



BOARD COMMUNIQUE MEETING NO. 2020-2

HELD ON 7 MAY 2020

Board Matters

1. The Board welcomed Paul Paton to his first board meeting as CEO as he commenced on Monday 6 April. Paul is a Gunnai and Monaro man with a long involvement in reconnecting individuals and communities with language, culture and identity.
2. In accordance with the Nominations and Appointment Policy and specific requirements under the relevant constitution, the Board resolved to appoint Vicki Clarke to the Federation Enterprises Board.
3. The Board accepted a report on Risk Management matters, including an update on managing during the Covid-19 response requirements.
4. The position description for the Chairperson was approved by the Board.
5. The draft Strategic Plan 2020-23 was presented to the board. In addition, the Board approved a scoping of work to consider the governance and structural requirements to support the strategic direction and changing context.

Corporate Matters

6. CEO Report – the report from the CEO included updates on:
 - The Federation's response to Covid-19 and the immediate priorities are to ensure staff safety and being able to work with flexibility from home, with options for a return to work once permitted being developed.
 - Key work areas including progress and support for Treaty, NRM strategies (noting the Cultural Fire Implementation and Native Foods and Botanicals Strategy), nation building activity, the convening of the CEO Forum, the Federation's participation in the Aboriginal Executive Committee and meetings with Ministers.

7. Finance Report

- The finance report was accepted by the directors.

8. Reports were provided from the two subsidiary companies, Federation Enterprises and First Nations.

9. An update on the First Principles Review (FPR) in relation to the Traditional Owner Settlement Act highlighted the Committee's progress on two key areas:

- Community Benefits formula, particularly addressing matters relating to the Timber Creek case
- State Game Reserves to be transferred into Aboriginal Title and addressing restrictions on collection of flora.

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