



**Minutes of the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of  
Girl Guides Queensland  
Friday 18 March 2016  
Hanrahan Theatre at Villanova College, Coorparoo**

**Chair: Velia Nicholls**

The meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. with the playing of the 'World Song' and entry of the official party. Members remained standing for the National Anthem.

Master of Ceremonies Heather Pettigrew ('MC') welcomed the Members and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land, the Turball people.

**OPENING READING:** Debbie Frost, Member of State Council

**CHOIR PERFORMANCE**

The Great Bunya Gathering (GBG) choir, led by Amanda Nichols (Arts Adviser) performed 3 songs.

The choir was acknowledged by acclamation and a special gift from the State Commissioner.

The MC reflected on the past year and the time that the State Commissioner, the SEO and their team have committed during 2015 and the strength that has grown across Girl Guides Queensland.

MC welcomed and introduced the chairperson, Velia Nicholls ('the Chair').

**OFFICIAL OPENING**

The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land, the Turball people.

The Chair welcomed the GGQ Board and Members; the Girl Guides Queensland State Executive Officer, Paul Nicholls; and Members both Youth and Adult of Girl Guides Queensland. The Chair extended a special welcome to guests Lesleigh Mayes, Constitutional Lawyer from McCullough Robertson; and Darren Laarhoven auditor from UHY Haines Norton.

**ATTENDANCE: (as per Attendance Book)**

Kyla Adams, Norrie Albury, Helen Anderson, Iris Anderson, Melissa Anderson, Joan Barber, Carla Black, Christine Brownridge, Debbie Camilleri, Christine Campbell, Peggy Campbell, Leisa Cleary, Catherine Crittenden, Kathleen Crump, Barbara Dean, Elizabeth Drysdale, Leiza Dunlop, Marian Elcock, Debbie Frost, Jade Frost, Kirby Gardener, Helen Gray, Pat Griffiths, Holly Hardstaff, Robyn Hulbert, Sue Hawkins, Susan Hayes, Jamie Hill, Abby Hodge, Paulette Huggins, Robyn Hulbert, Phillipa Jacomb, Lesley Jardine, Janet Jenkins, Great Keating, Glenys Kempe, Dorami Keyt, Dallas Langdon, Carol Lincoln, Janette Lockhart Gibson, Eleanor Lydon, Beverley MacGregor, Anne Maloney, Kris Marsh, Kay Martin, Sandy McCarthy, Jill McCosker, Margaret Miller, Joy Millett, Sylvia Milner, Kathleen Neehouse, Jenny Neumann, Margaret Nicholas, Amanda Nicholls, Paul Nicholls, Velia Nicholls, Jennifer Nielsen, Joy Ord, Lyndie Peet, Lesleigh Petersen, Heather Pettigrew, Judie Porter, Lynne Price, Michelle Price, Margie Reid, Lynn Ricketts, Cassie Robins, Debie Rodwell, Judith Rogers, Marj Skov, Bronte Snowdon, Jessica Spence, Laina Stanley, Myles Stanley, Kay Stevenson, Annalise Taylor, Steven Veltmeyer, Tara Witney, Kathy Yeo.

**APOLOGIES: (as per Attendance Book)**

Carolyn Atkins, Rebecca Atkins, Jenny Baxter, Courtney Black, Margaret Blake, Trudy Bonelli, Vikki Carsburg, Frances Chatterton, Chantelle Currie, Dot Dalglish, Patricia Dryden, Janice Dutton, Monica Elliott, Jo Englefield, Katherine Fletcher, Ann Fletcher OAM, Robyn Gibbs, Lynne Gregory, Doree Hartley, Alison

Kearney, Jennifer Keyt, Sue Lane, Audrey Lawrie, Wendy Leabeater, Sandra Mackie, Janetta McDiarmid, Jan McIntyre, Irene Miles, Carol Mokrzecki, Joanne Needham, Mary Otto, Nicole Parrott, Trina Pershouse, Sue Phillips, Kimberly Stanton, Karen Stokes, Donna Thompson, Glenys Tredoux, Sarah Ward, Alison Whitehead.

Apologies taken as read.

### **MINUTES OF THE 95<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 27 MARCH 2015**

The minutes were taken as read.

#### **Resolution: 01:2016:03**

That the minutes of the 95th Annual General Meeting held on 27 March 2015 be adopted.

**Moved:** Susan Hayes **Seconded:** Annalise Taylor **Carried**

#### **FINANCE REPORT:**

The Chair called upon, Kay Martin, Treasurer, to present the 2015 Annual Financial Statements.

Madam Chair, Distinguished Guests, Members and friends of Girl Guides Queensland.

It is my job as treasurer to present the 2015 Financial Statements to you, which have been included as part of the Annual Report. There are explanatory notes to the accounts and additional financial information at the end of the accounts. I would like to comment on some of the key figures and touch on some related matters.

Firstly, I would like to note that the Statement of Comprehensive Income shows that we made a profit of \$257,417 in the 2015 calendar year. The majority of this income comes from our major event held in September 2015, the Great Bunya Gathering. Not only was this a very successful event from the point of view of the participants but also from a monetary view as well, having made \$139,839 for GGQ.

Both biscuits and guide supplies have slightly improved their turnover and with the introduction of our new biscuit range in 2016, we hope to improve that even further.

If we take out the extraordinary income received in 2015, namely the profit from the Jamboree and the sale of North Mackay property, the loss for the 2015 year is \$145,899.

Whilst this is a loss, it is a pleasing result as the loss for the same period last year was \$214,600 and \$395,578 in 2013. As I said last year, we are heading in the right direction!

My report last year touched on the finance committee working hard to develop strategies to reduce the losses. We are happy to report improved compliance with district audits and a more thorough and thoughtful review of asset allocation. This year saw the allocation of funds towards the improvement of Kindilan's property and buildings. This allocation was long overdue and the completed improvements have made such a difference to the property. Hopefully, spending this money in improving the facilities will pay off in the near future, providing both our members and the general public with a positive experience and good memories from their time at Kindilan.

Once again, we have spent the year scrutinising budgets, monitoring event break even points and assisting where possible so as not to have to cancel events as a last resort. We also maintain a careful watch on our debtors to ensure all debts are collected long before they become a problem.

Please be assured that the finance committee will continue to search for ways to improve our financial position and it is our and the Board's express desire to have us back in a continuously positive income position as soon as possible.

The long term goal of the finance committee is for the organisation to be in a very secure financial position.  
– to be consistently making a profit rather than losses.

Thank you.

**Resolution: 02:2016:03**

That the 2015 Financial Statements of Girl Guides Queensland be adopted

**Moved:** Kay Martin **Seconded:** Debbie Camilleri. **Carried**

The seconder thanked the work of the Finance Committee during 2015.

**2015 ANNUAL REPORT:**

The Chair called upon, Velia Nicholls, State Commissioner, to present the 2015 Annual Report.

The State Commissioner presented her report to the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Girl Guides Queensland. Her full report is included in the 2015 Annual General Report, which was distributed to all attendees. The State Commissioner's presentation at the AGM highlighted the most significant aspects of that report.

The State Commissioner, Velia Nicholls began by reflecting upon the mission of Girl Guides Queensland – to empower girls and young women to grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members. It is this mission, she explained, which is the focus of all Girl Guides Queensland decision making.

The past year, 2015, saw Girl Guides Queensland focus on 6 priorities; The Great Bunya Gathering; Kindilan Review; Constitution; Women of Substance; Development of Strategic and Operational Plans; and the Development of significant partnerships. The State Commissioner reflected on the success of each of these 6 projects.

The Great Bunya Gathering (GBG) held in September 2015 was a great success. Donna Thompson and Cathy Crittenden had a vision for an amazing back-to-basics camp, and this was delivered. The Jamboree at Lake Somerset welcomed over 1400 members and by all accounts from youth members and their parents, the girls had a fantastic time! Despite their daughters coming home exhausted and dirty, there have been many stories of the amazing week the girls had on camp and the personal development that has come from these experiences.

The State Commissioner presented a photographic book prepared by Margaret Miller, the photographer at GBG. This photographic book was a gift to Girl Guides Queensland. The State Commissioner also said there were an additional 2 photographic books for Donna Thompson and Cathy Crittenden. The State Commissioner presented the photography books to Cathy Crittenden. The State Commissioner took the time to thank Margaret Miller for her beautiful photography.

In 2015, the Board agreed to undertake a review of Kindilan which called for the formation of a Kindilan Review Committee, under the guidance of Guiding friend Donna Little. The Kindilan Review generated several key lessons and outcomes which Girl Guides Queensland will action. The Review was a great success and in September 2015, Girl Guides Queensland appointed a new Kindilan Manager, Jenny Neumann who is making great progress to address the Kindilan's outstanding issues. The State Commissioner queried who had visited Kindilan recently and commented on how great was it looking. The audience applauded. The State Commissioner noted the extensive painting and renovation works, and commented on Jenny's plans and drive for further improvement.

The State Commissioner thanked the Kindilan Review Committee team and friend to Guiding Donna Little who lead this review along with Kindilan Manager, Jenny Neumann for her exemplary efforts. This was followed with accolade by the audience.

The next priority for 2015 was a new Constitution to better address the needs of current and future members. There had been lots of work done on the Constitution during 2015 and progress has certainly occurred. The State Commissioner noted that Lesleigh Mayes, Constitutional Consultant from McCullough Robertson was here for questions during the special State Council meeting to be held after the AGM. The State Commissioner extended her thanks to the Constitution Committee, GGQ Board, Lesleigh Mayes and McCullough Robertson for their support and patience throughout the process.

The State Commissioner reflected on the progress of the Women of Substance initiative over 2015. In 2015 a project team was constructed including Cassie Robbins, Holly Hardstaff, Paul Nicholls, Velia Nicholls and other young leaders. She reflected that this team made the brave decision to not hold a Women of Substance breakfast this year. The State Commissioner emphasised to the audience that this was a tough decision, but necessary. The team had recognised that the initiative was currently under resourced and there was a need to fully consider the initiative's purpose and value. The State Commissioner thanked the group of women involved in this team in 2015, especially Tara Witney who took responsibility for the December networking breakfast. The State Commissioner extended her thanks to McCullough Robertson for their support of the networking business and Westpac for their sponsorship of the event.

The team had hoped that this year's Women of Substance mentoring breakfast would occur at the Parliamentary Annex and whilst the State Commissioner had heard that this is where it had always been held, this had proved a lengthy and difficult process. The State Commissioner reported that it looks as though the venue has been secured for this year's breakfast.

Another important priority for 2015 was the development of the GGQ's strategic and operational plans. The State Commissioner reported that this process was nearly complete and the team was working hard to ensure that GGQ's goals aligned clearly with the work of Girl Guides Australia. This initiative when complete will help to strengthen and grow GGQ.

The State Commissioner reported that she had been working closely with the State Executive Officer to build partnerships with organisations whose values and commitment to the community are aligned with those of Girl Guides Queensland. Girl Guides Queensland has developed growing and successful relationships with McCullough Robertson and Westpac and thank these organisations for their ongoing support. Westpac are holding a half day financial literacy workshop as part of the Women of Substance program and these relationships are excellent progress to having Guiding seen in another light.

The significant events that have occurred in 2015 are the development of Lone Guiding, through the work of Sarah Ward and Sam Owczarek from Charleville. The State Commissioner proudly stated that most of Girl Guides Australia's Lone Guiding members are in Queensland, and we have a very strong Lone Guiding program.

2015 has also seen Girl Guides Queensland undertaking significant leadership development and mentoring activities. One these mentees has been Phillipa Jacomb, who was taking minutes for the GGQ Board in 2015 and has now accepted a casual vacancy on the Board.

Increasing region support has been another significant activity of 2015, and Steven Veltmeyer, GGQ IT Manager has been making progress on the Database which will be of benefit to all members. The progress on the database is slow, but promising.

The State Commissioner said that one of her dreams is to increase indigenous Girl Guiding and to share our program more widely. She said that she hoped to build indigenous partnerships which would see this become a reality.

Girl Guides Australia have had several key projects in 2015, in which GGQ has played an important role. Leaders from Queensland were included in the Voices Against Violence program including Greta Keating and Katherine Gorton. Velia Nicholls is the National Sponsor for this initiative. Currently the program needs

funding to progress. Kit McMahon the CEO of GGA is currently looking into this. The program is going to be piloted nationwide and two Queensland sites have been chosen – Toowoomba and Aspley. Background work is occurring for this to progress.

The Financial Literacy project is progressing well, as attendees will have seen in the AECOM from GGA. This program will be rolled out in self-contained modules by Program for use by Units.

2015 has seen a major review of the Australian Guiding Program, Queensland representative Glenys Tredoux 'Rusty' was currently away working with Girl Guides Australia working on this review. Each state has been asked to champion a recommendation, and Queensland is taking the lead on 'innovation'.

The State Commissioner reported that GGA's Risk Management Review was progressing well with policies waiting to be finalised. It was expected that implementation tools would be ready for roll out in 2016.

Another key project for 2015 was the Guiding at the House event. At this event GGA and SGO's participated in a large number of meeting with Members of Parliament and Senators in Parliament House, Canberra. Young leaders were taken to these meetings to talk about their work and their experiences with Girl Guiding. These members were not scripted, and just spoke freely and naturally about Guiding. The State Commissioner and State Executive Officer are in the process of following up on these meetings. Girl Guides Queensland would like to hold their own Guiding at the House and a meeting with Shannon Fentiman is already planned. The State Commissioner aims to continue to take young leaders to these meetings.

The State Commissioner reflected back on the mission of Girl Guides and the need to build girls who are resilient, who stand up for themselves, who find their voice and are proud of being women. The State Commissioner reflected that the young girls she has been meeting around Queensland are challenged and stronger for being Girl Guides.

The State Commissioner referred to a PowerPoint slide which presented an octagonal diagram of the way we work. These included: Non Formal Education, Outdoor Adventures, Learning by Doing, enjoying Friendship and Laughter, Exploring the World and the using the Patrol System. The State Commissioner spoke to a PowerPoint slide of what we achieve including leadership, self confidence, resilience & strength, informed decisions, choices and opportunity and staying connected.

The meeting was shown a PowerPoint slide referring to how we impact our community; through Voices Against Violence, Rural and Remote Guiding, Free Being Me, Women of Substance, Indigenous Partnerships and Young Women's Leadership Development. The State Commissioner explained that this is how we extend our reach into communities, tell people what Girl Guides do and who we are.

The State Commissioner thanked the Board and the Managers for their commitment. She reflected that seeing our Youth Members tonight should remind us of what Guiding is all about. The State Commissioner extended thanks to volunteer, leaders, Mums, Dads, friends and supporters. She reflected upon the joy of working with the State Executive Officer and Finance Manager, Lesley Jardine and thanked these staff for their support.

The State Commissioner became emotional, thanking her Assistants Robyn Hulbert, Heather Pettigrew and Holly Hardstaff. She thanked them for always giving, never saying no, helping her to find ways to achieve, so freely giving their energy and support and reflected how they had grown into friends.

In conclusion for 2016 the year of connection, the State Commissioner said she was looking forward to share connection stories and is hoping to make a greater connection with youth members.

The State Commissioner thanked the members for their support.

The report was acknowledged with applause.

**Resolution: 03:2016:03**

That the 2015 Annual Report be adopted.

**Moved:** Velia Nicholls **Seconded:** Phillipa Jacomb. **Carried**

Phillipa Jacomb on behalf of Girl Guides Queensland, thanked Velia and team for everything done in 2015 and look forward 2016 accomplishments.

**1st GUEST SPEAKER**

MC welcomed Kirralee Pringle, a Youth Member from Aspley Girl Guides who attended the Great Bunya Gathering.

Kirralee sang a song that she had written about the Great Bunya Gathering.

Kirralee's presentation was very well received, acclamation followed.

The Chair presented Kirralee with a gift and the MC thanked her for her performance.

**2<sup>nd</sup> GUEST SPEAKER**

MC welcomed the next guest speaker, Lily Dunlop a 13-year-old Girl Guide from Burpengary District Girl Guides who attended the Great Bunya Gathering.

Her speech is as follows:

I have been on my Girl Guide journey for almost 9 years and throughout that time I have learnt many new skills and participated in many different experiences. To me being a Girl Guide means thinking outside the box to solve a problem that could be within a patrol or in the unit.

Girl Guides has taught me many different skills like learning how to set up ridge, dome and bell tents. It has also helped me to learn leadership, organisation and time management skills all from being a patrol leader or an assistant patrol leader.

Being a patrol leader and assistant patrol leader I have worked on achieving badges like my Junior BP and I am currently working on my BP. While I have been in those positions I have met so many people in a range of different age groups and I have formed many solid friendships, from girls who live here in Brisbane to girls who live overseas.

Apart from meeting new people and make friends I have been on several different camps, my biggest being The Great Bunya Gathering last year where I participated in many different activities with international girls. Girl Guides has taught me to be confident within myself, to have self-respect and to take responsibility for myself and others.

To me Girl Guides means everything you could ever imagine and I really want to see what is going to happen next.

The presentation concluded.

The MC thanked Lily Dunlop for her presentation and the Chair presented Lily with a gift.

The Chair reflected on the challenges that Lily faced in attending GBG and how proud she was of Lily for overcoming these obstacles. The Chair recalled that Lily's mother had offered Lily her assistance in preparing this speech, however Lily had insisted that this was her presentation, about her experiences in Guiding and that she would prepare the speech herself. The Chair congratulated Lily on this attitude and the presentation she gave.

**3<sup>rd</sup> GUEST SPEAKER**

MC welcomed Assistant State Commissioner, Holly Hardstaff to share a new video created by GGQ 'What Does Girl Guiding mean to you?'

The video was shown.

The video was well received and acclamation followed.

Holly Hardstaff gave thanks to Jamie Hill, Girl Guides Queensland's Graphic Designer who had produced the video. Holly Hardstaff also thanked the Guide Units who had prepared the video including: Algester, Rochedale, Charleville and Surfers Paradise Districts.

**STATE EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

The Chair invited Paul Nicholls, State Executive Officer.

The State Executive Officer thanked Holly Hardstaff and Jamie Hill for their work on the 'What Does Girl Guiding mean to you?' video that the meeting had viewed. The State Executive officer explained that part of Holly Hardstaff's role as Assistant State Commissioner was marketing and communications and this new video was a pleasing result of GGQ's communication and marketing work.

The State Executive Officer explained that there would be no elections at the 2016 Annual General Meeting. He reflected that the process of reviewing the Constitution had been fun, action packed and joked that he had no further comment. He explained that the current Board was best placed to see the journey of Constitutional review through until its completion.

The proposal was made to extend the current terms of the State Council until the 31/07/2016 to see the Constitution through. A postal vote was conducted with 56 votes in favor and 24 no responses. The motion needed 41 acceptances and therefore this motion was carried.

The State Executive Officer explained that there would be 12 State Council members who chose to retire as at the date of the AGM (18/03/16).

The Board of GGQ also asked for their term to be extended until 31/07/16. There were 54 votes in favor and therefore this motion was carried.

The State Executive Officer thanked the members who are continuing their terms for another 4 months.

The current Board members are therefore: Susan Hayes, Kathy Neehouse, Debbie Camilleri, Annalise Taylor, Judy Porter, Kay Martin, Lynne Price, Margaret Miller and Melissa Veerhuis.

The State Executive Officer reported that Board Member Janetta McDiarmid retired and her casual vacancy would be filled by Phillipa Jacomb.

The State Executive Officer displayed a PowerPoint slide of current State Council members.

Rebecca Crittenden and Jennifer Keyt are retiring from their positions on the State Council.

The State Executive Officer concluded his report, which was followed by acclamation.

**STATE APPOINTMENTS/RETIREMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

State Commissioner, Velia Nicholls, with the assistance of Robyn Hulbert, Assistant State Commissioner, presented Certificates to the following Members:

*\*\* Denotes those not in attendance*

**RETIREMENTS**

Janetta McDiarmid \*\* Board

Rebecca Crittenden \*\* State Council

Jennifer Keyt State Council

Debbie Camilleri Operations Manager

Debbie Jones \*\* Moogerah Region Manager

Doramai Keyt Arts Adviser

Siegrid Matheve Awards Adviser

Rebecca Critenden \*\* Camping Adviser

Christine Brownridge Environmental Adviser

Judy Porter Kindilan Management Chair

Margaret Miller Members Representative

Alison Whitehead \*\* Queensland on the Go Editor

Elizabeth Drysdale State Aide

Gratitude and thanks was expressed with acclamation.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Phillipa Jacomb Board

Holly Hardstaff Assistant State Commissioner

Karen Stokes\*\* Moogerah Region Manager

Amanda Nicholls Arts Adviser

Margaret Nicholas Awards Adviser

Kathy Yeo Environmental Adviser

Abby Hodge Policies and Procedures Chair

Kimberley Stanton\*\* Queensland on the Go Coordinator

Jessica Spence State Aide

**STATE COMMISSIONER'S AWARDS PRESENTATIONS 2016****LEADER LONG SERVICE**

Melissa Anderson 25 years

Robyn Harte 25 years

Judy Rogers 35 years

Paulette Huggins 45 years

## **GOOD SERVICE AWARD**

### **Emu**

Awarded to Jill Hogrefe.\*\* MC thankfully described the work of Archives Adviser Jill Hogrefe.

Awarded to Joy Ord. MC gratefully described the work of International Adviser Joy Ord.

Awarded to Judy Porter. MC proudly described the work of Judy Porter in her role as Kindilan Management Chair.

Awarded to Donna Thompson.\*\* MC reflected on Donna's accomplishment in the running of the Great Bunya Gathering.

### **Bar to the Emu**

Awarded to Cathy Crittenden. MC proudly described the work of Cathy Crittenden in her role as GBG Camp Manager.

Awarded to Dorami Keyt. MC proudly described Dorami's local work and the exemplary skills shown in her role as Arts Adviser.

## **WAGGGS TRAINER PIN**

The MC announced that Michelle Price had been endorsed by WAGGGS and would be awarded the WAGGGS Trainer pin, for her accomplishment at an international level.

## **FRIENDS OF ASIA PACIFIC WAGGS AWARD**

Robyn Harte the Australian Coordinator for the Asia Pacific Region was invited to speak and presented the Friends of the Asia Pacific WAGGGS Award pin to Debbie Frost.

## **RECOGNITION OF AWARDS**

The MC noted that there were other Leaders and Volunteers who were presented with awards throughout 2015.

A list of all members who had received Good Service Awards, Queens' Guide Awards, Olave Baden Powell Awards and Asia Pacific Awards were listed on a PowerPoint slide.

The audience applauded and the MC congratulated these members on their commitments and achievements.

## **TRIPLE TREAT**

Robyn Hulbert was called on to present the Triple Treat Award. Triple Treat Ice Cream Award is presented this year to the three Units who introduced the most girls for the 2015 year.

Metropolitan Award – The Triple Treat award was a tie between Capalaba District (20 members) and Walton Bridge / The Gap District (20 members).

Regional Award – Gympie District (28 members).

All girls in these three Units will receive a free ice cream for their effort and a certificate will be forwarded to the Units.

**AWARD OMISSION**

Kathleen Neehouse, from the audience, noted that there was an omission from the awards listed in the Annual Report.

Kathy Shellshear\*\*      Star of Merit Award

This will be rectified in the 2016 Annual Report.

The MC invited the Chair to the stage to recognise the work of all award recipients, leading the audience in a BRAVO!

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION - PROMISE CEREMONY**

The MC introduced Barbara Stapleton who was present tonight at the invitation of the State Commissioner. Barbara Stapleton is a mother from Hamilton-Clayfield District who the State Commissioner had recently met. When discussing Guiding with Barbara, she said that she would love to be involved with Guiding but that she didn't have time to train for 3 years for the role. The State Commissioner amusingly reflected on this and the message it held for us all.

The Chair invited Barbara Stapleton to the stage to make her promise. Barbara Stapleton made her promise during the AGM.

The promise ceremony was followed by applause from the attendees.

**IN REMEMBRANCE - GONE HOME**

The State Commissioner gave tribute to those Guides who have Gone Home during 2015 and encouraged those present to take a moment to recall the members of Guiding who are here with us in spirit. Names were displayed on a PowerPoint slide.

**VOTE OF THANKS TO PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS:** Robyn Hulbert, Assistant State Commissioner, proposed a vote of thanks to the Girl Guides Queensland's Professional Advisers and Chairs that have helped us out throughout the year. She acknowledged the time, energy and expertise they devote to our organisation.

**VOTE OF THANKS TO CHAIR:** Robyn Hulbert also proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair, Velia Nicholls. This was followed by acclamation.

**VOTE OF THANKS TO MC:** The Chair proposed a vote of thanks to the MC, Heather Pettigrew.

**CLOSING READING:** Kathy Crump, Region Manager Major Mitchell.

**MEETING CLOSE:** The MC, Heather Pettigrew declared the meeting closed at 8:38 pm.

The MC invited all guests to Supper following the meeting. The MC asked those present to stand and join in the singing of The Blue and The Gold as the official party exited.