



## **Annual General Meeting 2021-2022**

**Wednesday 9 November 2022**

**Canberra Girls Grammar School, Deakin**

### **Draft Minutes**

The meeting started at 7.48 pm

#### **Opening**

The President, Neil Hermes, welcomed all present at the Annual General Meeting of the Canberra Ornithologists Group for 2021-2022. Members signed the attendance sheet to indicate their presence.

#### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Michael and Janette Lenz, Steve Read, Lia Battisson, Joan and Trevor Lipscombe, Chris Davey, Christine Ledger and Geoff Alves.

#### **Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2020-21 Annual General Meeting**

Bill Graham moved that the Minutes of the 2020-21 AGM be accepted. Seconded: Prue Watters

#### **President's Report**

The president advised that he had not yet written his report owing to his current personal circumstances. It will be circulated to members and published on the website when available.

The president noted that 2021-22 had been another challenging year. However, member numbers remained similar to those recorded pre-COVID. Activities such as members' meetings and outings continued with the modifications required by the prevailing government regulations. Neil acknowledged the hard work done by all COG's volunteers to make this possible and noted the need to build the group of volunteers to share the load, particularly for big projects.

The committee continued to meet and carry out its functions throughout the year, including working on a plan for a new database. Neil reported that he would be able to report on a decision about the solution in early 2023.

The president ended his brief summary with the hope that COG would be able to do more in 2022-23, given the removal of most COVID-related restrictions.

**Presentation of Annual Statements of Accounts**

Prue Watters presented the audited Financial reports for COG and the Canberra Birds Conservation Fund.

Prue moved that the financial reports be accepted and moved a vote of thanks to the auditor, Rod Griffiths. Seconded: Neil Hermes

**Appointment of Auditor for the next financial year**

Prue Watters moved that Rod Griffiths be appointed auditor for the 2022-2023 financial year. Seconded: Alison Mackerras

**Public Officer**

Prue thanked Jack Holland for agreeing to act as Public Officer again. Moved: Prue Watters. Seconded: Alison Mackerras

**Election of office bearers for 2022-2023**

Jack Holland acted as returning officer and the following were elected unopposed:

**President:** Neil Hermes

**Vice-President:** Steve Read

**Treasurer:** vacant

**Secretary:** Margaret Robertson

**Ordinary committee members:** Jenny Bounds, Alison Mackerras, Kathy Eyles, Brittany Brockett, Bill Graham, Prue Watters and Clare Henderson were welcomed as new or returning general members of the committee.

**Other matters for which notice has been given - Nil**

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.