



Australian and New Zealand Association of Urological Surgeons

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**Minutes of the ANZAUS Annual General Meeting held at 4:42pm on Saturday 25 February
2023 in Room 219, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Melbourne, Victoria
Australia**

1. Present

Our quorum for this meeting is four (4) members which has been achieved and on that basis Henry Woo (chair) declared the Annual General Meeting opened.

Voting Members

Henry Woo (chair), Helen O'Connell, Damien Bolton, Paul Anderson, Janelle Brennan, Amanda Chung, Paul Davis, Danielle Delaney, Maxwell Dias, Caroline Dowling, Raj Gogia, Richard Grills, Peter Heathcote Lydia Johns Putra, Melvyn Kuan, Raji Kooner, Nestor Lalak, David Malouf, Donald Murphy, Prem Rashid, Kris Rasiah, Audrey Wang, David Webb, Ailsa Wilson Edwards, David Winkle, Hin-Wai Yap.

Non-voting Members

Leanne Shaw.

In attendance

M Nugara, D Klein, J Street, M Bennison

2. Apologies

Andrew Tan (Treasurer), Troy Gianduzzo (Secretary).

3. Welcome

Acknowledgement of Country

I'd like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners and custodians on the land on which will meet today and I would like to pay my respects to Elder's past, present and future.

Maori welcome

Tena tatou katoa Nau mai, haere mai ki tenei hui.

Hello to everyone, welcome to this meeting.

4. Minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the meeting were taken as read.

Resolution:

To accept the Minutes of the ANZAUS Annual General Meeting held virtually on 30 April 2022, as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

MOVED: Melvyn Kuan

SECONDED: Damien Bolton

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

6. Report of the ANZAUS Chair

Henry Woo, the Chair, delivered a verbal report.

With the Medicare review finalised, the Chair would like to acknowledge the work done by Karen McKertich, previous ANZAUS Chair. Medicare regularly ask for ANZAUS input on potential new item numbers however this review took up a lot of time.

In October 2021, MSAC recommended that two new item numbers be created for:

1. Prostatic urethral lift (urolift). Instead of using MBS item number 36811, with recommended wording and fee – ‘Cystoscopy with insertion of prostatic prostheses for the treatment of Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia in men’ with the schedule fee \$842.10.
2. Transurethral water ablation of the prostate (Rezum). With recommended wording and fee – ‘Prostate ablation by water vapour with or without cystoscopy and with or without urethroscopy’ with the schedule fee \$341.90.

MBS Item 45566 enquiries have been made about the generous reimbursement (\$1,132.00) for this item which has been used by urologists for rectal spaces in patients who are undergoing radiotherapy. Medicare have informed that this number should not be used as per the recommendations from the Plastic Surgery MBS Task Force Committee. Urology MBS Task Force Committee, chaired by Mark Frydenberg, has not seen these recommendations, neither has the ANZAUS Chair who is a member of that committee. This is the only reason provided by MBS why we should not use 45566.

Plastic Surgery MBS Task Force recommendations were:

1. That 45566 not be used and that a new number be applied for
2. Consult the Urology MBS Task Force Review Committee. However, this has not occurred and MBS Item 45572 be used in the meantime.

MBS Item 45572 wording and fee – ‘intraoperative tissue expansion formed during operation when combined with a service to which another item in Group T8 applies, including expansion injections, and excluding the treatment of male pattern baldness’ with the schedule fee \$308.00.

The Chair explained the options available and reminded the meeting that the Plastic Surgery MBS Task Force Committee had made a number of recommendations and there are no records that these recommendations have been formally adopted.

Discussion followed, The Chair responded to questions.

Resolution:

That the report of the ANZAUS Chair be accepted.

MOVED: Peter Heathcote

SECONDED: David Malouf

CARRIED

7. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was taken as read, The Treasurer is an apology for this meeting however has reviewed the annual statements and approved the report.

Resolution:

To accept the Treasurer's Report, which incorporates: ANZAUS's Audited Financial Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 and includes the reappointment of Kellaway Cridland as the accountants and GCC Business & Assurance as the auditors for ANZAUS.

MOVED: Helen O'Connell

SECONDED: Prem Rashid

CARRIED

8. Other Business

Nil.

The Chair thanked all members who attended AGM.

ANZAUS AGM Closed at 5:13 pm