



**Bicycle Queensland ACN 661 404 299**

## **Agenda**

### **Minutes Annual General Meeting of the Bicycle**

### **Queensland Board of Directors**

**13 November 2024 at 7 pm AEST – Virtual Meeting**

#### Attendees

	<b>Position</b>	<b>Via Teams/Proxy</b>
Rachel Nolan	Chair	Via Teams
Richard Buning	Board Member	Via Teams
Jason Mitchenson	Board Member	Via Teams
Craig Sydney	Board Member	Via Teams
Sian Keast	Board Member	Via Teams
James Johnson	Board Member	Via Teams
Paul Heymans	Board Member	Via Teams
Alton Twine	CEO	Via Teams
Jo Rowell	Company Secretary	Via Teams
Andrew Demack	Director Advocacy	Via Teams
Paul Casbolt	BQ Member	Via Teams
Peter McCallum	BQ Member	Via Teams
Bethany Keats	BQ Member	Via Teams
Ben Wilson	BQ Member	Via Teams
Trevor Hall	BQ Member	Via Teams
Paul French	BQ Member	Via Teams
Owen Clancy	BQ Member	Via Teams
Denis Nolan	BQ Member	Via Teams
Alan LeMay	BQ Member	Via Teams
Jill Willey	BQ Member	Proxy – Chair
Audrius Miniotas	BQ Member	Proxy – Chair
Mary Dorado-Vinzon	BQ Auditor	

#### 1. Opening of the Meeting 7.00 pm

##### **1.1 Acknowledgement of Country and Introduction by the Chair**

##### **1.2 Apologies**

Peter Sullivan

Mark Hennessy

John Brannock

### 1.3 Declaration of proxies received.

Three proxies were received:

- a. Jill Willey – appoint Chair
- b. Audrius Miniotas – appoint Chair

### 1.4 Confirmation of quorum

AGM Quorum requirement is the number of board members plus one voting member. Currently 8 Board members so quorum requirement of 9 attendees reached.

### 1.5 Confirmation AGM 2023 Minutes

**Decision** – Minutes of the 2023 AGM Meeting be accepted as true and correct.

Passed by consensus

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## 2. Annual Report Presentation

The Chair, Rachel Nolan, and CEO, Alton Twine, presented an overview of the past 12 months as outlined in the [Annual Report](#). A number of key areas were mentioned.

The Chair noted that after a highly competitive recruitment process, in February the board hired Alton Twine as the new CEO. Alton is a well-regarded former senior public servant with a long track record of passionate and effective advocacy for cycling, including having been named Australia's Cycling Professional of the Year. Alton has started the job with real commitment and energy and has brought in some great new hires including Mike Blewitt, a former editor of Australian Mountain Bike magazine, who has stepped up the quality of our member engagement and communication. We have “put the Q back into BQ” by seriously stepping up our advocacy in regional Queensland. The first thing the new team did was to hit the road for a tour of regional Queensland. They’ve now done it twice in six months – meeting members from the Atherton Tablelands to the Gold Coast, lobbying councils and getting real results in regional infrastructure and making us again “own the space” as an all of Queensland voice for active transport.

The Chair noted that although BQ made a deficit of \$60,000 in FY2024 with \$1M in the bank the board was not uncomfortable with this deficit. The board feel confident that the strong reputation of BQ's member basis justifies future investment in BQ.

The CEO noted FY2024 has been one of change and that BQ has begun the part or reorganisation and repositioning for the future. He noted the deficit was less than anticipated and he is delivering on a strategy of increasing revenue by growing membership, noting September and October have seen excellent growth. Grant funding is up 33% on previous TMR funding. Reducing costs, most notably the occupancy costs as BQ recently moved to Sports House. Increasing partnerships with corporates, other nationwide

organisations and community groups. Overall keen to be a trusted voice with government by getting more people riding more often.

#### Annual Report Noted

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### 3. Financial Report Presentation

Financial and Audit reports to be accepted.

Passed by consensus

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### 4. Appointment of Auditor

#### **Proposed resolution**

That Peter Sheville, C&A Audit Services, be appointed as company auditor for the 2024 - 2025 Financial Year.

Passed by consensus

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### 5. Election of Board Members

The Chair was passed to Sian Keast as Rachel Nolan is a director seeking re-nomination.

There are 2 vacancies on the board and 2 nominations have been received. The Chair recommended the following members be duly elected to serve on the BQ Board.

- Rachel Nolan
- Richard Buning

***Decision*** – all nominated members be elected to the BQ Board as a director.

Passed by consensus

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### 6. Special Resolutions



To approve the appointment of two BQ Life Members – Ben Wilson and Lisa Davis Jones

The Chair spoke of the importance to recognise the contribution members have made to BQ.

Ben Wilson was Bicycle Queensland's first manager, and later first CEO, and led the organisation into becoming much more professional and highly regarded. In the mid-90s and early 2000s Ben worked collaboratively with other state cycling advocacy bodies, and established events including Bike Week, Cycle Queensland (a 9-day ride held on a different route each year, highlighting the cycle tourism potential of the regional areas of the state), and the Brisbane to the Gold Coast Cycle Challenge. Ben led the transformation of Bicycle Queensland from an inner-city based activist organisation to a statewide cycling advocacy organisation. In its infancy, BQ was a protest group that had a more extremist stance based on 1970s activism. Ben's involvement completely transformed this organisation. BQ developed into a serious advocacy voice in the Queensland community that is now respected by all levels of government through Ben's clear headed and thoughtful guidance in his term as BQ leader. Under Ben's leadership, Bicycle Queensland went from a membership numbered in the hundreds, to more than 16,000 members when he retired. Ben went out of his way to attract and enlist other like-minded persons to the cause of cycling advocacy. Ben's mild mannered and generous of spirit approach underlies a seriously committed idealist who has convinced others to rally to the cause of cycling. Ben's calm and measured approach saw Bicycle Queensland become the leading voice for bicycle advocacy and led State and local governments to invest millions of dollars in better quality bicycle infrastructure. Ben retired from the position of CEO of Bicycle Queensland at the end of 2017.

Lisa Davies Jones served Bicycle Queensland as a board member, treasurer, and interim Chief Executive Officer. Lisa's background as a seasoned CEO dedicated to improving Queenslanders' health and wellbeing enabled her to step into the role as Bicycle Queensland's interim CEO in 2023, giving continuity of leadership at a crucial time for the organisation. With a background in nursing, Lisa has extensive leadership experience in health, well-being, and lifestyle sectors across public, private, and non-profit realms. Lisa excels in non-executive director roles, notably on boards like Bicycle Queensland and RACQ CQ Rescue.

Peter McCallum spoke to endorse Ben Wilson, commenting that he had provided BQ a sense of stability and think his appointment as a life member was long overdue.

Ben Willson responded by acknowledging that it was no greater honour to accept Life Membership of BQ. He wished good luck to Alton in the challenges BQ is now facing while noting that cycling is free and awesome. He also thanked to Peter for his kind words and his support during his tenure as well as acknowledging Bill Loveday as a great comrade in arms.

*Motion moved by Rachel Nolan; Motion by approved unanimously*

## 7. General Business

The Chair asked Alton to invite all those who attended the AGM to the next annual BQ event to be held at Parliament House on Thursday 21 November.

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## 8. Closing of the Meeting

Vote of thanks by the Chair and meeting declared closed at 7:27 pm AEST

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Meeting minutes approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

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Position

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Signature

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Date