**DATE:** Thursday 14th September 2023

**MEETING OPENED:** 11:03am

1. **Meeting Opened** by Ray Wegner
2. **Welcome to Country**

We acknowledge the Wiri, Yuibera and Birri people as the Traditional Custodians of the land we are conducting our work on today. We recognise their continuing connection to the land and waters. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all First Nations people present today.

1. **Welcome & Apologies**

**Present –** Nina Swara, Juanita Adamson, Melissa Martin, Stacy Mammino, Luke Sullivan, Ray Wegner (President), Ros Warner (Secretary), Christian Stang (Committee Member), Paula Creen (Committee Member), Tonia Binsiar (Committee Member), Chris O’Neil, Joanna Chounding, Mayor Greg Willimson, Jayson Old, Dr Gunther Paul, Lauren Pattie (GWC), Greg Fenech, Lisa Fenech.

**Present via Phone:** Tarnia Kerruish (Committee Member)

**Present via Video Link –** Raoul Wilson (Treasurer)

**Apologies**: Minister Hon Craig Crawford MP, Andrew Wilcox Member for Dawson, Julieanne Gilbert Member for Mackay, Amanda Camm Member for Whitsundays, Debra Fitzgerald (Vice President), Tiffaney Matthews, Rodney Matthews, Brad Dawson.

1. **Minutes of 2022-2023 Annual General Meeting** were tabled

***Moved:*** Ray Wegner***Seconded:*** Tonia Binsiar  *- all in favour – carried*

1. **Business Arising from Previous AGM**

No business arising from previous AGM.

1. **Inwards and Outwards Correspondence**

No inward or outward correspondence to be table.

1. **President’s Report**

Ray requested that Nina to address the meeting with his President’s report for the year.

***Moved:*** Ray Wegner ***Seconded:*** Gunther Paul *- all in favour – carried*

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Raoul Wilson tabled the Treasures Report for the financial year 2022-2023.

***Moved:***  Raoul Wilson ***Seconded:***  Ros Warner  *- all in favour – carried*

1. **Organisation / Worker Report**

Nina read Manager’s Report and tabled the Annual Report of Mackay Advocacy Inc.

***Moved:*** Raoul Wilson ***Seconded:***  Christian Stang *- all in favour – carried*

1. **Guest Speaker -** Mayor Greg Willimson spoke to the meeting about the great work that Mackay Advocacy Inc. do. Thanked the staff, Ray and other Management Committee for continued efforts and also about his disappointment about significant funding cuts given to this region.
2. **Presentation to Management Committee**

Staff presented the current Management Committee with appreciation certificates and a gift as a thank you and acknowledgement of the work they have done voluntarily for the past year.

1. **Exiting Management Committee to stand down**
* Chaired by Dr Gunther Paul, thanked current committee members, all positions were declared vacant.
1. **Election of Management Committee**

**PRESIDENT:** Raoul Wilson

Nominated by Tarnia Kerruish Seconded by Ros Warner

There were no other nominations. Raoul accepted position.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Ray Wegner

nominated by Tarnia Kerruish Seconded by Ros Warner

There were no other nominations. Ray accepted position.

**SECRETARY:** Christian Strang

nominated by Ray Wegner Seconded by Raoul Wilson

There were no other nominations. Christian accepted position.

**TREASURER:** Ros Warner

Nominated by Ray Wegner Seconded by Raoul Wilson

There were no other nominations. Ros accepted position.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**: Tarnia Kerruish

Nominated by Ray Wegner Seconded by Ros Warner

Tarnia accepted position.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**: Dr Gunther Paul

Nominated from the floor

Seconded by Christian Strang

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**: Joanna Chounding

Nominated from the floor

Seconded by Christian Strang

There were no other nominations.

**Raoul took the Chair as new President of Mackay Advocacy Inc. Thank everyone for position and looks forward to working with the new committee and staff in 2023-2024.**

1. **Appointment of Financial Auditor**

Ros declared the appointment of financial auditors as Inspire Accounting.

***Moved:*** Ros Warner ***Seconded:*** Ray Wegner *- all in favour – carried*

1. **Public Liability Insurance**

It was duly declared by Nina Swara that Mackay Advocacy has public liability insurance of $20 million.

1. **Raoul thanked all for attending and declared meeting closed.**

**Meeting Closed: 11:42pm**