

NSW Wildlife Council Inc.

Eighth Annual General Meeting

Sunday 25th August 2013
"The Centre", 14 Frances Street, Randwick, NSW

Chair: Audrey Koosmen

1. MEETING OPENED: 09:30:

2. IN ATTENDANCE:

#	First	Surname	Group
1	Geoff	BARTLETT	HKPS
2	Rochelle	FERRIS	ASR
3	Peter	GRAHAM	LAOKO
4	Helen	KENNEDY	SMWS
5	Audrey	KOOSMAN	NATF
6	Shirley	LACK	NARG
7	Shona	LORIGAN	ORRCA
8	Duan	MARCH	DMM
9	Jackie	MAISEY	NTWC
10	Julia	McCONNELL	IGL
11	Ian	McKENZIE	NATF (Alt)
12	Jane	MILLS	WRSC Inc
13	Ilona	ROBERTS	NRWC
14	Meredith	RYAN	FAWNA
15	Crystal	SPENCER	TVWC
16	Lorraine	VASS	FOK
17	Richard	WOODMAN	WRSC Inc (Alt)
VISITORS			
	Josey	SHARRAD	IFAW
	Nicky	KIM-McCORMACK	IFAW

3. APOLOGIES: N. Henry, Wildcare Queanbeyan; Paul McLeod, KIC

4. Chair gave tribute to Gwen Parry-Jones for her involvement in wildlife advocacy, in particular flying-foxes, and with the early development of NWC and acknowledged the difficulties she has had with her health.

5. GUEST SPEAKERS:

Josey Sharrad and Nicky Kim-McCormick from IFAW. Launch of NWC/IFAW App.

App presented with members trying it out on their own smart phones. Rochelle Ferris gave a special vote of thanks to general acclaim to IFAW and all involved for this excellent App that meets so many of NWC Member Groups' strategic goals.

A few inconsistencies were identified which can be resolved well before the official launch date provisionally set for 1st December 2013.

Chair gave her thanks on behalf of NWC to Shirley Lack in particular for her perseverance in getting this fantastic project off the ground. Thanks to Josey and Nicky for giving up their Sunday. Josey has been instrumental in getting a very good liaison between NWC and IFAW on wildlife issues generally.

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Annual Declaration Register – some declarations have not been received.

Meeting Declarations of Interest – Secretary declares she knows Webmaster in a professional capacity.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held Sunday 26 August 2012

Previously circulated by email as Draft – Minutes

MOTION: “That the Minutes of the 7th AGM held on Sunday 26th August 2012 be accepted.”

Moved: Audrey Koosmen; Seconded: J. Maisey - Carried

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Online Banking with the current banker is unsatisfactory and not suitable until we can find a more acceptable alternative. S. Lack to look into and advise alternative options.

9. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

9.1. Chair’s Report - Accepted

9.2. Treasurer’s Report

The Public Officer to sign the Annual Statement for registering with NSW Fair Trading.

A new accountant this year completed the Annual Report and the accounts showed a true and fair view. Report tabled.

Budget for 2013-2014 year will be \$42,000. Budget forwarded to group via email, tabled and attached to Minutes. Project Officer additional cost will bring budget to around \$50,000 for the year. There is a projected surplus of \$106,00.00 at year end.

MOTION: That the Treasurer’s Report and Budget be accepted;

Moved: S. Lack. Seconded: J. Maisey. Carried

NATF recommends some of NWC’s funds be invested in a Term Deposit.

WRSC suggested a Bonus Saver option could be considered – the advantage is the money remains at call and it is more flexible than a Term Deposit. LAOKO described an Interest Bearing Account.

MOTION: The Treasurer be approved to undertake investigations into a more advantageous banking situation that may offer a better interest rate. Ethical investment considerations should be taken into account

Moved: M. Ryan. Seconded: I. Roberts Carried.

10. ELECTIONS

- 10.1. Nomination of Returning Officer – Geoff Bartlett has accepted the nomination.
- 10.2. Election of Management Committee (Office Bearers and two General Members), as per nominations presented

Chair	- Audrey Koosmen NATF - Elected
Vice Chair	- Meredith Ryan FAWNA - Elected
Secretary	- Jane Mills WRSC - Elected
Treasurer	- Shirley Lack NARG - Elected
Media Officer	- Shona Lorigan ORRCA - Elected
General Member 1	- Richard Woodman WRSC - Elected
General Member 2	- Julia McConnell IGL - Elected

10.3. Election of Named Positions

Public Officer	- Meredith Ryan FAWNA - Elected
Revenue Officer	- Rochelle Ferris ASR - Elected
Minute Secretary	- Meredith Ryan FAWNA - Elected
Web/Forum Administrator	- Julia McConnell IGL - Elected
Insurance Officer	- Shirley Lack NARG - Elected
Nature Conservation Council of NSW Representative	- Lorraine Vass FOK - Elected
Newsletter Editor	- Rochelle Ferris ASR – Elected
Education Officer (position not yet reviewed)	- Remains vacant
Wildlife Alliance Australia representative (New position)	- Helen Kennedy SMWS - Elected

11. CONFIRMATION OF AUDITOR 2013-2014 - (Not previously on distributed Agenda)

MOTION:

NWC to ensure the proposed Honorary Auditor, Deirdre Jackson, Accountant & Registered Tax Agent, meets NSW Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing (OLGR) “Auditor qualifications and experience policy” for organisations with assets over \$100,000.

Moved: S. Lack, Seconded, H. Kennedy Carried.

12. AUTHORISED SIGNATORIES 2013-2014

12.1. Bank Account

MOTION:

“That Audrey Koosmen, Chair; Shirley Lack, Treasurer; Jane Mills, Secretary be authorised signatories and that Julia McConnell be removed as a signatory on the ANZ NSW Wildlife Council Incorporated account no. 4945 61624, Hurstville Branch.”

Moved: S. Lack, Seconded G. Bartlett Carried.

12.2. Other

Attention is drawn to NSW Fair Trading Fact Sheet *Statutory and reporting obligations: Incorporated associations, August 2010:*

The Public Officer is, by virtue of that office, an authorised signatory for the association.

13. VOTES OF THANKS

Audrey Koosmen presented a Vote of Thanks to Julia McConnell for her grand job carrying out the role of Secretary for the past year. General acclaim.

M. Ryan asked for acknowledgment of the work that Phil Machin has put in for advocacy for NWC particularly on the Constitution, Firearms and Kangaroo cull issues. A letter of thanks from the Executive on behalf of NWC to be sent.

NTWC thanked the Executive management committee for their efforts over the year on behalf of all NWC groups.

14. CLOSE OF MEETING - 11.42 p.m.

Signed

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Audrey Koosmen, Chair

Date

