

# 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, 28 August 2021 from 9:30am to 12:30pm - Held via Zoom



P&C Federation President and meeting Chair, Natalie Walker, opened the meeting at 9:33am.

## President's Welcome

P&C Federation President, Natalie Walker, thanked:

- Tim Spencer, previous Federation President, for his work as part of the previous Board;
- The Councillors who completed their term in July 2021 and not continuing on to the current Board;
- The members of the recently elected new Board, with a particular welcome to the new Board members who stepped forward to represent their areas; and
- Hannah Pia Baral, Federation General Manager, and the Federation staff for their work over the year and in support of this AGM.

Natalie also noted that the centenary of the creation of the NSW P&C Federation would be celebrated in the coming year.

## Welcome to Country

**Welcome to Country** provided by Uncle Allen Madden, Gadigal Elder of the Eora nation and member of the Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council.

## Meeting Attendance

**Councillor and Delegate Attendees:** Natalie Walker (Far West), Cassandra Jones (Macarthur), Isabelle Borelli (North Coast), Alan Gardiner (North Sydney), Liga Hegner (North West Sydney), Saba Nabi (Riverina), Kenrick Winchester (Southern & Central Tablelands), Jason Ryan (Mid North Coast), Mark Van Kerkwyk (North Sydney), Yvonne Hilsz (Sydney)

**Apologies:** Richard Copnall (North Sydney)

**Councillors and Delegates Absent:** Joel Matthews (Mid North Coast)

**Other Attendees:** Hannah Pia Baral (P&C Federation General Manager), Fiorella Recchi (Administration Officer), Patrick Doumani (Communications Officer), Steve Edwards (Chief Financial Officer).

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## Annual Report

P&C Federation President, Natalie Walker, presented the P&C Federation's 2021 Annual Report and delivered a presentation highlighting the P&C Federation's:

- Strategic Plan for 2021-2024
- Membership and electorates
- Member services
- Merit selection panels
- Webinars
- Social media

## Financial Report

P&C Federation Chief Financial Officer, Steve Edwards, highlighted aspects of P&C Federation's Finance Report, as included and distributed in the 2021 Annual Report.

*10:16am – 10:32am: Meeting break*

### 1. Motion – Board – Minutes of 2020 AGM:

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting be received and adopted.

**Moved:** Saba Nabi

**Seconded:** Isabelle Borelli

**Carried unanimously**

### 2. Motion – Board – Appointment of Auditor

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW appoint William Buck as auditor of the Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW for the 2021-2022 financial year.

**Moved:** Saba Nabi

**Seconded:** Liga Hegner

**Carried unanimously**

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### 3. Motion – Board – Membership Fees 2021-2022

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW member affiliation fees for the 2021-2022 year be maintained as follows:

Class	School Type	Current	Proposed
AF6	Primary or Central School 25 or fewer students	\$145	\$145
AF5B	Primary or Central School 26-60 students	\$185	\$185
AF5A	Primary or Central School 61-159 students	\$240	\$240
AF4	Primary or Central School 160-300 students	\$365	\$365
AF3	Primary or Central School 301-450 students	\$450	\$450
AF2	Primary or Central School 451-700 students	\$465	\$465
AF1	Primary or Central School More than 700 students	\$575	\$575
AF9B	High School 650 or fewer students	\$455	\$455
AF9A	High School 651-900 students	\$560	\$560
AF8	High School More than 900 students	\$575	\$575

**Moved:** Jason Ryan

**Seconded:** Liga Hegner

**Carried unanimously**

Noted that there was an outstanding action item from a previous AGM to review the membership fee structure. The current structure of fees based on enrolments and school type has been in place for many years.

### 4. Motion – Stanmore Public School P&C Association – Gallop Inquiry

That the P&C Federation support acting on the recommendations of the Gallop inquiry.

**Moved:** Alan Gardiner

**Seconded:** Yvonne Hilsz

#### Amendment Motion:

That the motion be amended to replace the words “support acting on the recommendations of the Gallop inquiry” with the words “acknowledges the work of the Gallop Inquiry and supports elements of its findings and recommendations, with the detail of that support to be determined by the Board after suitable investigation and deliberation”.

**Moved:** Isabelle Borelli

**Seconded:** Saba Nabi

**Carried unanimously**

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## **Amended Motion:**

That the P&C Federation acknowledges the work of the Gallop Enquiry and supports elements of its findings and recommendations, with the detail of that support to be determined by the Board after suitable investigation and deliberation.

**Moved:** Alan Gardiner

**Seconded:** Yvonne Hilsz

**Carried unanimously**

## **5. Motion – Stanmore Public School P&C Association – LEDs in schools**

That the P&C Federation lobby the NSW Education Department to expand the LED lighting upgrade program and pay for LED lighting for all schools.

**Moved:** Yvonne Hilsz

**Seconded:** Saba Nabi

**Carried unanimously**

(Natalie Walker relinquished the Chair in favour of Vice President Yvonne Hilsz.)

## **6. Motion – Forbes High School P&C Association – Increase hours for grounds attendants in RRR schools**

That the NSW P&C Federation lobby the NSW Department of Education and other relevant government departments to increase hours for Grounds Assistants (GAs) in regional, rural and remote schools that ensures funding relates to the size of the school grounds and not just student numbers.

**Moved:** Natalie Walker

**Seconded:** Isabelle Borelli

Noted that allocation of grounds assistants funding is currently related to the number of students at a school, not the size of the school's grounds.

## **Amendment Motion:**

That the motion be amended to insert the word "particularly" before the words "in regional, rural and remote schools".

**Moved:** Alan Gardiner

Amendment accepted as friendly by the mover and seconder of the original motion.

## **Amended Motion:**

That the NSW P&C Federation lobby the NSW Department of Education and other relevant government departments to increase hours for Grounds Assistants (GAs), particularly in regional,

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rural and remote schools, that ensures funding relates to the size of the school grounds and not just student numbers.

**Moved:** Natalie Walker

**Seconded:** Isabelle Borelli

**Carried unanimously**

## 7. Motion – Forbes High School P&C Association – Technology support to RRR schools for IT support officers

That the NSW P&C Federation lobby the NSW Department of Education to ensure that all regional, rural and remote schools have employed a qualified ICT technician to support students and staff at all times.

**Moved:** Natalie Walker

**Seconded:** Liga Hegner

### Amendment Motion:

That the motion be amended to insert the words “schools, particularly” before the words “regional, rural and remote schools”.

**Moved:** Alan Gardiner

Amendment accepted as friendly by the mover and seconder of the original motion.

### Amended Motion:

That the NSW P&C Federation lobby the NSW Department of Education to ensure that all schools, particularly regional, rural and remote schools, have employed a qualified ICT technician to support students and staff at all times.

**Moved:** Natalie Walker

**Seconded:** Liga Hegner

**Carried unanimously**

## 8. Motion – Forbes High School P&C Association – Counsellors – Need for more face-to-face time with students

That the NSW P&C Federation continue to lobby the NSW Department of Education and other relevant departmental agencies in regard to regional, rural and remote schools having increased access and availability to face to face professional counsellors and psychologists.

**Moved:** Natalie Walker

**Seconded:** Cassandra Jones

Noted that the Department of Education had recently initiated a merit selection panel for the bulk recruitment of psychologists.

### Amendment Motion:

That the motion be amended to insert the words “schools, particularly” before the words “regional, rural and remote schools” and at the end of the current motion wording add the words “and, further,

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to better facilitate the associated recruitment through better promotion of the opportunities and ensuring that the selection criteria are not overly restrictive”.

**Moved:** Alan Gardiner

Amendment accepted as friendly by the mover and seconder of the original motion.

## **Amended Motion:**

That the NSW P&C Federation continue to lobby the NSW Department of Education and other relevant departmental agencies in regard to schools, particularly regional, rural and remote schools, having increased access and availability to face to face professional counsellors and psychologists and, further, to better facilitate the associated recruitment through better promotion of the opportunities and ensuring that the selection criteria are not overly restrictive.

**Moved:** Natalie Walker

**Seconded:** Cassandra Jones

**Carried unanimously**

## **9. Motion – Forbes High School P&C Association – Infrastructure in RRR schools – Improved facilities and grounds for local communities, especially those competing against non-government schools**

That the NSW P&C Federation lobby the Federal Government Education Minister, NSW Education Minister and any other relevant government departments to increase and provide a capital grants infrastructure program for government schools.

**Moved:** Natalie Walker

**Seconded:** Saba Nabi

Discussed the need to also work with local P&C associations to lobby local members of parliament and whether the focus should be on the state government rather than both federal and state governments.

## **Amendment Motion:**

That the motion be amended to insert the words “develop a strategic approach to” before the word “lobby” and to insert “NSW” before “government schools”.

**Moved:** Isabelle Borelli

Amendment accepted as friendly by the mover and seconder of the original motion.

## **Amended Motion:**

That the NSW P&C Federation develop a strategic approach to lobby the Federal Government Education Minister, NSW Education Minister and any other relevant government departments to increase and provide a capital grants infrastructure program for NSW government schools.

**Moved:** Natalie Walker

**Seconded:** Saba Nabi

**Carried unanimously**

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(Natalie Walker resumed position as Chair from Yvonne Hilsz.)

## 10. Motion – St Peters Public School P&C Association – DGR Status

That the P&C Federation lobby the NSW Education Department to expand the categories of Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status for P&C Associations of NSW.

**Moved:** Yvonne Hilsz

**Seconded:** Saba Nabi

**Carried unanimously**

## 11. Close of Meeting

Natalie Walker thanked meeting attendees for their participation and the Federation staff in attendance, Hannah Pia Baral, Fiorella Recchi and Patrick Doumani, for their work generally and specifically with respect to facilitating the AGM.

**Meeting closed at 11:47am.**

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**President – Natalie Walker**

12 September 2022

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**Date**

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**Secretary – Alan Gardiner**

12 September 2022

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**Date**