



Location:	Microsoft Teams
Date:	14 April 2025
Time:	7.30pm

## Branch Council Meeting Minutes

- Opening: The Chair declared the meeting open at 7:33pm.
- Present: See list below. Nick Tomkins (Chairman) in role of meeting chair.
- Apologies: Bruce Grice, Carlie Scott-Hunter.
- Proxy Votes: Nil received.
- Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting were received and adopted  
**Moved:** Matt Rigby  
**Seconded:** Nikki-Lee McNamara  
**Carried.**
- Membership Report: Nick Tomkins shared the report it and made some comments – he noted Murrumba are shown as in 4A but are going through regrading.  
**Moved:** Darin Cook  
**Seconded:** David Gray  
**Carried.**
- Accounts: The accounts were presented by the Treasurer, Darin Cook, with explanations (see attachments). Darin said there were only 2 competitions in the accounts so far so most of the expenditure on them is yet to come. He expressed thanks to judges who have donated time so far. The financial position is pretty good. He said he will look at acknowledging judges donating time. Nick asked him to project to the end of the year. Darin said that the Championships will be a big expense but we will probably will maintain similar position or better compared to last year.  
**Moved:** Darin Cook  
**Seconded:** Stephen Copplin  
**Carried:**
- General Business: Jamie Robinson proposed we purchase a **Scanner/Printer (about \$320) and solar panel and battery** for use at contests and which would also support power for a laptop. After discussion it was agreed that an amount of up to \$1,500 be approved to be spent.  
**Moved:** Jamie Robinson  
**Seconded:** Stephen Copplin  
**Carried.**
- Ali Manfield on behalf of Warwick Thistle requested endorsement of a **mini-band contest** on the Monarch's Birthday weekend in association with Celticfest. The event will be similar to last year's but

at a different venue. Matt Rigby indicated he was happy to attend and donate his time as a judge.

**Moved:** Ali Manfield

**Seconded:** Jamie Robinson

**Carried.**

**Queensland Championships Judges:** Jamie Robinson indicated he has got confirmation from Interstate and overseas judges – all confirmed except Scott Birell. He has confirmed Richard Hawke, Graeme Bryce, June McLeish, Harold Gillespie, Tam McGirr, Steve Patterson and likely Dougal McConnell plus local judges.

Accommodation booked 2 nights per judge at the Jefferson at Toowong. Steve Patterson has coordinated his attendance with a work trip so will cost nothing. June McLeish and Tam McGirr are driving up so this will reduce costs. Flights will be required for 4 and will be booked through our travel agent to keep costs managed. Dougal McConnell (Tasmania) has been asked for drumming. Jamie apologised for leaving David Gray out of the loop on this. The Jefferson has free parking and is close to BBC. Matt Rigby has been talking through to VPs re confirming judges and also re exams.

**Anzac Day City March:** Stephen Copplin has raised the exclusion of some bands from the city march because they were not prepared to march at 116 beats per minute. Nick Tomkins reported he has written to all Brisbane Bands to get opinions about this. He has also drafted a letter to go direct to RSL Qld, to go around the organiser. There was some general discussion. Matt Rigby raised the OH&S issues if bands are compelled to march faster than is safe, especially for older people. Also many marchers are probably unable to march at that pace. Stevie Stanley said there may be some argument if pipe bands are leading a military unit.

**Wynnum Contest:** Jamie expressed Thanks to Nikki and her team for an excellent contest and handling the changes forced by the bad weather.

**Maclean Contest:** Jamie advised he is not the Contest Supervisor but he knows there will be registration checks, so bands should be prepared. He will be doing the live streaming of the event.

**Australian Championships:** Jamie reminded that we need to get this back on the agenda – he suggested a survey monkey to get opinions of bands on what they want.

**Old Facebook Live Videos:** Alex McConnell advised that Facebook will now be deleting old videos we have streamed by a date early in July and future videos will be deleted after 30 days. We will need to download them if we want to keep them, which he will look into doing. Jamie and Nikki offered to assist as necessary.

**Contest Draws:** Darin Cook raised the lateness of some recent draws. Jamie explained some of the detail which has caused this.

One factor is bands not meeting the closing date and having to be chased up. There was a suggestion that we should prompt people early (before the due date) or we should just refuse late entries. Stevie Stanley said there is difficulty planning around school sports if playing times are unknown. Jamie advised he is trying to compress contests into a 12-5 window to alleviate that. Nick Tomkins said that the ability of bands to enter for the whole season has helped with knowing what the the entries will be and we should encourage that.

Next Meeting: After short discussion, this was set for 3<sup>rd</sup> June (before BBC).

Close: With no further business the meeting closed at 8:10pm

### **Attendees**

Terry Carter  
Darin Cook  
Stephen Copplin  
David Gray  
Ally Manfield  
Megan Mauch  
Mandy McGirr  
Alex McConnell  
Nick Partridge  
Nikki-Lee Phillips  
Matt Rigby  
Jamie Robinson  
Steve Stanley  
Nick Tomkins