PRECI Annual General Meeting 2025

MINUTES

Date: 24.11.2025

Time: 4.30pm (WST) / 7.30pm (AEDT)

Location: Zoom

Present: Denise Luscombe (Chair), Kerry Bull, Paula Buttigieg, Susan Gibson, Lauren Falconer, Kylie Gough, Megan Fox, Sam Boag, Gemma Upson, Jane Tinkler(+proxy), Beccy Creswick, Susana Gavidia-Payne, Chris Johnston, Kerry Dominish, Stacey Alexander, Leigh Dix, Sally Moore, Charmaine Bernie, Tim Moore, Talia Pulis, Pip Cullen

Proxy: Kylie Matusewicz's proxy held by Jane Tinkler

Observer: Michelle Goldsmith (volunteer)

Apologies: John Forster, Trish Wachtel, Anoo Bhopti, Kathryn Canty

1. **Welcome**

Denise Luscombe offered an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed everyone to the

2025AGM. The current directors were introduced to the meeting.

2. **Approval of the agenda**
   Approved unanimously.

3. **Minutes of the 2023 AGM**
   Taken as read. Motion: That the minutes be approved. Moved: Megan Fox Seconded: Paula Buttigieg. Carried unanimously.

4. **Annual report**
   Presented by Denise Luscombe (Chair) who spoke briefly to the report. Motion: That the chair's report as tabled be accepted. Moved: Kerry Bull. Seconded: Susana Gavidia-Payne. Carried unanimously.

5. **Financial Report:**

   Presented by Paula Buttigieg (Treasurer). Audited by Niall Murray. Motion: That the financial report as tabled be accepted. Moved: Denise Luscombe Seconded: Kerry Bull. Carried unanimously.

   Motion: That Niall Murray be appointed as auditor for the next fiscal year. Moved: Paula Buttigieg Seconded: Kerry Dominish. Carried unanimously.

6. **Special resolution:**
   It is proposed that there be an amendment to Clause 69.1(b) of the PRECI Constitution with respect to the winding up of PRECI and distribution of any surplus assets. This amendment removes the words "*is registered as a public benevolent institution (**PBI**)*" from the beginning of the clause so that it reads "endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office to be income tax exempt and to have deductible gift recipient (**DGR**) status

   No discussion. Carried unanimously.

7. **Election of Board Members**
   Kerry Bull presided over this part of the meeting. There being four positions vacant, and election was held with anonymous voting occurring through menti.com

   The following were elected to the Board: Lauren Falconer, Sam Boag, Charmaine Bernie and Talia Pulis.

8. **The Chair expressed thanks to the outgoing Board members as follows**:
   - Susan Gibson: Thank you Sue for your support. Sue commenced on the Board in December 2023 – representing SA. Sue has worked on student projects and also is a member of the Conference Organising Committee. We look forward to your continued connection through this Committee and look forward to seeing you in person in Adelaide in May next year! Thank you!

   - John Forster: John is one of the inaugural PRECI Board Members and also part of the original think-tank behind this crazy idea of starting an organisation to support the sector and bring research and practice together. John has ensured that inclusion remains high on the agenda of PRECI and I would take this opportunity to celebrate that the article co-authored by John has been accepted and published in the *Infants and Young Children* journal. The title is Rethinking Early Childhood Intervention and Education: A turbulent decade in Australia's progress toward the inclusion of young children with disability. We will need to have you interviewed for a Research Snapshot, or a podcast! John is also involved in the Conference Committee (and I have not asked if he will be continuing) but I am sure we will be continuing ties. Thank John for all your advocacy in this area.

- Kerry Bull: And finally, Kerry who is also one of the inaugural members of PRECI and the think-tank! As well as all the expertise Kerry brings, she has dedicated huge amounts of time and energy into PRECI – supporting me in all the work of the Chair and behind the scenes work. Kerry has shared the work and we have had many a debrief! Kerry and I had never worked together before and so heading off on a 2.5 week tour around Australia living together day in and day out showed we had missed out on not having the opportunity before. We had the great pleasure of working together and hearing from the field through the consultations and I am very grateful that Kerry will continue to be involved in this work as we continue our consultations and head out again around the country next year! And let's face it Kerry is the podcast queen and I look forward to many more being produced in 2026! So much more could be said, but thank you Kerry and I will miss our almost daily chats/meetings (including the weekends!) but I know you will remain an integral part of the work of PRECI as we support implementation of the Framework.

9. **Other business:**
   No further business.

10. **Closing remarks:**
    The Chair thanked members for their attendance and Directors for their work during the year noting that this is a working Board.

11. **Meeting closed at 5.10 WST/8.10pm AEDT**