



# *Friends of Grasslands* - AGM papers

*supporting native grassy ecosystems*

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## **Papers for FOG 2022 Annual General Meeting, 17 March 2022**

Dear Friends of Grasslands Members

The FOG Annual General Meeting will be held at Helen Sims' home at 7 Moroney St Spence (directions on P. 4). Join us for wine and nibbles at 5 pm, and stay afterwards for a light meal.

Please find included: the agenda for our AGM, the draft annual report including the President's report for 2021, a notice on election of members and the draft minutes for the 2021 AGM (held on 16 March 2021). The 2020 audited accounts will be circulated as a separate document.

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## **Agenda for FOG 2021 Annual General Meeting**

*Thursday 17 March 5.30 – 7.00 pm*

Note: to attend, please register with [secretary@fog.org.au](mailto:secretary@fog.org.au)

### *Meeting agenda:*

1. Attendance and apologies
2. Acceptance of draft minutes of previous AGM (page 2)
3. Matters arising from previous minutes of previous AGM
4. Presentation and acceptance of Annual Accounts and Auditor's report (see separate attachment)
5. Presentation of President's report
6. Presentation and acceptance of Annual Report (see separate attachment)

Persons responsible for the report and those carrying out responsibilities for FOG will be invited to address the meeting and questions and queries may be raised by attendees.

7. Election of Office Bearers: President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer & up to 11 Ordinary Committee members.

Nominations have been received for some positions. Nominations will also be called at the meeting, provided the nominee is present and agrees.

8. Motions on Notice

## Friends of Grasslands Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 16 March 2021

### Draft Minutes

The meeting was held at the Conservation Council office, 14/26 Barry Drive, Ground Floor, Lena Karmel Lodge, Canberra ACT 2601, with President Geoff Robertson in the chair, opening at 5:30pm. The following papers had previously been circulated: AGM agenda, the president's report, a notice on election of members, and the draft minutes for 2020 AGM (held 22 April 2020), the annual report for 2020 and the annual audited accounts (2020).

#### *Attendance and apologies*

##### **Present**

Michael Bedingfield, John Fitz Gerald, Maree Gilbert, Alice Hathorn, Sarah Hnatiuk, Ken Hodgkinson, Margaret Ning, Jamie Pittock, Kim Pullen, Yola Pullen, Rainer Rehwinkel, Geoff Robertson, Andrew Russell, Janet Russell, Sarah Sharp (minutes), Linda Spinaze, Margaret Strong, Heather Sweet, Andrew Zelnik.

##### **Apologies**

Juliey Beckman, Brian Everingham

#### *Minutes of 2019 AGM*

The draft minutes were accepted without change. Moved Janet Russell, seconded Andrew Zelnik.

##### **Matters arising from minutes**

There were no matters arising from the 2020 AGM minutes.

#### *Annual report*

The annual report was tabled by the outgoing president Geoff Robertson who thanked the work of members who worked as a team to achieve what was done especially due to Covid-19 restrictions. Special thanks was given to Michael Bedingfield for producing the art work for the annual report.

Rainer Rehwinkel gave a vote of thanks to Geoff Robertson for pulling the annual report on volunteer effort together, with assistance from other members.

The annual report was accepted, moved by Ken Hodgkinson and seconded by Janet Russell.

#### *Accounts and auditor's report*

The auditor's report was tabled and accepted. Moved: Janet Russell, seconded Margaret Ning

#### *Motions on notice*

Nil

#### *Election of office bearers*

The President acknowledged those members who were standing down from the committee. Ken Hodgkinson agreed to act as Returning Officer.

The outcome of the election follows.

##### **President**

Jamie Pittock had nominated prior to the meeting. There being no other nominations Jamie was appointed to the position of President.

##### **Vice Presidents**

Margaret Ning and Andrew Zelnik had nominated prior to the meeting. There being no other nominations Margaret and Andrew were appointed to the positions of Vice-President.

### **Secretary**

No prior nominations. Sarah Sharp nominated at the meeting. There being no other nominations Sarah was appointed to the position of Secretary.

### **Treasurer**

Janet Russell had nominated prior to the meeting. There being no other nominations Janet was appointed to the position of Treasurer.

### **Ordinary Members**

The following FOG members had been nominated prior to the meeting: Maree Gilbert, Linda Spinaze, Rainer Rehwinkel and Heather Sweet. All were appointed as committee members.

Alice Hathorn was nominated at the meeting. She was duly appointed as a committee member.

### *Round table discussion*

Jamie Pittock gave a vote of thanks to all outgoing FOG committee members and those who have taken on roles outside the Committee. Especial thanks given to Geoff Robertson for his role as President since 2018 (and acknowledging his stint as President prior to this). The role of FOG in its contribution to site excursions, field work, advocacy and education, with the vision to help the organisation to grow and prosper to provide the full gamut of activities used to advocate for grassy ecosystems.

Special thanks were given to Naarilla Hirsch in her exemplary role in coordinating advocacy and preparing and organizing submissions. Thanks also given to Jamie P. for his advocacy role and on-ground works on National Lands.

**Facebook:** Sarah Hnatiuk reported on the status of FOG's Facebook site. Photos and words for site visits was requested. Geoff R. identified that Facebook is open so that posts can be made direct to Facebook, or still through the coordinator.

**Action:** Rainer R. and Sarah H to consider how to increase patronage and use of the page.

**Communication:** some issues have held up publication of the newsletter in February. However, all notices of coming events are published regularly through the Events Bulletin.

**Special Bulletin** re. membership register update (Geoff R.): feedback has been received from 35 members. Two persons have asked to have certain details restricted.

### *Items for next Committee meeting:*

Appointment of returning officer; Andrew Russell has nominated.

Special bulletin follow up.

### *Close*

The meeting closed at 6:20 pm

Next ordinary meeting: 25 March, Conservation Council office, 5.30.

### *Directions for 7 Moroney St Spence*

Helen's home is the battleaxe block on the left as you drive from McGrath Crescent, just before the crest of the hill, with a long driveway flanked on right by a high hedge.

Please leave the limited parking at the top (space for 3 cars) for people who need closer access.

The driveway at 5 Moroney St can be used for 2 to 4 cars.

Other parking is available below Helen's driveway outside #5, or along the street with two wheels on the footpath. Avoid doing so just over the hill because of visibility issues. Parking is available on Mildenhall Place.