



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (HYBRID FORMAT)
SUNDAY 18 November 2023 2:00 PM (Melbourne/Sydney time)

Dear Member,

Deaf Australia Inc will hold its thirty-seventh (37th) Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Saturday 18 November at 2.00 PM (Melbourne/Sydney)** time at the **Meat Market**, North Melbourne, which will also be **livestreamed** online.

To register in advance for the Annual General Meeting: Register [here](#) (link to Zoom).

After registering, we will check your details against our membership database.

Important note: Make sure your full name and email address correspond with our database.

Attached are:

1. the agenda for this meeting
2. the minutes of the last AGM
3. the minutes of the last SGM
4. the Annual Report
5. the Audited financial report
6. the new constitution

At the meeting, members will have the opportunity to:

1. find out about Deaf Australia's operations and finances
2. ask questions about the operations and finances of Deaf Australia
3. speak about any items on the agenda
4. vote on any resolutions proposed.

At the meeting, members will be asked to vote to:

1. accept the minutes of the last annual general meeting
2. accept the minutes of the last special general meeting
3. accept the annual report



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4. accept the auditor's report
5. accept the annual financial statements
6. appoint and pay an auditor
7. elect directors
8. vote on several resolutions outlined below.

The following special resolutions will be proposed at the annual general meeting:

1. IT IS RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION that, in accordance with section 42 of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 (SA), the Association apply to Consumer and Business Services in South Australia to transfer its undertaking and operations to a new Australian public company limited by guarantee, to be called 'Deaf Australia Limited' (Company).
2. IT IS RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION that the Association approves the proposed constitution of the Company in the form circulated with the notice and as tabled at this meeting.

Proposed ordinary resolutions:

1. IT IS RESOLVED that the Association instructs Prolegis Lawyers to oversee the process of applying, on behalf of the Association, to Consumer and Business Services in South Australia to transfer the Association's undertaking and operations to the Company.
2. IT IS RESOLVED that the Association authorises Debra Swann, Jennifer Blyth and Prolegis Lawyers to take all measures reasonably necessary to give effect to these resolutions.

Election of Board Directors:

1. Provide your nomination via the following form (please click '[Nomination form](#)' to open the document). Please ensure that the nominee and seconder is aware that you are nominating them.
2. Nomination must be lodged 21 days prior to Annual General Meeting (nomination must be received by **29 October 2023**).
3. There are three (3) Board of Directors vacant positions that can be filled at this AGM.
4. If (four) 4 or more nominations are received for three (3) vacancies, we will have a live vote at the AGM.
5. Only **Ordinary Individual Members**ⁱ are entitled to vote for board members.

The current Board Directors:

- Debra Swann (SA) – Term ends 2023. **AVAILABLE FOR NOMINATION**
- Sherrie Beaver (VIC) – Term ends 2025.
- Karthik Vijayanandam (VIC) – Term ends 2025.
- Julie Llyod (QLD) – Term ends 2025.
- Susan Bates (WA) – Term ends 2025.
- Brooke Pape (ACT) – Co-opted until 2023. **VACANT POSITION**
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The constitution dictates the following:

1. Maximum (two) 2 Board of Directors can be elected from same state/territory.
2. After the AGM, the elected directors will determine positions.

Agenda:

1. All members (Ordinary and Associate) are entitled to put items (things you want to talk about) on the agenda for the Annual General Meeting.
2. Written notice of items for the agenda must reach Deaf Australia by **5 November 2023** at ceo@deafaustalia.org.au.

Voting at the Annual General Meeting:

1. If you are an **Ordinary Individual Member** or an **Ordinary Organisation Member**ⁱⁱ you are entitled to vote at Deaf Australia general meetings.
2. If you are not coming to the meeting on **18 November 2023**, you may appoint another member as your proxy to vote for you (please click '[Proxy and Apology form](#)' to open the document).

Please complete Proxy and Apology form by **12 November 2023**.

3. If you are an **Associate Individual Member**ⁱⁱⁱ or an **Associate Organisation Member**^{iv} of Deaf Australia, you are **not** entitled to vote at Deaf Australia general meetings. However, you are very welcome to attend the meeting – the meeting is open to all members and other interested people who are not members.
4. Items of particular importance which require your attention during the voting process include:
 - a. Adoption of the proposed new Deaf Australia constitution
 - b. Proposed change of Deaf Australia from Incorporated associated to Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG)

Q&A evening – 17th November 2023:

Deaf Australia will also run a Q&A evening on the **17th November 2023 at 6pm Melbourne/Sydney time** where members will have the opportunity to get clarification or ask questions about our new constitution. Please register [here](#).

SUMMARY OF TIMELINE:

1. Submit [Board of Director nomination forms](#) by **Sunday, 5 November 2023**;
2. Propose your meeting agenda item/s by **Sunday, 5 November 2023**;
3. Submit [Apology and Proxy form](#) by **Sunday, 12 November 2023**;

ANNUAL AWARDS:

- Deaf Australian Youth of the Year
- Deaf Australian of the Year
- Community Volunteer Award

Yours sincerely,

Debra Swann
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ⁱ An Ordinary individual is Deaf or Hard of Hearing Person.

ⁱⁱ An Ordinary organisation member is a national organisation where more than 50% of its board members are deaf or hard of hearing.

ⁱⁱⁱ An Associate individual member is a person who is not deaf or hard of hearing.

^{iv} An Associate organisation member is any organisation that is not a national organisation/ and or where less than 50% of board members are deaf and hard of hearing.