



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY, 10 MARCH 2018

ATTENDANCE

1. PRESENT

Kath Shurcliff, Rene Cassels, Sam Willis, Martin Willis, Peter Valentine, Tom Collis, Mikey Kudo, Graham Harrington, Dough Herrington, John Terborgh, Lisa Davenport, Gary Wilson, Pipi Cannon, and 10+ members.

2. APOLOGIES

Wendy Cooper, Del Richards, Ceri Pearce, Ray Pierce, Golo Maurer, Helen Larson, Drs Cliff and Dawn Frith, Keith and Lindsay Fisher, Sandra Christensen, Eleanor Scrambler

PROCEEDINGS

1. WELCOME, ATTENDANCE, AND APOLOGIES

- Meeting held at Stratford Library, Stratford declared open at 7:30pm by Kath Shurcliff (Convenor).
- Meeting attendance and apologies taken (Secretary).

2. MINUTES OF 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- Kath Shurcliff opened floor to questions and comments on 2017 Annual General Meeting minutes. No questions or comments received.
- Kath Shurcliff move to accept 2017 Annual General Meeting minutes, seconded by Graham Harrington, unanimously accepted.

3. CONVENOR'S REPORT

- 2017 Convenor's Report (attached to these minutes) prepared and presented by Kath Shurcliff.
- Kath Shurcliff moved to accept 2017 Convenor's Report, seconded by Peter Valentine, unanimously accepted.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

- The 2017 Treasurer's Report was not able to be presented at the AGM due to technical difficulties with our new accounting software. A special resolution that a revised 2017–2018 Treasurer's Report would be circulated within 30 days (Gary Wilson) and acceptance will be requested at that time was proposed. Moved by KS, seconded by Gary Wilson, unanimously accepted.
- The report was prepared after the AGM (attached to these minutes), and sent out to members on 8 April 2018 via email. Members were asked to review and accept the report on our financial situation as of 31 December 2017. Moved by the WC, and seconded by KS.
- As at Saturday, 21 April 2018, David Milson, Renee Cassels, Kath Shurcliff, Mike Grigg, Carol Iles, John

Frois, Peter Valentine, Jude Friesen, David Mead, Carol and Andrew Iles, Roy Jurgensen, Gary Wilson, Jon Wren, Shane White, and Kathleen Grice had confirmed acceptance of the Report via email response.

5. OFFICE-BEARER ELECTIONS

- Kath Shurcliff vacated the Chair and all positions were declared vacant.
- Gary Wilson lead the election of the new committee.
- KS resigned from her position as Convenor (KS).
- The following Office-bearers were elected, with only one nomination received per position:
 - Convenor – Peter Valentine
 - Deputy Convenor – Martin Willis
 - Secretary – Renée Cassels
 - Treasurer – Wendy Cooper

6. COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

- The following Committee members were nominated and accepted:
 - Tom Collis – Cairns Area Coordinator
 - Graham Harrington – Grasswrens
 - Mikey Kudo – Website Manager
 - Ceri Pearce – Cassowary Coast Coordinator and Contact Call Newsletter producer
 - Ray Pierce – KBA Coordinator
 - Kath Shurcliff – Cooktown and far North Queensland Area Coordinator
 - Sam Willis – Members Coordinator

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- PV, GH, SW, MW, RC, and the rest of the Committee acknowledge Kath Shurcliff's dedication and immeasurable contribution to BLNQ. A small token of our collective esteem and appreciation was presented to Kath by the Committee.
- GHs work throughout the previous year, and the work on Beach-stone Curlews by Amanda Freeman, KS and CP was noted and commended (Gary Wilson).

8. MEETING CLOSE

- Meeting closed at 8:29pm (PV).
- Meeting followed by a presentation on seabirds by Tom Collis.

Draft minutes submitted by Secretary, Renée Cassels.