

Minutes



QWaLC
QUEENSLAND WATER & LAND CARERS

Annual General Meeting

Queensland Water and Land Carers

Thursday, 5th November 2020

10:00am
Toowoomba

Attendance

QWaLC Board

Geoff Elliot; Graham Armstrong; MaryLou Gittins OAM; Phillip Moran; Cameron Tickell; Ann Ballinger; Brian Venz; Rhonda Sorensen; Shelly McArdle; John Brisbin; Jason Carroll

Participating Members, Proxies and Apologies

As per attendance register attached to these minutes.

Invited Guests Jim Adams, National Landcare Network;
Shane Norrish, Landcare Australia

Meeting Support Darryl Ebenezer (CEO), Lane Pilon (minutes)

Minutes

<i>Item</i>	<i>Item Description</i>	<i>Motion/Action</i>	<i>Person</i>
<i>Preliminaries</i>			
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	Apologies, Proxies, Adoption of the Agenda and Declarations of Interest		

	<u>Apologies and proxies</u> , as per the attendance list, were noted.	<i>The apologies and proxies were noted by the meeting.</i>
3	Minutes from previous AGM The minutes of the previous AGM, held 8 th of November 2019, were reviewed.	<i><u>Motion: that 'the minutes of 2019 AGM be accepted as true and correct'.</u> Moved – David Kent Seconded – Marni Hine Carried</i>
<i>Items for Decision</i>		
4	Reports 4.1 Chair's Report Geoff Elliot presented the Chair's Report, as presented in the QWaLC Annual Report, for 2019/2020.	<i><u>Motion: that 'the Chair's Report be accepted'.</u> Moved – Geoff Elliot Seconded – Debbie Bassingthwaighte Carried</i>
	4.2 Treasurer's Report Financial Statements (2019/20) The Treasurer presented the audited financials, as made available via the website. The Auditors were confirmed for the next financial year.	<i><u>Motion: that 'the Audited Financial Statements be accepted'.</u> Moved – Graham Armstrong Seconded – Susan Reilly Carried <u>Motion: that 'John Gosper Audit & Assurance Pty Ltd. be appointed as Auditor for the 2020/21 financial year'.</u> Moved – Graham Armstrong Seconded – Jason Carroll Carried</i>
5	Endorsement of 2020/2021 Board Members:	
	Geoff Elliot Graham Armstrong Jason Carroll John Brisbin Phillip Moran Cameron Tickell MaryLou Gittins <i>OAM</i> Rhonda Sorensen Brian Venz Ann Ballinger Shelly McArdle	<i>Qld. Murray Darling Burdekin/Mackay Cape York/Torres Southern/Northern Gulf Burnett Mary South West Qld. Condamine Wet Tropics South East Qld Desert Channels Fitzroy</i>
		<i><u>Motion: that 'the Board Members be endorsed for 2020/2021'.</u> Moved – Susan Reilly Seconded – Jennifer Singfield Carried</i>
6	Endorsement of Office Bearers <u>Recommended Office Bearers</u>	For Discussion

Chair:	Geoff Elliot	<i>Motion that 'the Office Bearers be endorsed for 2020/21'. Moved – Susie Duncan Seconded – Susan Reilly Carried</i>
Deputy Chair:	Jason Carroll	
Treasurer:	Graham Armstrong	
Secretary:	MaryLou Gittins OAM	

Closing Items

7 Other Business

7.1 New Member Groups

The following groups were noted as having joined QWaLC since the previous AGM:

- Allora Show Society Assn. Inc.
- Artemis Nature Fund Inc.
- Bat Care Capricornia Inc.
- Boulia Rivers Landcare Group Inc
- Butchulla Garling Wonamutta Aboriginal Corporation
- Coastal Community Native Nursery Inc
- Friends of Land for Wildlife Toowoomba Region Inc.
- Granite Belt Sustainable Action Network Inc.
- Inglewood Show Society Inc.
- Jimboomba Community Garden Inc.
- Karara Cluster Inc.
- Koala Action Gympie Region Inc
- Koala, Land and Wildlife Support Inc.
- Lower Nebine Cluster Inc
- Marlu Fur Babies and Friends Inc.
- Mary Valley Rail Trail Association Inc.
- Million Acres WONS Group
- Mission Beach Wildcare Inc
- National Parks Assn. of Queensland
- Nguddaboolgan Native Title Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC
- Orphan Native Animal Rear and Release Association Inc.
- Pikedale Cluster Fence Assn Inc
- Pikedale Community Inc.
- Pikes Creek Cluster Fence Assn.
- Pikes Creek Electric Cluster Inc.
- Save Mount Lofty
- Silverdale Cluster Fence Association Inc.
- Spring Creek Cluster Inc.
- Tangaroa Blue Foundation
- Taringa Community Garden Group
- The Royal Society Of Queensland
- Wobur Cluster Association Inc.

The following groups were noted as having been removed as members as they are no longer in operation:

- Aubigny Catchment Landcare

Boonah and District Landcare
Bowen Sea Turtle Assessment and Rehabilitation
Brigalow Jimbour Floodplain Group Inc.
Cape York Landcare Inc.
Cape York Peninsula Landcare Committee
Cape York Sustainable Futures Inc.
Capricornia Equine Landcare Association Inc.
Lagoon Creek Catchment Landcare Group
Mackenzie River Big Bend Landcare
Russell Landcare & Catchment Group Inc.
Springbrook Catchment Management Landcare Group Inc.
Toowoomba Landcare Group Inc.

7.2 Public Liability Insurance

Notification was given that QWaLC holds appropriate Public Liability insurance.

7.3 Deductible Gift Recipient Status

Resolution:

Add clause 50 Establishment of the Public Fund to the constitution – as circulated to the QWaLC Board via email on 25 October 2020.

Motion

Motion: that ‘QWaLC amends the constitution to allow for DGR status’.

Moved – Trevor Meldrum Seconded – Darren Close Carried

Member Groups acknowledged the great work being done by QWaLC.

Close

The meeting closed at 10.23am.

2020 QWaLC AGM Meeting - Attendance Register

QWaLC Board Members & Member Groups – in person

1. Geoff Elliot - Inglewood and Texas Landcare Assoc.
2. MaryLou Gittins - Condamine Catchment Management Association
3. Brian Venz – Brisbane Catchments Network
4. Debbie Bassingthwaighte - Permaculture Toowoomba Inc.

QWaLC Board Members & Member Groups- via Zoom

5. Jason Carrol - South Cape York Catchments
6. Shelly McArdle – Capricornia Catchments
7. Phillip Moran - Noosa Landcare
8. Ann Ballinger – Desert Channels
9. Graham Armstrong - Burdekin/ Mackay Whitsunday
10. Cameron Tickell, South West region.
11. John Brisbin - Julatten and Molloy Association of Ratepayers and Residents & Mitchell River Watershed Management Group
12. Clifton Landcare Group Inc. - Louise Skidmore
13. WPSQ Bayside Branch - Steve Homewood
14. Taringa Community Garden – Claire Putt
15. Mary Valley Rail Trail Association Inc. - Graeme Staley
16. Coastal Dry Tropics Landcare Inc. - Jacob Hancock
17. Gomaren & Doctor's Creek Catchment Landcare Group – Toni Gorry
18. Watergum Community Inc. - Rosalinde Brinkman
19. Cape York Weeds and Feral Animals Incorporated – Trevor Meldrum
20. Hinterland Bush Links Inc. – Susie Duncan
21. Pittsworth District Landcare Association - Alastair Silcock
22. Kholo Creek Catchment Group – Mervyn Mason
23. The Friends of the Yarraman Creek Inc. – Susan Reilly
24. Cape York Herpetological Society – Mike Anthony
25. North Queensland Natural history Group – Mike Anthony
26. Protect the Bush Alliance Inc. – Stephen Prowse
27. Frog Safe Inc. – Deborah Pergolotti
28. Gilbert River Headwaters Action Group Inc. - Kahlia Mickan
29. Lower Burdekin Landcare Association Inc. - Marni Hine
30. Mulgrave Landcare & Catchment Group Inc. – Lisa O’Mara
31. Rainforest Reserves Australia - Carolyn Emms
32. Oxley Creek Catchment Assoc. Inc. - David Kent
33. Treeforce Association Inc. – Lisa O’Mara
34. Qld Frog Society - Jennifer Singfield
35. YADCA – Nigel Anns
36. Bimblebox Alliance Management Committee – David Iverach
37. Bayside Creeks Catchment Group – Keith Brown
38. Tangaroa Blue Foundation - Heidi Tait
39. Bremer Catchment Assn. Inc. - Darren Close
40. Bats and Trees Society – Maree
41. Lockyer Uplands Catchments Inc. –Suzie Nicholls
42. Coochiemudlo Island Coastcare Inc. – Vivienne Roberts-Thomson

Members via Proxies

Organisation proxy will act for:

	<u>Name of Proxy</u>
43. Whites Hill Pine Mountain Community Group Inc.	Brian Venz
44. Brisbane Catchments Network Inc.	Geoff Elliot
45. Pine Rivers Catchment Association Inc.	Geoff Elliot
46. Humpbacks and Highrises	Geoff Elliot
47. Upper Paroo Sustainable Production Group	Geoff Elliot
48. Ocean Connect Inc.	Geoff Elliot
49. Bribie Island Environmental Protection Inc.	Geoff Elliot
50. Fraser Island Natural Integrity Alliance	Phil Moran
51. Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee	Phil Moran
52. North East Downs Landcare Group	MaryLou Gittins
53. Chinchilla Landcare Group	MaryLou Gittins

Invited Guests/Staff

54. Darryl Ebenezer	QWaLC – in person
55. Lane Pilon	QWaLC – in person
56. Jim Adams	National Landcare Network – Zoom
57. Shane Norrish	Landcare Australia - Zoom

Apologies:

1. Pikedale Cluster Fence Association Inc. - Rodney L. Insall
2. Herbert River Catchment Landcare Group - Lawrence Di Bella
3. Whites Hill Pine Mountain Community Group Inc. – Heather Barns
4. Pine Rivers Catchment Association Inc. - Trudi Young
5. Humpbacks and Highrises – Olaf Meynecke
6. North East Downs Landcare Group – Glenys Bowtell
7. Ocean Connect Inc. – Maggie Muurmans
8. Trinity Inlet Catchment Management Assoc. Inc. – Yvonne Nicoll
9. Fraser Island Natural Integrity Alliance – Sue
10. HOPE Inc., - Frank Ondrus
11. ANARRA Wildlife Rescue - Lesley Swift
12. Goondiwindi and District Community Garden - Judy Woods
13. WPSQ Fraser Coast Branch Inc.- Vanessa Elwell-Gavins
14. Macintyre Ag Alliance - Pippa Jones
15. Upper Paroo Sustainable Production Group – Cathy Zwick
16. The Royal Society of Queensland – Geoff Edwards
17. Cedar Grove Landcare - Fiona Beveridge
18. Wildlife Queensland - Janelle Devery
19. NRM Regions Queensland - Chris Norman
20. SEQ Catchments Members' Assn. Inc. – Margie Milgate
21. Sunshine Coast Environment Council - Narelle McCarthy
22. Springfield Lakes Nature Care – David Manning