

# The Wilderness Society Ltd

## 2021 Election of Directors

The Wilderness Society Ltd operates nationally with Campaigning, Organising, Communications, Membership, Fundraising and Business Operations arms which work across several locations. The Board maintains oversight of all these activities and is looking for diversity of experience to meet its responsibilities, with particular skills or experience from Directors in governance leadership and advocacy being sought this year.

Members participate in the annual The Wilderness Society Ltd Election of Directors, as outlined in our [Constitution](#). The nomination and election process are designed to promote broad geographic representation, and elected Directors must come from at least four of the six regions outlined in the Constitution.

Elected Directors retiring at the 2021 Annual General Meeting are Leanne Craze and Coral Robinson from Australian Capital Territory and New South Wales, and Amanda Branley from Western Australia, opening three Director positions for election. [Details of the current Board of Directors can be found via this link.](#)

This year, Directors may be elected from any of the following regions: Queensland; Australian Capital Territory and New South Wales; Northern Territory and South Australia; Tasmania; Victoria; and Western Australia.

### Nominations

At the close of nominations on 21 October 2021, three (3) eligible nominations had been received for three (3) available positions as Elected Directors.

### Need for a ballot

While only three candidates have nominated for the three available positions, Rule 32.1) of the Constitution does not allow automatic appointment. The Rule provides an opportunity for Members who may consider a candidate inappropriate for the role not to vote for the candidate. If Members refrain from voting for a candidate then the Rule means the candidate would not be appointed. **The following three nominations have been received for three elected Director positions on the Board.**

### Jacqueline (Jacqui) Mills | Nomination received 13 October 2021 Region: Australian Capital Territory and New South Wales

Having spent a lot of time in the beautiful Blue Mountains when she was younger, Jacqui was shocked to learn that wild places around Australia were being destroyed. The Wilderness Society campaigns to end old-growth logging connected with her in the 1990s and spurred a lifelong contribution to the environment movement.

For Jacqui, it's about taking on powerful interests to fight collectively for a better future: for our wild places, our climate, animals and social justice.

She was hands-on in building up The Wombat Foundation to conserve the critically endangered Northern Hairy-nosed Wombat for about nine years. Working with the community and pushing decision-makers to make the right decisions to conserve the species and to end threatening processes.

Jacqui leads strategic campaigning across different countries in her day job where she works for a global animal protection NGO. This means she can offer to The Wilderness Society a strong background in advocacy, campaigning and strategic thinking.

She also has governance experience having sat on the board of a small environmental organisation and a bigger industry skills council.

Jacqui was awarded a scholarship and has completed the Australian Institute of Company Directors course on governance for not-for-profit directors and has tertiary qualifications in environmental management, as well as sociology and social policy.

## **Amanda Branley** | Nomination received 20 October 2021

**Region: Western Australia**

Amanda has been a Director on The Wilderness Society Ltd board for three years, and prior to that held roles of Convenor and Treasurer for The Wilderness Society WA Management Committee for three years. In both roles, Amanda maintained strong relationships within The Wilderness Society to drive common purpose and collaborative working between Campaign Centres and The Wilderness Society Ltd.

Amanda is passionate about the purpose of The Wilderness Society and the role it has in protecting nature. She wants to make sure as an organisation we continue to be a recognised leader (in environmental NGOs).

In her day job, Amanda is head of procurement for the Public Transport Authority in WA. She holds a Masters in Leadership and Management and has graduated from the Australian Institute of Company Directors, Company Director Course. Together, her skills; academic study; voluntary and work experience provides The Wilderness Society with a rounded Board Director who can translate strategy, build relationships and facilitate opportunities to deliver against The Wilderness Society purpose.

## **Leanne Craze** | Nomination received 14 October 2021

**Region: Australian Capital Territory and New South Wales**

In the 1980s, after having been passionate about flora, fauna and our environment since a small child, Leanne found her homebase when becoming a member of The Wilderness Society. Professionally, Leanne holds qualifications in both Social Work (BSW, PhD) and Science (Grad Dip. Climate Change and Resource Management). She has run her own mental health and social policy consulting company since 1990, specialising in multi-stakeholder engagement and consultation. After 30 years experience with NGO committees of management—establishing and supporting the development of both

fledging and established NGOs—Leanne was elected to The Wilderness Society Inc Committee of Management at the 2015 AGM, and has been a Director of The Wilderness Society Ltd since its establishment in 2016; a Co-Convenor of the Board from May 2018 to November 2020, and Convenor since then. She has also been a member of The Wilderness Society Convenors' Committee, a collaboration of Wilderness Society governance representatives.

Leanne is seeking a further term so she can assist The Wilderness Society to launch from the Collaborative Agreement and the inaugural whole of organisation Campaign Plan to ensure collaboration is the way our organisation breathes, walks and talks. She also wishes to lend support as a governor to build upon the Movement For Life people's movement and see The Wilderness Society evolve into an inclusive organisation where First Nations people, people from diverse cultural and faith backgrounds and people of all ages, including children, can also experience The Wilderness Society as a homebase for protecting nature and the environment.

**Please cast your vote:** visit <https://wildernesssociety.verovoting.com.au>

Voting process

Results of the 2021 Election of Directors will be announced at The Wilderness Society Ltd Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 25th November 2021 (for details and to attend the meeting please go to [wilderness.org.au/AGM](http://wilderness.org.au/AGM) or call 1800 030 641), and published on this site following.