

# MINUTES OF THE NEW SOUTH WALES WILDLIFE COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING NO. 58 HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2023 AT HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE.

*(Normal Agenda is suspended due to the much-awaited planning session to follow this meeting)*

Opening by Chair: Time: 1000 A. Koosmen – welcome to new members present.

Meeting Chair, Audrey Koosmen; Zoom attendees Facilitated by Hunter Wildlife Rescue

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In Attendance:

Zoom: J. Packwood WRSC, Allyson Jennings SMWR-LAOKO, S. Broderick, Native Animal Rescue Group  
Present: Anna Dicker, Leesa Pratt, Sonja Elwood, Linda Stoev, Ned Gligich, Jan Pilgrim, Herna Ward, Kerry Parry-Jones, Maddy Meredith, Julia Rose, Jacquie Maisey, Shirley Lack, Meredith Ryan, Kate Randolph, Audrey Koosmen, Peter Stathis

Apologies: Garry Gnapp, P & C McLeod., Danielle Seach,

**Treasurer Report – Shirley Lack:** Finance Reports 1 July 2022 Year To Date. Proposal to accept report: Proposed: S. Lack; Seconded: L. Stoev **Carried**

Discussion on WildTalk grant and benefits available to all rehabbers for counselling via WildTalk. Reminder to make all members cognisant of availability. Two Green Threads mentioned and it is not understood (PS) that counselling is available at no cost.

**Media Report – Sonja Elwood** Proposal to accept report as presented at AGM. Seconded: L. Pratt **Carried**  
Sonja can't do Social Media on a daily basis and would appreciate help. Need more input to publicity / media input. Help is needed from members. It is important to raise NWC presence. Leesa Pratt has offered some help. We need to ask members to Like Facebook page. Ned Gligich offered some ideas for all groups to Link to each other.

Action: All groups to put NWC Facebook link on websites and Facebook pages. Like the NWC FB page.

## GENERAL BUSINESS:

### Rehabilitator Equipment and Enclosure Grants 2022: Reported at AGM

**2023 Grants – Notice of Motion:** Proposed S. Lack, Seconded M. Ryan "That the 2023 NWC member-only-group rehabilitator grant budget is set at \$50,000, and that any NWC group may be awarded a maximum of 2 individual member grants and 1 group grant; grant application amounts may be between \$500 and \$4000; independent general licensees may be awarded one grant". Result: **Carried**

**Groups with members who have not reported their 2022 grant acquittal or who have not requested an extension will not be eligible to apply.**

Current grants committee is Jacquie Maisey, Shirley Lack, and Meredith Ryan with assistance from Leesa Pratt. We Invite a computer savvy additional member.

Program Timetable:

Thu 1 Jun – Grants announcement

Fri 16 Jun – Applications open for 6 weeks

Sun 30 Jul – Applications close 5 p.m. (no exceptions)

Voting will be dependent on whether NWC will be holding an AGM in August, or some other method chosen.

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K Parry-Jones Wildlife said that A R C's grant for flying-fox release aviary was really helpful and it will be acquitted by Paula soon.

Discussion about extending grants or varying grants within the Grant period.

Updating of Constitution L. Stoev: To be discussed in Planning

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Black Summer Vigil Sunday April 2: S. Elwood: Inclusion of NWC suggested. Organiser has offered that NWC could co-host with a member speaking at the event.

Proposal: That NWC agrees to become a Co-host at the Event with Sonja Elwood speaking on NWC's behalf: Proposed S. Elwood; seconded Kerryn Parry-Jones **Carried**

Meeting Close time: Not recorded

Date of next meeting:

At meeting close Mr. Peter Stathis will facilitate a NWC Future Planning Session commencing at 11:20 am. after a refreshment break. Planning Session anticipated to close around 3.45 p.m.

Minutes confirmed as a true and correct copy on 11/11/2023 *A. Kosmen, Chair*