



# Branch Committee Meeting

9<sup>th</sup> November 2023

NEW SOUTH WALES

**Meeting Opened:** 14:02pm

**Present:** Justine Parsons (chair), Karen Walker, Jennifer Middleton, Shelley Reid, Suza Trajkovski, Madeline Burns, Emily Macnaught, Krischelle York (minutes)

**Apologies:** Megan Young, Penelope Janes

Confirmation of last minutes: minutes accepted and confirmed as true by Justine Parsons

## Business Arising

1. **“Babies in the Bush” - Broken Hill seminar update:** Karen reported on success of the event. A resus workshop was held on the Thursday (Nick Williams, RPA helped to facilitate) and on the Friday the official program was held. 35 attendees were present, some from as far as Orange, Dubbo and Forbes. Feedback received was extremely positive, with a good response rate. Justine Parsons obtained x5 sponsors to help with cost, and x4 were able to be in attendance. Costs not yet finalised, but will be shared between NSW and SA ACNN Branches as well as the Nutrition and Educations SIGs. Expected to incur minimal cost out of pocket for each group. Facilitators were approached via email and in person about possibility of taking Babies in the Bush to other rural sites in 2024 – Wagga Wagga and Orange, in particular.

## New Business

1. **Torie Finnane Foundation (TFF):** Karen and Justine have been approached by staff from the TFF to investigate opportunities for supporting rural and remote midwives/special care nurses to attend education. Justine had meeting with Helen Paine, and prospect of having TFF support ‘Babies in the Bush’ via financial sponsorship was discussed. Further conversations will take place, potentially with chairperson of Education SIG who are co-drivers of the ‘Babies in the Bush’ seminar.
2. **Evening dinner meeting:** “ECMO in NICU Retrieval – A lifesaving strategy” being held at Rydges, Parramatta on Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 2023. Currently have 23 delegates attending. Hoped to have 35-40, but numbers seem to be down. Justine has asked REM Systems to sponsor the evening, and they have agreed to support via \$1000+GST. Sam Lannan has generated invoice accordingly. Emily Macnaught and Ania Berent are speaking on ECMO retrievals, with a RNSH case study.
3. **AGM:** this will be held at first part of the evening dinner meeting at Parramatta. Previous AGM minutes, Committee EOI to be sent by Kris York to the ESO in preparation.

**Meeting closed at 1432pm**

**Next meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 6pm**