



**Noosa & District Landcare Group Inc**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Friday 23rd November 2018**  
**Futures Centre, 65 Pavilion Street, Pomona 4568**  
**MINUTES**

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11:45am. Phil Moran welcomed attendees and opened the meeting.

Kim Barnes acknowledged the traditional owners and elders past and present of the Cooloola and Kabi Kabi people as custodians of the land where the meeting was being held.

Kim Barnes took the Chair.

**Attendance and Apologies**

Attendance as per attendance sheet.

Apologies: Luke Barrowcliffe  
Brett de Chastel  
Susie Duncan  
Simon Green  
Ian Gynther  
Rex Halverson  
Melanie Hassall  
Gerda Walsh  
Cr. Tony Wellington  
Robin Yates

**Minutes of previous AGM**

Geoff Black presented the minutes of the previous AGM held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Moved Geoff Black, seconded Phil Moran, "that the minutes of the previous AGM 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017 be accepted". Carried.

**Chair's Report: Kim Barnes on behalf of Luke Barrowcliffe.**

See Annual Report. Luke noted that the turnover in 2017/18 had been the largest in the history of the organisation and this has resulted in more employment opportunities, young environmental stewards and care for the environment. Luke thanked the members, staff and volunteers including the management committee who had all contributed to this success. He mentioned in particular, Phil Moran and Kim Maddison who have been a driving force for more than a decade. Moved, Kim Barnes, seconded Kim Maddison, "that the Chair's report be accepted." Carried.

**Treasurer's Report incorporating Auditor's Report: Dick Barnes.**

See Annual Report. Dick noted the astonishing 18% growth in revenue and final result of a small loss of \$7 000 at the end of financial year. He mentioned the work that has been done to improve our cost structure and that we have continued to contribute to the community in the form of workshops, involvement with schools and other free services. The auditor's report had again been favourable and Dick thanked the administration staff for managing the finances well in difficult times.

Moved, Dick Barnes, seconded Brian Stockwell, “that the Treasurer’s Report and the Financial Statements and Audit Report for the year ending 30 June 2017 be accepted”. Carried.

#### **Business Development Report: Rachel Lyons.**

See Annual Report. Rachel outlined some of the major achievements during 2017/18 including completion of large plantings and weed control work on many sites, streamlining of nursery production, scientific studies, and new partnerships. We also continued to run training programs and hold community events in a very tight funding environment. Rachel pointed out that the completion of the Strategic Plan gave us criteria to gauge our performance.

#### **General Manager’s Report: Phil Moran.**

See Annual Report. Phil spoke of major achievements including winning the Fairfax Landcare Community Group Award, completing the Elanda Plains planting, a strengthening relationship with Noosa Council and partnerships with the tourism sector, SEQ Water and Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation. He also pointed out that contributions to the community by NDLG in training and employment and revenue to the local economy are significant.

#### **Guest Presentation**

Cr. Brian Stockwell presented an entertaining history of the “Origins of Noosa Landcare” covering community movement precursors and pioneers of land restoration efforts, early years as a subsidiary of Gympie Landcare and initiatives taken by Noosa Council to move the shire towards sustainable land use.

#### **Election of new committee**

Kim Barnes thanked Cr. Stockwell for his presentation and announced that the management committee would now stand down. Kim asked Ian Mackay to take the chair to conduct the election of a new committee for the coming year.

Ian took the chair. He said that the Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee is very happy to work with an effective partner in NDLG. He thanked NDLG for all the help it gives to local events such as the Noosa Festival of Water and the Mary River Festival. “We could not have done it without Noosa Landcare”.

Ian read out the nominations for the Management Committee.

The nominees were: Melanie Hassall, Dick Barnes, Kim Barnes, Paul Steels, Phil Moran, Luke Barrowcliffe and Geoff Black. Moved: Brian Stockwell “as the number of nominations is equal to the number of vacancies on the committee that if there were no objections, the nominees all be elected”. Seconded, Susie Chapman. Carried.

The new management committee announced that the office bearers would remain as previously ie:

- Chair – Luke Barrowcliffe
- Vice-Chair – Kim Barnes
- Secretary – Geoff Black
- Treasurer – Dick Barnes

Kim Barnes resumed the chair and thanked Ian Mackay.

#### **Appointment of Auditor**

Moved: Dick Barnes, “that Simon Green (Levert Audit Services Pty. Ltd.) be appointed as auditor for the coming year”. Seconded, Phil Moran. Carried.

**Other business**

Phil Moran thanked Allissa George, the Skilling Queenslanders for Work crew for preparing the grounds and lunch setup and Jaymie Soares for the catering.

**Special Presentation**

Kim Barnes announced that the management committee would like to commence making a presentation each year to a volunteer member of NDLG who has made a valued contribution to the organisation and the environment over an extended time. The first recipient is Mary Monteith. Kim thanked Mary for her ongoing commitment, contributions to the environment and membership of Noosa Landcare for more than 14 years. Mary will receive a letter of recognition, five years free membership and a small gift.

**Closing Remarks: Kim Barnes**

Kim thanked everyone for attending, for their contributions to a successful year for the organisation and invited all to share lunch.

**Meeting closed 12:45pm.**