

**Atlas of Life in the Costal Wilderness
Meeting Minutes**

9th December 2022, Bega Library Meeting Room, 11:00am

AGM

1. Welcome and acknowledgement of Country: Libby (Chair)

2. Present & Apologies

Present: Libby Hepburn (Chair), Raymond Daly (Secretary), Patricia Daly (iNaturalist admin/Treasurer), Erin Moon, Danie Ondinea, Liz Allen, Jess Taunton, Indigo Taunton

Apologies: Doug Reckord, Annie Lane, Nick Lee, Carol Bartlett, Jacob Shields, Paul Whittock, Jess Bettanin, Maggie Clowes, Lisa Herbert

3. Minutes of AGM 2021

Raymond explained that minutes were circulated by e-mail and reported that there were no corrections.

Patricia moved that the 2021 AGM minutes be accepted. Seconded Libby. Carried.

4. Chair's Report

Libby spoke to her written annual report which is attached.

Libby highlighted the significant growth in the number of observations and observers in the Atlas iNaturalist project. In the last twelve months the observations have grown to 66,195 and observers 1,506. The numbers reported in the 2021 Chair's report were 43,955 observations and 961 observers. This is a very significant growth, and the numbers are worthy of further analysis.

Libby thanked Lisa Herbert for the significant amount of work completed in marketing and social media ably assisted by Jessica Taunton and Jacob Shields.

5. Treasurer's Report

Patricia gave a verbal report on the current financial situation and presented the audited accounts and letter of representation of the auditor for approval and signature by the Chair. Patricia stated that our bank balance stands at \$12,951.03 and we have a GST liability of \$440. Patricia advised that BVSC had not yet paid an invoice of \$5,500, Erin agreed to follow up.

Libby Hepburn moved that the Treasurers report be accepted and approved, seconded by Danie Ondinea. Carried unanimously.

6. Election of Committee Members

Raymond reminded the meeting of the rotational structure of the Committee, as defined under the ALCW Constitution. This year, Group 1 is due to step down.

The following Committee members' term expired at this AGM:

Libby Hepburn, Patricia Daly, Doug Reckord, David McCreery

Raymond Daly assumed the Chair for the election of Committee members. Raymond reported that there were several resignations this year Libby Hepburn, Doug Record, Jess Bettanin and Lisa Hebert. Nominations were received for:

Patricia Daly, Jessica Taunton, Jacob Shields

All nominations were accepted and duly elected.

Noted that Erin Moon joined Group 1 during the year, but so does not need to step down.

Committee Structure

It was noted that the following Group 1 will be up for re-election at the 2024 AGM.

Patricia Daly, Erin Moon, Jessica Taunton, Jacob Shields

It was noted that the following Group 2 will be up for re-election at the 2023 AGM.

Andrew Morrison, Maggie Clowes, Liz Allen, Paul Whittock, Raymond Daly

Raymond to contact Jess Bettanin to ensure that Jess would be willing to stay on as public officer.

Raymond reported that it had been suggested to Doug Record and Jess Bettanin that they stay in contact with our work as advisors, a sort of elders group for the committee. Libby agreed to be in this group and the option will be extended to David McCreery whose committee membership lapsed.

Office Bearers

Despite an extended appeal for volunteers for the roles of Chair and Treasurer, no volunteers have been forthcoming. Patricia once again volunteered to continue in the treasurer role for which the committee were grateful. Raymond agreed to be chair in an acting role while we continue the search for either a Chair or Secretary to join the committee.

7. General Business

7.1. Wilderness to Water Walk Programme

Libby asked Erin if the Wilderness to Water Walk Programme is to be a project under the Atlas and BVSC council MOU. Erin commented that yes it could be considered as such.

7.2. Native Bees of the ACT and NSW South Coast

Raymond reported that he had received an email from Peter Abbott letting us know that he has published a new book on native bees – Native Bees of the ACT and NSW South Coast – A spotter's guide. Raymond commented that the book may be of interest to Atlas members.

8. Meeting Closed 12:21