Annual General Meeting

12.00 - 12.30pm AEST Friday Wednesday 10 October 2025
Auditorium, Chau Chuk Wing Museum, Sydney University, Sydney, NSW and Online

MINUTES OF 2025 AGM

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1. **Welcome**	Meeting Opened 12.00pm Alex Marsden (Vice Chair) welcomed members to the AGM. The Vice Chair undertook an Acknowledgement of Country.
2. Attendance	
	Held at Chau Chuk Wing Museum and Online **Present** Alex Marsden Vicki Northey PSM Carol Cartwright Paul Donnelly Virginia Rigney Lydia Bushell Lynda Kelly Ophelia Rubinch Michael Vercoe Cocks Elaine Chang Andrew Simpson Sana Balai Julie Philp Ivana Jirasek Cameron Auty Anne Brake Mariea Fisher **Online** Deb Tout Smith

	Toner Stephenson Regan Forrest Craig Middleton Robin Hirst Edward Butler Bowden Jade Lalor Detlev Lueth Mandana Mapar Adrian Montana Carmel O'Keeffe Jane Thorgersen Yin Cao Vanessa Kowalski Finn Carey Julian Woods Felicity Knibbs NGV Vinod Daniel Eleni Papavasileiou Linda Young Alison Wishart Dana Scully Ann Proctor
Apologies	Jessica Bridgefoot Lisa Walters Graeme Williams Zoe Scott Justine van Mourik Rebecca Lush
3.Proxy Appointments	Jess Bridgfoot Zor Scott Justine van Mourik
4. Quorum	Public officer confirmed that online participants have been counted for the first time but a quorum was not reached. Agreed that under the rules of Association in the ACT another AGM can be held within 7 days on 17 October 2025 at 12.00pm online. Business can be undertaken with a quorum of 3. Resolutions and Reports to be voted on at that meeting. AGM formally closed at 12.13pm.
5. Annual Report of the Treasurer	The accounts have been audited by Mr Anthony Wilson, Principal of AccountAbility. Treasurer away but Report provided online to members. Statements audited and signed noting Report covers 18 month period due to change from calendar year to financial year accounting. Report notes $31,372 operating deficit in 2025 caused due to paying two subscription payments to Paris in the 18 months. Report notes removal of AMAGA secretarial costs and engagement of Liz Cummins as membership officer. Treasurer thanks Jade Lalor and Bendigo Gallery for their support in processing memberships.

	Report recommends Anthony Wilson be re appointed as auditor Moved Seconded Carried
6. Annual Report on the work of the Committee	Annual Report Thanks to Jade Lalor for her work helping to prepare Report. Noted in 2024-25 a strengthening of services and securing of funds from SAREC for work on the Pacific Project. The Project engaged Sione Francis to undertake a research trip to Fiji, Tonga to define needs for professional development for Pacifica museums. ICOM continues to focus on ASEAN and Pacific with the help of Aunty Sana. Advocated on review of Cultural policy, Revive, member of GLAM Peak, supported Blue Shield Australia and provided statements in support of international colleagues especially in the USA
8. Announcement of the Executive Board for 2025/26	Public Officer reported it as a Non election year with the Board returning to 2 year rhythm with 2026 being an election year. Chair, Jessica Bridgfoot, will see out her term in 2026. Announcement of Board 2025-26 **The full Executive Board for 2024-25** Chair, Jessica Bridgfoot Vice Chair and Public Officer, Alex Marsden Treasurer, Lisa Walters Membership Officer, Lynda Kelly National Secretary, Vicki Northey PSM Justine Van Mourik, Communications & Ordinary Member Cameron Auty, Ordinary Member Paul Donnelly, Ordinary member (new co-opted) Ophelia Rubinich, Ordinary member (new, co-opted) Ex Officio: President Museums Galleries Australia: Seb Chan The Board thanks Bendigo Art Gallery for their administrative support. Elizabeth Cummins contracted as a new part-time membership officer.
AOB	2025 Travel Fellowship awarded to Finn Carey for research on how contested history and community trauma is interpreted in Northern Ireland museums.

	ICOM 2025 Congress in Dubai - New Code of Ethics not being ratified further discussion. Membership fees stayed same but added an admin surcharge of 12% to cover membership admin. Andrew Simpson reported UMAC Sept 26 at Chau Chuk Wing Museum hosting 19th inclusive museums conference Common Ground. UMAC working on session with CCW - request ICOM to be involved Supporting nomination of Deb Tout Smith for ICOM International Board. She is also serving on the SAREC committee and reported development of new governance guidelines and induction packages for Committees. New membership database, and digital card is in development. Launch of ICOM Academy - for members in the future. Cameron Auty is nominated as ICOM Australia representative for ASPAC as well.
	Meeting Closed 12.40pm

Annual General Meeting
Reconvened

12.30pm -1.00pm AEDT Friday 17 October 2025
TEAMS
Online Teams
Onsite Bendigo Regional Art Gallery

Minutes

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2. Attendance	
	Present and online Jessica Bridgfoot Alex Marsden Vicki Northey PSM Lynda Kelly Ophelia Rubinch Neridah Wyatt Spratt Cameron Auty Lynda Kelley Mariea Fisher Patricia Egan Sabine Cottee Total of 11 people online

Apologies	Lisa Walters Rebecca Walsh Justine van Mourik Zoe Scott
3.Proxy Appointments	Zoe Scott Carmel Okeefe Deb Tout Smith
4. Quorum	Meeting opened 12.30pm, Public Officer stated a Quorum was not reached and the meeting was closed by the Public Officer at 12.36pm. Under the rules of Association in the ACT business can be undertaken with a quorum of 3, meeting was reconvened by the Public Officer at 12.40pm.
5. Minutes from 2024 AGM	Acceptance of 2024 AGM minutes No corrections or amendments **Moved Jess Bridgfoot** **Seconded Neridah Wyatt Spratt Carried**
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	increased and the admin surcharge is the first time this has happened. Will find out more at Dubai on the progress of the digital card - no roll out date. Meeting acknowledgment work by Toner Stephenson for her work as membership secretary and her advocacy for the digital card.
	Meeting Closed 1.15 pm