

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 2nd March 2023

The AGM began at 7:33 pm

President Eddie Gall took the chair

Attendance: Eddie Gall, Deirdre & Mick Brown, Lynne Maher, Otto Bell, Bruno Bell, Don Hird, Anna McEldowney, Ruth Bucher, Annabel Carle, Jane Catchpole, Margaret Williams, Sabine Borgis, John Rosendale, Kevin Bonham, Els Wakefield, Kristin Groom, Jane Catchpole, Peter Crofts, Heather Scandrett, Ros Hall, Vicky von Witt, Kristi Ellingsen, Sheila Beamish, Nat Pash, Albert Ogilvie, Neil Klauer, Karen Rodman

Apologies: Anna Kingston, Robbie Poynter, Tanya Scharaschkin, Keith Martin Smith, Amanda Thomson, Robyn Gates, Peter Blackwell, Geoff Carle, Fiona Walsh, Margaret Warren, Richard Von Witt, Simon Grove.

1. Minutes of the 2022 AGM:

The minutes of the 2022 AGM had been previously circulated and were taken as read.

Motion: That the minutes of the 2022 AGM be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved: Anna McEldowney

Seconded: Annabel Carle

Motion carried.

2. President's Address:

President Eddie Gall presented the President's Address entitled *Forty Winters in Tasmania's Mountains*, a visual celebration of snow-capped mountains and frosted valleys from throughout Tasmania's wild areas.

3. Treasurer's Report

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

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Moved: Jane Catchpole

Seconded: Anna McEldowney

Motion carried.

4. Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report had previously been circulated. Secretary Lynne Maher noted one omission, which is included in the report below. See

Motion: That the Secretary's Report be accepted.

Moved: Lynne Maher

Seconded: Bruno Bell

Motion carried.

5. Election of Office Bearers and General Committee Members

Eddie Gall acknowledged the efforts of Jane Catchpole as treasurer and Kevin Bonham in many different roles. Both are stepping down.

Eddie Gall also thanked

- Ruth Bucher for her work in the background supporting the club and his work,
- the work of other current committee members,
- Deirdre Brown for her work on the website,
- Robyn Gates and Peter Blackwell for catering,
- Peter Crofts for his work on iNaturalist,
- those who contribute to the Bulletin, to The Naturalist, to observations in meetings,
- those who have been guest speakers and have led excursions.

Anna McEldowney took the chair and thanked Eddie for his work as president over the past 2 years (supported by Ruth Bucher), as well as thanking him for his excellent slide presentation for the President's Address. She then conducted the election of President.

President 1 prior nomination had been received for president	Nominee: Eddie Gall Nominated: Anna McEldowney Seconded: Lynne Maher	Elected unopposed
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Elected President Eddie Gall resumed the chair for elections of the remaining positions.

Vice President 1 prior nomination had been received for vice president	Nominee: Kristi Ellingsen Nominated: Anna McEldowney Seconded: Bruno Bell	Elected unopposed
Secretary 1 prior nomination had been received for secretary	Nominee: Amanda Thomson Nominated: Anna McEldowney Seconded: Lynne Maher	Elected unopposed
Treasurer 1 prior nomination had been received for treasurer	Nominee: Lynne Maher Nominated: Janet Fenton Seconded: Sabine Borgis	Elected unopposed
Bulletin Editor 1 prior nomination had been received for bulletin editor	Nominee: Kristin Groom Nominated: Lynne Maher Seconded: Eddie Gall	Elected unopposed
Naturalist Editor 1 prior nomination had been received for Naturalist editor	Nominee: Sabine Borgis Nominated: Eddie Gall Seconded: Ruth Bucher	Elected unopposed
Walks & Talks Coordinator 1 prior nomination had been received for walks & talks coordinator	Nominee: Keith Martin-Smith Nominated: Jane Catchpole Seconded: Peter Crofts	Elected unopposed
Librarian 1 prior nomination had been received for librarian	Nominee: Annabel Carle Nominated: Anna McEldowney Seconded: Sabine Borgis	Elected unopposed
Committee Members	Nominee: Bruno Bell	Elected unopposed

3 prior nominations had been received for committee members	Nominated: Lynne Maher Seconded: Eddie Gall	
	Nominee: Anna McEldowney Nominated: Lynne Maher Seconded: Kevin Bonham	
	Nominee: Fiona Walsh Nominated: Eddie Gall Seconded: Ruth Bucher	
Public Officer The position of Public Officer is a continuing position	Current public officer: Amanda Thomson	

6. Election of Auditor

Motion: That Peter Franklin be retained as the auditor.

Moved: Lynne Maher

Seconded: Jane Catchpole

Motion carried.

Meeting closed at 8:32pm

Appendix 1 Treasurer's Report & Auditor's Report

Treasurer's Report Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club Inc. for the year ending 31/12/2022

Memberships 2022

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Concession	18	19	18	23	23
Adult	22	35	32	39	39
Family	38	38	46	47	43
Life Member	5	5	4	6	5
Total	83	97	100	115	110

Naturalist subscriptions – 15 (11 institutions + 4 individuals)

Deficiency for the year

The operations for the Club for this year, resulted in a deficiency of - **\$3097.14**. This deficiency can be attributed to book production costs (The Field Guide to Tasmanian Fungi 2nd Ed. reprinted Jul 2022 and Between Tasmanian Tidelines - new edition printed Dec 2022), along with author payments (Tas Fungi and Seashells). Donations were also up, to \$3000.

Membership

- Total membership down slightly to 110.

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:

Book	Sold 2022
Fungi (2 nd Ed Reprint)	838
Seashells of Tas (2 nd Ed)	271
Between Tas Tidelines	135
Butterflies of Tasmania	9
Century Afield	1

Expenses

- The Club's greatest outgoing expenses (other than book production/author payments) continues to be for the printing of The Tasmanian Naturalist – but printing costs were down in 2022.

Donations

- **Six Donations of \$500** each were made to Inala, Raptor Refuge, Bonorong, Tasmanian Land Conservancy, Threatened Plants Tasmania and Derwent Estuary Program.

Balance – end of year

- The end of year balance was **\$71,170.03**.

Jane Catchpole
Treasurer
Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club Inc.
2nd March 2023

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Auditing for Community Groups

**Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club Inc
For the year ended 31 December 2022
Summary of the Financial Report**

The operations of Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club Inc for the financial year has resulted in a deficit of \$3097

Income for the year totalled \$38126 The cost of goods sold was \$33250 giving a gross profit of \$4876

Expenditure for the year was \$7973

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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Franklin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter Franklin Auditor
29 January 2023

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB INC.
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
For the year ended 31st December 2022

2021		2022
	Income	
3,275	Membership Subscriptions	3,240.00
375	Naturalist Subscription	485.00
27,977	Book Sales	30,688.82
10	Merchandise	20.00
453	Copyright	594.49
19	Miscellaneous	63.69
35	Donations	-
904	Books postage	124.00
-	Camps	2,866.24
7	Interest	44.18
33,054	Gross Income	38,126.42
	Cost of Goods Sold	
17,389	Book production	22,554.40
3,112	Naturalist printing	2,533.17
369	Naturalist postage	297.80
1,046	Books postage	1,220.78
2,941	Author payments	6,644.10
-	Merchandise	-
24,857	Total Cost of Sales	33,250.25
8,197	Gross Profit	4,876.17
	Expenditure	
56	Postage and Stationery	3.90
-	Library Books and Publications	47.27
487	Venue Hire	415.44
-	Corporate Affairs Fees	66.00
172	PO Box Hire	111.00
30	Subscriptions	30.00
56	Miscellaneous	165.00
1,050	Donations	3,000.00
-	Camps	3,407.00
49	Web Site	455.00
150	Auditor	150.00
-	Refunds	-
139	PayPal Fees	122.70
2,189	Total Expenses	7,973.31
<u>\$ 6,008</u>	Net Surplus/(Deficiency) for year	<u>\$ -3,097.14</u>

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB INC.
STATEMENT OF FUNDS
As at 31 December 2022

	Equity	2022
2021		
6,008	Operating Surplus/Deficiency for year	-3,097.14
68,259	Add cash balances at 1 January	74,267.17
\$ 74,267	Balance of Funds	\$ 71,170.03
Represented by		
Assets		
74,262	Commonwealth Bank Account	70,836.61
250	Debtors PayPal	458.42
74,512	Total Assets	71,295.03
less Liabilities		
245	Membership Subscriptions in Advance	125.00
245	Total Liabilities	125.00
\$ 74,267	Net Assets	\$ 71,170.03

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 2022 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
29 January 2023

Appendix 2 Secretary's Report

Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club Inc
AGM
Thursday 2nd March 2023
Secretary's Report

2022 continued to be a year of managing meetings and excursions with a background of CoVid, as while the authorities had abolished restrictions, the Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club chose to err on the side of safe practices and continue with the requirement to wear masks for general meetings and restrict meetings and excursions to members only. In the light of the level of infections at that time, the February general meeting was cancelled.

The UTAS Law Seminar Room has continued to provide a satisfactory venue for general meetings, with IT being easy to manage.

The committee continued to meet every 2 months, utilizing the convenience of Zoom, to manage club affairs and 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 production of the quarterly Bulletin,
- Deirdre Brown for her ongoing website maintenance,
- Sabine Borgis for her excellent work with the editorship of the Naturalist,
- Annabel Carle for her ongoing dedication to the club archives.

Excursions have been well supported and included:

Feb: Old Convict Road, Orford
March: Port Huon to Geeveston Walkway
Easter Camp: Tullah
May: Queen's Domain Grasslands
June: Betsey Island
July: Timbs Track
Aug: cancelled due to poor weather
Sept: Mortimer Bay
Oct: Little Swanport
Nov: Mountain River
Dec: Xmas picnic @ Randall's Bay

It was great to have an Easter Excursion after a hiatus – albeit with the minor impost of requiring participants to test negative on a Rapid Antigen Test before attending the excursion.

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

Monthly general meetings have provided some very interesting speakers, including

April: Kristi Ellingsen – “Alert not Alarmed – Improving the Public Perception of Insects”
May: Sue Robinson – The Cat Eradication Program
June: Ian Jenkinson – “Fire Regimes & Native Conservation”
July: Don Knowler – about Michael Sharland
Aug: Els Wakefield – Albatross in Tasmanian Waters
Sep: Dr Perpetua Turner & Dr Shavawn Donaghue – “How to Win Fronds and Influence People: A Talk about Tree Ferns in Australian Forests”

Oct: Dr David Green – “Using Seals to Study Southern Ocean Ecosystems”

Nov: John Gooderham – “The Rivers of Southern Tasmania – a Guide to Macrotourism and Waterbug Watching”

Dec: Members’ night

- Anna McEldowney – ‘A selection of Patrick McEldowney's wildlife videos from 2022’
- Mick Brown – sharing some fabulous bird photographs
- Bruno – sharing some observations of tiny snails
- Annabel – sharing the results of her detective skills with historical photos
- Otto - 'An overview of Australian weevils (Curculionoidea) with an emphasis on Tasmanian species'

It gave the Club great delight to advise that the nomination of Genevieve Gates for the Australian Natural History Medallion was successful. While Genevieve was unable to attend a formal presentation in Melbourne, many Club members were most pleased to share the formality of the presentation of her Medallion by President Eddie Gall at the Christmas barbecue. Our congratulations to Genevieve on the recognition of her excellent and tireless work in her field.