

**MINUTES OF THE ADVANCE CAIRNS LIMITED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held Thursday 31 October 2024, commencing at 5 pm at the Hilton Cairns**

AGM commenced at 5:08pm

Acknowledgment of Country

The chairman welcomed Directors and Member Representatives to the AGM and confirmed the quorum had been met.

Present

Member/Attendee	Organisation	
Nick Trompf	Tallangalook and Santa Gertrudis	Chair (Advance Cairns)
Jodie Duignan-George	CQ University	Director
Phil Growden	Austal	Director
Sharon Dawson	Dawsons Engineering	Director
Richard Ireland	Richard Ireland Pty Ltd	Inaugural Life Member
Clive Skarott	Advance Cairns	Patron
John Grey	Advance Cairns	Patron
Jacinta Reddan	Advance Cairns	CEO
Shona Cram	Grant Thornton	Auditor
Andrew Wagner	Tropical Reef Shipyard	
Anne Pleash	Mission Consulting Solutions	
Bill Dixon	Catholic Education Dioceses of Cairns	
Carol McFarlane	The Reef Hotel Casino	
David Kirchner	Brazier Motti	
Janet Hamilton	Cairns Convention Centre	
Julie Duncan	Maxitool Group	
Liam Tiernan	Cairns Bank	
Mark Olsen	TTNQ	
Nicola Tams	Advance Cairns	
Pete Faulkner	Conus	
Rhiannon Saunders	WGC Lawyers	
Scott Wilson	The Hilton	
Stewart Christie	Terrain NRM	
Ross Miles-Cadman	Shangri la	
Colin MacKinnon	Brilliant Technologies	
Shaun Donaldson	Halpin Partners	
Danny Betros	CBRE	
Sarah Collins	Ergon	
Namassana Holland-Beard	Advance Cairns	
Taylor Moy	Advance Cairns	

Apologies

- Richard Barker, Deputy Chair of Advance Cairns and CEO Cairns Airport
- Richard Stevenson, AC Director and CEO Ports North
- Simon Biggs– AC Director and VC James Cook University

- Trent Twomey, Outgoing AC Director and Alive Pharmacy
- Andrew Graffen, Incoming Advance Cairns Director and CEO Cassowary Coast Regional Council
- Russell Beer, AC Honorary Member
- Amy Eden, Cairns Regional Council Mayor
- Teresa Millwood, Cassowary Coast Regional Council Mayor
- John Hayward, Director WGC Lawyers

Recognition of special attendees

Welcome and thanks to members in particular Platinum and Executive Members

MINUTES OF THE 2023 AGM DATED 2 NOVEMBER 2023

The chairman presented the Minutes of the previous AGM for discussion.

There being no discussion on the Minutes the chairman moved that they be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Rhiannon Saunders

Seconded: Clive Skarott

Motion carried

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Chairman presented the audited Financial Statements of Advance Cairns Limited (ACL) Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024 and welcomed and thanked Shona Cram, representing the ACL Auditors, Grant Thornton for her assistance.

There being no questions from the floor, the Chairman requested that the financial statements for Advance Cairns Limited be received and adopted as a true and accurate record for the year ending 30 June 2024.

Moved by: Bill Dixon

Seconded by: Andrew Wagner

Motion carried

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

As per rule 13.2 of the Constitution, there was one (1) position available for election of Directors of Advance Cairns. The Chair advised that there was one (1) nomination received for the vacant Board position. Being:

- i. Sharon **DAWSON**, Dawsons Group

With nominations not exceeding current vacancies, the nominee was duly elected.

The Chair also advised that in accordance with Rule 13.4 of the Constitution Advance Cairns Executive Members met on September 2, 2024 and elected two (2) Directors – **Phil Growden** was re-appointed (from September 9 2024) plus **Andrew Graffen**, CEO Cassowary Coast Regional Council, was appointed effective from today's AGM.

ELECTION OF ADVISORY COUNCIL

As per Rule 4.4 of the Advisory Council Charter, there are three (3) Advisory Council Representative vacancies from Premier and General member categories. One (1) premier vacancy and two (2) general vacancies. The Chair advised that there was one (1) nomination received from Premier members, that being:

- i. Colin **MACKINNON**, Brilliant Technologies

The Chair also advised that there were two (2) nominations received from General members, being:

- i. Anne **PLEASH**, Mission Consulting Solutions
- ii. Rhiannon **SAUNDERS**, WGC Lawyers

With nominations not exceeding vacancies, the nominees were duly elected.

CHAIR'S ADDRESS

The Chair addressed attendees with a video outlining key achievements of the past year as well as sharing the organisation's focus going forward.

In the immediate term this would include engaging with the newly-elected LNP Government in Queensland and the forthcoming federal delegation to Parliament. Considerable work has been going into advocacy activity pre the State and Federal elections and at the same time working on a 10-year strategic framework to focus on growth opportunities for the wider economy.

The Chair offered his personal thanks to members for their ongoing support and to the Advance Cairns Board of Directors.

The Chair thanked CEO, Jacinta Reddan and team – with three elections in little more than 12 months (local, state and federal) plus the 10-year strategic framework and one of the biggest flooding events the region has seen (post Cyclone Jasper) – it has been a huge year for a small team.

The Chair offered a special thanks and recognition to Trent Twomey, who was unable to attend the AGM. After almost 12 years on the Board and six as Chairman, Trent did not re-nominate as a Director. Trent has been a huge contributor to Advance Cairns and has been instrumental in a series of key advocacy wins for the region, including full medical courses at JCU Cairns and the establishment of the Health and Innovation Precinct.

The Chair concluded by thanking another contributor who has made a huge difference to the education sector, Bill Dixon who is stepping down after 10 years Executive Director of the Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns.

A final question from the floor from Richard Ireland queries why audit and accounting fees had risen considerably? Chair advised this was a result of new audit and accounting compliance requirements but was also an area of focus to reduce costs in the current financial year.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 5.25pm