



## **MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018**

1 November 2018

CWA Hall, Port Douglas

### **Welcome**

The President opened the meeting at 5.45pm and welcomed members and visitors.

### **Present and Apologies**

Fourteen members attended, forming a quorum.

In person:

Didge McDonald (President), Laurene Hull (Secretary), Carolyn Toohey (Treasurer), Kevin Eldridge, Roisin Allen (Committee), David Carey, Rosey Cummings, Mike Berwick (Committee), Julia Leu, Kaye Priem, Vivienne Ruffles, Lachie Templeton, Peta Campbell.

By proxy:

Emily Silverstone, Kevin Howard

Apologies:

Emily Silverstone, Kevin Howard and family.

Visitors:

Connie Kerr, Dave Pinson

### **Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting**

Moved acceptance: Roisin Allen Seconded: Carolyn Toohey. Passed

### **Presentation of Annual Report and Presidents Report**

The President spoke to the Annual Report, strategic highlights and operating highlights. Specific items included activity to progress implementation of election

commitments by Douglas Shire Councillors, the Daintree Campaign including media and lobbying efforts, plus Myna Bird trapping program.

The President also spoke about the many submissions made by DSSG to varying government bodies; including Daintree Ferry, Waterfront South Precinct and redevelopment of streets in Port Douglas. He also spoke of contributions made by DSSG representatives on the Local Marine Area Advisory Committee, the Douglas Shire Economic Development Strategy and more recently the Daintree Planning Group.

He thanked the Committee members and acknowledged their work for the year. He advised continuing focus for 2019 will be protection of the Reef, the Rainforest and also a watching brief on Port Douglas marina development and public access to waterways.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer spoke to the Financial Report and Auditors Report and advised of the financial position as at 30 September 2018, which is the financial year for the organisation. She advised the members that the legislation requirements regarding external audit did not apply this year, and that we had finalised the Whyanbeel community grant. Detailed financial transaction records were made available to the meeting.

### **Motion to adopt Annual Report and Financial Report**

Moved by Carolyn Toohey and Seconded by Laurene Hull. Passed

### **Auditor**

Motion to appoint Graham Anderson as auditor if we require one next year

Moved: Carolyn Toohey, Seconded Laurene Hull. Passed

### **Election of members of Management Committee and Office bearers.**

The Secretary advised the meeting that the Constitution requires the President's position to be vacated and elected every year, along with half the Committee positions. There are currently two committee positions filled and four vacant positions. The Secretary and Treasurer positions are also vacant.

David Carey assumed the Chair for the elections.

No nominations were received for President. A nomination was received from the floor, nominating Didge McDonald. Nominated Laurene Hull, Seconded Carolyn Toohey.

Didge McDonald was declared elected as President and congratulated by the meeting.

No nominations received for Secretary. A nomination was received from the floor, nominating Laurene Hull. Nominated Roisin Allen and seconded Didge McDonald.

Laurene Hull was declared elected as Secretary and congratulated by the meeting.

No nominations received for Treasurer. A nomination was received from the floor, nominating Carolyn Toohey. Nominated Laurene Hull and seconded Mike Berwick.

Carolyn Toohey was declared elected as Treasurer and congratulated by the meeting.

It was noted that Mike Berwick and Roisin Allen were elected last year for a two year term. There remained four vacant Committee positions. No valid nominations were received from the floor, noting the Committee can co-opt interested members to the Committee during the year.

Incoming President took the Chair and congratulated ongoing Committee members.

**General Business**

1. Presentation by Connie Kerr and Dave Pinson on “Daintree Life” organisation and tree planting program.

The meeting thanked the guest speakers for their time and significant effort in attending the meeting.

**The meeting closed at 6.55 pm.**

Signed by Chair: -----

Date: -----