

**The Wilderness Society Ltd 2019 Election of Directors
Confirmed Nominee Short Biographies (in random order)**

Sam Rando | Nomination received 16 October 2019

Region: SA/NT

Sam has been a Director of The Wilderness Society since 2017 and seeks re-election.

Sam's involvement with The Wilderness Society began some 40 years ago, when he was one of a small group of people who founded the Society's Victorian branch. Looking back, the five years spent working as a full-time volunteer during the Franklin Dam and early Tasmanian forestry campaigns remain amongst the proudest and most inspired periods of his life.

Upon completing a science degree, Sam embarked upon a professional career in nature conservation that has spanned more than 30 years. This has included working with parks and wildlife agencies in Victoria, Tasmania, NSW and the NT, and in Australia's Antarctic Territory. He has been fortunate to have helped manage places and landscapes of national and international significance, including four world heritage sites.

During his career, Sam has worked alongside indigenous people in every state and territory. Most recently, spending the last 11 years employed by the Central Land Council in Alice Springs, where he has managed a wide variety of cultural and natural resource management programs and staff, including indigenous ranger groups.

The Wilderness Society has had a challenging year, with budgetary and campaign setbacks testing the relationships between organisational groups across the country. Sam considers that the organisation withstanding these difficulties is a measure of the passion and commitment of its people.

If re-elected, he hopes to be able to continue to give something back to the organisation which has been an integral part of himself well before his hair turned grey!

Carlos Schafer | Nomination received 23 October 2019

Region: Victoria

Carlos's current qualifications and affiliations include a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Monash University, Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) course, Winner of Australian Institute of Management (AIM) Victorian Manager of the Year 2015, Fellow of Australian Human Resource

Institute (FAHRI), Post Graduate Diploma in Human Resources and Certified Agile Scrum Master. He is also a registered psychologist with AHPRA, and former President of Organisation Development Australia (ODA) and former member of Australian Institute of Management.

With regard to the issues currently facing The Wilderness Society, there are three things he would like to address: Firstly, Carlos believes that The Wilderness Society needs to continue to concentrate on garnering community engagement and focusing on the constant pressure required to maintain sustainable funding models.

Secondly, the ability to adapt and continue to develop digital capability where online presence and engagement are fundamental for fundraising and community engagement. This needs to be balanced and complemented with “real world action” and campaigns as opposed to trying to replace them.

Finally, we need to continue to work on being relevant and effective in an environment where rights of freedom and rights of protest are under constant threat. This will affect the ability of organisations like ours to achieve our purpose.

Lisa Roberts | Nomination received 23 October 2019
Region: Victoria

With an engineering background in catchment management, public affairs/relations background in various sectors, graduation of AICD's Directors Course and 16 years in the Local Government sector, Lisa can add value to The Wilderness Society with passion, extensive related and useful experience and a strong governance background and values. She is now in the position to offer more than a small but regular financial contribution.

Lisa's long-term goal has always been to work solely for the conservation, care of and protection of Australia's unique environment and wildlife. She has a huge respect for this earth and the impact of the environment on everyday lives and The Wilderness Society has always been a committed and vigorous supporter of the things that she considers important.

Lisa has a passion for governance, transparency and legislation and consistently but appropriately pushes the boundaries to achieve best practice results. Her understanding of government at all levels is significant. Through past engineering and civic experience she has an extensive understanding of Australia's social frameworks, infrastructure development and population growth issues, all of which significantly impact our environment.

Key challenges include climate change, sustainable development and

population growth and their impact on our native environment, maintaining funding sources and donors into the future, technological change, and the relevance of what we do, along with consistency and focus, to a society saturated with messages and causes. She believes that, as a Board, we must maintain a strong and diverse skill set, stay abreast of change and understand our limits.

Bob Graham | Nomination received 15 October 2019

Region: Tasmania

Bob Graham is a life member and one of the small handful who formed the organisation in 1976 and then did the hard work of establishment.

As a Tasmanian Conservation Trust Councillor, Bob secured funding for the first paid activist and administrator of The Wilderness Society.

Bob has tertiary qualification in Park Administration, studied botany, soil science and business management.

Bob's experience includes:

- Campaigning through the 1970's to help secure the South West National Park (Tas) and Western Tasmanian World Heritage Area.
- Helping establish Friends of the Wilderness, the Trust that bought the first campaign centre and office for the organisation and is still a unit holder.
- In the 1980's, working with The Wilderness Society Tasmania, led the successful Douglas Apsley National Park Campaign. Then served on the ministerial advisory committee. By negotiation, acquired strategic land of high conservation value which is still owned by the organisation.
- During the 1990's worked towards protection of the Wielangta Forest in Eastern Tasmania.
- Delegate for The Wilderness Society to Forests and Forest Industry Strategy, negotiating with industry and unions.
- Convened Landcare catchment and Coastcare committees.
- In 2003, personally searched for and discovered the 211 year old French garden which proved the turning point in saving Recherche Bay.
- Retired in 2007 from owning and managing family farm on 2000ha after 29 years.
- Member Tasmanian SE National Parks advisory committee.
- Relevant experience in managing land and preserving the natural environment.

After a lifetime of voluntary activism and travelling extensively in remote Australia, Bob believes The Wilderness Society needs to protect more wilderness, and countering tourism development inside already protected areas is paramount.