

Date: Nov 3, 2025 Meeting opened at: 7:03pm AEDT. Meeting closed at: 8:17pm AEDT.

Held via online (Google Meet), not recorded.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

Delivered by: John P

2. Attendance

Present: John P, Andrew S, Shaun B, Gillian (Cate) D, Kiki FL

3. Confirmation of agenda

No changes to the agenda

4. Acceptance of past minutes

One update to the minutes on the business committee - “no new risk matters or reviews”

Motion: With that one change, that the minutes of the Board meeting of 2025-10-09 be accepted as a fair and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Andrew S

Seconded: John P

For: John P, Andrew S, Shaun B, Kiki FL

Abstain: Cate D

Motion Carried

5. Declaration of new or updated Interests related

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

No new additions to the register.

6. Matters arising from previous minutes

Item No	Due Date	Activity Description	Person Responsible	Date Completed
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15	16/5/25	Update the conflicts of interest register with current details of work on IGF	Kiki FL (on leave)	
16	9/5/25	Investigate the outstanding membership payment	Kiki FL (on leave)	
17	15/06/25	Share proposed draft submission for Whistleblower Protection Bill	John P	19/06/25
18	17/5/25	Revise media engagement policy and share with board	John P	27/05/25
19	21/5/25	Review position description and responsibilities policy and provide feedback	All	27/05/25
20	21/5/25	Update annual plan document with strategy/planning session activities for feedback	Andrew S	No longer relevant
21	14/7/25	Andrew S to run a Civi report on the number of new members since 1 Oct 2024	Andrew S	14/7/25
22	30/6/25	John P to lodge the appropriate paperwork for the Public Officer change.	John P	30/6/25
23	4/8/25	Update the columns of the interests register spreadsheet to note meetings covering recent rows.	Andrew S	18/7/25
24	4/8/25	Share the strategy/planning session outcomes with the new board members.	Andrew S	27/7/25
25	3/11/25	Update the register for Cate D's disclosure for the mitigation to simply record rather than restrict	Andrew S	9/10/25
26	3/11/25	Check with Cate D that she was aware of access to interest register.	Andrew S	27/10/25
27	27/10/25	Mark items 15 and 16 as complete.	Andrew S	20/10/25

7. Financial report

Presentation of financial report

Paul Ruberry was generous with supporting the Treasurer on producing the financial reports.

The auditor has been engaged, and requested files to be put in a shared drive. Once that happens, the audit shouldn't take too much longer.

Discussed that net profit in October driven by the large number of membership payments.

Motion: That the financial reports for September 2025 and October 2025 be adopted.

Moved: Shaun B

Seconded: Cate D

For: unanimous

Motion Carried

8. Other business

Business Committee update

Worked on material for 2025 AGM. Documents have gone out on time. Notice for AGM going to Laura tomorrow for publication on website on 7 Nov. Spreadsheet for applicants has 18 people. Chair appeared before Senate's Communications Committee and gave evidence, which went well. Circulated YouTube clip of appearance on social media. Comprehensive submission on Freedom of Information. Submission gone to public services references commission, which has caused some concern. Should be made public by 12 Nov. Appeared on ABC national TV program - Data Dilemma - regarding social media ban. 13 media inquiries during October, similar amount in September. Working on member satisfaction survey. Requested to present at schools in Melbourne and Sydney. Fastmail has reached out on previously lapsed membership, and will follow-up on potential sponsorship. Talking to ATO on historical tax that ATO has revived.

Board discussed the problematic way that some online safety arguments used teenage suicide. Additionally, the board discussed how services that would support people in suicidal situations could be better funded, as well as broader education about them. This could be a part of communications post AGM.

Board discussed how algorithms used in social media and AI can be regulated, where they are misleading and deceptive. ACCC had picked up on this, but took no action.

Board discussed that going into schools would require working with children checks, and that EFA should keep such checks on file.

Action: John P to send ATO emails to Kiki FL.

OpenAI

Board discussed that the government has been keeping Microsoft and OpenAI pilots under \$40k limit, so there is no reporting. There may be an opportunity for a shared campaign around US-government motivated DEI procurement rules and the US AI Action Plan.

AGM Nominations

Board discussed the risk around the board composition being up to the voting process. How to ensure skills on the board for treasurer, governance, etc, and that a poor match may result in early resignations.

9. Meeting Close 8:17pm AEDT

Next meeting date: 2025-11-29 14:30pm AEDT (following the AGM)