



2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: 19 October 2024

Time: 3pm – 4.30pm

Location: Brisbane Square Library

Item	Discussion
Welcome and acknowledgement of Country	At 3:15 pm, NPAQ President, Susanne Cooper, declared the meeting open, welcomed members and provided an Acknowledgment of Country.
Present	Total 23 people attending, comprising 12 members in person, 2 members online, 5 members via proxy, 1 non-financial member and 3 staff.
Confirm quorum present	NPAQ President confirmed a quorum was present.
Confirm minutes of 2023 AGM	The President called for a motion to accept the minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting. Helen Lucas moved a motion that the 2023 AGM Minutes be formally accepted as a correct record. Seconded by Wendy Bell. Motion carried.
Comments / Discussion	ANNUAL REPORT: NPAQ President acknowledged NPAQ staff including Karin Cox, Donna McCosker, Chris Thomas and Simone Maynard. President presented her comments on the activities of 2023–2024 including: • 28 activities thanks to the Activities Committee • 11 kids in parks activities • Seminars, an annual dinner, stalls at environment fairs • NPAQ led a coordinated national policy on mountain biking in protected areas • Simone Maynard is completing reports on ecosystem services, mountain biking and user pays in protected areas • An alliance with the tourism sector has been constructive with an agreed position statement on tourism in protected areas • NPAQ has maintained a constructive relationship with DESI • Major upcoming initiative with \$200,000 grant funding for youth and young adults is going to mean a lot to the organisation including new staff. Chris Thomas brings insights and experience from South Australia to support the success of this program • NPAQ will be looking for partnerships and corporate sponsors to help grow the program Member Comments: The President opened the meeting for comments from members. Don suggested that NPAQ should be looking more closely at climate change and should move a proposal for a climate change act for Queensland.

	The President confirmed NPAQ is working closely with DESI on the issue of climate change in terms of management of bush fire, weeds and ferals. Park acquisitions are prioritised and chosen by government in terms of regional ecosystems that area not adequately protected. Sally Driml commented that the Wet Tropics Management Authority has adopted an adaptation plan and NPAQ members would be welcome to comment on it. CEO mentioned the recent funding to pilot the Parks Connect Program in SEQ. If the program proves successful, government may be interested in expanding it to other parts of Queensland. The Mountain Biking and User Pays reports are a month away and the CEO offered to share them with members once finalised. <u>Treasurer's Report provided by Clare Birnie.</u> The CEO presented comments and a summary of the FY23/24 Financial Statements as a substitute for the Treasurer who was an apology. • The first surplus in many years • Bequests and investment dividends are key contributing factors • A tight rein on expenditure has kept expenditure slightly under budget • One third of income from investment dividends • Revenue plan provides a sustainable financial model Members expressed their thanks to the CEO/Treasurer for the presentation on NPAQs financials. Members appreciated hearing more about the financials rather than just seeing the financial data.														
Adoption of audited financial statements & Annual Report	The President called for a motion to adopt the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements. Laurelle Lowry moved a motion that the annual report and the audited financial statements be adopted. Seconded by Wendy Bell. Motion carried.														
Special resolution	A special resolution was proposed to amend the NPAQ Rules and allow a minimum of 7 councillors and a maximum of 9. Len Lowry moved the motion and seconded by Laurelle Lowry. Resolution passed.														
Election of Council Members	The President stated that 1 councillor has been appointed for a first term, 3 councillors have been reappointed for a further term and 2 councillors are continuing a current term. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Office</th><th>Nominee</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>President (reappointed for a 2-year term)</td><td>Susanne Cooper</td></tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer (reappointed for a 2-year term)</td><td>Clare Birnie</td></tr> <tr> <td>Secretary (continuing a 2-year term)</td><td>Joanna Osborn</td></tr> <tr> <td>Councillor (reappointed for a 2-year term)</td><td>Simon Cavendish</td></tr> <tr> <td>Councillor (continuing a 2-year term)</td><td>Russell Watkinson</td></tr> <tr> <td>Councillor (appointed for a 2-year term)</td><td>Mimi Dona</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Office	Nominee	President (reappointed for a 2-year term)	Susanne Cooper	Treasurer (reappointed for a 2-year term)	Clare Birnie	Secretary (continuing a 2-year term)	Joanna Osborn	Councillor (reappointed for a 2-year term)	Simon Cavendish	Councillor (continuing a 2-year term)	Russell Watkinson	Councillor (appointed for a 2-year term)	Mimi Dona
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	The President thanked retiring councillors, Rod Diaz and Glenn Tozer, and welcomed new councillor, Mimi Dona.
Appointment of Auditor	The President thanked auditor, Independent Audit Services, for its work as auditor for FY23/24. Independent Audit Services has confirmed its willingness to once again be NPAQ's auditor for FY24/25. Motion required to appoint Independent Audit Services as auditor for FY24/25. Sally Driml moved the motion and seconded by Marie Oxlade. Motion carried.
Meeting close	The President thanked members and staff for their efforts and for attending. Meeting closed at 4.30pm.

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No.	Name	Member (Y/N)	Attendance
1	Susanne Cooper	Y	In person
2	Peter Cooper	Y	In person
3	Joanna Osborn	Y	In person
4	Helen Lucas	Y	In person
5	Vaughan Kippers	Y	In person
6	Adam Kilvert (not currently a financial member)	N	In person
7	Marie Oxlade	Y	In person
8	Laurelle Lowry	Y	In person
9	Mimi Dona	Y	In person
10	Sally Driml	Y	In person
11	Don Marshall	Y	In person
12	Ian Peacock	Y	In person
13	Len Lowry	Y	In person
14	Alan Chenoweth	Y	Online
15	Russell Watkinson	Y	Online
16	Karin Cox	N	In person
17	Donna McCosker	N	In person
18	Chris Thomas	N	In person
19	Maria D Miller	Y	Proxy
20	Clare Birnie	Y	Proxy
21	Mary Maher	Y	Proxy
22	Graeme Bartrim	Y	Proxy
23	Janice Monroe	Y	Proxy