

Notice of Western Australia Branch

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 19 May 2018 at 9:00 am



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Notice is hereby given that the **Annual General Meeting** of the Western Australia Branch of Amnesty International Australia will be held at the State Library of Western Australia, Great Southern Room, 25 Francis St, Perth WA 6000 on **Saturday 19 May 2018 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm**

The Annual General Meeting is open to all, however only financial members of Amnesty International Australia will be able to vote at the meeting. To join Amnesty, please see our website: www.amnesty.org.au/membership

AGENDA

- 9:00 am Registration and Refreshments
- 9:30 am Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country
Branch President's Welcome
Adoption of the Standing Orders and 2018 Election of the Returning Officer
Consideration and Approval of BAGM 2017 Minutes
National Report
Branch President's Report
Consideration of AIA 2017 Financial Report and Reforecast for 2018
Introduction of Branch Committee and NAGM Candidates
- 11:00 am Morning Tea
- 11:20 am Feedback on 2017 Resolutions
Activist Leaders Presentations
Consideration of 2018 Resolutions Proposed by Members
June Fassina Award and Presentation
Campaign Highlights
Liz White Award and Presentation
- 1:00 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm Elections for Branch Committee and NAGM Delegates
Workshops
- 3:00 pm Close and Refreshments
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Please RSVP to wabranchpresident@amnesty.org.au by 5:00 pm Friday 11 May 2018. Please advise of any access needs or dietary requirements.

RESOLUTIONS

Amnesty International Australia (AIA) is a democratic organisation and resolutions are one way in which members can influence the direction of Amnesty. Questions on Notice to the Board or Director can also be raised and can be made at any time, not just at BAGM.

Any proposed resolutions from action groups, networks, teams or individuals should be sent in writing by **5:00pm Friday 11 May 2018** to wabranchpresident@amnesty.org.au.

VOTING RIGHTS

Subject to the AIA Constitution, each financial member with a Western Australia address is entitled to one vote at the WA Branch Annual General Meeting, either by attending in person or submitting a proxy (must have joined before Saturday, 12 May 2018). If you are unsure whether you are currently a financial member of AIA, please contact Supporter Relations on 1300 300 920.

If you are a Human Rights Defender ie. someone who supports AIA with a regular monthly donation, you still may not be a registered financial member. You can join AIA by contacting Supporter Relations on 1300 300 920, or at amnesty.org.au/membership.

PROXIES

If you can't attend BAGM and would like to vote you can do so by proxy. Proxy votes need not be in any particular form providing it is in writing, legally valid, includes your membership number, and signed. Proxies must be emailed to wabranchsecretary@amnesty.gov.au or handed to the Branch Secretary by 9.30am, Saturday 19 May 2018.

JUNE FASSINA AWARD NOMINATION

The June Fassina Award is one way in which Amnesty International Australia recognises outstanding long-term contributions by members to our human rights work. If you would like to nominate someone for this award or find out more information, please contact the WA Branch President.

NOMINATIONS

The Western Australia Branch Committee (BC) develops, implements and monitors the regional strategic plan for WA. In 2018, the positions of Branch President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and general Branch Committee Members are available for election. The Regional Representative to the National Board is also available for election in 2018. Both the Branch President and Regional Representative positions are for a two-year term, while all other positions on the BC are for one year. In total, the WA BC can have 12 members, including all of the above positions.

The BC meets on the second Wednesday of every month at the WA Branch Action Centre, unless otherwise agreed. BC members are required to participate fully in meetings, activities and decision-making, and be available to support groups and activists, including attending group events. To find out more or get a nomination form, please email Leonie Alexander at wabranchpresident@amnesty.org.au. **Nominations close 5:00pm, Friday 11 May 2018.**

NATIONAL AGM CANDIDATES

Anyone can attend the AIA National Annual General Meeting, however only elected WA representatives can vote on resolutions. WA will be holding elections for two voting delegates and two observers to attend **the National AGM in Sydney on 27-28 October 2018**. The two voting delegates and two observers will represent the WA Branch, and the role is for a period of 12 months. The two voting delegates will also need to attend a **meeting in Sydney on 28 -29 July**. Candidates must be financial members of AIA in order to stand for election. It is important that anyone considering this role has previously engaged in the rethinking governance project, has the time and skills to participate in the various training and consultations, and time to prepare for and provide feedback from NAGM. AIA will cover travel and accommodation costs. For a nomination form or further information, contact the WA Branch President.

GENERAL ENQUIRIES

To find out more please email Leonie Alexander at wabranchpresident@amnesty.org.au.

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