



Minutes for NQCC June 2025 General Meeting

Wednesday 4 June 2025 @ 114 Boundary St, Railway Estate

Chair: Peter Hanley

Minutes: Amaya Hytch

Start time: 6:20 pm

WELCOME AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Attendees:

1	Liz Downes	2	Pamela Hancock
3	Chris Pam	4	Alex McLean
5	Mike Rubenach	6	Kara-Mae Coulter-Atkins
7	Peter Hanley	8	Amaya Hytch
9	Jenny Brown	10	Luna Price
11	Linda Davis	12	Ian Cormack
13	Crystal Falknau	14	Krissy Wilhelmsen
15	John Connell	16	Wendy Li
17	Malcom Tattersall	18	Monita Gangavarapu
19	David McMillan	20	Jennifer Lappin
21	Cheryl Falknau	22	Ian Frazer
23	Peter Falknau		

With 23 members present, Peter Hanley calls that the meeting was at quorum.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY BY PETER HANLEY

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM 2024 AGM

Minutes of the 2024 AGM were emailed to members prior to the meeting.

Motion: Minutes from NQCC's 2024 AGM be accepted.

Moved: Alex McLean

Seconded: Chris Pam

Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES

No business arising from 2024 AGM minutes.

UPDATES AND REPORTS

REFLECTIONS ON RECONCILIATION

- NQCC is committed to being a good First Nations ally
- Discussion held on the importance of First Nations knowledge in the conservation movement
- Everyone was asked to share with the people around them “now I...” and “next I...”
- NQCC has a First Nations Partnerships subcommittee. The current priorities of the committee are:
 - Developing an engagement strategy
 - Updating NQCC branding with a local First Nations artist
 - Cultural competency training for volunteers

COMMUNITY CAMPAIGNER'S REPORT – LUNA PRINCE

- Luna reflects on her time in this role – there has been a lot of change since then.
- Her highlights over the last year are:
 - Regular meetings with the Climate Action Group
 - Running Story Circles – in-depth group conversations about experience with extreme weather events
 - Working with other groups and organisations to explore nature-based solutions for climate action
 - Green Drinks is alive and flourishing
 - Improving connections with member groups
- Upcoming events:
 - Garage Sale
 - Our Townsville
 - World Environment Day

COORDINATOR'S REPORT – CRYSTAL FALKNAU

- Crystal reflects that we have survived 3 elections in 15 months – this is a big time as an advocacy organisation.
- What is next?
 - Building rapport with the new state government and improving their understanding of conservation issues
 - Holding decision-makers to account
 - Organising our community and building people power
- What does our advocacy look like?
 - Submissions and policy consultation
 - Meeting with industry representatives
 - Meeting with decision-makers

- Running workshops
- Holding protests and rallies
- What are our wins?
 - No nuclear and net zero by 2050
 - No new dams on the Burdekin
 - EPA commitment from Queensland Labor
- Opportunities for optimism
 - Nature based solutions for climate action
 - Renewable energy rollout
 - Potential investment for nature-tourism
 - Cracking down on illegal dumping
- Opportunities for argument
 - Commercial tourism in national parks
 - Ongoing investment in fossil fuels
 - Abandonment of Path to Treaty
 - Funding cuts for environmental organisations
 - Continued politicisation of the energy transition
- Future priorities: connecting, growing, advocating and fundraising

LAUNCH OF THE MEGA RAFFLE

NQCC has purchased an electric bike worth almost \$2,000. Tickets in the raffle will be sold for \$2 each, to be drawn at our AGM in September 2025. Members were encouraged to support this fundraising effort.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:17 PM

These minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting.
