



AUSTRALIA JAPAN SOCIETY OF NSW INC.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2021

### MINUTES

Annual General Meeting (AGM) of members of the Australia Japan Society of NSW Incorporated, held via Zoom videoconference on Wednesday 24 November 2021 at 6.00pm.

#### 1. Attendees via videoconference

Philip Mitchell (President)	Richard Hughes
Kimiyo Aizawa	Ryo Kamisaku
Anita Byrnes	Roger March
Lindsay Clift	Michele Miller
Terry Crotty	Masanori Ohtani
Megan Gambi	Momoe Ohtani
Tim Griffiths	Ben Trumbull

#### 2. Welcome and Quorum

The President, Philip Mitchell, welcomed the members in attendance. With the required quorum of five (5) financial members being present the meeting was declared open.

#### 3. Apologies and proxies

Apology with Proxy - Lindsay Anderson, Michelle Belgiorno, Belinda Campbell, James Fenton, Debra Hazelton, Leigh McClintock, Bengisu Mersinli, Ian Stewart, Colin Thatcher, Yuko Wakamatsu and Rowena Ward.

Apology without Proxy - Diane Vukelic

#### 4. Adoption of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 23 November 2020

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the above meeting be accepted.

Moved Terry Crotty  
Seconded: Anita Byrnes

There was no business arising from the meeting.





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## 5. President's Report

The President thanked members for their ongoing support and commitment to the Society. He also thanked the aligned organisations including the Japan Foundation, CLAIR, JCCI and JETAA for their support throughout the year.

The President noted the impact of COVID-19 on the operations of the Society and the need to move online to hold the majority of the events which included the Zoom Culture series featuring Manga, Japanese wrapping, Bonsai, Kimono and Osechi Ryori.

There was a period of several months in which the Society was able to host face-to-face events which included the CEO of Fujitsu speaking on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Australia, the annual University Awards event which attracted our biggest audience to date for that event, and a face-to-face Shaberanaito in June.

We thank the Japan Foundation for its tremendous support in allowing us to hold the events at their premises.

The President thanked members for their support throughout the year and for their participation in the events and activities throughout the year.

The President extended the appreciation of the Board to Consul-General Kiya Masahiko and thanked the Consul-General and his staff for their ongoing support.

He thanked all Board members for providing their time voluntarily and for their individual contributions throughout the year and indicated that Anita Byrnes will take on the role of President for the coming year.

The President indicated he would continue on the Board as past President and thanked all members and the Board for their support throughout his Presidency.

**RESOLVED** that the President's Report to members be accepted.

Moved: Philip Mitchell

Seconded: Richard Hughes

## 6. Finance Report

Ben Trumbull presented the report and provided an overview of the year's activities and the financial results. He indicated the Society had run at a small deficit for the year but this was kept to a minimum despite increased expenses and the few opportunities for revenue during the pandemic.

**RESOLVED** that the Finance Report be adopted.

Moved: Ben Trumbull





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Seconded: Richard Hughes

## 7. Election of Office Bearers and Ordinary Committee Members

The President indicated that 9 nominations had been received and the number of nominations had not exceeded the number of available positions. There being fewer nominations than the maximum permitted under the Rules, the President declared that all following nominees were elected:

President: Anita Byrnes  
Vice President: No nominations  
Treasurer: Ben Trumbull  
Secretary/Public Officer: Terry Crotty

Committee Members: Kimiyo Aizawa, Lindsay Clift, Tim Griffiths, Michele Miller, Masanori Ohtani and Teri Teramoto. Philip Mitchell, as past President, will continue on the Board

The President thanked all Board Members for their ongoing support and activities, welcomed the new Board members Kimiyo Aizawa and Lindsay Clift and congratulated Anita Byrnes for taking on the President's role.

Anita Byrnes delivered a vote of thanks to Philip Mitchell, noting he had joined the Society in 1985, had been on the Board since 2005 and President since 2009. She thanked him for his leadership and guidance of the Society over that time. She noted he remains President of the National Federation and has been the recipient of the Japan Foreign Minister's Award. She thanked HWL Ebsworth and TressCox for providing their facilities to hold Board meetings and events over many years.

## 8. Other Business Raised by Members in Attendance

There being no other business the President thanked members for their attendance. The meeting closed at 6.25pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

*Anita Byrnes*

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Anita Byrnes  
President

Date: 30/11/2021

