

# WORONI

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## Meeting Minutes

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**Board Meeting**  
**7<sup>th</sup> September, 2:31pm**  
**Woroni Boardroom**

**Present:** Tara Shenoy (Chair), Polly Mitton (Secretary), Janis Lejins, Alex Catalán-Flores, Abigail Widijanto

**Apologies:** Beatrice Smith, Ross Caldwell

**Item 1: Acknowledgement of Country**

Janis recited the Acknowledgement of Country

**Item 2: Print update**

Janis informed the board that the recent edition was printed, relatively without a hitch, good work was done by all.

**Item 3: Radio update**

Polly informs us that radio is going well, potentially expanding to 3 nights.

**Item 4: Finance update**

Alex informs us that for the purpose of the minutes the accounts are as follow: transactions at \$4,167.06, savings at \$72,883.25 and term deposit is at \$60,000 plus interest

**Item 5: Admin update**

Tara informed the board that the constitutional amendments have been made public. Janis makes suggestions that an amendment to the constitution could be proposed at the SGM to change the rule that the board must meet every 2 weeks. Janis will email the board the proposed change prior to the SGM.

**ITEM 6: Previous action items**

Name	Item	Due Date
Alex	Alex to report on Facebook advertising	This meeting
Janis	Research camera prices	This meeting
Alex and Polly	Licensing options for Radio	Next Meeting

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Tara:	Call ANU Security to ascertain who still has access to the office	This Meeting
Alex	Inventory Policy	This Meeting
Polly	Email Ross with policy for Radio retractions, corrections and apologies	This meeting
Alex	Work out payment for Elena	This meeting
Ross	Create policy document outlining what published contributions mean	Next meeting
Abby	Develop submissions guide	This meeting
Print Team	report back on viability and procedure of hiring a proof reader	21 <sup>st</sup> of September

## Item 7: Inventory Policy

Alex puts forward a policy regarding access to the office, lockers and storerooms. A second motion detailing the Inventory policy will be proposed at a later date. Alex proposed to pass the procedure for restricted access area. Seconded by Tara and approved by all. Motion passed.

Inventory is still being written. Alex to email finalised inventory register to Tara by Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Item 8: App

App trial ends tomorrow. Janis will sign up \$64 per month today takes up to 14 days to publish. Janis to email yearly pricing today. Apple store publishing means app will be live by launch party.

Janis motion that we publish the Woroni app for public consumption for \$66 per month postponed to email. Alex queried beta testing - janis has uploaded app to iPhones so we can continue to test and update in back end so app update can be posted to store once it is launched

## Item 9: Approving audited accounts

Concerning internal audit by Adrian bray. Alex proposes the motion that the board adopt the audited accounts compiled by Adrian bray. Seconded by Polly with all in favour. Motion passed.

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**Item 10: Alternative revenue streams**

Postponed by Alex til more members are present. Asserted that old advertising prospectus is the only one in circulation.

**Item 11: Shanti kumarage**

Shanti offered to be a proof reader. Print members agree that a proof reader is needed. Tara reminds board that paper will have to be finished earlier to give proof reader time. Abby suggests she proof the master print doc. Discussion postponed to email.

Action: print team to report back on viability and procedure by 21st of September

**Item 12: Casual vacancy**

15 candidates narrowed to 2 during interview process - Jacob Ingram and Chris Orchard.

Tara reads Roxanne's email.

*'Christopher Orchard. Chris has worked closely with, written for, and financially managed the Rabelais student paper at LaTrobe and worked in a range of media activities. His strengths were a very practical approach to seeking news, based on a very active approach of connecting to the ANU community. He had a well developed understanding of the political issues relating to education and was very experienced in juggling priorities and delivering to time frames that are immovable.*

*Jacob Ingram also has a news focus and background of leadership in student associations. He demonstrated a very good understanding of the need to source news through developing strong personal contacts. He had thought through the issue of the potential for a conflict of interest with ANUSA given his role as General Representative.*

*In summary:*

*Christopher and Jacob have a stronger news focus, with Christopher demonstrating a stronger experience in juggling prioritisation, delivering on time and actively seek news'*

Abigail's recommendations are as follows: *'In my mind, there is a dead heat between Christopher Orchard and Jacob Ingram. Both are arguably highly competent and have strong work ethics.*

*Christopher's strengths include: his previous experience in student journalism, as an Editor of Rabelais; and experience in student politics, as an organiser of model united nations. He has demonstrated a tenaciousness in seeking information and uncovering stories. He has expressed interest in scrutinising PARSA.*

*Jacob's strengths were his ideas; particularly, his proposal for Woroni to become a member of the National Press Club to improve our connections with people in the media industry.*

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*It depends on what we want from the Editor who fills the casual vacancy. Do we want someone to just do the job, or someone with big ideas? My intuition tells me that Christopher would be better at the former and Jacob has demonstrated the latter.'*

*Tara: 'Maggie great fit in terms of geniality, logic etc. Jacob had ideas for every portfolio and emphasised accountability and events. Strong ideas etc. Chris would hold people accountable and would be pragmatic and professional. As a post grad he would be valuable.'*

Chris is a post-grad and Jacob is an undergrad. Both will be here next year. We assume that both may reapply. Chris got first class honours while organising model UN.

Roxanne's favourite was Chris

Both candidates' interviews were recorded

Janis suggests we listen to both. Attempted to listen, recording didn't work.

Janis recommends in future that all editors are kept in the loop with this process via group emails etc. Discussion and votes are deferred to email.

## **Item 13: Abstentions**

Alex would like to discuss abstentions for vote counts next meeting. Does the vote count decrease with abstentions? Discussion deferred to next meeting.

## **Action Items**

Name	Item	Due Date
Alex	Alex to provide stats and figures through email to report on what is financially valuable	Next meeting
Janis	Email board pricing for non-student loans from photomedia arts officer	21 <sup>st</sup> of September
Tara:	Call ANU Security to ascertain who still has access to the office	21 <sup>st</sup> September
Alex:	Email the inventory register to Tara	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> of September
Polly	Email Ross with policy for Radio retractions, corrections and apologies	This meeting

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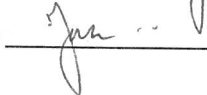
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Alex	Work out honoraria amounts with Dallas	14 <sup>th</sup> September
Ross	Create policy document outlining what published contributions mean	21 <sup>st</sup> September
Abby	Develop submissions guide	9 <sup>th</sup> September
Abby & Alex	Develop a column policy for clubs/societies/student organisations	9 <sup>th</sup> of September
Ross	Clarify abstentions and absences in the voting process	Next meeting

**MINUTES ACCEPTED BY:**

Chair of Accepting Meeting on 11/10/14

Name: Tara Shenoy

Signature: 

Date: 19/10/14

Secretary of Accepting Meeting on 11/10/14

Name: Ross Calderwell

Signature: 

Date: 17/10/14

