

GOLD COAST TWEED BONSAI CLUB INC

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Carrara Community Centre, Carrara at 12.30pm on Saturday, 12th April 2025



1. President Robyn opened the meeting at 12.37pm

Present: As per the attendance book.

Apologies: Sally Kendrigan, Marilyn Irvine, Beryl Edsen.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion:

It was moved Leanne seconded Annette that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 9th March 2024, which were made available to all members, be accepted. CARRIED

2. Business Arising from the Minutes.

There was no Business Arising.

3. President's Report

Presidents Report for 2024 AGM as read at meeting

If someone had said to me many years ago that one day I would be president of a bonsai club, I would have argued that wasn't possible.

Our past President, Carole Waller had encouraged me to step up a few years ago but it wasn't something that I thought I'd feel comfortable with. In March 2024, I did step up knowing that I was part of a new committee that would work together to create a flourishing, well run bonsai club.

Thank you to all our members for your amazing support in 2024. Whether you gave a presentation, helped run, set up or pack up our events or meetings, or offered advice to another member, you have all contributed to this great club.

Last year, because of fire-ants and a new bonsai club being established at Tweed, the Gold Coast Bonsai club lost approximately 20 members. However because of some major promotional events the club was involved in throughout the year, we have welcomed 24 new members. A big thank you is needed for the generous donations by club members throughout the year. Whether it was a tree, pot or wooden bonsai stand, it was gratefully used as a raffle to generate much needed dollars to cover our monthly hall hire etc. We continued to have the support of Hidden Valley Bonsai at Currumbin, who provided sponsorship by paying our annual website fees.

The 2024 calendar was very busy with creating interesting and informative monthly meetings including:

- Look + Learn morning sessions
- Visiting guests presentations
- Our annual auction and show.
- Additional to this, the committee and some of our members were involved in events such as: Gold Coast Show
- Carrara Community Event
- Beginners classes at The Collective over 3 evenings
- Open Garden event at Currumbin Valley
- Presentation for the Garden Club
- Supply of articles for the Burleigh Wave magazine.

Already organised for 2025 are many of the events that we took part in last year, as well as 2 more! They are:

- Mudgeeraba Agricultural show
- Botanical Bazaar, both running over the 2 days.

So, the only thing left to say is that I'm very proud to have been part of a dedicated, focused, hardworking, fun but sometimes feisty committee who worked together for the good of the Gold Coast Tweed Bonsai club.

Thank you.

President Robyn Tarrant

Motion:

It was moved Robyn and seconded Julie that the President's Report be accepted. CARRIED

4. Treasurer's Report

Leanne thanked the committee for their great work and cooperation in 2024 and reported that the December 2024 balance was \$11,408.94.

When the committee took over in March the balance was \$7,792.77 in the working account and \$10,380.26 in Term deposit.

After payments to the newly formed Tweed Border Bonsai Club of \$7,600 (as instructed from the 2024 AGM), the balance was \$10,573.03.

Overall, with running costs and some profits from ventures including a successful Club show, the 2024 year ended with a profit of \$835.91.

Leanne thanked the club members for their support and reported the club is getting stronger and stronger with many new members. She is confident that the club is heading in the right direction for 2025.

Motion:

Moved Leanne seconded by Sarah that the Treasurer's report be accepted. CARRIED
(Treasurer's Report emailed/attached)

5. Election of Office Bearers

Motion:

It was moved by Robyn and seconded by Leanne that all positions be declared vacant and that the position of Chair to conduct the elections be taken by Adriana. CARRIED.

Called for any new nominations from the floor.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nomination</u>	<u>Proposed By</u>	<u>Seconded By</u>	<u>Acceptance</u>	<u>Elected</u>
		Sarah			
President	Robyn Tarrant	Belmonte	Marilyn Irvine	Yes	Elected unopposed
VicePresident	Sarah Belmonte	Coral James	Robyn Tarrant Julie	Yes	Elected unopposed
Secretary	Sandy Rogers	Robyn Tarrant	Thompson	Yes	vacant
		Sarah			
Treasurer	SallyKendrigan	Belmonte	Marilyn Irvine	Yes	Elected unopposed
		Sarah			
Committee	Leanne Esteb	Belmonte	Coral James	Yes	Elected unopposed