

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY
Queensland Branch Incorporated
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 25 May 2025, 1:30 pm
Communiy Qld Hall, 10 Love Street, Spring Hill

Minutes – 2025

Apologies:

All proxies are apologies		
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Receipt of Proxies:

Member	Proxy	Alternative
Nolene Petrie	Denise Smith	Heather Heron
Judith Howlett	Denise Smith	Heather Heron
Rada Milovanovic	Lyn Freshwater	
John Whitmore	Lyn Freshwater	Erin McKenna
Lorraine Merritt	Lyn Freshwater	
Margaret Randell	Lyn Freshwater	
Tracey Gregg	Lyn Freshwater	
John Gregg	Lyn Freshwater	
Margaret Warry	Lyn Freshwater	
Mark Warry	Lyn Freshwater	
Antonia Simpson	Lyn Freshwater	
Robyn Craig	Trevor Baque	Lorraine Baque
Helen Draper	Cathy McLeod	
Ossie Draper	Cathy McLeod	
Janet Longland	Cathy McLeod	
Zoe McCarthy	Cathy McLeod	
Mark Combe	Cathy McLeod	
Sarah Combe	Cathy McLeod	
Jenny Morris	Cathy McLeod	
David Longland	Heather Heron	Erin McKenna
Margaret Silke	Heather Heron	Erin McKenna
Barry Breckin	Heather Heron	
Rita Miles	Heather Heron	
Alexandra Roberts	Erin McKenna	
Janette Nicol	Erin McKenna	
Felicity McKenzie	Erin McKenna	
Heather New	Erin McKenna	
Dot Merriman	Erin McKenna	
Gillian Purcell	Erin McKenna	
Sandra Bell	Erin McKenna	
Margaret Bond	Erin McKenna	
Lesley Critchley	Cathy McLeod	Non member
Kat Hayes	Irina Gibson	
Bruce Cornish	Heather Heron	

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Attendance:

Kenneth Rouse	Paul Smith	Irina Gibson
Isobel Piotrkowski	Denise Smith	Jenny Peters
Sally Maunder	Lorraine Baque	Bryan Hacker
Fran Beausaert	Trevor Baque	Erin McKenna
Ross Roache	Cathy McLeod	Heather Heron
Diana Pascoe	Mark Dancer	Lyn Freshwater
Connie Witt		

The meeting opened at 1:26 pm

Closed 3:06 pm

Appointment of Acting Chair

Motion: That Mark Dancer acts as Chair in the absence of an office holder.

Proposed: Lyn Freshwater

Seconded: Kenneth Rouse

Result: Carried

Chairman's Welcome

Minutes of the Special General Meeting 2024

Result: Carried

Minutes of 2024 Annual General Meeting:

Minutes of the 2024 AGM were tabled.

Motion: That the minutes of the 2024 AGM be accepted as a true representation of the meeting.

Result: Carried

Sandra Bell to be recorded as a proxy.

Proposed: Denise Smith

Seconded: Lyn Freshwater

Result: Carried

Business arising from the Minutes: None

Reports:

Chairman's Report presented

Motion: That the Chairman's report be accepted

Proposed: Erin McKenna

Seconded: Mark Dancer

Result: Carried

Treasurer's Report presented

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Proposed: Connie Witt

Seconded: Cathy McLeod

Result: For 17 Against: 21 Ab: 5

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Members (Erin McKenna, Heather Heron, Ken Rouse and Lyn Freshwater) asked that their names be recorded in the minutes for voting against accepting the treasurer's report on the following grounds:

1. Winter School financial reports were not tabled. (Erin McKenna, Heather Heron)
2. The profit and loss statement lacks transparency – it does not reflect all incoming and outgoing monies. This matter has been raised at previous AGMs. (Erin McKenna, Heather Heron, Ken Rouse, Lyn Freshwater)
3. GST question has not been addressed (Lyn Freshwater)
4. The auditor's report states:
 - a) The report is to satisfy the financial reporting for 47th Qld Winter School – the only reference to winter school in the financials is the net income figure of \$9881.41.
 - b) The committee has determined e.g. non reporting entity, exempt from income tax – in fact the committee has not addressed those statements and should not be signing off on those statements unless the statements are understood.
 - c) *Scope – No opinion is expressed (i.e. by the auditor) as to whether the accounting policies usedare appropriate to the needs of the members.* Whilst this is a standard clause included (with appropriate variation in wording) in all audit reports the consequence is, it is incumbent on members ensure accounting records provide the information needed for their organisation.

(Point 4 Erin McKenna)

Motion: That the Winter School financial reports be audited and presented to the Management Committee

Moved: Erin McKenna

Seconded: Lyn Freshwater

Result: For 21 Against 17 Ab: 5

Membership Secretary's Report Presented

Motion: That the Membership Secretary's report be accepted.

Proposed: Mark Dancer

Seconded: Ross Roache

Result: Carried

Events Coordinator's Report presented

Motion: That the Events Coordinator's report be accepted.

Proposed: Irina Gibson

Seconded: Mark Dancer

Result: Carried

Queensland Teachers Support Group Coordinator's Report

No report was presented

Branch Class Reports presented

Winter School Convener's Report

Motion: That the Winter School Convener's report be accepted.

Proposed: Cathy McLeod

Seconded: Sally Maunder

Result: Carried

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Motion: That this meeting record a vote of thanks to:

Cathy McLeod, as Convenor of the highly successful 47th RSCDS Australian Winter School, held at Gatton in July 2024, and hosted by the Queensland Branch;

and to the Winter School Committee, comprising Cathy McLeod, Connie Witt (Treasurer), Fran Beusaert, Sally Maunder, Diana Pascoe, Mark Dancer and Ross Roache, who worked for two years to plan, organise and conduct the Winter School.

Not only was the Winter School a successful Scottish Country Dance event, it also returned just short of ten thousand dollars to Branch funds.

Proposed: Irina Gibson

Seconded:

Result: Carried

Club Reports

Club reports were presented

Election of Officers:

After the election of the new Chair, they replace the Acting Chair.

Position	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by	Result
Chairman	Erin McKenna	Denise Smith	Paul Smith	Declined nomination
Vice Chairman				
Secretary				
Treasurer	Jenny Peters	Erin McKenna	Lyn Freshwater	Elected Unopposed
Membership Sec.				
Events Coord.				
Com. Member	Ross Roache	Diana Pascoe	Mark Dancer	Elected Unopposed
Com. Member	Erin McKenna	Lyn Freshwater	Denise Smith	Elected Unopposed
Com. Member	Denise Smith	Lyn Freshwater	Jenny Peters	Elected Unopposed

Appointments:

Ramble Editor/s:

Current Editor: Denise Smith/ No

Queensland Teachers Support Group Coordinator

Current coordinator: Vacant

Auditor:

Current auditor: Joseph P Tottenham FCPA. Appointing a new auditor, incoming Treasurer to find an option.

Sound Equipment Storage

Currently: Mark Dancer not to continue. Equipment needs to be stored somewhere else

Website: Currently: Lyn Freshwater – part of the Secretary's role

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Nomination of Queensland Branch delegates to RSCDS

Motion: That the Chair and Secretary be the Qld Branch Delegates for the 2025

Proposed:

Seconded:

Result: To be left to the new Management Committee to decide.

Realigning the Branch Membership Structure with the Society's Structure

Motion 1: That the following motion passed at AGM 2023 be rescinded: "That the RSCDS Qld Branch Inc introduce an Associate Member category of membership for persons with full RSCDS membership at another Branch".

Proposed: Erin McKenna

Seconded: Mark Dancer

Result: Carried

Motion 2: That the following motion passed at AGM 2023 be rescinded: "That the RSCDS Qld Branch Inc membership fee for an Associate Membership be 30% of the current single membership fee".

Proposed: Erin McKenna

Seconded: Mark Dancer

Result: Carried

Motion 3: The classes of membership for RSCDS Qld Branch align with those as detailed in the Rules and Procedures document of RSCDS Dance Scottish (Rule 5).

Proposed: Erin McKenna

Seconded: Denise Smith

Result: Withdrawn

Rearranging the Membership Fee Structure to still permit Associate Membership

Motion 4: That the current Membership Fee be split into a Society Membership Fee representing the fees due to the Society and a Branch Membership Fee representing our local fees.

Proposed: Mark Dancer

Seconded:

Result: No result as there was no seconder

Setting Fees for 2025 Membership

Motion 5: That for the year from 1st July 2025, the Society Adult Membership Fee shall be \$65 per annum, with other membership subscriptions based pro-rata on this amount.

Proposed: Mark Dancer

Seconded: Denise Smith

Result: Carried

Motion 6: That for the year from 1st July 2025, the Society Joint Membership fee paid to RSCDS Qld Branch be 160% of the Single Adult Membership fee.

Proposed: Erin McKenna

Seconded: Jenny Peters

Result: Carried

Mark Dancer

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Motion 7: That for the year from 1st July 2025, the basic full annual Branch Membership Fee shall be \$10 per annum, with other membership subscriptions based pro-rata on this amount.

Proposed: Mark Dancer

Seconded: Irina Gibson

Result: Carried

Motion 8: That the Branch Joint Membership fee be 200% of the Branch Single Adult Membership.

Proposed: Erin McKenna

Seconded: Mark Dancer

Result: Carried

Motion 9: That for the year from 1st July 2025, the fee for the printed/posted newsletter "The Ramble" shall be \$20.

Proposed: Erin McKenna

Seconded: Lyn Freshwater

Result: Carried

Motion: That the RSCDS Queensland Branch Inc moves a motion at the next Society Annual General Meeting: "That the subscribing membership of Joint Member no longer be offered".

Proposed: Erin McKenna

Seconded: Denise Smith **Result:** Erin to draft an email be send to other Branches to get support.

Australian Tax Office Goods and Services Tax

Motion: The RSCDS Queensland Branch Inc shall seek a private ruling from the Australian Tax Office (ATO) concerning its Goods and Services Tax (GST) status for the 2023–24 and 2024–25 financial years.

Proposed: Lyn Freshwater

Seconded: Lorraine Merritt

Result: Carried

Date of next Annual General Meeting 24th May 20

Any other Business:

Diana Pascoe suggested holding Branch Committee meetings as Zoom meetings so that outside clubs can be informed.

Addendum to AGM minutes (email from Cathy McLeod 28th May 2025)

Vote of Thanks

I would like to put on record a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee members: Connie, Mark Dancer and Irina, who have all given so much to the Qld Branch over the years. They have all given most generously of their time, and we should be grateful for their contributions.

And to Mark Combe, Rada, Margaret and Lyn, for their year of service on the committee.

Mark Dancer

Erin McKenna
3/6/2025