

NOTICE OF 2024 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING (SGM)

Members of the Papua New Guinea Association of Australia are invited to a Special General Meeting (SGM) which has been scheduled as follows:

Time: 11am AEDT

Date: Friday 8 November 2024

PNGAA will hold this SGM online, by ZOOM Conference

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT – To attend the online ZOOM SGM, PNGAA financial members need to register your name and email

by 5pm AEDT 5 November 2024

in order to receive the link notification prior to the meeting.

Please email your confirmation of attendance to admin@pngaa.net.

The link should provide easy access but will also include a number and password for access.

PNGAA members without electronic access can mail your Proxy Vote in to arrive by 5 pm on 6th November 2024.

This Special Resolution is recommended by the
PNGAA Management Committee

If you are unable to join us for the SGM, we encourage you to lodge a direct vote prior to the meeting or, alternatively, to appoint a proxy on your behalf.

Please note: There is one vote per financial member.

Attached please find the following forms requiring your urgent attention:

Attachment A – Special Resolution

Attachment B – Explanatory Memo

Attachment C – Proxy form

Background:

Earlier in 2024 the PNGAA applied to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission (ACNC) to secure tax deductibility for donations to the numerous charitable and benevolent activities it has supported. This was noted in the September 2024 issue of PNG Kundu (page 2).

The outcome of that process and protracted discussions with officers of the ACNC is acceptance in principle that the PNGAA's mainstream activities, and the activities it has sought to promote and advance, are fully consistent with the charitable and related purposes defined in the *Charities Act 2013*.

PNGAA has been advised that to qualify as a charitable organisation for purposes of the ACNC Act, PNGAA's Objects should be revised to more closely align with its activities and the charitable purposes recognised by that legislation.

Associated in bringing about that change is a deadline for completion of the process by 8 November 2024 if PNGAA is to bring itself within ACNC's current review and audit process of charitable entities now coming to a close.

The PNGAA Management Committee feels that the opportunity for members to have tax deductibility for donations would both benefit the association with its projects and assist it with future growth, whilst retaining its core sense of being.

The Management Committee has examined what would be required and is satisfied that objects and purposes compliant with legislative requirements can be substituted for the existing rule with relatively few changes and revisions. Bearing in mind the tight time frame provided following PNGAA's application for DGR status (tax deductibility), a set of proposed new objects for the PNGAA were drafted after considering the examples supplied by ACNC, and members are asked to approve them for consolidation into the Rules of the Papua New Guinea Association of Australia.

Members are asked to participate in the online meeting or return Proxy forms with their vote.

These documents are also available in the Members-only section of the PNGAA website at: <https://pngaa.org/documents-relating-to-the-special-general-meeting-8-nov-2024/>

You will need to sign in with your password to access.

The PNGAA Management Committee recommends acceptance of this Special Resolution to you.