

159th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 8 April 2026 at 6:00pm

**Michael Crouch Room, Mitchell Building, STATE LIBRARY OF NSW
(enter from the Shakespeare Place entrance)**

The 159th Annual General Meeting of the Royal Society of NSW will take place at **6:00 pm on Wednesday 8 April 2026** in the **Michael Crouch Room, Mitchell Building, State Library of NSW**, followed by the 1339th Ordinary General Meeting and open lecture. Registration and refreshments will be available from 5:30 pm.

AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

President, Em Prof Christina Slade FRSN.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the 158th Annual General Meeting held on 2 April 2025 (available at this [link](#)) will be reviewed and any matters arising considered.

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

The minutes of the 158th annual General meeting be accepted as a true record.

Members may vote on this resolution by electronic ballot prior to the meeting or respond with questions or comments for discussion at the time.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4. BUSINESS

Election of Council members and Office Bearers

The terms of the Treasurer and four ordinary members of Council became vacant as of the date of this meeting. At the close of nominations on Friday 6 March, 7 nominations were received to fill five vacancies. The following nominations were received:

Office Bearer

Treasurer – Ms Erin Gao MRSN

Council members

Prof Sean Brawley FRSN

Mr Medy Hassan OAM FRSN

Dr Elizabeth Killen MRSN

Ass Prof Holly Randell-Moon MRSN

Dr Michael Taylor FRSN

Mr Zile Yu MRSN

As there was only one nomination for the Treasurer position, they are elected unopposed.

As there are six nominations for four vacancies for ordinary Council membership, an election will be held by electronic ballot and the results announced at the AGM.

The electronic ballot will run from Monday 16 March 12.00 noon AEDT to Monday 6 April 12.00 noon AEST.

A rule change proposed by the Council to update the method of communication to Society members for the induction of proposed new members

Applications for membership are considered by the Fellows and Members Assessment Committee, which makes recommendations to Council. Council, in turn, considers those recommendations and puts forward a list of names for approval by the Society's eligible voting members. Rules 8(c) and 8(d) govern how Council recommendations are communicated to members, how objections may be made, and when a recommended candidate is taken to be elected.

The Council proposed that following resolution be considered by the membership. The full Explanatory Memorandum may be found at this [link](#).

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

Rule 8(c) be amended to read: “After due consideration, the Council will recommend new Members or Fellows for admission by electronic communication with financial members eligible to vote in Council elections.”

Rule 8(d) be amended to read: “If there is no valid objection to the recommendation for election of a new Member or Fellow raised with the Society Secretary within two weeks of the electronic communication, the new Member or Fellow is deemed elected at the time of the Council meeting. Any issue arising from the objection should be resolved by the Executive Committee.”

Members may vote on this resolution by electronic ballot prior to the meeting or respond with questions or comments for discussion at the time.

Annual report

The Annual Report of Council and Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2025 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 Report for the year ended 31 December 2025 be received.

Members may vote on this resolution by electronic ballot prior to the meeting or respond with questions or comments for discussion at the time.

Confirmation of auditor

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 2026.

Members may vote on this resolution by electronic ballot prior to the meeting or respond with questions or comments for discussion at the time.

5. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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

6. CLOSE



Em Prof Trevor Brown FRSN
Secretary

11 March 2026