

Draft Minutes



19th

Annual General Meeting

Queensland Water and Land Carers

Thursday, 16th November 2023

10:30am

Brisbane and via Zoom

Attendance

QWaLC Board

MaryLou Gittins *OAM*, Craig Alison, Shelly McArdle, John Brisbin, Judith Wake, Simon Warner, Craig Magnussen (online), Jeff Baines (online), 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	Open Welcome & Acknowledgement The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to this, the 19 th QWaLC AGM. Participants were asked to note which land they were participating from and the Traditional Owners were acknowledged by Michael Bond. The Chair acknowledged the presence of past Director Brian Venz. The Directors introduced themselves. The Chair confirmed 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 The apologies and proxies, as per the attendance list, were noted by the QWaLC Secretary.	<i>The apologies and proxies were noted.</i>	

3	<p>Minutes from previous AGM The minutes of the 18th AGM, held 23rd November 2022, were reviewed and endorsed.</p>	<p><i><u>Motion: that 'the minutes of 2022 AGM be accepted as true and correct'.</u></i> <i>Moved – Judith Wake</i> <i>Seconded – Brian Venz</i> <i>Carried</i></p>
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Items for Decision

4	<p>Annual Report Presentation</p> <p>4.1 Chair's Report MaryLou Gittins presented her report as contained in the 2022/23 Annual Report.</p> <p>The Chair noted the newly appointed Director, Craig Alison and thanked the Board, staff and contractors for their work during the year.</p> <p>Member Groups were encouraged to nominate for the 2024 State Landcare Awards.</p> <p>4.2 Treasurer's Report Financial Statements (2022/23) - the Treasurer, John Brisbin, presented the financial report and audited financials, as made available via the QWaLC website and through the Annual Report, noting that sufficient funding had been secured to continue running the organisation.</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 2023/2024 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 – MaryLou Gittins</i> <i>Seconded – Shelly McArdle</i> <i>Carried</i></p> <p><i><u>Motion: that 'the Treasurer's Financial Report be accepted'.</u></i> <i>Moved – John Brisbin</i> <i>Seconded –Michael Bond</i> <i>Carried</i></p> <p><i><u>Motion: that 'the Audited Financial Statements be accepted'.</u></i> <i>Moved – John Brisbin</i> <i>Seconded –Michael Bond</i> <i>Carried</i></p> <p><i><u>Motion: that 'John Gosper Audit & Assurance Pty Ltd.be appointed as Auditor for the 2023/24 financial year'.</u></i> <i>Moved – John Brisbin</i> <i>Seconded – Pamela Greet</i> <i>Carried</i></p>
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5	<p>Endorsement of Board</p> <p>5.1 List of Directors</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td>Condamine</td><td>MaryLou Gittins <i>OAM</i></td></tr> <tr><td>South East Qld 1</td><td>Michael Bond</td></tr> <tr><td>South East Qld 2</td><td>vacant</td></tr> <tr><td>Statewide Board Appointee</td><td>Simon Warner</td></tr> <tr><td>South West Qld</td><td>Craig Alison</td></tr> <tr><td>Burdekin/Mackay Whitsunday</td><td>Judith Wake</td></tr> <tr><td>Southern/Northern Gulf</td><td>John Brisbin</td></tr> <tr><td>Desert Channels</td><td>Robyn Adams</td></tr> <tr><td>Burnett Mary</td><td>Maree Gillott</td></tr> <tr><td>Fitzroy</td><td>Shelly McArdle</td></tr> <tr><td>Cape York & Torres Strait</td><td>Temaleti Matasia</td></tr> <tr><td>Qld. Murray Darling</td><td>Craig Magnussen</td></tr> <tr><td>Wet Tropics</td><td>Jeffery Baines</td></tr> </table>	Condamine	MaryLou Gittins <i>OAM</i>	South East Qld 1	Michael Bond	South East Qld 2	vacant	Statewide Board Appointee	Simon Warner	South West Qld	Craig Alison	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>The QWaLC Directors were noted.</p>
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6	<p>Endorsement of Office Bearers</p> <p><u>Recommended Office Bearers</u></p> <p>Chair: MaryLou Gittins <i>OAM</i></p> <p>Deputy Chair: Craig Magnussen</p> <p>Treasurer: John Brisbin</p> <p>Secretary: Judith Wake</p>	The Office Bearers were noted.
<i>Closing Items</i>		
7	<p>Other Business</p> <p><u>7.1 New Member Groups</u></p> <p>New Member Groups since the previous AGM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Robina Community Garden Association Inc. ● Somerset Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Inc. ● Mudjimba Community Garden Incorporated ● Friends of Austinville Valley Inc. ● Forestdale Community Garden Inc. ● Gimuy Walubara Yidinji Elders Aboriginal Corporation ● Care4esK Inc. ● Environmental Advocacy in Central Queensland Inc. ● Varsity Vegies Community Garden Inc. ● Nardoo Cluster Inc. ● Seed The Ground ● Yanna Quilberry Cluster Inc. ● Jawiyaba Warra Aboriginal Corporation ICN 8010 ● Agnes Conservation Community Inc. ● Eumundi Community Garden ● Ormeau Progress Association Incorporated ● Raba Urban Farm Co-operative Limited ● Catchments of Woodbine Medway and Blackboy Creeks Group Inc. ● The Gap Sustainability Initiative Inc. ● Holloways Beach Community Gardens Inc. ● Bungaru Aboriginal Corporation ● Palm Beach-Elanora Community Group Inc. ● Ocean Crusaders Foundation Ltd. ● The Gemfields Landcare Group Inc. ● Coolangatta-Tweed Urban Farm Community Inc. ● Woppaburra Saltwater Aboriginal Corporation ● Inglewood and District Historical Society Association ● Tugun Progress Association ● Dhill'um-bar Kangaroo Carers Association Inc ● Goondiwindi Botanic Gardens Inc. ● The Society for Conservation Biology SEQ Inc. ● Northey Street City Farm Association Inc. ● Coogoon Cluster Group Inc. ● Invasive Species Queensland Inc. ● Lake Kawana Community Garden Inc. ● Capricorn Pest Management Group Inc. ● Harmony Palmview Community Garden Inc. 	

The following groups were noted for removal as they are no longer Members of QWaLC:

- Atherton Tablelands Foundation Ltd.
- Goldcoast Green Living
- Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary

Motion

That the new Member Groups since the previous AGM be noted and the groups no longer in operation, as listed, be removed as Members.

Moved – Craig Alison Seconded – Judith Wake Carried

The Chair noted that there are now 516 Member Groups who individually and collectively make a significant contribution to Queensland's voluntary management of our natural resources and to creating and supporting local communities.

QWaLC's new logo was introduced. It now highlights the valued knowledge of and care for the land and waterways of Queensland by the First Nations peoples. Shelly McArdle introduced Leah Cummins, the First Nations artist who created the artwork. Ms. Cummins went on to describe how the values and activities of Traditional Custodians, QWaLC and its Member Groups were incorporated into the artwork.

The Chair and CEO noted that Lane Pilon is stepping down as QWaLC's Administrative Officer at the end of 2023 and thanked her for her work over the many years that she had been with the organisation.

Wal Mayr and Adma Sargood, who had stepped down from their roles as Directors during the year, were acknowledged and thanked by the Chair, Directors and Members.

The meeting then celebrated Darryl Ebenezer's 10-year milestone as QWaLC's CEO and thanked him for his tremendous work in taking the organisation and Member Groups forward as he has.

7.2 Public Liability Insurance

Notification was given by the Chair that QWaLC holds appropriate Public Liability insurance for the organisation and Member Groups through AON.

It was noted that contents and employment cover is not offered as part of Member Group cover.

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 11.30am.

2023 QWaLC AGM Meeting | Attendance Register

In person:

QWaLC Board Members & Member Groups – in person

1. MaryLou Gittins - Condamine Catchment Management Assoc.
2. Craig Alison
3. Shelly McArdle
4. Judith Wake
5. John Brisbin - Julatten and Molloy Association of Ratepayers and Residents & Mitchell River Watershed Management Group
6. Robyn Adams
7. Michael Bond
8. Anthony John Hall & Judith Roland - Tamborine Mountain Landcare Inc.
9. Keith Brown - BCCG Inc.
10. Lynn Whitfield - Oxley Creek Catchment Association Inc.
11. Linda Kimber - Boonah and District Landcare Inc.
12. Clare Boothroyd - South Stradbroke Landcare Committee
13. Brian Venz - Cubberla Witton Catchment Network Inc.
14. Ian Ferguson - The Hut Environmental & Community Assoc. Inc.
15. Jennifer Basham - Qld Conservation Council
16. Pamela Greet – Boonah and District Landcare
17. Margie Milgate – NCCC and Brisbane Catchments Network

QWaLC Board Members & Member Groups- via Zoom

18. Jeff Baines - jeff.baines@ccrc.qld.gov.au
19. Craig Magnussen
20. Michelle McRae - Capricornia Catchments - admin@capcatchments.org.au
21. Paul Myers - GBR Legacy - paul.myers@gblegacy.org
22. Trevor Meldrum - Cape York Weeds And Feral Animals Inc. - mail@weedsandferals.org
23. Wal Mayr - Watergum - president@watergum.org
24. John Childs - Bellthorpe Progress Association Inc. - ourplacebush@gmail.com
25. Louise Skidmore - Clifton Landcare Group Inc. - cliftonlandcare@gmail.com
26. Meaghan Cummins - Woppaburra TUMRA Aboriginal Corporation- tumrachair@woppaburra.com.au
27. Stephen Burgess - Mary Valley Country Harvest Cooperative - maryvalleycountryharvest@gmail.com
28. Sean Nixon - Capricorn Conservation Council - seannixon55@gmail.com
29. Aline Sheehan - FNQ Wildlife Rescue Assoc. Inc. - treasurer@fnqwr.com.au & Halina Ritchie - vicepresident@fnqwr.com.au
30. David Iverach - The Bimblebox Alliance - david.iverach@gmail.com
31. Faye Chapman - Whitsunday Conservation Council - admin@whitsundayconservation.org.au
32. Debbie Basingthwaighte - Permaculture Toowoomba Inc. - info@permaculturetoowoomba.com.au
33. Angela Armitage - Bribie Island Environmental Protection Association - angela@biepa.online
34. Pamela McAllister - Cooloola Coastcare - mcallister.leadership@gmail.com
35. Virginia Kelleher - Gympie & District Beef Liaison Group - secretary@gdblg.org.au
36. Benjamin Child - Sunshine Coast Environment Council - benjamin.child@scec.org.au
37. Halina Ritchie - Far North Queensland Wildlife Rescue - halinaritchie@gmail.com

Members via Proxies

Organisation proxy will act for:

38. The Friends of Yarraman Creek Inc.
39. Goomburra Town Hall Committee
40. North East Downs Landcare
41. Condamine Headwaters Landcare Group Inc.
42. Condamine Balonne Water Committee
43. Currimundi Catchment Care Group Inc.
44. South Myall Catchment Landcare Group Inc.
45. Allora Landcare Group
46. Chinchilla Landcare Group

Name of Proxy

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47. Darling Downs Environment Council Inc.	MaryLou Gittins
48. Toowoomba World Environment Day Committee Inc.	MaryLou Gittins
49. Save Mt Lofty Inc.	MaryLou Gittins
50. Cambooya Landcare Assoc. Inc.	MaryLou Gittins
51. Mount Isa Landcare Group	John Brisbin
52. Gilbert River Headwaters Action Group	John Brisbin
53. FINIA - the Natural Integrity Alliance for K'gari	Maree Gillott
54. Toomulla Coastcare Inc.	Judith Wake
55. Lower Burdekin Landcare Association Inc.	Judith Wake
56. Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens Friends Association Inc.	Judith Wake
57. Coastal Dry Tropics Landcare Inc.	Judith Wake
58. Environment Council of Central Queensland	Judith Wake
59. North Queensland Conservation Council	Judith Wake
60. Central Qld Soil Health Systems (CQSHS)	Judith Wake
61. WPSQ, Townsville Branch Inc.	Judith Wake
62. Pikedale Cluster Group	Craig Magnussen
63. Granite Belt Sustainable Action Network	Craig Magnussen
64. Spring Creek Cluster Group	Craig Magnussen
65. Pikes Creek Electric Cluster Group	Craig Magnussen
66. Wobur Cluster Group	Craig Magnussen
67. Tara and District Landcare	Craig Magnussen
68. Marlu Fur Babies and Friends Inc.	Shelly McArdle
69. Capricorn Coast Eco Warriors	Shelly McArdle
70. Jack's Paddock	Shelly McArdle
71. Capricorn Coast Landcare Group Inc.	Shelly McArdle
72. WPSQ Capricornia	Shelly McArdle
73. Bat Care Capricornia	Shelly McArdle
74. Erapah Creek Catchment Landcare Association	Michael Bond
75. Pine Rivers Catchment Association Inc.	Michael Bond
76. Friends of Federation Walk	Michael Bond
77. CWCN	Michael Bond
78. Quoll Society Of Australia	Michael Bond
79. Nardoo Cluster	Craig Alison
80. Reynella Gundare Cluster Inc.	Craig Alison
81. Mount Molloy Boiler Block Benefit Committee	John Brisbin
82. Forever Wild Ltd	John Brisbin
83. Whites Hill - Pine Mountain Community Group Inc.	Lane Pilon
84. Australian Citizen Science Assn.	Darryl Ebenezer

Apologies:

Northey Street City Farm - Simon Calcinaï
 Koala Action Group Qld Inc. - Debbie Pointing
 Wenlock Catchment Management Group - Temaleti Matasia
 Lower Mary River Land and Catchment Care Group Inc. - Donald and Lesley Bradley
 Agnes Conservation Community – Sandra Williams
 Queensland Frog Society Inc. - Jenny Holdway
 Humpbacks and Highrises - Olaf Meynecke
 Roma Bush Gardens Assoc. Inc. - Rose Aisthorpe
 Mount Isa Fish Stocking Group - Stephen Farnsworth
 Lockyer Uplands Catchments Inc. - Diane Guthrie
 Environmental Advocacy in Central Queensland Inc. - Coral Rowston
 Malanda and Upper Johnstone Landcare Association Inc. - Andrew Wood
 Myall Park Botanic Gardens Ltd. – Sue Akeroyd
 Basalt Creek Cluster Inc. - Deborah Moore
 Wildlife Rescue Sunshine Coast - Claire Smith
 Frog Safe Inc. – administrator
 Friends of Austinville Valley Inc. - Dawne Lamminmaki
 Granite Belt Sustainable Action Network - Brian Gibbons

Gomaren and Doctors Creek Catchment Landcare Group - Toni Gorry
Moreton Bay Koala Rescue Inc. - Vikki Siliato
Palm Beach-Elanora Community Group Inc. - Nicola Hansford
Beadesert Landcare - Maryann Goggins
Coolum and North Shore Coast Care - Leigh Warneminde
SEQCMA – Simon Warner

Invited Guests/Staff

Darryl Ebenezer	QWaLC
Lane Pilon	QWaLC
Andrea Mason	QWaLC