with disability are very limited because of care provision and Purple Chicken provides flexible care options for these parents.

They look at their young people's strengths and weaknesses, which are generally a limited range of strengths, so they need to focus on these strengths and give them opportunities for learning and growth. Young people with disabilities have the same goals as every young person – to have a job, home of own, drivers license, social circle, relationships. Purple Chicken address all these areas in different ways.

Jen gets excited when a young person with a disability is accepted into a workplace and included on a micro level, working alongside their colleagues. This makes it so much easier for the next person. The range of jobs available is increasing and not just in hospitality.

Other ventures:

- Blue Goose, plan management and support coordination has started to create jobs for people with disabilities (eg plant nursery),
- Red Bantam Taskforce is teaching warehousing, ordering, manufacturing, recycling etc.
- Green Galah. Jen has just registered this enterprise, which will take plastic bottles (100% recyclable) and fill them with cleaning type products and sell online, creating more jobs.

NELLEN can help by purchasing our products and recommending Purple Chicken for real time employment experience.

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5. Presentation of the Chairperson's Report

Notice of Motion: *That the presentation of the Annual Report & Chairperson's report be accepted as presented.*

Moved: Vern Hilditch

Seconded: Jenny Gordon

Result: Passed

6. Presentation of the CEO Report

Notice of Motion: *That the presentation of the CEO's report be accepted as presented.*

Moved: Bernie Boulton

Seconded: Andrew Scanlan

Result: Passed

7. Presentation of the Treasurer Report & Audited Financial Statements

Notice of Motion: *That the presentation of the Audited financial statements report be accepted as presented.*

Moved: John Williams

Seconded: Louise Lowe

Result: Passed

8. Appointment of the Auditors

Notice of Motion: *Subject to a review by NELLEN's Finance, Risk, Audit and Compliance Subcommittee Johnsons MME, Albury be appointed as the Auditor for the NELLEN Inc. for year ending 31st December 2021.*

Moved: Andrew Scanlan

Seconded: Jenny Gordon

Result: Passed

9. Presentation of nominees to the NELLEN Board by Category for voting Category

All positions are declared vacant, some Board members continue with the current term.

- John Williams: new nomination in Category 10
- Louise Lowe: renomination in Category 6
- Angela Pesavento: new nomination in Category 10
- Virginia Mansel Lees: new nomination in Category 5
- Matt Fagence: new nomination in Category 10

These positions are not contested

Notice of Motion: *That the nominations for the NELLEN Board vacancies be accepted by category.*

Moved: Vern Hilditch

Seconded: Andrew Scanlan

Result: Passed

The Chair congratulated the new Board members.

10. Further business

Chip Eling addressed the meeting. He is stepping down after being on the Board since 2013 and will be replaced by Virginia. He will still be around and happy to be conscripted for tasks. He acknowledged Vern as the only one still serving for the same amount of time as him and his contribution. Chip welcomed the new board members, advised them that they might find it difficult to understand the workings of the organisation and the effect it has within the community. "Don't panic! It will all make sense in the end". He thanked all the staff and current board members.

The Chair acknowledged Brett who has left the Board and moved to Melbourne. And Simon Mullumby and Michael Avery who have both also moved on. He also advised that he has changed positions so is now a co-opted member. The Chair thanked to Bev for all her work as CEO.

NELLENs are celebrating 20 years since starting, NELLEN will be 20 next year.

The CEO thanked the staff for all they have done during COVID to keep the organisation operating, and especially thanked Caitlind for pulling together the Annual Report, and Kristin and Susan for their work checking memberships and organising the AGM.

Close of meeting– Thank you for attending the 2021 AGM.

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