

**2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY  
TASMANIA INC**

**Minutes**

**Date:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018

**Present:** Tom Allen, Stuart Baird, Ben Bartl, Vica Bayley, Steve Bennett,  
David Bourne, Robin Davey, Kevin Glidden, Gillian Gravell, Karuna  
Knights, Val Noga, Carol Rea

**Location:** The Wilderness Society, 130 Davey St, Hobart

**Meeting opened: 5:46 p.m.**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>AGENDA</b>
1	<p><b>Welcome and meeting chair</b></p> <p>Vica Bayley welcomed all those present at the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.</p> <p>Vica acknowledged the traditional owners of Tasmania.</p>
2	<p><b>Confirmation of minutes from 2017 AGM</b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That the minutes of the 2017 AGM be accepted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Val Noga</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Carol Rea</p> <p>Passed by consensus</p>
3	<p><b>Acceptance of reports</b></p> <p><b><u>Convenors report</u></b></p> <p>Val Noga noted that the Management Committee had held eleven formal meetings over the last year as well as a number of informal meetings.</p> <p>Two Management Committee members attended the first annual TWS Group Forum at Binna Burra, Queensland.</p> <p>Noted that there is a movement towards higher levels of collaboration at the Governance level of the organisation including quarterly Convenor</p>

meetings and monthly meetings of the Governance Leadership Group.

Thanked TWSL Board members and staff for their assistance, especially in the areas of finance, human resources and IT and also campaigning and organising.

Thanked Debbie Dunn and Shannon Epp who joined the TWS Tas Management Committee.

Thanked Stuart Baird who has been a long time, active supporter of TWS Tas who was a member of the TWS Tas Management Committee but stepped down to stand for TWSL Board.

Welcomed two new staff members Danny Carney (Organiser) and Tom Allen (Campaigns) as well as paying tribute to Leigh Craven (Operations) who has recently resigned.

Thanked all the staff for their work on campaigns such as the woodchip port at Dover, the Mt Wellington Cable Car, new planning laws and east coast development including the Tassal fish farm.

Thanked Amanda Sully for her fundraising efforts and Geoff Law for assistance and expertise around TWWHA and National Parks.

Noted that life membership was awarded to Karuna Knights for her past and ongoing commitment to TWS.

Thanked the volunteers for all of their assistance.

### **Campaign Manager's report**

Spoke through campaign highlights/achievements over the last year and projections for the next year

Noted that the Gunns Pulp Mill was finally conceded dead after the receivers acknowledged the expiration of the development leases.

Launceston Campaign centre revamp during the year including modifications to premises to ensure professional, functional and engaging.

Liz has relocated to Launceston as community organiser which has resulted in new volunteers and supporters.

In Hobart Danny Carney has joined team as a community organiser.

We continue to advocate for increased forest protection and did this during the year by organising letter drops, advocated for Giant Freshwater Lobster, hosted an exhibition of forest-related political cartoons, published

	<p>logging advertisements in 40 Degrees South Magazine and provided a major role in the campaign against a Dover woodchip mill.</p> <p>Continued defence of wilderness and the wilderness values incorporated in TWWHA continued, particularly the threat of industrial tourism in our wilderness areas.</p> <p>During the year Vica and Geoff Law attended the World Heritage Committee session in Krakow, Poland, TWS Tas provided a major submission to the Lake Malbena EPBC process and undertook an information roadshow with the Environmental Defenders Office to raise awareness of the proposed development in Lake Malbena.</p> <p>The third major campaign during the year was the push to extend the TWWHA to include the takayna/Tarkine. Most of this work is in collaboration with the Aboriginal community. Highlights included a trip with 20 members of the aboriginal community and a photo exhibition during the State Election campaign.</p> <p>Noted appreciation to all involved in campaigns and organisation.</p> <p><b><u>Treasurer's report and audited financial statements</u></b></p> <p>Kevin spoke to finances</p> <p>Thanked Leigh Craven who has recently left Operations Manager position and welcomed Cindy O'Dea in his place.</p> <p>Noted that there was a loss during the 2017/18 financial year o \$36,748 but that was better than the projected loss of \$54,908.</p> <p>Noted that expenditure was significantly higher than budgeted due to unplanned election campaign.</p> <p>Thanked TWSL Finance Team especially Jo Brown and Abbey Geissman.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That the 2017/18 Annual Report including the reports of the Convenor, Campaign Manager and Treasurer be accepted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Stuart Baird</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> David Bourne</p>
4	<p><b>Appointment of Auditor</b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That William Buck is appointed as auditor for the financial year</p>

	<p>ending 30 June 2019.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Kevin Glidden</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Carol Rea</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><b>Motion – Staff and Board Delegations</b></p> <p>That the following amendments to staff and board financial delegations be inserted into the TWS Tas Constitution Working Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- That staff be delegated to spend up to \$1,000 at one time</li> <li>- That the Campaign Manager be allowed to spend up to \$5,000 in one transaction, within the limits of the annual budget</li> <li>- Any overspends require Committee approval</li> <li>- That the annual budget is the approval process which allows finance staff to spend large amounts on pays, bulk payments and other large bills without seeking approval</li> <li>- That the Committee or authorised Member(s) – like the Treasurer- are required to approve expenditure over \$5,000. This can be in the form of an overall approval to spend an agreed amount on a project, with overruns requiring further approval.</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion – Decision-making</b></p> <p>That the following amendments to the TWS Tas Management Committee decision making be inserted into the TWS Tas Constitution Working Guidelines and the Constitution itself:</p> <p>That the ‘flying minutes’ be used as a way of expediting Management Committee decision making when decisions are needed urgently. The guidelines for flying minutes are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Responses to flying minute requests need to be provided within 48 hours of the date and time the flying minute was sent</li> <li>- Each flying minute must contain a proposed ‘motion’ and a business case to support the motion</li> <li>- Flying minute ratification requires at least a quorum of Management Committee members</li> <li>- The heading in email needs to state ‘Flying Minute’</li> <li>- The sender of a flying minute motion is to follow-up with persons who have not responded within 24 hours via text messages.</li> </ul>
<p>6</p>	<p><b>Election of Management Committee</b></p> <p>All members of 2017 Management Committee were stood down</p>

Five nominations for committee positions had been received before the meeting. As per the TWS Tas constitution, nominations are also allowed from the floor

Val Noga nominated for the position of Convenor

Vica called for nominations from the floor. No nominations were received

Val Noga elected unopposed

Ben Bartl nominated for the position of Secretary. Ben elected unopposed

Vica noted that there were five Ordinary Committee Members positions available and that three nominations had been received prior to the meeting. They were:

Carol Rea

Vica Bayley

Kevin Glidden

Nominations were also sought from those present. No-one at meeting who had not already nominated expressed interest.

All three Ordinary Committee Members elected unopposed.

**Meeting closed: 6:30p.m.**

