

Date: Feb 17, 2025 Meeting opened at: 8:02pm AEDT. Meeting closed at: 9:13pm AEDT.

Held via online (Zoom), not recorded.

## 1. Acknowledgement of Country

Delivered by: John P

## 2. Attendance

Present: John P, Paul R, Andrew S, Bianca G, Andrew R, Jarrod L

Apologies: Kiki FL, Ross F

## 3. Confirmation of agenda

No changes to the agenda proposed, but as Ross F is not in attendance, will not talk to his item on the task tracking tool.

## 4. Acceptance of past minutes

No changes to the minutes.

**Motion:** That the minutes of the Board meeting of 2025-01-21 be accepted as a fair and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: John P

Seconded: Andrew S

For: unanimous

**Motion Carried**

## 5. Declaration of new or updated Interests related

Jarrod L has added a declaration to the register.

Details recorded via [Register of Interests](#).

**6. Matters arising from previous minutes**

Item No	Due Date	Activity Description	Person Responsible	Date Completed
4	10/02/25	Kiki FL to share with Andrew S how to process memberships	Kiki FL	13/02/25
5	17/02/25	Board members to provide feedback on the strategic documents before the next board meeting, and read the annual action plan document to be mindful of activities that will roll over	All	
6	10/02/25	John P and Andrew S to arrange the scheduling of the planning session	Andrew S	
7	10/02/25	Ross F to discuss with Kiki FL and Andrew S and come back to the board with a proposal	Ross F	

On item 5, will extend the period for review of strategy documents by two weeks.

**Action:** Board members to provide feedback on the strategic documents by 3/03/2025

On item 6, the board discussed that many members work full time and would need to take leave if it was during the week, so a weekend session would work better. One board member previously noted they were unable to commit to a session on 22/23 or 29/30 March at this stage.

**Action:** Andrew S to send out a poll for the weekend of 5/6 April to board members to check availability.

On item 7, with Ross F away, propose that the activity will be to provide an email/Slack update by 1st March 2025.

**Action:** Ross F to provide an update on task tracking proposal by 1/03/2025

**7. Treasurer's financial report**

**Motion:** That the financial reports for January 2025 be adopted.

Moved: Paul R

Seconded: John P

For: unanimous

**Motion Carried****8. Regular agenda items*****Member Application Approvals***

No new applications reported since 11 Nov 2024.

Paul R corroborated this by noting that the recent income looked like renewals.

***Activities update***

John F talking to UniSC about their funding of \$40k for Project Cassowary. Board discussed a concern with the relationship between EFA and UniSC, and whether this creates risk for the collaboration that outweighs the benefit.

John F raised that the election scorecard project might be done in collaboration with another organisation like DRW. The board discussed whether there were resources available at EFA to do this, but it was not clear what ability the volunteers had to support this.

***Submissions Update***

John F noted that EFA's most recent submission was on the Social Media Age Amendment Bill, but have just received an email from senate committee for consultation and invitation to submit a paper on whistleblower protection bill 2025 due by 30 June, and a targeted consultation to EFA to talk about online safety act minimum age bill on what the government's initial rules should be.

**Motion:** that EFA makes a submission on Social Media Online Safety Amendment Social Media Minimum Age Act.

Moved: John F

Seconded: Andrew R

For: unanimous

**Motion Carried**

Bianca G volunteered to participate in reviewing this if she had time.

Senator Shoebridge requested questions of John F to bring forward to Senate Estimates. John F drafted some questions based on previous policy positions. If board members have any further questions or feedback, please respond to John F by 19th.

**Action:** board members to provide feedback

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

In January, John F was on a podcast that came out in January called The Record that was recorded in December.

There was also an ABC media interview that ended up being highly edited. The ABC journalist had wanted to ask about the increase in cybersecurity incidentals globally, but ended asking about consumer rights. Had no idea what other participant in the interview said until it was aired.

***Risks management***

Nothing new to add.

***Complaints/compliments***

Nothing new to add. A matter has been received this evening, and will be taken on board.

**9. Other business*****Plan for email migration***

Jarrold L sent out a proposed plan earlier today. John P keen to see names and dates. Paul R asked about outage time and rollback if not successful. Jarrold L clarified there should be no outage time, as mail will simply start going to Gmail. Andrew S clarified that Fastmail passwords would not be changed, so rollback of the MX record to Fastmail will be sufficient.

**Action:** Andrew S to chat to Kiki FL about reviewing and providing feedback.

***Proposal for task tracking tool******Board skills matrix results***

All board members responded to the survey. Current board has particular strengths in governance & risk, and tech/cybersecurity/digital areas, but also board experience, digital rights, communications/PR, and financial management, and HR/culture. If board members need help in these areas, there are others you can lean on.

**10. Meeting Close 9:13pm AEDT**

**Next meeting date:** 2025-03-17 8pm AEDT