



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Australian Evaluation Society Limited ACN 606 044 624

Wednesday 17th September 2025 scheduled to commence at 5.30pm AEST

Bradman Theatre, National Convention Centre Canberra

I. Welcome

The company secretary, William Wallace, declared a quorum of members at 5.42pm. The President, Kiri Parata declared the meeting open, acknowledged that the meeting is being conducted on the unceded Country of the Ngunnawal and Ngambri People, introduced in-attendance Directors, Tony Kiessler, Nicole Tujague, Jade Maloney, Andrew Hawkins, Anne Stephens, Matthew Healey and welcomed members present at the meeting.

Correction from 2024 meeting minutes, Nathaniel Roberts mistyped is supposed to be David Roberts.

Members of the Company in attendance: Anona Armstrong, Amy Gullickson, Anne Stephens, Anthea Rutter, Christabelle Darcy, Christian Trevogda, David Roberts, Dru Armstrong, Emma Williams, Erin Blake, Gerard Atkinson, Ghislain Arbour, Jade Maloney, Jeff Adams, Jess Dart, Jill Thomas, John Guenther, John Stoney, Julie Elliott, Kate McKegg, Kate O'Malley, Kat Hooper, Kim Grey, Kiri Parata, Lee-Anne Molony, Liam Downing, Liesl Harrold, Lyn Alderman, Margaret Tipper, Marion Norton, Martina Donkers, Matt Healey, Monica Dare, Nicole Tujague, Patricia Rogers, Penny Williamson, Phillip Belling, Rae Fry, Rani Austin, Raoul Craemer, Rick Cummings, Robert Chapman, Robert Grimshaw, Ruth Aston, Ruth Nicholls, Scott Bailey, Sharon Clarke, Stephanie Fletcher-Lartey, Stephanie White, Taimur Siddiqi, Tony Kiessler, Zoe Enticott.

2. Apologies

Call for apologies from the floor: Nil

3. To adopt the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 18th September 2024, in Melbourne.

Proposed: David Roberts

Seconded: Sharon Clarke

Motion carried

4. President's Report

The President, Kiri Parata, presented her final President's Report, noting that the AGM marked the conclusion of her four-year term as President of the Australian Evaluation Society. Kiri reflected on the work and progress of the AES over the course of her presidency and highlighted developments across the Society's key strategic domains.

She acknowledged the important contribution of the AES's 32 Fellows, noting that Fellows continue to be an integral part of the Society and its evaluation community. Kiri welcomed the establishment of the new Policy Officer role and Carina Calzoni as the inaugural appointment to the position. The role represented an important step in strengthening the AES's capacity to engage with policy and contribute to broader conversations about evaluation and its value.

Highlights from across the AES's strategic domains were presented, including the commencement of work on Quality Evaluation that Makes a Difference, and continued work to strengthen pathways within the evaluation profession, including consideration of ethics and professionalisation.

Kiri also highlighted initiatives to strengthen connections across the AES community, including the development of a CSG alumni group from the First Nations Committee, and the establishment of a Tasmanian Community of Practice, providing further opportunities for evaluators to connect, share knowledge and support evaluation practice.

In concluding her report, Kiri reflected on the progress made during her four years as President and acknowledged the contribution of the Board, AES staff, volunteers, Fellows, members and the wider evaluation community during her term.

5. Treasurer's report – presented by Tony Kiessler

The Treasurer, **Tony Kiessler**, presented the 2024 – 2025 audited accounts as per the annual report, a copy of which is available at <https://www.aes.asn.au>.

Tony reported that expenditure for the year was slightly above budget, with a 29% increase in expenses in the overall budget and an 18% increase in staffing costs. The financial year resulted in a net deficit of approximately \$33,000.

It was noted that the deficit had been budgeted and reflected a deliberate decision by the AES to invest further in its people, programs and organisational capacity. Tony also noted the potential for future revenue associated with the AES's work on professionalisation.

As this was Tony's final report as Treasurer, he thanked the Board, AES staff and members for their support during his time in the role.

The floor was opened for questions on the Annual Report, with particular reference to the financial statements.

Gerard Atkinson raised a question regarding the balance sheet on page. 37 and the closure of an account. It was explained that the account had not been achieving the anticipated interest return and had therefore been closed.

6. Motion: That the Annual Report, including the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, be accepted by the membership.

Proposed: Rick Cummings

Seconded: David Roberts

Motion carried

7. Motion: That BPR Audit Pty Ltd, Authorised Audit Company, who offer themselves for election, be elected auditors for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

Proposed: Lyn Alderman

Seconded: Gerard Atkinson

Motion carried

8. Announcement of Ordinary Board Members elected during this year's ballot under section C.27 of the Constitution.

Returning Officer Anthea Rutter made the announcement.

Election result 2 year terms:

- Andrew Hawkins
- Lee-Anne Molony
- Kim Grey

Continuing Board members

- Nicole Tujague
- Jade Maloney
- Matt Healey, and
- Jill Thomas

Vacant elected Director positions: Nil

Anthea noted that having six members nominate for Board positions was a positive indication of a healthy and engaged organisation, reflecting members' willingness to contribute to the leadership and governance of the AES.

Kiri thanked Anthea for her role as Returning Officer and acknowledged and thanked outgoing Board members Anne Stephens and Tony Kiessler for their contribution and service to the AES.

The meeting closed at 6.03pm.