MINUTES

Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2025

Wednesday 22 October 2025, 3.00pm-4.00pm
Auditorium at the City of Perth Library, 573 Hay Street, Perth

1. Attendance, apologies, proxies

Present: Dr Alan Briggs (President); Professor Ross Dowling AM (Vice President); Marnie Bennett; Sarah Dyer (by phone); Wendy Dowling AM; David Newsome; Ryan Mossny; Cassie Van Lendt; Tracy Shea (Secretary)

Apologies: Pat Barblett AM; Karen Morrissey; Wendy Muir; Wendy Duncan; Mike Freeman

Proxies received: Wendy Duncan, for the President.

2. Acknowledgment of Country

The President acknowledged the Wadjuk Noongar people as the Traditional Owners of the land on which we met and paid his respects to their Elders past and present.

3. Minutes of the previous AGM on 22 October 2024

The minutes of the AGM held on 22 October 2024 were accepted (moved Ross Dowling; seconded Wendy Dowling).

4. Correspondence

The President referred to correspondence regarding Jokers Tunnel, a key geotourism asset for Yalgoo. The matter related to a claim and was under consideration by the Yalgoo Shire Council. This was noted by the Management Committee.

5. President's Report

Alan Briggs tabled a President's report, which is at Attachment 1 to the minutes. Wendy Dowling moved that the President's report be accepted; seconded by David Newsome and unanimously accepted.

Alan noted that 2025/26 promises to be another excellent year with great progress made with the Nannup Geopark WA and Binjareb-Peel WA Geoparks with the Murchison Georegion geopark soon to be incorporated in WA. Wanneroo and Joondalup continue to establish geotrails within their regions and they move forward towards gaining Council approval.

6. Vice President's Report

The Vice President, Ross Dowling, thanked Alan Briggs for his work during the year and the progress made with Geoparks, particularly in the Murchison, Peel, Nannup, Joondalup/Wanneroo, and the Wheatbelt. He noted there was also interest in geoparks in York and Northam.

Ross spoke about the highlights of the year, which were summarised in his Vice President's Report which he tabled (see Attachment 2 to the Minutes). Ross thanked members for the significant progress and considerable work that was put into advancing the position of geoparks around WA during the year.

Wendy Dowling moved that the Vice President's report be accepted; seconded by David Newsome and unanimously accepted. The report is Attachment 2 to the minutes.

7. Treasurer's Report

Alan Briggs (Acting Treasurer) provided a short verbal report and tabled a written financial report. David Newsome moved that the report be accepted; seconded by Wendy Dowling and carried unanimously. See Attachment 3 to the minutes.

8. Election of Management Committee members and Returning Officer

8.1 Nominations and elections:

All positions were declared vacant.

- Sarah Dyer was nominated by Wendy Dowling as Returning Officer. Seconded by David Newsome. Accepted.
- One nomination for President had been received from Alan Briggs.
- One nomination for Vice President had been received from Ross Dowling.
- One nomination for Secretary had been received from Tracy Shea.
- The nominations for President, Vice President and Secretary were accepted.
- Nominations were called for the position of Treasurer. Alan Briggs will continue as Acting Treasurer.
- Nominations for General Positions on the Geoparks WA Board were received from Wendy Dowling, Sarah Dyer, Wendy Duncan, Ric Newman and David Newsome. Ross Dowling moved that these nominations be accepted. Seconded Ross Dowling. These members were thanked sincerely for their nominations and for their commitment to joining the Geoparks WA Board.
- The following Associate Board members were noted as: Caroline Buck; Shar-Lee Chambers; Mark White; and Karen Morrissey OAM.

9. Other business

9.1 Sarah Dyer reported on her trail business and the work she was doing for the Shire of Waroona. It was noted that the World Trails Conference would be held in Perth in October 2026. Sarah was thanked for this report.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 3.55pm.

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting:

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Dr Alan Briggs: Geoparks WA President Date: