

BOARD COMMUNIQUE MEETING NO. 2020-4, 2020-5 and AGM HELD ON 27 NOVEMBER 2020

Board Matters

1. The Board appointed Rodney Carter as the Chair of the Federation and acknowledged the contribution of Jason Mifsud over the past two years who resigned on 3 November 2020.
2. The Board gave focus to strategic positioning of the Federation, within the changing context and ensuring the approach is inclusive, impactful and implementable, and will hold a strategy and review session at the next meeting.

Subcommittees and Subsidiaries

3. The Board noted reports of the Subcommittees, and in particular:
 - The Finance, Audit, Risk, Management Subcommittee Report that included proposed constitutional changes, approving actions for the AGM and the draft Annual Report.
4. The Auditor attended the meeting and spoke to the annual report, noting the unqualified opinion and that the financial situation, and particularly in light of the Covid-19 context and uncertainty, the underlying technical and control mechanisms were in excellent shape the report provided a true and fair reflection.
5. The Board noted the finance report, including the ongoing position and solvency of the organisation.
6. The Board noted the Federation Enterprises report, which highlighted the financial status, audit process and key areas of work underway towards the strategy.
7. The Board noted the First Nations Legal and Research Services Report, which outlined key projects for 2021 and the organisation's response to Covid-19, with continued work and continuing dialogue with FVTOC and NNTC as the building co-tenants.

Corporate Matters

8. The Board considered and was appraised of several key matters including:
 - Communications and engagement on the Federation Strategy 2020-23 with a range of stakeholders, including through an "explainer video" that will accompany its distribution and that as Covid-related travel restrictions ease off the Federation CEO would engage and offer to meet with all TOCs.

- The CEOs Forum continue to provide a strong mechanism for Traditional Owner Corporation CEOs to share information, resources and provide advice on current and emerging matters to help direct and focus the work of the Federation.
- Appointments to committees relating to DHHS Aboriginal Strategic Governance Forum, DJPR Victorian Aboriginal Economic and Employment Council.
- The work of the First Principles Review of the Traditional Owner Settlement Act and the Government's responses to the Traditional Owner committee, Treaty support and advice to the First Peoples' Assembly
- Budget and key strategic positioning in relation to Cultural Fire implementation, Cultural Landscapes Strategy and Water Roadmap developments.

AGM

9. The Federation AGM was held on 27 November 2020.

- At the Federation's AGM members approved by special resolution one amendment to the Constitution enabling the CEO to negotiate contracts and funding agreements more freely within strategic limits.
- The annual report was presented to the Members and PwC was reappointed as the Federation's auditor.

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