Cooperative Research Centre for Developing Northern Australia (CRCNA)

Annual General Meeting #8

Suite 5 281-285 Ross River Road

Aitkenvale Townsville Qld 4814

Thursday 20 November 2025 10.00 am

1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair opened the meeting at 10.05 am and recognised that the CRCNA is hosting this meeting from the lands of the Bindal and Wulgurukaba people.

She acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the various lands on which meeting participants live and work today and recognised the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people participating in this meeting.

She paid her respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

2 Welcome, apologies and proxy notices

The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting.

The following apologies were tabled**:**

Name	Member name	Member number
David Larkin	David Larkin	21268
Sarah Docherty	Co CEO	

The following proxy notices were tabled:

Name	Member name	Member number	Proxy holder
Michelle Claxton	Uni of Qld	18091	Sheriden Morris
Robert Coco	RDA Mackay Whitsunday	17046	Sheriden Morris
Maria James	MITEZ	17058	Sheriden Morris
Debra Burden	Selectabiity	22275	Sheriden Morris
Bronwyn Venus	Sugar Research	20244	Sheriden Morris
Brendon Douglas		17029	Sheriden Morris
Scott Crawford	NQ Dry Tropics		Sheriden Morris
Lewis Hunter	Agriventis	18141	Sheriden Morris
Wade Clark	Rockhampton Regional Council	18112	Sheriden Morris
Kylie Porter	Greater Whitsunday Alliance	19160	Sheriden Morris
Bron Christensen	Kimberley Pilbara Cattlemans Assoc	18117	Sheriden Morris
Zoe Williams	Northern Gulf Resource Management Group	19185	Sheriden Morris
Lisa McDonald	RDA Tvl and NWQ	17063	Sheriden Morris

The following attendees were noted:

Name	Member name	Member number	
In person			
Sheriden Morris	Sheriden Morris	17004	
John Wharton	John Wharton	17003	
Peter Long	Peter Long	17007	
On-line			
Duane Fraser			
Rebecca Mohr-Bell	Argyll Consulting		
Scott Davis			
Marianne St Clair	Simbani	19221	

Total members in attendance (or by proxy) of 20

The following observers were recorded as attending.

Observers	
Donna Sinanian	Crowe Audit Australia
Anthony Curro	CE – Strategy and Engagement
Margaret Marty	Company Secretary
Belinda Carlson	Creative Content

The Chair declared a quorum was present

3 Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting #7 November 14th, 2024

Resolution 1: The members adopted the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14 November 2024 as a true and accurate record of that meeting

Moved: Peter Long	***Seconded: Scott Davis***	***Carried***

4 Reports

4.1 Chair's report

The Chair tabled her report and spoke to a short PowerPoint presentation highlighting that:

- The impact of CRCNA is much greater than the statistics, as impressive as they are
- Derisking, an important outcome of CRCNA activities is critical for further development of northern Australia
- CRCNA is different to other research organisations as it focuses on applied research which paves the way for future economic growth.

- Livability of the north is also a key imperative that is enhanced by the activities of the CRCNA

4.2 CEO's report

The Chair introduced Co- CE Anthony Curro noting that his colleague Sarah Docherty is an apology.
Mr. Curro noted that the annual report is available online and encouraged members to access it and read about the organisation's achievements.
He highlighted the evidence-based approach taken by the CRCNA and how this has informed derisking and the delivery of real outcomes.
He also noted that projects are starting to complete and finalise as we head towards the conclusion of the Commonwealth contract.

4.3 Annual Financial Statement

Peter Long, a member of the CRCNA Risk Audit and Finance (RAF) committee, spoke to the Annual Financial Statements noting that importance of cash flow management as the organisation delivers its work and completes the contract.
Mr. Long congratulated management on recent improvements in the financial reporting.

He introduced Donna Sinanian from Crowe Audit who commented on the change in the audit process in the lead up to the wind-up process.

Resolution 2: The members adopted the Audited Financial Statement for the 2024/25 Financial year

Moved: Peter Long	***Seconded: John Wharton***	***Carried***

4.3 Appointment of auditor

Members were advised that Crowe Audit Australia were the auditors for the 2024/25 year and that the Board recommends their reappointment.

Resolution 3:
The members resolved to appoint Crowe Audit Australia (ABN 13 969 921 386) as auditors of the CRC for Developing Northern Australia for the financial year 2025/26.

Moved: Duane Fraser	***Seconded: Peter Long***	***Carried***

6. *Appointment of Directors*

The Chair noted that the term of office of two Directors is to conclude at this AGM, namely Scott Davis and herself. John Wharton assumed the role of meeting chair
He explained that the positions had been advertised in accordance with constitutional requirements with only wo nominations received – from the retiring Directors. The CRCNA Selection Committee which consisted of Directors Duane Fraser and Rebecca Mohr-Bell and independent member Debra Burden had reviewed the applications and the Boards

needs as it moves into its final stages and unanimously agreed that Sheriden Morris and Scott Davis should be reappointed. The Board (Ms. Morris and Mr. Davis excluded) supported this recommendation.

Mr. Wharton noted that the CRCNA constitution states that where the number of Approved Nominated Candidates is no more than the number of vacancies, the Approved Nominated Candidates will taken as elected, unopposed – therefore there is no formal requirement for a vote from the members.

It was noted that Ms. Morris and Mr. Davis are reappointed.

8 Other Business

Ms Morris resumed the role of meeting Chair. There was no other business.

9 Close

The Chair thanked all members, guests and staff for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10.37am.

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