



## Annual General Meeting

To be held at the Royal International Convention Centre, Brisbane, QLD  
Tuesday 27 November 2018

Agenda papers were circulated in advance to ESA members, and are available on request from the Secretary or at [www.ecolsoc.org.au](http://www.ecolsoc.org.au)

**Meeting began at 18:19 AEST**

### 1.0 ATTENDEES & APOLOGIES

Attendees: (50 members attended the AGM – assembly was quorate)

Members – Leanda Mason, Rachel Standish, Andrew Denham, Chris Dickman, Barry Fox, Rhonda Green, Alan York, Jacqui Marlow, Emma Bennett, Min Pokhrol, Gerry Turpin, Adrienne Nictora, Glenda Wardle, Andrew Wallace-Mitchell, Anne Kerle, Mike Fleming, Margaret Freidel, Nigel Andrew, Jane Elith, Bill Holsworth, Judy Lambert, Alexandra Ross, Alexander Sentinella, Jingyi Ding, Bek Christensen, Euan Ritchie, Carla Catterall, Rebecca Miller, Sonya Geange, Andy Leigh, Susanna Venn, Tim Doherty, Jodi Price, Angela Moles, Sarah Hill, Nerissa Haby, Mark Westoby, Jian Yen, Alan Andersen, Maggie Watson, David Watson, Karel Mokany, Dieter Hochuli, John Morgan, David Keith, Jeremy Huntley, Don Driscoll, Chloe Sato, Cesor Herrera, Amy Hahs.

Apologies: Noel Preece, Pep Turner.

***MOTION: That the 2018 AGM assembly forms a quorate of ESA members and may proceed.***

Moved: Don Driscoll

Seconded: Chloe Sato

All in favour: Motion carried.

### 2.0 DECLARATION OF PROXIES

Nil.

### 3.0 MINUTES OF THE 2018 Annual General Meeting (ESA Inc.)

The AGM papers were distributed to members 21 days prior to the meeting via email and also made available online.

***MOTION: That the minutes of the 2017 AGM be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting.***

Moved: Nigel Andrew

Seconded: Glenda Wardle

All in favour: Motion carried.

#### 4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No matters arising from previous minutes.

#### 5.0 REPORTS FROM OFFICE BEARERS

##### 5.1 President's Report (Don Driscoll)

The written report of the President was tabled.  
No questions or comments were received.

##### 5.2 Vice-Presidents' Reports (Dieter Hochuli, Amy Hahs, Bek Christensen)

The written reports of 3 Vice-Presidents were tabled.  
No questions or comments were received.

##### 5.3 Executive Officer's Report (Gail Spina)

The written report of the Executive Officer was tabled.  
No questions or comments were received.

##### 5.4 Secretary's Report (Chloe Sato)

The written report of the Secretary was tabled.  
No questions or comments were received.

##### 5.5 Treasurer's Report (Jeremy Huntley)

Jeremy tabled reports.

A good financial year for ESA with a surplus of 50k, mostly driven by change of investments and profit from conference. Holsworth has increased expenditure; but bottom line expenditure is good, with a small profit each year. ESA17 was successful and expect next conference to improve on ESA17. Balance sheet continues to be healthy and membership is generally consistent year on year.

Financial matters progressed well through year, with all investments moved to Perpetual, the development of improved budgeting and forecasting processes, and the introduction of a risk appetite framework and KPIs for ESA. Future opportunities that will be investigated include forward year estimates and a longer-term financial plan. Also going to look at Perpetual investments to ensure they are ethical invested and returning best interest.

Members from the floor queried whether ESA should consider Australian Ethical for investments. Board indicated that ESA was partially with Australian Ethical a few years ago but return on investment was not as good as Perpetual. In choosing Perpetual, ESA set up portfolio in Perpetual's ethical fund, and meets with Perpetual every year to determine how investments are allocated i.e. social and ethical investments.

***MOTION: That the final 2017/2018 ESA signed-audited Accounts as presented be accepted.***

Moved: Nigel Andrew

Seconded: David Keith

All in favour. Motion carried.

#### 5.5.1 Election of Auditors 2018/19

***MOTION: That Boyce Accounting Service Pty Ltd be appointed as the auditors for the 2018/19 financial year.***

Moved: Nigel Andrew

Seconded: Don Driscoll

All in favour: Motion carried.

- 5.6 Austral Ecology Report (Nigel Andrew)  
The written report of the Chair of Austral Ecology's Editorial Board was tabled. No questions or comments were received.
- 5.7 Ecological Management and Restoration Report (Perpetua Turner)  
The written report of the Chair of EMR's Editorial Board was tabled. No questions or comments were received.
- 5.7.1 Ecological Management and Restoration – Book Reviews Report (Maggie Watson)  
The written report of the Editor of EMR's Book Reviews was tabled. No questions or comments were received.
- 5.8 ESA Bulletin Report (Marie Dade)  
The written report of the ESA Bulletin Editor was tabled. No questions or comments were received.
- 5.9 Ordinary Director Reports (Noel Preece, Gerry Turpin)  
No written reports from Ordinary Directors were received.
- 5.10 Finance and Membership Officer's Report (Jacky Tierney)  
The written report of the Finance and Membership Officer was tabled. No questions or comments were received.
- 5.10 Web Officer's Report (Toni Stevens)  
The written report of the Web Officer was tabled. No questions or comments were received.

***MOTION: That the reports of the Office Bearers as presented be accepted.***

Moved: Tim Doherty

Seconded: Chloe Sato

All in favour: Motion carried.

## 6.0 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2018

A Ballot election was held for the Executive and Ordinary Director Positions. Results are listed below:

<b>Board Position</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	
President	Don Driscoll	Appointed
President-elect	Bek Christensen	Appointed
Vice President Student Affairs	Jodi Price	Appointed
Vice President Research	Amy Hahs	Appointed
Vice President Membership & Communications	Kate Umbers	Appointed
Vice President Public Outreach and Policy Eng	Bek Christensen	Appointed
Secretary	Chloe Sato	Appointed
Treasurer	Jeremy Huntley	Appointed

Bulletin Editor	Marie Dade	Appointed
Chairperson of Editorial Board of AE	Nigel Andrew	Appointed
Chairperson of Editorial Board of EMR	Pep Turner	Appointed
Ordinary Director – Indigenous Engagement	Gerry Turpin	Appointed
Ordinary Director – ECR	Leanda Mason	Appointed

***MOTION: That the candidates duly elected as 2019 Office Bearers are endorsed by the membership.***

Moved: Maggie Watson

Seconded: David Watson

All in favour: Motion carried.

***MOTION: That the candidate duly elected as president-elect for this meeting be endorsed by the membership.***

Moved: Euan Ritchie

Seconded: John Morgan

All in favour: Motion carried.

Don thanked the retiring Director – Dieter Hochuli – for his hard work and contributions to the Board as VP Student Affairs.

## **7.0 OTHER BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Vacancies on ESA WG**

Vacancies for ECR WG (chair), Research Chapter WG members, Fundraising and Sponsorship WG members, Membership WG members. If you know of anyone or would like to contribute to a WG, please let the Board/executive know.

Members from the floor queried whether a review of Research Chapters WG was required to identify whether to progress with this WG in future. Board supported continuation of WG, with an immediate focus of solidifying underlying support processes to ensure success and to progress actions for the WG.

### **7.2 Reducing greenhouse gases**

Member from the floor suggested ESA should look at options for reducing Greenhouse Gas emissions for us all coming together each year. President highlighted that professional meeting software is used to conduct Board meetings, vegetarian options were offered at ESA18 due to environmental benefit, and sustainability guidelines are being developed for conferences. If members have evidence-based ideas to contribute to those guidelines, send through to Jodi or Gail.

## **8.0 NEXT AGM**

The next AGM will be held at ESA19, between 24 – 28 November 2019 in Launceston, Tasmania.

**Meeting Closed: 18:43 AEST**