

# The Cuppacumbalong FOUNDATION

2018/2019

Annual Report

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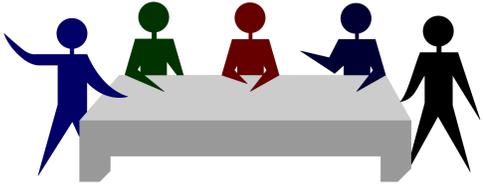
## Annual General Meeting - Agenda

Date: 4 November 2019

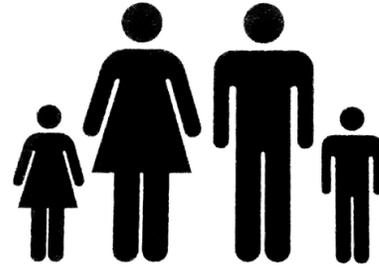
Location: Teleon

Start time: 6pm

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Approval of prior meeting minutes - none as this is the first AGM
4. Reports –
  - a. chair
  - b. executive officer,
  - c. financial report
5. New Board Members
6. Election of Office Bearers
7. General Business
8. Adjournment



Board Members - 5  
 Number of Meetings - 6



Number of Scholarships Awarded - 60  
 (16 to be awarded at time of AGM)

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Donations Received - \$3,967.80  
 Grant Funds Received - \$20,000  
 support)



Volunteer Hours - 725  
 (Board members, start up and admin support)

## Chair Report for The Cuppacumbalong Foundation 2019

The Cuppacumbalong Foundation (TCF) was established in 2018. This report reflects on our first year in operation.

Early in 2019, through our partnership with the Tharwa Valley Forge (TVF), we delivered a program to defence force members and a young family member courtesy of a donation from the Community Services Directorate (Veteran's Grant program) ACT Government. The grant enabled 20 defence personnel and one family member aged 12-16 years to attend a one day blacksmithing workshop. The response from those attending was very positive particularly in the area of well-being and enhancement of self-worth, one of TCF's core values.

Through a grant from the Snow Foundation we were able to offer one day sculpture workshops at the TVF to 16 carers from the ACT. This was in collaboration with Carers ACT and Palliative Care ACT who assisted with the selection of participants. Significantly the former provides respite carers while recipients are on course. With approximately 48,000 carers registered in the ACT this is a group of people who are in genuine need of the type of intervention and support The Cuppacumbalong Foundation provides. The program under this funding will be completed in early 2020.

While we have provided programs for defence force and their families and carers we continue to seek funding for our other focus group first responders.

Karim Haddad steps down from the Board at the AGM. As Principal of the TVF he can now focus his attention on providing courses for TCF without the pressure of board commitments. On behalf of the Board I acknowledge the vision and compassion of both Karim and Ali Wass in establishing a Foundation primarily concerned with supporting those who are disadvantaged in the local community. I thank our other board members Tim Molloy and Penny Wass, for their contributions, specifically to our board review and legal matters respectively. Ali Wass as our Executive Director has been tireless in applying for funding and meeting with key personnel from various organisations in the ACT.

We are delighted that Sarah Gregory and Andrew Inwood have accepted positions on the Board of TCF. Sarah will provide expertise in finance and fundraising and Andrew will guide our 3-5 year strategic plan and aligning us with potential donors. They will officially join the Board at our 5 December 2019 meeting.

While our courses are currently provided by TVF we are looking to expand our offerings to story telling and writing with Heather Mitchell and Katrina Foster, floral arranging with Narelle Phillips from Brave Botanics and printmaking and art making with Dr Antonia Aitken. Of course funding is key to our plans but we are confident that as our reputation grows particularly for our unique "hands on" courses focusing on well-being that we will attract sponsors and donors. Our intention is to develop long term partnerships with key donors.

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I close these remarks with acknowledgement of and gratitude to our current supporters. The faith and commitment of donors, big or small, is key to TCF's ability to provide assistance to those in the community who are disadvantaged and in need of support.

Edwina Parsons  
November 2019

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Executive Officer  
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Now is a good time for the Foundation to reflect on the past year and highlight successful milestones. It can be noted that this time twelve months ago we were in the process of gaining DGR status with the ATO, so to be in the position we find ourselves a year on should not go unnoticed and I would like to thank all those who have volunteered their time to make this dream, the reality it has become.

During 2019, in the midst of establishing the legalities and the building blocks for The Foundation, we were able to secure two of the three grants we applied for. The initial grant process set guidelines for the Board as to how we would vet and select scholarship awardees while the second one enabled us to form relationships within the ACT community sector. Whilst the Chief Minister's Charity application was unsuccessful, we were recognised in October with an invitation to attend the Hands Across Canberra Charity lunch where again we were able to build on our relationships within the local community. The strength of this year has been our ability to act quickly and gain some foot holds into the local arena. The coming year will only see us continue this work and potentially see further support from both government and philanthropic funds.

The relationship with Tharwa Valley Forge has proven to be successful with the business being able to accommodate the courses for the scholarship recipients from the two grants. The first half of the year, grant recipients from ACT Veterans and their families through funding from the ACT Government's Community Services Directorate, undertook one day blacksmithing courses, enabling 20 families the opportunity to create camping items or a set of forged steak knives. October through to January 2020, the Forge will accommodate the funded courses for carers of the ACT with five one day sculptural sphere making days with funding from The Snow Foundation supported with funds donated to The Cuppacumbalong Foundation.

It is with these humble beginnings we will springboard into 2020 with ambitions for being able to offer a wide gamut of courses, incorporating writing and printmaking workshops. This will be dependent not only on funding but the availability of teachers in those fields. Initial scoping conversations and course ideas have been held with prospective teachers. In conjunction with these new courses, we will also be seeking funding for the third area of focus, first responders. Whilst we are waiting on feedback from the

Thyne Reid Foundation, further funding avenues will need to be explored by the Board to ensure the longevity of The Foundation and the work we endeavour to carry out.

Principal director of Tharwa Valley Forge and one of the founding directors of The Cuppacumbalong Foundation Karim Haddad, will step down from his position and role with the Board at this time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his vision and drive during the initial stages of establishing The Foundation. His drive, passion and commitment through this phase does not go unnoticed and he will be missed. Karim's tenure with the Board was always only going to be for this one year period and his vacancy has enabled the Board to create two director positions. These positions have been filled with two highly recommended candidates who will bring knowledge and vision in areas that the Board was lacking. They will take up their directorship at the December 2019 meeting.

Lastly I would like to thank all those who have volunteered their time over the year. To Mark Toogood who has worked behind the scenes on the initial DGR application, the website, branding and grant applications. In conjunction with Mark's time, I would like to acknowledge Board members for their commitment and backing. To Tim Molloy for organising Alan Lea to prepare the audited financials, Pen Wass for her legal advice and counsel and Edwina Parsons who as Chair has not only guided our meetings but has undertaken numerous activities to support me and the success thus far of The Foundation. So often volunteer time goes unrecognised or we seek remuneration for our efforts. Without all of us volunteering our services, professionalism and time, the work we have chartered to undertake would not be possible. Thank you for your continued support and I am eager to launch into the coming phase for The Foundation.

## Annual General Meeting - Minutes

Date: 4 November 2019

Location: Teleconference

Start time: 6:04pm

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Approval of prior meeting minutes - none as this is the first AGM
4. Reports –
  - a. Chair - As tabled
  - b. executive officer, as tabled
  - c. financial report, tabled, moved Chair, accepted
5. New Board Members
  - Sarah Gregory - EP, AW approved
  - Andrew Inwood - PW, TM approved
  - Karim Haddad - stepping down
6. Election of Office Bearers - no elections as no vacancies
7. General Business
  - No other business
8. Adjournment 6:38pm