**26 September 2023**

Dear Vision Australia Limited member,

The Vision Australia Limited 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at Kooyong on Thursday, 26th October 2023. A formal notice of the meeting and annual financial report will be provided in due course.

At the AGM, we will receive the financial accounts of Vision Australia Limited for the year ending 30 June 2023, confirm the election of directors and attend to other business brought before the meeting in accordance with our constitution.

The following incumbent Directors will retire by rotation in accordance with the constitution and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election:

* Bill Jolley, Retired Public Servant, Deputy Chair Vision Australia, Member of Audit Finance and Risk Committee and Vision Australia Foundation Board.
* Sue Banks, Company Director, Member of Audit Finance and Risk Committee and Vision Australia Foundation Board.

The Vision Australia Board believes that these two candidates have performed excellently as Directors and endorses Sue Banks re-election as a Director and Bill Jolley as the incoming Chair of Vision Australia. You can view their biographies on the Vision Australia [website.](https://www.visionaustralia.org/about-us/governance/board-of-directors)

As the current Chair, I must announce that I have reached my term limit and will be retiring at the 2023 AGM. I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all of you for your support during my tenure. I am thankful for the privilege of serving as Chair and for the opportunity to contribute to the lives of people who are blind or have low vision through my work with Vision Australia’s Board. I look forward to witnessing the continued growth and success of this organisation under its new leadership.

In addition to seeking Vision Australia Member nominations (which closed 6 September 2023), of which there are none, the Board has undertaken a search process to identify candidates with the required experience and skills needed to be successful as a director of Vision Australia. This process has included an assessment of the skills of current directors compared to the needs of Vision Australia for a balanced Board of Directors.

The outcome of that search has identified Ms Amber Collins as the preferred candidate to become a director of Vision Australia. Ms Collins’ lived experience as a parent of a young adult with low vision makes her an ideal candidate for a position on the Vision Australia Board.

Further to this, Ms Collins' extensive experience, valuable insights, and connections to other high-profile organisations make her a compelling choice to significantly contribute to the Board and bring valuable insights.

More specifically, Ms Collins has an extensive commercial background, including her most recent position at Australia Post and her current Board membership at Foodbank Victoria. Ms Collins also has marketing, branding, governance, and customer experience expertise.

In accordance with our Constitution, given that no additional nominations were put forth for the Board of Vision Australia, and that the number of candidates nominated for election is equal to the number of vacancies on the Board, Bill Jolley, Sue Banks and Amber Collins are deemed to be elected unopposed.

Thank you for your membership of Vision Australia and working with us to enable Australians who are blind or have low vision to live the lives they choose. Your support is very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Moffat

Chair, Vision Australia