Drama Queensland
Annual General Meeting

25 November 2025
5:00PM
Stuartholme School

Type of meeting:	Annual General Meeting
Attendees:	Scott Andrews, Stephanie Tudor, Sam Neill, Lucy Harkin, Tavia Seymour, Jed Stoll, Jenny Boyne, Bella MacDiarmid, Belinda Gravel, John Nicholas Saunders, Emma Churchland, Elsie Bredhauer, Katrina Riveros Julie Dunn, Brad Haseman, Debb Wall, Adrianne Jones, Brendan Glanville, Belinda Rigano, Right Source – Justin and Karen **Online**: Paige Burlace, Ang Gould, Katrina Hasthorpe, Phoebe Ballard **Proxy**: Melissa Rowse Kathryn Stephan, Sue Davis, Issy Mowen, Katrina Holmes-Blissner, Kelsey Taylor, Kristen Harding, Sasha Vucicevic, Howard Cassidy, Joan Cassidy, Christine Comans, Stephanie Grigoras, Sean Lubbers, Tianee Kim, Cassie Hoiberg, Madonna Stinson, Shay Ryan
Apologies:	Ellie Clifford, Dan Pearton, Nadia Spain, Luxanna Henseleit, Chloe Chrichton,
Note taker:	Sam Neill

Agenda

Apologies	Scott Andrews
Minutes of Previous Meeting	Scott Andrews
Business Arising from Minutes	Scott Andrews
President's Report	Scott Andrews
VP's Report (Planning)	Stephanie Tudor
Business Manager	Belinda Rigano
Membership	Kathryn Stephan, Ang Gould & Paige Burlace
Vice President (DALO)	Katrina Hasthorpe
Advocacy	John Nicholas Saunders, Belinda Gravel & Katrina Riveros
Vice President (Professional Development)	Lucy Harkin
Professional Development (Primary)	Jenny Boyne
Professional Development	Ellie Clifford, Tavia Seymour, Emma Churchland & Jed Stoll
Vice President (Communications)	Sam Neill
Journal Editor	Bella MacDiarmid & Dan Pearton
DQ News	Elsie Bredhauer & Luxanna Henseleit
Thanks (Outgoing Committee)	Scott Andrews
Election of President	Stephanie Tudor
Election of VP (Planning/Finance)	Incoming President
Election of VP (DALO)	Incoming President

Election of VP (Professional Development)	Incoming President
Election of VP (Communications)	Incoming President
Election of Committee Members	Incoming President
Appointment of Business Manager	Incoming President
Appointment of Auditor	Incoming President
Any Other General Business	Incoming President

Additional Information

Meeting opened at 5.40pm

Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country

Action	Moved	Seconded	
Apologies	Scott Andrews	Lucy Harkin	Carried
Minutes of Previous Meeting were tabled	Scott Andrews	Emma Churchland	Carried
Business arising from minutes:	NIL	NIL	Carried
Annual Reports			
• President's Report – Scott Andrews (attached) • Welcome and thank you for coming. • Committee thanks and details of the year • Additional VP role proposal	Scott Andrews	Elsie Bredhauer	Carried
Motion: That the association adopts the proposed amendment to the constitution, adding an additional Vice-President role to the committee, titled Vice-President: Advocacy.	Scott Andrews	Stephanie Tudor	Carried
VP's Report (Planning/Finance) – Stephanie Tudor (attached) • Report as tabled. • Working budget presented to the association. • Key recommendations presented in report.	Stephanie Tudor	Elsie Bredhauer	Carried
Motion: The Drama Queensland membership accepts the proposed increases in membership fees.	Stephanie Tudor	Lucy Harkin	Carried
Motion: The Drama Queensland membership accepts the association engagement with Right Source for a capped fee of $3000 to assist in the process of changes to constitution	Stephanie Tudor	Emma Churchland	Carried

Motion: The Drama Queensland membership adopts the proposed 2025/2026 working budget for the financial year period.	Stephanie Tudor	Scott Andrews	Carried
Business Manager's Report – Belinda Rigano (attached) • Report as tabled **Motion: The Drama Queensland membership accepts the 2024/2025 audited statement of accounts as completed by Auditors Under the supervision of Brian Tucker CPA.**	Stephanie Tudor Stephanie Tudor	Emma Churchland Lucy Harkin	Carried Carried
Membership Report – Kathryn Stephan, Paige Burlace, Ang Gould (attached) • Report as tabled • Key recommendations presented in report. • *Review timing of Communities of Practice* • *Expand involvement of primary schools*	Paige Burlace	Lucy Harkin	Carried
VP Professional Development Report - Lucy Harkin (attached) • Report as tabled • Key recommendations presented in report. • *Continue to develop resources to provide access on the website* • *Offer yearly conference* • *Conference 2026 – LIFT OFF!*	Lucy Harkin	Adrianne Jones	Carried
Professional Development – Emma Churchland (attached) • Report as tabled • Key recommendations presented from report. • *Shift away from primarily 'in-person' PD offerings* • *LIFT OFF! In full swing*	Jenny Boyne	Lucy Harkin	Carried
VP's Report (Communications) Sam Neill (attached) • Report as tabled • Key recommendations from	Sam Neill	Katrina Riveros	Carried

report presented. • *Consolidate communication platforms* • *IP relationship building* • *Mailchimp use for DQ News* • *Journal – one published a year*			
Journal Editor Report – Bella MacDiarmid & Dan Pearton (attached) • Report as tabled • Key recommendations presented from report. • *Scout submissions early and return to an annual publication*	Bella MacDiarmid	John Nicholas Saunders	Carried
DQ News Editor- Elsie Bredhauer and Luxanna Henseleit (attached) • Report as tabled • Key recommendations presented from report. • *Deliver a fresh aesthetic through Canva and other consistent content*	Elsie Bredhauer	Jed Stoll	Carried
VP's Report (DALO) – Katrina Hasthorpe (attached) • Report as tabled • Key recommendations presented from report. • *Build awareness of DA's offerings* • *Maximise benefits for our membership* • *Learn Mailchimp to help communications*	Katrina Hasthorpe	Elsie Bredhauer	Carried
Advocacy – Belinda Gravel (attached) • Report as tabled • Key recommendations presented from report. • *Establish a statewide Drama award* • *Strengthen approach to advocacy with key stakeholders*	Belinda Gravel	Jenny Boyne	Carried
Thanks to Outgoing Committee • Thanks to outgoing management committee members for their service to Drama Queensland. • Thank you to outgoing committee members for all that they have done for our association.	Scott Andrews		

Election of Executive and Management Committee for 2025/2026– Nominations Attached (Nominations, Proposals and Seconds)			
Election of President • **Scott Andrews** Nominated by: Lucy Harkin Seconded by: Stephanie Tudor	Stephanie Tudor	All in favour. Elected Unanimously.	Carried
Election of VP Planning (Finance) • **Stephanie Tudor** Nominated by: Lucy Harkin Seconded by: Scott Andrews	Scott Andrews	All in favour. Elected Unanimously.	Carried
Election of VP Communications • **Sam Neill** Nominated by: Lucy Harkin Seconded by: Stephanie Tudor	Scott Andrews	All in favour. Elected Unanimously.	Carried
Election of VP Professional Development • **Lucy Harkin** Nominated by: Scott Andrews Seconded by: Jed Stoll	Scott Andrews	All in favour. Elected Unanimously.	Carried
Election of VP National Liaison (DALO) • **Katrina Hasthorpe** Nominated by: Scott Andrews Seconded by: Lucy Harkin	Scott Andrews	All in favour. Elected Unanimously.	Carried
Committee Members: • **Jenny Boyne** Nominated by: Scott Andrews Seconded by: Lucy Harkin • **Tavia Seymour** Nominated by: Katrina Hasthorpe Seconded by: Lucy Harkin • **Phoebe Ballard** Nominated by: Stephanie Tudor Seconded by: Scott Andrews • **Elsie Bredhauer** Nominated by: Belinda Gravel Seconded by: Jed Stoll • **Paige Burlace** Nominated by: Scott Andrews	Scott Andrews	All in favour. Elected Unanimously.	Carried

Seconded by: Stephanie Tudor • **Ellie Clifford** Nominated by: Scott Andrews Seconded by: Stephanie Tudor • **Emma Churchland** Nominated by: Scott Andrews Seconded by: Lucy Harkin • **Angela Gould** Nominated by: Scott Andrews Seconded by: Stephanie Tudor • **Belinda Gravel** Nominated by: Elsie Bredhauer Seconded by: Jed Stoll • **Bella MacDiarmid** Nominated by: John Nicholas Saunders Seconded by: Katrina Riveros • **Kathryn Stephan** Nominated by: Scott Andrews Seconded by: Jed Stoll • **Jed Stoll** Nominated by: Scott Andrews Seconded by: Belinda Gravel			
Co-opted Members 2026: • **Luxanna Henseleit** • **Katrina Riveros** • **Adrianne Jones** • **John Nicholas Saunders** • **Issy Mowen** • **Katrina Holmes-Blissner**	Scott Andrews	All in favour. Elected Unanimously.	
Appointment of Administrator in role of Business Manager • **Belinda Rigano**	Scott Andrews	All in favour. Elected Unanimously.	Carried
Appointment of Auditor • **Auditors under the guidance of Brian Tucker**	Scott Andrews	All in favour. Elected Unanimously.	Carried
General Business:			

Right Source – accountants. Information pertaining to the organisation moving to a charitable status
A process that will position the committee to have a charitable status that provides us with the focus to do things for others and provide scope for profit. A process of discovery will need to be explained around what the purpose of the association is, what is DQ doing, and articulating who we are helping. The constitution works now as a charitable purpose which means we could apply and establish a purpose of promoting the performing arts. Alignment of the purpose and goals will assist our application to support relevant activities. ACNC want to see that we will be promoting performing arts rather than a focus on supporting Drama teachers. That activity will become the method for how we promote the Performing Arts. Advancing Arts education could be a category, advancing performing arts etc. Advantages around financial gain with making a change don't really exist however opportunities for applying for grants, accepting donations to help the cause/purpose is highlighted.
Does charitable status mean you can ausposing (allowing a tax deduction)? The use of the applications for funding – building a relationship with others based on the status of the process. Raising money will be what we are selling, payments are being made based on what we stand for, not the product. Move to charity is the only way to gain DGR status. For Right Source costing is $3000, no annual fee for charitable status. One annual lodgement will need to be made however no cost.

Motion: establish sub-committee to explore the revision of the constitution considering reviewing the charitable status
Moved: Belinda Gravel
Second: John Nicholas Saunders
All in favour: Carried

Message from Sean Lubbers – apologise for not attending but thanks DQ for inaugurating him as a life member and is very grateful and appreciative.

New VP role – what is the process on electing? Nomination form will be available on the website and then nominate. The nomination will be a vote at the meeting.

Australian Acting Academy – thank you to DQ – Drama Ignite and Wellbeing through Drama as programs to see what we can do to assist with schools and the advocacy of Drama and the future of Drama in schools.

Additional Information

Meeting Closed: 7:49 pm

Signed: _____ **Role:** President

Date: 18/11/2026