

**2016/2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY TASMANIA
INC**

Minutes

Date: Thursday 23rd November 2017

Present: Gill Gravell, Carol Rea, Val Noga, Leigh Craven, Karuna Knights, Ben Bartl, Tim Jones, Phil Stigant, Shannon Epp, David Wanless, Kevin Glidden, Rachel Edwards, Tim Douglas, Joanna McRae, Tom Kecskemeti, Michael Bayley, Paul Auldcent.

Apologies: Debbie Dunn

Observer: John Sumbly

Location: The Wilderness Society, 130 Davey St, Hobart

Meeting opened: 5:06 p.m.

AGENDA

ITEM	TOPIC
1	<p>Welcome and meeting chair</p> <p>Leigh Craven welcomed all those present at the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.</p> <p>Leigh acknowledged the traditional and original owners of Tasmania.</p> <p>The meeting confirmed Val as the chair of the 2017 AGM and that there was quorum</p>
2	<p>Confirmation of minutes from 2015/16 AGM</p> <p>Motion: That the minutes of the 2015/16 AGM be accepted with two small amendments 'Wanlass' amended to 'Wanless' and 'Rae' amended to 'Rea'.</p> <p>Moved: Val Noga</p> <p>Seconded: Vica Bayley</p> <p>Passed by consensus</p>
3	<p>Acceptance of reports</p> <p>Convenors report</p>

Val Noga thanked everyone for attending

Val provided an Explanation of the role of the Management Committee

Noted that it has been an exciting year. Lots of changes/challenges. Lots happening

Main focus of Management Committee has been the financial, business and legal obligations of the organisation

Close relationship with Wild Island and participated in national convenor Meetings

Nine formal meetings. Also a number of special meetings. Finally, a number of ongoing sub-committees

Thank you to TWS Ltd for their support

Thank you to all of our volunteers

Thank you to our staff. Deeply committed, providing real value for money, working above the call of duty

Thanks to Amanda for her role in organising fundraising

Special thanks to Joseph and Maree Vagunda who provided a significant donation during the year. This donation took the form of the 'Save my Habitat' sticker campaign

A special thank you to all those that persisted in their resistance for over a decade against the Gunns Pulp Mill

Campaign Manager's report

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

Forests, the Tarkine, development in Wilderness areas and Planning have been our four focus areas

Went to World Heritage Committee Meeting during year. Concerned about development encroachment in WHAs

Significant victory in halting expansion of RACT owned Freycinet Lodge

Tarkine strategy has been getting third-party support. Have also spent a lot of time on 'on country', getting indigenous and non-indigenous persons to the Tarkine

Have campaigned strongly against 4WD tracks in the Tarkine

	<p>Leaflets are going to be produced for local areas such as Wielangta and Tasman Peninsula so that local communities can campaign for expansion of national parks</p> <p>Election in March. TWS will continue to work with all political parties to get environmental wins</p> <p>Our Launceston Campaign Manager Ruth Groom has moved to a new position. Sorry to see her go. Liz has moved to Launceston and a new Organiser position has been created in Hobart. Danny and Tom have been employed in Hobart</p> <p>Vica thanked Val and all of MC for their assistance over the last year</p> <p>Thank you to all the volunteers on the Market Stall, rallies, providing information etc</p> <p>Thank you to staff</p> <p>Thanks to Environmental Defenders Office, TCT, Bob Brown Foundation for all their collaborative work</p> <p>Paul said that he thought TWS Tas should make better connections with tourism operators</p> <p>Vica said that he doesn't agree but that tourism industry is close to Government and we need to be cautious</p> <p>Leigh and Carol spoke to community organising program. Ruth/Liz/Carol have undertaken the task of skilling volunteers in local communities throughout Tasmania in organising.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report and Audited financial statements</p> <p>Leigh spoke to finances</p> <p>Said that largely due to Shannon's donation of indigenous art work we made a profit this year</p> <p>In a really healthy position financially</p> <p>Paul asked how many members we have. Estimated that there are around 565+ members.</p> <p>Paul also asked whether TWS Ltd are providing their fair share. Told that we receive around 2/3rds of our finances from TWS Ltd</p> <p>Motion: That the 2016/17 Annual Report, including the above reports be accepted.</p> <p>Moved: David Wanlass</p>

	<p>Seconded: Joanna McRae</p>
5	<p>Appointment of Auditor</p> <p>Motion: That Accru Accountants be appointed as auditor for the financial year ending 30 June 2018.</p> <p>Moved: Racheal Edwards</p> <p>Seconded: Carol Rea</p>
6	<p>Election of Management Committee</p> <p>All members of 2017 Management Committee were stood down</p> <p>Eight nominations for committee positions had been received before the meeting. As per the TWS Tas constitution, nominations are also allowed from the floor</p> <p>Val Noga nominated for the position of Convenor</p> <p>Vica called for nominations from the floor. No nominations were received</p> <p>Val Noga elected unopposed</p> <p>Debbie Dunn nominated for the position of treasurer</p> <p>Debbie Dunn elected unopposed</p> <p>Ben Bartl nominated for the position of Secretary. Ben elected unopposed</p> <p>Vica noted that there were five Ordinary Committee Members positions available and that five nominations had been received prior to the meeting. They were:</p> <p>Carol Rea</p> <p>Rachel Edwards</p> <p>Vica Bayley</p> <p>Kevin Glidden</p> <p>Shannon Epp</p> <p>All Ordinary Committee Members elected unopposed.</p> <p>There was also an official thank you to Stuart Baird for his years of tireless work on the TWS Tas Board</p>

Meeting closed: 5:54 p.m.