



# Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc.

67<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) MINUTES

**FRIDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2024**

12:00pm – 2:00pm

HELD AT NOVOTEL DARWIN CBD

(100 THE ESPLANADE, DARWIN NT)

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## 1. OPENING AND WELCOME BY CEO GREG IRELAND

CEO Greg Ireland welcomed members to the AGM and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land, the Larrakia People and their Elders past and present.

Greg Ireland then welcomed the GUEST SPEAKER – CHIEF MINISTER, THE HON. LIA FINOCCHIARO.

**Greg Ireland (Returning officer) officially declared the meeting open at 12:06pm.**

## 2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

### i) ATTENDANCE

#### ▪ **Board of Directors:**

Natasha Griggs – President, Stuart Knowles and Nicole Brown

#### ▪ **Guest Speaker:**

The Honourable Chief Minister of NT, Lia Finocchiaro along with chief of staff Alex Bruce.

#### ▪ **Members in Attendance:**

Angelina Gibson - 7 Darwin (Southern Cross Austereo Pty Ltd), Anthony Harrison - 7 Darwin (Southern Cross Austereo Pty Ltd), Daniel McGee - Acecom Fire & Security, Solomon Perumal - Acecom Fire & Security, Brooke Woods - Arthur J. Gallagher & Co (Aus) Limited, Willem Westra Van Holthe - AusNorth Trading Pty Ltd, Amanda Penhall - Bendigo Community Bank Nightcliff, Annette Gillanders - Biznorth Pty Ltd, Douglas Gillanders - Biznorth Pty Ltd, Di Kaye Blackwood - CDU TAFE, Rick Davies - Charles Darwin University, Veronica Wallace - Chartair Pty Ltd, Sarawanan Nandhakumar - Connecting Dots, Peter Savoff - Darwin Convention Centre, Felicity Lolas - Delaware North Darwin Casino Pty Ltd, Luke Di Paola - Delaware North Darwin Casino Pty Ltd, Janet Williams-Smith - Early Childhood Australia Northern Territory, Geoff Goodrich - Great Business NT Pty Ltd, Markus Kaliss - Hilton Darwin, Peter Goern, Director - Hodgkison, Jordan Tuit - Host-Plus



Pty Limited, Hannah Quilford - HQ Consultancy, Kalpit Patel - Hrish Digital Solutions Pty Ltd, Daniel McCormick - Industry Capability Network Northern Territory (ICN NT), Kirstine Cossens - Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation, Nikki Allison - Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation, Shaun Pearce - Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation, Lou Martini - Jackadder International Pty Ltd, Skei Batton - Melaleuca Refugee Centre Torture and Trauma Survivors Services of the NT Inc., Zahid Mansur - Melaleuca Refugee Centre Torture and Trauma Survivors Services of the NT Inc., Brian O'Gallagher MLA - Member for Karama, Paurakh Shrestha - National Institute of Technology, Andy Patrick Price - Neptune Security, Joseph Aladin, CA - Nexia Edwards Marshall NT Pty Ltd, Graham Winter - NORSTA North, Shana Orlaugsson - NORSTA North, Kerry Osborne - Northern Territory Project Management Pty Ltd (NTPM), Eileen Breen - NTEX Pty Ltd, Piotr Leszczak-Phong - Oaks Elan Darwin, Xantia Groen - Oaks Elan Darwin, Josh Barnes - Olive & Pink, Annie Jiang - Paspalis Corporation, Mimi Kunnikorn - Paspalis Corporation, Sharon Kimberley - Personal Protection Strategies, Neel Sud - Santos Limited, Stewart Young - Territory Care and Support Services, Myriam Giovanazzi - Ventia Australia Pty Ltd

▪ **Staff:**

Greg Ireland, Alen Jose, Bala Baskaran, Brad Jackson, Glen Hingley, Jolin Le, Karen Keel, Mark Newman, Minh-Thi Nguyen, Nicole Walsh, Rohan Badenhop, Ronan Mackey, Stephen Goodall and Swati Lenka.

ii) **APOLOGIES:**

▪ **Board Apologies:**

Kamal Ali, Tim Woolfe, Natalie Bell, Linda Blackwood, Stephen Densmore, James Johnson and Temba Ncube.

▪ **Member Apologies:**

Anand Nair - Oaks Elan Darwin, Bernadette Raumteen - Maher Raumteen Solicitors, Dante St James - Paspalis / Darwin Innovation Hub / Clickstarter, Darren Bricknell - Westpac Banking Corporation, Dwight Shepherd - Arthur J. Gallagher & Co (Aus) Limited, Elena Tsangari - SunCable, Ellin Lede - Tivan Limited, Emma Wu - Steps Group Australia Ltd, Gaurav Sareen - Deloitte, George Roussos - Roussos Legal Advisory, Harley Paroulakis - Paspalis Corporation, Hirusha Jayatilleke - Darwin City Hotel, Kathryn Stenson - GTNT, Katrina Arratoon - Tivan Limited, Kobe Grace - 7 Darwin (Southern Cross Austereo Pty Ltd), Leela Galvez - EASA Inc, Linda Falzdeen AM - Peter Styles Consultant, Michael Hamilton - Charles Darwin University, Michael Sitzler - Sitzler, Michael Tennant - Tennant Mining, Peter Main - Tennant Mining, Peter Styles - Peter Styles Consultant, Richard Finch - Inpex Ichthys Pty Ltd, Richard HD Ting - Darwin City Hotel, Rodney Lambert - CPA Australia, Sarah Skopellos - Integrated Disability Action, Inc., Scott Bowman - Charles Darwin University, Sean Knights - Delaware North Darwin Casino, Steve Margetic - Sitzler, Suzana Bishop - Northern Territory Major Events Company, Tony Edmonston - Airport Development Group, Tracey Farrar - Northern Tamanu Oils.



### 3. MINUTES OF 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting held 18 October 2023 were presented.

**Proposed resolution:** That the minutes of 2023 Annual General Meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

**Moved:** Geoff Goodrich

**Seconded:** Stuart Knowles

**Carried unanimously**

Greg Ireland then invited guest speaker The Honourable Lia Finocchiaro, Chief Minister of Northern Territory Government for her speech.

### 4. GUEST SPEAKER – CHIEF MINISTER’S SPEECH

The Chief Minister discussed the new Territory Coordinator role, the proposed Bill (feedback due by January 2025), Payroll Tax Reform (threshold increase to \$2.5M from 1 January 2025), Home Grown Territory grants, and the formation of a Fast Track Taskforce next week.

The Chief Minister and Chief of Staff, Alex Bruce, exited at 12:21 pm.

### 5. ANNUAL REPORT:

Greg Ireland presented the Annual Report, noting that hard copies were available for collection and that it was also available on the Chamber website – **accepted and tabled as read.**

Greg Ireland then called for any conflicts of interest from the floor. No conflicts of interest were forthcoming.

### 6. CEO’S REPORT:

Greg Ireland, presented his final report as CEO, reflected on the Chamber’s achievements during his tenure. He highlighted key milestones, including the restructured membership model, strengthened stakeholder relationships, and operational restructuring, which have positioned the Chamber for future success.

Greg emphasised that the leadership transition provides an opportunity to build on this foundation, enhance member engagement, establish long-term strategies, and foster lasting partnerships. He expressed confidence in the Chamber’s ability to remain a stable and effective advocate for the NT business community, especially as business confidence continues to grow following the recent election.

In closing, Greg thanked members, staff, the Board, sponsors, partners, and supporters for their contributions throughout his tenure. He expressed gratitude for their engagement and support, which have been critical to the Chamber’s progress and success - **accepted and tabled as read.**

### 7. VP FINANCE REPORT AND ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:



Greg Ireland, on behalf of the Vice President of Finance, Temba Ncube, presented the finance report and the financial statements.

**Proposed resolution:** That the financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2024 be accepted.

**Moved:** Hannah Quilford

**Seconded:** Willem Westra Van Holthe

**Carried unanimously**

## 8. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

Greg Ireland on behalf of the VP Finance, noted that, as per the resolution passed at the 2023 AGM, BDO Darwin was appointed as auditors for the 3 financial years FY2024 - FY2026. Therefore, no further appointment is required this year.

## 9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Greg Ireland presented the President's report on behalf of Natasha Griggs.

The report acknowledged the hard work, dedication, and commitment of members, staff, the Board, sponsors, and business partners in contributing to the Chamber's success. It recognised Greg Ireland's significant contributions as CEO, thanking him for his leadership and best wishes were extended as he steps down at the end of the year.

Special recognition was given to Stuart Knowles, retiring from the Board, for his invaluable service and dedication.

The report highlighted strong interest in Board positions, reflecting confidence in the Chamber's work and mission, and noted optimism within the NT business community following recent government changes.

The Board is finalising the appointment of a new CEO and is focused on implementing the Chamber's strategic priorities to strengthen its foundation and continue advocating for members. – **accepted and tabled as read.**

## 10. ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Greg Ireland advised that three (3) elected positions on the Board of Directors were vacant due to current Board reaching the end of their terms. It was advised that seven (7) nominations were received, therefore electronic voting was undertaken.

Nominations were received from:

- Dante St James – Clickstarter/ Darwin Innovation Hub
- Shaun Pearce - Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation
- Kerry Osborne - Northern Territory Project Management Pty Ltd (NTPM)
- Natalie Bell - Associated Advertising & Promotions Pty Ltd (AA&P)
- Eileen Breen – NTEX
- Tim Woolfe - ANZ Bank
- Linda Blackwood - Station Mechanical Solutions



After counting votes in accordance with the Constitution, the appointed Returning Officer Greg Ireland, declared the following nominees elected to the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce NT for 2024/2026:

Natalie Bell – **Associated Advertising & Promotions** (*re-elected*)

Shaun Pearce – **Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation**

Eileen Breen – **NTEX**

The following five (5) Board of Directors of the Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. will continue their two-year term:

Natasha Griggs - **SRA Technology**

Temba Ncube - **Lhere Artepe Enterprises**

Nicole Brown - **Steeline GRP**

Stephen Densmore – **Ventia**

James Johnson - **KPMG**

Greg Ireland congratulated the incoming Board of Directors.

Greg also acknowledged and thanked former board members – Stuart Knowles and Kamal Ali – for their service to the board over the years.

Greg Ireland asked for questions from the floor.

#### **11. VOTE OF THANKS**

Greg thanked all members for attending the AGM.

#### **12. CLOSE OF MEETING**

Greg Ireland declared the 2024 AGM closed at 12:35pm.

<b>Minute taker:</b>	Swati Lenka
<b>Signature and Date</b>	
<b>President name:</b>	Natasha Griggs
<b>Signature and Date:</b>	