



SYDNEY WEEDS NETWORK^U_{NZ}

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Sydney Weeds Network Incorporated

Held on Thursday 21st November 2019
Nalawala Community Centre Fairfield

Attendees and Apologies

First Name	Last Name	Organisation	Sub network	In attendance	Apology
Alex	Burgess-Buxton	Wollondilly Shire Council	West	✓	
Charmaine	Robertson	Canterbury Bankstown Council	Central	✓	
Chavvauhn	Calver	Waverley Council	Coastal	✓	
David	Whiteman	Blue Mountains City Council	West	✓	
Eddie	Ferry	Fairfield Council	West	✓	
Helen	Pollard	Fairfield City Council	West	✓	
Jessica	Thurston	Blacktown City Council	West	✓	
Joel	Daniels	Liverpool Council	West	✓	
Justine	Vella	Penrith City Council	West	✓	
Katherine	Grant	Woollahra Council	Coastal	✓	
Kathryn	Ashton	Camden Council	West	✓	
Katrina	Brown	Blacktown City Council	West	✓	
Leanne	Bunn	Randwick Council	Coastal	✓	
Linda	Brown	Sutherland Council	Coastal	✓	
Martin	Fitzgerald	Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council	Central	✓	
Martin	Lewis	Blue Mountains City Council	West	✓	
Adriana	Bogic	Blue Mountains City Council	West	✓	
Mathew	Misdale	Campbelltown Council	West	✓	
Nathan	Clare	Sutherland Council	Coastal	✓	
Paul	Angel	Canterbury Bankstown Council	Central	✓	
Paul	Marynissen	Central Coast Council	Coastal	✓	
Ramin	Khosravi	North Sydney Council	Coastal	✓	
Richard	O'Brien	Parramatta City Council	Central	✓	
Rob	Gibson	Lane Cove Council	Central	✓	
Rudi	Adlmayer	Woollahra Council	Coastal	✓	
Sahiza	Ali	Canterbury Bankstown Council	Central	✓	
Stewart	Newman	Central Coast Council	Coastal	✓	
Stuart	Henry	Georges River Council	Central	✓	
Travis	Roberts	Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council	Central	✓	
Viniana	Vererua	City of Ryde	Central	✓	
Alex	Mackenzie	Strathfield Council	Central		X
Anthony	Newling	Hornsby Shire Council	Central		X

Carolyn	Adamcewicx	Blacktown City Council	West		X
Craig	Redfern	City of Ryde	Central		X
Damien	Duggan	Georges River Council	Central		X
David	Lowery	Canterbury Bankstown Council	Central		X
Evelyn	Baker	Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council	Central		X
Gareth	Debney	North Sydney Council	Coastal		X
Jacob	Adams	Water NSW	West		X
Jacqui	Vollmer	Hunters Hill Council	Central		X
Jillian	Macintyre	Northern Beaches Council	Coastal		X
Kylie	Burrows	City of Canada Bay	Central		X
Michael	Pattison	Hawkesbury City Council	West		X
Sandra	Payne	City of Ryde	Central		X
Stephen	Pym	Hornsby Shire Council	Central		X
Stephen	Wall	Mosman Council	Coastal		X
Sue	Pritchard	Inner West Council	Central		X
Tony	McCormack	Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council	Central		X
Pino	Todarello	Parramatta City Council	West		X
Cameron	Bennell	Willoughby City Council	Coastal		
Damon	Basset	Inner West Council	Central		
Jeff	Culleton	Lane Cove Council	Central		
Jude	Morris	Willoughby City Council	Coastal		
Kerrie	Davies	Cumberland Council	Central		
Niamh	Hynes	Lane Cove Council	Central		
Pam	Bateman	Northern Beaches Council	Coastal		
Sean	Granger	Northern Beaches Council	Coastal		
Sebastian	Vandereyk	Strathfield Council	Central		
Stephen	Lunniss	Georges River Council	Central		

Support

Amanda	Kotlash	SWN Executive Officer		✓	
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Invited Guests

Jordan	Scott	Australian Botanic Garden		✓	
Anthony	Schofield	LLS		✓	
Genevieve	Kyi	LLS		✓	
Nicola	Dixon	DPI		✓	
Rajandra	Shilpakar	LLS		✓	

1. Welcome

Leanne Bunn (President / Chair) opened the meeting at 9:30 am and welcomed all attendees. The apologies listed above were noted.

Dave Whiteman moved that the apologies be accepted. Seconded by Rudi Adlmayer. All in favour. Motion carried.

It was considered that the requirements for a quorum were met, as there were at least three members present from each subnetwork.

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 21st November 2018

The Chair asked whether there were any changes required to the minutes of the last AGM or whether they could be confirmed by persons who had been present.

Rudi Adlmayer moved that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 21st November 2018 be accepted (see [ATTACHMENT Item 2](#)). Seconded by Nathan Clare. All in favour. Motion carried.

3. Presentation of the Sydney Weeds Network Inc. Annual Report and Constitutional changes (President)

Leanne Bunn presented the Presidents Report and described the changes that were needed to the Constitution (see [ATTACHMENT Item 3a and 3b](#)).

Paul Marynissen moved that the 2018-2019 SWN Inc. Annual Report by the President and the new constitution be accepted. Seconded by Joel Daniels. All in favour. Motion carried.

4. Presentation of financial report 2018-2019 (Treasurer)

Joel Daniels (Treasurer) presented the treasurer's report, the auditor's report and the financial statement. (see [ATTACHMENT Item 4](#) for all three).

Alex Burgess-Buxton moved that the 2018-2019 Annual Treasurer's report, the auditor's report and the financial statement be accepted. Seconded by Viniana Vererua. All in favour. Motion carried.

5. Executive Officers report

The Executive Officer presented a number of things of interest to members:

- CSIRO's Biocontrol research activities of interest to our region (see [ATTACHMENT Items 5a and 5b](#))
- DPI's Research areas for the future (see [ATTACHMENT Item 5c](#)).

6. 2019 elections/appointments for the Subnetwork Chairs, Deputy Chairs and Office Bearers

The changes to the structure of SWC meant that the Board would now be comprised of 6 members instead of 8 because of the reduction in subregions/networks. (see [ATTACHMENT Item 6](#))

The annually elected Chairs and Deputy Chairs of the three subnetworks form the Board, which is the management committee for the incorporated association.

The Executive Officer declared all positions vacant and noted that one nomination for each position of Chair and Deputy Chair for each subnetwork were received. These nominations were accepted. Therefore, no elections were necessary and the following members were appointed to

the following positions:

Coastal Subnetwork

Leanne Bunn, Randwick Council – elected as Chair
Rudi Adlmeyer, Woollahra Council – elected as Deputy Chair

Central Subnetwork

Viniana Vererua – elected as Chair
Travis Roberts – elected as Deputy Chair

West Blue Mountains Subregional Committee

Dave Whiteman Blue Mountains Council – elected as Chair
Joel Daniels, Liverpool City Council – elected as Deputy Chair

Election of Sydney Weeds Network Incorporated office bearers.

According to the SWC Constitution (section 5.4),

- The Board members holding the office-bearer positions are to represent an equitable spread across the three subnetworks.

Amanda Kotlash, as SWC Executive Officer, declared all positions vacant and any further nominations were called for. The office-bearing positions in the Constitution (Section 5.3) are President, Vice President and Treasurer. Nominations, seconders and acceptances were recorded. There was not more than one nominee for each position so all nominees were declared duly appointed.

President: Leanne Bunn (Randwick - Coastal)

Nominated by Viniana Vererua. Seconded by Dave Whiteman.

Vice President: Viniana Vererua (Ryde Council - Central)

Nominated by Adriana Bogic. Seconded by Joel Daniels.

Treasurer: Joel Daniels (Liverpool Council – West)

Nominated by Leanne Bunn. Seconded by Paul Marynissen.

7. General Business and close of formal AGM proceedings

The was no general business raised.

8. Guest Speaker – NSW Biosecurity Act 2015 update

Anthony Schofield from GSLLS gave a presentation (see [ATTACHMENT Item 8](#))

9. Guest Speaker - Capacity Building and Community Engagement

Nicola Dixon from DPI gave a presentation (see [ATTACHMENT Item 9](#))

10. Weeds Trivia

Weeds trivia led by the very knowledgeable Paul Marynissen (Central Coast) was won by Kathryn Ashton (Camden Council).

11. Guest Speaker – Rainforest on the Rocks

Jordon Scott from Mount Annan Botanic Gardens gave a presentation on restoring Western

Sydney Dry Rainforest in post-African olive areas.

12. Guest Speaker – Sydney Weed App.

Rajendra Shilpakar from GSLLS gave an update on the Sydney Weed App.

Meeting closed at 3pm

