



AGM 23rd Nov 2024
Started 7:30 NSW Time via Zoom

Meeting opened by outgoing President, Emilia Bhat.

Present: Alecia Staines, Freya Croft, Sharon Coulton-Stoliar, Kristy Clarke, Emilia Bhat, Jestin George, Ishita Ackter.

Apologies: Semra Candemir, Edwina Mead, Norafiah Lever, Jem Manwaring. Noted: all wishing to continue Committee membership via email/message. All viewed Treasurer report and approved. Present Committee approved membership of the apologies.

Financials/Treasurer report distributed prior to AGM to give the Committee time to peruse and approve.

Nominations:

Positions of secretary, president and treasurer vacated and opened for nominations.

President: nomination Freya Croft. Self nomination. Seconded by Emilia Bhat. Approved by whole Committee.

Vice President: nomination Sharon Stoliar. Self nomination. Seconded Emilia Bhat. Approved by whole Committee.

Treasurer: nomination Emilia Bhat. Self nomination. Seconded Sharon Stoliar. Approved by whole Committee.

Secretary: Alecia Staines. Self nomination. Seconded Freya Croft. Approved by whole Committee.

New Committee members nominated, approved and introduced: Justin George, Ishita Ackter, Freya Croft

Treasurer's report:

Pre-circulated prior to AGM, Emilia presented as Semra was an apology. Attached and approved by Committee.

President's report:

Maternity Consumer Network has had regular meetings with various MP's in different states in different political parties to ensure maternity services.

MCN Released the first international perinatal trauma prevention guidelines, which was funded by a community grant.

MCN Better Births with Consent has been officially recognised by the Queensland Government and funded yearly for the next 4 years to address disrespectful maternity care.

MCN Released the first consumer written guidelines on Informed Induction of Labour.

MCN with the help of Jestin George and Neethu Thomas brought a grievance to WA parliament through Shadow Health Minister Libby Mettam regarding SAC 1 investigations. Several meetings with Health Minister's advisors re: maternity issues.

MCN Better Births training ran in Western Australia for 1 week and QLD for 2. Over 15 maternity services have taken part.

MCN created an info sheet with South Asian health consumers on successfully advocating for themselves in emergency related situation. Jestin George handed out several hundred printed copies in his community and at Diwali.

MCN Lodged the Bush Babies Campaign at the Parliamentary Friends of Maternal health in Canberra and associated brief on funding reform, medicare for homebirth, transparency in outcomes and data collection on women's experiences. An email campaign and parliamentary petition has followed. Meetings with Assistant Health Minister's advisor, Shadow Health Minister's advisor, Greens Women's rep,

MCN participated in the NSW blueprint for maternity care as a stakeholder in updating issues in wake of the birth trauma inquiry and follow-up meeting with the Department of Health.

MCN through meetings in Victoria has helped to promote and join a maternity advisory group to promote the national women's care strategy and Ishita Ackter will be working on promoting the interests of migrant women.

MCN attended the ADIPS conference where new research regarding GDM was being considered for updating a new guideline.

MCN assisted with the Tasmania Birth Trauma Inquiry and much of the effort to promote better maternity care has come from Freya Croft, now our new President. Have met with Health Minister and Shadow Health. Questions on Notice.

Federal Parliament motion on rural maternity services by MP, Llew O'Brien. Supported by 7 other MPs.

Speeches in Federal Parliament by Senator Larissa Waters and Llew O'Brien MP on homebirth insurance.

MCN the only consumer organisation involved in the National Rural Maternity Consensus Framework.

MCN is now the only organization that does police reports for obstetric violence as advocates for women. Two this year have been done.

Consistent media releases. Have had >15 media opportunities this week.

Concerns Discussed:

- Issues with Victoria taking women against their will for cesarean section they have not contented to. The drugging of migrant women with sedatives still persist in order to force them into surgery.
- Election coming up in WA. Briefs to be prepared.
- Victorian child protection harassing women with police and ambulances after birth even if those women have birthed in a hospital. One woman had a welfare check conducted on her with 4 police officers, 2 cps workers and 2 ambulances. They Claimed there were

serious accusations that the woman didn't want her baby, but they spent most of their time there grilling her about her non-compliance to antenatal tests in pregnancy.

- Discussed mentoring Freya in her new role as president
- Strategic directions for the next 12 months.
- Follow up meeting in January.

Meeting closed: 8.25pm

Minutes documented by: Alecia Staines, Secretary.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Staines', written in a cursive style.

Note: attached resignation of elected President, Freya Croft, which occurred shortly after AGM. Rather than re-convene and have another AGM, Vice President, Sharon Coulton Stoliar has proceeded with Presidency.



Maternity Consumer Network Management
<management@maternityconsumernetwork.org.au>

Resignation as President

1 message

Freya Croft <freycroft88@gmail.com>

Thu, Dec 12, 2024 at 8:15 AM

To: Maternity Consumer Network Management Committee <management@maternityconsumernetwork.org.au>

Good morning,

Please accept this email as formal notification of my intention to resign from my position as Director of Maternity Consumer Network.

Warm regards,

Freya Croft

Profit and Loss

Maternity Consumer Network Inc.

For the period 3 November 2023 to 3 November 2024

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Trading Income

Donations revenue	5,030.00
Other Revenue	43,400.00
Total Trading Income	48,430.00

Cost of Sales

Direct Costs - Grants	19,824.62
Total Cost of Sales	19,824.62

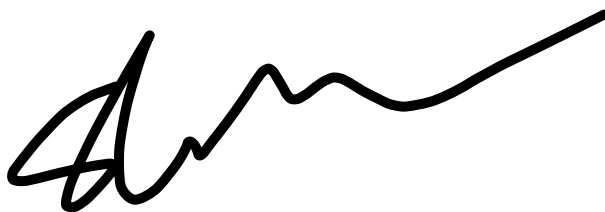
Gross Profit	28,605.38
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Operating Expenses

General Expenses	31,961.35
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Total Operating Expenses	32,357.35

Net Profit	(3,751.97)
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Sharon Coulton Stoliar,
Committee Member



Secretary, 2024 and 2025
Dated: 12/12/2024

General Ledger Detail

Maternity Consumer Network Inc.

For the period 3 November 2023 to 3 November 2024

DATE	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE	DEBIT	CREDIT	RUNNING BALANCE	GST	GST RATE	GST RATE NAME
General Expenses									
28 Nov 2023	Spend Money	Esther Del Corro - Reimbursement		80.00	-	80.00	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
28 Nov 2023	Spend Money	Shiquio Zong - Reimbursement		80.00	-	160.00	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
12 Feb 2024	Spend Money	Emilia Alexandria Bhat - Reimbursement		80.00	-	240.00	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
13 Feb 2024	Spend Money	Emilia Alexandria Bhat - Legal Consult		260.00	-	500.00	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
25 Mar 2024	Spend Money	Parliament - Parliamentary Friends of Maternity		227.76	-	727.76	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
9 Apr 2024	Spend Money	Alecia Staines - MCN Website Update		104.00	-	831.76	-	0.00%	BAS Excluded
23 Apr 2024	Spend Money	Emilia Alexandria Bhat - Printing Reimbursement		48.00	-	879.76	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
30 May 2024	Spend Money	Emilia Bhat - Gift for MP Emma Hurst		99.93	-	979.69	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
30 May 2024	Spend Money	Alecia Staines - Reimbursement		1,400.00	-	2,379.69	-	0.00%	BAS Excluded
3 June 2024	Spend Money	Alecia Staines - reimbursement		1,392.00	-	3,771.69	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
11 June 2024	Spend Money	Emilia Bhat - Police Info Sheet		45.00	-	3,816.69	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
18 June 2024	Spend Money	Emilia Bhat - police info sheet postage		32.00	-	3,848.69	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
25 June 2024	Spend Money	KBI Insurance - Insurance		505.00	-	4,353.69	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
25 June 2024	Spend Money	KBI Insurance - Insurance Costs		780.00	-	5,133.69	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
25 June 2024	Spend Money	Alecia Staines - Reimbursement Better Births		712.00	-	5,845.69	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
5 July 2024	Spend Money	KBI Insurance - Insurance		900.00	-	6,745.69	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
15 July 2024	Spend Money	Emilia Bhat - Reimbursement Printing		43.00	-	6,788.69	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
17 July 2024	Receive Money	Emilia Bhat - Printing Reimbursement		-	50.00	6,738.69	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
19 July 2024	Spend Money	Emilia Bhat - Printing Reimbursement		22.00	-	6,760.69	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
19 July 2024	Spend Money	Alecia Staines - Better Births Evaluation Reimbursement		300.00	-	7,060.69	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
19 July 2024	Spend Money	Heather Mattner - Better Births Payment		300.00	-	7,360.69	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
23 July 2024	Spend Money	Alecia Staines - Better Births Reimbursement		1,000.00	-	8,360.69	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
24 July 2024	Spend Money	Heather Mattner - Better Births with Consent		1,500.00	-	9,860.69	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses

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25 July 2024	Spend Money	Heather Mattner - Reimbursement Better Births		1,500.00	-	11,360.69	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
26 July 2024	Spend Money	Alecia Staines - Better Births Reimbursement		1,500.00	-	12,860.69	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
26 July 2024	Spend Money	1400.58 - Better Births Reimbursement		1,400.58	-	14,261.27	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
31 July 2024	Spend Money	Alecia Staines - Better Births		1,500.00	-	15,761.27	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
1 Aug 2024	Spend Money	Emilia Bhat - Reimbursement Shirt		52.00	-	15,813.27	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
1 Aug 2024	Spend Money	Alecia Staines - Better Births		1,000.00	-	16,813.27	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
2 Sept 2024	Spend Money	Peter Evans Lawyers - Hugo's 7 Rights Legal Advice		577.50	-	17,390.77	-	0.00%	BAS Excluded
4 Sept 2024	Spend Money	Bashi Hazard Kumar - Better Births		885.58	-	18,276.35	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
4 Sept 2024	Spend Money	Bashi Hazard Kumar - Better Births		1,500.00	-	19,776.35	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
9 Sept 2024	Spend Money	Alecia Staines - Better Births		1,500.00	-	21,276.35	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
10 Sept 2024	Spend Money	Alecia Staines - Better Births		1,500.00	-	22,776.35	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
11 Sept 2024	Spend Money	Bashi Hazard Kumar - Better Births		1,500.00	-	24,276.35	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
17 Sept 2024	Spend Money	Alecia Staines - Media for Better births		451.00	-	24,727.35	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
17 Sept 2024	Spend Money	Michelle Daga - Consent Flow chart		300.00	-	25,027.35	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
18 Sept 2024	Spend Money	Emilia Alexandria Bhat - Reimbursement Hugo Printing		38.00	-	25,065.35	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
7 Oct 2024	Spend Money	Glyde Community - Better Births Consumer		246.00	-	25,311.35	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
9 Oct 2024	Spend Money	Emilia Alexandria Bhat - Diwali Stall WA Advocacy		500.00	-	25,811.35	50.00	10.00%	GST on Expenses
21 Oct 2024	Spend Money	Michelle Daga - Better Births Graphic Design		150.00	-	25,961.35	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
28 Oct 2024	Spend Money	Alecia Staines - Better Births Reimbursement		1,500.00	-	27,461.35	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
29 Oct 2024	Spend Money	Alecia Staines - Better Births Reimbursement		1,500.00	-	28,961.35	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
31 Oct 2024	Spend Money	Alecia Staines - Better Births Reimbursement		1,500.00	-	30,461.35	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
31 Oct 2024	Spend Money	Alecia Staines - Better Births Reimbursement		1,500.00	-	31,961.35	-	0.00%	GST Free Expenses
Total General Expenses				32,011.35	50.00	31,961.35	50.00		
Net movement				31,961.35	-	-	-		
Total				32,011.35	50.00	31,961.35	50.00		

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Alecia Staines
Secretary, 2024 and 2025
Dated: 12/12/2024



23/11/2024

Emilia Bhat
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NSW 2145

I hereby confirm the Maternity Consumer Network keeps accurate financial records that appropriately records the organization's income, expenditure, and dealings with its assets and liabilities.

Statement documented by the Maternity Consumer Network's President Emilia Bhat

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Emilia Bhat".

MCN President
Maternity Consumer Network