

# MEETING MINUTES

Date: 9th November 2022

Commencement Time: 7:30pm      Conclusion Time: 7.52pm

<b>Meeting:</b>	VAGTC AGM 2022		
<b>Facilitator:</b>	Kathy Harrison President	<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Susan Nikakis and Catherine Frost
<b>Member Attendees:</b>	Kathy Harrison, Amy Horneman, Susan Nikakis and Catherine Frost Jeff Segal VSV, Lauren Segal , Carolyn Giles, Mark Smith, Ruth Evans, Karen Glauser -Edwards, Victoria Poulos, Laura Wilcox, Claire Reid, Bernadette Sheedy, Simon Gitson		
<b>Life Member Attendees</b>			
<b>Non member Attendees</b>	Toby Frost, Students= James Antoniou, Andee Tham, Madison Kluchkovsky Magnificent presentation from these students.		
<b>Apologies:</b>	Carmel Meehan, Michael Bond		
<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>			
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Time allocated</b>	
Welcome: Acknowledgement of Country	KH		
<p>1. Attendance. Kathy gave some background to the SEU/ VHAP and our association with DET. Kathy went through her President's report. We certainly are flourishing as a committee and advocates for gifted students. We are being recognised nationally and internationally.</p> <p>Kathy thanked Julia our administrator, Universal Securities, and committee members.</p>	KH		
<p>2. Previous meeting/s minutes</p> <p>Resolution: That the minutes of the 27th of October 2021 annual general meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Moved: Catherine Frost            Seconded Susan Nikakis            Carried</p>	KH		
<p>3. Vote of thanks for retiring members of committee</p> <p>Resolution: That a vote of thanks be extended to Irene Anderson, Michael Bond, Anna Pollard (and Nigel) and Mark Smith for their service to VAGTC.</p>	KH		

<p>Moved Kathy Harrison Seconded Amy Horneman Carried</p>		
<p>4. Resolution:</p> <p>To receive the Committee reports upon the transactions of the Association for the financial year ended 30 June 2022  <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/s/pju8p2zpo1jggx3/2022%20VAGTC%20Annual%20Report.pdf?dl=0">https://www.dropbox.com/s/pju8p2zpo1jggx3/2022%20VAGTC%20Annual%20Report.pdf?dl=0</a></p> <p>Moved: Carolyn Giles Seconded: Mark Smith Report carried:</p> <p>Financial Report Referred to in the Financial Reports as highlighted superbly by Catherine Frost.</p> <p>Resolution: That the financial report is received and to accept the Audited Financial Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2022 as tabled.</p> <p>Moved: Susan Nikakis Seconded: Mark Smith Report carried: unanimously</p>	<p>KH</p>	
<p>5. Questions regarding reports: No questions</p>	<p>KH</p>	
<p>6. Committee Positions Declared Open Mark Smith is chairing election. That the executive positions are passed,  Moved Mark Smith  Seconded Jeff Segal</p>	<p>KH</p>	
<p>7. Election of Committee  To elect the Officers of the Association and the ordinary members of the Committee</p> <p>Resolution: That the election of office bearers be accepted as follows:</p> <p>President: Kathy Harrison  Vice President: Dr Susan Nikakis  Secretary: Claire Reid  Treasurer: Catherine Frost</p>	<p>Mark Smith</p>	

<p>Moved: Mark Smith          Seconded: Jeff Segal          Carried</p> <p>Resolution: That the election of general committee members be accepted as follows:          General Committee:          Amy Horneman          Karen Glauser-Edwards          Simon Gitson          Bernadette Sheedy          Victoria Poulos          Laura Wilcox</p> <p>Moved: Carolyn Giles          Seconded: Amy Horneman</p> <p>Carried</p>		
<p>8. Elect Auditor</p> <p>Resolution: That the VAGTC retains the services of Lindsay Costa, Costa Golgut Pty Ltd to conduct the audit of the financial statements for the financial year ending 30 June 2023.</p> <p>Moved: Catherine Frost          Seconded: Susan Nikakis          Carried</p>	<p>KH</p>	
<p>Meeting closed: 7.52 pm</p>		

### ***Ms Kathy Harrison - President***

Master of Education (ICTE), Diploma of Education, Bachelor of Science. Curriculum writer for the Victorian High Ability Program and teacher of VHAP Mathematics through Virtual School Victoria. Former Coordinator of gifted education in the Compass Centre and Exemplary Teacher at Methodist Ladies' College. 2018 recipient of the Australian Mathematics Trust Teaching Award. A passionate gifted student advocate, enthusiastic about social justice and a community volunteer. Expertise and experience in developing and presenting VAGTC seminars, providing coaching and individual consultancy, and exemplar of theory to practice in gifted education.

### ***Dr Susan Nikakis – Vice President***

Dr Susan Nikakis, currently works for Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) where she recommends improvements such as pedagogical changes to cater for the education of gifted students. She supervises Doctoral students at the University of Melbourne and is the current Vice President of the Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children (VAGTC). Susan has written and edited four books centred on the education of gifted students. She has delivered papers and keynote addresses at both international and national conferences. She believes that catering for the learning needs of gifted is a matter of justice.

### ***Ms Catherine Frost – Treasurer***

Chartered Accountant, working in public practice for more than 20 years. Catherine brings a wealth of knowledge in relation to accounting, taxation, and strategic planning to the organisation. She is also a parent who is passionate about gifted education and the wellbeing of our gifted students, as well as raising awareness in the general community.

### ***Ms Amy Horneman - General Committee***

Master of Arts (Applied Linguistics), Bachelor of Arts/Education (Secondary). Amy started her career in education as a Secondary English and German teacher and has ended up delving deeply into the field of Gifted and Talented Education. She is passionate about mentoring gifted and highly able students; developing students in leadership; collaborating with key stakeholders to implement schoolwide provisions; and fostering positive and effective home-school partnerships, including supporting parents in the joys and challenges of parenting their gifted children. She is currently the coordinator of the gifted education program at Scotch College, and is an active committee member (consultant, seminar writer and presenter, and magazine editor) of VAGTC.

### ***Ms Karen Glauser-Edwards – General Committee***

Karen is committed to raising the awareness of, and access to, educational experiences and pathways for high ability children. Karen's advocacy and research interests target those policies and processes, which impact upon the availability and accessibility of educational opportunities for high ability students. In focussing on under-represented populations and groups, her efforts extend to the home educating sector, including dual and incremental home educators. She has a Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology)(Honours) –from Charles Sturt University plus a Graduate Diploma of Education (Primary) –from Monash University

### ***Mr Simon Gitson – General Committee***

Simon is the Director of Professional Practice at Catholic Regional College North Keilor and joined the VAGTC committee last year. He has been instrumental in exploring improvements to our website. He is currently studying for a doctorate at Monash University. Simon has worked in the Catholic education sector for over a decade and is passionate about creating opportunity and advocacy for gifted and talented students. His expertise includes teaching VCE, the Victorian Curriculum and the International Baccalaureate Middle Years' Program. He has experience working in the NFP sector, leading a community sports club, overseeing 8 staff and 250 members. Skilled in grant writing and digital communication, he has extensive experience running workshops for small and large groups.

### ***Nominees***

#### ***Ms Claire Reid – Secretary***

Claire has a BA, BEd, and an MA (Gifted). She has a long-term interest in the area of Gifted Education, and several years of experience writing programs, running events and teaching in the area. During her master's thesis in 2015, she researched the positive social and emotional "flow on effects" of grouping gifted students together for academic purposes. She has a particular interest in supporting the "whole child" when it comes to educating gifted students. More recently she has worked teaching gifted English students right across Victoria in the Victorian High Ability Program. She was involved in writing the program.

#### ***Ms Laura Wilcox –General committee***

Laura's has experience in mentoring gifted and talented secondary students in both school and external opportunities. She would bring her perspectives on fulfilling student potential including encouraging collaboration between likeminded students. She believes in triangulating data to identify gifted students. She has a BA (hons) from the University of Melbourne, a Post Grad specialising in Gifted education from Monash University and a Diploma in Prof Communications from the UNE.

#### ***Ms Bernadette Sheedy –General committee***

Bernadette has been the gifted coordinator at two secondary schools in Melbourne St Monica's in Epping and Mount Scopus in Burwood. She has presented seminars and papers around the state and the country for the VAGTC and the AAEGT. She is currently working on her PhD with a focus on gifted education at Deakin University.

#### ***Ms Victoria Poulos–General Committee***

Victoria is an enthusiastic advocate for gifted students and their families and has been the G&T coordinator at Hillcrest Christian College for 11 years. She ran a support group for gifted children and their families which was an exciting space to celebrate gifted students. Her current area of passion is in up skilling teachers. She is nearly finished her Masters in Gifted Education at the UNSW.