

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
NATURE FOUNDATION SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC**

**Held on Thursday 26th October 2017 @ 6.00 pm
Holden Street Theatres, Holden Street, Hindmarsh**

1. Welcome

The President Mr. Bob Lott opened the meeting at 6.25 and welcomed some 120 members and supporters to the 36th AGM of Nature Foundation SA. (refer Attachment 1)

Apologies.

Some 34 apologies were received (refer Attachment 1)

Returning Officer

The President advised that Ms Megan Dyson, Honorary Legal Adviser to the Foundation, had been appointed as Returning Officer for the Elections to be held as part of the AGM, and introduced Ms Dyson.

Proxy votes (in association with Apology)

Ms Dyson advised that a large number of proxies had been received (see attachment 1) and that members present holding proxy votes had been given the directives (if any) applicable to these proxies as well as the required number of voting slips.

2a Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20th October 2016

Minutes of this meeting had been distributed.

It was moved by Dr Baden Teague, seconded Mr Nicholas Newland AM “that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record.”

Carried

Dr David Hansman questioned why his comments made in the 2016 Meeting were not included in the Minutes. The President responded that the comments regarding the generosity of Mrs Elizabeth Law Smith were included at item 11 in “Any Other Business” as the comments had been made following the presentation of Recognition Awards at that meeting.

Dr Hansman requested that the AGM Minutes be distributed to members well in advance of the next years’ AGM.

2b Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 1st June 2017 Minutes of this meeting had been distributed.

It was moved by Mr Lange Powell and seconded by Prof. Chris Daniels “that the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 1st June 2017 be accepted as an accurate record.”

Carried

3. President’s Report

Mr Bob Lott advised that the full President’s Report was printed in the Annual Report, and that he would be presenting highlights.

The President’s Report included reference to specific activities of NFSA in 2016-17 year including:

- Praise for the Foundation from various opinion leaders;

- The work of the College of Nature Champions Group under the leadership of Dr Baden Teague;
- Progress of the Volunteers for Nature Group;
- The association at national level with the Australian Private Land Conservation Alliance;
- The work of the Property Management Committee;
- The work of staff in seeking and gaining grants.

It was moved by Ms Jenny Steele Scott OAM and seconded by Mr Peter Collins “that the President’s report be accepted.”

Carried

4. CEO’s Report

The CEO Mr Hugo Hopton reported to the meeting on the strategic direction of the Nature Foundation and how it was making a positive difference to the natural environment. He thanked Nature Foundation Members, members of Council, committees and staff, as well as Rotational Managers and volunteers for the significant difference their support and generous contribution of time and funds continues to make.

It was moved Dr Rob Morrison OAM; seconded Mr Nicholas Newland AM that the CEO’s report be received.

Carried

In response to a question from Mr Nicholas Newland AM, the CEO reported that there were long term goals for restoring species such as callitris and sandalwood *Santalum spicatum* which had been harvested and almost completely removed in early years of settlement.

In response to a question from Mr Merv Lewis on whether the Foundation was responding to criticism that as a conservation organisation it contributed to the problem of wild dog expansion into pastoral areas, the CEO responded that as both Witchelina and Hiltaba were south of the dog proof fence and were operated on pastoral leases, the Nature Foundation was required to participate in various programs of dog removal. The Foundation regularly explains its position to pastoral neighbours and believes that such communication reduces potential for misunderstanding on this matter.

5 Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017.

The NFSA Treasurer Mr Nic Edwards, presented the Financial Statements in the Annual Report, advising that this was his last year as Treasurer, and giving an overview of the financial situation of Nature Foundation noting:

- The reduced operating deficit for the 2016-17 financial year;
- The improved balance sheet, which remains strong
- Concern that operating results were still in the red;
- The improved financial situation from dividends,
- The financial loss from various events;
- The success in gaining grants;

In response to a question from Ms Linda Yates, the Treasurer indicated that the Foundation would review the possibility of getting the Financial Statements and the Annual Report to members in advance of the AGM.

In response to a question from Ms Jenny Steele Scott OAM, the Treasurer responded that small unmarketable parcels of shares (or indeed any shares) could be donated to the Nature Foundation

and the donor given a tax-deductible receipt. The opportunity to donate such share parcels had been promoted to the members in the past, and it may be appropriate to consider promoting this again. The Nature Foundation's Investment Adviser Mr Tom Gray from Macquarie Equities Ltd confirmed that he would be happy to assist in any such transfers.

Dr Rob Morrison OAM acknowledged and congratulated Nature Foundation staff in their ongoing seeking and gaining of grants, particularly from the philanthropic sector.

It was moved by Mr Nic Edwards and seconded by Mr Doug Ransom "that the Financial Statements be accepted." *Carried.*

Ms Emily Bird thanked the Treasurer on five years of service as Treasurer. Members present acknowledged this expression of thanks.

6. Election of Council members

In accordance with the Constitution 10.7, The President stood down from the Chair and indicated that the Council had proposed that Mr David Moyle take the Chair for the Council elections. The meeting endorsed this proposal nominated by Ms Jenny Steele Scott OAM and seconded by Dr Rob Morrison OAM. In the absence of any other proposals, Mr Moyle was appointed as Acting Chair for the part of the meeting related to elections.

The Acting Chair thanked all those who had nominated and advised the meeting of those persons who had nominated:

Members whose terms expire at this AGM, and who are seeking re-election:

Mr Chris Reed and Ms Suzanne Ridding and

Candidates who had been proposed and seconded in accordance with the Constitution.

Ms Jan Ferguson

Ms Karolina van der Linden

Mr Lange Powell

Mr Doug Ransom

Prof Philip Weinstein

The Acting Chair advised members that in accordance with the Constitution clause 12.4.4 as the number of candidates exceeded than the number of vacancies on Council, an election would be held.

The Returning Officer Ms Megan Dyson then guided members through the Election in accordance with the Constitution. It was a secret ballot.

While the votes were being counted, the Nature Foundation's Conservation Programs Manager Mr Alex Nankivell introduced speakers:

Ms Grace Holder (NFSA grant recipient) presented to the meeting on “The Ecology of Firetails” and Prof Philip Weinstein presented on the subject “Why study invertebrates at Witchelina”.

Following this election, when votes had been counted, the Returning Officer advised that in accordance with the Constitution, the following persons had been elected for a period of three years

Mr Doug Ransom
Mr Chris Reed
Ms Suzanne Ridding
Prof Phil Weinstein

and that the following person had been elected for a period of two years.

Ms Jan Ferguson

The candidates who nominated but were not elected were Mr Lange Powell and Ms Karolina van der Linden.

The Acting Chair congratulated the successful candidates and thanked all those who nominated, advising that it was good to learn of people who were willing to assist the Foundation in a variety of ways.

1. Election of Office Holders

Mr Moyle continued to Chair the Meeting for the Election of the Office Holders.

1 a President

The Acting Chair advised that elections now would be held for the position of President. The candidates who had nominated were Prof Chris Daniels and Mr Bob Lott. There were no further nominations from the floor of the meeting.

The Returning Officer briefed members on the process of voting in accordance with the Constitution. It was a secret ballot.

While votes were being counted, Dr Martin Breed presented to the meeting on “Microbiomes and human health”.

When the counting of the votes was completed, the Returning Officer advised that Mr Bob Lott was successful in being elected as President for a period of two years.

The Acting Chairman acknowledged the work of the President, his many hours of work for the Foundation and energy in seeking opportunities to progress the Foundation, and thanked Prof Daniels for nominating.

The Acting Chairman continued with the Elections for Office Holders advising the nominations of office holders:

1b Vice President

Ms Suzanne Ridding had been nominated.

As there were no further nominations, Ms Suzanne Ridding was appointed as Vice President for a period of two years (to the AGM 2019).

1c Hon Secretary

Ms Susie Herzberg OAM had been nominated.

As there were no further nominations, Ms Susie Herzberg was appointed as Honorary Secretary for a period of two years (to the AGM 2019).

Treasurer

Mr Doug Ransom had been nominated.

As there were no further nominations, Mr Doug Ransom was appointed as Treasurer for a period of two years (to the AGM 2019).

The 2016 -17 President, Mr. Bob Lott resumed the chair for the remainder of the Meeting.

8. Award of Fellow of Nature Foundation SA

It was moved by Ms Susie Herzberg OAM, seconded Mr Bob Lott that Dr Rob Morrison OAM be appointed as a Fellow of the Foundation for long term support of NFSA.

The President outlined the service of Dr Morrison to the Foundation and to Science communication in South Australia.

The vote was put.

Carried

9. Recognition Awards.

The President advised that Council had voted to award the following persons:

9a Honorary Life Membership

Ms Megan Dyson was awarded Honorary Life Membership for long term support of NFSA as a Council member, provider of pro bono legal advice and as coordinator of the Foundation's voluntary legal panel. For enduring commitment to Nature Foundation and most generous provision of pro-bono legal advice.

Dr Bob Inns was appointed Honorary Life Membership of the Foundation for long term support of Nature Foundation and support and commitment to the Land Acquisition Committee and Bushbank Committee

9b Associate of The Foundation

Mr John Ovenden was appointed an Associate of the Foundation for his work in connecting people to nature by leading the development of the Founder's walking trails on Hiltaba Nature Reserve.

Award of Certificate of Appreciation

The President proceeded to award Certificates of Appreciation to the following people:

Ms Alison Hastings and Mr Tony Everett For dedicated, generous and creative service to building restoration at Witchelina and Hiltaba Nature Reserves

Mr Adam Matthews for invaluable donation and installation of floor coverings at Hiltaba and Witchelina Nature Reserves **Mr Roger and Mrs Raelene Schmidtke** for tenacious commitment to Buffel grass suppression on Witchelina Nature Reserve.

Ms Marina Louter and Mr Scott Kinlock for work as Rotational Managers and Marina's expert understanding of and passion for native birds.

10 Acknowledgement of the role of DEWNR

The President acknowledged the support of the Department of the Environment Water and Natural Resources both through an annual grant from DEWNR and from so many staff of DEWNR on Nature Foundation committees.

11. Other Business.

The President advised that three of the long-standing members of the Council had decided to stand down. The President acknowledged the work of Past Presidents Dr Bob Sharrad AM, and Mr David Moyle AM and long-term Council member Dr Rob Morrison OAM and presented them with framed photographs.

As there was no other business, The President thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting.

The Meeting was closed at 9.35 pm.

Susie Herzberg OAM
Honorary Secretary NFSA Inc
1 November 2017

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Attachment 1

2017 AGM Attendance

Jacynta Anderson	Alan Holmes	Dianne Pearce
Greg Bannon	Rob Hogan	Tony Pearce
Sue Barker	Paul Hoopmann	Inara Powell
Peter Beer	Hugo Hopton	Lange Powell
Chris Bennett	Vanessa Greenslade	Doug Ransom
Marcelle Bennett	Bob Inns	Chris Reed
Emily Bird	Patrick James	Maria Reed
Martin Breed	Pat Katnich	Suzanne Ridding
Trevor Brettig	Gretta Koch	Anita Robinson
Alan Burns	Merv Lewis	Shirley Rowe
John Carter	Liz Liebing	Bob Sharrad AM
Carlsa Carter	Karolina van der Linden	Doff Short
Anne Clark	Leon van der Linden	Henry Short
Rebecca Clark	Paul van der Loo	Natalie Stalenberg
Wally Clarke	Bob Lott	Jenny Steele Scott OAM
David Clegg	Martha Lott	Estelle Tayler
Phil Cole	Duncan Mackay	Baden Teague
Peter Collins	Rob Marshall OAM	Kathy Teague
Val Collins	Adam Matthews	Michael Tingay
Dene Cordes PSM	Emma Matthews	Dianna Todd
Jan Cotton	Kate Matthews	Graeme Tonkin
Chris Daniels	Suzanne Matthews	Bruce Trebilcock
Mark Day	Rosalie McCarthy	Bryan Troath
Megan Dyson	John McEntee	Don Vivian
Nicholas Edwards	Paul McEvoy	Vilis Vasilevskis
Jan Ferguson OAM	Patrick Mentzel	Brian Ward
Georgie Fiedler	Amanda Milne	June Ward
Peter Forward	Rob Morrison OAM	Philip Weinstein
Christine Franklin	Penny Morrison	Verity Wheaton
Clinton Garrett	David Moyle AM	Jo Whitelaw
Tom Gray	Bruce Munday	Trevor Whitelaw
David Hansman	Alex Nankivell	Jan Whitford
Natasha Harper	Caroline Nefiodovas	John Whitford
Alison Hastings	Nicholas Newland AM	Ric Williams
Angela Hazebroek	Frank Nicholls	Kate Woodland
Kaz Herbst	Millie Nicholls	Jayne Wright
Susie Herzberg OAM	Graeme Oats	Lynda Yates
Zen Herzberg	Sandra Orgeig	Marianne Young
Grace Hodder	John Ovenden	

APOLOGIES

Eliza Bagley	Uta Grehn	Tony Sharley
Francis Bedford MP	Miriam Hansman	Dick Smith
Andrew Black	Barbara Hardy AO	John Todd
Margie Black	Hon Ian Hunter MP	Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP
Jenny Botten	Margaret Lee	Agnew Weinstein
Melody Boxall	Helga Linnert	Mary Wilson
Sally Boxall	Anthea Magarey	Hon David Wotton AM
Meg Butler	Graham McGowan	
Di Davidson AM	Dennis Mutton	
Tony Everett	Keith Parkes	
Collin Gallagher	Dorothy Palmer	
Stuart Gallagher	Geoffrey Pollard	
Brian Gitsham	Joy Robbins	
Helen Gitsham	Melva Schwartz	

Members lodging their Proxy votes

Key (i) Invalid

* vote returned

** vote remained with Proxy

Pauline Ackland	Meryllyn Hardy (i)	Robert Reed
Robert Ackland	Jess Hardy	Naomi Rea
Deirdre Adamek	Rebecca Hardy	John Renowden
Marti Andrew	Sebastian Hardy	Marie Renowden
Brenton Arnold	Collin Harris PSM	Elizabeth Robins
Nanette Arnold	Peter Hastwell	James Roennfeldt
Eliza Bagley	Margaret Heath	Dianne Roennfeldt
James Barnes	Robert Heath	David Rohrsheim
Christine Bates-Brownsword	Margaret Henshall	Anne Rohrsheim
Kent Beard	Bruce Herraman	Lyn Rowe
Bronwyn Bowen	Tim Hoile	Angela Roodhouse
Robert Bowen	Gillian Hunter	Peter Roodhouse
Sally Boxall	Julia Jezior	Laura Ruykys
Madeline Boxall	Nathan Justin	Margaret Sando
Barbara Brummitt	Ruth Kellerman	Janet Scott
Andrew Burns	Margaret Kellett	Nellie Seidel
Judy Burrow	Robert King	Peter Seidel
David Cleland	Anne Kirk	Mary Simpson
Alan Collins	Robert Laffer	Antony Simpson
David Connell	Simon Langsford	Jeannie Souter
Ian Cooper	Margaret Lee	Kalila Stewart Davis
Vicky Cooper	Jill Lewis	Alex Suslin
James Coote	Christine Lill	Estelle Taylor **
Maria Coote	Rob Linn	Sandra Taylor
Jenny Dickens	Jane Linn	Diana Todd **
Richard Dolan	Helga Linnert	John Todd **
Minnie Dunlop	Elizabeth Lipman	Sally Tonkin
Glenyle Durdin	Scipio Lipman	Petra van der Heiden
David Earle	Marina Louter	Fred van der Heiden
Bruce Eastick AM	Ed Lowrey	Allan Wallace
David Eblen	Suzanne McCullough	Chris Waugh
Adrienne Edwards	David McCullough	Ian Wheaton **
Reginald Elborough	Graham McGowan	Verity Wheaton **
Margaret Elborough	Chris Madden	Douglas Wheaton
Marie Elson	John Madeley	Susanne Williams
Anthony Everett	Jan Madeley	Richard Williams
Shirley Fahey	Anthea Magarey	Alan Wilson
Kevin Fahey	James Measday	Mary Wilson (i)
Stanley Fereday	Margaret Moxon	Barry Wright
Bronwyn Forward	Peter Nankivell	Maureen Wright OAM
Wendy Forwood	Reg Nelson	William Wood
Michael Forwood	Sandra Orgeig *	Craig Wood
Steffan Furuvik	Don Ovenden	Kerry Wood
Narelle Fururik	Richard Parker	Timothy Wood
Danny Gordon	Patricia Parker	Sandra Wood
Dianne Gray	Margaret Piper	
Thomas Gray	Geoffrey Pollard	
Brenton Grear	Tina Presto	
Andrea Grear	Maria Prodromou (i)	
Colleen Hardy	Marie O'Connor	
Fiona Hardy	Clive O'Connor	
Geoff Hardy	Janice Pleydell	
Phillip Henshall	Robin Pleydell	
William Hardy	Geoffrey Pollard	