

## **159th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday 8 April 2026 at 6:00pm**

**Michael Crouch Room, Mitchell Building, State Library of NSW**

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**The 159th Annual General Meeting of the Royal Society of NSW** took 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.

### **1. WELCOME**

President, Em Prof Christina Slade FRSN, welcomed Members to the meeting and acknowledged the Eora people of the Gadigal Nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting was held, and paid respect to Elders past, present and future.

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from the following members unable to attend: Bruce Ramage, Jessica Milner Davis, Jan Herrmann, John Hardie, Erin Gao and Trevor Brown.

### **3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The President referred to the electronic ballot and matters raised by members. These are recorded under items 4 and 5 below.

### **4. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND RESULTS OF ELECTRONIC BALLOTS**

#### *Election of Council members and Office Bearers*

The President noted that the terms of the Treasurer and four ordinary members of Council became vacant as of the date of the meeting. At the close of nominations on Friday 6 March 2026, seven nominations had been received to fill five vacancies. As there was only one nomination for Treasurer, Ms Erin Gao MRSN was elected unopposed. As there were six nominations for four vacancies for ordinary Council membership, an election was held by electronic ballot.

The President announced that the following had been elected to Council:

- Treasurer: Ms Erin Gao MRSN
- Ordinary members of Council: Prof Sean Brawley FRSN, Mr Medy Hassan OAM FRSN, Dr Elizabeth Killen MRSN, and Assoc Prof Holly Randell-Moon MRSN.

The President further noted that two appointed positions requiring particular skills remained to be filled and would be considered by Council at its next meeting. She thanked the retiring councillors and office bearers for their service, namely Prof Sally Cripps FRSN, Cdre (Ret'd) Vince Di Pietro AM FRSN, Dr Susan Pond AM FRSN, and Em. Prof Peter Wells FRSN.

Several other matters of business were determined by the electronic ballot:

#### **4.1. Minutes of the 158<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

The Members **RESOLVED** that:

*the minutes of the 158th Annual General meeting be accepted as a true record.*

For: 168 votes; Against: 1 votes; Abstentions: 48

Motion agreed with 99.4% of the vote.

#### **4.2. Proposed rule change**

The Members **RESOLVED** 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."

For: 207 votes; Against: 3 votes; Abstentions: 7  
Motion agreed with 98.6% of the vote.

**4.3. Receipt of the Annual Report of Council and the Financial Statements for 2025**

The Members **RESOLVED** that:

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

For: 196 votes; Against: 0 votes; Abstentions: 21  
Motion agreed with 100.0% of the vote.

**4.4. Confirmation of Auditors**

The Members **RESOLVED** that:

*Tinworth & Co., Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors, be confirmed as the auditors of the Royal Society of NSW for 2026.*

For: 201 votes; Against: 0 votes; Abstentions: 16  
Motion agreed with 100.0% of the vote.

**5. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The President referred to questions and comments that had been made during the electronic ballot and from the floor. All feedback was carefully considered by the Executive, and matters relating to the 158th AGM minutes and the Annual Report 2025 were corrected, with the revised minutes and Report then posted to the website.

**6. CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 6:06 pm.



Em Prof Christina Slade FRSN  
President

9 April 2026