

**NORTH QUEENSLAND ENSEMBLES INC**

**BARRIER REEF ORCHESTRA**

ABN: 73-365-249-138

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

All members are advised that the Annual General Meeting, (AGM), of North Queensland Ensembles Inc will take place at Pimlico State High School Performing Arts Building, Fulham Road, Pimlico on Sunday 17 May 2015, commencing at 2:00pm.

A copy of the agenda is provided over-leaf. The following points should be noted

- Membership renewals were due by 31 January 2015. Renewal Notices were sent to members with the January 2015 issue of BRO News. You must be a current financial member to vote on any issue raised at the AGM, to be eligible for nomination for election to the Management Committee and to make such a nominations.
- Nominations are called for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and for seven positions of Committee Members. Nomination forms are enclosed. Nominations close on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015 and will be displayed on the Association web-site, (nqorchestra.com.au) as from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015.
- Members are urged to consider making themselves available for Committee membership so that there is a sound level of continuity.
- A Proxy Vote form is also provided. Proxy Votes are to be lodged with the Secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting.

All are invited to join in an Open Members' Forum immediately following the formal meeting.

Apologies to Secretary (477 96852) - brotownsville@gmail.com

**Lorraine Gray -McConnell**  
**SECRETARY**

**P0 Box 576**  
**TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810**

13 April 2015

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**AGENDA - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015**

- Opening remarks and welcome by President; Guest Chairperson invited to take the Chair.
- Opening remarks and notices.
- Attendance Register and recording of apologies.
- Lodgement of Proxy Votes. No additional Proxy votes will be received after this time.
- Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting held 4 May 2014. Copies are provided to members with this advice.
- Motion that minutes as circulated be adopted.
- Business Arising from Minutes.
- Presentation of President's Report for 2014 – Report tabled for discussion
- Motion that President's report be adopted.
- Financial Reports and Auditor's Statement for 2014. – Tabled for discussion
- Motion that financial reports be adopted.
- Recommendation and presentation of certificates and badges to Life Members
- Election of Officers and Management Committee members.
- Appointment of auditor for 2015
- Close and Vote of thanks to Chair.

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Performing Arts Centre, Mundingburra State Primary School, Mundingburra Sunday 4 May 2014.

### **OPENING**

Meeting commenced at 2:00pm.

### **OPENING REMARKS**

President Simon McConnell welcomed all members and guests. A particular welcome was extended to Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC, Governor of Queensland attending in her role as Association Patron.

President introduced Mr Jeff Jimmesen, City Council Manager for Performing Arts, Events and Protocol and invited him to take the Chair.

Mr Jimmesen conveyed the compliments of both Her Worship the Mayor and Councillor Sue Blom, Chair City Council Community and Culture Committee

### **PRESENT**

Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley, AC; seventeen members as per Attendance Register.

### **APOLOGIES**

Gai Copeman; Cris and Carol Dall'Osto; Sue Darrigan; Bruce and Dorothy Gibson-Wilde; Judy Hunter; Marg Naylor; Ron Piper; Malveen Rowe; Gwen Small.

### **LODGEMENT OF PROXY VOTES**

Secretary advised that two Proxy Votes had been lodged:

Judy Hunter - Proxy to Lorraine Gray-McConnell; Marg Naylor - Proxy to Alan Nixon.

No further Proxy Votes are to be accepted.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Minutes of meeting held on 5 May 2013 have been circulated.

*Moved Andrew Ryder, seconded David Salisbury that Minutes as circulated be adopted: CARRIED.*

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

A letter of appreciation was sent to Mr Phil Clarke, Price Waterhouse Coopers.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Chair invited retiring President Simon McConnell to present his annual report.

Simon referred to increased concert attendances, growth of the orchestra and significant changes in the recognition of the Orchestra as a vital community resource.

The introduction of the Benefactor Program had contributed to Association funds and there was further capacity for expansion of this.

The initial Encouragement Awards had been made to young players and the Management Committee had agreed to carry this program forward for a further year.

Recognition was given to ongoing sponsors and the support received from a variety of community services.

Simon thanked players and members for their support and acknowledged the continuing role of and increased demands on the Management Committee.

*Moved Simon that report be adopted; Seconded David: Carried by acclamation.*

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Chair invited Treasurer Annette Ellis to present final reports for the year.

Annette tabled report by auditor Shane Thomas.

The report showed that while there had been a decline in cash funds, this was offset by increase in assets holding, notably by way of additional instrument purchases.

All concert events had incurred some loss but this had been offset by sponsorship grants and donations.

The financial affairs of the Association were considered to be sound and there was ample capacity to continue to operate satisfactorily.

*Moved Annette that report be adopted; Seconded Andrew: Carried by acclamation*

### **GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS**

Chair invited Her Excellency to address the meeting.

Governor congratulated the Association on growth in recent years and acknowledged the efforts of all who had contributed. She noted the performances in Ayr and expressed a strong interest in the spread of community arts to smaller regional centres.

Recognition was also made regarding the contribution of City Council, commercial Sponsors and Benefactors

Her Excellency expressed a wish to be continue kept in touch with Association news and reports following the end of her term of office

She presented a folder containing a copy of each of the five speeches given at Seasonal Launches over past years as well as a copy of contribution to the ten year History Document.

Meeting responded with acclamation.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

Secretary advised the following nominations:

**For President:** Andrew Ryder- Two nominations. Nominated by Alan Nixon, seconded Judy Hunter; Nominated by Marg Naylor, seconded Annette Ellis: **ELECTED.**

**For Vice-President:** Judy Hunter; Nominated by Lorraine Gray-McConnell, seconded Simon McConnell: **ELECTED**

**For Secretary:** Lorraine Gray-McConnell; Nominated by Judy Hunter, seconded Alan Nixon: **ELECTED**

**For Treasurer:** Annette Ellis; Nominated by Andrew Ryder, seconded David Salisbury: **ELECTED**

The following nominations for Management Committee membership were received:

Gai Copeman - Nominated by Alan Nixon, seconded Andrew Ryder.

Sue Darrigan - Nominated by Sally Frewen-Lord, seconded Lorraine Gray-McConnell;  
Lorraine Gray-McConnell - Nominated by Simon McConnell, seconded Alan Nixon  
Judy Hunter - Nominated by Lorraine Gray-McConnell, seconded Simon McConnell  
Helen Land - Nominated by Alan Nixon, seconded Judy Hunter  
Simon McConnell - Nominated by Andrew Ryder, seconded Nixon  
Marg Naylor - Nominated by Simon McConnell, seconded Lorraine Gray McConnell  
Ron Piper - Nominated by Sally Frewen-Lord, seconded Alan Nixon  
Noel Price - Nominated by Andrew Ryder, Seconded Lorraine Gray McConnell.  
David Salisbury - Nominated by Marg Naylor, seconded Andrew Ryder.  
Since both Ms Gray-McConnell and Ms Hunter have been elected to Executive  
Positions, Committee nominations lapse.  
All other nominees are elected to Committee.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2014**

Treasurer Annette Ellis recommended the continuing appointment of Mr Shane Thomas of Thomas Associates. Meeting endorsed this recommendation.

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Incoming President Andrew Ryder addressed the meeting and acknowledged the office given him. He thanked the outgoing Committee for its on-going support and congratulated outgoing President Simon McConnell and outgoing Secretary Alan Nixon on their endeavours over a number of years.

President also made special mention of the presence of Her Excellency the Governor and thanked her for her continued Patronage and support.

Vote of Thanks to Chair was moved by David Salisbury and carried by acclamation.

#### **CLOSE**

Meeting closed at 2:35pm.

Signed: .....

Date: .....

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**PROXY VOTE NOMINATION**

I, ..... being a financial member of the above- named Association, hereby appoint

....., of....., as my proxy to vote on my behalf at the Annual General meeting of the Association to be held on 17 May 2015 and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed this ..... day of .....2015

Signed: .....

Noted:..... (Secretary)

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for the position of - President – Vice President – Secretary – Treasurer – Management  
Committee member for the year 2015.

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