

**NSW Wildlife Council – MINUTES – General Meeting No. 47 – 10:00 hours –
Tuesday 20 February 2018 – Room 1.04 43 Bridge St., Hurstville**

Chair: Audrey Koosmen

MEETING OPEN: TIME: 10.00

<u>Name</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Group</u>
Don	Eagleton	Australian Seabird Rescue
Cathy	Gilmore	Australian Seabird Rescue-Alt
Meredith	Ryan	F.A.W.N.A. (NSW) INC
Lorraine	Vass	Friends of the Koala
Audrey	Koosmen	Hunter Wildlife Rescue-NATF
Kate	Randolph	Hunter Wildlife Rescue-NATF-Alt
Shirley	Lack	Native Animal Rescue Group
Sandy	Norris	Northern Rivers Wildlife Carers
Jacque	Maisey	Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carers
Julia	Rose	Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carers-Alt
Shona	Lorigan	ORRCA
Murray	Black	Port Stephens Koalas-Alt
Peter	Graham	Snowy Mtns Wildlife Rescue-LAOKO
Sonja	Elwood	Sydney Wildlife Rescue
Libby	Hall	Taronga Wildlife Hospital
Jenny	Weston	Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers
Miriam	Hazel	Wildcare Queanbeyan
Kerryn	Parry-Jones	Wildlife ARC
Richard	Woodman	Wildlife Rescue South Coast
Justine	King	Wildlife Rescue South Coast-Alt
VISITORS		NPWS/OEH
Peter	Stathis	Manager, Biodiversity & Wildlife
Ron	Haering	Senior Project Officer, Biodiversity & Wildlife Team
Vanessa	Wilson	Project Officer, Systems & Data
Alison	Foster	Project Officer, Biodiversity & Wildlife Team
Robert	Oliver	Implementation Manager, Wildlife Biodiv. Reforms
April	Suen	IFAW Wildlife Campaigner
Rebekka	Thompson-Jones	IFAW
APOLOGY		
Brendan	Diacono	Snowy Mtns Wildlife Rescue-LAOKO-Alt
Cheyne	Flanagan	Koala Preservation Society
Rod	Miller	F.A.W.N.A. (NSW) INC
Ian	Mitchell	Corrections NSW
Leesa	Pratt	ORRCA
Greg	Saunders	Corrections NSW
Brad	Smith	Wildlife Aid
Linda	Stoev	Wildlife Carers Network Central West
Chris	Thompson	Sydney Wildlife Rescue-Alt
Suzy	Watson	Wildcare Queanbeyan
Lorraine	Yudaeff	Wildlife in Need of Care

Welcome by Chair Audrey Koosmen and introduction of new representatives.

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Libby Hall, Taronga Wildlife Hospital; Jenny Weston, Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers; Murray Black, Port Stephens Koalas and Cathy Gilmore, Australian Seabird Rescue. Linda Stoev from Wildlife Carers Network Central West is confirmed as replacing Josh Mesilane, and Friends of Koala has advised Lorraine Vass will return to the Rep position with Fiona Dawson as the Alt delegate. ¹A new member list will be circulated.

Standing Orders suspended for presentations by representatives from the NPWS/OEH Biodiversity and Wildlife Team. PS-Peter Stathis; RH-Ron Haering; VW-Vanessa Wilson; AF-Alison Foster; RO-Robert Oliver

- Update on Future NPWS outcomes – 5min (PS)
- Update on the progress of the fauna rehabilitation sector review report (PS & RH) – 15min
- Truth a sample report from the survey data on your members. The report is group specific but unidentified to group, and will form part of what we want to give back to each group in return for their input last year (PS, VW, RH) – 20min
- Update on status of the koala strategy and introduce Alison (5min) (PS)
- Koala Strategy genetic protocol progress report – We want to know how it is being implemented by each group, any problems or needs. Groups who attended the workshop have been asked to prepare meeting input prior to attending to inform discussions – 20min (AF, PS, RH)
- Koala Code of Practice status update -15min (S.Lorigan and PS or AF or RH)
- Initiate scoping a pilot of training standards for specialist species based on koalas – 15 min (PS, RH, AF)
- New APVMA permit requirements for treating wombats with mange – 15 min (PS, RH)

Scheduled for after the lunch break:

- Robert Oliver, Implementation Manager, Wildlife Biodiversity Reforms, from the Wildlife Biodiversity Reform team NPWS and Matthew Mo Project Officer, will report on the Stakeholder meetings held on 15 November and on 19 February. A. Koosmen and C. Flanagan represented NWC at both consultations and separate reports have been circulated via email to Reps line.

A summary report from the meeting will include details of these discussions.

Lunch break - meeting recommencement at 13.48

1) Confirmation of the Minutes: Motion: That the Minutes of the 21 November 2017 General Meeting No. 46 are a true and correct record.

Proposed: M. Ryan; Seconded: P. Graham ; **Carried**

¹ Secretary circulate member list with changes

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2) Business arising from that meeting.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Task</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>By Whom</u>
1	Cruelty Database – M. Hazel present to February GM	Circulated suggested screen. Do we keep with intention of groups being able to input data. ² Committee to discuss implementation options.	MH Sec Commit tee
2	^[1] Items 4 and 9 - J. Hunt M. Hazel – prioritize shared resource list inventory and make recommendations re. access to information to ensure privacy where required.	³ Ongoing	JH/MH
3	^[1] Media Officer – Propose Media Strategy on publication of BC Act Rehabilitation Reform Discussion Paper	Awaiting document	SL
4	^[1] Secretary process new membership when documentation complete	Completed	MR
5	^[1] Secretary to investigate correction mechanism for Audit coding error	Completed	MR
6	^[1] Secretary maintain liaison with IFAW re. App launch date	Ongoing	MR
7	^[1] S. Elwood/J. King – discuss options for road wildlife hazard alert mechanisms with Road Managers	⁴ Summary of options to be sent to Secretary to include with meeting Summary Report	SE/JK
8	^[1] Committee discuss RMS as possible Guest Speaker to NWC Meeting	Ongoing	Ctte
9	^[1] Secretary advise AWRC Sponsorship Officer of decision	Completed	MR
10	^[1] Treasurer investigate NWC name badges for committee and people attending AWRC 2018.	Underway	SL
11	^[1] S. Elwood prepare Draft AWRC 2018 Presentation abstract	Completed	SE
12	^[1] S. Lorigan research teleconferencing options for committee meetings	⁵ Options available for committee to pursue	SL
13	^[1] M. Ryan discuss counselling options with NCC Insurance Officer	Unable to find grief counselling options via NCC and Volunteering Aust. Task to AK.	MR
14	^[1] A. Koosmen investigate counselling options	⁶ Should we wait to see if the Discussion Paper identifies a need?	AK
15	^[1] Secretary liaise with Webmaster over updates	⁷ Ongoing. Promise a	MR

² Secretary ask MH for emailable copy for circulation to committee for consideration of the next step

³ Hunt/Hazel – prioritize shared resource list – recommend means of storage and access

⁴ Elwood/King send summary to Secretary for circulation

⁵ Committee look at Teleconferencing options

⁶ Chair – continue pursuing grief counselling needs and options

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	required	priority.	
16	^[1] Chair – canvass OEH re. flying-fox release capabilities	Not a priority for OEH.	AK
17	^[1] K. Parry-Jones, M. Ryan, include flying-fox release capabilities of the rehabilitation sector at the FFCC on 6/12.	Opportunity was not there. Need to consider forming a flying-fox rehabilitator lobby group. flyingfoxecology@gmail.com (continued over) S. E. Consider RSPCA for dire times when assistance needed for flying-fox disasters; an organisation that can employ people.	KPJ/MR

3) Correspondence

Undated - AWRC 2018– separate Agenda Items

Nov - Sydney Wildlife seeking information to assist policy formulation on Board Confidentiality

Emails – numerous circulated between NWC and Insurance Broker Driessen re. Accident Claim M. Griffith

27-11-17 OEH returning docs mistakenly picked up at August meeting

28-11-17 to AWRC 2018 Presentation extract

4-12-17 ASR Change of Alt to Cathy Gilmore

4-12-17 WCNCW update reps (later changed)

10-1-18 Taronga Wildlife Hospital accept membership (Maisey to countersign)

12-1-18 WRSC Newsletter Editorial Team advising changed to newsletter. NWC replied will table at February meeting.

31-1-18 NWC to NCC with insurance member numbers from Groups – total insured is 3717 plus sundry disclosed non-members. KPS membership added to totals - 3887 members in NWC groups.

22-1-18 WCNCW Advising Secretary, Linda Stoev new primary Rep and Rachael Ford, President, new Alternate Rep.

22-1-18 WCNCW seeking insurance information - replied

22-1-18 WCNCW requesting that Secretaries of all groups be included on the NWC distribution list – replied will table at February meeting

23-1-18 Biosecurity Newsletter article on ABL and subsequent communications with DPI

5-2-18 Invitation to nominate a NWC member to join the Flying-fox Consultative Committee

6-2-18 Port Stephens Koalas nominating Murray Black as Alt in place of Julie Jennings

Numerous items of email traffic – distributed to Reps line

FOK swapping Lorraine Vass back to Rep and Fiona Dawson to Alt

Motion: That the correspondence above and emails forwarded to Reps/Alt line are noted.

Proposed: M. Ryan; Seconded: J. Weston: **Carried**

Business arising from correspondence: Flying-fox Consultative Committee invitation:

M. Ryan: Nominate Jacquie Maisey as the NWC representative. Proxies when Jacquie unavailable – Meredith Ryan and Kerryn Parry-Jones, Seconded Kate Randolph.

⁷ Secretary – prioritise Website updates with Webmaster

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S. Elwood: Nominate Kerryn Parry-Jones. Secunder not recorded. Kerryn withdrew nomination believing she may be able to be included by other means.

J. Maisey nomination put to vote and – **Carried.**⁸

4) Chair Report – Circulated on 18-2-2018 and appended to Minutes

Proposed for acceptance A. Koosmen; seconded S. Elwood **Carried**

5) Treasurer’s Reports Circulated on 18-2-2018 and full reports attached to Minutes: -

Motion: That the Treasurer’s Reports as circulated are accepted.

Proposed S. Lack, Seconded: P. Graham **Carried**

RMS MoU next 3 years: Secretary: Extract from communication from RMS re. ongoing funding
“Perhaps a way forward would be for NWC to come up with the interim goals at its February AGM that we could use as the basis for the MoU and pending the release of the Review of the Wildlife Rehabilitation Sector? Once this report is released we could then agree to some longer term goals that we could sort out in the annual reporting done for the MoU?”

This way we can keep the momentum going with the sponsorship and keep the support going to the NWC?”

- Working with NPWS in development and implementation of wildlife rehabilitation accreditation under Biodiversity Conservation Act
- Establishment Flying-fox group to standardise and collect state-wide data
- Collaboration with Australian Museum on Koala Genome project
- Continuing Code of practice generation and reviews – koalas, macropods and reptiles to come with additional species groups to follow
- Uniform Code-based training notes for all species
- Interface with RMS to reduce the level of road kill
- Identify wildlife road hazards/black spots
- Upgrade rehabilitation facilities in NSW via Rehabilitator grants
- Development of community education resources for use by groups
- Lobby relevant stakeholders on conservation matters affecting the rehabilitation sector
- Facilitate by a grants scheme member groups’ attendance at AWRC 2018
- **Action:** Secretary to advance 2018-2020 MoU with Roads and Maritime Services

6) Insurance Officer Report – M. Ryan

Member information forwarded to NCC

Claim continuing A. Griffith, Wildlife ARC. Leg fracture.
Ladder Incident Report lodged - PSK

7) Media Officer Report – S. Lorigan Nil report

⁸ Secretary to notify FFCC of decision

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8) Secretary and Public Officer Reports – M. Ryan.

Need to update postal address on Australian Business Register – ATO

9) Update on Macropod Code of Practice – S. Lorigan: Macropod COP has finally come back from the 2nd reviewer. It is now at the final stage which is OEH signoff. Under review is whether the 100km transfer/release limit is necessary. This question has been sent to Mike Freeman to recommend somebody expert in the macropod area who can be species-specific in macropod movement distances. An additional query is there a common training standard to conform to Codes, and if not, whether this should be developed.

It is the wish of groups to change macropod enclosure sizes to guidelines rather than standards. Pre-release two sizes – guidelines and standards, and concern re. necessity and affordability of making certain enclosure sizes a standard in all areas. Chair expressed concern there is no acknowledgment on the actual code documents to Shona Lorigan who has put so much work into development without proper recognition. Meeting was informed it is OEH policy not to acknowledge by name; however P. Stathis is happy to pursue acknowledgment.

Audrey Koosmen – expressed wish that the Macropod Code of Practice is published before the Koala Review

10) Koala Code of Practice – Report – S. Lorigan COP Koala review. Draft 1 sent out – only half have responded. However due to the clarity of those responses, many of the 20 review comments in the first draft have been resolved. A 2nd draft has been distributed seeking clarification on some further comments. When the Draft Code goes for internal review the earlier responses will still be on the document so that reviewers can understand the group's decision process. Discussion notes on record keeping and training have been passed to OEH who has confirmed the end of year data document will present clearer options and wording. OEH believes that "koalas" will be the first area where a standardised training will be formulated. The manner of training is up to each individual group but specific points and topics will need to be covered within the training. Steve Phillips will be reviewing that draft together with senior OEH people and that will be due back also by 2/3. All 2nd draft replies are due no later than 2/3.

11) Nature Conservation Council – A. Koosmen Nil

12) IFAW/NWC Wildlife Rescue App – IFAW: Introduction of Rebekka Thompson-Jones and April Suen. asuen@ifaw.com Update on the Wildlife Rescue app. IFAW had hoped to say it was up and running today but there has been a bit of a glitch and hopefully in a week or so we will be able to tell you when the new App will be working. IFAW will be able to provide a report on App usage. When Apple featured the App as App of the Week there were some 4000 downloads. Groups urged to promote the App throughout their networks and maximise all publicity opportunities.

13) Road Hazards – See Action Item 4.

14) Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016:

Stakeholder Meetings: – Results included in Chair Report and also in Summary Report of meeting.

15) Biodiversity Conservation Act – Anything more to discuss?

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Need to encourage participation in the public discussion paper submission process.

16) Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference 2018 – Information: <http://sydney.awrc.org.au>

Dates: Mon 02 July to Thu 05 July, 2018

Venue: Sydney University, Abercrombie Business School

Registration fee: \$250.00

Three Conference Themes:

Animal Welfare

Treatments and Care

Engagement and Administration

Registrations are now open

17) AWRC 2018 Sponsorship Member groups to be invited to send in reimbursement requests of one registration per group at value \$250 on production of confirmed registration payment.

⁹Secretary to contact all groups with details how they can claim one registration fee of \$250 for AWRC 2018. No registration no \$250.

18) AWRC 2018 – NWC 15 minute presentation – ¹⁰A. Koosmen to give a 15 minute presentation on NWC and separately there will be a Poster Presentation on NWC Rehabilitator Grants. We may need to talk with NPWS re. dovetailing both presentations so NWC matters are not unnecessarily duplicated. Poster project pull up poster, possibly a map with projects in location. ¹¹MR will present ideas for consideration and expects costs to be around \$250.00.

19) General NWC business:

20) Electronic meetings – update – covered in business arising.

21) What Counselling is available to wildlife rehabilitators – A. Koosmen,

¹²Chair to investigate counselling options.

Other Business: Translocation of macropods – J. Fitzgerald paper. The protocol is available for use by any group that wants to use it. ¹³Ask JF for permission to put up on Website.

L. Vass suggests NWC introduces itself to National Parks Association Head, Alix Goodwin.

JK - Is there a protocol for macropod blood transfusions? Options discussed with reference to Koala Genome Papers.

Dates of next general meetings:

48 – Tuesday, 15 May, 2018	Room 1.04 OEH Hurstville (booked)
49 & AGM 13 Sat 25 and Sun 26 August 2018	Centre, 14 Frances St., Randwick

Meeting Close: 16.20 p.m.

Signed/Chair Date

⁹ Secretary – Notice to groups re. claims for AWRC Registration fee reimbursement – 1 per group.

¹⁰ Chair and ? – Meeting with NPWS re. AWRC presentation liaison

¹¹ Secretary prepare plan for AWRC Poster Presentation to present for approval

¹² Chair research counselling options

¹³ Secretary seek permission to put paper on Website

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