



# Minutes of of the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting

## Held in the Riverbank 1 room at the Adelaide Convention Centre and via Teams Videoconference on Tuesday 15 October 2024

### Welcome

Duncan Harris, President of The Institute of Quarrying Australia, welcomed members and observers to the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Institute of Quarrying Australia, declaring the meeting open at 4.30pm. (Central Summertime)

### Attendance and Apologies

#### Board members present:

Duncan Harris	President / Chair
Michael Close	Deputy President
Scott Whittaker	Director
Jason Chandler	Director
Sam Russell	Director
James Collings	Director
Frank Grech	Director
Andrew Britton	Director
David Smith	Director

#### Members and Others in Attendance (registered)

David Cowie (Company Secretary), Jane Schmitt (Chief Executive Officer), Wayne Millstead, Mike Cooper, Brad Adams, Jake Van Bergeijk, Carly Monaghan, Leeroy Wall, Elliot Laver, Shane Anderson, Darren Toth, Jason Egan, Clayton Hill, Angus Richmond, Blake Ardrey, Jim Hankins, Greg Dressler, Shane Braddy and Donna Turner.

#### a) Quorum

David Cowie confirmed a quorum was present

#### b) Acknowledgement of Country

Duncan Harris read out an Acknowledgement of Country.

#### c) Apologies

Nil

#### d) Minutes Silence

A minute silence was observed in memory of those men and women who have lost their lives in the quarrying industry during the last 12 months.



### **e) Adoption of Minutes**

The President referred to the Minutes of the Meeting of the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 24 October 2023, which were made available on the IQA's website prior to the meeting. There were no matters arising from the Minutes. The following motion was resolved:

#### **Resolution 71.1**

**That the Minutes of the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting be taken as read, as a true and accurate record of the meeting and confirmed.**

**Proposed: Michael Close**

**Seconded: David Smith**

**Carried**

### **1. President's Report for 2023-4**

The President referred to his report that was included in the IQA Annual Report 2024 and commented on the following key aspects:

- a) Launch of the Education Hub
- b) Operating deficit and equity investment valuation uplift. (details later)
- c) Progress with the implementation of the Strategic plan
- d) Female membership of the IQA up to 11%
- e) Enhanced education offerings
- f) Thanks to the Directors, Branches, Sub-Branched and sponsors for ongoing work and support.
- g) Appointment of a new CEO Jane Schmitt
- h) Cessation of Company Secretary Rod Lester in December 2023 and appointment of David Cowie as the new Company Secretary.
- i) 625 registered attendees at the Adelaide conference which is record number.
- j) Thanked Sarah Bellman and Sam Russell who retired as directors.

**Resolution 71.2 approved by members.**

**That the President's report for 2023-24 be received and accepted.**

### **2. Annual Report incorporating the Audited Accounts and Auditor Report**

The Company Secretary outlined the FY24 Operating deficit of \$103k, was an improvement on the comparable deficit of \$149. The Operating deficit reflected expenditure on the launch of the Education Hub and increased staffing both of which should benefit Members going forward. Equity investments achieved a significant value increase of \$393k during FY24.

**Resolution 71.3 approved by members**

**That the Annual Report incorporating the audited accounts and auditor's report, as presented, be considered and received.**

### **3. Election of Office Bearers**

Nominations were called for five (5) vacant positions on the IQA Board of Directors. The call for nominations was sent electronically via an email broadcast to all IQA members. The call for nominations closed on 23 September 2024 with five (5) nominations received for the five (5) Director vacant positions.

David Cowie advised that the following nominations had been received: Jason Egan, Greg Dressler, Andrew Britton, James Collings and Scott Whittaker.



David Cowie advised that based on the number of votes received, the Directors elected had been appointed for the following terms:

Jason Egan – three years  
Greg Dressler – three years  
Andrew Britton – three years  
James Collings – two years  
Scott Whittaker – one year

David Cowie advised that Andrew Britton and James Collings had received the same number of votes, and the length of their terms had been decided by a ballot.

#### **4. AIQEF Report**

Duncan Harris advised of the following key activities had occurred during the FY24 financial period:

- a) Supported the IQA operations to the value of \$151k
- b) Funded various IQA awards
- c) Welcomed Michael Close to the committee.
- d) David Cilento was stepping down as Chair of the Committee and will be replaced by Shane Braddy
- e) Thanked David Cilento as an active IQA member who had given 20 years of service in various official capacities with the IQA, including as a past President.

#### **5. General Business**

##### **CEO Report.**

Jane Schmitt outlined the following:

- 1) Boosted training and engagement activities during FY24
- 2) Substantial progress implementing the 2023 – 2026 strategic plan.
- 3) Record number of attendees expected at the IQA 2024 Adelaide conference.
- 4) Received approval for a new IQA website and app.
- 5) Continued rollout of the IQA Ambassador program, “why I am a member” campaign and educating the public on the importance of quarrying to industry.
- 6) Thanked all staff, directors. Branches and committee members.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed by Duncan Harris at 4.54pm (Central summertime).