**Minutes of the General Meeting**

| Date: | 5 October 2023 | | |
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| Time: | 9.30am | | |
| Venue: | Teams – Online | | |
| Recording link | https://youtu.be/JEtHqEZZjL0 | | |
| Chairperson: | Ross McKenzie | Minute Secretary: | Nicole Toia |

**Meeting opened at:** 10am

1.     **Welcome and apologies**

Acceptance of minutes: AF and RM.

2.     **End-of-year event – Network event**
Save the date 2nd of November.
Network event with light refreshments
7.45am for a 8am start until 10am.
Theme: Health Engaging with Schools.
Ross encouraged everyone to complete the survey.

3.     **GDHR Symposium – the RSE project.**

Ross promotes the upcoming symposium for anyone who is interested in further training around relationship and sexuality education. It is a full event - https://rseproject.org.au/rse-symposium-2023-2/

**Guest presenters: Poverty in Schools.**

**Megan Sauzier**
**CEO, WA School Canteen Association**
Megan spoke on the WASCA submission to the Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People and the subsequent Hungry for Change report. Specifically on the recommendations regarding a School Lunch Program in WA. You can read the report here.

**Laura Bryce**
**Program Lead, School Breakfast & Nutrition Education Programs, Foodbank WA**
Laura spoke on the growing presentations of food insecurity in school and some of the strategies Foodbank WA has in place to tackle this such as the *School Breakfast Program. The School Breakfast Program* has been running for more than 20 years, growing from 17 schools in 2001 to over 500 in 2022.

**Dr Kirsten Hancock**
**National Manager of Research and Evaluation, The Smith Family**
Kirsten spoke about trends and emerging issues arising in schools around living costs and poverty. She also discussed what some of the health and wellbeing impacts students face when experiencing hardship and poverty, and how that could impact school and service engagement.

**4.** **Next meeting**

| Date: | Thursday 2nd November |
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| Time: | 8am – 10am |
| Venue: | Online |

**Meeting closed at:** 4.15 pm