

157th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 17 April 2024 at 6:00pm

**METCALFE AUDITORIUM, STATE LIBRARY OF NSW
(enter from the Macquarie Street entrance)**

The 157th Annual General Meeting of the Royal Society of NSW will take place at **6:00 pm on Wednesday 17 April 2024** in the Metcalfe Auditorium, State Library of NSW, followed by the 1320th Ordinary General Meeting and open lecture. Registration and refreshments will be available in the anteroom to the auditorium from 5:30 pm.

AGENDA

1. WELCOME

President, Dr Susan Pond AM FRSN

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the 156th Annual General Meeting will be reviewed.

The Council recommends that Members RESOLVE that:

the minutes of the 156th annual General meeting be accepted as a true record.

3. RESULTS OF ELECTRONIC BALLOTS

There are several matters to be determined by electronic ballot to run from Monday 25 March 12.00 noon AEDT to Monday 15 April 12.00 noon AEST.

3.1. A rule change proposed by the Council – the Editor of the Journal and Proceedings of the Royal Society of NSW

As part of the governance review undertaken during the master planning process that took place in the second half of 2023, the Council concluded that because the publication of the Journal and Proceedings of the Royal Society of NSW is such an important activity, the Editor again should be an office-bearer of the Society. Furthermore, because successfully editing a peer-reviewed journal requires very specific skills and experience, the Editor should be appointed rather than elected. Any such appointment should be subject to approval by the membership at a general meeting.

The Council proposed that following resolution be considered by the membership. The full Explanatory Memorandum is attached.

The resolution put to the membership of the Society is:

Rule 16(c) be amended to insert “16(c)(vi) the Editor of the Journal and Proceedings” and the subsequent subclauses be renumbered accordingly.

Rule 18(a) be amended to read “The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, and Webmaster and the ordinary Members or Fellows elected to Council shall be elected for a period of two years. The position of Editor of the Journal and Proceedings of the Royal Society of New South Wales shall be appointed by Council, based on the skills and experience required to edit a peer-reviewed journal. The Editor shall hold office until the second Annual General Meeting after the appointment. The appointment shall be subject to approval by the membership at the next Ordinary General Meeting after the appointment”.

Rule 27(b) “The Editor of the Society’s Journal and Proceedings will be appointed by Council” be deleted as it is no longer required and the subsequent subclauses be renumbered accordingly.

The resolution will be considered by electronic ballot and the results announced at the AGM.

The terms of five ordinary members of Council became vacant as of the date of this meeting. Six nominations were received to fill five vacancies.

The election will be held by electronic ballot and the results announced at the AGM.

The Annual Report of Council and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 have been published on the Society’s website and may be found at this [link](#).

The Council recommends that Members **RESOLVE** that:

The Annual Report of Council and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 be adopted.

The resolution will be considered by electronic ballot and the results of the ballot announced at the AGM.

The Council recommends that Members **RESOLVE** that:

Tinworth & Co., Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors, be confirmed as the auditors of the Royal Society of NSW for 2023.

The resolution will be considered by electronic ballot and the results of the ballot announced at the AGM.

4. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The President will address questions that members may wish to raise.

5. CLOSE



Dr Donald Hector AM FRSN
Secretary

20 March 2024