



DRAFT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, 14 MARCH 2019

ATTENDANCE

1. PRESENT

Peter Valentine, Renee Cassels, Wendy Cooper, Kath Shurcliff, Sam Willis, Martin Willis, Tom Collis, Ceri Pearce, Michael Grigg, Sandra Christensen, Joanna Seczkowski, Pipi Cannon, Amanda Freeman, and 30+ members.

2. APOLOGIES

Graham Harrington, Dominic Chaplin, Del Richards, Golo Maurer, Mikey Kudo, Helen Miles, and Doug Herrington.

PROCEEDINGS

1. WELCOME, ATTENDANCE, AND APOLOGIES

- Meeting held at Malanda Hotel, Malanda declared open at 7:30 pm by Peter Valentine (Convenor).
- Meeting attendance and apologies taken (Secretary).

2. CONVENOR'S REPORT

- 2018 Convenor's Report (attached to these minutes) prepared and presented by Peter Valentine.
- Updates were provided for the Grasswren Project, Crane Count, Bowerbird Project, Gouldian Finch Project, PIP Surveys, Beach Stone Curlew Surveys, and the Sticky Beaks Family Group.
- Great events held throughout the year including Wave The Waders, birding walks, talks and presentations, campouts ect.
- 2018 was a big year for conservation including Senate Inquiry submissions.
- Contact Call is a quality publication that is very well received by the members.
- The establishment of the annual Graham Harrington Student Research Scholarship was announced (PV).
- Peter Valentine moved to accept 2018 Convenor's Report, seconded by X, unanimously accepted.

3. MINUTES OF 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- Peter Valentine opened floor to questions and comments on 2018 Annual General Meeting minutes. No questions or comments received.
- Michael Grigg moved to accept the draft 2018 Annual General Meeting minutes, seconded by Wendy Cooper, unanimously accepted.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

- The 2018 Treasurer's Report was prepared and presented by Wendy Cooper, Treasurer.

- Members were asked to review and accept the report on our financial situation as of 31 December 2018. Moved by the Wendy Cooper, and seconded by Kath Shurcliff, unanimously accepted.

5. OFFICE-BEARER ELECTIONS

- Peter Valentine vacated the Chair and all positions were declared vacant.
- Alan Gillanders lead the election of the new committee.
- The following Office-bearers were elected, with only one nomination received per position:
 - Convenor – Peter Valentine
 - Deputy Convenor – Martin Willis
 - Secretary – Renée Cassels
 - Treasurer – Lindsay Fisher

6. COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

- The following Committee members were nominated and accepted:
 - Tom Collis – Cairns Area Coordinator
 - Graham Harrington – Committee member
 - Mikey Kudo – Website Manager
 - Ceri Pearce – Cassowary Coast Coordinator and Contact Call Newsletter editor
 - Ray Pierce – Research Project Coordinator
 - Kath Shurcliff – Cape York Area Coordinator and Conservation Projects Coordinator
 - Martin Willis – Tablelands Area Coordinator
 - Sam Willis – Member Coordinator
 - Wayne Young – Committee member
 - Michael Grigg – Yourka Reserve Survey Coordinator

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- Peter Valentine, the Committee, and members acknowledge Wendy Cooper's service to the branch and sincerely thank her for her time and efforts.
- Peter Valentine opened the floor for any questions or comments. No questions or comments received.

8. MEETING CLOSE

- Meeting closed at 8:11 pm (PV).
- Meeting followed by a presentation on Cooktown birds by Kath Shurcliff.

Draft minutes submitted by Secretary, Renée Cassels.