

Minutes from the AGM  
of the Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club Inc  
held at UTAS Law Seminar Room, UTAS, Sandy Bay  
at 7.30 pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

The AGM began at 7:35 pm

President Eddie Gall took the chair

**Attendance:** Eddie Gall, Deirdre & Mick Brown, Lynne Maher, Keith Martin-Smith, Otto Bell, Anna McEldowney, Ruth Gall Bucher, Annabel & Geoff Carle, Jane Catchpole, Bruno Bell, Margaret Williams, Anna Kingston, Sabine Borgis, John Rosendale, David Ratkowsky, Kevin Bonham, Ray Wilson, Robyn Gates, Els Wakefield, Kristin Groom.

1. **Apologies:** Margaret Warren, Amanda Thomson, Vicki Von Witt, Don Hird, Fiona Walsh, Geoff and Janet Fenton, Genevieve Gates, Kristi Ellingsen, Abbey Throssell.

2. **Minutes of the 2021 AGM:**

The minutes of the 2021 AGM had been previously circulated and were taken as read.

**Motion:** That the minutes of the 2021 AGM be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**Moved:** Lynne Maher

**Seconded:** Mick Brown

Motion carried.

3. **President's Address:**

President Eddie Gall presented the President's Address entitled *A Little Visited Part of Tasmania: The Hole in the Donut*.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Jane Catchpole presented the Treasurer's report and the Auditor's report. See **Appendix 1**

**Motion:** That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

**Moved:** Jane Catchpole

**Seconded:** Anna McEldowney

Motion carried.

5. **Secretary's Report**

Secretary Lynne Maher presented the Secretary's report. See **Appendix 1**

**Motion:** That the Secretary's Report be accepted.

**Moved:** Lynne Maher

**Seconded:** Bruno Bell

A correction to the read report was noted and the correct version is now at

**Appendix 2**

Motion carried.

Eddie added his thanks to each of the committee members individually for their efforts, as well as other club members for their assistance and participation.

## 6. Election of Office Bearers and General Committee Members

Anna McEldowney conducted the election of President.

<b>President</b> 1 prior nomination had been received for president	<b>Nominee:</b> Eddie Gall <b>Nominated:</b> Lynne Maher <b>Seconded:</b> Kevin Bonham	Elected unopposed
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Elected President Eddie Gall resumed the chair for elections to the remaining positions.

<b>Vice President</b> 1 prior nomination had been received for vice president	<b>Nominee:</b> Anna McEldowney <b>Nominated:</b> Amanda Thomson <b>Seconded:</b> Annabel Carle	Elected unopposed
<b>Secretary</b> 1 prior nomination had been received for secretary	<b>Nominee:</b> Lynne Maher <b>Nominated:</b> Eddie Gall <b>Seconded:</b> John Rosendale	Elected unopposed
<b>Treasurer</b> 1 prior nomination had been received for treasurer	<b>Nominee:</b> Jane Catchpole <b>Nominated:</b> Annabel Carle <b>Seconded:</b> Sabine Borgis	Elected unopposed

<b>Bulletin Editor</b> 1 prior nomination had been received for bulletin editor	<b>Nominee:</b> Kristin Groom <b>Nominated:</b> Eddie Gall <b>Seconded:</b> Lynne Maher	Elected unopposed
<b>Naturalist Editor</b> 1 prior nomination had been received for Naturalist editor	<b>Nominee:</b> Sabine Borgis <b>Nominated:</b> Kevin Bonham <b>Seconded:</b> Annabel Carle	Elected unopposed
<b>Walks &amp; Talks Coordinator</b> 1 prior nomination had been received for walks & talks coordinator	<b>Nominee:</b> Amanda Thomson <b>Nominated:</b> Anna McEldowney <b>Seconded:</b> Abbey Throssell	Elected unopposed
<b>Librarian</b> 1 prior nomination had been received for librarian	<b>Nominee:</b> Kevin Bonham <b>Nominated:</b> Annabel Carle <b>Seconded:</b> Sabine Borgis	Elected unopposed
<b>Committee Members</b> 3 prior nominations had been received for committee members	<b>Nominee:</b> Bruno Bell <b>Nominated:</b> Eddie Gall <b>Seconded:</b> Lynne Maher	Elected unopposed
	<b>Nominee:</b> Annabel Carle <b>Nominated:</b> Sabine Borgis <b>Seconded:</b> Kevin Bonham	
	<b>Nominee:</b> Keith Martin-Smith <b>Nominated:</b> Jane Catchpole <b>Seconded:</b> Peter Crofts	
<b>Public Officer</b> The position of Public Officer is selected from amongst the elected office bearers and committee	<b>Nominee:</b> Amanda Thompson <b>Nominated:</b> Eddie Gall <b>Seconded:</b> Lynne Maher	Elected unopposed

## 7. Election of Auditor

**Motion:** That Peter Franklin be retained as the auditor.

**Moved:** Jane Catchpole

**Seconded:** Anna McEldowney

Motion carried.

Meeting closed at 8:21 pm

## Appendix 1

## Appendix 2 Secretary's Report

2021 continued to be a year of managing meetings and excursions with a background of COVID restrictions, although for most of the year the main impost was the requirement to use the Check In Tas App, along with our own attendance record keeping.

TFNC continued approach to COVID risk management kept both general meetings and excursions to members only.

While Mathers House, as a meeting place for general meetings, was central and spacious, its AV system left much to be desired and the move to UTAS Law Seminar Room proved much more satisfactory in this respect.

The committee continued to meet every 2 months, utilizing the convenience of Zoom, to manage club affairs and new president Eddie Gall has provided excellent leadership to a great team. Thanks to all for their efforts and dedication.

Especial thanks to

Kristin Groom for taking up the production of the quarterly Bulletin, replacing Deirdre Brown who has retired after many excellent years' work on this,

- Sabine Borgis for her excellent work in picking up the editorship of the Naturalist,
- Annabel Carle for her ongoing dedication to the club archives.

Excursions have been well supported and included:

Feb: Echo Sugarloaf Randalls Bay  
March: Inala (informal revisit November)  
April: Goat Hill  
May: Oatlands area looking for Raptors  
June: Betsy Island (cancelled) Cape Deslacs  
July: Coal River Tier (informal revisit in October)  
Aug: Richmond Pooseum & Brinktop Reserve  
Sept: Pony Bottom Creek & Chesterman's Sugarloaf  
Oct: Crescent Bay & Mt Brown  
Nov: Tooms Lake  
Dec: Xmas picnic @ Taroon

Moving recording of excursion observations to iNaturalist has made them very accessible to both members and the wider public.

The decision to incorporate an acknowledgement of country into our business reflects our respect for this country's first people.

Monthly general meetings have provided some very interesting speakers, including

February: Andrew Hingston - Swift Parrots and Invasive Species  
April: Els Wakefield - Albatrosses

May: Claire Hawkins - Raptors

June: Keith Martin Smith – On Invertebrates on Tasman Island

July: Dr Christine Coughanowr - "Salmon, Science and Storm Bay"

Aug: Steve Hamilton - "Community Consultation and the Coal River Tier"

Sep: Mike Driessen - Tasmanian Wombats

Oct: Simon Grove – Collections at TMAG

Nov: James Pay - Wedge Tailed Eagles

Dec: Members' night

- Richard Robinson: Cordyceps and Parasitic Fungi
- Jane Catchpole: Waving Goodbye to the Waders - a visit to the Broome Bird Observatory
- Amanda Thomson: The Birds of Christmas Island
- Fiona Walsh: Germinating Tasmanian Epacris

The March general meeting approved life membership for Genevieve Gates, and we are delighted to recognize her ongoing contribution to TFNC in this way.

With much work from Annabel, a nomination of Genevieve Gates and David Ratkowsky to be considered for the Australian Natural History Medallion was submitted. While it was not successful for 2021, resubmission is in progress.

Congratulations go to Kristi Ellingsen and Tony Daley who have won the Entomological Society of Victoria's Le Souëf Memorial Award for 2021. The presentation will take place at the club's April general meeting.

Treasurer's Report  
for the Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club Inc.  
for the year ending 31/12/2021

**Memberships 2021**

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021
Concession	18	19	18	23
Adult	22	35	32	39
Family	38	38	46	47
Life Member	5	5	4	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>115</b>
Naturalist subscriptions (Institutions)	10	12	11	11
Naturalist subscriptions (Individuals)	4	5	4	3
Naturalist (Complimentary to institutions)	19	17	17	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>

**Surplus**

The operations for the Club for this year, resulted in a surplus of **\$6008.47**. This surplus can be mainly attributed to the strong sales of The Field Guide to Tasmanian Fungi 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. (reprinted Mar 2021) and The Seashells of Tasmania, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. (printed Nov 2019). Both have recouped their printing costs and profits are being shared with the authors.

**Membership**

- Total membership up significantly to 115.

**Books**

Book sales continue to provide our main source of income.

Book sales handled by Anna McEldowney through direct invoice with bookshops, Blackgum Distribution Services, and the website.

Books sold and in stock are listed below.

Book	Sold 2021 – and up to 21 Jan 22	In stock (Feb 2022)
Fungi (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ed Reprint)	800	102
Seashells of Tas (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ed)	286	388
Between Tas Tidelines	117	8
Butterflies of Tasmania	137	11
Century Afield		350

Book stocks were held by Janet Fenton, Anna McEldowney, David Ratowsky, Genevieve Gates, Lynne Maher, Mick and Deirdre Brown, Jane Catchpole, and Simon Grove.

The Club has also continued the practise of presenting guest speakers from outside the Club with a TFNC mug and/or a copy of A Century Afield (or other title available).

### Expenses

- The Club's greatest outgoing expenses (other than book production/author payments) continues to be for the printing of The Tasmanian Naturalist, followed by postage of Naturalist and venue hire.

### Donations

- **Donations of \$250** each were made to FNCV (for funding of Australian Natural History Medallion), Tasmanian Land Conservancy, Threatened Plants Tasmania and Derwent Estuary Programme and also \$50 to Friends of Randalls Bay.

### Balance – end of year

- The end of year balance was **\$74,267.17.**

Jane Catchpole  
Treasurer  
Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club Inc.  
3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

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Auditing for Community Groups

**Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club Inc  
For the year ended 31 December 2021  
Summary of the Financial Report**

**The operations of Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club Inc for the financial year has resulted in a surplus of \$6008**

Income for the year totalled \$33054 The cost of goods sold was \$24857 giving a gross profit of \$8197

Expenditure for the year was \$2189

The sale of books was a large contributor to the surplus. The cost of these were charged in full to the 2016 year. The stock of books on hand have not been included in the Assets.

Receipt transactions made through PayPal incur a fee. The gross amount is shown as income for the year and the fees charged are in the expenditure. PayPal remit the funds at various times during the year, which normally results in an amount still owing to TFN as the end of the financial year. This amount is shown as a debtor in the Statement of Funds.

A check of invoices was carried out to satisfy the validity of payments. This was done on the basis of a sample of transactions.

I have examined the records of Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club Inc for the period and have received sufficient information to form an opinion on financial records. I have only looked at the financial records and supporting documents. It is my opinion that the Income and Expenditure Statement and the Fund Summary are drawn up to present a true and fair view of the financial position of the organisation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Franklin', written in a cursive style.

Peter Franklin Auditor  
11 February 2022

**TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB INC.**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**  
For the year ended 31st December 2021

2020		2021
	<b>Income</b>	
2,875	Membership Subscriptions	3,275.00
410	Naturalist Subscription	375.00
36,210	Book Sales	27,977.20
100	Merchandise	10.00
977	Copyright	452.76
-	Miscellaneous	18.50
95	Donations	35.00
468	Books postage	904.05
13	Interest	6.87
<b>41,149</b>	<b>Gross Income</b>	<b>33,054.38</b>
	<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	
17,349	Book production	17,388.80
3,284	Naturalist printing	3,111.77
519	Naturalist postage	369.20
1,600	Books postage	1,045.81
5,097	Author payments	2,941.39
1,180	Merchandise	-
<b>29,030</b>	<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>24,856.97</b>
<b>12,119</b>	<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>8,197.41</b>
	<b>Expenditure</b>	
146	Postage and Stationery	56.00
121	Library Books and Publications	-
80	Venue Hire	487.36
65	Corporate Affairs Fees	-
106	PO Box Hire	172.30
30	Subscriptions	30.00
22	Miscellaneous	55.57
2,000	Donations	1,050.00
390	Web Site	49.00
150	Auditor	150.00
87	Refunds	-
180	PayPal Fees	138.71
<b>3,376</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,188.94</b>
<b>\$ 8,743</b>	<b>Net Surplus/(Deficiency) for year</b>	<b>\$ 6,008.47</b>



**TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF FUNDS**  
**As at 31 December 2021**

2020	Equity	2021
8,743	Operating Surplus/Deficiency for year	6,008.47
59,516	Add cash balances at 1 January	68,258.70
<b><u>\$ 68,259</u></b>	<b>Balance of Funds</b>	<b><u>\$ 74,267.17</u></b>
	Represented by	
	<b>Assets</b>	
68,133	Commonwealth Bank Account	74,261.70
446	Debtors PayPal	250.47
<b>68,579</b>	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>74,512.17</b>
	less <b>Liabilities</b>	
320	Membership Subscriptions in Advance	245.00
<b>320</b>	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>245.00</b>
<b><u>\$ 68,259</u></b>	<b>Net Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 74,267.17</u></b>

AUDIT STATEMENT

**TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB INC.**

I have examined the records of the Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club Inc. for the year to 31st December 2021 and have In my opinion the Income and Expenditure and Funds Statements are drawn up to present a true and fair view of the financial position of the organisation according to the information and explanations received. The rules relating to administration of the funds have been observed.



Peter Franklin Auditor  
11 February 2022

