



BOARD COMMUNIQUE MEETING NO. 2023-2

HELD ON 1 June 2023

Board Matters

1. The Board accepted the finance report, including the ongoing position and solvency of the organisation.
2. The Board also accepted the Finance, Audit and Risk Management Sub-committee report including:
 - a draft budget and plan for 2023-24
 - the risk management report
3. The Board noted the Federation Enterprises progress and that a dividend had been approved to be paid to the Federation.
4. The Board agreed to the Federation applying for membership of the National Native Title Council.

Strategy Oversight

5. The Board considered and discussed the redevelopment of the strategic plan for 2024-27, providing input and guidance to management on a preferred approach, recognising that the Federation's unique offering and positioning needs to remain relevant to add value to members and the sector more broadly, within the changing landscape in Victoria – particularly as treaty and self-determination become increasingly embedded.
6. Paul spoke to a series of options and outlined a preferred approach to refocus the strategy, building on a number of factors including deepening relationships and diversification of income streams. The Board also noted the need to continue to adapt as the operating environment changes.
7. The Board agreed in principle to the preferred high level model, with further work to be undertaken to develop the strategic plan and to signal the operational requirements.

Corporate Matters

8. Through the CEO Report, Paul highlighted:

- a number of areas of communications activity:
 - The website refresh scheduled for 'go live' in July
 - Podcasts "Traditionally Talking" launched as a series of 12 podcasts covering key topics such as fire, water and cultural landscapes, through interviews with representatives of TOCs and other leading experts
 - "10 years stronger" – celebrating 10 years of the Federation to culminate at the AGM in November
- the program of 'Collaboration workshops' with TOCs are currently underway, to enhance familiarity and understanding of current and emerging priorities of the TOCs and discussion on areas for collaboration to best support TOCs' interests
- the developing service offering around 'planning', where the Federation's skills and knowledge is available to support and facilitate TOCs in self-determined processes for planning or enabling program and policy positions to be developed.

9. Paul also noted that:

- the Federation had recently convened an initial workshop of TOC representatives to progress the implementation of the Cultural Landscapes Strategy, to set the direction and develop a program of work
- the Traditional Owner Native Foods and Botanicals Strategy governance group had approved grant funding to support TOCs, and was finalising a number of template documents to support in managing, protecting and benefitting from their ICIP (Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property) in relation to this sector
- the Federation alongside a number of TOCs are presenting at the 2023 AIATSIS conference in Perth on the Federation-administered Nation Building Resource Pool funding program, particularly to highlight the positive way in which the tailored and flexible approach taken by the program has empowered self-determination and enabled capacity.

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