



## FCA Board Meeting (In person and Zoom)

**Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2024 from 10:30 to 12.00 AET**

<b>President</b>	<b>Outcoming Laurence Arthur</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Barbara Barkhausen, Peter Hadfield, Raj Suri, Rocio Otoya, Nobuko, Thosten, Gregory Plesse, Marie Geisser, Teri Teramoto, Jennifer Johston , Gonzalo Aguirregomezcorta, Matt Newport, Philip Engelberts, Hiroyuki Takahashi, Francois Van Thanh Tam, Otto Schaechtele, Lihn Nguyen, Hiroki Ijima, Raj, Trevor Watson, Roger Maynard, Michelle Ostwald, Isabelle Dellerba, Thorsten Joses, Liz Lacerda, Nobuko Matsuda,</b>

### AGENDA

1. Chairman welcome
2. Apologies
3. Past Minutes Approval
4. Treasure report
5. President report
6. Election of new board 2024-25
7. FCA 40th Anniversary
8. General discussion

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>1- Chairman welcome</b>	Start delayed due to technical problems	Review links next time
	<b>Roger Maynard:</b> welcome to country and explained the dynamic.	

**2.- Apologies**      **Neena Bandari and Esther Blank**

**3.- Past minutes**      Roger asked if there was any objection to the minutes from 2023. All approved      Approved

**4.- President report**      **Laurence** explained all the activities and events we had in 2023 from social events in Melbourne and Sydney to professional activities and press conference as such

- Megan Davis, spokesperson for the Yes campaign to the Voice referendum (**Rocio**)
- Illawarra trip to Emu rescue centre and Treetops (**Peter**)
- Rapahel Mapu, Kakak leader from New Caledonia (**Peter**)
- Informal briefing with a Pacific fisheries representative
- Bangarra show an interview at the Opera House as well as an Oyster Farm trip (**Barbara**)

**Laurence** asked members to bear in mind how damaging is to the FCA reputation late cancellations

Future or in the making events

- Contacts with the Vatican and PNG Catholic Conference ahead of Pope Francis visit
- A joined press conference at the National Press Club with an top senior official
- Trip to Brisbane organised by **Peter**
- A booklet, almost finished (**Neena** raised concerns about the correctness of the stories)
- 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibition at potentially UTS

In progress

**Laurence** reported that the FCA aired its concerns to WikiLeaks after a member was assaulted and racially abused during Stella Assange press conference on June 2023 in Canberra. The outgoing president reminded if anyone needs assistance the FCA will be supportive

Proposal to have digital cards      In discussion

Two members left the FCA after returning or pausing membership. However, other journalist from Singapore, Japan and Taiwan joined the FCA.

**Roger** and the attendees thanked **Laurence** and gave her a present

## **5. Treasurer Report**

**Liz** distributed a documents with the balance. (See attachment) and explained we change banks and opened a non profit account

We have almost 50,000 AUD in each account.

The incomes are maily memberships and sponsorship  
Main expenses were the Christmas parties and transport to the events. We also have disimbursed money to file documents.  
Websites, digital platforms are also part of the expenses.  
**Liz** highlighted that **Raj** is uploading content for free.  
**Liz** reported that the FCA is considering asking Tourism Australia more money as we have the exhibition coming.  
**Liz** highlighted how expensive is the coming exhibition.  
We will be near 100.000 AUD next year.

**Hiroki** asked how many members does the FCA have.  
Stable number, but the FCA did not give an exact figure

## **6.- Election of new board**

**Roger** announced the following nominations  
(8 nominations for 8 seats to be filled)

**President:** Peter Hadfield  
**Vice-president:** Rocio Otoya  
**Secretary:** Wolfgang Mueller  
**Treasurer:** Liz Laceda  
Board members:  
Raj Suri,  
Barbara Barkhausen,  
Gonzalo Aguirregomezorta  
Marie Geissler

and Laurence Arthur (as past president)

**Roger** said that the candidates deemed to be elected

Elected

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## **BALANCE SHEET AS AT:**

	<u>30/Jun/24</u>	<u>30/Jun/23</u>	<u>30/Jun/22</u>	<u>30/Jun/21</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Westpac Community Solutions	41,174	36,117		
Westpac Cash Reserves	50,820	50,114		
Macquarie Cash Management Account	0	281	77,993	71,530
Accounts Receivable	120	120	77,993	71,530
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>92,115</b>	<b>86,633</b>	<b>77,993</b>	<b>71,530</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Deposits in Advance	180	430	120	960
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>960</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>91,935</b>	<b>86,203</b>	<b>77,873</b>	<b>70,570</b>
<b>Members' Equity</b>				
Retained Earnings	86,203	77,873	70,570	65,549
Current Year Earnings	5,732	8,330	7,303	5,021
<b>Total Members' Equity</b>	<b>91,935</b>	<b>86,203</b>	<b>77,873</b>	<b>70,570</b>
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## **PROFIT & LOSS YEAR ENDED:**

	<u>30/Jun/24</u>	<u>30/Jun/23</u>	<u>30/Jun/22</u>	<u>30/Jun/21</u>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Subscriptions	7,190	7,084	6,970	4,790
Sundry income	0	0	250	0
Functions Income	1,721	1,475	1,770	1,365
Sponsorship	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
Interest Received	712	967	67	158
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>16,623</b>	<b>16,526</b>	<b>16,057</b>	<b>13,313</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Accounting Fee	2,000	0	1,980	1,980
Brochures	0	0	231	0
Event Costs	6,672	5,600	3,941	4,852
Travelling Expenses	561	551	417	0
Filing Fees	192	89	36	47
Internet & Computer Costs	563	947	0	548
Meeting Costs / travel	0	419	0	0
Membership Cards	467	559	515	596
Printing	38	0	0	0
Website Expenses	399	30	1,635	269
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>10,891</b>	<b>8,196</b>	<b>8,754</b>	<b>8,292</b>
<b>Net Profit / Loss</b>	<b>5,732</b>	<b>8,330</b>	<b>7,303</b>	<b>5,021</b>

so, not need to have hand

**Roger** congratulated Peter  
**Peter** thanked Laurence

**7. Other business**     **Laurence** remembered the need to gather material for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Asked the members to contribute with their work and send their expression of interest

**Trevor** gave to the FCA copies of the magazine he used to produce, his text about the story of the FCA and a drive stick with photos and documents.

**Trevor** offer to work on a seminar with **Rocio**

**Teri** said she has photos and material about a trip to Canberra.

**Teri remembered to the board she is a member since 1992.**

**Trevor** talked Carl Robertson and Maggi. One of the first membership

**Roger** expressed his frustration about contacting the Prime Minister

He requested to get in touch with his office to get their itinerary and more information ahead of the election.

**Barbara** explained her problems with the Signal Directorate office, too

**Peter said that the media relation with the Government is one of his top priority as president: We will do our best. We are not like 20 years ago when the foreign press was more respected , we need to put ourselves back on the map.**

**Roger** said that it could be a great achievement of your presidency.

**Trevor** announced he was putting up notices of the William Booth Society They have a gathering next 13<sup>th</sup> of september. They have 198 members.

**Peter** announced the FCA is in contact with the Queensland Government to make a trip to Brisbane, but the division of the cost is the main issue.

**Peter** said that trips attract more member.

**8. Ends**

**Roger** closed the meeting and wish the Board and the FCA another successful year

