



BOARD COMMUNIQUE MEETING NO. 2021-4, 2021-5 and AGM HELD ON 26 NOVEMBER 2021

Board Matters

1. The Board appointed Rodney Carter as the Chair of the Federation for 2022.
2. The Board welcomed Cassandra Lewis as a Director from DDWCAC, thanking Trent Nelson for his time on the Board. The Board also noted Grant Hansen's resignation and noted thanks for his contribution to the Board.

Subcommittees and Subsidiaries

3. The Auditor attended the meeting and spoke to the consolidated annual reports for the group of companies (being Federation, Federation Enterprises and First Nations Legal and Research Services) and the Federation as a stand-alone entity. It was noted that the results are strong for the 2020-21 year and that the organisation had been resilient through the Covid lockdowns. The underlying technical and control mechanisms are in excellent shape and the audits are provided as an unqualified opinion.
4. The Board noted the finance report, including the ongoing position and solvency of the organisation.
5. The Board noted the Federation Enterprises report, which highlighted the progress on the development of the business strategy and governance including through the appointments process. The Board, also approved the reappointment of Graham Atkinson and Alex Burns and the appointment of Nicole Cassar and Casey Majchrzak to the Federation Enterprises Board.
6. The Board noted the work of First Nations Legal and Research services, in particular the building work to assist in developing a sound platform in the regions without formal recognition.

Corporate Matters

7. The Board considered and was appraised of several key matters:
 - The proposed mid-term review of the Federation's strategic plan 2020-23 and the potential alignment and structural change to adjust and reflect the future focus and opportunities for the Federation. The board discussed the changing operating landscape, and agreed to give focus to those matters in the new year.
 - Updates on key areas of work supporting Traditional Owner voices through the First Principles Review, Treaty, Aboriginal Executive Council and the Victorian Aboriginal Employment and Economic Council.

- The Federation’s work to support nation building and self-determination, including through its work on activating rights and supporting capacity, and on the proposed approach to key areas of priority for Budget 2022.
- Progress on the implementation of key areas of natural resource management including work around implementing the cultural landscapes strategy, development of State-wide and nation-level statements to support a roadmap for reforms in water governance, management and ownership, and progress on the implementation of the Traditional Owner Game Management Strategy in enabling holistic management of Country.

AGM

8. The Federation AGM was held on 26 November 2021.

- There were no special resolutions or amendments to the constitution.
- The annual report was presented to the Members and PwC was reappointed as the Federation’s auditor.

Meeting with Yoo-rruk Truth and Justice Commissioners

9. Out of session the Board met with the Yoo-rruk Commissioners, providing an opportunity to clarify the scope, timing and support available, as well as opening discussion on more complex matters such as how to determine and ensure the appropriate mechanisms to hear from Traditional Owners and how to hear, determine and balance details to uncover truth and acknowledge pathways to justice.

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We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land we work on as the First People of this country.