

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES**

Saturday 18 May 2024 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 guests Prof Robert Henderson (Vice Patron) and Catherine Cummings (guest speaker).

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. Attendance, Apologies and Proxies**Members:**

Raymond Beere, Katie Choi (Treasurer), Leigh Gilbert, Paul King Koi (MC Member), Ian Landreth, Elyse Maberley (Vice President), Bronwyn Makris, Keith Malpress (MC Member), Diana Melham (President / Chair), Stacey Thorpe (CEO), Louise Stanford, Wayne Stanford and Carole van Tongeren.

Guests:

Prof Robert Henderson (Vice Patron), Catherine Cummings (International Alliance of ALS/MND Associations), Alicia Edwards (Staff), Director of Care Services and Cameron McPherson (Carer).

Apologies:

Jo Boon, Robert Collins, Ray Currie, Sonia Dziewierz, Phillippa Farley, John Gregory, Cyra Holdsworth, Eric Holgate (MC Member), Elliot Imbruglia, Maxine Imbruglia, Jim Jones, Winne Kaur, Rod Kent, Prof Pamela McComb (Vice Patron), Karen Mowles, Evan Nunn, Marilyn Orr, Robin Ray, Jane Robson, Julia Rollston (Secretary), Kevin Tanner, Garry Titlow and Judy Watterson.

Proxies:

No proxies received.

4. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27 May 2023 were tabled. There were no questions or comments.

RESOLUTION: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27 May 2023 be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

(Proposed: Keith Malpress; Seconded: Bronwyn Makris)

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 Catherine Cummings, Executive Director of the International Alliance of ALS/MND Associations, who provided a presentation on the 2023 survey results of the global survey on the fundamental rights of people with MND with a focus on how Australia compares with the rest of the world.

7. Celebration of Association Achievements 2023

The CEO highlighted MND Queensland's achievements during 2023 and the Director of Care Services outlined the experiences of clients who received support from MND Queensland through its multidisciplinary service provision.

RESOLUTION: That the MND Queensland 2023 Annual Review be received.
(Proposed: Ian Landreth; Seconded: Keith Malpress)

Charles Graham Honour Award – Jo Boon

The CEO outlined Jo's significant contribution to and support of MND Queensland and advised the award will be presented to Jo at the Brisbane Walk to Defeat MND tomorrow.

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

8. President's Report

The Chair / President highlighted the significant formal and informal positive feedback, including from peer organisations, received by MND Queensland, outlined the activities and increased collaboration of the national network, and acknowledged the hard work and dedication of the MND Queensland team, including the Management Committee, CEO, staff and volunteers.

RESOLUTION: That the President's Report be received.
(Proposed: Diana Melham; Seconded: Paul King Koi)

9. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer highlighted points from her written report in the 2023 Annual Review.

RESOLUTION: That the Treasurer's Report be received.
(Proposed: Katie Choi; Seconded: Paul King Koi)

10. 2023 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 recommended the statements and report to the meeting.

RESOLUTION: That the 2023 Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Report be received.
(Proposed: Katie Choi; Seconded: Keith Malpress)

11. Appointment of Auditor

RESOLUTION: That the Management Committee recommends to the members that REM Auditors be appointed as the Association's auditor for the 2024 financial year.

(Proposed: Katie Choi; Seconded: Paul King Koi)

12. Management Committee Members

The Chair thanked outgoing Management Committee member Eric Holgate for his contribution to MND Queensland during his time on the Committee.

The Chair declared the positions of President, Treasurer, and advised there was two ordinary member positions vacant.

The President handed the chair to Vice President Elyse Maberley to conduct the election for the position of President.

President

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

The Vice President handed the chair back to the President.

Treasurer

The Chair confirmed one nomination for the position of Treasurer had been received from Katie Choi, and declared Katie elected unopposed.

Ordinary Member

The Chair confirmed one nomination for an Ordinary Member had been received from Paul King Koi, and declared Paul elected unopposed.

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

13. Close

The Chair invited questions and comments from the floor.

Prof Robert Henderson and Ian Landreth commended MND Queensland on their work.

There being no further comments, questions or business the Chair closed the meeting at 11:55am.

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting:

MND Queensland Chair / President

Dated: