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## SAFE MOTHERHOOD FOR ALL AUSTRALIA INC

### MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at 14.00 (EDST), Friday 29 November 2019

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1. Present Joan Garvin, Ellen O'Keeffe, Mary Kirk, Declan O'Keeffe, Toni Hackett, Emma Baldock, Catherine Bell, Ian Howie
2. Apologies Daniel O'Keeffe, Clare Wolski, Robin Scott- Charlton, Marian Currie, Vanessa Bakker
3. Minutes: 2018 Annual General Meeting accepted by Ellen O'Keeffe, seconded by Toni Hackett
4. Reports:

#### **President's Report** by the President - *Ms Joan Garvan*

I have been in the position of President since April 2019.

Ellen O'Keefe continues to be a mainstay of the group, and we have been joined by Catherine Bell and Mary Kirk, along with Toni Hackett, Ian Howie and Emma Baldock who continue to make significant contributions to the health and wellbeing of new mothers.

Three members of the SMFA committee presented papers at the conference for the Australian Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community Involvement in July this year which was held at the University of Sydney.

SMFA has met with the Advisor to the Minister for Health, the Advisor to the Shadow Minister for Health, Ms Ged Kearney MP and the Advisor to the ACT Minister for Health.

Throughout the year in partnership with Canberra Mothercraft Society, SMFA has been developing and had trialled a new workshop Best Birth – Your Choice. A video clip has been in production to support the workshop.

After a series of consultations in August the Federal Government released its report Woman-centred care Strategic directions for Australian Maternity Services. Ellen

O'Keefe represented SMFA on the committee, I attended the community consultations and SMFA made both verbal and written submissions.

Over recent months I have been working on a fundraising cinema event to be held at Palace Electric on Sunday 1st December. We are hoping this can be a social event which can contribute to funds for the group but also provide an opportunity for building a community of interest and support for SMFA in the ACT.

I look forward to my continuing involvement and plans for 2020.

Thank you to all members who have work done during the year.

**Treasurer's Report** by the Treasurer – *Mr Declan O'Keeffe*

A financial statement for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 was presented. The balance of funds available as at 30 June 2019 was \$2240.20

5. Election of Board Members.

- Vacant Board Positions
  - Treasurer – Declan O'Keeffe elected to the position
  - Toni Hackett – elected to the position to the board

7. Meeting closed – 1715