

QLD BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

MINUTES

- Date:** Thursday 30 November 2023 **Time:** 7:00PM (AEST)
- Venue:** Phoenix Occupational Medicine office (Level 16, 100 Edwards Street, Brisbane) and online (via Zoom)
- Attendance:** Sasan Beheshti, Andrew Cronin, David Dowden, Angus Forbes, John Jasinski, Tegan Kwon (online), Vern Madden, James O'Regan, Sid O'Toole, Kylie Sturgess, Adrienne Tracy, Helen Truscott.
- Attachments:** QLD Branch Financial report

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to their elders, past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



ITEM
<p>1. Welcome and apologies</p> <p>Angus welcomed everyone to the meeting, and welcomed the new members who have joined the QLD Branch this year.</p> <p>No apologies were received.</p>
<p>2. Confirmation of 2022 AGM minutes</p> <p>Motion: That the previous AGM minutes from the 1 December 2022 are approved.</p> <p>Proposer: Sid O'Toole</p> <p>Secunder: Vern Madden</p> <p>Carried</p>

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3. Branch report

Branch Committee

Angus began his Branch report by thanking the QLD Branch Committee – Nivine Farage (Secretary), Helen Truscott (Nurse Representative), Helena Hurst (Branch Committee), Michelle Safely (administrative support).

Educational program

Angus reported on the member education (3 meetings held this year) and plans to hold 4-5 hybrid meetings next year – suggestions for topics/speakers welcome. We have a new venue for educational meetings (Phoenix Occupational Medicine office), as the previous venue (United Service Club) had a minimum spend and was not financially sustainable.

Vern Madden indicated that for the last few years, QML Pathology have sponsored a meeting, so to contact Charles Appleton to see if they are happy to sponsor a meeting next year.

Membership

Angus reported that there has been strong growth in membership, with 17 new members joining the QLD Branch this year, and 70 members in total.

Financial report

Angus presented the financial report – see attached.

ANZSOM Student prize

Angus reported that the ANZSOM University of Queensland Prize is awarded to an undergraduate medical student, recognising an outstanding paper on the theme of occupational medicine. The ANZSOM Prize for 2022 was awarded to Jeremy Hunt on his paper *Systematic review of occupational health and working conditions among immigrants in Australia*.

The prize for 2023 was not awarded as only one submission was received. There are plans to change the brief to broaden the criteria and encourage more submissions.

4. Office bearers

The Branch Treasurer position was available for nominations. Tegan Kwon was the only nomination, and was duly elected as QLD Branch Treasurer.

Angus encouraged any other members who would like to join the Branch Committee to contact him or the Secretariat.

5. Other business

No other business was raised.