

Castlemaine Field Naturalists Club Inc #A0003010B

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

7.30 pm Friday 14th March 2025

Uniting Church Fellowship Room, Lyttleton Street, Castlemaine

AGENDA

1. Welcome
 2. Apologies
 3. Minutes of 2024 AGM
Motion: That the Minutes of the 2024 AGM be accepted.
Moved by Euan Moore.
 4. Business arising from Minutes
 5. Annual Report 2024-25 (to be presented by the President)
Motion: That the Annual Report 2024-25 be accepted.
Moved by Euan Moore.
 6. Treasurer's Report (Geoff Harris)
Motion: That the Financial Report for 2024-25 Financial Year be accepted.
Moved by Geoff Harris.
 7. Election of Committee for 2025
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-President
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Secretary
 - e. Newsletter Editor(s)
 - f. Committee Members
 8. General Business
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Close of meeting.

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MINUTES

1. **Present:** Peter Turner (meeting chair), Lou Citroen, Carolyn Crowther, Brian Cutler, Alastair Gratton, Jan Hall, Cathrine Harboe-Ree, Geoff Harris, Geraldine Harris, Win Jodell, Brier Johnson, Chris Johnston (visitor), Judith Nimmo, Richard Piesse, Julie Tetlow, Rosemary Turner, Jill Williams, Mez Woodward, Noel Young.
2. **Apologies:** Liz Citroen, Denis Hurley, Christine Kilmartin, Euan Moore, Jenny Rolland.
3. **Minutes of 2023 AGM**

The Minutes of the 2023 AGM had been emailed to members beforehand.

Motion: That the Minutes of the 2023 AGM be accepted.

Moved: Peter Turner, *Seconded:* Richard Piesse, *Carried.*
4. **Business arising from Minutes:** none.
5. **Annual Report**

In his final Annual Report as President of the Club Peter gave a summary of the highlights and key activities of the year as detailed in the full report that will be posted on the club website. Peter noted founding member George Broadway's passing and spoke about his inspiring contribution to the Club. In reporting on the year's activities Peter highlighted a successful year of meetings and excursions, the development of the website, the continuing importance of the newsletter and our involvement in the Great Southern Bioblitz. Also noteworthy was the discovery of Cinnamon Fungus (*Phytophthora cinnamomi*) in the district, a reminder of the need to clean footwear. Finally, Peter thanked the committee and others who make an essential contribution to the Club.

Motion: That the Annual Report be accepted.

Moved: Peter Turner, *Seconded:* Judith Nimmo, *Carried.*
6. **Award of Life Memberships**

Peter awarded Geraldine and Geoff Harris Life Membership in recognition of the significant contribution they have both made since the Club's inception in 1976. Their contribution includes assisting with the production and distribution of the newsletter, coordinating membership, having oversight of funds and managing the Roadside Cleanup. Their contribution to field naturalist activity goes beyond Castlemaine, particularly through SEANA.
7. **Treasurer's Report**

Geoff presented the Financial Report for 2023-24 as emailed to members, noting key aspects of the income and expenditure, including the donation of \$1,000 from The Good Op Shop. Due to the secure financial position of the club, membership fees will remain unchanged for 2024.

Motion: That the Financial Report for the 2022-23 Financial Year be accepted.

Moved: Geoff Harris, *Seconded:* Richard Piesse, *Carried.*
8. **Election of Committee for 2024**

The chair declared all positions on the Committee vacant. The following nominations had been received by the secretary prior to the AGM:

 - a. President – Euan Moore
 - b. Vice-President – no nomination
 - c. Treasurer – Geoff Harris
 - d. Secretary – Cathrine Harboe-Ree
 - e. Committee Members – Lou Citroen, Jennifer Rolland, Jill Williams, Mez Woodward
 - f. Newsletter Editors – Noel Young, Jennifer Rolland, Jill Williams

As there was only one nomination for each of the three executive positions, they were declared elected.

The nominations for Ordinary Committee Members and Newsletter Editors were declared elected.

9. Thank you to the outgoing President

Cathrine read Euan's thank you to Peter for his excellent contribution to the Club in recent years. Euan thanked Peter for taking on the role of secretary in 2017 and in 2020 adding acting president to his responsibilities. In 2019 Peter took the lead in organising the very successful spring SEANA meeting and in 2021 he stepped into the role of President and relinquished the secretary position. For the last four years Peter has ably led the club through the difficulties and uncertainties of COVID. During this time the Club's membership has grown, which is against the trend for so many similar organisations. Peter also oversaw the introduction of Zoom meetings for the winter months, which has allowed speakers to address a much wider audience than would be possible at the meeting room.

10. Other Business: none.

11. Meeting closed: 8.05pm.
