

**Minutes of**

**Annual General Meeting 2017  
of  
Queensland Tourism Industry Council  
ACN 095 706 095**

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4.00pm – 5.00pm

**Tuesday 17 October 2017**

QTIC Boardroom, Level 5, 189 Grey St, South Brisbane and via online

**Attending members:**

Denise Brown  
Alison de Groot  
Annie Judd  
Mark Mugnaioni  
Peter Savoff  
Craig Turner

Tony Charters  
Jonathan Fisher  
Warren Letters  
Shane O'Reilly  
John Sharpe  
Laura Younger

Wayne Clift  
Mark Greaves  
Anne-Maree Moon  
Caroline Riot  
Joanne Skinner

Craig Davidson  
David Higgins  
Stewart Moore  
Bradley Ross  
Mark Skinner

**Present:**

**QTIC Staff**

Daniel Gschwind  
Kathleen Price

Brett Kapernick  
Ainsley Millar

Claire Brown

**Apologies:**

Peter Ball  
Mary Carroll  
Bob O'Keefe

Russell Boswell  
Ron Chapman  
Liz Ward

John Brennan  
Stuart McKenzie  
Michelle Weston

**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed members to the AGM of the Queensland Tourism Industry Council. The AGM was live streamed online and available to all members throughout the state.

The voting process had also been conducted online. Online voting was closed 4pm.

**2. Minutes of the last AGM**

The minutes of the QTIC AGM of 24 October 2016 had been circulated and were tabled for discussion and confirmation. No attendee raised any points for discussion.

***Confirmation of the minutes of AGM held on 24 October 2016, as a true record was***

***Moved: Laura Younger***

***Seconded: Wayne Clift***

***Accepted unanimously***

**3. Financial Report**

The Chair tabled the Financial Report that had previously been distributed to members via web link, audited by Ernst & Young.

Membership numbers were slightly down on the previous year. Overall revenue had increased slightly and QTICs strong balance sheet position was maintained.

The Chair thanked QTIC's corporate partners, event partners and all members for their continuing support.

No attendees raised any further points for discussion.

**4. Chair's Report**

The Chair updated members of the Industry Transformation project. During 2016-17 the structures and funding of the tourism industry were examined, exploring ways for Queensland to regain its competitive advantage. Industry forums were held across the state and stakeholder input was used to clarify what changes are supported and needed for the industry to excel. An Industry consultative committee drafted recommendations that were presented to the QTIC board for consideration and to assist set strategic direction for the short term. A visitor levy on accommodation was not supported and will not be taken any further.

The Chair acknowledged the contribution of Wayne Clift who stepped down as a director after 15 years on the QTIC board. The Chair presented Wayne with a gift in appreciation of his service.

**5. Chief Executive's Report**

The Chair invited Chief Executive, Daniel Gschwind, to deliver his report.

Advocacy and Industry Policy

Over 20 policy submissions were prepared on behalf of QTIC members including QTIC partnering with Queensland Farmers Federation and the World Wildlife Fund to produce the *Investing in the Great Barrier Reef as economic infrastructure report*. The report found

the Reef should receive at least \$547 million a year for operations and maintenance, or \$830 million a year if a depreciation allowance is included.

Following extensive research including a member survey and industry representation at Deloitte consultation, QTIC lodged a submission on the Working Holiday Maker Visa Review aka "Backpacker Tax". The Federal Government responded with a backdown from a 32.5% "Backpacker Tax" to 19%.

In addition QTIC represented tourism on more than 30 working groups, committees and boards, was invited to present at a variety of local, national and international forums and was visited by numerous international government delegations.

#### Capacity Building

QTIC projects included the Registered Trade Skills Pathways assisting casually employed chefs gain formal qualifications, administration of TDDI program and Skilling Queenslanders for Work programs upskilling unemployed to join tourism and hospitality industry.

QTIC's continuing partnership with Star Entertainment supports the Indigenous Champions Networks.

#### Industry Engagement

- RTO network, the QTIC Associations Council and the QTIC Drive Alliance
- QTIC Indigenous Employer and Employee Champions Networks
- Transformation forums
- 17 QTIC events with 1,850 guests attending
- 20+ QTIC presentations at events
- 60 Regional visits
- 1,029 media 'hits'
- 11,414 social media followers
- 159 entries for the 2016 Queensland Tourism Awards

Key priorities for the next 12 months include the Industry Transformation Project outcomes, a focus on quality and skills through accreditation, Star Ratings and the Awards, Regional Tourism Workforce Plans, driving economic and policy focus for tourism and the State Government elections.

## 6. Elections to the QTIC Board

Peter Savoff took over as Chair of the AGM. Three board positions were open for election. Four nominations had been received for the vacant positions. The nominees are:

- **Jonathan Fisher, National Trust Australia**
- **Annie Judd, Charter Yachts Australia**
- **Shane O'Reilly, O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat** (*incumbent*)
- **Mark Skinner, Narrows Escape Rainforest Retreat** (*incumbent*)

Online voting, proxy forms and voting forms from those in attendance were compiled with the voting process supervised by EY. All proxies had been distributed.  
*Counting carried out.*

The Chair announced the following nominees were elected for a three-year term:

- **Annie Judd, Charter Yachts Australia**
- **Shane O'Reilly, O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat**
- **Mark Skinner, Narrows Escape Rainforest Retreat**

The Chair congratulated the successful nominees and thanked Jonathan for nominating. Members and guests were invited to join the directors and QTIC staff for networking.

The meeting closed at 4.45pm.

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