



# NSW Wildlife Council Inc.

Achieving optimal outcomes for Australian wildlife

## **SUMMARY REPORT OF THE NWC GENERAL MEETING 47 TUESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2018 – held at 43 Bridge Street, Hurstville**

Visitors between the NPWS discussions and GM47 included April Suen, Wildlife Campaigner, and Rebekka Thompson-Jones from IFAW, International Fund for Animal Welfare. April gave a brief run down of IFAW current activities. Bek reported ongoing delays to the launch of the Wildlife Rescue App but hoped to have good news and a launch date soon.

There were twenty Reps and Alt delegates present at GM 47 representing 16 member groups.

Standing Orders were suspended for discussions with representatives from NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service and a separate Summary Report has been prepared and circulated.

Minutes of the GM46 of 21 November 2017 were confirmed.

**Cruelty database** suggested data cells were circulated and the NWC Committee will discuss implementation options.

**Road Wildlife Hazard alert mechanisms** were presented in summary to the meeting and options will be sent to the Secretary for circulation. (J. King and S. Elwood)

**Committee Meeting teleconferencing options** were presented by S. Lorigan and committee will pursue uptake.

**Grief Counselling availability** Secretary reported unable to source any appropriate options and Chair will further investigate.

**Website Updates:** Secretary apologised for her inability to complete this task which will be a priority.

**Flying-fox release capabilities/capacities** of groups was discussed. It was suggested that under the stewardship of Kerry Parry-Jones that an informal flying-fox lobby group be formed and interested parties should contact [flyingfoxecology@gmail.com](mailto:flyingfoxecology@gmail.com)

**Membership:** New member Taronga Wildlife Hospital was welcomed to the NWC group with Libby Hall as the nominated Representative

**Flying-fox Consultative Committee:** NWC was invited to become part of this committee which meets 2-3 times annually. Jacquie Maisey was voted NWC's representative to the committee with Kerry Parry-Jones and/or Meredith Ryan Proxy delegates.

**Roads and Maritime Services. A MoU for funding to NWC for a further 3 years.**

The following list of forward planned activities will be presented to RMS:

- 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

**Insurance Volunteers:** There is one claim progressing incorporating replacement of lost income due to an accident. Members are reminded that all incidents should be advised on the appropriate Incident Report Form as notification of any possible future insurance claim.

**Macropod Code of Practice: At 4<sup>th</sup> Draft stage with OEH for sign off.** Transfer/Release distance limits, the question of enclosure sizes becoming guidelines or standards are two areas still in question. It was suggested that if there is not a common training standard to the Codes, one should be developed. No date has been acknowledged for final publication and the Cahir stated NWC's wish that the Macropod Code should be published before the review of the Koala Code in published.

**Koala Code of Practice Review** included in the NPWS Summary Report discussions

**Biodiversity Conservation Act** – we need to encourage participation when the public discussion paper submission process opens.

**Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference 2018:** To encourage participation in the Conference all NWC member groups will be offered reimbursement one \$250 registration fee by application to the Treasurer with evidence of payment.

The Chair will present a 15 minute paper on the work of NWC, and a separate Poster Presentation on the Rehabilitator Grants will be included at the Conference.

**Translocation of Macropods – J. Fitzgerald paper** – is to be placed on the NWC website for use by any group.

**Minutes of NWC Meetings are not for general circulation until ratified at the next General Meeting after which they will be placed on the Website.**

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