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## AGM 2021 Sunday 11 April 3-4:30 pm AEST (Zoom)

### Minutes

**Attendees (21):** Louise Mason, Joy Bowles, Elizabeth Schiemer, Sue Sheridan, Norma Rees, Rodney Hatch, Christina Rowntree, Jessica Fleming, Jim Bright, Immanuel Creagh, Viviana Creagh, Mark Healy, Tina Christensen, Geoff Rodda, Lorraine Rodda, Madonna Rigoni, Heather Middleton, Randal Dennings, Sue Dennings, Ellen Clair, Misha Collins,

**Apologies received:** Carole Schroeder, Ramona Lane, Alison Meretini, Sam Wilson, Cynthia Hoogstraten, Kath Crane, Robyn Clayfield, Cheryl Andrews, Elizabeth Brandis

Meeting started 3:08 pm

### Welcome

### Acceptance of minutes from AGM 2020

Moved: Joy Bowles      Seconded: Immanuel Creagh      **All in favour**

### Chair's report (see ALN Management> ALN Meetings & Documents)

#### Key points

The online environment, although second-best compared to in-person meetings, may hold many benefits for the ALN, given our wide-spread membership, and the often-prohibitive costs for members to travel to Gatherings.

Gathering 2022 has been tentatively booked for Mount Carmel, NSW (the venue we were going to use in 2020), but whether it will go ahead depends on the situation with COVID in September 2021 which is when the Council will have to decide about whether to hold a face-to-face or virtual event.

### Treasurer's report (see ALN Management> ALN Meetings & Documents)

#### Comments

**Immanuel affirmed the huge amount of time Randal has committed to matters of Insurance and cover.**

Randal Dennings has been obtaining quotes for ALN insurance (Directors' Insurance and Volunteers Insurance), and said he got quotes from 5 different insurers before choosing our current insurer, AON, who has just sent an email saying our premium payments are remaining the same as 2020, which is good news.

### Acknowledgement of council carriers stepping down

Immanuel acknowledged the contributions of Viviana and Sam (and later Elizabeth acknowledged Immanuel) to Council, and thanked them for their hard work.

### World Labyrinth Day and World Labyrinth Day in Schools

Louise Mason was invited to be on the World Labyrinth Day Steering Committee. World Labyrinth Day started as an initiative of The Labyrinth Society (TLS), but has now grown to include Veriditas, the ALN and The Legacy Labyrinth project. View all the news and resources at [www.worldlabyrinthday.org](http://www.worldlabyrinthday.org)

Louise has headed the World Labyrinth Day in Schools project, and in response to a request for more online offerings, has created the opportunity for 3 live finger labyrinth sessions to be offered to schools on 30 April. She and her team have also developed many labyrinth resource materials which have all been prepared with attention to sound pedagogical principles.

### Election

Sue Sheridan took on the role of Returning Officer. The results of the election were seven members elected onto Council:

Chair: Elizabeth Schiemer

Vice-Chair: Mark Healy

Secretary: Joy Bowles

Treasurer: vacant – Joy Bowles is willing to be interim Treasurer until another member steps into the role. This may be Jim Bright, a friend and colleague of Elizabeth Schiemer who has much experience as Treasurer for other not-for-profit organisations, but who will wait until he has had the opportunity to meet with Council members and find out more about the organisation.

Ordinary Members: Heather Middleton, Louise Mason, Kim Adele, Tina Christensen (self-nominated, seconded by Lorraine Rodda)

Another potential Council ordinary member is Fiona Dewes, but as she is new to the ALN, she may take a few months before she decides to join up.

Tina Christensen said that her purpose in wanting to be on Council is to head a working group to engage members with online educational and inspirational opportunities, similar to her work with Veriditas Council with whom she has been working for the last three years.

### New Chair's address

Elizabeth outlined several ideas she has for the next phase of the ALN's progress, with WLD and WLDS being our immediate priority given that they are happening in less than 3 weeks' time. She said that she saw Council as the legal and administrative body of the organisation, and the Chair's role as a supportive role, helping the other leaders such as the Regional Representatives and

Working Group leaders, who carry on the life of the ALN. There is a need to focus on our members and increasing member numbers and engagement, especially those trained as facilitators, and links can be made with people from other modalities such as music or art therapy, alcohol and drug counsellors. Elizabeth also said we could expand our website to include links to Australian artists and craftspeople making labyrinth art and products. Lorraine said TLS has links on its website to artists' websites, so it would be easy to follow that model.

### Sharing and discussion

Mark Healy said he had spoken to about 15 members prior to the AGM to see if they would be interested on being on Council. Although the response was "no" to Council, several people felt they might be able to contribute to specific projects, such as Angelo Virgona possibly doing an Australian version of the online finger labyrinth walks being done by Veriditas.

Christina Rowntree said she wanted to highlight the conclusion of the Veriditas Training Report that Council should contact the most recent participants in the Veriditas training group to see if they would like to become members.

Lorraine Rodda shared about where her Video Magazine for Reconciliation Week is up to – she is still going through getting copyright permissions from various copyright holders to use their videos in her project. She sees the work as being useful for labyrinth lovers to learn more about First Nations issues, and for First Nations people to learn more about labyrinths. Lorraine said she would send a PDF with the links to the videos to Council, and will ask Regional Reps if they would like their names on the back of the magazine. Randal Dennings affirmed Lorraine's work, and said he has found Aboriginal people welcome the labyrinth.

Rodney Hatch shared about how he has been using the labyrinth with alcohol & drug rehabilitation programs, in particular the Reconciliation Labyrinth that was used in South Africa, and how he would like to look at getting the labyrinth into prisons. Randal Dennings said he could share his experience of getting a labyrinth into a prison in SE Queensland. It seemed there might be energy in the group for a Working Group on Alcohol & Drug Rehab and Prisons, linking in with Lorraine's Reconciliation work. Rodney also said he would like to become a Regional Representative, Geoff nominated, Jessica seconded, all in favour. We will formally minute this as part of the first Council meeting on Wed 14 April 2021.

Randal shared the news that the Regional Representatives in SE Queensland **are** grouping together to form a Hub (following the ACT example), and will hold a mini-gathering for SE Queensland probably in September this year.

Tina suggested that a survey be sent to members along with the minutes, asking them what their interests might be in terms of working groups.

Meeting closed 4:40 pm