Presidents Message AGM 2022

Thanks to the outgoing committee: Ian, Willy, Peter, Steve, Doug, Bret, James, Anna and Tom. You've all been outstanding advocates for a better world. For those that remain I look forward to working with you again, and for those that are moving on I will always treasure our time together.

This is our 49th year - 49 years of advocacy, research, dissemination and promotion of all things environment. I can't imagine CQ without CCC. Yet, there were a few times this year when I thought we wouldn't see 50! I'm currently cautiously optimistic.

We started off the year with a committee of 10 and coordinator from heaven, Coral. We gained our 2nd coordinator, Katlin, also of celestial origin, midyear. We've since lost 4 from the committee and both coordinators. The definition of inertia: *a property of matter by which it continues in its existing state of rest or uniform motion in a straight line, unless that state is changed by an external force.* It's obvious CCC has to change, to become more relevant, nimble, engaging and fun! Fortunately, we have many experienced friends along the road to advise and help: QCC, QwaLC, fellow conservation organisations and most importantly YOU, our volunteers and fellow conservationists.

The plan forward is that the Management Committee, which you are here to elect, can be smaller, perhaps just 5 - to direct the staff and do the paperwork and finances. A new "Action" subcommittee, the volunteer, activist component, should be bigger, more diverse and more active and I invite you all to get on board. CCC with its funded coordinator will assist, empower and enable.

Please join us on this adventure. This is your organisation and it's never been more important or more relevant.

Paul Bambrick

President