

EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held at on WEDNESDAY, 19 February 2025 online ZOOM.

1. WELCOME

I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands on which we meet and pay my respects to the Elders past present and emerging and acknowledge that they have had a special connection to the lands and waters for thousands of years.

The Chair, Kim Walters, opened the AGM at 4:30pm

2. ATTENDANCE

11 Individual Members are required for a quorum at the AGM Apologies and Proxy forms were received from the following 16 members with voting rights.

PROXY & APOLOGIES	
Individual/Life Members: Shona Doyle, Liz Fallon, Kate Beutel, Jasmine Dyball, Caroline Browning, Michelle Gallagher, Maddison Andreassen, Sharon Zammit	
ATTENDED	
Individual/Life Members: Kim Walters, Jeanie Watt, Kelly Alexander, Liz Gemmell, Bronwyn Thomas, Bec Burch, Mary Thomasson, Melanie Doyle, Lisa Cooper, Janelle McIvor, Jo Young, Lynne Ireland, Shae Bishop, , (9)	

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Moved Kim Walters seconded Helen Noble that the minutes of the AGM held on 26 February 2024 are an accurate record of the business of that meeting. All in favour. Carried

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am pleased to present to you the President's Report.

Throughout the past year, ECTA has been actively engaged in representing its members at various stakeholder forums and expos, advocating for members and our early childhood colleagues, and promoting ECTA membership, particularly among students. I would like to thank Mel Doyle, Joanne Young, Lisa Cooper, and Helen Noble for their time in representing ECTA.

As a member of the Joint Council of Queensland Teacher Associations (JCQTA), we participated in meetings to remain abreast of developments in the education sector at both state and federal levels. Lisa Cooper, our Treasurer, has assumed pivotal roles on the Queensland Teachers College Professional Standards Committee (PSC) and as an Accreditation Panellist.

At the close of the 2024 financial year, ECTA's membership stood at 507, encompassing 133 organizations, 220 individuals, 119 students, 10 concessional members, 1 concessional with journal, 9 students with journal, 2 graduates, and 16 life members. A breakdown of membership types reveals a diverse representation across various sectors, reaffirming our broad reach and influence within the early childhood education community.

Our Facebook page now has 6,363 followers and a reach of over 88,000 individuals annually. Facebook allows us to connect with colleagues and promote membership and conference registrations.

The 2024 ECTA Early Childhood Conference drew participation from 116 attendees online and 154 attendees in person at St Peters Lutheran College, Indooroopilly. I extend sincere gratitude to Rachael Yates and the staff at St Peters for their invaluable support in hosting the event and contributing to its success. The conference featured inspirational speakers and garnered overwhelmingly positive feedback, a testament to the meticulous planning and dedication of our regional office bearers, volunteers, and conference committee.

I wish to acknowledge Joanne Young, our secretary, for her role in organizing and hosting ten ECTA webinars throughout the year. These webinars, exclusively available to members at no cost, have been a key strategy to support and stay connected with our members across the state, ensuring that members can join into this rich professional development no matter where they are located.

I extend our appreciation to Marion Mori, our journal editor, for her leadership and commitment to maintaining the integrity and quality of our publication along with the journal team.

A special thank you to our outgoing vice-president Helen Noble. Helen has played a key role in our organization, representing ECTA at stakeholder forums and contributing to the work of the conference, journal, and state management committees.

Due to increasing costs of printing and postage costs of the journal, the committee has made the decision to offer PDF copies of the journal going forward. Fees from the 1 March will be \$120 for individual membership, \$250 organizational, \$50 concessional, and \$0 for pre-service students not currently working in the EC field. Members on a low income are encouraged to join as concessional members.

In closing, I extend my sincerest gratitude to all members of our state coordinating, conference, and journal committees, as well as our Regional Group Office Bearers, for their contribution to ECTA's mission throughout 2024. Your collective efforts have been instrumental in shaping the success and impact of our organization, and I look forward to continued collaboration and achievements in the year ahead.

Yours in education
Kim

Moved Kim Walters seconded by Joanne Young that the President's Report be accepted. All in favour. Carried

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurers Lisa Cooper presented the audited accounts for the year ended 30 September 2024.

The auditor's report was available to all members prior to the AGM.

The Auditor report for 2024 shows at the end of the financial year ECTAs main account had **\$27,499** in the ECTA account.

ECTA and Regional Groups combined had a gross income of **\$104,506** and gross expenses of **\$148,536**. This included **\$19,369** in Regional Group expenses and **\$1,222** in Regional Group income. Regional groups therefore had a loss of **\$18,237** which was mainly due to **\$16,655** transfers of funds and covered by their funds in hand.

ECTAs income was **103,328** and expenditure **\$129,118** resulting in a loss of **\$25,790** which was covered by our funds on hand. membership and conference fee increases and PDF journals will ensure the budget balances for future years.

Cash assets as at the end of the financial year are **\$63,668** made up of for regional groups **\$29,479** and ECTA. **\$34,189**

Kim Walters moved "That the Financial Report, including the audited accounts, be accepted." Seconded by Helen Noble. All in favour. Carried

6. OFFICE BEARERS

All positions were declared vacant.

We had one nomination for the 2025 State Management Committee President.. I congratulate Kim Walters and hand the meeting back to Kim.

For State Management Committee our 2025 members are Joanne Young (Secretary), Lisa Cooper (Treasurer), Mel Doyle, Jasmine Dyball & Mary Thomasson

For Conference Committee our 2025 members are Kim Walters, Lisa Cooper, Lynne Ireland, Jo Young, Liz Fallon, Sue Norwood, Mel Doyle, Kate Beutel and Mary Thomasson

For EYC Journal Committee our 2025 members are Marion Mori (Editor). Kim Walters, Sue Webster, Jeanie Watt, Archana Sinh, Carol Browning and Elizabeth Gemmell.

7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Moved Kim Walters seconded Joanne Young that TREKK Advisory be appointed as Auditors for 2024. All in favour. Carried

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Call for any other items of general business relating to the AGM.

Nil.

10. 2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
To be held on 25 February 2026

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 4:26pm

Confirmed as a correct record of the business of the meeting:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. D.', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

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President

19/2/2025
Date