

Minutes of Terrain NRM Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Date: 14 November 2024

Time: Meeting commenced at 4:07 PM

Location: Atherton Hotel, Main Street, Atherton, and via Zoom

1. Attendance

A register of attendance was maintained, recording Members, Proxy Holders, Staff, and Guests present both in person and via Zoom.

2. Welcome and Apologies

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:07 PM, with a quorum confirmed.

Introductions: The Chair introduced the Board of Directors.

Apologies and Proxies: Apologies and proxies received were noted, alongside general housekeeping matters.

3. Welcome to Country

Acknowledgement: Barry Hunter delivered the Acknowledgement of Country.

Note: Daryl Joseph was an apology for the meeting.

4. Notice of Meeting

Delivered by Company Secretary, Melanie Sherrin.

The Notice of Meeting was confirmed as a hybrid meeting held at the Atherton Hotel and via Zoom. The notice was taken as read.

5. Chair's Address

The Chair reflected on the past year, noting the following:

- Acknowledgement of former Chair Keith Noble and his contributions.
- Challenges faced during funding uncertainties and strategies undertaken to bridge financial gaps without staff layoffs, unlike some other NRM regions.
- The Board's strategic decisions to utilize reserves and ensure Terrain's sustainability through this period, moving from survival to thriving.
- Recognition of the management team and board for their dedication and collegial approach.
- Reflections on global events, including COP28 in Dubai and the Nature Positive Summit in Sydney, emphasizing Terrain's leadership in the NRM space, particularly with initiatives like Cassowary Credits.
- Engagement with the Advance Cairns Regional Plan and the focus on a regenerative economy to effect change in the region.

6. CEO's Address

The CEO, Stewart Christie, addressed the meeting, emphasising:

- Gratitude to Traditional Owners and the importance of partnerships.

- Highlights from the previous year, including the resolution of funding uncertainties and the significance of collaborative projects like Mossman Botanic Gardens.
- Overview of key projects and initiatives, as outlined in a PowerPoint presentation.
- Acknowledgement of community and stakeholder contributions to Terrain's success.

Q&A:

Anne Clark from Cairns River Improvement Trust sought clarification on the GBR funding recently announced. It was noted that The Australian Government recently committed a record \$1.2 billion package to protect and restore the Great Barrier Reef, and within that package there are \$30 million allocations for reef-related NRM programs.

7. General Business

Resolution 1: Endorse the revised Terrain Constitution amendments.

Moved: Keith Noble

Seconded: Jeff Baines

Outcome: Passed

Resolution 2: Adopt the Minutes of the Terrain 2023 AGM.

Moved: Jeff Baines

Seconded: Sandra Heinrich

Outcome: Passed

Resolution 3: Receive, consider, and adopt the Director's Report and Financial Statements and reappoint BDO as Auditor for the 2024/2025 Audit.

Moved: Pete Faulkner

Seconded: Anne Clark

Outcome: Passed

Resolution 4: Endorse Barry Hunter as a Director of Terrain.

Moved: Keith Noble

Seconded: Jeff Baines

Outcome: Passed

Resolution 5: Endorse Pete Faulkner as a Director of Terrain.

Moved: Keith Noble

Seconded: Jeff Baines

Outcome: Passed

8. Acknowledgements

The Chair acknowledged the contributions of the 2024 Emerging Leader, Dani Matheus-Holland, and welcomed the 2025 Emerging Leader, Michelle O'Loughlin.

9. Close of Meeting

The Chair thanked members for their attendance.

Meeting Closed: 4:50 PM