



AGM 2023
RICHMOND LANDCARE INCORPORATED
P.O. Box 525, ALSTONVILLE NSW 2477 ABN 99 340 770 402

Minutes of Annual General Meeting on 31 October 2022 at East Lismore Bowling Club, 76 Nielson St,
Lismore

MEETING OPENED by with Hedy Bryant, Secretary, in the Chair.

1. Guest Speaker – Oli Costello – Jagun Alliance

2. Apologies

Peter Biddles (SoilCare), Megan Lewis, (Seabird Rescue), Dot Moller (Boatharbour)

Motion 1: *"that the apologies be accepted"*.

Moved: Lyn Thomson Seconded: Jim Kinkead Carried

Present

Hedy Bryant (Ballina Coastcare), Jim Kinkead (Tregeagle Landcare), Lyn Thomson (Bagot Park Landcare), Kath Kermode (RLI Executive Officer), Margaret (Duck Pond), Daniel Peterson (visitor), Alan Larsen (Boatharbour), Liss Caldwell (Bexhill Coopers Creek), Glenn Moller, (Boatharbour Landcare), Big Rob (Lismore Lake Landcare) Emily Headlam (Landcare Coordinator), Ivy Young (Project Officer)

3. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting on 11 October 2022 Lismore Workers Sports Club, 202 Oliver Ave Goonellabah NSW

Motion 2: *"...that the minutes as distributed of the Annual General Meeting 14 December 2021 be accepted as correct."*

Moved: Jim Kinkead Seconded: Lyn Thomson Carried

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes.

Nil

5. Annual Report – Hedy spoke to the annual report which was tabled and emailed to participants, identifying the highlights, challenges and huge growth that RLI has undergone.

Shaun Eastment's leadership and contribution to the organisation was recognised, importantly the introduction of new policies and governance procedures. It was also noted that RLI is the first Landcare organisation in Australia to have a RAP in place.

Hedy moved: a vote of thanks to Shaun Seconded by Jim Kinkead Carried

Lyn Thomson wanted it noted in the minutes that the RAP was instigated and led by Hedy Bryant and the quality of RLI's RAP has been noted by many organisations. Congratulations Hedy.

Motion 3 : *"that the Annual Report for the 2022-2023 financial year be accepted"*.

Moved: Hedy Bryant Seconded: Lyn Thomson Carried

5. Treasurer's Financial Report

Lyn Thomson spoke to the auditor's report emailed to the committee and tabled at the meeting. Key areas of financial focus were necessity to change our accounting systems and bookkeeper in order to have a sound picture of our financial position. Lyn highlighted that RLI are now ready for the large projects and the management of funds coming in. Last year's deficit of (\$128,563) was funded from reserves from previous years. We are working on a net profit for next year.

Motion 4: *"that the audited financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2023 be accepted."*

Moved: Lyn Thomson Seconded: Glen Moller Carried

6. Constitutional Changes: Special Resolution

Big Rob spoke to the key changes to RLI Constitution endorsed by the committee in August 2023. These bring it in line with the Model Constitution and in order for RLI to get DGR status. The main change is to Clause 1 subsection 4F Pg 4 or 20 part 6.

Motion 5: *"that the proposed changes to the constitution of Richmond Landcare Incorporated be accepted"*.

Moved: Big Rob Seconded: Hedy Bryant Carried

It was noted that changes to the dates and formatting of the Table of Contents be adjusted as advised by Big Rob.

7. Election of Office bearers and Ordinary Committee Members

The Chair thanked all retiring officers and committee members.
All positions were declared vacant.

"All of the received nominations are from authorised representatives of financial member groups of the association and were received in writing by the secretary..."*at least 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place*" (section 15/1/b of model rules)" or taken from the floor where no written nominations were received and as... *"the number of nominations received is equal to the vacancies to be filled"* (section 15 /4 model rules)...therefore all nominees are elected unopposed.

Election of Chairperson: Hedy Bryant (Ballina Coastcare) Accepted
Election of Deputy Chairperson: Liss Caldwell (Bexhill Coopers Creek Landcare) Accepted
Election of Secretary: vacant – Hedy Bryant to remain in the role until filled
Election of Treasurer: Lyn Thomson (Bagot Park)

Election of Ordinary Members of Committee:
Election of Ordinary Member: Big Rob (Lismore Lakes Landcare) and Appointed Public Officer
Election of Ordinary Member: Peter Biddles (Soil Care)

Election of Ordinary Member: Jim Kinkead (Tregeagle Landcare)
Election of Ordinary Member: Alan Larsen (Boatharbour Landcare)
Election of Ordinary Member: vacant
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"The following nominations were taken from the floor "

Ordinary Member: Election of Ordinary Member: Alan Larsen (Boatharbour Landcare)
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Appointment of Public Officer

8. Appointment of Public Officer

Big Rob nominated, unopposed.

9. Nomination of auditors

It was decided that the committee would explore the possibility of alternative auditors for next year.

10. Certificate of Compliance

"...that the Public Officer be authorised to complete and forward the association's annual return to NSW Fair Trading".

11. Membership Fees (currently Section 5.6)

"...that membership fees remain unchanged at \$50 for 2023/2024"

MEETING CLOSED

The Chair Hedy Bryant closed the meeting at 6.38 PM

Dated 31 October 2023



Dr Hedy Bryant
Chairperson