

Date: Aug 11, 2025 Meeting opened at: 7:25pm AEST. Meeting closed at: 9:07pm AEST.

Held via online (Google Meet), not recorded.

## 1. Acknowledgement of Country

## 2. Attendance

Present: John P, Shaun B, Andrew S, Bianca G, Cate (Gillian) D

## 3. Confirmation of agenda

Discussion of email from Kiki FL to board to be added to the end

## 4. Confirmation of agenda

No changes to the minutes.

**Motion:** That the minutes of the business committee meeting of 2025-07-14 be accepted as a fair and accurate record of the meeting

Moved: Bianca G

Seconded: Cate D

For: unanimous

**Motion Carried**

## 5. Regular agenda items

### *Member Application Approvals*

The following membership applications were received:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

**Motion:** That applicants listed in the Board Report be accepted as members of the Association.

Moved: Andrew S

Seconded: John P

For: unanimous

**Motion Carried**

### ***Activities update***

- Age Assurance Technology Trial: Advisory board was disbanded at the end of the meeting last week. The final report was not and will not be shared with the advisory board. Minutes of the advisory board meetings have also been withheld. The board discussed whether a FoI request would be able to be used to get a copy, and the merits of sending a written resignation to an advisory board that has been disbanded. Issues with some of the claims the government is making about the trial around cybersecurity and privacy, and the trial was run by the age verification industry.

**Action:** John P to resign in writing, and publish media release, web blog and social media content using publicly available information.

### ***Submissions Update***

- Children's Online Privacy Code: John P put together a lengthy submission, reviewed by Bianca G. It discussed how Australian Privacy Principles are a flawed basis for the code, and how stronger rules should be used to protect children. Meant to be finalised in some form by the end of the year, but there is a significant amount of work to do.
- DAT Act: Submission was accepted. Government has come back with additional questions. Not sure if there will be time to respond to those.
- Whistleblower Protection Authority Bill: The submission was received.

### ***EFA outreach/event/media attendance***

- A few requests came in through info email addresses relating to the Collective Shout action around computer games, and social media age limit.
- Board discussed how an Australian comedian has been using the same points as EFA, and how forcing social media sites to do age checks doesn't make children safer, so parents should not feel this provides safety. Board discussed a range of alternative approaches.
- Productivity Commission proposal: Media release covering the problems around AI and privacy in their proposal. ACS Information News made a reference to it.

### ***Risk management***

Nothing to report.

### ***Complaints/compliments***

No formal complaints received.

## **6. Other business**

### ***Complaints and Feedback Policy and Procedure***

Bianca G has resolved the outstanding comments on the policy, and it should be ready to adopt. A complaints form has also been created. Complaints register will contain a summary, and any documents will be filed securely elsewhere. Board discussed including privacy breach in types of complaints handled.

**Action:** All feedback on the Complaints Policy to be provided by the end of the week.

### ***Discuss Volunteer agreement***

The board discussed the need for an updated volunteer agreement in order to bring teams of volunteers onboard. A new volunteer agreement has been created based on the Volunteers Australia volunteer agreement template.

**Action:** All feedback on the Volunteer agreement draft to be provided within two weeks.

### ***Discuss 2025 AGM***

The board discussed the date for the AGM later this year.

**Motion:** To hold the 2025 AGM on 29 November 2025 at 13.00 AEDT.

Moved: John P

Seconded: Cate D

For: unanimous

**Motion Carried**

### ***Membership categories update***

Board discussed how examples are needed for concession so people don't feel stressed to do the right thing, e.g. student, low income earner, pensioner, and have the wording from the application form on the join up page.

**Motion:** that EFA updates the membership categories on the website and tracks existing members' categories and status in CiviCRM according to this proposal.

Moved: Andrew S

Seconded: Shaun B

For: unanimous

**Motion Carried**

### ***Email from Kiki FL to board***

The board discussed the email from Kiki FL earlier today, and Bianca G's response. Discussion covered whether an apology could be considered absence, and whether John P should respond to Kiki FL or someone else, and the value of offering the new complaints policy/process.

**Action:** John P to prepare some points that Andrew S can use as a basis for an email back to Kiki FL.

## **7. Meeting Close 9:07pm AEST**

**Next meeting date:** 2025-09-22 7:30pm AEST