

# Australasian Quaternary Association Annual General Meeting 2022

## Zoom meeting, April 11<sup>th</sup> 2022

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### Agenda

1. Welcome (Alex F Wall)
2. Approval of 2021 minutes (Alex F Wall)
3. Report from the Committee (John Tibby)
4. Report from Treasurer (Heather Haines)
5. Nominations for executive committee positions (Alex F Wall).
  1. President
  2. Vice President
  3. Secretary
  4. Treasurer
  5. IT & Communications
  6. QA editor
  7. Shadow treasurer
  8. Ordinary members (Australia focus, NZ focus, Diversity/Inclusion focus, ECR focus)
6. Other business
  1. Adelaide Conference update (John Tibby)

**Attendees:** Micheline Campbell, John Tibby, Zoë Thomas, Christine Kenyon, Nick Patton, Heather Haines, Tim Barrows, Haidee Cadd, Lydia Mackenzie, Annie Lau, Patricia Gadd, James Shulmeister, Peter Almond, Philip Hughes, Bianca Dickson, Annika Herbert, Mardi McNeil, Patrick De Deckker, Marjorie Sullivan, Caroline Mather, Matthew Harris, Emma Rehn, Rachel Rudd, Mardi McNeil, Alex F Wall, Johanna Hanson

**Commenced:** 13:05

- **Executive Committee annual report (John Tibby)**

We have been coming to grips with the heartbreaking, untimely passing of Lynda Petherick, our President. It was lovely to see the outpouring of mourning and support from the community after her passing. We also lost Quaternarists Geoff Hope, Paul Bishop, and Bernie Joyce, each of whom will be missed. Thanks to outgoing EC members Heather Haines, Alex F Wall, Haidee Cadd, and Zoe Thomas.

We've accomplished a lot since our last AGM, thanks in large part to Lynda. Our 2021 conference was a great success despite being remote once again. We launched an ECR researcher blog now available on our website. AQUA's mentoring scheme has also been launched earlier in 2022.

- **Treasurer's financial report (Heather Haines)**

We made money this year! Our loss of income from hardcopy sales of QA was more than made up for by saving printing costs. We also managed to get a refund on our reservation of a venue in Atherton for our cancelled conference, originally planned for 2020.

We had many generous donations from the conference last year, making up the bulk of our revenue for the last year. Our bank accounts made little interest: \$2.67. Expenditures were up slightly, but surplus of over \$2000, mostly from donations, which we plan to use for conference travel grants for students. We also purchased a wreath for Lynda's service, which will be included in the next fiscal year.

- **Nominations for Executive Committee**

- President
  - John Tibby - uncontested
- Vice President
  - Tim Barrows - uncontested
- Secretary
  - Patricia Gadd - uncontested
- Treasurer
  - Annie Lau - uncontested
- Shadow Treasure
  - Heather Haines - uncontested
- Editor of QA
  - Emma Rehn - uncontested
- Shadow QA editor
  - Lydia Mackenzie - uncontested
- IT and Communications
  - Micha Campbell - uncontested
- Ordinary member (NZ, Australia, ECR, Inclusion/Equity focuses)
  - Johanna Hanson - uncontested
  - Olivia Traux - uncontested
  - Charles Maxson - uncontested
  - Nicholas Patton - uncontested
  - Caroline Mather - uncontested

- **Other business**

- AQUA 2022

The next AQUA conference will be held in Adelaide 6–8 December of this year. It is planned to be in-person but with virtual options due to the uncertainty of travel conditions and changing rules and expectations. The conference subcommittee is trying to organise a session in collaboration with the Australian Archaeological Association, whose conference will overlap with ours.

The most likely trips are to The Coorong (and possibly Lake Alexandrina and Albert) and Kangaroo Island. A call will go out for session suggestions shortly. The subcommittee is seeking more volunteers to help organise and run the conference. - John Tibby

- Leanne Armand Student Grant

After the passing of Leanne Armand earlier this year, her family plans to begin a fund to investigate the taxonomy of marine or non-marine microfossils in her name, including \$13000 already set aside for such. With a total of about \$25000 in donations expected, it is hoped AQUA will take custody of that money and would have a subcommittee to distribute \$2000 annual travel awards to post-graduate students. - Patrick De Deckker

We can connect a separate bank account with our current accounts to accommodate those funds. Heather Haines will assist Annie Lau setting this up and decide what type of account it should be. The new EC will meet next week and discuss. They will also look into making the funds tax-deductible. - Heather Haines

- AQUA mentoring program

We are currently recruiting mentors and mentees thanks to the work mentorship subcommittee, especially Lynda Petherick. Please check out the website for more information - Caroline Mather

Congratulations to the new Executive Committee!

Concluded 13:47 AEST

*This is an accurate copy of the minutes of the 11/04/2022 AQUA AGM as recorded by Alex Wall, AQUA Secretary*

*Signed*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Tibby', written in a cursive style.

Associate Professor John Tibby

AQUA President