

**RECORD OF THE KWANALU CONGRESS
HELD ON THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2026
AT THE MEANDER HALL, LIONS RIVER
26th Annual Congress
CONGRESS THEME**

**Kwanalu one voice, one vision.
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1. Registration

2. Constitution of Congress

The CEO, Mrs Sandy La Marque, confirmed that the notice of Congress had been circulated and, with the representative delegates present, a quorum had been met, and Congress was properly constituted.

3. Opening

Mr Rustin Shawe opened Congress with a message of inspiration and encouragement and read a passage from Ecclesiastes 4 vs 9 - 12.

A copy of the opening is attached to the file copy of this report and is available on the Kwanalu website.

4. Welcome

The President, Mr Peter-John Hassard, welcomed everyone to Congress and thanked all attendees for their presence.

A special word of welcome was extended to the past Presidents, Messer's Robin Barnsley, Brian Aitken, Graham McIntosh and Mike Black.

The NAU Trustees, Messer's Andries Geyser and Peter Stockhil, were also welcomed. Special recognition was given to Mr Geyser, who has been attending Kwanalu Congresses since 1963 and has only missed two Congresses during this time, one of which was due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr Willem de Chavonnes Vrugt, President of AgriSA, was welcomed, together with all other distinguished guests in attendance.

Apologies had been recorded on the attendance register.

5. Motions

First motion

The Chairman requested Congress to stand for a moment's silence in remembrance; Congress honors and remembers those who have lost family or friends, and people who have suffered because of crime.

6. President's Address

The Chairman presented his President's Address to Congress.

A copy of his address is attached to the file copy of this report and is available on the Kwanalu website.

Mr Rustin Shawe, thanked the President for his address.

He proposed the adoption of the President's address.

This was seconded and adopted.

7. Annual Report 2024/2026

Mrs Sandy La Marque addressed Congress and highlighted key issues that had been addressed during the past year. She also outlined the policy-mandated positions upheld by Kwanalu and reaffirmed the organisation's commitment to these positions. A copy of the presentation is attached to the file copy of this report and is available on the Kwanalu website.

The annual report were seconded and unanimously **ACCEPTED**.

8. Financial Statements year ending 30 June 2026

The President called on Ms Sandy La Marque to present the audited financial statements. It was noted that all delegates had been sent the Audited Financial Statements. It was confirmed that the Board, as duly authorised, had approved and signed the audited financial statements.

The audited financial statements were seconded and unanimously **ACCEPTED**.

9. Annual Membership & Budget 2025/2026

Ms Sandy La Marque presented the membership fee and budget. Ms Sandy La Marque noted that the governance and fiduciary responsibility of Kwanalu was upheld. Membership fees have increased, as approved and mandated by the policy approved by Congress by CPI + 2%. It was noted that the supporting information had been sent to all delegates.

Mr Richard Nicholson proposed the acceptance of the annual financial statements, membership fee, budget and the annual report as circulated to delegates.

The audited financial statements, membership fee, budget and annual report were seconded and unanimously **ACCEPTED**.

10. Agri SA

Mr Willem de Chavonnes Vrugt, Chairman of AgriSA Provincial Chamber, was given an opportunity to address Congress. He provided insight into the activities of AgriSA and called for unity at local, provincial and national level.

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11. Keynote Session 1: Current events, future scenarios. Beyond the headlines. Mr Justic Malala – Political commentator, TV Host, Journalist and best-selling author

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12. Keynote Session 2: Your Voice Matters – Have Your Say.

Mr Nick Reitz facilitated an interactive session designed to guide and shape Kwanalu's strategic priorities. The questions had been carefully formulated and sent to all delegates prior to congress for consideration by members. The resulting discussions provided considered direction and contributed to a solution-focused approach.

It was noted that the findings will be consolidated and presented to the Board for further deliberation and strategic guidance regarding the next steps.

Dr Kathy Hurly wrapped up the keynote session highlighting a few points which had been raised.

13. Board Announcements for 2026/2028

Following an election process, Messer's Nick Reitz, Rustin Shawe, Tim Lee, Richard Nicholson, Rob Gurney and Ms Jenni Robinson-Rosewall were elected to the Board. Messer's Peter John Hassard, Angus Williamson and Dr Kathy Hurly were co-opted onto the Board.

It was Noted that the new President and vice will be elected in due course by the members of the Board.

14. Closure & President's conclusion

The President thanked all the speakers and delegates for their contributions and participation, noting it had been a very well attended congress.

He expressed his appreciation to all delegates and observers for attending, as well as to the Kwanalu staff for their hard work and commitment throughout the year. He also thanked the sponsors for their valued support.

The President reaffirmed Kwanalu's commitment to proactively addressing the key issues affecting its members. Many of these issues had been highlighted during Congress, as well as during association meetings.

He thanked Congress for the opportunity to serve as Kwanalu President and reaffirmed his commitment to providing ongoing support and leadership to the organisation and its members.

Congress adjourned at 13:30.

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