

Annual General Meeting 2025 – Minutes

Date: 07 November 2025 (Friday)

Venue: Australia China Friendship Society NT Community Hall, Leanyer

Chair: Dr Edwin Joseph

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 05:40 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 (22 Organisational Members with 24 accredited delegates and one Individual Member were present, which satisfied quorum requirements).

Apologies: Cristina Magbojos, Bupe Kyelu and Thyra Ou.

3. Minutes of Previous AGM

Motion: That minutes of the previous AGM held on 22 November 2024 be accepted.

Moved: Elsinore Baretto

Seconded: Ahmed Fathy

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 is apolitical but would raise voice in issues related to migrants and multiculturalism. Edwin thanked all stakeholders for their trust and cooperation.

Motion: That the President's report be accepted.

Moved: Mariya Faragalla

Seconded: Pavalan Vickraman

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 2024-25 and clarified the queries from members. The financial status of the organisation is healthy.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted

Moved: Narayanan Manickavasagam

Seconded: Ahmed Fathy

Motion carried.

6. Appointment of Auditor

The committee advised that PKF Merit has been the auditors for several years. If members make a request well in advance prior to the AGM to change auditors, MCNT can consider and present several options for the AGM floor to choose one.

Motion: That PKF Merit be appointed as auditors for the current financial year 2025-26.

Moved: Sunila Chitrakar

Seconded: Pavalan Vickraman

Motion carried.

7. Any other business with the Chair's permission

The Chair invited the members to discuss any other issues. A clarification was required about the frequency of Happy Families, and it was stated that Happy Families would be held on last Fridays of all months except December and January.

8. Closure of MCNT AGM

AGM closed at 06:05 pm.