

**Queensland Naturalists' Club Inc**  
**ABN: ABN 22 586 275 203**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**February 17<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**Venue: Toowong Uniting Church, Sherwood Road, Toowong at 7.30pm.**

- 1. Present:** Thirty nine (39) club members, whose names are individually signed in the attendance book, were present at the AGM.
- 2. Apologies:** Karen Elmes, Kate and David Locke, Penelope Mills, Colleen Foelz, Terry Johnsen.
- 3. Meeting opened:**
  - a. The AGM was opened at 8.40pm by outgoing President, Sally Johnsen.
- 4. Election of Club office bearers:**
  - a. At the request of outgoing President Sally Johnsen, club member Harry Hines assumed responsibility for Chairing the AGM, and he took on the responsibility for oversight of the Election of Officers.
  - b. Harry declared vacant all elected positions on Council, which is the club's management committee.
  - c. Nominations were received for the following positions on Council:
    - i. President: Annette Neill
    - ii. Vice President: no nomination received
    - iii. Secretary: Judith Haines
    - iv. Treasurer: Ronald K Carr
    - v. Excursion Secretary: Cathryn Duffy
    - vi. Journal Editor: Anne Isdale
    - vii. Newsletter Editor: Annette Neill
    - viii. Webmaster: Terence Johnsen
    - ix. Librarian: no nomination received
    - x. Lanternist: no nomination received
    - xi. Council Member: Colleen Foelz
    - xii. Council Member: John Sampson
    - xiii. Council Member: David Bouchard
    - xiv. Council Member: no nomination received
  - d. Where only one nomination was received for a position, the Chairperson declared that person to be the successful candidate for the position.
  - e. Sally Johnsen will continue on Council as the Immediate Past President.
- 5. President's Report:**
  - a. Outgoing President, Sally Johnsen, presented the report which summarised club activities during the preceding year including there being 10 club meetings, 7 one-day excursions and 7 longer excursions.

- b. Other developments for the club include further refinement of the club's website to increase information and functionality for members, registration for excursions being through the website, natural history observations being recorded on iNaturalist and eBird projects and accessible through the website.
- c. Sadly, due to changing times and the club renting a meeting venue, the club library is being sold off to members. Also, due to a lack of applications the club was unable to confer the Queensland Natural History Award (QNHA) 2023, and despite effort to reprofile this award the club was unable to confer the QNHA 2024 award.

**6. Treasurer's Report:**

- a. Outgoing Treasurer, Mike Anderson, presented the Treasurer's report.
  - i. The club's total equity is \$79,923.72. This figure includes a financial surplus \$2577.64 more than the previous year.
  - ii. Jason O'Connor was recommended to continue in his role as Auditor for the club.
- b. Incoming Treasurer, Ronald (Ron) Carr, spoke to the meeting about the club implementing a new accounting programme, Xero, to would simplify and automate many financial activities.

**7. Meeting closed:**

- a. The outgoing President closed the AGM at 9pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: Judith (Judy) Haines

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

President: Annette (Annie) Neill

Date: \_\_\_\_\_