

2018 Annual General Meeting Candidate Statements

Please find the Bios for Members of Nature Foundation SA who have nominated for Election to Council. (*please note: The Bios are listed alphabetically*)

Candidates:

(** denotes standing for reelection*)



Angela Hazebroek

Angela Hazebroek is the co-founding Director of highly respected South Australian planning firm Urban and Regional Planning Solutions. She is a strategic planner and community engagement specialist with extensive experience in tourism planning, visitor management planning for protected natural areas and facilitation of water and natural resources planning and implementation projects.

Angela has worked closely with the SA Murray Darling Basin NRM Board in developing and monitoring strategic plans with the Board and in conducting Evaluation and Review workshops across all Commonwealth Government programs delivered through the Board.

Angela was responsible for the Flinders Ranges and Outback South Australia Integrated Tourism Strategy: 2008 – 2018 and for the Eyre Peninsula Regional Tourism Strategy prepared in 2002 and reviewed in 2007 and 2012. She has a good understanding of the tourism context for Hiltaba and Witchelina. In 2016 the NFSA Council engaged URPS to prepare the Ecotourism Policy Framework. Angela interviewed all Council members, researched the ecotourism products of similar nature conservation organisations and workshopped the policy directions with the Council prior to finalising the policy framework. URPS provided a significant pro bono contribution to the NFSA through discounted consultancy fees.

This involvement with the NFSA sparked Angela's interest in the organisation resulting in her and her husband becoming members and Angela accepting an invitation to join the Revenue and Marketing Strategy Committee. After Angela's first encounter with NFSA she described it as "the kind of organisation I would be interested in being involved in when I retire." Since 2019 will mark the transition to working a day a week at URPS I have accepted nomination to the Council. While I look forward to visiting and getting to know the properties next year, I believe I can bring my expertise in engaging communities in experiences that engender respect and care for Nature and facilitate a greater personal commitment to support the Foundation's objectives.



Susie Herzberg OAM*

For many of us, Nature is our inspiration. Our desire to save, protect and restore Nature leads us to support the Foundation. As a Council member, this support involves commitment: contributing enthusiastically to Foundation projects, assisting in finding funds, introducing new members and establishing new partnerships while seeking to keep everyone involved and supported.

In the role of Hon Secretary at Nature Foundation I have championed sound governance practices, particularly in relation to Council finances, investment and contracts as well as contributing expertise in strategic planning and human resource matters.

2018 sees the culmination of the Hiltaba Founder Walks project which I have led: mapping the trails, working with volunteers on installation, involving Founder families and coordinating interpretation materials, all with wonderful support from Council, staff, volunteers and Rotational Managers.

The Foundation is constantly transforming itself to adapt to a future in which there is more competition for government grants as well as for support from donors and partners. Council members must be ready for opportunities, while valuing the best of the past, always appreciating and respecting our members, donors, volunteers and staff.

Qualifications and Past Board Experience.

Susie has worked as an urban, environmental and strategic planner and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. She has business experience as former Managing Partner of Manyara Vineyard, and as current director of several private companies.

Susie is past Chair of the Board of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium, and served on boards including South Australian Housing Trust, Patawalonga Water Catchment Management, KESAB Environmental Solutions, State Cycling Council and Playford Memorial Trust. She is a past President of the Australian Institute of Urban Studies (SA) and of the Civic Trust. (SA)



Mervyn John Lewis

I wish to present myself for consideration as a Member for the Council of Nature Foundation SA

My Wife Jill and I are Life Members of the Foundation and since retirement have been involved as volunteers on NFSA properties.

I retired from Farming 5 years ago. As a 5th generation farmer in SA farming at Wandearah in the Upper North of SA.

I have had the privilege of following my interest over many years by also contributing in the areas of Health and Wellbeing, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Management.

My involvement included;

- Chairperson, Port Pirie Regional Health Service Board
- Member, Mid North Regional Health Board
- Member, South Australian Mental Health Service Board
- Chairperson, SA Hospitals Association
- Deputy Chairperson, Hospital and Health Services Association SA
- Chairperson, Country Reference Group, Mental Health
- Deputy Chairperson, Advisory Board of Agriculture SA
- Chairperson, Roseworthy Information Service Board
- Member SA FarmBis Steering Committee
- Presiding Member Northern & Yorke Natural Resources Management Board
- Member, SA National Parks and Wildlife Council
- Deputy to the Chair, Native Vegetation Council
- Member, Interim SA Natural Resource Management (NRM) Council
- Member, NRM Research Alliance Board
- Chairperson, Northern and Yorke Agricultural District Integrated Natural Resource Management Committee Inc.
- Chairperson, Upper North Landcare Support Committee.

Whilst not an academic I have knowledge and experience that I believe I can apply to further the goals of the Association. I have had considerable experience contributing at the Council level especially in practical application of the decisions made.

I seek your support by electing me to a position on the Council.



Millie Nicholls*

Millie is a botanist who works in native grassland conservation, and she is also a partner in a family farm near Clare. She has involved in environmental work since she completed a Science degree in 1994. She has been a member of the Native Vegetation Council, the National Parks and Wildlife Council and has served on and also chaired several regional boards in the Northern and Yorke Region.

She helped found a small private conservation company that holds two properties near Burra, and she was instrumental in forming two successful Landcare groups. She received the South Australian Individual Landcarer of the Year Award in 2011.

Millie is a director of several private companies, and runs a successful accommodation business in the Southern Vales.

Millie is a Councillor and Member of the Science and Eco Tourism Committee. She has served on the Nature Foundation Council since 2014.

Election Statement 2018.

As a scientist and someone who has been involved in managing land for over forty years, I am aware of the challenges that face the Foundation with the properties that it owns. We need good scientific knowledge to underpin our management actions, and I believe we have to work closely with both with the universities and other conservation bodies to achieve best practice management of all the properties. As a small business owner, I am also very aware of the financial challenges that face the Foundation, and as a member of Council I have always tried to ensure that we work strategically within the constraints of our budget, and look realistically at the opportunities that come before us.

I have enjoyed being able to meet and interact with members, friends and staff at varied Foundation activities, and I will continue to actively support the Foundation in its conservation activities. With the continued cuts to the conservation budget at both State and Federal level, independent organizations such as the Nature Foundation are critical to the future of the natural heritage in this State.