



BOARD COMMUNIQUE MEETING NO. 2020-1 HELD ON 5 February 2020

Board Matters

1. The Board:

- welcomed Uncle Norm Wilson and Glendle Schrader (FPMMAC) as Directors on the Federation.
- noted correspondence from Barengi Gadjin Land Council withdrawing membership of the Federation.
- noted the appointment of Raylene Harradine to the Board of First Nations Legal and Research Services.

Subcommittees and Subsidiaries reports

2. The board agreed:

- that the Terms of Reference for both the Governance Alignment Sub-committee and the Finance, Audit and Risk Management Sub-Committee would be reviewed in early 2021
- to circulate information to identify and seek members for the Sub-Committees.
- The board also noted the process for the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer.
- The board noted the subsidiaries report and the progress of Federation Enterprises and Barpa.

Corporate Matters

CEO Report

3. The report from the CEO provided updates on several key work areas, and in particular highlighted:

- The upcoming First Principles Review meeting (13 and 14 February 2020) in relation to the Traditional Owner Settlement Act and the opportunity to discuss the terms of reference and objectives with the Attorney-General, The Hon Jill Hennessy MP.
- Invitations being sent to 11 Traditional Owner Corporations CEOs to the CEO Forum (25 February 2020), as well as the Cultural Landscapes Strategy co-governance group and Fire Forum (26 February).
- Work on the Federation's proposal to directly fund Traditional Owner Corporations from the \$4m nation building funding to develop community principles, processes and preparations to negotiate Treaty.

4. The Board acknowledged the recent devastating bushfires and the collective support from Traditional Owner Corporations from across the State. The Board noted the Federation's role in facilitating key forums and in attending the Federal Minister's Bushfire Roundtable with the early responses being to build on the Cultural Fire Strategy and implementation program, appropriate support for recovery activity and involvement as new structures and policies are developed.
5. The upcoming CATSI Act Review was noted, and the Federation will circulate information and seek input for a submission.
6. Finance Report
 - The finance report was noted by the directors.
 - The Audited Financial and Directors' Report was tabled and approved including from the Subsidiary companies.

Other business

7. The board noted the travel report from the Study tour to NZ to gain a better understanding of Maori economic development approaches and treaty. Key points noted were:
 - culture and commerce go together, with a focus on connections and relationships
 - Indigenous people need to "own their story"
 - "Trobial" (Tribal Global) Trade is emerging in international trade
 - Treaty can be a basis for economic strength and enabling further investment.
8. The Federation Board hosted guest speakers to dinner, with informal discussion on understanding opportunities for collaboration:
 - Marcus Stewart, Co-Chair of the First People's Assembly of Victoria, who acknowledging the apology of his Co-Chair, Geraldine Atkinson, provided an update on the establishment and progress of the Assembly, including the progress of holding meetings around the State, and the importance of Traditional Owner communities understanding and preparing for treaty.
 - Lee Miezes, CEO Bushfire Recovery Victoria. Lee outlined the establishment of the organisation in response to the bushfires over the recent months and spoke to the role and functions of BRV including in coordinating support for communities.

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