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Meeting Minutes

Meeting	Annual General Meeting	
Date / Time	20 November 2025 / 5pm AEDT	
Location	In person at RACV Club, 501 Bourke St, Melbourne Victoria and via Live Stream.	
Directors	Alan Cameron AO, Chairperson Brett Fenton, Director Claire Rogers, Director Peter Elford, Director Sandra Davey, Director	Sandra Hook, Director Thu-Trang Tran, Director Mike Trovato, Director Wendy Thorpe OAM, Director Tina Wyer, Director
Also in attendance	Bruce Tonkin, auDA CEO Linda Brown, auDA Co Sec Sonia Joksimovic, Co Sec	Rebecca Papillo, DCM Kate Rowswell, Auditor KPMG Gianni Garreffa, KPMG
Other attendees	55 Members and Visitors	

1. Welcome

The Independent Chairperson, Alan Cameron AO, (The Chair) acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the land on which the meeting was held and paid respects to their Elders past and present, and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in attendance.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the auDA 2025 Annual General Meeting on behalf of the Board and thanked all attendees in the room and those joining online. He confirmed there was a quorum of members present and declared the meeting open at 5:03pm AEDT. The Chair introduced the auDA Directors present in the room and attending online, and noted that auDA's Auditors were present. He also acknowledged that the incoming Independent Chairperson of the auDA Board, Marina Go AM and the incoming Appointed Director, Dr Sarv Girn were present and confirmed that it was always his intention to step down at this meeting. He also acknowledged outgoing CEO, Rosemary Sinclair AM and Bruce Tonkin who commenced as CEO in January 2025.

The Chair advised the Notice of Meeting had been issued on 23 October 2025 in accordance with the Corporations Act and the auDA Constitution, and confirmed the agenda and arrangements for asking questions.

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2. Reports from the Chair and CEO

Chair Report

The Chair reported on auDA's governance activities to 30 June 2025, noting that the auDA Board had been focused on maintaining robust governance, strategic oversight of the 2021-'25 strategy and approval of the 2026-30 strategy. Other key activities included recruiting and supporting the transition of the new CEO, appointing a new Independent Chairperson of the Board, monitoring the development of the 2025 registrar agreement, supporting the commencement of the 2025 licensing rules review, approving the inaugural round of auDA's research and development programme and the annual community programme, approving auDA's sustainability framework and overseeing auDA's crisis preparedness and business continuity planning, adherence to auDA's responsibilities under the *Security of Critical Infrastructure Act* and prudent financial management. The Board participated in the government's review of auDA's Terms of Endorsement and accepted the revised Terms of Endorsement.

The Chair thanked outgoing director Wendy Thorpe OAM for her significant contribution since 2022, the Nomination Committee for their effort in selecting excellent candidates, auDA's General and Technical Advisory Standing Committees and the edu.au Advisory Committee for their strategic advice, auDA's two Company Secretaries for their support as well as his fellow Board members, auDA's executive team and staff. The Chair concluded by noting that over the last six years, auDA has strengthened its governance and relationships with the Australian Government, with ICANN and the multi-stakeholder community in Australia, grown our membership to 6,000 registered members, published new .au licensing rules in 2021, and launched .au Direct in 2022 and had grown domain names under management from 3.2 million to 4.3 million, making .au the seventh largest country code top-level domain in the world.

CEO Report

The CEO, Bruce Tonkin, acknowledged outgoing Chair Alan Cameron, thanking him for his leadership and guidance during his six year term and thanked former CEO Rosemary Sinclair for her leadership and expertise during her time at auDA including the first half of this reporting period. The CEO noted the process to develop the 2026-30 strategy, the focus on reliability with 100% availability of the three core parts of the .au system, the DNS, registry database and the WHOIS service, 0.6% growth in domain names under management and focus on auDA's cyber security and that of registrars. He noted the review of the Licencing Rules had commenced with the appointment of the Licensing Rules Review Panel and highlighted the Research and Development grants to help protect vulnerable people from scams, and protect the DNS from the potential risk of quantum computing being used to break the current method of encryption, and the awarding of 15 grants for community and research projects that support digital inclusion.

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The CEO thanked auDA's members for their engagement and acknowledged the collaboration with Registrars to build awareness and trust in .au. He concluded by thanking the auDA Executive and staff for their work, the Board for its leadership and support and welcomed incoming Chair Marina Go AM, noting that he along with Executive and staff were looking forward to working with her.

3. Reports

The Chair noted the 2024-25 financial report and the reports of the Directors and the auditor, KPMG, and invited questions arising from the Chair, CEO and Financial reports. Questions were received and responded to on:

- Security clearance requirements for directors
- auDA Investments
- The auDA budget, director remuneration and increase in the wholesale price
- New Registrar approvals
- auDA plans to promote the .au namespace

4. Declaration of Two Newly Elected Directors

The Chair confirmed that in accordance with Rule 5.6, Sandra Davey and Mike Trovato were the successful candidates and declared elected to the auDA Board. The Chair congratulated them on their re-election.

The Chair thanked the other candidate in the election and the other applicants who took part in the selection process.

5. General Business

Further question were asked on:

- the process for selecting candidates and appointing directors to the auDA Board
- The breakdown of .au direct domain names versus .com.au domain names.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the 2025 auDA Annual General Meeting.

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6. Meeting Close

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

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Marina Go AM
Independent Chairperson

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