

<p><b>MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY</b> Incorporated</p>  <p><b>www.macaastro.org.au</b></p>	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p>of</p> <p><b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b></p> <p>Held at Western Sydney University with full online participation via Zoom Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025 at 6.30 pm</p>
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## 1. OPENING OF MINUTES, WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Vice President, Noel Sharpe, opened the meeting at 6.30 pm sharp and welcomed participants, both at WSU and online. The quorum was exceeded. Noel informed the meeting that he will chair the meeting, as the President John Rombi and wife Jenny were sick and were unable to attend in person but will witness the AGM on Zoom.

Apologies were received from: Tony Law and Mark Sellars.

### 1.1 Attendance at AGM at WSU

Members in attendance

Noel Sharpe	Bob Monkcom	Greg Bradford	Mark Johnson	Pete Elston
Allen Williams	Ces Cuado	Daniel Ross	Michael Jupe	Robert McGoven
Jennie Kidd	Phil Kidd	Lou Timpano	Carol McVeigh	Suzanne Adijans
Barry Moore	David Meiklejohn	Martin Ferlito	Colin Pettitt	Lloyd Wright
Christian Jacobs	Ruth Jacobs	Joe Boustani		

Visitors in attendance

Roco Foti	Ivanka Foti	Lorenzo Foti	Joseph Foti	Emilia Foti
Rosie Sultana	Brendan Sultana	Pasquale Arcadi	Angela Arcadi	Zane Taseski
Fortuna Foti	Terry Mullane	Rosemary Abdul		

Members present who signed register:	23
Visitors present who signed register:	13
Total present	36

### 1.2 Members attending AGM on Zoom

Number of external logins:	13
Members present at least:	15
Members positively identified:	11
Members identified by first name only:	3
Members identified as a device name:	1

John & Jenny Rombi, Roger & Joan Powell; Masa Nagaya; Craig Elson; Roberto Soria; Stephen Edwards; Mike Nicholas; George Cruikshank; Frank Alvaro; Mark; David; Lindsay; and one unidentified Samsung device.

Zoom logon details were distributed only to members. Participant video was switched off.

### **1.3 Minute Taker**

Noel Sharpe thanked members for attending and advised that Roger Powell will record the minutes.

## **2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The minutes of the 2024 AGM were circulated to members prior to the meeting and were taken as read.

**Motion:** *“That the minutes be accepted as a true record of the 2024 AGM”*, moved by Roger Powell, seconded by Noel Sharpe. Motion carried unanimously.

## **3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the previous minutes

## **4. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2024-2025**

The 2025 combined Annual Report was published seven days before the meeting. It included reports from the President (John Rombi), Treasurer (Noel Sharpe), Auditor (Graeme Bellamy), Vice-president (Noel Sharpe), Secretary (Roger Powell) and Telescope Custodian (Greg Bradford).

Noel Sharpe read out the President’s Report and moved its acceptance. This was seconded by Stephen Edwards and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Treasurers Report and Financial Statements were taken as read. The Treasurer, Suzanne Adijans expressed her appreciation for the advice that Graeme Bellamy had provided her during the preparation of the report and to previous Treasurers over the last eighteen years. Noel Sharpe moved acceptance of the report. This was seconded by Peter Elston and the motion was carried unanimously.

Noel Sharpe read out the Auditor’s Statement and moved its acceptance. This was seconded by Suzanne Adijans and the motion was carried unanimously.

Noel Sharpe read out his own Vice-President’s Report. Acceptance was moved by Sue Adijans and seconded by Barry Moore. The motion was carried unanimously.

The remaining reports from other committee members, including Secretary/Webmaster, Membership Officer and Telescope Curator, which were taken as read. Noel Sharpe moved their acceptance. This was seconded by Phil Kidd and the motion was carried unanimously.

**Motion:** *That the 2025 Reports as a whole be accepted.* Moved by Noel Sharpe. Seconded by Roger Powell, Motion carried.

There were no specific questions nor was there any business arising from the reports. The Treasurer, Suzanne Adijans offered to answer questions from members after the meeting.

## **5. PRESENTATION OF MEMBERSHIP AWARDS**

Noel Sharpe announced the membership awards, which were presented in person if in attendance and will be posted to those who were not present at WSU.

<b>5 year awards</b>	<b>10 year awards + badge</b>	<b>15 year awards</b>	<b>20 year awards + badge</b>
Jean Haavasalu	Stephen Edwards	Dave Wijesinghe	Tony Law
Jennie Kidd	Roberto Soria	Pete Elston	Stewart Grainger
David Nelson		Michael Nicholas	
Geraint Lewis		Michael Jupe	
Ramon Erasmo		Barry Moore	
Greg Cain		Borislj Muratovic	

## **6. APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER:**

Noel Sharpe thanked all members for their support during the year and proposed Carole McVeigh as the Returning Officer. The proposal was endorsed by the meeting and Noel Sharpe vacated the chair.

## **7. ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2024-2025**

Carol McVeigh took the chair and declared all management committee positions vacant. Carol advised that one valid nomination had been received for each vacancy, prior to the closing of nominations on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Position	Nominee	Nominator	Secunder
President	<b>John Rombi</b>	Jennifer Rombi	Phil Kidd
Vice-President	<b>Noel Sharpe</b>	Barry Moore	Phil Kidd
Treasurer	<b>Suzanne Adijans</b>	Roger Powell	Joan Powell
Secretary	<b>Roger Powell</b>	Joan Powell	Greg Bradford
Membership Officer	<b>Frank Alvaro</b>	Noel Sharpe	Phil Kidd
Committee Member	<b>Phillip Kidd</b>	Jenniffer Kidd	Jennifer Rombi
Committee Member	<b>Greg Bradford</b>	Karyn Bradford	John Rombi

There being no duplicate nominations, Carol declared each of the above nominees duly elected to the Macarthur Astronomical Society Inc. Management Committee for 2025-26. Each declaration was unanimously endorsed by acclamation.

On behalf of the membership, Carol congratulated the new management committee and wished them well for the year ahead. Carol then vacated the chair for the re-elected Vice President Noel Sharpe.

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO THE AGM.**

Mark Johnson enquired whether we have lined up a successor to Graeme Bellamy as Auditor. Suzanne Adijans said that we will be seeking a new auditor and we also have in mind that a community auditing service exists through Campbelltown Council.

## **9. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Vice President, Noel Sharpe thanked the membership for their participation and support. The Annual General Meeting closed at approximately 7.20 pm and after a few minutes break continued as a Monthly General Meeting (Macarthur Astronomy Forum).

*Minutes: Roger Powell, Secretary*  
20<sup>th</sup> April 2025

*Chair: Noel Sharpe, Vice President*  
20<sup>th</sup> April 2025