



**Minutes From The 1st Aurora Breast Cancer Wellbeing
Annual General Meeting
held on Zoom & at Imagine Cruising
at 1900-2100 Wednesday 21 February 2024**

	ITEM	Action
ITEM 1	<p>As INTRODUCTORY business</p> <p>1. The Chair opened the meeting and welcome everyone to the first Aurora AGM, highlighting though that Aurora are now entering the 8th year of operation. The Chair stated it is unfortunate that the demand for Aurora support services has continued to grow, as this highlights the urgent need for organisations like ours to provide assistance during challenging time.</p> <p>2. The Chair also acknowledged the dedicated team of volunteers who have wholeheartedly committed themselves to providing personalised support and guidance to our Aurora women. Their efforts continue to be invaluable, as they empower women to navigate the journey of breast cancer with strength and resilience.</p>	
ITEM 2 & 3	<p>As ORDINARY business</p> <p>3. The COO of Aurora went through the 10-Year Strategy that had been developed in consultation with the Aurora Board. A full copy of the strategy is attached for reference.</p> <p>4. The Aurora members agreed the Aurora Breast Cancer Well-Being Constitution adopted 25 August 2023</p>	
ITEM 4 - 9	<p>Election of Directors</p> <p>The Aurora Board and Members agreed;</p> <p>5. The appointment of Dr Anushka Chaudhry, MBBS, FRCS, Chair as Appointed Trustee pursuant to the Aurora Breast Cancer Well-Being constitution 18.1 to 18.5.</p> <p>6. The appointment of Manish Bhasin as Appointed Trustee pursuant to the Aurora Breast Cancer Well-Being constitution 18.1 to 18.5.</p> <p>7. The appointment of Claire Ellis (CE) as Appointed Trustee pursuant to the Aurora Breast Cancer Well-Being constitution 18.1 to 18.5.</p> <p>8. The appointment of Charlayne Harding (CH) as Appointed Trustee pursuant to the Aurora Breast Cancer Well-Being constitution 18.1 to 18.5.</p> <p>9. To elect Suzanne Essam (SE) as Trustee pursuant to the Aurora Breast Cancer Well-Being constitution 18.1 to 18.5. Proposed by Elizabeth Winfield and Seconded by Anushka Chaudhry.</p> <p>10. To elect Nicola Cocks (NC) as Trustee to the Aurora Breast Cancer Well-Being constitution 18.1 to 18.5. Proposed by Elizabeth Winfield and Seconded by Anushka Chaudhry.</p>	AC

ITEM 10	<p>Financial Annual Review</p> <p>11. CH went through the accounts (as seen in the annual report) and said that we were in a strong position given some tremendous fundraising campaigns. Our charity overheads are kept to an absolute minimum allowing majority of funds to good directly to aurora activity.</p> <p>12. It was noted the resignation on Tayna Currie (TC) from the Aurora Board. The Chair acknowledge her hard work throughout her tenure and agreed to remove TC from the Aurora Bank account.</p>	AC
ITEM 11	<p>Fundraising and Grant making</p> <p>13. The COO reported that now Aurora is an official Charity we have greater access to funding options including grants and fundraising campaigns. Stating we should seek personal connections through our membership to help activate grants within organisations in the first instance. The COO agreed to place a call to action on the announcements group to generate some support, and also create a just giving platform to allow Aurora to gain gift aid on donations. It was also reported Aurora have a number of applications in with various organisation and we hope to receive some feedback soon.</p> <p>14. Fabio's restaurant was raised as a good fundraising option and NC agreed to look into this.</p> <p>15. The Chair announced the ambition to have another Gala Fundraiser in 2025 to generate income for Aurora.</p>	EW NC AC
ITEM 12	<p>Forecast of Events</p> <p>16. The Aurora programme would continue to support members through its walks, coffee mornings, education, well-being events and Christmas meal. It would look to tailor activities based on demand and target particular stages of a Breast Cancer journey.</p>	
ITEM 13	<p>Membership</p> <p>17. The Chair discuss the charitable objectives that we must adhere to around our membership being for young women with Breast Cancer. Through this restrictive membership it also allows us to target sessions specific to our membership needs and whilst staying true to our charitable objectives.</p> <p>18. It was discussed how our membership could support some research and development project's and the Chair agreed to look at these opportunities.</p> <p>19. It was proposed that we would seek to gain some compelling case studies from our Aurora Members for the website and grant making purposes. CE agreed to lead with this. There also could be opportunities' for those Aurora members that are comfortable to speak at sponsor engagement and education events.</p> <p>20. The COO stated that Aurora would also look at some members transitioning onto a mentor's programme when ready to allow a wider provision of support to the newer members to the group.</p> <p>21. The Chair, with agreement from the members would explore how the charity could support those with secondary cancer and create a support network for them.</p> <p>22. NC raised that a GPDR Aurora Policy had been created and would be placed on the new website for members to view. All existing members would soon receive a form to acknowledge this policy and confirm they are happy to remain members.</p>	AC CE EW AC NC
ITEM 14	<p>Any matters arising pertaining to the business of Aurora not previously reported or discussed.</p>	

	<p>23. Aurora marketing material would be distributed in hospitals and GP surgeries and all Aurora women would receive an Aurora badge.</p> <p>24. It was agreed we should look at other Breast Cancer support charities to either signpost our members too or replicate for our unique cohort of members.</p> <p>25. The Chair and COO agreed to look into a podcast series to capture some of the great advice and guidance in the whats app groups. This would possibly be in a panel format with some members.</p>	<p>CE/EW</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>EW/AC</p>
ITEM 16	<p>Chair Closing Remarks</p> <p>26. The Chair thanked everyone for their input and was extremely please with the steps forward Aurora was making to continue to support more women.</p>	

A Chaudhry (e-signed)

Anushka Chaudhry

Chair

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