



## Notice of Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meeting of Fragile X Association of Australia Inc

**DATE:** Sunday 25 October 2020  
**TIME:** 2:00—2:45 pm (ADST)  
**PLACE:** Online via Zoom

### AGENDA

1. **Welcome:** Prof W Ted Brown, President
2. **Apologies**
3. **Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting 27 October 2019**
4. **Matters arising from the Minutes**
5. **Year in Review and Presentation of Annual Report**
6. **Treasurer's Report**
7. **Appointment of Auditor**
8. **Election of Board Members**
  - Nominees
  - Election**
    - Dr Cynthia Roberts PhD*
  - Re-election**

<i>Prof W Ted Brown</i>	<i>Mike Tozer</i>
<i>Graham Hook</i>	<i>Katherine Brown</i>
<i>Kate McKeand</i>	
9. **Appointment of Life Members**
10. **Announcement of 2020 Awards**
  - Achievement Awards**
  - Volunteer of the Year Awards**
11. **Other business**

**RSVP: 20 October 2020**  
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Zoom dialin details will be provided after RSVPs are received

## Election of Board members

### ***Nomination***

#### **Dr Cynthia Roberts PhD**

Cynthia is a geneticist and has been involved with Fragile X Association of Australia as a member for many years. Cynthia has also been a keen fundraiser for FXAA through the annual City2Surf, a 14km fun run from Sydney CBD to Bondi. Cynthia's adult son Daniel has Fragile X syndrome. She lives in Sydney.

### ***Re-Nomination***

#### **Prof Wm Ted Brown (President 2018-20)**

Prof Brown MD is the recently retired Director of the New York State Institute for Basic Research (IBR) in Developmental Disabilities, Staten Island, New York. Upon retiring, he moved to Sydney and married paediatrician Dr Jacqueline Small, who runs a clinic for children with developmental disability. He has an appointment as Visiting Professor at the University of Sydney. Much of his 35 year research career has focused on Fragile X syndrome and on autism. Prof Brown was the first to describe a relationship between autism and the Fragile X syndrome. His team was the first to demonstrate the feasibility of prenatal diagnosis for Fragile X, and subsequently have provided prenatal diagnosis for more than 1,400 known carriers. His laboratory has developed a sensitive antibody test to quantify the Fragile X protein levels in blood spots. His clinic was a participant in the Fragile X drug trials sponsored by Seaside, Novartis and Roche. Prof Brown joined the Board in 2018.

#### **Graham Hook (Secretary 2019-20)**

Graham's son James is an adult who has Fragile X syndrome. Graham re-joined the Board in May 2016, having previously served as a director, Vice-President and President of FXAA. Graham has also served on the board of Duke of Edinburgh Awards and Life Be In It (NT). He is a current member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Graham spent the majority of his career in the Air Force and later served as a business manager within the Department of Defence. Graham also volunteers with Special Olympics Queensland as a basketball coach for one of the Brisbane teams. Graham enjoys gardening, cultural events, catching up with friends or just being with his wife Amanda. He is an amateur artist who enjoys doing landscapes and portraits in oils. Graham is based in Brisbane.

#### **Kate McKeand (Director 2018-20)**

Kate is a disability advocate and mother of two children who have Fragile X full mutation. Kate joined the Board in 2018. Kate is based in Melbourne and served as director of a consulting organisation that specialises in supporting and empowering participants in the National Disability Insurance Scheme. She has represented families of children with disabilities on a number of consumer and advocacy bodies, and has presented at a wide range of forums on inclusion of people with disabilities, disability supports and NDIS. Originally an environmental engineer, Kate has experience working in board and management roles in the not-for-profit, government and consulting sectors. Kate loves yoga and the Australian bush, and is attempting to establish a sensory garden at home with the help of her children and husband Stuart.

**Katherine Brown (Director 2016-20)**

Katherine is English and moved to Australia in 2006 with her husband David. Together they have two children: Samantha and Andrew. Andrew has Fragile X syndrome. Katherine has worked in the finance industry for over 10 years. Before moving to Australia she was supervising a debt recovery team for a stock broker, representing the company in court during disputed claims. Katherine built on her public speaking experience in 2012/13 before returning to the finance industry in a sales role. She has recently taken up running and likes to run for fitness with friends. Katherine is based in Adelaide and joined the Board in 2016.

**Mike Tozer (Director 2016-20)**

Mike is originally from the UK and is married to Helen who is from Sydney. They have two children, Josiah and Hannah. Josiah has Fragile X syndrome while Hannah is not medically affected. However, she does point out that she is still indirectly affected as a sibling of a brother with Fragile X! Mike has worked in the technology and social impact sectors for 20 years. He is the founder of Xceptional, a technology services firm that employs people with autism and was featured on the ABC's 'Employable Me' documentary series. Mike holds a Masters from Harvard and a BA from Oxford. Mike is also a runner and broke the world record for the fastest half marathon in a business suit! He took on the record to raise funds and awareness for Fragile X in Australia and internationally. Mike lives in Sydney and joined the Board in 2016.