

Draft minutes from CHS P and C Association 2021 Annual General Meeting, held on Monday 6 December 2021 following the P&C General meeting, at Zoom Virtual Meeting room.

In Attendance: Megan Salmon (chair), Mark Ley (minute taker), Kathy Melky (Principal), Peter Barraclough (Deputy Principal), Kate Richards, Jane Merrett, Heather Clark, Angela Pearson, Anna Castle-Burton, Kristina Dodds, Karine Marr, Susan Enners, Mary Tazawa -Lim, Richard Harb, Amanda Ley, Brenda Liu, Heather Hopwood, Alison Fox, Amanda Petrides, Kerrie Tuckwell, Susanna Westling, Hugh James, Natallie Neumann

Apologies: n/a

The minutes are reported in the order of the agenda.

1. Welcome and apologies.

Megan Salmon opened the meeting at 7:10pm noting a quorum was present and welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

2. Minutes

Motion: that the Minutes from the 1 December 2020 meeting be accepted as a true record.

Moved: Heather Clarke **Seconded:** Mary Tazawa-Lim
Carried.

3. President Annual report

Srima spoke to the President's Annual Report tabled at Appendix 2.

4. Treasurer report

Motion: that the 2020 audited financial statements be adopted by the Association.

Moved: Mark Ley **Seconded:** Allison Fox
Carried.

5. Elections of 2022 Office Bearers

Kathy Melky acted as the Returning Officer for the elections. Office bearers and Committee Convenors were elected as follows:

| Position | Nominee | Nominated by | Seconded by | Results |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|---------|
| President | Megan Salmon | Megan Salmon | Alisson Fox | Elected |
| Vice-President | Heather Clarke | Heather Clarke | Mark Ley | Elected |
| Treasurer | Allison Fox | Allison Fox | Megan Salmon | Elected |
| Secretary | Mark Ley | Mark Ley | Susan Enners | Elected |
| Communications | Susan Enners | Susan Enners | Karine Marr | Elected |
| Community & Environment | Kristina Dodds | Kristina Dodds | Megan Salmon | Elected |

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| Social | Richard Harb | Richard Harb | Susan Enners | Elected |
| Sports | n/a | n/a | n/a | Vacant |
| Uniform | Mary Tazawa-Lim | Mary Tazawa-Lim | Megan Salmon | Elected |
| Wellbeing | Karine Marr | Karine Marr | Megan Salmon | Elected |

6. Membership fee

Motion: That the 2021 P&C membership be set at \$1 (one dollar).

Moved: Angela Pearson **Seconded:** Karine Marr

Carried.

7. Meeting dates

The 2022 meeting dates were noted as follows:

| Term | School Term Dates | P&C Meeting Dates | location |
|------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| 1 | 28 January - 8 April | 1 February; 1 March, 5 April | TBC |
| 2 | 26 April – 1 July | 3 May; 7 June | TBC |
| 3 | 16 July - 23 September | 2 August; 6 September | TBC |
| 4 | 10 October - 20 December | 1 November; 6 December | TBC |

It was agreed that the first meeting in 2021 on February 1, will be held using ZOOM at 5:30pm and subsequent meeting location and time to be agreed in accordance with DoE requirements at the first meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Appendix 1. 2020 Member Register

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| Lynda Stowers | Rowan Brown | Angela Brothers | Brinda Balakrishnan |
| Mary Tazama-Lim | Rachel Gallagher | Allison Fox | Srima McQuillan |
| Mark van Kerkwyk | Kara Moeller | Lori Jenkins | Karine Marr |
| Meera Gopakumar | Helena Johnstone | Mark Ley | Jane Merrett |
| Geraldine Wilcock | Mary-Anne Webb | Heather Clarke | Jo Graham |
| Amanda Petrides | Jenny Riseborough | Natasha Henry | Anna Burton |
| Kerrie Tuckwell | Megan Salmon | Angela Pearson | Mark Flynn |
| Richard Harb | Deb Lee | Susan Enners | Emma Babbington |
| Hugh James | Delia James | Kristina Dodds | Amanda Sayan |
| Enisa Hjelmaas | | | |

2021 AGM: President's Report

2021 has really tested the resilience and adaptability of every member of the Cammeraygal High School Community and the P&C has endeavoured to play its part in supporting the school and our families through yet another year of dealing with the challenges presented by Covid.

We continued to hold regular meetings throughout the year on Zoom which were incredibly well attended by teachers and parents alike. These provided a very valuable opportunity to stay connected as a community and to hear important updates from the school. The P&C continued to support wellbeing activities for students and to provide wellbeing resources to parents and carers. We set up, reorganised and paused sports programs. We shared information on school activities and highlighted key dates to help parents and carers keep track of what was going on - and what had stopped going on. We also did what we could to acknowledge the tireless efforts of Cammeraygal staff to adapt to an extended period of online learning when every household became a classroom and new ways to keep students engaged and motivated to learn had to be found and tested.

The P&C continues to have a very strong, respectful and collaborative relationship with the Principal Kathy Melky, her executive team, the teachers and staff. Their level of professionalism, care and unwavering commitment to our children has been extraordinary during 2021 and so greatly appreciated. I know many teachers were teaching our kids while they had their own kids at home needing to be homeschooled or cared for. This lived experience for them must have been beyond being hard work - please know our thanks for this extraordinary effort is heartfelt.

While the word “unprecedented” was likely the most overused word of 2020, resilient is the word used constantly in 2021. It also risks becoming cliched yet there doesn't seem to be another word which better describes what the extraordinary circumstances of this year have required of us. Faced with a global pandemic we have had no choice but to bend to its force and stretch our resourcefulness and coping skills to their very limits. I'm confident once we have had a chance to have a well earned break to rest and recover we will recognise this has been an extraordinary time for learning. We will never be the same again but stronger, wiser, more capable and hopefully more compassionate.

With that in mind, its important to acknowledge and congratulate our second graduating year 12 group from CHS. Year 12 of 2021 prepared for and then sat their HSC exams under the most difficult set of circumstances imaginable. We can be so proud of the leadership and grit this group of young people have role modelled for younger students. Good luck with your results Year 12, go well in the years ahead and please stay connected with us as Alumni.

The support Year 12 received from their teachers was absolutely incredible and this was recognised by Year 12 themselves at their beautiful graduation ceremony. To

the year 12 parents and carers I would like to send a special thankyou on behalf of the P&C. Through steady support over the past six years, you have made a huge contribution towards setting this school up for the successes it enjoys now and for the future. I'd particularly like to thank Belinda Kent for many years of contributing to the social dimension of school life and to Kerrie Bolland who has done a power of work behind the scenes in particular this year providing Year 12 and their teachers with much needed support.

Finances

In 2021, the P&C raised \$41,000 through voluntary contributions and \$4,700 through second hand uniform sales and fundraising. Income was significantly down on 2020 as we did not source any grant funding, we were unable to run our trivia fundraising event and voluntary contributions were significantly reduced. The P&C greatly appreciates the contributions parents were able to make during this year when we know that the financial impacts of the pandemic were widespread and significant. We value your support and would also like to thank the CHS administration team for helping to collect the voluntary contribution on our behalf.

We were still able to fund substantial contributions to the school drawing on surpluses accumulated from previous years. The following were funded this year:

- Tomorrow Man and Tomorrow Woman (Wellbeing)
- Paul Dillon (Wellbeing)
- Butterfly Foundation (Wellbeing)
- Elevate Study Skills (Wellbeing)
- Transition to High School for Year 7 (Wellbeing)
- School TV (Wellbeing)
- Uber Eats vouchers for staff and year 12 students (Wellbeing)
- Sport Equipment
- Contribution to the purchase of a Grand Piano
- Purchase defibrillators and provision of first aid training

Covid disrupted many plans this year including the coordination of various works for which funding had been approved. We will be applying for an extension of grant monies so that the work to upgrade facilities in the West St hall and to install a shade sail can proceed.

We end the year with a balance of \$132,000 available to invest in priority initiatives in the year ahead.

Sports

Cammeraygal P&C extracurricular sports programs continued to be a key part of the Cammeraygal experience and grew again with teams added in 2021. Over 330

students registered in sport which is over one third of the student population. In 2021 we had 18 Basketball Teams, 10 Netball Teams, 6 soccer teams and a large tennis team. There is a welcoming approach to sport at Cammeraygal with students encouraged to participate regardless of experience or ability.

While tennis was able to continue throughout the year, Netball, Basketball and Football were hugely impacted by the extended lock down during the winter months with competitions cancelled and the changing nature of restrictions creating an enormous amount of work behind the scenes. Our plan to run first aid training for managers and coaches were also put on hold. We welcomed Hettie Jamieson to the team to provide administrative support to the parent volunteers and we are delighted to have her continue with us next year.

Thank you to Anna Castle-Burton for continuing to pursue a vision to further improve and expand sport and for the enormous amount of work supporting all the committees. Thank you also to Suzie Pereira, Mary Tazawa Lim, Elena Jeregui, Vicki van Dijk, Amanda Petrides, Kathy Savil, Ruth Martin, Anouke Klarenbeek, Rich Frost and all the team managers for your commitment to our sport program and helping to keep our students active, learning how to be team players and having fun!

Wellbeing

The P&C has continued to strongly support wellbeing initiatives in a year where these have been needed more than ever. This focus will continue so that we play our part in creating a respectful, healthy, positive and connected school culture. The Tomorrow Man and Tomorrow Woman programs continue to help our senior students challenge gender stereotypes, learn to support each other and learn to celebrate individuality. Paul Dillon returned on Zoom to help senior students and staff understand the drug and alcohol landscape and how to stay safe. We invested in a constructive body image program with Butterfly Foundation and funded Elevate to help students learn effective study methods. Some one off wellbeing initiatives were also funded this year to help with Year 7 transition to high school, support year 12s following their trial exams conducted during lockdown and to express gratitude to Cammeraygal staff for their incredible efforts through the lockdown period. Thank you to Karine Marr for her passion and energy for this important part of P&C activity.

Environment

Kristina Dodds has been a fierce advocate on behalf of our school community raising awareness regarding concerning safety, health and environmental impacts the construction of the harbour and beaches tunnels will have on our community. Our thanks to Kristina for keeping us informed of the progress being made in this complex area and for the opportunity to provide community feedback.



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Uniforms

The Uniform Committee's convenor Mary Tazawa-Lim coordinated 2 second hand uniform sales during 2021 which allowed families in our school community to purchase pre-loved items at greatly reduced prices, raise funds for the P&C and also save lots of clothing items being sent to landfill. We appreciate the time Mary and her helpers have spent facilitating this valuable service.

Communications

Our comms effort focuses on updating our P&C website, managing our FaceBook page, and coordinating newsletter items. Many thanks to Susan Enners who spent countless hours updating the website early this year and through out the year has kept our facebook page fresh and relevant. Thanks also to Denise Kirkbank for wrangling contributions to the newsletter each fortnight. Thankyou also to Hilary Callaghan who has been coordinating the ordering and distribution of stationery supplies for new students and particularly those incoming Year 7s on behalf of the P&C.

My thanks to the P&C Exec team of Mark Ley, Heather Clarke, Jane Merrett and Angela Pearson. Jane and Angela are stepping down after more than 3 years of contributing in their roles and have had a big impact on our school - you will both be missed.

Any finally thank you for giving me the opportunity to contribute to Cammeraygal High School as P&C President in 2021. My best wishes to you all for a relaxing break over the holiday period.

Megan Salmon