

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CANBERRA BLIND SOCIETY

Date: Thursday 14th November 2024
Time: 6:00pm
Venue: Room 6, Level 1, Griffin Centre
20 Genge Street
Canberra

The following documents are enclosed:

- Agenda for Canberra Blind Society (CBS) Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 14 November 2024
- Proposed Amendments to change of Constitution
- Nomination Form
- Proxy Form
- Minutes of AGM held on 16th November 2023

Board Positions due for re-election, for a 2-year period, at this years' AGM are:

- Vice President
- Treasurer; and
- Two Ordinary Board Members

CBS Members nominating for these positions for the first time, must include a half page CV including any qualifications or competencies they will bring to the Board. **Nominations close at close of business on**

Patron
the Hon.
Margaret Reid AO
Roy Daniell

Mission

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Services

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Mentoring programs
Peer support programs
Range of products to support vision impaired persons
Daily living skills training
Excursions and social events
Annual adaptive technology display
Audio Newsletter
Referral to and help in accessing
Community Organisations and facilities

Donations
\$2 and over
TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Social Networking



**Thursday 7th November 2024 – email
eo@canberrablindsociety.org.au**

There is a proposal to amend the Constitution of the Canberra Blind Society (CBS) to allow for introduction of an annual membership fee.

If you would like to raise any matter of general business at the meeting, please notify the Executive Officer in writing no later than **close of business 7th November 2024** to email:

eo@canberrablindsociety.org.au

Members are cordially invited to a small dinner after the AGM. Please notify the office if you would like to attend the dinner for catering purposes – admin@canberrablindsociety.org.au or phone 6247 4580.

If you would like to attend the meeting virtually via (ZOOM) please contact the office for the link – admin@canberrablindsociety.org.au

If you require transport – please call Hayley on 6247 4580.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H Fitzpatrick', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Heather Fitzpatrick
CBS President

AGENDA

Annual General Meeting 6.00pm Thursday 14th November 2024 Room 6, Level 1, Griffin Centre, 20 Genge Street, Canberra

1. Welcome, attendees and apologies
 - 1.1. Welcome
 - 1.2. Attendees
 - 1.3. Apologies
 - 1.4. Meeting Open
2. Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 16th November 2023
3. Reports
 - 3.1. President's Report
 - 3.2. Treasurer's Report
 - 3.3. Executive Officer Report
4. Election of Office Bearers and Board Members
 - 4.1. Vice President
 - 4.2. Treasurer
 - 4.3. Two Ordinary Board Members

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5. Confirmation of Public Officer
6. Confirmation of Auditor
7. Confirmation of Patrons
8. Proposed change to Constitution
9. General Business
10. AGM Proposed date of Thursday 20th
November 2025
11. Meeting Close





Canberra Blind Society Inc Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Room 9, Griffin Centre, Genge Street Canberra at 6pm Thursday, November 16, 2023

Welcome

Vice-President Damien Wright opened the meeting at 6pm and welcomed those in attendance and online. He noted the draft agenda and nominations had been circulated on October 24. As there had been no changes, the draft agenda was now the formal agenda.

Present

Alex Parnell, Amelia Glanville, Bianca David, Damien Wright, (Vice-President and Chair) Deb Quinnell, Gareth Norman, Glenn Doney, Graham Downie, (Secretary) Lindy Hou, (Treasurer) Liz McClarnen, Peter Granleese, Roy Daniel. Online: Hayley Moeller, Prue Mayhew, Sharon Sobey, Stephanie Creaser.

Apologies

Heather Fitzpatrick, (President) Emma Lea Sheather, Len Hogg, Margaret Reid, Morwena Vincent, Robert Altamore.

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Peter Granleese, seconded Liz McClarnen: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of November 17, 2022, be accepted as a correct record of that meeting. Carried.

Reports

President's Report

The report, co-authored by Heather Fitzpatrick and Glenn Doney, was read to the meeting by Damien Wright. A copy of the report is filed with the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Lindy Hou thanked the auditor, Scott Ellis, of Les Ellis and Associates for performing the annual audit. A copy of the auditor's report was available for inspection. Lindy Hou also thanked Executive Officer, Glenn Doney, and book keeper, Stef Berta-McGhie for keeping the details of the CBS accounts and providing responses to her questions. "I would specially thank our President, Heather Fitzpatrick, for her work before I took on the role."

Damien Wright read the report to the meeting. A copy of the report is filed with the minutes.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

GLENN Doney read his report to the meeting. A copy of the report is filed with the minutes.

Glenn Doney thanked all staff, volunteers and CBS Board members for going beyond the call of duty.

Moved Deb Quinnell, seconded Amelia Glanville: That the reports be received. Carried.

Election of Board Members and Office Bearers

Nominations were received for: CBS President Heather Fitzpatrick; Secretary, Graham Downie and Board member, Amelia Glanville.

There being no other nominations, these people were duly elected, leaving two vacant board positions

Election of Public Officer

Peter Granleese, being the only nomination, was confirmed as CBS public officer.

Election of Auditor

Scott Ellis, of Les Ellis and Associates, was confirmed as CBS auditor.

Election of Patrons

Margaret Reid and Roy Daniel were confirmed as CBS patrons.

General Business

Graham Downie expressed appreciation for the contribution to CBS by President Heather Fitzpatrick, currently overseas attending to family matters.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Annual General Meeting of the Canberra Blind Society will begin at 6pm, Thursday November 21, 2024.

Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 6.33pm.