



30 September 2026

NOTICE OF 2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Australian Banana Growers' Council Inc. ("**Council**") hereby notifies its Members that it will hold its Annual General Meeting at:

Location: Tully Civic Centre, 38-40 Bryant Street, Tully QLD 4854

Time and Date: 5.30pm (Queensland time) on **Wednesday 11 November 2026**

If not attending in person, members can register to join electronically by emailing a request to members@abgc.org.au

ORDINARY BUSINESS OF THE 2026 AGM

Resolutions 1 and 2 will be proposed as ordinary resolutions.

1. Financial Report and Auditor's Report

To receive and adopt the audited financial accounts of ABGC Inc.

Resolution 1:

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following as an ordinary resolution:

"To receive and adopt the Income Statement and Balance Sheet of the Council and to receive the Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2026."

2. Auditor's Appointment

To appoint an auditor for the financial affairs of ABGC Inc. for the year ending 30 June 2027.

See AGM Notes (next page).

Resolution 2:

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following as an ordinary resolution:

"That Conroy's Accountants be appointed auditor of ABGC Inc. for 2026/27."

3. Election of Directors:

See AGM Notes (next page).

4. Chair's Report

5. General Business

To transact any general business that may be brought forward in conformity with ABGC's Rules.

Please see AGM Notes (next page).



AGM NOTES

FINANCIAL REPORT & AUDITOR'S REPORT

The audited financial statements and auditor's report are currently being finalised and will be distributed separately to members as soon as they become available, which we anticipate to be mid-October, and prior to the Annual General Meeting on 11 November 2026.

AUDITORS APPOINTMENT

The ABGC Board propose that the current auditors, Conroy's Accountants should remain as auditors of ABGC for 2026/27. The quote for 2026/2027 is \$9110 plus GST plus 12 month Brisbane CPI to June 2027.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

In accordance with the Rules, Directors are required to retire by rotation and are entitled to stand for re-election at the AGM. There will be two Director positions vacant as at the AGM:

1. Queensland Director No.5: Mr Andrew Serra
2. WA/NT Director: Mr Chris Collins

A call for nominations for ABGC Directors was issued with this Notice of Meeting. It notes nominations are to be received by the Secretary by no later than 5.00pm (Queensland time) on 14 October 2026.

Should the number of nominations outnumber the available positions, a ballot will be held, and relevant State or Territory Members will be advised.

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS

ABGC Grower Members who are not able to attend the meeting in person are entitled to appoint a proxy to vote on resolutions on the AGM agenda.

The Proxy Form details how to appoint a proxy and how to lodge a proxy form.

In order to be valid, completed proxy forms must be received by the Secretary no later than 5.00pm (Queensland time) on 9 November 2026.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Any special resolution required to be put to the AGM by a Member is required to be seconded by another member and provided to the Secretary by 5pm on 21 October 2026 so that all members could then be circulated a revised agenda, prior to the AGM.



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For more information

If you have any questions regarding the meeting, Board vacancies, or proxy voting, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretary, Leanne Erakovic on 0418 890 254.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leanne'.

Leanne Erakovic
Secretary / CEO





30 September 2026

Call for Nominations for ABGC Directors

To All ABGC Commercial Banana Grower Members

Under Clause 7.4 of the Australian Banana Growers' Council Inc. (ABGC) Rules, the Secretary is to call for nominations for Directors when the notice of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) is advised. The AGM is to be held on Wednesday 11 November 2026 at 5.30pm at the Tully Civic Centre, 38-40 Bryant Street Tully QLD 4854.

In accordance with the Rules, Directors are required to retire by rotation and are entitled to stand for re-election at the annual general meeting.

There will be two Director positions vacant as at the AGM:

1. Queensland Director No.5: Mr Andrew Serra
2. WA/NT Director: Mr Chris Collins

Should the number of nominations outnumber the available positions, a ballot will be held, relevant State or Territory Members will be advised.

To be eligible as a Queensland, WA/NT or NSW Director, the nominee must be a Commercial Banana Grower Member from that State, i.e. a member who owns or operates a commercial banana growing business and has been remitting the ABGC Membership Fees for at least 12 months prior to nomination.

A grower wishing to nominate an eligible grower member for election as an ABGC Director must also be a Commercial Banana Grower Member who is from the same State/Territory. A copy of the Nomination form is included in this Notice.

Nominations must be received in writing no later than 5pm (AEST) on 14 October 2026.

Any queries please contact me or a current Director.

Yours sincerely

Leanne Erakovic
Secretary and CEO
ABGC

DIRECTOR NOMINATION FORM 2026

1 NOMINEE FOR ABGC DIRECTOR

To be eligible to be nominated as a director, a nominee must be a Commercial Banana Grower Member for at least 12 months (See 7.3 (a), ABGC Rules).*

Full name

ABN

Address

..... State PC

Phone () Mobile phone

Email

2 NOMINEE'S CONSENT

The nominee named above, consents to being nominated as a Director of ABGC.

Signature: Date:

3 NOMINATOR

The Nominator must also be an ABGC Commercial Banana Grower Member from the same State or Territory as the nominee.

Full name

ABN

Address

..... State PC

Phone () Mobile phone

Email

Signature..... Date.....

Completed forms must be received BY NO LATER THAN 5pm (AEST) 14 October 2026

Post: PO Box 390 Brisbane Market Qld 4106

Email: members@abgc.org.au

AUSTRALIAN BANANA GROWERS' COUNCIL PROXY FORM

A) Appointment

I/We.....
(PLEASE PRINT NAME)

Of...../
(ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER)

being a member/members of Australian Banana Growers' Council Inc. and entitled to attend and vote, appoint*

.....
(PLEASE PRINT NAME & PHONE NUMBER)

as my/our proxy to act generally at the meeting on my/our behalf and to vote in accordance with the following directions at the meeting of members of Australian Banana Growers' Council Inc. to be held on:

**Wednesday 11 November 2026 at 5.30pm at the
Tully Civic Centre, 38-40 Bryant Street, Tully QLD 4854**

and at any adjournment of that meeting.

**Or failing the person so named (or if no person is named) the Chair of the meeting.*

B) Business

Should you desire to direct your proxy how to vote on the Resolutions you should place a mark (X) in the appropriate box against each item below.

	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Ordinary Resolution 1: Financial Report and Auditor's Report	☐	☐	☐
Ordinary Resolution 2: Appointment of Auditor	☐	☐	☐
Other Special Resolution (if any):	☐	☐	☐

C) Members Signature

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE ABGC SECRETARY BY 5pm (Qld time) 9 November, 2026 via one of the following methods:

**Mail: PO Box 309 Brisbane Market Qld 4106 OR
Email: members@abgc.org.au**

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Held at the Centre for Wet Tropics Agriculture, DPI,
Experimental Station Rd, South Johnstone 4871*

Wednesday 12th November 2025 commencing at 5.30pm



PRESENT

Directors

Leon Collins (Chair)
Stephen Lowe (Deputy Chair)
James Howe
Gary Fattore
Doriana Mangili
Andrew Serra (Finance Risk & Audit Committee
(FRAC) Chair)
Stephen Spear

Members for Quorum

Martin Buchanan
William Darveniza
Graham Hampson
Bernie Devaney (online)
Robin Hundal (online)
Michael Ruso
Paul Inderbitzin (online)
Peter Spagnolo (online)
Dean Sinton
Matt Abbott
Alana Leahy (online)

Chris Collins (online; Director elect)

Other Grower Members (non-voting members)

Cameron Mackay
Barry Lowe
Gavin Eilers
Misty Eilers
Naomi Brownrig

Affiliate Members

Nil

Observers

Leanne Erakovic (CEO)
Kathryn Dryden
Amy Spear
Elisha Farmer
Michelle McKinlay
Doug Phillips
Emma Castle
Skye Orsmond
Rachel Chambers (Qld Food Farmers'
Commissioner)

Meeting opened 5.31pm

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked them for supporting ABGC.

QUORUM

The Chair confirmed that a quorum was present at the meeting and declared the AGM open.
Quorum confirmed.

APOLOGIES

The Chair noted apologies from the following members:

Tayla Mackay (Director)
Patrick Leahy
Len Collins
Gavin Devaney
David Rolfe
Shane Zonta

Apologies noted.

PROXY VOTE

The Chair noted no Proxy Votes were received.
No proxy votes received

Based on the Notice of Meeting distribution to members prior to this meeting in accordance with the organisation's Rules, the notice was adopted as the agenda.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

"That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, November 2023, be adopted"

Moved: Gary Fattore; Seconded: FRAC Chair
Declared as Carried

CEO'S PRESENTATION

The CEO presented the CEO Report providing members with a snapshot of key items of note from the Audited Financial Statement:

- Asset and Liabilities Statement
- Income and Expenditure Statement
- Income for Agri-political vs project work
- Banana levies vs membership income

CHAIR'S PRESENTATION

The Chair presented the Chair's Report acknowledging the challenges faced by the industry and reflecting on ABGC's achievements in 2025:

- Advocacy
- R&D Coordination
- Supply Chain Engagement
- Biosecurity and Sustainability
- Rower Support (Biosecurity); TR4
- Communications

RESOLUTIONS

"To receive and adopt the Income Statement and Balance Sheet of the Council and to receive the Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2025."

Moved: FRAC Chair; Seconded: Dorian Mangili
Declared as Carried

"That Conroy's Accountants be appointed auditor of ABGC for 2025/2026."

Moved: Deputy Chair; Seconded: Gary Fattore
Declared as Carried

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Deputy Chair declared one nomination for Queensland – Leon Collins – elected, and no election was required because there were no other nominations.

The Chair declared one nomination for NSW – Stephen Spear – elected, and no election was required because there were no other nominations.

The Chair declared one nomination for WA/NT – Chris Collins – elected, and no election was required because there were no other nominations.

The Chair thanked outgoing Director Doriana Mangili for her exceptional service to the WA banana industry and ABGC.

GENERAL BUSINESS

No Special General Resolutions were provided in advance, so none were able to be put to the meeting.

The Chair invited questions from the floor:

- A question was put to Directors asking whether the Board has considered increasing R&D levy. In response, the Board advised that a review of levies is on their agenda, however with the imports announcement it was agreed that the timing is not right to implement a ballot to propose an increase in the R&D levy.

MEETING CLOSE

Meeting concluded at 5.50pm

All were invited to attend the dinner following the AGM at Brothers' Leagues Club, Innisfail.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L Collins', written in a cursive style.

Mr Leon Collins
CHAIR