122nd Annual General Meeting
Queensland Irish Association Friendly Society Limited ABN 4908764936
22nd November 2025.
Wests Rugby Club, Toowong

Minutes

1. Opening

President Jeff Spender opened the meeting at 11.15,and formally welcomed the members and introduced the 2015 Committee Members in attendance .

2. Attendance.
   42members signed into the meeting Attached sheets.
3. Apologies: Eric McMahon, Bernice Anning, Denise Burns, Michele Bourke, Michelle Endicott, Greg Endicott, Nigel Jeffares, Gary Burke, Patricia Burke, Rodney Sullivan, Robin Sullivan, Margaret Elkington, Pat Brophy
4. Appointment of Scrutineers …Two Scrutineers appointed. Robert Ward and John Leahy
   Quorum Confirmed. 42
5. MINUTES
   The Notice of the Meeting was circulated electronically and in the QIA newsletter .
   Minutes of 121st Annual Meeting , held 9 November 2024 circulated electronically and available at the front desk
   RESOLUTION 1
   That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 22 November 2025 be read and confirmed as a true and correct record .
   Moved Paul Hogan, Seconded Gerard Ansell. AGREED
6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
   Jeff Spender referred members to the 2025 Annual Report , and thanked Mary Allen for coordinating the production of the report, and the contributions from all the committee members and associated groups.
   He highlighted the strong financial position of the Association and drew attention to the Finance Report from Treasurer Brad Tallon.
   The sale of the commercial property , Baxter Street was a significant result for the QIA .The strong contribution by Mark Morrissey in the original plans around the Baxter Street purchase, and his commitment to ensuring a home for the QIA were noted ,as well as the genuine interest shown by members at previous AGMs around the property plans and results . The President reinforced the commitment to 'not repeat the mistakes of the past'. A new home for the QIA must be self-supporting and the Property Committee will continue to investigate opportunities
   The President highlighted the key events through the year and the continuing strength of the associated groups.
   He promoted the value of the Queensland Irish Heritage Fund, with Australian Tax Office deductible gift recipient status, allowing members to support the ongoing important cultural work of the QIA Pipe Band and Dancers. He commended the efforts of former President, Bob Ward in securing this fund.
   He acknowledged the work of the 2025 Committee members. He noted the commitment and energy of Michele Bourke who has not renominated through ill health.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT
   Brad Tallon reinforced the strong financial position ,and the importance of the sale of the building.
   He noted increased storage costs, and the support for the band practice site.
   The ongoing support from the Brisbane City Council for the St Patrick's Day event was slightly reduced.
   He noted the support from the auditors, Leon Nantes, with the accounts.
   RESOLUTION 2
   That the Annual Report, including the President's Report, the Financial Report and Statements, Directors' Declaration and Auditor's Report for the period 01 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 be received and accepted
   Moved Robert Ward, Seconded Annamarie Newton. AGREED.
8. ASSOCIATION PATRONS
   RESOLUTION 3
   That the recommendation of the Board of Directors that His Grace, the Archbishop of Brisbane, Shane Mackinlay, and Her Excellency, Fiona Flood, Ambassador of Ireland, be appointed as joint patrons of the Association for the ensuing year be accepted.
   Moved Graham Moloney, Seconded Margaret Stacey. AGREED.
9. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS
   RESOLUTION 4
   That the recommendation of the Board of Directors that RWM Chartered Accountants be appointed as Auditors of the Association for the ensuing year be accepted
   Moved Brad Tallon, Seconded Bob Ward. AGREED.
10. ELECTION of BOARD MEMBERS
    Returning Officer, John Leahy, reported that there was no election required, as only one correct application had been received for each position.
    RESOLUTIONS 5-13
    That the election of unopposed candidate Jeffrey Spender for President be confirmed
    That the election of unopposed candidate for Vice President Graham Moloney be confirmed
    That the election of unopposed candidate for Treasurer Brad Tallon be confirmed
    That the election of unopposed candidate for Director Mavis Williams be confirmed
    That the election of unopposed candidate for Director Seamus Sullivan be confirmed
    That the election of unopposed candidate for Director Eric Mc Mahon be confirmed
    That the election of unopposed candidate for Director Mary Allen be confirmed
    That the election of unopposed candidate for Director Paul Hogan be confirmed
    That the election of unopposed candidate for Director Claire Moore be confirmed
    Moved Jeff Spender, Seconded Brad Tallon AGREED.
11. LIFE MEMBERSHIP
    RESOLUTION 14
    That this meeting confirms the recommendation of the Board for Life Membership of the Queensland Irish Association to be awarded to Rodney Sullivan and Robin Sullivan for distinguished service to the Association over many years, particularly as the authors of the official history of the Queensland Irish Association.
    Moved Jeff Spender, Seconded Seamus Sullivan AGREED without dissent.
12. SPECIAL RESOLUTION
    RESOLUTION 15
    Moved Jeff Spender Seconded Seamus Sullivan
    That the Constitution of the Queensland Irish Association Friendly Society Ltd be amended by re-numbering clause 32.1 to 32.2, and inserting before it a new clause

32.1 which shall read as follows: “A President shall serve no more than three (3) successive annual terms, or part thereof.”
The President spoke to the resolution.
An amendment was moved Bob Ward and seconded by John Leahy
That “four (4)” be inserted in place of “three (3)”. AMENDMENT DEFEATED.
The original motion was put to the vote.
MOTION AGREED by required majority - 24 in favour 5 against.

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Gerrard Ansell asked a question about the Book of Kells
The President advised that the Book of Kells will be stored at Grace Brothers Storage facility in an appropriate area. It is hoped that there will be opportunities for this book and other memorabilia, currently in storage, to be displayed at public events, such as St Pats and St Brigid’s Dinners.
2. Questions were asked about a future home for the QIA. Paul Hogan responded on behalf of the Property Committee and the continuing commitment to seeking an appropriate premises.
3. There was discussion about knowledge of the loss of members. The President reminded members to advise the Association about changes to membership details and, in particular, to contact when someone has died. This information will be shared in the newsletter
4. There was a question about the need for a quality management system. This will be followed up with the Board.

14. DECEASED MEMBERS

The President acknowledged the loss of QIA members during the year.

15. CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 12.20 pm.