

Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society Inc.
Minutes of 63rd Annual General Meeting held 4th February 2019 commencing at 7. pm
in Oatley RSL & Community Club, 23 Letitia Street, Oatley

1. WELCOME: President welcomed everyone to the meeting, which was held in the Sports Bar downstairs in the Club. 31 members attended.
2. APOLOGIES: Rodger Robertson, Robin Dickson, Cliff Crane, Amanda Gibson, Deb Andrew, Sharyn Cullis, Jim Vickery, Gary Schoer, Elizabeth Hall, Kit and Richard Streamer, Don and Don and Elaine MacGuire.
3. VISITORS: One visitor.
4. Minutes of the 63rd Annual General Meeting held on 5th February 2018 were read.
THAT the minutes be accepted. Moved: G Fry Seconded: M Allison CARRIED
5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: Nil
6. CORRESPONDENCE: Nil
7. SECRETARY'S REPORT: [see attached] This report outlines the Society's activities for 2018.
8. TREASURER'S REPORT: Following the elections, at 8.10 pm, the President spoke to the Treasurer's Summary of OFF Finances for the year ended 31 December 2018, published in January 2019 (*OFF News* 2019/01).
9. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: [See attached].
10. ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE: The President thanked the outgoing committee for its work during the year and vacated the Chair at 8 pm, asking Philip Andersen to conduct the elections. Philip declared all positions vacant and read the nominations for the position of President and other office-bearers, followed by 10 nominations to fill the remaining vacancies on the committee. He called for further nominations from the floor. There were no other nominations. Philip asked the meeting if it was willing to accept a single nominator and seconder for the office-bearers, and for the remaining committee members. The meeting agreed and the two nominators and seconds were recorded by Alan Fairley and Melina Amerasinghe. Philip then declared all the nominees appointed to the 2019 OFF committee. The results of the election are attached.

Following his re-election as President, Graham Lalchere confirmed the continuing appointment of Julian Sheen as Public Officer, and Beverley Watters, Vicki Bolling and Sue de Beuzeville on the Hospitality Team; Sue Howard offered to organize the Annual Dinner again. Graham thanked Adelina Cubelic, who has assumed the role of Editor of OFF News, assisted by Alan Fairley. Graham also announced that this would be the last year he would stand for President of OFF.

GENERAL BUSINESS: 1. Graham announced the first speaker of the year would be Professor David Eldridge, talking on Australia's dry lands and the effect of agriculture and feral pests on our fragile landscapes.

2. First field outing would be a tour of Royal Botanic Gardens on Tuesday 5th March, led by Amanda Gibson who is a guide at the Gardens.
3. Clean Up Australia Day Sunday 3rd March in Poulton Park from 8.30 am.

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