



2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: 25 October 2025

Time: 10 am – 11.30 am

Location: Brisbane Square Library

Item	Discussion
Welcome and acknowledgement of Country	At 10 am, NPAQ President, Susanne Cooper, declared the meeting open, welcomed members and provided an acknowledgment of country.
Present	Total of 23 people attending, comprising 13 members in person, 2 members online, 6 members via proxy, 2 non-members (list attached).
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 2024 Annual General Meeting. Mimi Dona moved a motion that the 2024 AGM Minutes be formally accepted as a correct record. Seconded by Laurelle Lowry. Motion carried.
Audited Financial Statement	The Treasurer presented a summary of the FY24/25 Audited Financial Statement, including: • The budget prepared and approved by Council for the 24/25 Financial Year forecast a loss of \$(120,330). • The actual end of year result was a loss of \$(121,628). • Total income was \$319,520 (budgeted) vs \$326,641 (actual). • Total expenses were \$439,850 (budgeted) vs \$448,269 (actual). • NPAQ continues to have a strong handle on budgeting and cashflow. The Treasurer opened the meeting for comments from members. The President asked why the market value of our Office Unit is not included in the financials. Treasurer confirmed that for accounting purposes, freehold land and buildings are shown at cost, less subsequent depreciation and impairment loss. Market value would only be accounted for if/when the Office Unit was sold. Members expressed thanks to the Treasurer for the presentation on NPAQs financials.
Annual Report	The President presented a summary of the FY24/25 Annual Report, including: • Parks Connect Program and government funding • Constructive relationship with DETSI and Minister Powell • Productive advocacy program, including with our alliances • Continued efforts of the Advocacy Committee, Activities Committee and Revegetation Group • Various seminars, an annual dinner, stalls at environment fairs • Enhanced communication products • Appreciation for NPAQ's numerous volunteers and donors The President opened the meeting for comments from members. Len Lowry asked if there was any conflict with Protect Beautiful Queensland. CEO confirmed not and that PBQ had actively assisted NPAQ deliver its advocacy program.

Adoption of Audited Financial Statement & Annual Report	The President called for a motion to adopt the Audited Financial Statements and Annual Report. Mary Anne Ryan moved a motion that the audited financial statement and annual report be adopted. Seconded by Len Lowry. Motion carried.										
Election of Council Members	The President stated that given there are more nominations than vacancies available, there would need to be two ballots. Firstly, for the position of Vice President and secondly for Councillors. Ballot papers were handed out for this purpose. The results of the two ballots were as follows: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Office</th><th>Nominee</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Vice President (appointed for a 2-year term)</td><td>Ben Richardson</td></tr> <tr> <td>Councillor (reappointed for a 2-year term)</td><td>Russell Watkinson</td></tr> <tr> <td>Councillor (appointed for a 2-year term)</td><td>Christian Bowman</td></tr> <tr> <td>Councillor (appointed for a 2-year term)</td><td>Liz O'Rourke</td></tr> </tbody> </table> No nominations were received for Secretary, so the new Council will appoint one in the near future. The President thanked retiring councillors Joanna Osborn and Graeme Bartrim and welcomed the new councillors.	Office	Nominee	Vice President (appointed for a 2-year term)	Ben Richardson	Councillor (reappointed for a 2-year term)	Russell Watkinson	Councillor (appointed for a 2-year term)	Christian Bowman	Councillor (appointed for a 2-year term)	Liz O'Rourke
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Appointment of Auditor	The President thanked the auditor, Independent Audit Services, for its work as auditor for FY24/25. Independent Audit Services has confirmed its willingness to once again be NPAQ's auditor for FY25/26. Motion required to appoint Independent Audit Services as auditor for FY25/26. Len Lowry moved the motion and seconded by Ian Peacock. Motion carried.										
Meeting close	The President thanked members and staff for their efforts and for attending. Laurelle Lowry gave thanks to the Council. Wendy Bell expressed her enthusiasm for the work of NPAQ. AGM closed at 11.00 am.										
Presentation	Following the AGM, Lana Prior (USC) presented an update on her Cuthbertson Grant Project: Heathland communities as a habitat for Eastern Ground Parrots (<i>Pezoporus wallicus</i>), which was well received.										

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No.	Name	Member (Y/N)	Attendance
1	Susanne Cooper	Y	In person
2	Peter Cooper	Y	In person
3	Marie Oxlade	Y	In person
4	John Nowill	Y	In person
5	Mary Anne Ryan	Y	In person
6	Laurelle Lowry	Y	In person
7	Len Lowry	Y	In person
8	Ian Peacock	Y	In person
9	Wendy Bell	Y	In person
10	Mimi Dona	Y	In person
11	Donna McCosker	Y	In person
12	Clare Birnie	Y	In person
13	Ben Richardson	Y	In person
14	Liz O'Rourke	Y	Online
15	Russell Watkinson	Y	Online
16	Mary Maher	Y	Proxy
17	Graeme Bartrim	Y	Proxy
18	Janice Monroe	Y	Proxy
19	Christian Bowman	Y	Proxy
20	Steve Noakes	Y	Proxy
21	Glenn Tozer	Y	Proxy
22	Chris Thomas	N	In person
23	Lana Prior	N	In person