



CHESS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC

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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held over Zoom on Tuesday 17 March 2026 at 7.00 PM

Present: Tony Dowden, Ronald Bourke, Iago Roche-Maxwell, Matt Gilpin, Mark C Stokes, Rohan Pyne and David Esmonde. Gail Young joined the meeting at 7:06pm.

Apologies: Doug Williams, Henry Slater-Jones.

The meeting opened at 7.00 pm.

ITEM 1 – 2026 GRAND PRIX

1.1 For the CAQ Council to receive and consider the report of the sub-committee on the 2026 Grand Prix and to vote on any motions proposed.

Mark C Stokes presented the report from the sub-committee on the 2026 Grand Prix.

After 15 minutes of discussion, the following motion was proposed.

Motion: *That the CAQ create and fund a multi-division Grand Prix with a fixed incentive for entering events at a significant distance from South-East Queensland (SEQ). In each event players will receive points scored plus the relevant event site points. SEQ (Brisbane, Gold Coast) attracts 5 event site points; Toowoomba attracts 15 event site points, and Bundaberg and all other sites further north attract 25 event site points. Each rating prize is available to everyone under that rating, not just those within the relevant rating band.*

Prize structure is 1st \$2000, 2nd \$800, 3rd \$600, u2000 \$400, u1600 \$400, u1200 \$400, Female \$400, Senior \$400

Mover: Mark C Stokes
Seconded: Ronald Bourke
CARRIED Unanimously

ITEM 2 – ASTC

2.1 For the CAQ Council to consider an urgent application to the ACF Inc. to lodge an expression of interest in hosting the 2026 Australian Schools Teams Championships.

David Esmonde spoke generally to the issue. After 10 minutes of discussion the following motion was proposed.

Motion: *That the CAQ write to the ACF indicating that the CAQ would like to bid to host the 2026 Australian Schools Teams Championships in December 2026; and if the bid was successful, that the CAQ would run the event.*

Mover: Tony Dowden
Seconded: Ronald Bourke
CARRIED Unanimously

With no further business, the meeting closed at 7:40 pm.

Minutes prepared by Acting CAQ Assistant Secretary David Esmonde 2026-03-18