Annual General Meeting Minutes 2026

Tuesday 13 October 2025 – 10am

Volunteering WA, Level 2, 3 De Vlamingh Avenue, East Perth 6004

Item		Action
1	**Welcome** Craig Spencer, Chair of Volunteering WA welcomed Board members, committee members, CEOs and representatives from member organisations, Life Members, supporters, staff and volunteers to the meeting.	
2	**Acknowledgement of Country** Chair acknowledged the Whadjuk Noongar people, the Traditional Custodians of this land and waters on which the meeting was held.	
3	**Special Guest Speech** Chair introduced Ellie Vrankovich, recipient of the 2026 WA Young Volunteer of the Year Award. Ellie shared her personal journey from growing up in regional Western Australia to pursuing a double degree in Law and Commerce at Curtin University. She spoke about the challenges she had overcome, her volunteering experiences with Citizens Advice Bureau WA and other initiatives, and her passion for improving accessibility and opportunities for others. The Chair thanked Ellie for sharing her inspiring story and acknowledged her outstanding contribution to volunteering and the community.	
4	**Recognition of Long-Standing Members** The Chair acknowledged and congratulated 20 member organisations that have been members of Volunteering WA for 20 years or more, recognising their longstanding support and contribution to volunteering across Western Australia. Representatives from the organisations were invited forward to receive commemorative plaques, followed by a group photograph with the Chair and CEO. The Chair thanked the organisations for their continued commitment to Volunteering WA and the broader volunteering sector.	

5 **Nomination and Approval of Life Members**

Greg has served as Volunteering WA's Honorary Solicitor since its establishment in 1988, providing 38 years of pro bono legal advice and support. His expertise has made a significant contribution to the organisation's governance, legal compliance and ongoing operations.

The Chair acknowledged Greg's exceptional generosity, dedication and longstanding service to Volunteering WA and the broader volunteering sector.

As Greg was unable to attend the AGM, fellow Life Member David Morrison accepted the Life Membership certificate and badge on his behalf.

Motion: that Greg Paull be awarded Life Membership of Volunteering WA in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contribution to the organisation and the volunteering sector

Moved: Craig Spencer

Seconded: Vivian Molan

Accepted

6 **Apologies**

Chair noted that several apologies had been received including Patrons His Excellency the Honourable Christopher John Dawson APM and Mrs Darrilyn Dawson, the Hon. Hannah Beazley MLA, Minister for Volunteering, The Hon Rob Horstman, Shadow Minister for Emergency Services and Life Members Jennie Loveridge and Dr Megan Paull.

The full list of apologies has been tabled as an appendix to the minutes.

7 **Confirmation of Minutes from the Annual General Meeting**

7.1 Minutes of Annual General Meeting Thursday 9 October 2026

Motion: that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 9 October 2025 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Craig Spencer

Seconded: Prof. Gary Martin

Accepted

8 There was no business arising from the minutes.

9 **Report from Chair - Craig Spencer**

Chair presented his report for 2025–26, reflecting on another significant year for volunteering in Western Australia and Volunteering WA's continued role as the peak body representing more than 870 member organisations and supporting a sector of 1.5 million volunteers.

The Chair highlighted VWA's increased focus on advocacy, including efforts to reduce barriers to volunteering, reform volunteer screening processes and address financial and administrative pressures faced by volunteer-involving organisations.

The Chair acknowledged the dedication and contribution of the CEO and staff, fellow Board members, members, partners, funders and volunteers,

thanking them for their continued support and commitment to strengthening volunteering across Western Australia.

Motion: that the Report from the Chair be accepted for approval

Moved: Craig Spencer

Seconded: Greg Hebble

Accepted

10 **Report from Chief Executive Officer – Tina Williams**

The CEO presented her report for 2025–26, highlighting a successful year of delivering programs, services and initiatives to support and strengthen volunteering across Western Australia.

Key achievements included the 2025 Volunteering WA State Conference, attended by 260 delegates, continued delivery of training and resources for volunteer managers, and progress on the Measuring Change impact measurement project.

The CEO also highlighted the success of the Corporate Volunteering program, investment in sector research and the distribution of almost $900,000 in grants to support volunteering organisations across the state.

The CEO acknowledged the contributions of staff, Board members, funders, partners and members, and thanked the VWA team for their efforts during the office relocation and establishment of the new Volunteering Hub.

Motion: that the Report from the CEO be accepted for approval

Moved: Craig Spencer

Seconded: Vivian Molan

Accepted

11 **Report from Treasurer – Libby Hewton**

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2026, highlighting a strong financial performance and continued responsible management of the organisation's resources.

Revenue increased by 8% to $4.59 million, with the organisation recording a net surplus of $50,734. The Treasurer noted the investment in VWA's new premises, supported by Lotterywest funding and organisational reserves, and the distribution of almost $900,000 in grants to volunteer-involving organisations across Western Australia.

The Treasurer acknowledged the contributions of Andrea Cole, Executive Manager Finance and HR, the CEO and staff, the Board and Finance, Audit and Risk Committee, and the auditors, Horizon Nexus Partners.

The Treasurer commended the Financial Report to members and advised that the audited Financial Statements were available on VWA's website.

Motion: that the Report from the Treasurer be accepted for approval

Moved: Libby Hewton

Seconded: Craig Spencer

Accepted

A second motion was called to approve the appointment of the Auditor**.**

Motion: that Justin Mulhair of Horizon Nexus Partners be re-appointed as the external auditor for the Volunteer Centre of Western Australia (Inc.) for the financial year ending 30 June 2027

Moved: Libby Hewton

Seconded: Vivian Molan

Accepted

12 Election of Board Directors

The Chair acknowledged the co-option of Justine Colyer to the Board in late 2025 and George Kyriakacis in September 2026, highlighting their extensive professional experience, expertise and commitment to the volunteering sector.

The Chair advised that two Board positions were available for election and that two nominations had been received from Justine Colyer and Natalie Sangalli, both of whom had served as co-opted Directors during the previous year.

As the number of nominations did not exceed the available positions, no contested election was required.

Motion: that Justine Colyer and Natalie Sangalli be elected as Board members of Volunteering WA for a term of three years

Moved: Craig Spencer

Seconded: Vivian Molan

Accepted

13 Appointments

13.1 Patron

Volunteering WA Patron, His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia, Christopher John Dawson APM, 34th Governor of Western Australia and his wife Mrs Darrilyn Dawson will continue as joint Patrons for the duration of his term in office.

Motion: that Volunteering WA Patrons, His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia, Christopher John Dawson APM, and his wife, Mrs Darrilyn Dawson will continue as joint Patrons for the duration of his term in office.

Accepted

13.2 Honorary Solicitor

Craig thanked Honorary Solicitor, Greg Paull for his continued support and advice, and the amount of time he so kindly spends working with VWA.

Motion: that Greg Paull continue in the role of Honorary Solicitor until June 2027

Accepted

13.3 Auditor

This appointment was approved under item 11 – Treasurer's Report

10	**General Business** There were no items of general business.
11	**Close of Meeting** The Chair thanked members for their attendance and continued support of Volunteering WA. He encouraged attendees to stay for refreshments and networking and looked forward to welcoming members to the annual Garden Party at Government House on 3 December 2026. There being no further business, the Chair declared the 2026 Annual General Meeting closed at 10.45am.

Appendix 1- List of apologies

Organisation	Name
Advocare	Michelle Lekhoathy
Anglicare WA	Mark Glasson
Auspire	Morgen Lewis
Board Director	Craig Hollywood
Board Director	Libby Hewton – Treasurer
Board Director	Justine Colyer
Board Director	Natalie Sangalli
Cahoots Family Centre	David Armstrong
City of Stirling	Kerri Walsh
Department of Communities	Mike Rowe
Department of Communities	Dr Michael Gardner
Department of Communities	Phillipa Wen
Department of Premier and Cabinet	Hon Rob Horstman MLC
Doing Co.	Jimmy Murphy
Events Consultant	Marija Jelavic
EverAbility Group	Anne Presser
Foodbank WA	David Warren
Good Sammy	Anne Roberts
Good Sammy	Kane Blackman
Government House – Patron	His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia, Christopher John Dawson APM
Government House – Patron	Mrs Darrilyn Dawson
Honorary Solicitor	Greg Paull
Justice Connect	Geraldine Menere
Life Member	Dr Megan Paull
Life Member	Jennifer Loveridge
Lifeline WA	Brett Davey
Lifeline WA	Sarah Fordham
Member of Parliament	Hon Rob Horstman MLC
Motion by the Ocean	Alanagh Godderidge
Murdoch University/Board Member	Dr Megan Paull
People Who Care	Penny Webb
Radio Lollipop WA	Sarah Pendal
Relationships Australia WA	Danielle Newport
Salvation Army	Darrell Wilson
Salvation Army	Sara Dores

Southcare	Ashleigh Nicholson
Vinnies WA	May Bowden
Volunteer	Glenda Gallacher
Volunteer	Marija Jelavic
Volunteer	Maurene Palmer
Volunteering Queensland	Jane Hedger
Volunteering WA	Corina Stagg
Volunteering WA	Jessica Roberts
Volunteering WA	Karla Hitchcock
Volunteering WA	Megan Enders
Volunteering WA	Shellene Remihana
WA All Abilities Football Association	Hayden Marchetto
WA Museum	Sheila McHale
WA Ostomy Association	Lorrie Gray
WALGA	Hannah Godsave