

ECO-ACTION INC – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER 2022 @ 2pm – Duck Lagoon, Cygnet River

PRESENT: Colin Wilson, Bev Maxwell, Caroline Paterson, Mia Vickery, Deb Laver, Reiko Hosokawa, John Matheson, Scott McDonald, Liz Melling, Nirbeeja Saraswati, Peter Hammond, Peter Hastwell, Peter Martin (chair), Ingereth Macfarlane, Tony Geyer, James Trezise

APOLOGIES: Anne A'Herran, Fraser Vickery, Deb Sleeman, Catherine Murphy, Lois Haska, Bill Jenner, Sue Merchant

Welcome	Peter Martin – chaired the AGM.	
Confirmation of Previous Minutes (2020-2021)		Moved – Caroline Paterson Seconded – Peter Hammond Accepted.
Business arising from previous minutes	Still no response on the Apiary policy. Bev Maxwell will follow up at the upcoming Parks consultative committee Monday 24 October	
Financial report	<p>Receipt and adoption of the Association’s audited financial statement and Treasurer report – Presented by Mia Vickery (treasurer)</p> <p>Mia thanked Jenny Harris “Auditor extraordinaire”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Term Deposit - \$33,673.17 2. Incentive Saver - \$96.76 (left over money from crowd funding for PPnPP campaign). Discussion on whether this account now should be closed) <p>Motion Transfer funds in Incentive Saver account back into EA long term deposit account (which was where the funds were originally sourced) and close Incentive Saver account now that PPnPP campaign is no longer active</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Cheque account \$43,423.61 <p>Cash in hand as of 30 June 2022 \$117,945.69</p>	<p>Moved – Peter Hammond Seconded – Caroline Paterson Accepted.</p> <p>Moved: Peter Hammond Seconded: Bev Maxwell Accepted.</p>

	<p>EcoAction monies \$45,630.37 (general operating account \$11,860.44) Flinders Chase Conservation Dividend \$72,315.32</p> <p>Current bank signatories: Deb Laver Mia Vickery Jenny Grinter Colin Wilson</p> <p>Unsure if Jenny continuing as a member so for this reason Mia has proposed that we simply maintain 3 members only for this purpose rather than worry about nominating a fourth at this time.</p> <p>This will be the final year of Mia as treasurer. Please consider how you can support EA in the future in the role of treasurer.</p>	
EcoAction KI 2021-22 Activities	<p>Receipt and adoption of the annual report as a list of activities provided to members.</p> <p>Caroline presented on behalf of Fraser. Attached</p> <p>EA follow up email to James (PA to Susan Close office)</p>	
Membership	<p>Membership renewal summary – Mia Vickery EcoAction has 50 financial members as of 23 October 2022. At this time in 2021 EcoAction had 51 members.</p> <p>New application for membership Allison Willson & Glen Willson welcome (add to distribution list)</p>	<p>Moved – Deb Laver Seconded – Bev Maxwell</p> <p>Accepted.</p>
Core group Vacancies	<p>Membership is for 2 years</p> <p>Current members: Caroline Paterson</p>	<p>Moved Nirbeeja S Seconded Bev Maxwell</p>

	<p>Deb Laver</p> <p>Two vacancies (John H & Tony G standing down)</p> <p>Up for renomination: Fraser Vickery Peter Hammond Ingereth Macfarlane All accepted.</p> <p>Colin Wilson (nominated by Nirbeeja). Accepted</p> <p>One remaining. Will discuss with Core Group about seeking an additional member out of this financial years membership.</p>	
Appointment of Auditor	Mia Vickery renominated Jenny Harris. Mia will follow up	Moved – Mia Vickery Seconded – Deb Laver
	<p>Park Consultative Committee</p> <p>Bev Maxwell provided some information about this process.</p> <p>Deb Laver current representative on committee has asked another - Liz Melling. Ingereth (proxy for Fraser)</p>	
Afternoon Tea		
Guest speaker	<p>Brad Bianco, Threatened flora ecologist, SA Seed Conservation Centre at the Adelaide Botanic Gardens, and BioR.</p> <p>Title “Nameless green”: threatened floral ecology and conservation on Kangaroo Island’</p>	
Meeting Closed 3:00pm		

Core Group Activities Report

Prepared by Fraser Vickery, 27 August 2022

Core group members: Tony Geyer, Deb Laver, Caroline Paterson, Ingereth Macfarlane, Fraser Vickery, Peter Hammond

Our main focus (with FOP's and TWS) has been to try to pin down the new Minister and Government on the key issues we discussed with her at our meeting on KI – marine parks sanctuary zones, the western parks management plan adopted by the previous Minister prior to the last election, the proposed destruction of the WPA, feral bees in parks, developments in parks, shorebirds and beach management, burning and the other usual issues. The letter in response to Topa which is attached (drafted by DEW and slipped past the Minister) which basically endorses all the disastrous policies of the last Government and psycho Speirs (and is attached) threw a cat amongst the pigeons! This letter cuts across all of the promises made to TWS and the conservation fraternity prior to the last election! By the way we have had no response to the letter written post our KI meeting with Close and I have been advised that they have made no decisions re the issues we have raised and yet we have the rubbish in response to Topa! I am meeting with James Johnson (Environmental Advisor) and Peter Owen to try and provide more background to James and the Minister on the issues and to try to get a more appropriate response to our concerns. Our local member and the Department are major threats to our cause – the Department is still in risk averse mode but doesn't seem to realize we are in a new paradigm with a new Government with (hopefully) new policies. I will update you after the meeting.

We (esp. myself, Caroline FOP's and TWS reps) have also been heavily involved in early stage consultation with DEW regarding the fire management plan and particularly the proposed destruction of the WPA (tracks and fuel reduced zones) and this is ongoing in an attempt to ensure that DEW firework (AKA park burning) is scientifically based, achieves real objectives in terms of protecting the community and conserving biodiversity rather than just being politically driven to satisfy the land clearers.

A number of us (Peter, Caroline and myself) have also been involved with the delivery of the Conservation Dividend Project in Flinders Chase (funded by DEW as part of the 'settlement'). Thanks especially to Peter and Caroline.