

Minutes



QWaLC
QUEENSLAND WATER & LAND CARERS

Annual General Meeting

Queensland Water and Land Carers

Friday, 8th November 2019
11:00am to 12noon
Cairns

Present

QWaLC Board

1. Geoff Elliot - Inglewood and Texas Landcare Assoc.
2. Graham Armstrong - Burdekin/ Mackay Whitsunday
3. MaryLou Gittins OAM - Condamine Catchment Management Association
4. Peter Stevens – Lake Baroon Catchment Care
5. Phillip Moran - Noosa Landcare
6. Cameron Tickell – Cluster Inc.
7. Mark Van Ryt - Mount Isa Landcare Group Inc.
8. Ann Ballinger
9. Brian Venz - Brisbane Catchments Network
10. Rhonda Sorensen
11. Shelly McArdle – Capricornia Catchments
12. John Brisbin - Julatten and Molloy Association of Ratepayers and Residents & Mitchell River Watershed Management Group
13. Jason Carroll – South Cape York Catchments

Participating Members

14. Gold Coast Catchment Association – Walter Mayr & Kathleen Elms
15. Capricorn Coast Landcare Group Inc. - Sabrina Burke
16. Cape York Weeds and Feral Animals Inc. – Trevor Meldrum
17. North Queensland Natural History Group - Michael Anthony
18. Gilbert River Headwaters Action Group - Michael Anthony
19. Cape York Herpetological Society Inc. – Michael Anthony
20. Hinterland Bush Links Inc. - Sue Brieschke and Susie Duncan
21. Barron River Catchment Management Association Inc.- Brian Down
22. Treeforce Assn Inc. – Lisa O’Mara
23. Mulgrave Landcare Group – Lisa O’Mara
24. Wide Bay Burnett Environment Council Inc. - Mike Moller (teleconference)
25. Permaculture Toowoomba Inc. - Debbie Bassingthwaighte (teleconference)

Members via Proxies

Organisation proxy will act for:

	Name of Proxy
26. Forever Wild - Fiachra Kearney	Geoff Elliot
27. BIEPA - Diane Oxenford	Brian Venz
28. Upper Paroo Sustainable Production Group - Cathy Zwick	Geoff Elliot
29. Pelican and Seabird Rescue - Hammy Forrest	Geoff Elliot
30. South Myall Landcare – Glenys Bowtell	MaryLou Gittins
31. Cubberla Witton Catchment Network	Brian Venz
32. Friends of the Yarraman Creek – Susan Reilly	Geoff Elliot
33. Whites Hill – Pine Mountain Community Group - Heather Barns	Mark van Ryt
34. Petrie Creek Catchment Care Group –Sharon Hanna	Geoff Elliot
35. Bremer Catchment Association Inc. – Bill Steentsma	Brian Venz
36. North East Downs Landcare Group – Graham Cooke	MaryLou Gittins
37. Moola Creek Landcare - David Lange	MaryLou Gittins
38. Allora Landcare Group – Hugh Huston	MaryLou Gittins

Staff – Darryl Ebenezer (EO), Lane Pilon (minutes)

Apologies:

Brisbane Valley Kilcoy Landcare Group – Michelle Ledwith
Caring for Wildlife and Carers Inc - Desley Cook
Channel Landcare Group – Rhondda Alexander
Friends of Currimundi Lake – Rhondda Alexander
Friends of the Forest Inc. – Chris Henderson
Frog Safe – Deborah Pergolotti
Gympie & District Landcare Group Incorporated - Lavina Shaw
Lockyer Uplands Catchments - Diane Guthrie
Lowe Isles Preservation Society - Kath Anich
Lower Mary River Land and Catchment Care Group – Lesley Bradley
Maroochy Landcare Group Inc. - Esma Armstrong OAM
Moola Creek Landcare – David Lange
NQCC – Tarquin Moon
South Myall Catchment Landcare Group Inc. - Glenys Bowtell
Towerhill and Torrens Creek Landcare - Bernadine Davison
YADCA - Nigel Anns

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Item	Item Description	Motion/Action	Person
Preliminaries			
1	Open Welcome & Acknowledgement The Chair opened the meeting by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land upon which the meeting took place, welcoming of all the participants, and confirmed that a quorum was present.	<i>“We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands where we meet and pay respect to their Elders – past, present and emerging – and we acknowledge the important and practical role Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to play within communities both in Queensland and across the nation.”</i>	

2	<p>Apologies, Proxies, Adoption of the Agenda and Declarations of Interest</p> <p><u>Apologies and proxies</u>, as per the attendance list, were noted.</p>	<p><i>The apologies and proxies were noted by the meeting.</i></p>				
3	<p>Minutes from previous AGM</p> <p>The minutes of the previous AGM, held 7th of November 2018, were reviewed.</p>	<p><i><u>Motion: that the minutes of 2018 AGM be accepted as true and correct.</u></i> <i>Moved – MaryLou Gittins</i> <i>Seconded –Phil Moran</i> <i>Carried</i></p>				
<p><i>Items for Decision</i></p>						
4	<p>Reports</p> <p>4.1 <u>Chair’s Report</u> Geoff Elliot presented the Chair’s Report, as presented in the QWaLC Annual Report, for 2018/2019.</p> <p>The sad passing of South West Board Representative, Scott Sargood, was noted.</p>	<p><i><u>Motion: That the Chair’s Report be accepted.</u></i> <i>Moved – Geoff Elliot</i> <i>Seconded – Phil Moran</i> <i>Carried</i></p>				
	<p>4.2 <u>Treasurer’s Report</u> Financial Statements (2018/19)</p> <p>The Treasurer presented the audited financials, as made available at the meeting.</p>	<p><i><u>Motion: that the Audited Financial Statements be accepted.</u></i> <i>Moved – Graham Armstrong</i> <i>Seconded –MaryLou Gittins</i> <i>Carried</i></p> <p><i><u>Motion: that John Gosper Audit & Assurance Pty Ltd.be appointed as Auditor for the 2019/20 financial year.</u></i> <i>Moved – Graham Armstrong</i> <i>Seconded – Cameron Tickell</i> <i>Carried</i></p>				
5	<p>Endorsement of 2019/2020 QWaLC Board Members:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="277 1608 922 1898"> <tr> <td data-bbox="277 1608 597 1780"> Geoff Elliot Graham Armstrong Jason Carroll John Brisbin </td> <td data-bbox="597 1608 922 1780"> <i>Qld. Murray Darling Burdekin/Mackay Cape York/Torres Southern/Northern Gulf</i> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="277 1780 597 1898"> Phillip Moran Cameron Tickell MaryLou Gittins OAM </td> <td data-bbox="597 1780 922 1898"> <i>Burnett Mary South West Qld. Condamine</i> </td> </tr> </table>	Geoff Elliot Graham Armstrong Jason Carroll John Brisbin	<i>Qld. Murray Darling Burdekin/Mackay Cape York/Torres Southern/Northern Gulf</i>	Phillip Moran Cameron Tickell MaryLou Gittins OAM	<i>Burnett Mary South West Qld. Condamine</i>	<p><i><u>Motion: that the Board Members be endorsed for 2019/2020.</u></i> <i>Moved – Trevor Meldrum</i> <i>Seconded – Sabrina Burke</i> <i>Carried</i></p>
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	Rhonda Sorensen Brian Venz Ann Ballinger Shelly McArdle	<i>Wet Tropics South East Qld Desert Channels Fitzroy</i>	
6	Endorsement of Office Bearers <u>Recommended Office Bearers</u> Chair: Geoff Elliot Deputy Chair: Jason Carroll Treasurer: Graham Armstrong Secretary: MaryLou Gittins OAM		For Discussion <i>Motion</i> <i><u>That 'the Office Bearers be endorsed for 2019/20'.</u></i> <i>Moved – Lisa O'Mara</i> <i>Seconded – Brian Down</i> <i>Carried</i>
<i>Closing Items</i>			
7	<p>Other Business</p> <p><u>Public Liability Insurance</u> Notification was given that QWaLC holds appropriate Public Liability insurance.</p> <p><u>General Discussion</u> It was noted that elections had taken place in the SEQ and Condamine regions with the incumbent Directors being re-elected. The new representatives for the Southern Gulf and South West regions were welcomed to the Board.</p> <p>The meeting thanked Mark van Ryt for his time on the QWaLC Board and acknowledged his great work in the community. Mark responded that he had valued his time on the Board and looked forward to continuing his on-ground activities.</p> <p>The Chair gratefully acknowledged Peter Stevens (who was an apology) for his contribution to the Board as a Board Appointment.</p> <p>The Board again thanked attendees for their attendance at the AGM noting that this provides an invaluable opportunity for Board Members to relate to member groups.</p> <p>It was noted that the 'Annual Member and Insurance survey' would be sent out in late January and member groups were encouraged to complete this as it allows QWaLC to better advocate on their behalf.</p> <p>Queensland State Landcare Awards will be conducted again in 2021 and groups were encouraged to keep these in mind for potential nominations.</p> <p><u>Close</u> The meeting closed at 11.30am.</p>		