

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES**

**Saturday 28 May 2022 at 11:00am
In-person at the MND QLD Office and Online via Teams**

The meeting formally opened at 11:00am with President Diana Melham as Chair.

1. President's Welcome

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional owners of the lands on behalf of participating members and guests.

The Chair introduced guest Prof Robert Henderson.

2. Remembrance

The Chair asked the meeting to observe a period of silence to honour people who live with MND and their loved ones, as well as to remember those who have died.

3. Apologies and Proxies

Apologies were noted from Jacqui Williams (Management Committee Member), Gaylene Coulton (Former President), Peter Denham (Former President), Moya Denham (Former Management Committee Member), Megan Peach (Former Management Committee Member), Jennette Binns, Anne Buissink, Carmel Hartmann, Chantal Pitman, Robyn Ray, and Louise Stanford.

There were no proxies received.

4. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29 May 2021 were tabled. There were no questions or comments.

RESOLUTION: That minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29 May 2021 be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

(Proposed: Ian Landreth; Seconded: Elyse Maberley)

5. Business Arising from Previous Annual General Meeting

There was no business arising from the previous Annual General Meeting.

6. Guest Speaker

The Chair introduced Prof Robert Henderson, Vice Patron and Neurologist, Royal Brisbane Hospital.

Prof Henderson provided an update on current MND research trials and advancements in diagnostic tools and treatments.

7. Celebration of Association Achievements 2021

Stacey Thorpe, CEO, highlighted MND Queensland's achievements which included receipt of an employment engagement award, launching of the speech pathology, voice banking and Life Stories programs, return of events including Jojo's Gala, and significant growth in engagement with and support provision for the MND community over the past three years.

Lisa McIlroy, Client Services Manager, outlined the experiences of two clients who received support from MND Queensland through its multidisciplinary service provision.

RESOLUTION: That the MND Queensland 2021 Annual Review be received.

(Proposed: Elyse Maberley; Seconded: Julia Rollston)

Charles Graham Honour Award – Ian Landreth

The Chair highlighted Ian's contribution to MND Queensland during his tenure as CEO.

The meeting endorsed presentation of the award with a round of applause.

Life Membership – Karen Mowles

The CEO highlighted Karen's contribution to MND Queensland over the thirty years of her association with the organisation.

The meeting endorsed presentation of the award with a round of applause.

RESOLUTION: That the Life Member nomination for Karen Mowles be approved.

(Proposed: Julia Rollston; Seconded: Leigh Gilbert)

8. President's Report

The Chair / President highlighted points from her written report in the 2021 Annual Review, commending the dedication and professionalism of the staff and Management Committee members, acknowledging that MND Queensland's most valuable asset is its people.

RESOLUTION: That the President's Report be received.

(Proposed: Julia Rollston; Seconded: Karen Mowles)

9. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer highlighted points from his written report in the 2021 Annual Review, acknowledging the organisation's strong positive financial growth.

RESOLUTION: That the Treasurer's Report be received.

(Proposed: Evan Nunn; Seconded: Ian Landreth)

10. 2021 Financial Statements and Auditor's Report

The Treasurer took the statements and report as read and opened the floor for questions. As there were no questions, the Treasurer commended the statements and report to the meeting.

RESOLUTION: That the 2021 Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Report be received.

(Proposed: Elyse Maberley; Seconded: Julia Rollston)

11. Appointment of Auditor

The Treasurer noted the auditor's experience and ability to understand MND Queensland's operations and business and commended their reappointment for the 2022 financial year.

RESOLUTION: That the Management Committee recommends to the members that REM Auditors be appointed as the Association's auditor for the 2022 financial year.
(Proposed: Ian Landreth; Seconded: Elyse Maberley)

12. Management Committee Members

The Chair thanked the outgoing Management Committee members Evan Nunn (Treasurer) and Jacqui Williams for their contribution to MND Queensland during their time on the Committee.

The Chair advised one nomination had been received for each of the positions of President, Secretary and one Ordinary Member, leaving vacancies for the positions of Treasurer and three Ordinary members for which nominations will be called for from the floor in accordance with the MND Queensland Constitution.

The Chair declared the positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer and all Ordinary members vacant and handed the Chair to Vice President Elyse Maberley to conduct the election for President.

President

The Chair / Vice President confirmed one nomination for the position of President had been received from Diana Melham, and declared Diana elected unopposed.

The Chair / Vice President handed the Chair back to the President to conduct the elections for the remaining positions.

Secretary

The Chair confirmed one nomination for the position of Secretary had been received from Julia Rollston, and declared Julia elected unopposed.

Ordinary Member

The Chair confirmed one nomination for an Ordinary Member had been received from Keith Malpress, and declared Keith elected unopposed.

Treasurer

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Treasurer.

Katie Choi was nominated by Elyse Maberley and seconded by Julia Rollston.

Katie accepted the nomination and outlined her background to the meeting.

As there were no further nominations, the Chair declared Katie elected unopposed.

Ordinary Members

The Chair called for nominations for the positions of Ordinary Member.

Michell Prado was nominated by Julia Rollston and seconded by Elyse Maberley.

Michelle accepted the nomination and outlined her background to the meeting.

Carol Hope was nominated by Julia Rollston and seconded by Elyse Maberley.

Carol accepted the nomination and outlined her background to the meeting.

As there were no further nominations, the Chair declared Michelle and Carol elected unopposed.

The Chair thanked the current and newly elected members of the Management Committee for volunteering their time to guide and oversee MND Queensland.

13. Close

The Chair invited questions from the floor.

Evan Nunn thanked the Management Committee members for their camaraderie, commended the way in which issues are considered and solutions reached, acknowledging that this collaboration and professionalism flows throughout the organisation.

Karen Mowles congratulated the team for their efforts over the years of her involvement, acknowledging the organisation's founders and commending the current team for taking MND Queensland to the next level.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 11:58am.

Attendance – Members

Diana Melham – President / Management Committee Member

Elyse Maberley – Vice President / Management Committee Member

Evan Nunn – Treasurer / Management Committee Member

Julia Rollston – Secretary / Management Committee Member

Karen Mowles – Former Management Committee Member

Dianne Brauer – Former Management Committee Member

Wayne Stanford – Life Member

Stacey Thorpe – CEO

Ian Landreth

Katie Choi

Carol Hope

Keith Malpress

Michelle Prado

Lisa McIlroy

Leigh Gilbert

Sandra Biffin

Rod Kent

Sara Laffey

Attendance – Guests and Observers

Prof Robert Henderson – Vice Patron

Sonia Dziewierz – Minute Taker

Mr Mowles – Observer

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting:

Chair and MND Queensland President

Dated: