



**NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (A.C.T.)
49th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

AGENDA

**Currie Crescent Community Centre at the Canberra Baptist Church
11 Currie Crescent Kingston ACT 2604**

Tuesday 22nd October 2024 at 5:30pm

1. Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgement of Country
2. Attendance and Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of 48th Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 19 October 2023 and adjourned meeting on 9 December 2023
4. President's Report
5. Presentation of the Committee Reports.
6. Presentation of the Financial Report and Auditor's Report.
7. Appointment of Auditor.
8. Election of Councillors.
In accordance with the Constitution, the following Councillors will stand down at the AGM, but are eligible for re-appointment: **Mary Johnston, Scott McAlister, Eric Martin.**

Nominations have been received from: **Mary Johnston.**

Council members who continue for the second year of their term are: **John Baker, Kerry Blackburn, Gary Kent, Linda Roberts.**

There are eight vacancies on Council that can be filled at the AGM.

9. Other Business.
10. Closure of Meeting.
11. Guest Speaker – Alastair Greig, author of *The Road to Batemans Bay. Speculating on the South Coast During the 1840s Depression.*

There will be a brief meeting of the new Council after the AGM has concluded.

**NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (ACT)
MINUTES OF 48TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



**HELD AT ROBERTSON ROOM, ST JOHN'S CHURCH
CONSTITUTION AVENUE, REID
THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2023 AT 6:00PM**

1. OPENING OF MEETING

The President, Gary Kent, opened the meeting at 6:00pm and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

The President thanked those present for attending the meeting. He particularly welcomed The Honourable Margaret Reid AO, Trust Patron, and Christine Hawkins, Warden of St John's Church, who is representing the Rector of St John's David McLellan who is an apology.

2. GUEST SPEAKER – DUNCAN MARSHALL AM, CHAIR OF THE INTERIM ACT HERITAGE COUNCIL

The President introduced the guest speaker, Duncan Marshall AM, Chair of the Interim ACT Heritage Council, and invited him to address the meeting. Mr Marshall Acknowledged Country and then gave a broad ranging address covering a number of contemporary heritage issues in the ACT. Matters raised included the operations and priorities of the new ACT Heritage Council, the Government and Assembly reviews and potential reform areas, policy challenges, capacity challenges and what to do with the backlog of nominations, and other matters.

Mr Marshall thanked the Trust for inviting him to address the meeting and looked forward to a continuing working relationship with the Trust.

The President thanked Mr Marshall for his address.

3. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

The formal business of the meeting commenced at 6:42pm.

The following members were present for the remainder of the meeting:

Marianne Albury-Colless, John Baker, Liz Baker, John Beagle, Kay Beagle, Gillian Bellas, Kerry Blackburn, Anne Claoue-Long, Alan Duncan, Bea Duncan, Di Dowling, Peter Dowling, Anne Forrest, Diana Herrald, Anna Howe, Mary Johnston, Gary Kent, Joanne Maples, Eric Martin, Scott McAlister, Margaret Reid, Linda Roberts, Rebecca Scouller, Garth Setchell, Elizabeth Tandy, Gary Watkins (minute taker).

Section 22.1 of the National Trust of Australia (ACT) Constitution states that 20 members of the Trust must be personally present to form a quorum for the transaction of business at an AGM. As over 20 members were in attendance a quorum was declared.

Apologies were received from: Simon Buckpitt, Aileen Power and Pam Saunders.

A proxy was received from Claude Neumann, appointing the Chair as his

proxy.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 47TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2022

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting had been circulated in hard copy at the meeting. No amendments were requested. It was moved Eric Martin, seconded Di Dowling that the minutes be accepted. The motion was carried.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President's Report was included with the Annual Report which was available at the meeting in hard copy. The President, Gary Kent, highlighted a number of points in his report.

The President encouraged members to get in contact with him or other members of Council on where the Trust's priorities should be, particularly with the Special Grant due to expire and the October 2024 ACT election.

6. PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committee Reports prepared were incorporated as part of the Annual Report which was available in hard copy at the meeting. The committee reports were taken as read.

Mary Johnston made some brief remarks on the Tours and Events Committee report and Gary Kent made some brief remarks on the Heritage Report.

7. PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Scott McAlister, advised the meeting that a Financial Report was unable to be presented at this time. The audit is yet to be completed due to the Trust still working with ACT Heritage to sign off the 2022-23 Work Plan Annual Report.

The Treasurer indicated that the Trust did have \$110,000 in its bank accounts of its own funds. He added that office rent, insurance, and bookkeeping are substantial expenses that need to be paid even before doing anything else. The Treasurer advised the meeting that the presentation of the accounts would be deferred to the Trust Christmas Party.

8. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

It was moved by the Treasurer, Scott McAlister, seconded Kerry Blackburn, that PKF Canberra be reappointed as the Trust's auditor. The motion was carried.

9. VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The President indicated that Council had decided that Team McAlister, who had organised the highly successful Heritage Polaris, were this year's Volunteer of the Year.

10. ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

The President advised that in accordance with the Constitution, the following Councillors stood down at the AGM, but were eligible for re-appointment: Kerry Blackburn, Gary Kent, Linda Roberts, Pam Saunders, Rebecca Scouller.

The following Councillors continue for the second year of their term: Mary Johnston, Eric Martin, Scott McAlister.

The President thanked all persons who had been members of Council over the past year, and in particular retiring Councillors.

Nominations had been received from retiring Councillors Kerry Blackburn, Gary Kent and Linda Roberts. John Baker was an additional nomination and he briefly introduced himself. As there were fewer nominations than there were vacancies on Council, John Baker, Kerry Blackburn, Gary Kent and Linda Roberts were declared elected.

No nominations were received from the floor. The President noted that there are five vacancies on Council and if anyone was interested in serving on Council, they should contact him.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The President thanked everyone for attending the meeting and reminded those present about this year's Trust Christmas Party at Gungaharra Homestead in Harrison on 9 December 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm.

RESUMPTION OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TRUST CHRISTMAS PARTY, GUNGADERRA HOMESTEAD HARRISON SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 2023

13. OPENING OF ADJOURNED MEETING

The meeting resumed at approximately 3:45pm.

14. PRESENT

The following members were present at the adjourned meeting: Marianne Albury-Colless, John Beagle, Kay Beagle, Gillian Bellas, Dianne Bensley, Kerry Blackburn, Elspeth Bodley, Verona Clarke, Sandy Clugston, Helen Crombie, Ian Davenport, Maureen Davenport, Di Dowling, Peter Dowling, Aileen Hancock, Michael Hodgkin, Anne Hodgkin, Pauline Jennings, Mary Johnston, Richard Johnston, Gary Kent, Patricia Kneebone, Julie Macklin, Tony Maple, Joanne Maples, Eric Martin, Geraldine Martin, Scott McAlister, Scott Pearson, Judy Pearson, Melanie Randall, Linda Roberts, Graham Scully, Helen Scully, Garth Setchell, David Smith, Janet Thompson, Timothy Thompson, Gary Watkins, Wendy Witham, Hazel Wright, Wilf Wright.

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15. PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDITOR'S REPORT

Copies of the audited and signed financial accounts were available at the meeting for inspection.

The Treasurer, Scott McAlister advised the meeting that the matters to do with signing off the 2022-23 Work Plan Annual Report were resolved and the Trust ended the year with a breakeven result. The Trust has approximately \$110,000 in its bank accounts of its own funds.

The Treasurer invited those present to ask any questions but no questions were raised.

The Treasurer, Scott McAlister, moved that the audited accounts presented be accepted. The motion was seconded by Kerry Blackburn. The motion was carried.

16. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at approximately 3:50pm.