

# Castlemaine Field Naturalists Club Inc #A0003010B

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

7.30 pm Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Uniting Church Fellowship Room, Lyttleton Street, Castlemaine

## AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of 2025 AGM  
**Motion:** That the Minutes of the 2025 AGM be accepted.  
Moved by Euan Moore.
4. Business arising from Minutes
5. Annual Report for 2025/26 (to be presented by the President, Euan Moore)  
**Motion:** That the Annual Report for 2025/26 be accepted.  
Moved by Euan Moore.
6. Treasurer's Report (to be presented by the Treasurer, Geoff Harris)  
**Motion:** That the Financial Report for 2025-26 Financial Year be accepted. Moved by Geoff Harris.
7. Election of Committee for 2026
  - a. President
  - b. Vice-President
  - c. Treasurer
  - d. Secretary
  - e. Committee Members, including Newsletter Editor(s)
8. General Business – none received by the due date (27 February, 2026)
9. Awarding of Life Membership

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Close of meeting.

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**MINUTES**

1. **Present:** Euan Moore (meeting chair), Susan Albert, Phee Broadway, Lou Citroën, Linda Constable, Brian Cutler, Jan Hall, Cathrine Harboe-Ree, Geoff Harris, Geraldine Harris, Soph Howard, Denis Hurley, Kerrie Jennings, Win Jodell, Christine Kilmartin, Lisa Minchin (visitor), Helen Morris, Judith Nimmo, Clodagh Norwood, Jenny Rolland, Chris Timewell, Peter Turner, Rosemary Turner, Anne Van Gemert, Hans Van Gemert, Jill Williams, Mez Woodward, Noel Young.
2. **Apologies:** Liz Citroën.
3. **Minutes of 2024 AGM**

The Minutes of the 2024 AGM had been emailed to members beforehand.

Motion: That the Minutes of the 2024 AGM be accepted.

*Moved:* Cathrine Harboe-Ree, *Seconded:* Peter Turner, *Carried.*
4. **Business arising from Minutes:** There were no matters arising from the Minutes.
5. **Annual Report**

The Annual Report for 2024/25 had been emailed to members beforehand and is available on our website. In his first Annual Report to the AGM as President of the Club, Euan highlighted:

  - a) The full and varied program of talks and excursions through the year, noting in particular the very successful September campout in the northern Grampians organised by Geoff and Geraldine Harris.
  - b) The increase in membership from 100 to 115 and in subscribers from 239 to 271.
  - c) The loss of long-term member Richard Piesse in December 2024. Euan spoke about the major contribution Richard made to the Club in many ways, including as a Committee member and mentor.
  - d) The website has been updated and improved in a number of ways, including new information on geology of the region and an update on the Challenge Bird Count.
  - e) Our participation in the Great Southern Bioblitz again in September.
  - f) The 3rd revised edition of our brochure *Indigenous Plants of Castlemaine and Surrounds* was completed by the end of the year and released in February 2025.
  - g) Our newsletter *Castlemaine Naturalist* has been completely redesigned. The new design has been very favourably received.
  - h) The Club has made a number of submissions on various conservation matters, including duck shooting, forest fire management and the lack of progress in gazetting new national parks.
  - i) Euan concluded by thanking Committee members and the many people who have helped with the operation and development of the Club and its activities.

Motion: That the Annual Report be accepted.

*Moved:* Euan Moore, *Seconded:* Denis Hurley, *Carried.*
6. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report had been emailed to members beforehand and is available on our website. Geoff Harris noted significant points from his report, as follows:

  - a) Membership fees exceeded our routine expenses (newsletters, hall rental/zoom, insurance, speakers, etc) by \$259.
  - b) The new edition of our *Indigenous Plants* brochure cost \$4,488, which was offset by

contributions from The Good Op Shop, FOBIF and the Wettenhall Trust (\$1,000 each), so the net cost to the Club was \$1,488.

c) Other income was received from member donations (\$630), bank interest (\$444), publication sales (\$620) and Grampians weekend surplus (\$900) & totalled \$2,594.

d) The Club's financial position is comfortable. Uncommitted Club funds at the start of the year were \$6,063, add surplus for the year as detailed above \$1,365 (+259 -1,488 +2,594) and at the end of the year uncommitted Club funds were \$7,428, which was the balance in the Bendigo Bank accounts.

e) There will be no increase in membership fees for 2025. The last increase was in 2017.

Motion: That the Financial Report for the 2024–25 Financial Year be accepted.

*Moved*: Geoff Harris, *Seconded*: Lou Citroën, *Carried*.

## **7. Election of Committee for 2025**

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 Citroën, Kerrie Jennings, Jennifer Rolland, Peter Turner, Jill Williams, Noel Young
- f. Newsletter Editors – Jennifer Rolland, Jill Williams, Noel Young

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.

**8. Other Business:** There was no other business.

**9. Meeting closed:** 7.46 pm.

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