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27th Annual General Meeting

Thursday 2nd September 2021 1.00pm AEST
Via Zoom Teleconference: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/91013014654>

Minutes

Meeting opened at 1.00pm

PRESENT:

Jennifer Mason
Shane Smith
Amanda Lambros
Kate Green
Paulette Gayton
Robyn Donnelly

Ria Subrahmanyam
Baribela Idris
Annelise Alexander
Trish Quig
Carolyn Mallam

APOLOGIES:

Ella Li
Bernie Spencer
Mary Brown
Michael Hawke
Rozanne Perera

Minute taker: Shane Smith

1. Welcome and Apologies

Amanda Lambros, MAREAA President and Shane Smith MAREAA Secretary, welcomed everyone to the MAREAA 27th AGM.

2. Opening Address and Presidents' Report

Amanda Lambros, MAREAA President, welcomed everyone to the MAREAA AGM and for your continued support.

Shane Smith, MAREAA Secretary, welcomed everyone to the MAREAA AGM and for your continued support.

Our membership has grown since 2020, marginally by 4 members.

<i>Member Type</i>	COUNTA of Member Type
Organisational Member	77 (+2)
Individual Member	27 (+2)
Expired	54 (-)
Deleted	2 (-)
Grand Total	160 (+4)
Mailchimp	322 (+18)
Facebook	404 (+23) Followers
Twitter	545 (+8) Followers
Instagram	253 (+126) Followers

During the year we lost the service of two wonderful committee members. **Ella Li** from CatholicCare Melbourne resigned: 31st of August 2021. I'd like to thank **Ella Li** as Treasurer who took over from Michael O'Keeffe in 2018. Ella has been a great support for MAREAA and support of the conference amidst her full-time role at CatholicCare and under taking her studies. Thank you Ella.

Rozanne Perera resigned from MAREAA on the 27th of August 2021. Rozanne has been involved with MAREAA for many years supporting the various events we have held but more recently as a committee member supporting members in Victoria. Always insightful and calm, she was able to present new ideas and brought new capabilities to the team.

Looking back on 2021, it seems much of it has simply slipped by but we all know that there is much to be done in this current climate and we are working hard on ideas around lobbying the professional interests of our members, and promoting and elevating MRE to couples, families and individuals across Australia.

3. Minutes of 26th AGM 2020

Accepted by Amanda and seconded by Ria.

4. Financial Reports

Presented by Shane Smith. Refer P&L and Balance Sheet presented.

P&L:

In the 2020/2021 Financial year the association made a gross profile of \$638.93:
Income was \$2,616.05 (Membership fees)
Expenses were \$1,977.12 (Website \$966; Bank Fees \$433; Membership Fees \$418 (FRSA))

Balanced Sheet:

Net Assets \$15,674.63, current year earning \$638.93
Savings \$14,291.52 less GST Payable of \$1,383.11

Finances accepted by Amanda and seconded by Ria.

5. State Branch Reports

VIC – N/A.

QLD – Jennifer Mason (Verbal)

NSW – Robyn Donnelly (Verbal)

WA – Ria Subrahmanyam (Verbal)
- The Relationship table

SA – N/A.

NT – N/A.

6. MAREAA Award for Excellence in Marriage and Relationship Education

Action: Add article to next Newsletter celebrating the contribution of Denise Lacey for relationship education across Australia **Shane/Ria**

7. National Committee 2021/2022

All positions declared vacant:

- Acknowledgement of State Branch Representative appointments
- Election of Management Committee office bearers (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary)
- Election of ordinary members (committee members other than State Branch Representatives and office bearers)

State branches:

- Robyn Donnelly – NSW
Accepted by Annelise and seconded by Ria

- Ria Subrahmanyam – WA
Accepted by Amanda and seconded by Paulette
- Jennifer Mason QLD
Accepted by Robyn and seconded by Amanda
- Vacant – SA
- Vacant – VIC
- NT - Vacant
- TAS – Vacant

National Committee:

(During a meeting in June 2021, there was a vote of the committee and the following Committee Members were decided):

- **President** - Amanda Lambros
- **Vice president** - Ria Subrahmanyam
- **Secretary** - Shane Smith
- **Treasurer** - Ella Li (since Resigned 31 August 2021) now vacant.

Election of ordinary members

- An ordinary member is far from ordinary. An ordinary member can sit on the committee and hold an important role in supporting the objectives of the association.

8. **Any Other Business.**

- (i) N/A.

Shane Smith closed AGM at 1.35pm