

6. **Election of Office Bearers and Committee:** The Chairperson thanked the outgoing 2025 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; Equipment; Photography Group and all the other various Branch activities.

The Chairperson declared all positions vacant, suspended Standing Orders and asked the Returning Officer, to conduct the election for Office Bearers and Committee Members for 2025

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

President:	Mark Horvath	duly elected.
Secretary:	Wal Threlfall	duly elected.
Treasurer:	Nina Doyle	duly elected.

Committee Members (6 required): Annette Sibson; Warren Charlton, Claire Willard
duly elected

The Returning Officer advised that nominations were now open to the floor to fill the vacant three (3) positions on the Committee.

The following Members were nominated from the floor in accordance with the Rules:

Katherine Goodwin; Kyran Staunton; Norm Rains – **duly elected**

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

- **Newsletter Editor:** Annette Sibson
- **Refreshment Coordinators:** Beth Snewin and Wendy Kaus
- **Equipment Coordinator:** Mark Horvath
- **Photography Group Coordinator:** Mark Horvath
- **Blue Card Representative:** Katherine Goodwin
- **Leaders:** Kyran Staunton (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) and other Members as required.

7. **Financial Accounts Signatories: Moved:** Elna Kerswell **Seconded:** Geoffrey Morrice
"That the President Mark Horvath, Secretary Wal Threlfall and Treasurer Nina Doyle of Birdlife Townsville, be the sole signatories to all Birdlife Townsville Financial Accounts".

Further as an interim position (due to the President Mark Horvath being absent) then the past President Janet Robino continue as a signatory to the Financial Accounts until the return of the President in July. **Endorsed**

8. The Chairperson Wal Threlfall 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” 2025 Draw and Presentation:**

Quest Winner: Claire Willard with 337 bird species.

Quest Draw Winner: Anne Lawrance

10. **2027 AGM:** Date and venue to be advised in accordance with Branch Rules

11. **Meeting Closed:** 3.00pm

12. **Guest Speaker:** 1) Wal Threlfall re: “The Year in Review 2025 “

"Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Saturday 14 February 2026 are endorsed as a true and accurate record."

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(Chair)

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(Date)