

# MINUTES

## *NSW Wildlife Council Inc.*

### Ninth ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2014  
"The Centre"  
14 Frances St  
RANDWICK

**CHAIR:** *Audrey Koosmen*

**MEETING OPEN:** 9:30 am

**PRESENT:**

Geoff	BARTLETT	HKPS
Warren	BLACKLEY	Wildlife Carers Mudgee Region Inc
Donna	BLACKLEY	Wildlife Carers Mudgee Region Inc (Alt)
Jan	BRAZEL	Wildlife Arc.
Jill	DEAN	NATF (Alt)
Rochelle	FERRIS	Australian Seabird Rescue Inc.
James	FITZGERALD	Wildcare Queanbeyan (Alt)
Peter	GRAHAM	LAOKO - SMWR
Naomi	HENRY	Wildcare Queanbeyan
Jacky	HUNT	Wildlife Arc. (Alt)
Audrey	KOOSMAN	NATF
Shirley	LACK	NARG
Jackie	MAISEY	NTWC
Bruce	MULLIGAN	Wildlife Aid Inc.
Sandra	NORRIS	NRWC
Rachel	PEACH	Wildlife Aid Inc. (Alt)
Meredith	RYAN	FAWNA
Lorraine	VASS	FOK
Richard	WOODMAN	WRSC

**APOLOGIES:**

Shona	Lorigan	ORRCA
Julia	McConnell	IGL's
Jane	Mills	WRSC
Caroline	Sutherland	NRWC
Lorraine	Yudaeff	WINC

**1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

**1.1. Annual Declaration Register – some declarations of interest have been received by email or post from some Reps**

**1.2. Meeting Declaration of Interest – nil declarations of interest received**

Declaration to be completed by each Rep & Alt Rep – Nil Declarations of interest declared

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING #8 held on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

**MOTION:**

**That the Minutes of the NWC General Meeting #38 held on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2013 be accepted.**

**Moved: P. Graham**

**Seconded: R. Ferris**

**CARRIED**

**3. REPORTS:**

**3.1. Chair – Audrey Koosmen**

**MOTION:**

**That the Chairperson's Report be accepted.**

**Moved: A. Koosmen**

**Seconded: P. Graham**

**CARRIED**

**3.2. Secretary – Richard Woodman  
Correspondence**

**MOTION:**

**That the Secretary's Report be accepted.**

**Moved: R. Woodman**

**Seconded: N. Henry**

**CARRIED**

**3.3. Public Officer – Meredith Ryan – Presentation of NSW Fair Trading Form 12 Annual summary of financial affairs**

**MOTION** That the Public Officer signs the Form 12 Annual Statement for registering with NSW Fair Trading.

**Moved: L. Vass,**

**Seconded: A. Koosmen**

**CARRIED**

**3.4 Treasurer's Report – Shirley Lack**

Gross receipts \$4387.36; Expenditure \$50359.00; Current assets \$68418.00

Audited financial Statement and Balance Sheet for the period 1-7-2013 to 30-6-2014 to be appended to the Minutes.

**MOTION:**

**That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.**

**Moved: S. Lack**

**Seconded: R. Woodman**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:**

**That all accounts for August meetings and travel and accommodation be paid.**

**Moved: S. Lack**

**Seconded: P. Graham**

**CARRIED**

### **3.5 Other Reports**

**Public Officer** - Meredith Ryan – Tabled and to be attached to Minutes

**Revenue Officer** - Rochelle Ferris –

- There has been no funding for wildlife rescue.
- Grant opportunity information was sent to reps.
- There is changing emphasis on Lead Grant Funding.
- NSW Environment Saving our Species Grants are from \$300k to \$1 for projects operating over 10 years. Expressions of Interest are the first step. \$15k can be offered to write a business plan. First round closing date is 29 September. Round 2 June 2015.

**Web/Forum Administrator** - Julia McConnell – No report provided

**Insurance Officer** - Shirley Lack – reported at General Meeting on 23-8-2014

**Nature Conservation Council of NSW** - Lorraine Vass – presented at General Meeting on 23-8-2014. L. Vass stresses need to present a motion perhaps on the Glenbog SF wombat matter. Suggestion that S. Lack, R. Woodman and N. Henry develop suggested wording for motion and desired action to present to NCC by due deadline. L. Vass recommends that report be received and noted.

**Newsletter Editor** - Rochelle Ferris – This coming year I would like to include some humorous stories about a rescue or rescues. Intend to include in Christmas issue.

**Wildlife Alliance Australia** - Helen Kennedy – nil report.

**MOTION:**

**That the Reports be accepted for;**

**Public Officer**

**Revenue Officer**

**Insurance Officer  
Nature Conservation Council of NSW  
Newsletter Editor**

**Moved: M. Ryan  
Seconded: S. Lack  
CARRIED**

#### **MORNING TEA**

#### **4. BUSINESS ARISING**

#### **5. ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OFFICE BEARERS & COMMITTEE POSITIONS**

Nominations Close – Question raised about the vacancy in the position for the representative for Independent General Licencees. It was agreed that OEH NPWS Wildlife Licensing should be approached to contact the IGLs to seek their wishes regarding future representation on NWC following the resignation of Julia McConnell.

##### **MOTION: (AS AMENDED)**

**That Geoff Bartlett is elected to the position of Returning Officer for the 9<sup>th</sup> NWC AGM Elections.**

**Moved: A. Koosmen  
Seconded: W. Blackley  
CARRIED**

The Chairperson declares all positions vacant, vacates the Chair and hands over to the Returning Officer to conduct the election process.

##### **Nominations accepted from the floor :**

Chair: Audrey Koosmen - Nominated by L Yudaeff, seconded J. Brazel  
Vice Chair: Meredith Ryan - Nominated by L. Yudaeff , seconded  
Secretary: Richard Woodman - Nominated by S Lack – seconded  
Treasurer: Shirley Lack - Nominated by B Mulligan, seconded R Peach  
Media Officer: Shona Lorigan - Nominated by A Koosmen, seconded S Lack  
Gen Mem 1 Jacky Hunt - Nominated by A Koosmen, seconded J. Brazel  
Gen Mem 2 Jan Brazel - Nominated A Koosmen, Seconded S. Lack

##### **DECLARATION OF RESULTS for the following positions;**

###### **EXECUTIVE;**

Chair	Audrey Koosmen
Vice Chair	Meredith Ryan
Secretary	Richard Woodman
Treasurer	Shirley Lack
Media Officer	Shona Lorigan
General Member 1	Jacky Hunt
General Member 2	Jan Brazel

**Other Positions;**

Public Officer Meredith Ryan nominated by P. Graham sec J. Hunt  
Revenue Officer Rochelle Ferris nominated by Donna Blackley sec S Lack  
Minute Secretary Meredith Ryan nominated by S. Lack sec A Koosmen  
Web/Forum Administrator Shona Lorigan nominated by M. Ryan sec R. Ferris  
Insurance Officer Shirley Lack nominated by L. Vass sec J Maisey  
Nature Conservation Council of NSW Rep L. Vass nominated by Meredith Ryan sec S. Lack  
Newsletter Editor Rochelle Ferris nominated by A. Koosmen sec L. Vass  
Education Officer Naomi Henry nominated by Donna Blackley seconded J. Fitzgerald  
Wildlife Alliance Australia Representative – Helen Kennedy nominated R. Woodman sec M. Ryan

**Returning Officer handed over the Chair to the newly elected Chairperson and Management Committee.**

**Resumption of normal NWC business.**

**6. CONFIRMATION OF AUDITOR 2014-2015**

**MOTION:**

**BIR that the NWC is to retain the services of Deirdre Jackson, Accountant & Registered Tax Agent, as Auditor for the 2014-2015 year.**

**Moved: S. Lack  
Seconded: P. Graham  
CARRIED**

**7. AUTHORISED SIGNATORIES 2014-2015**

**BANK ACCOUNT**

**MOTION:**

**BIR that the following be confirmed as signatories on ANZ Hurstville, Account # 494561624 any two to sign**

*Audrey Koosmen, Chair  
Shirley Lack, Treasurer  
Richard Woodman, Secretary*

**Moved: J. Maisey  
Seconded: D. Blackley  
CARRIED**

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.

## LUNCH

### 8. GENERAL BUSINESS:

#### 8.1. Amendment to the Constitution

The following motion was foreshadowed on Wed, 30<sup>th</sup> July '14

#### **MOTION FOR SPECIAL RESOLUTION:**

**Be it resolved that the following Clause be added to the Constitution of the New South Wales Wildlife Council Inc."**

#### **44 Winding Up – distribution of assets**

**In the event of the organisation being dissolved, the financial assets that remain after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred in equal parts to current member associations of the New South Wales Wildlife Council Inc. that prohibit the distribution of assets and income to their members in accordance with the Act.**

**Proposed: Meredith Ryan**

**Seconded: Lorraine Vass**

**CARRIED Unanimously**

### 9. OTHER BUSINESS:

OILED WILDLIFE RESPONSE TRAINING – DPI course program details distributed by R. Ferris.

### 10. BIODIVERSITY LEGISLATION REVIEW

NWC believes there is an expectation from OEH that NWC will be making a submission by due date of 5 September Points for inclusion could include:

- Not enough public knowledge about the laws relating to members of public HOLDING WILDLIFE (including vets and their staff)
- issue of harm to endemic fauna from illegal importation/breeding of reptiles and their subsequent escape or release
- Need to resurrect attempt to tighten legislation about "free living" status of domestic cats. P. Graham prepared to attempt to get information from J. McConnell to progress this subject.
- Funding opportunities rarely available to help the welfare and rehabilitation of individual animals.
- Marine Mammals refer to S. Lorigan for comment
- Difficult to understand how permits can be issued to harm Schedule 2 animals – e.g. grey-headed flying-fox camp disturbances

- Complexity-licences disallow use of cadavers without permission
- Improve – signage alerting to trouble spots and/or contacts for licensed groups virtually impossible (RMS)
- Groups like Wombat Protection Society unable to get a General Licence enabling rehab of wombats – difficult for them to continue with its project of protecting wild populations by treating mange in burrows.
- Trafficking of wildlife appears to be more widespread than government’s ability to police.
- Do we need to consider review of COP for Injured Sick and Orphaned Protected Fauna. Audit process is not working. Should there be one?

Annual General Meeting was closed and a separate session was held to discuss

**10.1. Strategic Plan – Meredith Ryan (approx. 2 hrs)**

**Annual General meeting Close Time was not recorded.**

*Minutes Book signed Audrey Koosmen*

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**Minutes confirmed as a true and correct record**  
**23 August 2015**

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**Date**