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AGM Minutes

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| DATE | 1/08/2024 | VENUE | MS Teams |
| MEETING TYPE | AGM | DIAL IN | As per invite |
| CHAIR | Geraldine Squires (GS) | RECORDER | Jamie Reilly (JR) |
| PRESENT | Geraldine Squires, Jon Womersley, Olivia Williamson, Jamie Reilly, Jessica Henderson-Wilson, Joanne Flint, Claire Gronow, Kimberley Hague, Gina Whittle, Simran Kaur, Helen Ross, Becca McBride, Alan Chenoweth, Gareth Rees, Rachel Brazier, Robin Wagland, Simon Young Berryman and Shannah Brown | | |
| APOLOGIES | Nirvana Searle and Kaleena Fry. | | |

AGM MINUTES

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| 1. Acknowledgement of Country | <ul style="list-style-type: none">The SEQ Division of the EIANZ acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples joining us online today. |
| 2. Confirmation of Minutes | 2023 AGM minutes were endorsed as true and correct by Jon Womersley and Jessica Henderson-Wilson. |
| 3. Welcome & Apologies | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Apologies noted above. |
| 4. Presidents Report | <p>SEQ Division President Geraldine Squires presented presidents report on FY2024 (2023-2024) activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The strategic direction of EIANZ's Mission, Vision and Values statements and the three pillars of the EIANZ Strategic Plan 2024-2027 inform the SEQ Division's five areas against which we measure our performance. <p><u>Member engagement and communications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">KPIs for member engagement and communications centred on maintaining the current membership base and exploring opportunities for growth outside of Brisbane.Membership has stayed strong and stable. Full memberships are slowly growing with 435 full members as at the end of the FY.SEQ is the largest Division with a total 592 members (just ahead of NSW at 517 members) making up 27% of the institute's membershipWe are focussed on expanding regional engagement. SEQ has commenced exploring holding local networking and professional development events on the Sunshine Coast. <p><u>Students and Early Career Professionals</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The fall in student membership is in part due to us not being able to secure a student or early career representative for our committee in the past year – this is a key focus going forward .We welcome insights from students and early career professionals so we can better understand and support you in your development as an environmental professional. <p><u>Recognition</u></p> <p>I acknowledge the following SEQ recipients:</p> <p>Honorary Fellow - Professor Hugh Possingham HFEIANZ for his academic interests in species conservation research, operations research, and ecological</p> |

systems research. He also directs two national research centres, including an Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Environmental Decisions. Born and educated and has over 720 refereed research

Fellows - The status of Fellow is recognition of the leading role that a member has played in the environment profession. It is a well-deserved acknowledgement of their professional standing and commitment to ethical practice over an extended period. Awarded to - Olivia Williamson FEIANZ, Hamish Manzi FEIANZ, Joanne Flint FEIANZ CEnvP and Dr Ailsa Kerswell FEIANZ.

SEQ Merit Award recipients - Olivia Williamson FEIANZ – Mary Lou Morris Award which recognises a member of the Institute who has provided outstanding service to the Institute at a Division or Chapter level and Julie Keane MEIANZ CEnvP-IA – CEnvP Scheme Service Award which recognises recognises contributions to the Certified Environmental Practitioner Scheme and is decided by the Certification Board.

Students and Early Career Professionals

We maintained our sponsorship of GEMS - GEMS Tier 2 Sponsor. A sincere thank you to Lisa Holmblad for championing our participation in student and early career activities during the year.

This year (2024) saw 25 mentoring pairs. The program kicked-off Kick off event with guest speaker Nicole Chambers and her presentation 'Purpose and Progress in your Mentoring Partnership'.

We were fortunate to run this as a hybrid event catering for our regional participants – thanks to SLR for their in-kind contribution to hosting the event for us.

A mid-year virtual speed networking was held and another networking event is planned for September, with the close of the program in December. Quarterly themes have so far centred on Communication and Building powerful networks.

It is with sadness that we farewell Robbie Johns who has championed our mentoring program since 2017. Robbie's passion and enthusiasm for building these important relationships has grown the program to what it is today. We thank Robbie immensely for his contribution.

Professional Development

Sincere thanks to Kaleena Fry and Tony Platts-Baggs, presenters and organisers of individual events for their efforts. Topics included:

- Detecting fauna presence - the theory and in practice
- Updates to State Code 23:
- Ethical Good Practice in a Professional Context for Environmental Practitioners
- Land zones of Queensland - field based workshops (Bne and SC)
- Plant ID – Subtropical rainforest plants on the Sunshine Coast (Bne and SC)

Also held Trivia night and Sunshine Coast coffee catch up.

We continue to plan events for the next financial year.

Policy and Practice (P&P)

Sincere thanks to Gareth Rees as P&P Coordinator. The State Code 23 event was held in collaboration with PIA and NRM.

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| 5. Treasurer's report | <p>Rachel Brazier presented Treasurers report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Interim) Profit and loss for FY ended 30 June 2024 – 15,857 vs 22,089 (previous year) • (Interim) balance sheet has grown to 78,870 vs 61,013 (previous year) |
| 6. Election of Divisional Committee | <p>Jamie Reilly outlined nominations received for following roles. All were elected unopposed::</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geraldine Squire (President) • Olivia Williamson (Vice President) • CP Soin (Treasurer) • Jamie Reilly (Secretary) <p>General committee members nominated and elected were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaleena Fry, Tony Platts-Baggs, Jon Womersley, Jessica Henderson-Wilson, Claire Gronow, Kimberley Hague, Gina Whittle, and Gareth Rees. |
| 7. General Business | <p>Thanks to the committee. Special thanks to Rachel – stepping down as Treasurer after several years. Also acknowledging the following people for their contribution :</p> <p>SEQ Division Committee members 23/24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President – Geraldine Squires • Vice President – Olivia Williamson • Secretary – Jamie Reilly • Policy and Practice Chair – Gareth Rees • Professional Development Co-chairs – Kaleena Fry, Tony Platts-Baggs • Committee Member – Rebecca Rowlingson • Committee Member – Nirvana Searle • Committee Member – Jon Womersley <p>CEnvP Liaison – Joanne Flint SECP Mentoring Coordinator - Robbie Johns RAP Champion - Julie Keane</p> <p>Also acknowledging the EIANZ Central Office team for their efforts.</p> <p>Acknowledging our Special Interest Section Management Committee members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Change - Henrietta Jukes • Environmental Accounting - Jayne Thorpe and Sophie Hagan • Ecology - Kelly Matthews, Nelson Wills, Mervyn Mason and David Wassman • Heritage - Cameron Harvey <p>Also acknowledging SEQ's members with National Roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vicki Brady – EIANZ Board, President • Mark Breitfuss – EIANZ Board • Jon Womersley – Chair QAS Board • Rod Welford – Chair of the Disciplinary Committee • Joanne Flint – CEnvP Board • David Carberry – CEnvP Board • Alan Chenoweth – Chair of the Fellowship Review Committee • Simran Kaur, Alex Prideaux - National Students and Early Careers Committee <p>Votes of thanks endorsed for Jon Womersley keeping the committee on track and to Geraldine for her work as SEQ President.</p> <p>Meeting closed.</p> |