



BOARD COMMUNIQUE MEETING NO. 2021-2 HELD ON 27 May 2021

Board Matters


1. The Board welcomed Nicole Cassar as a Director nominated by Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation.

Subcommittees and Subsidiaries

2. The Board noted reports of the Subcommittees, and in particular:
 - Approved the risk management report, and noted the Federation's activities to manage cyber-attacks and scams.
3. The Board noted the Federation Enterprises report, which highlighted the development of business planning and risk management.
4. The Board noted and discussed the First Nations Legal and Research Services Report, noting in particular the emerging 'hybrid' meetings with in-person and video linked meetings.
5. The Board noted the finance report, including the ongoing position and solvency of the organisation.
 - The Board also approved the 2021-22 annual budget, noting that over the coming months there was work to further clarify the opportunities arising from the State Budget.

Corporate Matters

6. The Board considered and was appraised of several key matters through the CEO Report:
 - The State Budget 2021-22 – and the focus on funding for treaty and truth and justice relative to Traditional Owner Corporation's day to day responsibilities. There was discussion on the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria, recognising that the Federation is advocating on the support for Traditional Owners Corporations to develop and fulfill their functions, and that the three core roles of the Assembly were not necessarily fully understood across all of government.
 - The progress and completion of several key pieces of work and the emerging opportunities from those, including Traditional Owner Native Foods and Botanicals Strategy, Cultural Landscapes Strategy, Traditional Owner Game Management Strategy and nation building program.

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- The on-going development of the 'Water Roadmap' with the Federation advocating to DELWP for a renewed Nation by Nation approach to continue water rights advocacy building on the discussions with Traditional Owners through the development of the *Cultural Water for Cultural Economies* report.
 - The Victorian Aboriginal Employment and Economic Council is currently developing a strategy and the Federation is actively seeking to ensure that it appropriately understands and addresses the roles and functions of Traditional Owner Corporations to support and develop their opportunities. This will likely be completed in October 2021, with a view to informing the next State Budget process.

Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations

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