

Australian Association of Gerontology 2021 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 3rd November 2021

Online Meeting by Zoom

Draft Minutes

The Meeting commenced at 12.32pm.

A video presentation of an Acknowledging of Country from across Australia was played at the commencement of the meeting.

The Chair then welcomed everyone to the 2021 AAG AGM indicating that the AGM complied with the Corporations Act and necessary papers had been provided to all current AAG members and advised that only AAG financial members can propose or second a motion or vote or accept a proxy vote or ask questions at the meeting.

The online meeting attendance was recorded as follows using data harvested by the virtual meeting software. Each attendee joined the meeting using an individual log in token having registered in advance for the meeting and entered their own details into the online meeting software.

1. PRESENT

Recorded member attendees at the meeting were (Board Members in office at the commencement of the meeting are in **bold**):

Marguerite Bramble	Graeme Robinson	Louise Forster
Claudia Meyer	Helen Barrie	Lui Di Venuto
Linda Rosenman	Ilsa Hampton	Lyn Goldberg
Susie Staples	Irene Blackberry	Lynne Parkinson
Victoria Cornell	Jane Fyfield	Mandy Stanley
Anita Westera	Jane Hwang	Marcus Ang
Chris Hatherly	Jenna Smith	Maria Alejandra Pinero de Plaza
Abiola Aknibiyi	Joanne Flavel	Mark Cooper-Stanbury
Agnieszka Chudecka	Joanne Tropea	Nathan D'Cunha
Andrea Petriwskyj	Julie Byles	Ngaire Kerse
Anita Goh	Julie Wilhelm	Rachel Ambagtsheer
Anthony Brown	Kasia Lion	Reza Kahlaee
Barbara Squires	Katrina Radford	Rik Dawson
Belinda Cash	Keith Hill	Robin Harvey
Briony Dow	Keryn Curtis	Sally Mordike
Colleen Towns	Kirsten Moore	Sarah Fogg
Danny Hills	Kris Tulloch	Xanthe Golenko
David Skidmore	Laura Tierney	Yenna Salamonson
Felicity Barr	Leon Flicker	Yvonne Wells
Glenda Powell	Lois Towart	

2. APOLOGIES with DIRECTED PROXY

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The Chair noted that no directed proxies were provided.

3. APOLOGIES with NO DIRECTED PROXY

The Chair noted the apologies with no directed proxy as follows:

Vasi Naganathan	Natasha Ginnivan	Tony Van Vugt
Jo Thompson	Abbey Haynes	Anna Howe
Melissa Littleford	Jane Sims	Debra O'Connor
Jacqui Tibbits	Judy Lowthian	Gill Lewin
Kate-Ellen Elliott	Toni Roberts	

4. QUORUM

The Chair confirmed that the meeting was quorate as per clause 18.2 of the Constitution of AAG, namely at least four directors and 20 other current financial Members.

5. MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ONLINE ON 11th NOVEMBER 2020

The Chair noted that the minutes approved by the Board from the previous Annual General Meeting held on 11th November 2020 had been placed on the AAG website and members notified within one month of the meeting in line with Corporation Law.

No further discussion points were raised.

The Members resolved to adopt the motion that the 2020 AAG AGM Minutes be approved.

MOVED:	Linda Rosenman		
SECONDED:	Katrina Radford		
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6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Chair presented her AAG President's Report as follows:

'I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and live, and meet today, across Australia for both the 2021 AAG Annual General Meeting and the AAG Research Trust update. I recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community and pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who may be online today, including survivors of the Stolen Generations. I am speaking to you today from the lands of the Palawa people in Tasmania.

The pandemic that continued in 2021 has had an impact on everyone this year. For AAG, this has meant that staff have had no access to the Melbourne office and severe restrictions limiting movement, child-care and schooling for their children. We are also highly aware of the severe impacts of Covid-19 on our members and the public, especially older people, and the people who support and care for them. Whether in the community or in residential aged care, the health and isolation impacts have been significant, as has the concern and worry for loved ones. AAG has worked hard to meet the needs of

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our staff, members and supporters during this time whilst focusing on our primary purpose which is to improve the experience of ageing through connecting research, policy and practice.

2021 has again been a busy and productive year for AAG in all areas of research, policy and practice, despite the challenges of the pandemic including the need to move online or delay face-to-face workshops in response to COVID-19 risks and restrictions.

The policy team has generated a significant body of work in hand with AAG members as individual experts, as well as through our Special Interest Groups, including:

- *15 Royal Commission membership Forums based around the Final recommendations*
- *Unlawful sexual contact in residential aged care: A practical guide for aged care providers supporting victims*
- *Trauma, growth and resilience paper*
- *Moving from successful or positive ageing to adaptive ageing paper*
- *Older people and mental health paper*
- *Rapid evidence review on heatwaves and older people, and*
- *Rapid Evidence Assessment on LGBTI ageing research on housing needs and preferences*

The AAG Literature Library is now well established and building momentum.

In addition, AAG staff and members have made submissions and represented AAG on a large number and range of forums, campaigns, working groups and expert advisory groups. Of note AAG continues to play an active role in the National Aged Care Alliance (NACA), particularly through our CEO's leadership role in increasing the voice and influence of the professional's constituency and advocating for a new approach and governance for NACA.

The AAG Student and Early Career Group, led by Rachel Ambagtsheer, has played a critical role in professional development and networking. Their update reports, including an increased focus on engaging with state and territory Division representatives of SECG, are warmly welcomed by the Board.

Other key initiatives include the Division Engagement Project, Collaborating Research Centre Review and the Stakeholder Relationship Management, Web and Community Engagement IT Project that will commence implementation in 2022.

Impacts of the Pandemic

The pandemic has had a significant impact on many of our members, including significant funding reductions for universities where half our members come from. Following the decline of members over the past two financial years of 11.7%, it is heartening to see that we are turning the corner with a 3.1% year on year increase as at end of September. We continue to provide the option of deferred payments and for members to speak to staff about alternatives for those experiencing financial difficulties.

Our AAG annual conference continues to be AAG's flagship national event.

As for 2020, this year's 54th AAG Conference will also be fully digital due to the impact of the pandemic with an inclusion of local face-to-face hubs across Victoria, South Australia and NSW. We are thrilled to see that members' enthusiasm is not diminished. The 2021 AAG Conference – Digital has over 260 presentations and engagements, with 14 invited international and Australian speakers presenting including Professor Hiroko Akiyama from the University of Tokyo as the 2021 Gary Andrews

International Fellow and Professor Sarah Holland-Batt giving the 2021 David Wallace Address and a terrific range of workshops.

I would like to thank the members of the 2021 Queensland Conference Planning Committee chaired by Katrina Radford and the Scientific Planning Committee that was ably co-chaired by Evonne Miller and Andrea Petriwskyj. Special thanks to the team that made this year's conference possible led by AAG's Michael Tan and Jacqui Bates from The Conference Manager, who have organised an engaging and quality digital Conference.

Many Divisions and Special Interest Groups events have either gone online or been cancelled. However, we have still managed to deliver 25 events with 2,554 registrations across the country participating in webinars, seminars, workshops and forums. We hope to build upon this in the years ahead.

Governance

In 2021 the Board has focused on the ongoing maturity of the governance and strategy including the following initiatives.

- *Maturity of the AAG Research Trust governance that will be dealt with later in the AAG Research Trust update*
- *AAG Theory of Change development*
- *Changes to the constitution – which has a recommendation from the Board for approval later on in the agenda*

Future directions include the further maturity of our risk management approach including the development of an agreed risk appetite.

AAG is one of the three partners in the Australasian Journal on Ageing and the majority of papers come from AAG members; it is our flagship peer reviewed journal

Major areas worth noting are as follows:

- *AAG's partnership with AJA will continue until 2026 ensuring that all members continue to receive digital access to current and past copies of the journal*
- *For members the option to pay an additional \$11.00pa will cease from 1st July 2022 as AJA considers move to electronic only copy and open access*
- *Debra Waters has become the Editor in Chief after Lynne Parkinson stepped down. Debra is the Vice President of the New Zealand Association of Gerontology*

World level

Following the delay to the 2021 IAGG World Congress in Buenos Aires, AAG will be resubmitting an updated bid for the 2029 IAGG World Congress before the New Year and presenting, hopefully in Argentina, to the IAGG World Council in June 2022.

Internationally AAG continues its role as the Executive Office for the IAGG Asia/Oceania Region and is coordinating the 2023 IAGG Asia/ Oceania Congress Planning meeting with the Japanese and the IAGG Executive and sub-committee chairs.

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Pleased to congratulate Julie Byles on being appointed a Co-Chair of the International Longevity Centre - Global Alliance (ILC GA). Julie is the Lead for ILC-Australia for which AAG is the executive office.

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Staff Update

Our influence in improving the experience of older people through connecting research, policy and practice continues to grow. AAG's success in this area is largely due to the leadership of Dr Sandra South, Manager of the Policy Team who is ably supported by the growing Policy Team including Alina Hinton-Tooley, Tonye Segbedzi, Tom Voigt, Chloe Merritt-Shadbolt, and Cecilia Gomez-Inclan.

Ellen Finlay has also been showing her expertise and experience through supporting our work with AAG's ATSIAG, which is made up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members, and the work of the AAG Reconciliation Action Plan as we continue our journey.

Thanks also go to Michael Tan and Matthew Jones who have maintained and built upon the core operations of AAG including running the marketing and membership support, as well as the significant developments in the AAG Research Trust.

Catherine Stace has recently joined as the inaugural Executive Officer for the AAG Research Trust and we are delighted to have her expertise and contribution to develop the fundraising strategy and operations for the Trust. Finally, I would like to acknowledge Nicole Butera and Sarah Lauren from Atfield Business Consulting for their level of professionalism in providing finance and payroll services. It is with some sadness that I also report the loss of two key members of our team at the end of last year, firstly, Ed Atfield from Atfield Business Consulting in November and then Sue Gherdovich from the policy team in December.

Despite the significant challenges in Melbourne from 'the world's longest lockdown', I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and significant contributions during 2021. In addition, AAG continues to flourish because of our strong and engaged membership base. Many members support our activities and contribute to our growing volunteer base. These include Divisional Committees, SIGS, ATSIAG, our Student and Early Career Group and Special Interest Group members who all contribute passion and precious hours to improve the experience of ageing.

I would also like to thank all the Board who have work diligently on the oversight of AAG governance and strategic direction. This year the Board has finalised the new governance structure for the AAG Research Trust and approved development of the new Stakeholder Management System and online platform. Work continues on our Reflect and Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan that builds on the journey that we have taken with the AAG Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ageing Advisory Group (ATSIAG) since 2006. The Board also contributes to many other AAG activities with major roles in various submissions and papers. Thank you to all!

This year has seen some changes to the Board, including Susie Staples who joined as AAG's new Treasurer in May, following the resignation of David Heath. As a risk and governance professional from KPMG, Susie brings with her 20 years' experience in risk management and we are delighted to have her on the team. Dr Katrina Radford has been nominated as the Queensland representative from mid-November. Finally, Professor Linda Rosenman has been approved by the Board to chair the new Steering Committee of the AAG Research Trust.

This year I am delighted to announce two Life Members which reflects the highest achievement awarded by AGM to Professor Lynne Parkinson and Professor Linda Rosenman.

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Professor Lynne Parkinson has been a leading member of AAG for several decades including as Editor in Chief of AJA for 11 years (2009 - 2020) and as the Queensland Division Chair from 2016 to 2019. Congratulations Lynne.

Professor Linda Rosenman has taken an active role in AAG over 26 years, and more recently has been critical for her significant contributions to the AAG Research Trust, particularly since May 2019 when she was appointed as Chair of the Corporate Trustee meetings and more recently as the Chair of the Steering Committee of the AAG Research Trust. Congratulations Linda.

Congratulations are also owed to A/Professor Mandy Stanley (WA) for being made a Fellow of AAG.

I am also pleased to announce the new Distinguished Members of AAG: Dr Kim Kiely (NSW), Judy Ratajec (NT), Mary Ingrams (NT), Dr. Rachel Ambagtsheer (SA), Robin Harvey (VIC), Jo Tropea (VIC), Dr Peter Bastian (SA), Dr Maria Shialis (SA) and Dr Victoria Cornell (SA). Congratulations to all of you.

I trust that this report gives you all some insight into the breadth and depth of work being carried out by AAG staff, members and volunteers. I would again like to thank you all, and to commend the achievements of our CEO James Beckford Saunders in growing the vision and activities of the AAG.'

There were no requests for clarification or questions regarding the Report.

The Members resolved to adopt the motion that the AAG President's Report be **approved**.

MOVED:	Leon Flicker		
SECONDED:	Anthony Brown		
	CARRIED	DEFEATED	DEFERRED

7. 2020/21 AAG STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Susie Staples the AAG Treasurer gave her report as follows:

I'm speaking with you today from the lands of the Yaluk-ut Weelam Clan of the Boon Wurrung, which you may know as Port Melbourne. I pay my respects to their Elders past and present and the Elders of all the lands of the members who are here today.

My name is Susan Staples and I was pleased to be appointed in May this year as an AAG non-elected director and as Treasurer for both AAG and the AAG Research Trust. I would like to acknowledge and thank David Heath, who was the Treasurer for the previous four years.

I am pleased to provide you with a short commentary on behalf of the Board regarding the AAG Financial Reports, Directors' Report and Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2021, that you would have received with the papers for the meeting.

Thanks to the Board, AAG management and staff, Atfield Business Consulting and the auditors in the preparation of these reports.

A summary of this follows:

- *Revenue is a combination of Commonwealth funding, membership, event fees (primarily conference) and Other income*

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- *Event income is down on prior year as the 2020 AAG Conference moved to a digital format due to the impacts of COVID-19, and there were less Division events*
- *Other income includes COVID-19 receipts of JobKeeper and the cash flow boost – we both met the criteria for this at the time of application and at year end*
- *The Surplus for year ended 30 June 2021 was \$187,069*
- *Accumulated surpluses provide an opportunity to invest in the future in initiatives such as the planned Web, CRM and Community Engagement IT Project, whilst acting as a buffer should Commonwealth funding not continue*

There were no requests for clarification or questions regarding the 2020/21 AAG statutory financial statements.

There were no requests for clarification or questions regarding the Report.

The Members resolved to adopt the motion that the 2020/21 AAG Statutory Financial Statements be **approved**.

MOVED:	Rachel Ambagtsheer		
SECONDED:	Chris Hatherly		
	CARRIED	DEFEATED	DEFERRED

8. APPOINTMENT AND FIXING OF REMUNERATION OF THE AUDITOR

On behalf of the Board the Treasurer confirmed:

That it recommends to AAG Members that APL Pty Ltd be re-appointed as the AAG auditor for the year ending 30 June 2021/2022 and that their Auditors fees be accepted, as indicated in the papers sent prior to this meeting.

There were no requests for clarification or questions regarding the appointment and fixing of remuneration of the Auditor.

The Members resolved to adopt the motion that APL Pty Ltd be appointed as the AAG auditor for the year ending 30 June 2021/2022 and that their fees be accepted be **approved**.

MOVED:	Reza Kahlaee		
SECONDED:	Danny Hills		
	CARRIED	DEFEATED	DEFERRED

9. 2022/23 AAG MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Treasurer tabled the 2022/23 AAG Membership Fees as recommended by the AAG Board as follows:

Type of Membership	2022/2023 fees (incl GST)
Organisation bundle (2 members @\$235 each):	\$470
Organisation (3 plus members @ \$225 per member):	From \$675 (3 members)
Individual:	\$255
Student:	\$60
Early Career Researcher/ Practitioner:	\$100
Concession/ Retiree:	\$100
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people:	N/A

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There were no requests for clarification or questions regarding the 2022/2023 Membership Fees.

The Members resolved to adopt the motion that 2022/23 AAG Membership Fees as recommended by the AAG Board be **approved**.

MOVED:	Helen Barry		
SECONDED:	Keryn Curtis		
	CARRIED	DEFEATED	DEFERRED

10. CHANGES TO THE AAG CONSTITUTION

The Chair tabled a Special Resolution regarding the proposed changes to the AAG Constitution as follows:

Since registering the AAG Ltd Constitution in 2013 there have been no amendments requiring a Special Resolution at a General Meeting of the AAG Members.

Since then there have been no known major legislative changes that would impact on a significant review of the Constitution. However, there are some areas that require change to ensure the Board for AAG and when meeting in its capacity as Corporate Trustee of the AAG Research Trust can more effectively meet its responsibilities and obligations for both entities.

The AAG Board recommends to members a Special Resolution in support of the following changes to the Constitution, that were detailed in the papers, along with a clean copy of the Constitution and a marked-up track changed copy:

Adding a third Non-Elected Director position to the Board. This would mean that the Board has eleven directors, eight of whom are elected nominees from the AAG Divisions in each State and Territory, plus three non-elected directors. This would allow the Board, at its discretion, to make up to three additional appointments to fill specific experience and skill shortages on the existing Board and/or when there is not an appropriately qualified current Board director available to fill a leadership role.

The other two aspects of the changes are ensuring that our Constitution doesn't have irrelevant content, namely:

- *Removing reference to the change in the governance structure, and*
- *Tidying up anomalies*

A Special Resolution is required under the Corporations Act as the changes relate to the Articles of the Association. A Special Resolution requires to be passed by 75% of members present here.

There were no requests for clarification or questions regarding the proposed changes to the AAG Constitution.

The Members resolved to adopt the Special Motion that the detailed changes to the AAG Constitution be **approved**.

MOVED:	Anita Goh		
SECONDED:	Briony Dow		
	CARRIED	DEFEATED	DEFERRED

11. AAG RESEARCH TRUST REPORT

Linda Rosenman, the Chair of the Steering Committee of the Trustees of the AAG Research Trust gave her report as follows:

I'm speaking with you today from the lands of the Cammeraygal people of the Eora nation. I pay my respects to their Elders past and present and the Elders of all the lands of the members who are here today.

It is my pleasure to present the 2021 annual update for the AAG Research Trust as appointed Chair of the Steering Committee for the AAG Research Trust.

The AAG Research Trust is the grant giving arm of the Australian Association of Gerontology. AAG is the corporate trustee of the AAG Research Trust, and as such the AAG board has specific responsibilities to meet the requirements set down in the Trust Deed of the AAG Research Trust.

This report has been developed with Marguerite Bramble who is the Chair of the AAG Directors in their capacity as corporate trustee of the AAG Research Trust.

This year has been another exciting year in the growth and development of the Trust.

The AAG Research Trust exists to stimulate research that improves the experience of ageing through innovation in policy and practice. It continues to be driven by its strategic drivers 2020-2023 namely: Impact, Targeted, Leadership, Collaboration and Growth.

We have completed the implementation of the investment strategy of the AAG Research Trust, which includes having two ethical managed funds rather than owning shares directly. We aim for a secure growth of funds into the future and have a dispersal strategy based on this. The treasurer will be reporting on this.

Wendy Brooks & Partners completed a Development Strategy to enable us to seek external funding to grow the AAG Research Trust funds and to continue to expand the grants that we can offer. Our focus will be on seeking donations, major gifts and bequests. This follows the two generous gifts, one from the family of the late Hal Kendig and the munificent bequest from the Nicholson estate, which enabled us to establish two new funding programs -The Hal Kendig Research Development Program and the Strategic Innovation Program, whilst enabling the expansion of the RM Gibson Program.

Building on AAG's ATSIAG strong focus on working with older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their communities, and AAG's Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan, the AAG Research Trust agreed to support research with older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander led focus to the 2021 RM Gibson and Strategic Innovation Programs was successful, primarily due to us listening and acting on the advice provided by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander researchers working in the area. The approach resulted in five Indigenous led applications, of which one Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Chief Investigator was awarded \$30k from the Strategic Innovation Program. This equated to 14% of the grants awarded and 27% of the funds awarded across the rounds.

Separate guidelines were developed for the Indigenous led focus and a Guest Review Panel, made up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander researchers, was appointed to lead both the review and selection of these applications. The Guest Review Panel members provided excellent feedback that has informed the future focus of AAG Research Trust's funding for research on ageing with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities.

The AAG Research Trust's partnership with Dementia Australia Research Foundation (DARF) continued with one award from both the RM Gibson and Strategic Innovation Program going to a Dementia focussed project and funded by DARF. Thanks to DARF for your ongoing engagement.

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The Hal Kendig Research Development Program ran its second funding round in late 2020 and application numbers increased by 37% in 2021.

The AAG Research Trust is extremely grateful for the continued partnership with the Dementia Australia Research Foundation and the Hal Kendig Family. Special thanks to all those who provided advice for the Indigenous focus, including the Guest Review Panel and Lauren Poulos from NeuRA on her successful application.

The four awardees of the 2021 RM Gibson Program \$7000 grants were:

- *Sally Day – University of Sydney*
- *Jenna Smith - Sydney School of Public Health, The University of Sydney*
- *Nicki-Anne Wilson– Neuroscience Research Australia/University of New South Wales*
- *Dana Pourzinal- The University of Queensland (awarded in partnership with DARF)*

The three awardees of the 2021 Strategic Innovation Program \$30,000 grants were:

- *A/Prof Wendy Bower - The Royal Melbourne Hospital and the University of Melbourne*
- *Dr Josefine Antoniadis - National Ageing Research Institute (awarded in partnership with the Dementia Australia Research Foundation)*
- *Dr Lauren Poulos - Neuroscience Research Australia (which was the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander led awardee)*

We have just completed the 2021 round of the Hal Kendig Research Development Program with two excellent awardees of the \$20,000 grants:

- *Dr Ye In (Jane) Hwang - University of New South Wales*
- *Dr Kris Tulloch - University of the Sunshine Coast*

This grant program was established following a generous gift from the family of Professor Hal Kendig who died in 2018. On behalf of the Corporate Trustee, I would again like to express our deep and lasting appreciation to the Kendig family for their generosity and for their ongoing interest and involvement in the Hal Kendig Research Development Program. We also acknowledge Professor Julie Byles who has provided leadership for the Kendig Program and ensuring that they continue to be in line with Hal's wishes including her new role as Chair of the Grants Committee.

Delivering this level of quality and growth was only possible through the support, expertise and leadership of the Grants Committee which provides recommendation against approved guidelines for each funding round to the Corporate trustee of the AAG Research Trust.

The Grants Committee recruitment initiative that was commenced in 2020 has continued; its aim being to build capacity of emerging researchers (early and mid-career) and members working in evidence-informed policy and practice roles, and to facilitate succession planning. Five members of the Development Group, which provides the reviews for the RM Gibson Program, have been promoted to the Senior Group which works across all three programs. Recruitment to the Development Group to replace them has recently been completed with an additional 14 members joining plus a waiting list for the future.

The procedures for running the grants program and the guidelines are reviewed at the end of the grant rounds by the Program leads as part of a systematic continuous improvement program. The governance and documented processes for reviewing the applications, including a term of reference for the Grants Committee have been reviewed and updated. Targeted flexibility was provided to both applicants and awardees due to the impacts of the pandemic.

The Corporate Trustee express our sincere appreciation to Professor Julie Byles for her leadership as Chair of the AAG Research Trust Grants Committee.

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We would also like to express our thanks to Associate Professor Anne-Marie Hill as lead of the RM Gibson Program, who also mentored the Guest Review Panel for the Indigenous focus, and welcome and thank Professor Keith Hill as the new lead of the Strategic Innovation Program and Associate Professor Kate O'Loughlin as the new lead of the Hal Kendig Research Development Program. Last but not least I would like to acknowledge and thank the 14 members of the 2021 Grants Committee for the important role they play in reviewing and evaluating the grant applications.

The 19 members of the 2021 Senior Group of the Grants Committee are:

1. Professor Julie Byles
2. A/Prof Anne-Marie Hill
3. Professor Keith Hill (new)
4. A/Professor Kate O'Loughlin (new)
5. Professor Renuka Visvanathan
6. A/Professor Anne Tiedemann
7. A/Prof Maria C. Inacio
8. Dr Tim Windsor
9. Dr Susan Slatyer
10. Ms Robin Harvey
11. Dr Judy Lowthian
12. Dr Katrina Radford
13. Dr Kim Kiely (promoted)
14. Dr Linda Isherwood (promoted)
15. Dr Reza Kahlaee (promoted)
16. Ms Kristie Weir (promoted)
17. Dr Elizabeth Lynch (promoted)
18. A/Prof Nola Reis (promoted)
19. Mr Nathan D'Cunha (promoted)

The 18 members of the 2021 Development Group of the Grants Committee, all but one is new:

1. Dr Claire O'Connor
2. Dr Emily Reeve (new)
3. Dr Caroline Vafeas (new)
4. Dr Claire Hutchinson (new)
5. Dr Alison Yaxley (new)
6. Dr Belinda Cash (new)
7. Ms Jane Hwang (new)
8. Dr Jed Montayre (new)
9. Dr Jyoti Khadka (new)
10. Dr Katarzyna Lion (new)
11. Dr Kylie Radford (new)
12. Dr Laura Tierney (new)
13. Dr Monica Cations (new)
14. Dr Rita Chang (new)
15. Dr Khalatbari Soltani (new)
16. Dr Samantha Clune (new)
17. Ms Linda McAuliffe (new)
18. Dr Joanne Flavel (new)

The Indigenous researchers who made up the Guest Review Panel that led the review and selection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander led applications were:

- Dr Karla Canuto

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- *Dr Ray Mahoney*
- *Dr Tamara Butler*

In the past year, two members of the Senior Group stepped down, A/Professor Kasia Bail and A/Professor Juanita Breen. Dr Caitlin Barr stepped down from the Development Committee. Thanks to them for their many years of voluntary support to the Grants Committee.

Sadly, we lost Dr Alison Rahn from the Development Group who passed away following a lengthy illness in March 2021. On behalf of the AAG Research Trust I pass on my sincere condolences to Alison's family.

A considerable amount of work is involved in supporting the AAG directors as corporate trustee of the AAG Research Trust and the Grants Committee. The Corporate Trustee acknowledge and thank James Beckford Saunders particularly for his leadership in developing research funding partnerships and his support for policy development and Matt Jones for his great work in supporting the Grants Committee.

The work involved in running the AAG Research Trust, managing the grants programs and the implementation of our plans to grow our funding through donations, gifts and bequests is significant and growing. We made the decision to appoint an executive officer for the AAG Research Trust. We are delighted that Catherine Stace has joined us as the inaugural executive officer for the Trust.

In recognition of the growing role of the AAG Research Trust and of the demands on the Board members it was decided to establish a Steering Committee for the Trust with the remit to develop the longer-term planning for the Trust, the grants committee policy and awards, and fundraising. This will report to the AAG Board Directors when meeting as the Corporate Trustee of the AAG Research Trust.

On behalf of both the Corporate Trustee and the Steering Committee, I can confirm that we are committed to continuing to grow and develop the AAG Research Trust as a leading funder of innovative high-quality research in gerontology and a flagship for the AAG nationally and internationally.

There were no requests for clarification or questions regarding the Report.
The Chair of the Steering Committee of the AAG Research Trust Annual Report 2021 was noted.

12. 2019/20 AAG RESEARCH TRUST STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Susie Staples the AAG Treasurer gave a short commentary on behalf of the AAG Research Trust regarding the AAG Research Trust Financial Report, Director's Report and Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2021 as follows:

- *The Corporate Trustee have worked on a medium-term focus for both the distribution policy and the investment strategy for the Trust that balances our role as custodians of the donated funds and the ability to receive higher investment returns in the medium to long term. The investment policy is consistent with the expected pattern of grants in the medium term.*
- *Throughout the year this investment policy was implemented with the sale of our listed shares that came through the Nicholson bequest and the investment of funds into two ethical managed funds. At 30 June, our return on these funds (including management fee costs) was 9.2% from investment in late 2020.*
- *\$153k was awarded in grants throughout the year*
- *AAG Research Trust reimburses AAG for staff time and expenses for operational, representing the administrative and financial support provided to the AAG Research Trust.*

There were no requests for clarification or questions regarding the Report.

The AAG Research Trust Financial Report, Director's Report and Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2021 were noted by the members.

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13. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD DIRECTORS OF AAG AND IN CAPACITY AS CORPORATE TRUSTEE OF THE AAG RESEARCH TRUST

The Chair announced the appointment of the following Directors onto the AAG Board as Board Director of AAG and in capacity as Corporate Trustee of the AAG Research Trust and congratulated Dr Katrina Radford on her new role and thanked Dr Kate-Ellen Elliott for committing to a second term.

Name of appointee	AAG Division nominee
Dr Katrina Radford	Queensland
Dr Kate-Ellen Elliott	Tasmania (re-elected for a second term)

The appointed Directors will take office at the beginning of the first Board meeting following the AGM on 7 December.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

The 2021 Australasian Journal on Ageing 2020 Book Award. The choice was more than usually difficult this year, and the Panel opted to award a Winner and an Honourable mention.

The 2021 winner of the Australasian Journal on Ageing Book Award is:

The Ageing Parent Trap by Brian Herd, published by Big Sky Publishing.

This book encourages all of us with ageing parents to think ahead. It presents a cross-section of topics relevant to adult children seeking to support an ageing parent, including legal issues, and avoids assuming that the family is a traditional nuclear one. As one reviewer put it, "These challenges are broached with a subtle humour and gentle realism."

Our Honourable Mention goes to:

Brain body food, by Ngaire Hobbins, published by the author.

The key message of this book is that nutritional needs in later life are different from those of younger age groups. The book is written in an engaging style and is relevant to older people themselves as to professionals.

The Chair thanked Australasian Journal on Ageing, the review panel and Professor Yvonne Wells, lead for the AJA Book award.

There was a tribute to the late Alison Rahn, AAG Fellow, and National Office Team members Ed Atfield and Sue Gherdovich who sadly passed away since the last AGM.

There was no other business raised for discussion.

15. CLOSE

The Chair thanked everybody for their attendance and engagement and closed the 2021 AAG Annual General Meeting and AAG Research Trust Update at 1.42pm.

Confirmed approval by the AAG Board: _____
AAG Chair/President at meeting

_____ Date