



Notice is hereby given to all EMILY's List members that the Annual General Meeting of EMILY's List (Australia) Inc. ABN 90 077 932 775 Incorporated Association No. A 0033881F

will be held on: 5pm, Saturday 2 December 2023
Hybrid event

In person – 210 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne & Virtual - Zoom

Minutes

	<p>Welcome, acknowledge traditional owners Meeting opened by Leigh Svendsen the chair</p>
	<p>Attendance Debbie Goddard, Janeca Gross, Therese Power, Pam Smith, Donisha Duff, Jo Justo, Lesley Devlin, Kelly Arnett Somerville, Tamika Hicks, Lyn Caton, Donna Buckley, Amy Boyle, Marcia Conlan, Amara Henson, Emily Hamilton, Kate McGrath, Hasina Chowdhury (Mita), Susan Wallace, Lesley Clark, Tabatha Young, Judy Waters, Georgie Corrie, Esther Ellwood, Janette Collinson, Sarah Seymore, Steve Howland, Sharon Claydon (co-chair), Leonie Morgan, Anne Kennedy, Heather Smith, Bree Davis, Micaela Rynne, Kim Travis, Lorie Werner, Leigh Svendsen (co-chair), Christine Wilson, Shara Speight, Janette Langley. Mary-Beth O'Brien, Sofia Kotanidis, Pamela Anderson.</p> <p>Apologies Julia Gillard, Rhiannon Pearce, Nita Green, Jess Walsh, Luba Grigorovitch, Tania Lawrence, Anne Urquhart, Tracey Roberts, Jodie Harrison, Alicia Payne, Susan Close, Lucy Hood, Ali Kent, Davina D'Anna, Meredith Hammat, Hannah Beazley, Louise Pratt, Rose Jackson, Linda White, Tasmin Catley, Penny Sharpe, Liesl Tesch, Carol Martin, Mich-Elle Myers (Proxy to chair), Merry Cooper (proxy to chair), Stephanie Kilpatrick (Proxy to VIC CC)</p>
	<p>Confirm minutes of previous annual general meeting Minutes from Previous AGM accepted. Moved: Leonie Morgan Seconded: Anne Kennedy Carried</p>
	<p>National Convenors report Moved: Sharon Claydon Seconded: Leonie Morgan Carried</p>
	<p>CEO Report Moved: Pamela Anderson Seconded: Donisha Duff</p>

Carried

Financial Reports

- Treasurers Report
- Acceptance of financial statements

Moved: Bree Davis

Seconded: Leigh Svendsen

Carried

Proposed resolutions

- **Increase to Membership fees in line with CPI**

Membership prices to be increased to reflect the CPI at 30 June 2023, rounded to the nearest full number:

The fees will be:

Full annual member - \$170 (previously \$160) Full monthly member - \$17 (\$16)
Concession annual member - \$50 (\$45)
Supporting annual member - \$170 (\$125)

Moved: Kim Travis

Seconded: Anne Kennedy

Carried

- **Introduction of Student membership for \$10**

Debated amongst the members. Generally supported the idea of student membership for \$10, to introduce young women to EL. Voting rights are the concern, it could be seen as inequitable for concession members. There is already a waiting period for voting rights for monthly members, students should have to wait 12 months before voting rights.

Proposal - introduce a \$10 student membership limited to a trial to be determined by the National Committee/ membership committee with no voting rights.

After a lot of debate the AGM agreed to a trial period - the details to be deferred to the membership committee, Introductory membership for students \$10 for a 12 month period only, no voting rights. we will review this

The AMG voted that an introductory 12 months student membership \$10 for a limited period of 12 months to be referred to the Membership and National committee in accordance with the rules of ELA to conduct a trial period.

Moved: Kim Travis

Seconded: Anne Kennedy

Carried

- Increase the cost of Supporting membership to the same as Full Annual membership. Supporting member to have no voting rights and for Male members.

Moved: Anne Kennedy

Seconded: Leigh Svendsen

Carried

Election of members of the National Committee

National Co-Convenors

Sharon Claydon - NSW

Leigh Svendsen - VIC

Secretary

Bridget Wardlaw - NSW

Treasurer

General Members (as appointed by National Committee)

Anne Kennedy – QLD

Judy Waters – ACT

Karen Churchill – ACT

Marjorie O'Neill – NSW

Heather Smith – NSW

Paige Sedgwick – NSW

Sonja Terpstra – VIC

Rhiannon James – TAS

Emily Hamilton – WA

Sarah Seymore – WA

Georgie Corrie – NT

Linda Burney – NSW (FNELA)

Donisha Duff – QLD (FNELA)

Mich-Elle Myers – NSW

Tabatha Young - QLD

Co-opted Members (as appointed by National Committee)

Leonie Morgan (VIC)

Jill Smith (VIC)

Motion: That the above members of the National Committee be re-elected

Moved: Donisha Duff

Seconded: Tabitha Young

Carried

Thank you to previous members who have left over the past 12 months.

Sonya Kilkenny - VIC

Mary Delahunty - VIC

Megan Bridger-Darling - VIC

Amie Templar-Kanshlo – VIC

Lorie Werner – VIC

Lisa Clutterham - ACT

Angela Vaughan – SA

Resolution of thanks to the above members who have left the NC over the last 12 months.

	<p>Treasurer position – we are looking for a national treasurer, still looking for someone to take on the role, will advise members when this occurs. Under the rules, we do not have to have a treasurer, we do have to have a secretary, however we would like to have this role filled.</p>
9	<p>Confirm the election of EMILY’s List Action Group Convenors</p> <p>In accordance with the Rule 42 (2) EMILY’s List Action Groups must elect or appoint a representative to the Committee and an alternative. The following State and Territory representatives are duly confirmed.</p> <p>ACT: Judy Waters Alternative: Karen Churchill</p> <p>NSW: Marjorie O’Neill MP Alternatives: Heather Smith & Paige Sedgwick</p> <p>NT: Georgie Corrie Alternative: Vacant</p> <p>QLD: Anne Kennedy Alternative:</p> <p>SA: Vacant Alternative: Vacant</p> <p>TAS: Rhiannon James Alternative: Vacant</p> <p>VIC: Sonja Terpstra MP Alternative: Vacant</p> <p>WA: Emily Hamilton Alternatives: Sarah Seymour</p> <p><i>Motion: That the above state Co-Convenors be re-elected</i> <i>Moved: Lorie Werner</i> <i>Seconded: Donisha Duff</i> <i>Carried</i></p>
10	<p>Presentation of awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EMILY’s List Award – Congratulations to Amber-Jade Sanderson, nominated by Emily Hamilton, for her work with regards to the abortion law reform that passed through the laws. Also celebrated 50/50 women in parliament with the recent lectin of Magenta Marshall. The abortion law has been updated after 25 years and in line with other states, now sits under the public health act. Removed the need for women to have mandatory counselling and the 2 Dr to approve. This work built on the original legislation by Cheryl Davenport. Also noting support from Sue Ellery and the premier Roger Cook <i>Moved – Emily Hamilton</i> <i>Seconded – Sarah Seymore</i> <i>Carried</i> - Molly Smith Award – this goes to a volunteer who has been very active. Presented annually by the family of Molly Smith, to recognise the Smith family

for their continued support of this award. We are proud to award **Lorie Werner**, one of the enduring and hardest working inspirational feminist we have working within our ranks. Lories has been a long time ELAG member, National Committee member, well respected ALP members, unionist and long-time campaigner for over 20 years. A long history of phone banking for membership, candidates, events and to persuade other members to the cause. A fun volunteer helping us to distribute merchandise with string fresh coffee. Lorie actively participated for years in policy committees, influencing, and defending women's positions as well as ensuring a gender lens was applied. Lorie has worked at state and federal conferences as an organiser, delegate and volunteer for EMILY's List as well as at our Fringe events and our stalls. Lorie stepped down from her role as National secretary for EL earlier this year after many years serving in leadership roles and as a general member which meant that finally she can be nominated for this award. Lorie has always been effective introducing and mentoring young women to EL. She had been active fundraising for JKGGR and did not hesitate to fill her personal calendar with supporting candidates. Lorie is the practical expression of women supporting women, first to arrive and last to leave. Lorie this award does not express enough exactly what you mean to EMILY's List.

Moved – Kim Travis

Seconded – Pamela Anderson

Carried

Lorie Werner said a few words – Emily's list is the most important organisation in my life, I just love it, I will never leave, you can't get rid of me.

Close of AGM at 18:49