

18# Annual General Meeting

Queensland Water and Land Carers

Wednesday, 23rd November 2022

10:00am

Brisbane and via Zoom



Attendance

QWaLC Board

MaryLou Gittins *OAM*, Brian Venz, Shelly McArdle, John Brisbin, Judith Wake, Simon Warner, Wal Mayr, Craig Magnussen, Maree Gillott, Jeff Baines (via Zoom), Robyn Adams, Michael Bond

Participating Members, Proxies and Apologies

As per attendance register attached to these minutes.

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

Minutes

Item	Item Description	Motion/Action	Person
Preliminaries			
1	<p>Open Welcome & Acknowledgement</p> <p>The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and the Traditional Owners were acknowledged by John Brisbin. The Chair welcomed Lenore Bracey and Chris Norman who were able to attend the meeting in person. Annie Andrews Chair of National Landcare Network was welcomed.</p> <p>Directors and staff then introduced themselves.</p> <p>The Chair then confirmed that a quorum was present.</p>	<p><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></p>	

2	<p>Apologies & Proxies The apologies and proxies, as per the attendance list, were noted by the QWaLC Secretary.</p>	<p><i>The apologies and proxies were noted by the meeting.</i></p>								
3	<p>Minutes from previous AGM The minutes of the previous AGM, held 3rd November 2021, were reviewed and endorsed.</p>	<p><i><u>Motion: that 'the minutes of 2021 AGM be accepted as true and correct'.</u></i> <i>Moved – Shelly McArdle</i> <i>Seconded – Bill Palmer</i> <i>Carried</i></p>								
<p>Items for Decision</p>										
4	<p>Annual Report Presentation</p> <p>4.1 Chair's Report MaryLou Gittins presented her report as contained in the 2021/22 Annual Report.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the Board, staff and contractors for their work during the year.</p> <p>The Chair encouraged groups to nominate for the 2023 State Landcare Awards and congratulated Wal Mayr of Watergum on his award as national Landcarer of the Year.</p> <p>4.2 Treasurer's Report Financial Statements (2021/22) - the Treasurer, Brian Venz, presented the financial report and audited financials, as made available via the QWaLC website and through the Annual Report.</p> <p>The Treasurer extended the thanks of the organisation to the supporting bodies, staff and bookkeeper.</p> <p>4.3 Appointment of Auditors for 2022/2023 The Financial Statements were accepted and the Auditors confirmed for the next financial year.</p>	<p><i><u>Motion: that 'the Chair's Report be accepted'.</u></i> <i>Moved – Don Begbie</i> <i>Seconded – Dawn Franzmann</i> <i>Carried</i></p> <p><i><u>Motion: that 'the Treasurer's Financial Report be accepted'.</u></i> <i>Moved – Brian Venz</i> <i>Seconded – Louise Skidmore</i> <i>Carried</i></p> <p><i><u>Motion: that 'the Audited Financial Statements be accepted'.</u></i> <i>Moved – Brian Venz</i> <i>Seconded – Paul Bambrick</i> <i>Carried</i></p> <p><i><u>Motion: that 'John Gosper Audit & Assurance Pty Ltd. be appointed as Auditor for the 2022/23 financial year'.</u></i> <i>Moved – Brian Venz</i> <i>Seconded – Sophie George</i> <i>Carried</i></p>								
5	<p>Endorsement of Board</p> <p>5.1 List of Directors The Chair acknowledged and thanked the outgoing Director – Brian Venz.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="293 1787 927 1915"> <tr> <td>Condamine</td> <td>MaryLou Gittins OAM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>South East Qld 1</td> <td>Michael Bond</td> </tr> <tr> <td>South East Qld 2</td> <td>Wal Mayr</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Statewide Board Appointee</td> <td>Simon Warner</td> </tr> </table>	Condamine	MaryLou Gittins OAM	South East Qld 1	Michael Bond	South East Qld 2	Wal Mayr	Statewide Board Appointee	Simon Warner	<p><i><u>Motion: that 'the listed Directors be accepted'.</u></i> <i>Moved – Lenore Bracey</i> <i>Seconded – Doug Evans</i> <i>Carried</i></p>
Condamine	MaryLou Gittins OAM									
South East Qld 1	Michael Bond									
South East Qld 2	Wal Mayr									
Statewide Board Appointee	Simon Warner									

South West Qld	Adma Sargood
Burdekin/Mackay Whitsunday	Judith Wake
Southern/Northern Gulf	John Brisbin
Desert Channels	Robyn Adams
Burnett Mary	Maree Gillott
Fitzroy	Shelly McArdle
Cape York & Torres Strait	Temaleti Matasia
Qld. Murray Darling	Craig Magnussen
Wet Tropics	Jeffery Baines

<p>6</p> <p>Endorsement of Office Bearers</p> <p><u>Recommended Office Bearers</u></p> <p>Chair: MaryLou Gittins OAM</p> <p>Deputy Chair: Craig Magnussen</p> <p>Treasurer: John Brisbin</p> <p>Secretary: Shelly McArdle</p> <p>CEO and chair thanked the outgoing directors for their work on the Executive Committee..</p>	<p><i>Motion that 'the Office Bearers be accepted'.</i></p> <p><i>Moved – Shelly McArdle</i></p> <p><i>Seconded – Ann Bermingham</i></p> <p><i>Carried</i></p>
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Closing Items

<p>7</p> <p>Other Business</p> <p><u>7.1 New Member Groups</u></p> <p>The following groups were noted as having joined QWaLC since the previous AGM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regenerative Cane Farming Network Inc. ● Noosa Environmental Education Hub ● Wildlife Care Mackay Inc. ● Wildlife Rescue Queensland Incorporated ● Goomburra Town Hall Committee Inc. ● Balaangala Community Group Inc. ● Cap Coast Eco Warriors Inc. ● Reynella Gundare Cluster Inc. ● Yarrabilba Community Garden Group Inc. ● Waru Central Queensland Permaculture Group Inc ● Far North Queensland Wildlife Rescue Association Inc. ● Hinterland Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Inc. ● Kalpower Land Trust ● Magnetic Island Network for Turtles Inc. ● Muunthiwarra Aboriginal Corporation ● Nive River Cluster Inc. ● Environmental Legacy Foundation Ltd ● Southern Beaches Community Garden Inc ● Quoll Society of Australia Inc. ● St Lucia Community Garden Inc. ● Yoorala St Community Garden Inc. ● Friends of Gorman's Gap Inc. ● Abiculture Advancement Trust (AAT) ● Coolum Common Community Garden Inc. ● Glenwood (Qld) Wildlife Awareness Inc. ● Dumaresq Cluster Inc. ● Friends of Parks Queensland Inc.

- Woppaburra TUMRA Aboriginal Corporation
- Tilboroo Bundoona Cluster Fence Inc.
- Queensland Trust for Nature T/A Landscapes Queensland Ltd.
- Myendetta Cluster Inc.

The following group was noted for removal as they are no longer a QWaLC Member:

- Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary Support Group Inc.
- Gore Cluster Group Inc.

Motion

Motion: that the new Member Groups be noted and the group's no longer in operation, as listed, be removed as Members.

Moved – Judith Wake

Seconded – Sue Sargent

Carried

7.2 Public Liability Insurance

Notification was given by Simon Warner that QWaLC holds appropriate Public Liability insurance for the organisation and member groups through AON.

7.3 Questions from the Floor

Participants were invited to put forward any questions from the groups to the Board. It was noted that the Annual Report is available via the website.

Close

The meeting closed at 10.32am.

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In person:

QWaLC Board Members & Member Groups – in person

1. MaryLou Gittins
2. Brian Venz – Brisbane Catchments Network
3. Shelly McArdle – Woppaburra TUMRA Aboriginal Corporation
4. Judith Wake - Pioneer Catchment Landcare
5. John Brisbin - Julatten and Molloy Association of Ratepayers, Residents & Mitchell River Watershed Management Group, and Mount Molloy Boiler Block Benefit Committee
6. Simon Warner – SEQCMA
7. Robyn Adams
8. Wal Mayr
9. Michael Bond
10. Craig Magnussen
11. Lenore Bracey - Wolston and Centenary Catchments Inc.

QWaLC Board Members & Member Groups- via Zoom

12. Maree Gillott
13. Jeff Baines
14. Watergum Community Inc. - Rosalinde Brinkman
15. Clifton Landcare Group Inc. - Randolph Olsen & Louise Skidmore
16. Gomaren & Doctor's Creek Catchment Landcare - Toni Gorry
17. FINIA - the Natural Integrity Alliance for K'gari - Sue Sargent
18. Cubberla-Witton Catchments Network – Don Begbie
19. Great Barrier Reef Legacy - Paul Myers
20. Barung Landcare – Doug Evans
21. Capricorn Conservation Council - Paul Bambrick
22. Noosa & District Landcare Group – Phil Moran
23. Cape York Weeds and Feral Animals Inc. - Trevor Meldrum
24. Mission Beach Seabed Watch Inc. – Carmen
25. Permaculture Toowoomba Inc. – Sara Hammer
26. Capricorn Conservation Council -Paul Bambrick & Sophie George
27. Bats and Trees Society of Cairns - Maree Treadwell Kerr
28. Sea Turtle Foundation Ltd - Julia Zivanovic
29. Entomological Society of Queensland - Bill Palmer
30. Pine Rivers Catchment Association Inc. – Aurelia Noran
31. Friends of Yarraman Creek – Anthony Slade
32. Queensland Frog Society Inc. - Jenny Holdway
33. Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation – Sharon Wright
34. Sunshine Coast Environment Council - Narelle McCarthy
35. Vera Street Community Garden - Ann Bermingham
36. Mulgrave Landcare & Catchment Group Inc. – Lisa O'Mara
37. Butterfly & Other Invertebrates Club Inc. - Dawn Franzmann

Members via Proxies

Organisation proxy will act for:

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38. Maroochy Landcare Group Inc.	MaryLou Gittins
39. Condamine Catchment Management Assn. Inc.	MaryLou Gittins
40. North East Downs Landcare	MaryLou Gittins
41. HOPE Inc.	MaryLou Gittins
42. Condamine Balonne Water Committee	MaryLou Gittins
43. Koala Action Inc.	MaryLou Gittins
44. Allora Landcare	MaryLou Gittins
45. Turtle Care Volunteers Queensland Inc.	MaryLou Gittins
46. Orphan Native Animal Rear and Release Association Inc.	MaryLou Gittins
47. Cambooya Landcare Association Inc.	MaryLou Gittins
48. Goomburra Town Hall Committee Inc.	MaryLou Gittins
49. Erapah Creek Catchment Landcare Assn. Inc.	Brian Venz
50. Qld Bushfood Association Inc.	Brian Venz
51. Mt Nebo & Mt Glorious Environment Protection Assoc.	Brian Venz
52. Whites Hill Pine Mountain Community Group Inc.	Brian Venz
53. Environment Council of Central Queensland	Judith Wake
54. Tangaroa Blue Foundation	Shelly McArdle

Apologies:

1. Mt Mellum Land For Wildlife Local Area Network. – Stella Wiggins
2. Humpbacks and High-Rises Inc. - Olaf Meynecke
3. Ocean Connect – Maggie Muurmans
4. Low Isles Preservation Society Inc. – Renata
5. Beaudesert Landcare – Maryann Goggins
6. Malanda and Upper Johnstone Catchment Landcare Association - Andrew Wood
7. Pikedale Cluster Fence Association Inc. - Rodney L. Insall
8. Kholo Creek Catchment Group - Natasha Riding
9. The Royal Society of Queensland – James Hansen
10. Adma Sargood, Representative Board Member for South West Queensland.
11. The Hut Environmental and Community Association - Greg Siepen
12. Mackay and District Turtle Watch Assoc. Inc.
13. Temaleti Matasia - Wenlock Catchment Management Group

Invited Guests/Staff

Ann-Marie Andrews	NLN
Chris Norman	NRMRQ
Darryl Ebenezer	QWaLC
Lane Pilon	QWaLC



Signed:

Mary-Lou Gittins OAM
Chair