

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BIRDLIFE TOWNSVILLE MINUTES

SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2024

Meeting Opened: 2.00 pm

Attendance: As per the Register

Apologies: Nina Doyle, Ian Leach, Anne Lawrance, Elna Kerswell, Annie Niven, Julie Goldsbury, Kathleen Vowles

1. **Welcome:** The President of BirdLife Townsville, Janet Robino, declared the AGM meeting open and welcomed all Members
2. **Minutes: Moved:** Annette Sutton **Seconded:** Wendy Kaus
"That the AGM Minutes of Saturday 11 February 2024 (as circulated to all members) are a true and correct record." **Endorsed**
3. **Business Arising from Minutes:** Nil
4. **Correspondence: Outward:** Birdlife Townsville re: 2023 AGM Minutes, 2024 AGM Agenda, AGM Nominations, Presidents Report, Treasurers Report and AGM Notifications as required by the Branch Rules (circulated to all members)
Inwards: Completed Nomination Forms for: President, Secretary, Treasurer and six (6) Committee Members
- Moved:** Norm Rains **Seconded:** Trish Jordan
"That the Inward Correspondence be received and the Outward Correspondence adopted"
Endorsed
5. **Reports:** President: Janet Robino --- as circulated to all members
Treasurer: Nina Doyle --- as circulated to all members
- Moved:** Mike Grigg **Seconded:** Brigid Glass
"That the President's Report and the Treasurer's Financial Report as circulated to all members be received." **Endorsed**

6. **Election of Office Bearers and Committee:** The President thanked the outgoing 2023 Branch Committee for their tireless work on behalf of Birdlife Townsville and thanked those Members who volunteer to take on certain tasks e.g. Refreshments; News Letter; Leaders; and all the other various Branch activities.

The President Janet Robino declared all positions vacant, suspended Standing Orders and asked the Returning Officer, to conduct the election for Office Bearers and Committee Members for 2024

The Returning Officer advised one nomination for the following positions was received in accordance with the Rules and declared:

President: Janet Robino **duly elected.**

Secretary: Wal Threlfall **duly elected**

Treasurer: Nina Doyle **duly elected.**

Committee Members (6 required): Mark Horvath; Annette Sibson; Warren Charlton, Brigid Glass, Claire Willard, Mike Grigg **duly elected**

Standing Orders were resumed and the President further advised that the following members had agreed to undertake the following duties:

- **Newsletter Editor:** Annette Sibson ---- The President advised that Annette Sutton who has been Editor of the Drongo newsletter for the past 15 years has decided to step down and Annette Sibson has agreed to take on the role.

Moved: Wal Threlfall **Seconded:** Beth Snewin "That members of Birdlife Townsville express their appreciation of Annette Sutton for her long and distinguished service as Editor of The Drongo newsletter".

Carried by acclamation

- **Refreshment Coordinators:** Beth Snewin and Wendy Kaus
- **Equipment Coordinator:** Mark Horvath
- **Photography Group Coordinator:** Mark Horvath
- **Leaders:** Janet Robino (Town Common Conservation Park), Mark Horvath (Ross River Dam & Wetlands), Wendy Kaus (Ross River Bush Garden), Norm Rains (Wongaloo Conservation Park), Wal Threlfall (Monthly Outings).

7. **Financial Accounts Signatories:** **Moved:** Annette Sibson **Seconded:** Trish Jordan
"That the President Janet Robino, Secretary Wal Threlfall and Treasurer Nina Doyle
of Birdlife Townsville, be the sole signatories to all Birdlife Townsville Financial Accounts".
Endorsed

8. The President Janet Robino advised the attending members that Birdlife Townsville can
only continue as a viable and active Branch if members are prepared to step forward and
volunteer not only for the Committee but for various Branch activities.

9. **Any Other Business:**

a) **"The Quest" 2023 Draw and Presentation:**

Quest Winner: Anne Lawrance with 365 bird species.

Quest Draw Winner: Annette Sibson

10. **2024 AGM:** Date and venue to be advised in accordance with Branch Rules

11. **Meeting Closed:** 2.30pm

12. **Guest Speaker:** 1) Wal Threlfall re: "The Year in Review 2023 "

**"Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Saturday 10 February 2024 are endorsed as
a true and accurate record."**

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(Chair)

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(Date)