



## **THE ENGLISH SPEAKING UNION QUEENSLAND**

### **2017 Annual General Meeting**

Sunday 19 November 2017 @ 5:30 pm held at ESU House Milton

#### **Attendees:**

Ann Garms AOM, Jan Heffernan, Raymond Heffernan, James Pitts, Robert Goes, Gabrielle Goes, Prof. Caroline Hatcher, Richard Macedo, Ross Brodie (Minute taker), Patricia Brodie, Gary Gardiner, Desley Miller, Bep Torkington, Clyde Torkington, Tina Leotta, Phillip Goldsworthy, Stephen Scheaffe, Glenda Scheaffe

#### **1. Appointment of chairman**

It was moved that Ann Garms be appointed Chairman of the meeting.

**Moved:** Richard Macedo      **Seconded:** James Pitts      **Carried**

#### **2. Agenda**

The agenda was confirmed by those present.

#### **3. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Professor Peter Little, Paul Munson and Leanne Munson.

#### **4. Minutes**

The minutes of the 2016 ESU AGM were discussed and agreed.

**Moved:** James Pitts      **Seconded:** Jan Heffernan      **Carried**

#### **5. Review of the ESU 2017 Annual Report and President's Report**

Ann delivered the ESU President's Report and outlined the various highlights achieved by the ESU during the year. A full copy of the report is located on the ESU website.

Ann moved that the report be accepted.

**Moved:** Ann Garms      **Seconded:** Ray Heffernan      **Carried**

#### **6. Review of Treasurer's Report and Auditor's Report**

Ray presented the Treasurer's report including the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2017.

It was moved that the financial statements and the accounts for 2017 be adopted.

**Moved:** Ray Heffernan      **Seconded:** Ann Garms      **Carried**



**7. Honorary Solicitor**

Richard thanked the current Honorary Solicitor, McCullough Robertson, for their efforts in the previous year and noted that McCullough Robertson provide up to \$5000 worth of pro bono work to the ESU annually. Richard moved that this firm be re-appointed as the Honorary Solicitor for the ESU.

**Moved:** Richard Macedo

**Seconded:** Robert Goes

**Carried**

**8. Auditor**

Ray thanked the current Auditor, Hanrick Curran, for their efforts in the previous year. He moved that the appointment of the Auditor for the ESU accounts for 2018 will be considered by the Board and a decision made in due course.

**Moved:** Ray Heffernan

**Seconded:** Caroline Hatcher

**Carried**

**9. Office Bearers**

It was moved that, there being no other nominations, that the existing Board of Directors be re-elected.

**Moved:** Robert Goes

**Seconded:** Gary Gardiner

**Carried**

**10. General business**

Phillip Goldsworthy expressed some disappointment that the number of functions held by the ESU during the 2017 financial year had been limited. He said this was unfortunate as he enjoyed the ESU functions he attended and looked forward to them.

Ann agreed that the ESU had been restricted in the number of functions that could be held but that this was primarily due to issues associated with the tenant of ESU House. The fact that the tenant had to be removed and no new tenant is yet to be secured has made the staging of functions very difficult. The Board had done a wonderful job to ensure some functions were held. She stated that the situation will be rectified when either the sale of ESU House goes ahead or a new tenant is located.

**11. Vote of thanks to Chairman**

Richard thanked Ann for her exceptional leadership and many hours of effort on behalf of the ESU. Richard moved a vote of thanks to Ann.

**Moved:** Richard Macedo

**Seconded:** James Pitts

**Carried**

**The meeting closed at 6:15 pm.**

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(Richard Macedo VP)

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