

# Nambour & Hinterland Australian Football Club Inc



## 2024/25 Annual General Meeting

### **NOTICE OF AGM**

Wednesday, 18 December 2024, 6pm

Location Palmwoods Hotel, Main Street, Palmwoods.

#### **Business to be conducted:**

- Reading of the Notice concerning the meeting;
- Confirm last [AGM minutes](#);
- Receiving Management Committee's report and statement of income and expenditure, assets and liabilities and mortgages, charges and securities affecting the property of Hinterland Blues in the preceding year;
- Receiving the auditor's report on the books and accounts for the preceding year;
- Appointing the auditor for 2024/25
- Electing Members of the Management Committee;
- Special resolution appointing Catt Bell as a Life Member of the Nambour & Hinterland AFL Club Inc; and
- General business.

#### **Special Resolutions**

1. Acceptance of the nomination of Catherine Bell as a Life Member of the Nambour & Australian Hinterland Blues Football Club Inc. as per the proposal by Callum Lee to the Management Committee on 24 June 2024. The proposal was seconded by Trent Carter at that meeting and ultimately, that proposal was wholeheartedly accepted by the management committee. As per Bylaw 1 Life Membership, Catherine Bell's appointment as a Life Member must be ratified at an Annual General Meeting.

#### **Election of Management Committee**

All Committee positions to be vacated and are to be elected.

Nomination forms are available [here](#).

Nominations must be sent to Jessica Popple, Secretary via email to [info@hinterlandblues.com.au](mailto:info@hinterlandblues.com.au) prior to the meeting taking place.

Please consider getting aboard to contribute to making our great club stronger. A document outlining all committee descriptions can be found [here](#).

#### **Proxy**

If you are unable to attend and wish to vote, then please complete the Proxy Form [here](#).

Please contact Jessica Popple, Secretary, ([info@hinterlandblues.com.au](mailto:info@hinterlandblues.com.au)) or message via the club page, if you have any questions.

When 18-12-2024 at 18:00

Location: Palmwoods Hotel, 28-34 Main St, Palmwoods QLD 4555, Australia

Chairperson Jessica Popple

Minute taker Jessica Popple

Present Ashley Absolom , BRUCE BELL (President), Catt Bell (Treasurer), Mia Blashki , Trent Carter , Nicole Clark , Michelle Farr , kelly flett , Mitchell Godfrey , Mitchell Godfrey , Kirstin Janes , Callum Lee , Jordan Little , Jordan Lovini , Kelly Mewton , Catherine Muir , Jessica Popple (Secretary), Peter Southern , Carolyn Thompson

Apologies Samantha Lines , Samantha Lines , Vanessa Quade , Mark Schreiber , Nathan Spring , Daniel Walsh , Thomas Wischnat

## Minutes

## 1. Welcome and Apologies

The Annual General Meeting opened at 6.14pm.

### In attendance (alphabetical order):

- Abbey Muir
- Adam Farr
- Ashley Absolom
- Bruce Bell
- Callum Lee
- Carolyn Thompson
- Catherine Muir
- Catt Bell
- Jessica Popple
- Jordan Little
- Jordan Lovini
- Kelly Flett
- Kelly Mewton
- Kendall Kwiatkowski
- Kirstin Janes
- Mia Blashki
- Michelle Farr
- Mitchell Godfrey
- Nicole Clark
- Peter Southern
- Sam Flett
- Trent Carter

### Non-Members (new players):

- Jordy Weckert
- Lauren Le Clerc

### Apologies

- Daniel Walsh
- Mark Schreiber
- Monique Dunning (non-member / new player)
- Nathan Spring
- Samantha Lines
- Thomas Wischnat

Bruce thanked everyone for attending and the number of people of that have turned up.

Bruce read the agenda out and gave everyone an overview of how the night will run. He explained that, save for the Executive, we don't have to have people nominate for particular roles, rather people will nominate for a general committee role and we will put you into a role at the first meeting.

Minutes of the last AGM are on the tables and the financial reports. Jessica read the notice of the meeting.

## **2. Approval and Acceptance of the 2024 Minutes**

The minutes were provided and on the tables for everyone to read.

Callum Lee moved that the minutes of the 2023/24 AGM be accepted, seconded by Ash Absolom

 [2023\\_24\\_AGM\\_minutes.pdf](#)

### **Decision**

Callum Lee moved that the minutes of the 2023/24 AGM be accepted, seconded by Ash Absolom

## **3. 2024 Reports**

### **3.1. President's Report**

The President's Report was presented by Bruce Bell.

Bruce thanked our sponsors and our volunteers for their support in 2024.

Our 2024 sponsors were:

- Property Lane Realty
- BOQ Nambour & Hinterland
- Palmwoods Hotel
- Vidler Construction
- Carters Transport
- Skill Generation
- Birchmore Painting
- Hinterland Physio Group
- The Local Gym Woombye
- Elite Foot Care
- Gage Roads
- Pippa Colman Family Law
- Grounded Cafe Woombye
- Deelight Therapies
- Suncoast Truck Spares
- Daimler Trucks
- Player Sponsors, Urban Certifiers & Peregian Beach Hotel.

He also thanked the Sunshine Coast Council, QLD Government, AFL and Telstra for grants we have received over the past year.

We have an amazing, small group of volunteers. Our players and general membership has also stepped up over the year. We get comments from other senior clubs about how we get seniors to step up. Bruce thanked everyone for that.

In 2024, we returned to our core culture and what we wanted as a Club. We reconnected with our past including our past playing group. We celebrated our 50 years (albeit 4 years late) with our 50 Year Celebration. The function was a fantastic way to kick off the year. Our past players then continued to show up at senior games and

support the Club throughout the year. Thank you to Jessica Popple for the work that went into coordinating that event.

### **Juniors**

In 2024, we had our best Junior numbers in our 8 and 10 age groups. Bruce explained that these were some of our best junior numbers for 10 years. The work we are doing at the lower end is having a big effect for the future. The goal is a happy bunch of kids and we hope we are achieving that. We are continuing to grow and in 2025 will see us connecting with Nambour State College for our Youth Program. We need to field competitive teams for our Youth program and that's a challenge for our committee at the moment.

### **Seniors**

In the Senior Space, we fielded our first ever thirds team which was a really positive step. We had another whole bunch of senior players. We saw juniors that had aged out decide to come back and play for their home Club. The challenge is going to be getting numbers again in 2025. Our volunteers will be the key here. In 2025, AFLQ has changed the competition to be a Friday Night Sunshine Coast competition rather than the traditional North / South.

We had a challenging year for our Women's team. At the start of the year, we really struggled with numbers. So, we did some marketing and were able to field a team. What was heartening was to see the visible improvement in the group at the end of the season. We have again done a lot of marketing for 2025 and that's evidenced by the number of ladies here tonight; thank you. A positive for the women's comp is the reforms in the Competition. The restructure will mean that we don't have to travel as much (and not to Jindalee and Ipswich)

For our Ressies and Seniors, it was an exciting year. Half way through the year, our young ressies picked up and ended up winning a final (from not winning a game last year). Both the Seniors & Ressies teams won a final. We continue to recruit well and have high expectations for the year to come.

We are in a strong financial position. We are in a strong position on and off field. We will continue to work on ladies and juniors, but we are starting the process. We are much more advanced this year than we have been in years gone by.

2024 done and bring on 2025.

### **Decision**

Bruce moved that his President's Report be accepted. Seconded by Mitchell Godfrey. Passed.

### **3.2. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Catt Bell.

Our revenue for this financial year is at E\$268,000; which is amazing.

Catt noted that-

- Great increase revenue – largely due to our sponsors continuing to engage with our club
- Canteen and Bar have gone up and that's due to better attendance at home games and inclusion of our thirds team
- Expenses increased (which is to be expected), but we finished with a surplus.

Catt thanked everyone that we can't do it without our members.

Catt asked for questions.

 [Audit\\_Representation\\_Ltr.pdf](#)  
 [HB\\_Financials\\_2024.pdf](#)

#### **Decision**

Catt moved that her Treasurer's Report & the 2024 Audit be accepted. Seconded by Callum Lee. Passed.

## **4. Appointment of the 2025 Auditor**

At every AGM we need to appoint the Auditor for the next Financial Year.

BDO Maroochydore completed this year's audit.

#### **Decision**

Catt moved that BDO Maroochydore be appointed as next year's auditor. Seconded by Trent Carter. Passed

## **5. Special Resolutions**

**5.1. Acceptance of the nomination of Catherine Bell as a Life Member of the Nambour and Australian Hinterland Blues Football Club Inc. as per the proposal by Callum Lee to the Management Committee on 24 June 2024. The proposal was seconded by Trent Carter at that meeting and ultimately, that proposal was accepted. As per Bylaw 1 Life Membership, Catherine Bell's appointment as a Life Member must be ratified at an Annual General Meeting.**

JP explained that at the meeting on 24 June 2024, Callum Lee made a submission to the current committee that Catt Bell be inducted as a life member of the Nambour & Hinterland AFL Club Inc.

JP read out the nomination which was accepted at that Committee Meeting from Callum:

*I'd like to nominate Catt Bell to be awarded Life Membership by the Hinterland Blues at the next AGM.*

*I know that the Life Membership is to be considered by the Management Committee prior to any AGM and such nomination is to be put forward to the Secretary 7 days prior. Please take this email as that nomination. I understand that there is a committee meeting this evening, 24 June 2024.*

*I understand that the Management Committee may nominate a person for life membership who has contributed in any other outstanding way at the discretion of the Committee. Catt's commitment and dedication to the Club is second to none, and she is a worthy recipient of life membership of our Club.*

Jessica moved that the proposal for Catt Bell to be inducted as a life member is ratified. Jordan Lovini seconded. Passed unanimously.

Catt abstained from the vote.

**Decision**

That Catherine Bell be made a life member of the Nambour & Hinterland Australian Football Club Inc.

**6. Election of the 2025 Nambour & Hinterland Australian Football Club Committee**

Callum Lee has stepped in as the interim chair as the returning officer.

Callum declared all positions vacant.

We've received three nominations and the rest are to come from the floor.

**6.1. President**

Bruce Bell nominated as President by Jessica Popple, seconded by Callum Lee and elected uncontested.

**Decision**

Bruce Bell elected as President

## **6.2. Treasurer**

Catt Bell nominated as Treasurer by Jessica Popple, seconded by Callum Lee and elected uncontested.

### **Decision**

Catt Bell elected as Treasurer

## **6.3. Secretary**

Jessica Popple nominated as Secretary by Callum Lee and seconded by Mitchell Godfrey and elected uncontested.

### **Decision**

Jessica Popple elected as Secretary

## **6.4. Junior President / Chair Person**

No nominations were received for this position and it will carry over to the first committee meeting for discussion.

## **6.5. Committee Members**

Nominations received from the following prior to the meeting commencing:-

- Jordan Little nominated as a committee member by Jessica Popple and seconded by Callum Lee.
- Mitchell Godfrey nominated as a committee member by Jessica Popple and seconded by Callum Lee.
- Ashley Absolom nominated as a committee member by Nicole Clark and seconded by Kelly Mewton.
- Vanessa Quade nominated as a committee member by Ashley Absolom and seconded by Kelly Mewton.
- Carolyn Thompson nominated as a committee member by Jessica Popple and seconded by Kelly Mewton.

Nominations from the floor as follows:-

- Catherine Muir nominated as a committee member by Trent Carter and seconded by Kelly Mewton.
- Nicole Clark nominated as a committee member by Kelly Mewton and seconded by Jessica Popple.
- Jordan Lovini nominated as a committee member by Jessica Popple and seconded by Mitchell Godfrey.
- Trent Carter nominated as a committee member by Catherine Muir and seconded by Catt Bell.

All nominations were accepted and the new committee was elected.

Quorum for this year will be 6 (50% of the management committee).

### **Decision**

Jordan Little, Mitchell Godfrey, Ashley Absolom, Vanessa Quade, Carolyn Thompson, Catherine Muir, Trent Carter, Jordan Lovini, Nicole Clark elected as committee members.

## **7. General Business**

Callum Lee stepped aside as returning officer. Bruce thanked him for his assistance.

## **8. Next Meeting**

Jessica advised that she would be in touch with the committee re: first meeting. Bruce encouraged everyone to be involved, even if they are not on the committee per se.

Bruce thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting closed at 6.34pm

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*End of minutes.*

*Summary of matters arising are tabled on the following page.*

# Minutes of 2024/25 Annual General Meeting on 18-12-2024

## Summary of Matters Arising

### Decisions

Item	Decision
2.	Callum Lee moved that the minutes of the 2023/24 AGM be accepted, seconded by Ash Absolom
3.1	Bruce moved that his President's Report be accepted. Seconded by Mitchell Godfrey. Passed.
3.2	Catt moved that her Treasurer's Report & the 2024 Audit be accepted. Seconded by Callum Lee. Passed.
4.	Catt moved that BDO Maroochydore be appointed as next year's auditor. Seconded by Trent Carter. Passed
5.1	That Catherine Bell be made a life member of the Nambour & Hinterland Australian Football Club Inc.
6.1	Bruce Bell elected as President
6.2	Catt Bell elected as Treasurer
6.3	Jessica Popple elected as Secretary
6.5	Jordan Little, Mitchell Godfrey, Ashley Absolom, Vanessa Quade, Carolyn Thompson, Catherine Muir, Trent Carter, Jordan Lovini, Nicole Clark elected as committee members.

## Summary of Attachments

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Item File Name

2. [2023\\_24\\_AGM\\_minutes.pdf](#)

3.2. [Audit\\_Representation\\_Ltr.pdf](#)  
[HB\\_Financials\\_2024.pdf](#)

*Attachments can be found under your TidyHQ admin account at:*

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