

## Annual General Meeting 2024 – Minutes

**Date:** 22 November 2024 (Friday)

**Venue:** Australia China Friendship Society NT Community Hall, Leanyer

**Chair:** Dr Edwin Joseph

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 05:45 pm by the Chair, who welcomed members to the AGM. He acknowledged the traditional owners of the land, the Larrakia People.

2. Attendance

2.1) Eligible financial members as per attendance sheet (30 Organisational Members with 39 accredited delegates and 45 Individual Members were present, which satisfied quorum requirements).

Apologies: Peter Styles, Linda Fazldeen, Saramat Ruchkaew, Thyra Ou and Denis Busch.

3. Minutes of Previous AGM

**Motion:** That minutes of the previous AGM held on 10 November 2023 be accepted.

**Moved:** Bupe Kyelu

**Seconded:** Mariya Faragalla

**Motion Carried.**

4. Presentation of Annual Report

MCNT President Edwin Joseph presented the President's Report. Printed annual reports have been given to all attendees. Edwin stated that MCNT excelled in Phase 2 of the *Speak My Language* project by exceeding the KPIs and that community's support was crucial in achieving such great outcomes.

**Motion:** That the President's report be accepted.

**Moved:** Sekaia Vateitei

**Seconded:** Jincy Mathew Puthentarampil

**Motion carried.**

5. Presentation of Treasurer's Report and audited financial statements

MCNT Treasurer Sunila Chitrakar presented the Treasurer's report along with the audited financial statements for 2023-24 and clarified the queries from members. The financial status of the organisation is healthy but sustainability will depend on funding.

**Motion:** That the Treasurer's report be accepted

**Moved:** Kashyap Sagar

**Seconded:** Shu Ouin Li

**Motion carried.**

6. Election of the Committee for 2024-26

The committee for 2022-24 was dissolved and the Returning Officer Mr Michael McGregor conducted the election. The following committee has been elected.

**Committee for 2024-26**

President - Dr Edwin Joseph

Vice President – Ms Bupe Amon Keylu

Secretary – Ms MA Cristina Magbojos

Treasurer – Ms Sunila Chitrakar

*Committee Members:*

Ms Mariya Faragalla

Mr Ferozkhan Ibrahim

Ms Yolanda Kanyai

Ms Thyra Ou

7. Appointment of Auditor

**Motion:** That PKF Merit be appointed as auditors for the current financial year 2024-25.

**Moved:** Sunila Chitrakar

**Seconded:** Elsinore Baretto

**Motion carried.**

8. Any other business with the Chair's permission

The Chair invited the members to discuss any other issues. Members identified the need for more funding to continue the operations of MCNT and look after the interests of multicultural seniors and youth. Following three motions were passed.

**8.1) Motion:** That the MCNT explores opportunities to employ a part-time position to look after the interests of growing number of multicultural seniors.

**Moved:** Siva Ram Vemuri

**Seconded:** Phuong Le

**Motion carried.**

**8.2) Motion:** That the MCNT seeks funding opportunities to establish a youth forum.

**Moved:** Narayanan Manickavasagam

**Seconded:** Akhilesh Surjan

**Motion carried.**

**8.3) Motion:** That the NT Government is requested to continue to provide the core funding.

**Moved:** Sekaia Vateitei

**Seconded:** Sontosh Bikash Tripura

**Motion carried.**

9. Closure of MCNT AGM

AGM closed at 06:55 pm.