



# CHESS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC

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## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**To be held over Zoom on Tuesday 11 November 2025 at 7.00 PM**

**Present:** Michael D'Arcy, Ronald Bourke, Sam Buckley, Iago Roche-Maxwell, Matt Gilpin, Rebecca Bleney, Donna McGettigan, Mark Stokes, Doug Williams and David Esmonde

**Apologies:** Gail Young

The meeting opened at 7.06pm.

### ITEM 1 – ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

1.1 Acceptance of the minutes of the 9 September 2025 Council Meeting.

**Motion:** Move that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as presented.

**Mover:** Michael D'Arcy

**Second:** Sam Buckley

**Abstain:** Donna McGettigan, Mark Stokes, Iago Roche-Maxwell

**CARRIED**

**Action Item:** *Insurance document needs to be updated on website*

### ITEM 2 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Henry Slater Jones Sponsorship Request

The Tournament Officer advised that everything has changed. ACGS had initially indicated that accommodation would be available for visiting players, but owing to building plans at the school, that accommodation is no longer available. Max Condon has now taken over organisation from Henry Slater-Jones and has secured accommodation at the Gabba Apartments for 50 people in self contained units up the road.

7 other countries attending besides Australia. There will be free accommodation for 5 people from each country plus a chaperone. Cost to Australasian Chess Enterprises (ACE) is \$42,000.

At the time of this meeting, there are 2 x 10k sponsors. The CAQ logo will be prominent at the tournament.

***Motion:*** *That the CAQ sponsors the 2025 Oceania Youth Zonal Chess Championships for \$10,000.*

**Mover:** Michael D'Arcy

**Second:** Donna McGettigan

**Abstain:** Sam Buckley

**CARRIED**

***Action Item:*** *Get this payment made this week.*

***Action Item:*** *The President advise Max Condon of the \$10,000 sponsorship.*

## 2.2 2026 Classical Tournaments for CAQ Calendar

Submissions have been received. All non-clashing tournaments have been added to the calendar. The May long weekend needs to be sorted and actioned.

The Tournament Officer is in discussions about the clash, and reports that an amicable outcome should be achieved.

## ITEM 3 – REPORTS

### 3.1 President's Report

The President presented his verbal president's report.

- Thank you and congratulations to everyone involved in the 2025 BCDDO particularly Sam Buckley from Toowoomba Chess Club who handled a large amount of the work from bed. Acknowledge Brett Walker for his continued sponsorship of the event.
- Thank Andrew Fitzpatrick and Gardiner Chess for a successful year of the Queensland Interschool Competition that culminated in some very successful State Finals.

- Congratulations to the four winning teams and hope they all go well. – Anglican Church Grammar School, Brisbane State High School and Somerville House
- A lot of time spent on administration and diplomatic work, especially the assembling and disassembling of QJETS.
- Currently getting the QLD Champs and QLD Junior Champs trophies engraved for previous years.

**Motion:** Moved that the president's report be accepted as presented.

**Mover:** Michael D'Arcy

**Second:** Matt Gilpin

**CARRIED**

### 3.2 Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented.

Everything is up to date to yesterday.

Audit is currently in process.

**Motion:** Moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

**Mover:** Donna McGettigan

**Second:** Michael D'Arcy

**CARRIED**

*The Treasurer left the meeting.*

### 3.3 Membership Secretary's Report

The membership secretary's report was presented.

**Action Item:** Look into renewal dates and family memberships to fix.

**Motion:** Moved that the membership secretary's report be accepted as presented.

**Mover:** Rebecca Bleney

**Second:** Doug Williams

**CARRIED**

### 3.4 Rating Officer's Report

The Rating Officer's Report was presented.

**Motion:** Moved that the rating officer's report be accepted as presented.

**Mover:** Michael D'Arcy

**Second:** Mark Stokes

**CARRIED**

### ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE (In General Business for Consideration)

#### 4.1 Interschool Term 3 Report and Financials

### ITEM 5 – RATIFICATION OF EMAIL DECISIONS

#### 5.1 Date of CAQ AGM

**Motion:** That the 2025 CAQ Council AGM be held at 10am on 21 December 2025.

**Mover:** Michael D'Arcy

**Second:** Sam Buckley

**CARRIED**

Mt Gravatt Bowls Club – 10am – Can attend in person or via a Zoom link.

**Action Item:** *The Publicity Officer to put on Facebook Page*

**Action Item:** *The Secretary to email the clubs – all nominations are due by midnight 23 November.*

#### 5.2 CAQ Blitz Perpetual Trophy

**Motion:** That the CAQ authorise the creation of a perpetual trophy for the CAQ Blitz Championships.

**Mover:** David Esmonde

**Second:** Iago Roche-Maxwell

**CARRIED**

#### 5.3 Allen Audit & Advisory Proposal Acceptance

**Motion:** That we engage Allen Audit and Advisory to perform the audit of the CAQ financial records for 2025 financial year.

**Mover:** Sam Buckley

**Second:** Michael D'Arcy

**CARRIED**

#### 5.4 State Finals – Primary Reserve

The meeting ratified the determination made by email vote as to Somerville House being selected as a reserve team for Interschool State Finals Primary Competition.

#### 5.5 QJETS Cancellation

**Motion:** That QJETS be cancelled and goodwill accommodation refunds processed.

**Mover:** Michael D’Arcy

**Second:** Ronald Bourke

**CARRIED**

### ITEM 6 – GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 6.1 Rescission of Motion at 6.4 September 2024 Minutes

It was noted that there is an inconsistency between the named motion and the current CAQ Tournament By-Laws. To ensure consistency in the operation of the By-Laws, the following motion was put to the meeting.

“That the title of QLD Blitz Champion be shared if there is a tie between eligible players.”

**Motion:** That we rescind motion at point 6.4 from the September 2024 minutes.

**Mover:** Michael D’Arcy

**Second:** Rebecca Bleney

**CARRIED**

#### 6.2 QJ Ratings on CAQ Website

Council had received a complaint by email about the QJ Ratings link on the CAQ website redirecting to the Gardiner Chess Page instead of independent presentation of QJ ratings on the CAQ website.

The Tournament Officer advised that he’s happy to add the QJ Ratings on the website.

**Action Item:** *The President to respond to the email with this update.*

**Action Item:** *The Tournament Officer to add and regularly update the list on the website.*

### 6.3 Interschool Term 3 Report and Financials

These were tabled.

The interschool coordinator (Shaun Curtis) and the licensee (Andrew Fitzpatrick, on behalf of Gardiner Chess) need to discuss the incidents and advise the CAQ Council.

**Action Item:** *The President to follow up with the two officers.*

*The Treasurer re-joined the meeting.*

### 6.4 Request Regarding the 2026 Queensland Championships

Toowoomba Chess Club would like to incorporate the 2026 QLD Championships with the 2026 Byron Capital Darling Downs Open.

**Motion:** That Toowoomba Chess Club be granted the rights to run the 2026 QLD Championships in conjunction with the 2026 Byron Capital Darling Downs Open.

**Mover:** Michael D'Arcy

**Second:** Donna McGettigan

**Abstain:** Sam Buckley

**CARRIED**

**Action Item:** *The President to distribute proposed updates to the relevant by-laws for an email vote.*

### 6.5 QJETS reimbursement for accommodation

Two of three have been processed. One has yet to be processed.

Council has no objections.

**Action Item:** *The Treasurer to process payment this week.*

### 6.6 Toowoomba Chess Club Subsidy for the Darling Downs Open

**Action Item:** *The Treasurer to process this payment.*

## **6.7 Collection of Membership Fees**

Started discussions on the best way to get members to pay their membership fees based on the new system.

## **ITEM 7 – NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting is set for Tuesday 2 December 2025 at 7pm.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 8.49pm.