

NOTICE OF BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the QLD and Northern NSW Branch of Amnesty International Australia will be held at the Amnesty Action Centre, **24 Chermside St, Teneriffe QLD** on **19 May 2018**.

AGENDA

	SATURDAY 19 May		
	Morning Program	15:00	Afternoon tea
10:00	Registration, tea and coffee	15:15	Governance Workshop 1
		16:00	Governance Workshop 2
10:30	Acknowledgement of Country Branch President's Welcome National Review for 2017	16:45	Close
11:20	Group and activist highlights and reflections for 2017 (open floor)	18:00	Evening
			Optional pay-your-own dinner at Teneriffe (restaurant to be advised).
12:20	Regional Representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on resolutions from National Annual General Meeting 2017 • Response to questions on notice 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoy a social dinner with group convenors and members from across Queensland and Northern New South Wales
12:40	Lunch and presentation of inaugural David George Activism Award		
	Afternoon Program		
13:20	Introduction of Brave Campaign		
13:30	Keynote speaker		
14:00	Official Branch Annual General Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of Standing Orders • Consideration and approval minutes of 2017 BAGM • Branch Report • Consideration of the audited Annual Finance Report and Director's Report 2017 • Election of returning officer • Election of members of Branch Committee • Election of National Annual General Meeting representatives and observer • Announcement of results by returning officer • Consideration of resolutions 		
			SUNDAY 20 MAY
			Activist Leadership Face-to-Face
			10:00am – 3:30pm
			Agenda
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activism strategy • Feedback on Branch Committee priority projects and input/interest in being in the project • Campaigns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Human Rights Act for QLD ○ Refugees campaign ○ Community is Everything • Leaders delegating group roles and working to group members' strengths • Social media training
			<i>Members and supporters can attend both days, a single day or part of a day, but please RSVP for catering purposes.</i>

RSVP

For further details, or to advise that you will be attending, please visit amnestyoz.nationbuilder.com/qldnsw_bagm or call the Action Centre on 07 3136 6400 by **midday Thursday 17 May 2018**. For catering purposes please let us know if you have any particular dietary requirements.

AWARDS

The inaugural David George Award is a way for Amnesty International Queensland and Northern New South Wales to acknowledge our members' outstanding human rights work. Any member of AIA can either make a nomination or be nominated. The Branch Committee must receive nominations no later than **midday Thursday 17 May 2018** to qldbranchpresident@amnesty.org.au.

Please email for the full award policy.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations are open for the Branch Committee and for representatives to the National Annual General Meeting (NAGM). This year delegates will be required to attend:

- An in-person special resolutions meeting for voting delegates, Branch Presidents and board members on 28 and 29 July;
- NAGM on 27 and 28 October.

Nominations should be submitted in writing to qldbranchpresident@amnesty.org.au by **midday Thursday 17 May 2018**.

Positions on the Branch Committee for which nominations are sought: President, Regional Representative, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Alternative Regional Representative as well as up to six other members. Note the positions of Branch President and Regional Representative are appointed for a two-year term effective from May 2018.

All members of the Branch Committee and the NAGM representatives (being two voting delegates and two non-voting observers) must be financial members of AIA.

RESOLUTIONS

Any proposed resolutions from individual members or local action groups should be put in writing and sent to the Branch President at qldbranchpresident@amnesty.org.au or the Action Centre, 24 Chermide St, Teneriffe QLD 4006 by close of business on **Friday 11 May 2018**.

VOTING RIGHTS

All supporters are most welcome at our AGM, however only financial members have the opportunity to put forward resolutions and vote. Join at www.amnesty.org.au/membership or check your current membership status on 1300 300 920. Individuals who are not on the membership list as of **11 May 2018** will not be entitled to vote.

Subject to the Constitution each branch member entitled to a vote at a BAGM may vote in person or by proxy. A proxy must be a member of AIA and from the same branch as the person appointing the proxy. An instrument appointing a proxy need not be in any particular form provided it is in writing, legally valid, signed and deposited at the Action Centre, 24 Chermide St, Teneriffe QLD 4006 by **midday Thursday 17 May 2018**.

All members and human rights supporters are most welcome and encouraged to attend.

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