



# ACNN Special General Meeting

8 December 2025

## 1.0 Meeting Commenced: 7:00pm AEDST

**Present:** Attendance was captured from the virtual meeting platform at the time of the poll.

Nat Aikman, Rachael Austin, Nicola Benson, Claire Blackburn, Kathryn Bloomfield, Louise Bottega, Margaret Broom, Vini Brehaut, Laura Briguglio, Melissa Burnett, Natalie Butchard, Wendy Carlish, Lyn Chapple, Erin Church (Naarm), Debby Collins, Alison Conroy-Joyce, Regina Costello, Elise Cowan, Crystle Craine, Trevor Cresp, Isobel Cox, Amy Curran, Jennifer Dawson, Maddison Denman, Janene Douglas, Sweetie D’Souza, Nicol Franz, Tina Gray, Alison Hancott, Deborah Harris, Nicole Hielscher, Julianne Hite, Courtney Jones, Lauren Kendrick, Knarik Kirakosyan, Cathy Krause, Jo La Spina, Paula Lambert, Samantha Lannan, Vicky Liashenko, Patricia Lowe, Libby, Emily Macnaught, Emma Marchant, Emily McCorquodale, Avril McLean, Jennifer Middleton, Suzanne Munro, Grace Murphy, Renee Muirhead, Sarah Neale, Karen New, Nicola, Jessica O’Dowd, Justine Parsons, Helen Patterson, Joanne Pegg, Ritsue Phillips, Veronica Picken, Alison Pilgrim, Becky Rackham, Konnie Rapassanis, Megan Robertson, Cathy Saunders, Brianna Schipper, Melissa Schubert, Kate Seppelt, Silvina Sissing, Lisa Stevens, Louise Stock, Sarah Thomas, Linda Thomasson, Twyla Vincent, Nicole Vos, Vigi, Tess Watson, Amanda Whitehouse, Jacqui Woodforde, Ying Yang, Kris York, Richelle Yu-Nguyen.

## 2.0 Apologies: Shelley Reid and Alison Michaels

**Minutes:** Laura Briguglio

Item	Topic	Actions
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Opening</b>	
	The Special General Meeting (SGM) was opened at by Amy Curran, who welcomed members and attendees. Members were admitted from the virtual waiting room, and it was noted that the meeting was being held online to enable broad national participation. A brief pause occurred to allow a social media screenshot to be captured for the Executive’s first open forum.	Nil
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b>	
	Amy Curran delivered an Acknowledgement of Country: In the spirit of reconciliation, the Australian College of Neonatal Nurses acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.	Nil
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Membership Category Changes and Constitutional Review</b>	
	Amy Curran provided an overview of the purpose of the SGM, noting that it had been convened to consider proposed changes to ACNN membership categories and associated amendments to the Constitution. The meeting was then handed over to Nicol Franz Membership Secretary and Vice President.	Nil



	<p>Nicol Franz outlined the background to the proposed changes, explaining that ACNN had undertaken consultation with members and non-members to review the relevance and accessibility of existing membership categories. As a result of this feedback, new membership categories were proposed, including Individual Associate, Affiliate, and Legacy membership options. Proposed changes were made available via shared screen for all in attendance to view.</p> <p>Nicol Franz reminded all in attendance that the SGM notice and proposed constitution changes provided 21 days earlier via email to ALL ACNN members.</p> <p>During discussion, Erin Church raised a question regarding why non-voting members, including retired members (e.g. legacy members), would not hold voting rights under the proposed structure. Nicol Franz explained that voting rights were linked to currency of clinical practice and governance responsibilities of AHPRA, while acknowledging the ongoing value, expertise, and contributions of retired members to the profession and the College.</p> <p>Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification prior to the vote.</p>	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Special Resolution – Constitutional Amendments</b>	
	<p>Laura Briguglio, Secretary and Public Officer, formally commenced the voting process for the Special Resolution to adopt the proposed membership category changes and associated constitutional amendments. Members were advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voting would occur via an online poll</li> <li>• Options included Yes, No, or Abstain</li> <li>• A minimum of 75% of votes cast was required for the Special Resolution to be carried</li> </ul> <p>The poll was opened, and members were invited to submit their vote that, in accordance with section 10 of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW), the Constitution of the ACNN be amended to revise and expand the membership categories in Part 2.1 (Membership generally), including the introduction of additional membership categories.</p>	Nil
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Operations</b>	
	<p>The voting results were announced as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes: 87%</li> </ul>	Laura to formalise minutes from SGM and make available on ACNN Website.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No: 0%</li> <li>• Abstain: 13%</li> </ul> <p>With the required majority achieved, it was confirmed that the Special Resolution was carried</p>	<p>Laura to submit official documentation to Office of Fair Trading (OFT) for constitution amendments.</p> <p><i>*Documentation submitted on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025 to OFT</i></p> <p><i>**Confirmation received from OFT on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 that constitution changes have been accepted</i></p>
<p><b>Meeting closed:</b> 7:20pm</p>		

Accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

*Amy Curran*

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 Meeting Chair and President  
 12/01/2026