

**NSW Wildlife Council Inc. – Minutes - General Meeting 41**  
**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2016 – Commencing 10.00 a.m.**

The Centre, 14 Frances Street, Randwick

**Chair: Audrey Koosmen**

**GUEST SPEAKER TIME MOVED:**

***At 08.30 a.m. Sunday 28 August, 2016. Peter Stathis, Senior Team Leader, Biodiversity and Wildlife, Nature Conservation Section, Parks Conservation and Heritage Branch, National Parks and Wildlife Service. Peter will update the meeting on the current Rehabilitator and Group Management Audits, Codes of Practice and the Biodiversity Legislation Review and other matters affecting the rehabilitation sector.***

**MEETING OPEN:** 10.06 am In Attendance

Nikki	Main	Australian Seabird Rescue
Meredith	Ryan	F.A.W.N.A. (NSW) INC
Lorraine	Vass	Friends of the Koala
Jill	Dean	Hunter Wildlife Rescue - NATF
Audrey	Koosmen	Hunter Wildlife Rescue - NATF
Shirley	Lack	Native Animal Rescue Group
Bill	Waterhouse	Native Animal Rescue Group
Sandy	Norris	Northern Rivers Wildlife Carers
Jacquie	Maisey	Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carers
Shona	Lorigan	ORRCA
Peter	Graham	Snowy Mtns Wildlife Rescue - LAOKO
Louise	Bally	Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers
Miriam	Hazel	Wildcare Queanbeyan
Jo	Kelly	Wildlife Aid
Jan	Brazel	Wildlife ARC
Richard	Woodman	Wildlife Rescue South Coast

**APOLOGIES**

Don	Eagleton	Australian Seabird Rescue
Sonja	Elwood	Sydney Wildlife
Paul	McLeod	Koalas In Care
Carmel	Northwood	Hunter Koala Pres Society
Suzy	Watson	Wildcare Queanbeyan
Lorraine	Yudaeff	WINC

Welcome by Chair, Audrey Koosmen. Chair advised no election nominations forms received to date. Particularly important is the Secretary role. Thanks given to Meredith Ryan for stepping in to this role after the resignation of the previous elected Secretary.

Welcome to Louise Bally, Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers Rep. Introductions made.

**1. Confirmation of the Minutes** of the 24 May 2016 General Meeting No. 40

Motion: That the Minutes of the 24 May 2016 General Meeting are a true and correct record.

Proposed: M. Ryan; Seconded: L. Vass: **Carried**

**1. Business arising** from that meeting. Action list update

	<b><u>TASK TO BE ACTIONED BY</u></b>	<b><u>OUTCOME</u></b>
1	S. Lack Insurance officer email Insurance Policy to Reps	Completed
2	A/Secretary contact non-respondents for member numbers in groups	Done but response poor
3	A/Secretary contact Reps for repeat of Land available for Release information	Remove from action list
4	A/Secretary Survey questions to R. Haering. NWC 2008 Cost Survey. Questionnaire copy provided to RH OEH on thumb drive 24/5	Provided on thumb drive (sample from FAWNA). Information was later provided by P. Machin direct to R. Haering, OEH
5	A/Secretary send Reps Authority sample	Sent via email to Reps line
6	A/Secretary send Reps sample of 2008 Survey	Information not available
7	S. Elwood, J. Maisey L. Vass, J. Hunt, A. Koosmen collaborate on Survey Monkey idea	Chair withdrew from this task. Seems to be confusion as to who was to do what. <b>Query with OEH.</b> S. Elwood is currently overseas.
8	Chair 27 May final date for comment on BOP Code Draft	Completed
9	All groups 27 May to nominate to S. Lorigan delegates to Macropod Code of Practice workshop	Completed
10	All groups 23 May deadline for to send Macropod Training materials to S. Lorigan	Completed
11	A/Secretary send Powerpoint NPWS training	Done
12	J. Hunt, J. Dean, S. Elwood – working group to recommend Code-based training programme	Only 3 slides in OEH Ranger training tool are relevant to COP therefore it is not adequate. R. Woodman believes the code should be the core foundation for groups' training. Clarified with J. Dean to go back to other group to progress. B. Waterhouse believes OEH may be withdrawing from wildlife rehabilitation and material may be quickly outdated. Believes a dot point recommended list may be best initially.
13	A/Secretary adapt pdf Grant form	Done
14	A/Secretary J. Maisey consult with S. lack re. sending Grant Application forms out to Reps.	Done
15	A/Secretary liaise with RSPCA over reporting system NWC to RSPCA	<b>RSPCA CURRENT ON-LINE FORM TO REPORT A CRUELTY CASE</b> <a href="https://www.rspcansw.org.au/contact/report-a-cruelty-case">https://www.rspcansw.org.au/contact/report-a-cruelty-case</a> No progression on a specific number/contact method for wildlife cases.
16	S. Elwood check status of Koala MOU Sydney	Ongoing. L. Vass will keep NWC Informed.
17	Committee - Finalise draft letter to IGLs for circulation by OEH – NWC Committee.	J. Maisey sent to Chair. Draft prepared and sent to OEH. Copy to be provided to Secretary for records. OEH has acknowledged that action will take place.
18	A/Secretary to arrange Website ORRCA correction	Completed by Webmaster
19	Committee: Finalise brochure photos and quotes	Completed and brochure produced and distributed to Reps
20	I. Roberts send draft letter for consideration re. Coolangatta Airport ILS	Letter completed and response from Minister Speakman received.

Motion: <sup>1</sup>Re. Cruelty to wildlife recording. Miriam Hazel has volunteered Eric Heatwole to make recommendations for a Cruelty Database to be available for NWC groups to report instances with specific details.

Motion: That NWC accepts this offer.

Proposed M. Ryan, Seconded S. Lorigan **Carried**

Motion: That the business arising as noted is approved.

Proposed: M. Ryan Seconded: A. Koosmen: **Carried**

## 2. Correspondence Emails from May - August subject of an email 21-8-16 to Reps list.

Other correspondence

16 06 28	NWC	Biodiversity Reforms Submission lodged
16 06 Undated	Gibbins OEH	Consultation period Biodiversity proposed stakeholder workshops over August 2016 to December 2017 period
16 07 05	RRANA	Advising Rep/Alt
16 08 21	FAWNA (NSW) INC	Confirming Rep/Alt
16 08 08	Minister Speakman	Gold Coast Airport ILS reply
Undated	TVWC	New Rep and Alt
Undated	Hunter Wildlife Rescue	Confirming Rep/Alt

Wildcare Queanbeyan Rep and Alt advice handed to meeting.

Motion: That the Correspondence as noted May to August is accepted.

Proposed: M. Ryan Seconded: B. Waterhouse: **Carried**

## 3. Chair Report – A. Koosmen

To be presented at AGM

## 4. Treasurer's Reports tabled: - S. Lack

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### Profit and Loss Statement

1-07-2016 to 23-08-2016

Total Income				0.00
Gross Profit				0.00
Expenses				
AWRC Conference			1,090.51	
Macropod COP			5,707.89	
Printing Postage Stationery			1,371.75	
Website expenses			250.00	
Total Expenses				8,420.15

<sup>1</sup> Miriam Hazel approach E H re. Database Cruelty,

Operating Profit				-8,420.15
Net Profit/Loss				<u>-8,420.15</u>

### Trial Balance

August 2016

Account Name	Debit	Credit	YTD Debit	YTD Credit
NSW Wildlife Council		3,417.94	95,631.58	
Term Deposit			31,866.61	
PayPal Public Fund			134.99	
NSW Wildlife Council Public Fund			965.51	
				70.00
Retained earnings		0.00		68,531.27
Historical balancing		0.00		68,417.57
AWRC Conference	1,090.51		1,090.51	
Macropod COP	2,077.43		5,707.89	
Printing, postage & stationery	0.00		1,371.75	
Website Expenses	250.00		250.00	
Total	<u>3,417.94</u>		<u>137,018.84</u>	<u>137,018.84</u>

### Balance Sheet

as of 23-08-2016

#### Assets

NSW Wildlife Council	95,631.58
Term Deposit	31,866.61
PayPal Public Fund	134.99
NSW Wildlife Council Public Fund	965.51
Total Assets	128,598.69

Liabilities 0.00

#### Equity

Retained earnings	68,531.27
Current Year Earnings	-8,420.15
Historical balancing	68,417.57
Total Equity	<u>128,528.69</u>

Motion: That the Treasurer's Reports as presented in these Minutes are accepted.

Proposed S. Lack, Seconded R. Woodman: **Carried**

5. **Insurance Officer Report** – S. Lack – No incidents to report. Several enquiries from groups.
6. **Public Officer Report** – M. Ryan. All required documents/reports lodgement is up to date with all Government bodies. Annual Report and any Committee Responsible Persons changes after AGM are to be lodged with ACNC within one month. Fair Trading Form A12 to be lodged within one month of AGM at fee of \$54. Higher fee if lodged after one month.
7. **Biodiversity Legislation Review** – NWC Submission lodged by Vice Chair/Acting Secretary. The unavoidable 24 hours' notice of this task did not allow for consultation and to still meet the deadline.

Copy to be sent to L. Vass.

8. **Bird of Prey Code of Practice** progress report – to be included in P. Stathis presentation
9. **Update on Code/s of Practice – including Macropod Code of Practice** – Audrey Koosmen/Shona Lorigan – also included in P. Stathis presentation. Bill Waterhouse passed on compliments after feedback received about S. Lorigan’s facilitation and the effectiveness of the day. A. Koosmen passed on positive comments from WIRES and several other participants.
10. **Wildlife Rehabilitation Grants 2016-2017 – 10 eligible applications received.** Distribution of voting paper - Voting to take place at the AGM – 1 vote per NWC Group represented by a Rep or Alternate delegate present at the Annual General Meeting
11. **OEH – Peer assessment of NWC** – questionnaire and letter dated 22 August appended to Agenda See F. 16 08 27 OEH NWC Questions. To be discussed at meeting with P. Stathis on 28-8-2016.
12. **Wildlife Rescue App – update** – IFAW is unable to advise an expected completion date.
13. **Nature Conservation Council** Report – L. Vass. Annual Conference is coming up. Sat /Sun 22 and 23 October at Univ Sydney. Calling for Motions and representation. Deadlines are: 16/9 lodgment of Notice; 30/9 business papers sent to member groups. Fri 14/10 Registration closes. NWC NCC rep will be voted on at AGM tomorrow. Suggest delegate to the Conference should be the elected NWC Rep.

N. Henry would like to continue on the Kangaroo Committee despite no longer being a Rep on NWC. This was agreed appropriate considering her keen interest and experience in the subject.

14. **Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference** – Melbourne, August 2016 – A. Koosmen. Chair report presented – to be appended to minutes and distributed to Reps.

M. Ryan thanks NWC for hosting her attendance and travel to the Conference. The networking opportunity was invaluable and reinforced her view that the current NSW licensing system is superior to that operating in other States.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

15. **Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference 2018 – A. Koosmen.** NWC was expecting the organisation of this conference would be handed over to NWC. The Qld Chair asked why NWC was not involved. It was claimed by the NSW State AWRC Representatives that the NWC Secretary said NWC was not interested. Acting Secretary advises no such email was received by NWC. M. Ryan responded to the request to FAWNA, her own group, to indicate interest in participating – she had been advised by S. Amesbury, the NSW Committee member of AWRC Inc. that all NSW groups were sent a request to participate in organisation of the conference. Several of the NWC groups present were not aware of any such contact being made with their group.

WIRES, WRSC, Wildlife Rescue South Coast, Sydney Wildlife and NTWC are the organising groups. Steve Amesbury and Jackie Marlow are the AWRC Committee members representing NSW and A. Koosmen advises they claimed as “NWC does not talk to WIRES NWC would not be appropriate” to be the organiser.

There is a breakdown in communication and NWC was not consulted or invited to attend any meeting regarding the arrangements to be made for organising a NSW Conference in 2018. The first communication has been a request for NWC sponsorship.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to AWRC Secretary expressing NWC’s concern that NWC has not been contacted in regard to the organisation of the AWRC 2018. The request for sponsorship was the first contact from AWRC. The sponsorship request should be placed on hold until the organising committee questions are resolved. Miriam will draft a response for consideration by the management committee.

**16. NWC – other Stakeholders – A. Koosmen**

Membership of NWC should be expanded to include for example RSPCA, NCC, Landcare Australia, Taronga Zoo, IFAW, AVA, HSI, AWS, ACF, NPA, AWL. New Committee should consider this. Under the current Constitution, membership is not open to other than licensed wildlife rehabilitators..

L. Vass will search history of thoughts on membership categories of NWC and advise the management committee.

**17. Endemic Reptiles – held at behest of NPWS (Questions posed to P. Stathis ahead of meeting) – J. Dean, Hunter Wildlife-NATF**

To be discussed at meeting 28-8-16. Queries to other groups – do other groups get non-endemic reptiles into care? Who is responsible for care, housing, ongoing costs, vet bills? Escaped or “released” pets; NPWS seizures; out of area animals.

**18. QWRC booklet offered to NWC – Audrey Koosmen**

Booklet circulated – general agreement that we should accept the Queensland offer to adapt a version for NSW. A. Koosmen to talk to Eleanor Pollock, QWRC about progressing this idea.

**19. Fox Rescue Group attempts to overturn Pest Order on Foxes**

NWC to send <sup>2</sup>letter protesting in the most vehement terms any thought of overturning the Pest Order on foxes. Secretary will check that it is DPI, including the Minister, to write to.

**20. FOKtober will celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Friends of the Koala – October 2016.**

Congratulations given to L. Vass for meeting this significant milestone.

**Meeting Close: Time 4.50 p.m. Dates of next general meetings: (subject to confirmation)**

Tuesday, 22 November, 2016	OEH, Hurstville
Tuesday, 24 February 2017	OEH, Hurstville

Signed/Chair ..... Date .....

<sup>2</sup> M. Ryan to write letter