

Date:	Friday 18 th September 2020
Time	11.00am to Carer Celebration and Guest Speakers. AGM Commenced 12.04pm – 12.30pm
Location:	Zoom Video conference
Attendees:	FCAV Board members: Toni Hetherington (TH) Tori Smith (TS) Sue Segar (SS) Luke Sapwell (LS) Malcolm McLeod (MMc) Daryl Sloan (DS) Alexis King (AK) Madeleine Kaipra (MK) Samantha Hauge (FCAV CEO) Bronwyn Hume, Peta Daly, Anna Viola, Rohan Pulford, See attached FCAV membership list and attendee list.
Apologies:	Megan Sadlier (MS)
Chair: Minute Taker:	Toni Hetherington Sue Segar

1. Welcome: Toni Hetherington (TH)

Welcome and official opening of the 2020 FCAV Annual General Meeting.

2. Acknowledgement of Country: TH

“I am joining our meeting today on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri people and I wish to acknowledge them as Traditional Owners. I would also like to pay my respects to their Elders, past present and future as well as Aboriginal people and their elders past and present from other communities and traditional lands where you are all joining us for today’s meeting”.

3. Apologies: TH

FCAV Board member Megan Sadlier.

4. Approval of Minutes for 2019 AGM: TH

Ahead of today’s proceedings, FCAV members were sent information packs containing the Minutes from last year’s AGM, the Annual Reports, and the Financials.

I would like to remind everyone that only full members can vote when requested today and only full members who attended last year’s AGM can vote on accepting the Minutes.

You will see a voting panel on your screen, I now invite full members to submit your vote.

Voted to accept: 48

Voted against: Nil

Motion to formally accept the minutes: TH

Moved: Sue Segar Seconded: Luke Sapwell

5. Board Nominations and election: TH

The FCAV will undergo a leadership shuffle, primarily as a result of my resignation as President and from the Board itself.

The new executive will be chosen at the October board meeting.

This year there were 5 director vacancies on the board as a result of one existing, two resignations and the terms of 2 directors being up for renewal. There were also 3 co-opted [positions available. We received 7 nominations, however 1 was not able to be accepted.

Four new directors are:

Tori Smith (Returning)

Megan Sadler (Returning)

Melissa Davey

Kym Phillips

Two new co-opted directors are:

Zoe Sredovic

Jemma Caleo

All new directors will be officially elected on to the Board at the October meeting.

6. Annual Report: TH

As mentioned earlier, this was sent to our full members ahead of today's meeting. You will see a new voting panel on your screen to adopt the Annual Report plus Financials which will soon be presented by the Treasurer. The panel will remain on screen throughout the Presidents and Treasurer's report. You can vote at any time if you have reviewed the material. Reminder that you must be a full FCAV member to vote.

7. President Report: TH

Acknowledged Foster Care Week. Foster carers and their families give children hope. Realising the value of carers is a key part of the FCAV's mission.

A number of successful FCAV projects that have dramatically improved the sector including taking on the Carer Advisory Groups as the voice of carers, initiating Carer KaFE program, Carer Strategy, which means we have a clear platform for change. With the proper financial backing the Carer Strategy is the ideal platform for the Victorian Government to invest in vital educational, social and emotional recovery of children and young people in care that is needed in the coming months and years as we recover from this pandemic.

During my tenure, I have been particularly thrilled to see the Homestretch campaign successfully adopted to offer support beyond the age of 18 for those in out of home care and the establishment of a formal process for providing birth certificates to all children who enter the system without them.

Thanks to FCAV CEO Samantha Hauge who has worked tirelessly in her first year.

Thanks to FCAV Board members for their dedication, passion, and expertise.

Thanks to FCAV Staff members who continue to surprise and inspire with new initiatives implemented. The FCAV is lucky to have each and every one of you.

As I prepare to step down from the Board, I look forward to a continuing connection with the FCAV as it continues to advocate for and support our Victorian Foster Carers to build the best possible lives for children and young people.

8. Treasurer's Report: Luke Sapwell (LS)

Welcome, introduction and acknowledgement to country.

A detailed personal account of his own experience as a child/brother/son who grew up in the kinship and foster care system.

Luke's message to you people in care... "Don't be afraid to participate in society, whether that be in the classroom or at home. Start putting your hand up more often in the class and remember that your opinion is worth just as much as someone else's. And remember this, your voice is one of wisdom. Not too many people have experienced what you have, and you'll find that when you speak, people listen. People value your input. Together, we can raise the voices of young people in care and ensure..."

Financials: LS

A momentous year for the FCAV.

Profit of \$279,367 (2019 \$15,722) This was despite a budgeted loss of \$12,069. Since 2011 FCAV has reported 6 years of losses and only 2 years of profit, with this year being our 3rd year of profit and our largest since 1992 when we were founded. The profit recorded in the 2020 financial year is largely due to new accounting standards that have been introduced and the requirements for how we report funding received and isn't necessarily new or unexpected funds for the organisation.

We also saw a revenue increase by 12.9% to \$2,119,747 and expenses decrease another 1.1% on top of last year's 14.4% decrease.

Donations received have once again supported our organisation last financial year and have remained fairly steady at \$22,740 with a grant of \$30,000 also being received.

I encourage everyone to make use of the various fundraising tools that we have available on our website and thank you in advance for your continued and unwavering support for the year ahead.

LS is stepping down from the treasurer's role, however he will continue on the board to support the FCAV in its continued growth.

Thanks to the Board, CEO, FCAV Staff, our auditor and our former bookkeeper and our recently appointed Finance Officer.

[CISS Annual Results 2019 / 2020](#)

9. Close AGM. TH

Thank you to Luke.

A reminder to all that this is your final chance to accept the Annual Report and Financials. Please submit your response now if you haven't already don't so.

You will see a voting panel on your screen, I now invite full members to submit your vote.

Voted to accept: 64

Voted against: Nil

Motion to formally accept the Annual Report and Financial Report: TH

Moved: Sue Segar Seconded: Toni Heatherington

Nil other business.

AGM meeting closed at 12.30pm.