

# Agenda/ Minutes

## 2020/21 Annual General Meeting

**The Wilderness Society Newcastle Inc would like to invite all members to the AGM**

**Date**

16 November 2021

**Start time**

18:30pm

**Place**

Online over zoom

1. Welcome, attendance and apologies
2. Acknowledgement of country
3. Approval of the [minutes of 2020 AGM](#)
4. Annual report All
5. Presentation of Financial Statements for the year to 30 June 2021
6. Appointment of auditors
7. Appointment of Board members and office bearers
8. Any other business
9. Close of meeting

### Minutes

Welcome, attendance and apologies	
Present:	TWS Members: Tracy, Michael, Kath, Katelijn, Prue Non members Victoria Jack, Ben Cooper

Acknowledgement of country	Michael
Approval of the minutes of 2020 AGM:	Approved by consensus
Annual summary 2020-21	<p>The year could be characterised by the word “change”.</p> <p>Our climate continued changing in response to fossil fuel pollution and other human activity.</p> <p>As a country, we started the year after the devastating 2019-20 bushfires, where an estimated 18.6 million hectares of habitat was burnt with the obvious impact on species and habitat survival.</p> <p>And, the federal review of the national environment law confirmed what we already knew, the law has failed to slow or halt the devastation of our environment and our native species that rely on it.</p> <p>It was a big year for TWS Newcastle.</p> <p>A big year for our staff Elle and Bronwyn, a big year for us as part of the TWS federation and a big year for our local governance.</p> <p>We continued our campaign to protect the Pilliga Forest from the Santos gas proposal - a plan that would disrupt the living culture of Gamilaraay peoples, fragment the forest, put the farming communities' water at risk, and increase the impacts of the climate crisis.</p> <p>We continued working and walking alongside Gamilaraay peoples</p>

	<p>Engaging with NSW decision makers Lobbying federal politicians Investigating legal options Pressuring the money sources and keeping up the energy with planning for the Pilliga Ultra Marathon</p> <p>And, we continued our campaign to stop the offshore gas proposal and the new coal mine proposals near the Wollemi wilderness.</p> <p>We continued to empower our local communities with the tools to advocate for better environmental policy, by investing in our community organising program that has now co-created 4 teams in our local area - teams that connect people who share a love of nature and a desire to make a difference.</p> <p>A huge thank you to Bronwyn for a big year. During the year, we said goodbye and a huge thank you to Elle. And, of course, we now have VJ as the NSW Campaigns Manager.</p> <p>As a local organisation, we continued to work within the TWS federation, attending Convenors Committee meetings and TWS Finance Group meetings, providing input and advice about the Organisational Campaign Plan, as well as pressuring TWS to negotiate a new Multi-Enterprise Agreement to protect our staff.</p> <p>As a local organisation, we “lived within our means” managing our local budget, undertaking our own risk management, ensuring that our staff have the tools they need, as well as keeping an eye on time-in-lieu to ensure the sustainability of</p>
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	<p>our staff and that TWS Newcastle is seen as a great place to work.</p> <p>Also, as a local organisation, we were a foundation partner in the Hunter Community Alliance, the broad based collaboration to build the power and influence of community organisations that share similar values and motivations.</p> <p>And, there was change on the Board front too.</p> <p>During the year we farewelled Jai Allison and Duhita Lewis and Steve McEvoy but we also welcomed Ben Cooper and Prue Bodsworth.</p> <p>It was a big year for TWS Newcastle.</p> <p>Thanks everyone for all your efforts and passion and input over the year.</p> <p>As we know, we've got lots of work to do... To protect, promote and restore wilderness and natural processes across Australia for the survival and ongoing evolution of species on earth.</p>
<p>Presentation of Financial Statements for the year to 30 June 2021</p>	<p>Accepted by all</p>
<p>Appointment of auditors</p>	<p>Continue with Hocquard Auditors, accepted by consensus</p>
<p>Appointment of Board members and office bearers</p>	<p>Michael is nominated as convenor accepted by consensus Katelijjn is nominated as secretary accepted by consensus. Tracy is nominated as Treasurer accepted by</p>

	consensus Kath, Ben and Prue are re-nominated as regular board members. Accepted by all
Any other business	17th December Drinks catch-up TBC
Close of meeting	6.55