



PLAHS AGM Q&A

WHAT HAS CHANGED AT PLAHS?

YOU MIGHT REMEMBER AT THE AGM LAST YEAR WE TALKED ABOUT THE FACT THAT PLAHS WAS MOVING FROM BEING AN INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION TO BECOME A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE. THE MOVE (WHICH WAS ONLY MADE OFFICIAL BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR BUSINESS SERVICES ON 19 OCTOBER 2023) GIVES STRONGER GOVERNANCE PROTECTIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY, AND MEANS THAT WE HAVE GREATER CONTROL OVER OUR AFFAIRS THAN IF WE WERE FORCED TO MOVE UNDER THE CATSI ACT.

THE BIGGEST VISIBLE CHANGE IS THAT INSTEAD OF BEING PORT LINCOLN ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE INCORPORATED WE ARE NOW PORT LINCOLN ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE LTD.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR MEMBERS?

THE OLD ASSOCIATION DID NOT HAVE A PROPER MEMBERSHIP LIST OR APPLICATION PROCESS. INSTEAD WE ASSUMED THAT IF YOU WERE A MEMBER OF PORT LINCOLN ABORIGINAL CORPORATION YOU WERE A MEMBER OF PLAHS.

NOW THAT WE HAVE MOVED TO BECOME A COMPANY UNDER THE CORPORATIONS ACT, IT IS NECESSARY FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE MEMBERS TO APPLY TO BECOME A MEMBER.

BECAUSE THE CONVERSION WAS ONLY MADE OFFICIAL ON 19 OCTOBER 2023 (WE FIRST ASKED FOR THE CONVERSION TO HAPPEN BACK IN FEBRUARY), WE HAVE NOT HAD ENOUGH TIME TO REACH OUT AND CONDUCT A MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN. ALSO, THE NEW CONSTITUTION PREVENTS US FROM ADDING NEW MEMBERS AFTER THE AGM HAS BEEN CALLED (WHICH IS TO PROTECT AGAINST PEOPLE ABUSING THE MEMBERSHIP). THAT MEANS WE CAN ONLY PROCESS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS AFTER THE AGM.

THIS MEANS THAT AT THE MOMENT PLAHS ONLY HAS FIVE OFFICIAL MEMBERS AT THE MOMENT, BUT THE BOARD INTEND TO TRY TO GET EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO BE A MEMBER SIGNED UP AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.



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TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY'S VOICE IS HEARD, THE BOARD HAVE DECIDED TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. ANYONE WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BECOME A MEMBER IS INVITED TO APPLY TO BECOME A MEMBER BY FILLING OUT THE FORMS THAT WE HAVE ATTACHED.

2. AT THE AGM, WHENEVER WE NEED TO VOTE ON SOMETHING WE WILL PUT IT TO A VOTE AMONGST ALL PEOPLE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP. THE 'OFFICIAL' MEMBERS WILL THEN RECORD A VOTE WITH THE SAME RESULT AS THE 'UNOFFICIAL' VOTE.

FOR EXAMPLE, IF 20 PEOPLE ATTEND, AND 15 PEOPLE VOTE IN FAVOUR OF A RESOLUTION AND FIVE VOTE AGAINST, THE 'OFFICIAL' MEMBERS WILL THEN VOTE IN FAVOUR OF PASSING THE RESOLUTION.

3. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AGM, THE BOARD WILL HOLD A MEETING AND WILL APPROVE ALL VALID APPLICATIONS.



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WHY WASN'T THIS DONE SOONER?

WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO HOLD OUR AGM BEFORE THE END OF NOVEMBER. WITH THE CONVERSION ONLY HAPPENING ON 19 OCTOBER 2023, WE SIMPLY DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE BOARD?

THE NEW CONSTITUTION IS DESIGNED TO PUT IN PLACE A 'STAGGERED' BOARD (MEANING THAT EACH YEAR ONE THIRD OF DIRECTORS FINISH THEIR TERMS, WHILST TWO THIRDS STAY ON THE BOARD).

THIS YEAR, THREE DIRECTORS WILL HAVE THEIR TERM END AT THE END OF THE AGM, BUT CAN IMMEDIATELY RE-STAND FOR ELECTION.

THIS MEANS WE WILL BE ELECTING THREE DIRECTORS AT THE AGM. THERE ARE ALSO A NUMBER OF 'CASUAL VACANCIES' ON THE BOARD.

THESE WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD AFTER THE AGM.

IF THERE ARE MORE CANDIDATES THAN POSITIONS AT THE AGM, WE WILL CONSIDER PEOPLE WHO STOOD UNSUCCESSFULLY AT THE AGM FOR THOSE POSITIONS.

IF I HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS, WHO DO I TALK TO?
IN THE FIRST INSTANCE

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