



Warringal
Conservation
Society

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Warringal Conservation Society is a local, not-for-profit, community organisation caring for the environment in Banyule.

Formed in 1970, the Society is an active and productive steward of Banyule's environmental heritage.

Join us!!

Warringal Conservation Society is not just a local environment group: it is stimulating, fun and companionable and takes an active role in the wider community.

Single \$20
Family \$25
Pension/student/
unemployed \$15
Life \$200

Articles and photographs for the newsletter are welcome. We may edit for legal, space or other reasons. Opinions expressed in articles are not necessarily those of the Warringal Conservation Society.

Newsletter printed courtesy of Jenny Macklin MP.

NOVEMBER SPEAKER

Tanya Loos – Rakali and platypus

Rakali are completely aquatic rats that eat fish, yabbies and sometimes even ducks. They are excellent indicators of ecosystem health and often share the waterways with platypus. Tanya will speak about the ecology, evolution and conservation of Rakali and Platypus.

DECEMBER

Members' Night

WCS members will give short presentations. Heather Smith: New Haven Sanctuary. Daphne Hards: Barmah horse trek. Doug McNaughton: Farina Station. Dianne Williamson: Friedensreich Hundertwasser - Architecture and environment.

FEBRUARY 2019 SPEAKER

Nick Bradsworth - Powerful Owls

The Powerful Owl is Australia's largest owl and can be found in Banyule. Nick will talk about his research on Powerful Owls, which includes radio tracking studies

**Meetings on first Thursday of the month*
from 7.30 pm at the Old Shire Offices,
60 Beverley Road.**

(*no meeting in January)

**Enter from Buckingham Drive near the Banyule Theatre and
Greening Australia. Melways map 32:D3. All Welcome**

AT A GLANCE

November

Thurs 1st: General meeting at 7.30pm - Rakali and platypus

Sun 11th: End of year bus trip (See News & Events)

December

Thurs 4th: General meeting at 7.30pm - Members' Night

January 2019 - No meeting

February 2019

Thurs 7th: General meeting at 7.30pm - Powerful Owls

Message from the President and Treasurer

Just a short message as we have much material for this edition. But right up there I have to again thank the members who responded to a second request for donations, to help pay for a print run of our anti-North East Link pamphlets. The committee and I are so grateful, thank you.

If you peruse the AGM Financial Report 2017-8, in small print alas, you will see that we made a loss this year of nearly \$7000. This was not outrageous

overspending. We banked project grant monies in previous years, giving profits, and in 2017-8 we managed to finish 3 projects – map, signs, website – so that money fled, making a real but unalarming annual loss. The society's bank balance is steady.

We have made 3 submissions; please find as attachments or on our website under resources.

Daphne Hards

News & Events

WCS November Field Trip - Kurth Kiln

Date: Sunday 11 November 2018

Location: Kurth Kiln Regional Park

Times: Leave Heidelberg at 9.15 am SHARP - back about 5pm

Our end of year bus trip will be to Kurth Kiln Regional Park near Gembrook. It will be an interesting day: the Friends of Kurth Kiln are a very active group [www.friendsofcurthkiln.org.au/] and have been very welcoming. During our visit we will hear about the historical Kiln, as well the group's environmental wins and challenges of being part of working in a Regional park that offers a historical site, camping and walking tracks and large numbers of visitors. At the destination site: There are toilets, picnic tables and seats. Bring: Picnic lunch, thermos, drinks, camera. Dress for rain/sun as required. There isn't much storage room on the bus so folding chairs are a luxury item. Booking: The bus holds 22 people so you must book a seat. RSVP: Email elephantstamp@optusnet.com.au or phone 0423 191 977.

Report on Nature Play Day - Banyule Flats 7th October

Glorious weather set the scene when WCS committee members joined Banyule staff including Megs, Jim Mead and John Milkins to facilitate the nature play day for local children [and their adults]. About 80 people attended and enjoyed a selection of nature based activities including bird watching, water bugs, planting, strolling tours to the Frog Bog



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Committee: Anthea Fleming, Celia Smith, Daphne Hards, Dianne Williamson, Doug McNaughton, James Deane, Heather Smith, Michelle Giovas.

and hands on creative clay making and painting. It was a lovely opportunity to meet some interested and enthusiastic young budding naturalists. Thanks to Anthea, Dianne, James, Daphne and Doug who brought equipment and their own enthusiasm. I myself had an exciting time using the big net to catch bugs and tadpoles for the water bug session. A highly recommended activity for any youngsters you know for next year.

Heather Smith

Report on Night Walk - Banyule Flats 8th September

WCS organised a night walk as part of the Spring Outdoors program. We had about 30 participants and met at the Swamp viewing area at twilight to watch the birds coming in. As it began to get dark and the temperature dropped, we split into two groups going in opposite directions on the track around the Banyule Billabong. One group was led by Meg and Tom from the Banyule Bush crew. I went with the other group led by Lincoln Kern from Practical Ecology. On the way out we stopped and admired some of the pre-European river redgums with their hollows that are used by native wildlife. Not far into our walk we spotted a large bird on a straggly eucalypt. Looking closer we saw the large eyes and unmistakable chevron pattern on its chest that told us it was a Powerful Owl. It sat quietly as Lincoln explained how Powerful Owls can do well in pockets bush on the edge of suburbia that support good numbers of possums. The owl then took off into some nearby bush, giving us a good look at its large broad wings, strong legs and large talons. Completing our lap around the billabong, we saw some Tawny

Frogmouths (see photo) and Ringtail Possums. The other groups saw a possum but unfortunately missed the owl. Banyule Flats is a great place to explore at night and we will continue to run these walks. Many thanks to leaders Meg, Tom and Lincoln.

James Deane



A Tawny Frogmouth (Photo: Anthea Fleming)

New Bird Sign at Banyule Swamp

WCS designed a new sign on birdlife installed at the Banyule Swamp viewing area by the Banyule Council. The sign has photographs and information on birds commonly found at the swamp. The project was spearheaded by Denise Fernando, Daphne Hards, Anthea Fleming, Heather Smith and Dianne Williamson. Many of the photographs featured were contributed by Anthea Fleming and Daphne Hards.



NORTH EAST LINK update

Warringal Members joined with Friends of Banyule to attend two weekends of North East Link Drop in Information Sessions at Watsonia RSL (15-16/9) and Bulleen Yarra Junior Football League club house Bulleen (22-23/9). We used our clear-cut and unambiguous maps of the project area to discuss the project impacts and handed out our recently developed flyer (attached) and the Friends of the Earth Get on Board flyer to promote public transport options as a feasible, sustainable and healthier alternative to the damaging NEL proposal. At these and other events NEL Authority were promoting their latest design drawings and artists impressions which they will be taking to the State Election on 24th November. These designs are accessible at <file:///C:/Users/mgiovas/Downloads/EarlyDesignSchematicsAndArtistImpressions-Sept-2018.pdf>

We are also still participating in the NEL Authority Community Consultation meetings which could not be described as influencing the North East Link Authority. However these are opportunities where we discover more about the project and voice our concerns about it.

Habitat Stepping Stones

This is a national non-profit program which promotes the provision of habitat for wildlife which is important for supporting fauna and retaining ecological diversity, especially if it involves indigenous planting. We love the concept of individual homes creating a stepping stones which build into a wildlife corridor. Participants in the program are asked to add three elements of food, water, and shelter to their garden or balcony to create a wildlife-friendly environment. You can then choose to 'register' your property and receive a plaque to promote the scheme. More information: <http://www.habitatsteppingstones.org.au/>



Whether or not you choose to participate in the program, the website has some useful ideas for encouraging wildlife to visit or reside in your garden.

Banyule City Council has publications on our local indigenous plants and has a scheme which provides vouchers for plants from local indigenous nurseries. BCC information at <https://www.banyule.vic.gov.au/Council/Environment-and-Sustainability/Trees-and-Plants/Native-Plant-Vouchers>

69 & 71 Banyule Road, Rosanna- P1668/2018-P290/2018

This is a contentious 33 unit development proposed alongside River Gum Park on the old on the site of Viewbank House and a large residential allotment. The developers have chosen to take this application direct to VCAT as they hadn't had a response from Council with the statutory time limit. A number of residents, including Warringal members are opposed to this over development proposal due to the loss of significant trees, including river Red Gums, the excessive over development of the site which results in bulkiness, inadequate boundary setbacks and visual intrusion. A compulsory conference has been scheduled for the 20th November, while the actual case if it proceeds will be heard over three days from Wednesday 6th February 2019.

Heidelberg Theatre Company Dates for 2019

The 2019 program of plays is not being broadcast till mid-November 2018, but our inside man has given us the dates when WCS can get charity tickets, cost

\$20 each, where \$10 comes to the Society. Every little helps so please consider purchasing your tickets through us. Please take note of these dates. There will be more information in the next newsletter.

Lost in Yonkers by Neil Simon, Wednesday 20th February

It's a Wonderful Life based on film by Frank Capra, Wednesday 8th May

A View from the Bridge by Arthur Miller, Wednesday 10th July

The Drawer Boy by Michael Healy, Wednesday 11th September

Tartuffe by Moliere Wednesday 20th November

Banyule City Council's Climate Action-Engagement Forum, September 12th

WCS representatives were invited to participate in a community forum on Council's response to Climate Action. After an introduction from the Mayor, Simon di Pasquale, participants engaged in lively discussions around four topics where, typically, councils can influence change – transport, energy, building and waste. We are now waiting for a follow-up from all the ideas suggested.

Warringal Conservation Society Greeting Cards

These lovely cards depict the centrepiece of our Banyule Flats area – the Banyule Swamp. Blank inside they can be used for any occasion, including as Christmas cards.

Well priced at \$3.50 each (envelope enclosed) or three for \$10, they are available for purchase at meetings or request via email warringal3084@gmail.com.



Yarra River Protection Act (YRPA)

On 13 October Environmental Justice Australia and the Yarra Riverkeeper Association (YRKA) jointly hosted a one-day 'Community Roundtable' on the Yarra Strategic Plan. There were about 20 partici-

pants of Friends groups from along the river corridor including 4 local groups: Warringal Conservation Society, Friends of Banyule, Riverlands Conservation Society and Friends of the Yarra Valley Parks. We heard briefings on the implementation and interpretation of the Act, and workshopped ideas for inclusion in the Yarra Strategic Plan for which Melbourne Water is the lead agency. This was a valuable opportunity to share ideas and build community network and discuss strategies for future input to the process of developing the Plan. As the meeting was held at the Old Shire Offices we ended the day with a tour of Banyule Flats to showcase the revegetation work and its positive impact on wildlife, and discussed the potential impact of the NEL and re-watering of the Banyule Billabong. If you want to learn more about the Act, The Yarra Riverkeeper Association has published a very useful reference *Protecting the Yarra Corridor through better Planning: Punt Road bridge to the Urban Growth Boundary*. Available at <http://yarrariver.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Protecting-the-Yarra-River-Through-Better-Planning-Report-by-Ethos-Urban-1.pdf>. YRKA have recently released a posi-

tion statement 2018 State of the Election. This includes a section on NEL calling for: net gain for the environment; stormwater controls; and improvements in the construction phase. Details on p12. <http://yarrariver.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Yarra-Riverkeeper-Election-Statement-280918.pdf>

Dianne Williamson

Waterwatch Training

Merri Creek Management Committee's Waterwatch Coordinator has a free training session to become a volunteer Waterwatch monitor on the Darebin and Merri creeks in specific pollution hot spots. No previous experience is necessary. A certificate received on completion. All equipment, training manual plus lots of technical support and advice are provided. Free, but registrations are essential

<http://www.mcmc.org.au/29-front-page/front-page-blurb/722-waterwatch-water-quality-workshop-mcmc-2>

Friday 9 November, 10am-3:30pm

Darebin Parklands Environment Centre, end of Separation St, Alphington

Threatened Ducks and Hunting

Warringal Conservation Society recently made a submission to the Senate Inquiry into Australia's threatened species extinction crisis. As we pointed out, the list of Australia's threatened species is continuing to grow, and the threats to native species are increasing. Recreational hunting is one of the well known threats to the survival of native species all over the world.

Australia's Blue-billed Duck and Freckled Duck are not legal target species for duck shooters; yet many are shot and killed in the annual hunting season in Victoria. In 2017, on only a handful of Victoria's thousands of wetlands, rescuers recovered 296 protected threatened species that had been shot and left to die by recreational hunters. These included 145 dead/wounded Freckled Duck and 38 dead/wounded Blue-billed Duck. These species are unique to Australia.

This year, despite all the media evidence of continued illegal activity by Victorian duck hunters, the Game Management Authority, which is funded by Australian tax payers, failed to gain a single prosecution. The Authority now has a new CEO. But what is really needed is for the law to be changed and the threat removed that is currently posed by hunting to

the survival of Australia's unique threatened species.

It is tourism that will replace duck hunting. Development of a vibrant nature-based wetlands tourism industry, including Koorie history and heritage, would attract some of the millions of worldwide birdwatchers as well as a multitude of Chinese visitors, and generate real financial returns for regional towns. To its credit, the Victorian Government is helping small towns develop nature-based tourism.

The annual eastern Australian aerial waterbird and wetland survey is in its 36th year and is now underway. The project provides critical information on the health of waterbird populations and wetlands throughout eastern Australia. Its blog can be followed at: <https://bit.ly/2xVrPBw>.

The Victorian election this November is critical for helping the ducks. Three minor political parties have said they would work to ban duck hunting if elected. Recreational duck hunting was banned in other States by Labor Premiers - Carmen Lawrence in WA (1990), Bob Carr in NSW (1995) and Peter Beattie in QLD (2005).

Please visit www.duck.org.au and join the database for further updates and information.

Celia Smith

Committee Report - September 2018

Vale Brian Fleming: We note the passing of Brian Fleming, husband to Anthea and a long term WCS member. Brian will be missed at our meetings and plantings, but leaves a great legacy.

Banyule City Council are working toward implementing Practical Ecology recommendations for Banyule Flats. Aims include:

- Reinstating a more natural hydrological regime to the wetlands and treating polluted stormwater
- Management of weeds and pest animals
- Revegetation to support the extensive works already undertaken
- Monitoring to detect the trajectory of species populations within the study area; assess effectiveness of management actions and facilitate community engagement

Fundraising: Tickets for Heidelberg Theatre Company. Inheritance on Wednesday November 21st at 8pm. Cost \$20 per seat. For tickets contact WCS at email: warringal3084@gmail.com or ring Doug McNaughton on 9458 3358

Banyule Homestead: VCAT upheld Banyule

Council's decision to reject the Planning Application to change the land use and convert the Homestead into a function centre with onsite parking.

North East Link: The Committee and members continue to be active. In the last month we have; Supported the local GetOnBoard campaign working with FOB. We developed a combined 'green' insert for the GOB leaflet and printed many, many copies. Activities have included articles in newspapers, train, bus station and shopping strip handouts, and letterbox drops.

Michelle Giovas & James Deane attended NELA's Community Liaison Group meetings
Attended forums promoting improved public transport

Opera House Yabbie net ban: From 1st July 2019, opera house nets will be banned in all public and private waters throughout Victoria because of the risk they pose to platypus and other aquatic animals.

Speaker: Ken Walker (Museum of Victoria) gave a fantastic talk on bees, their importance & behaviour.

James Deane

Committee Report - October 2018

Committee business

- Attended the Threatened Species Parliament 9 Sept
- BCC Forum – Climate Action Community Forum: 12 September
- BCC Nature Play Day, Banyule Flats: Sunday 7 Oct
- Registered for the 2019 Arty Farty Festival

North East Link

Whitehorse community Forum on the North East Link project 11 Sept WCS speaker: Michelle Giovas
NEL Reference Designs said to be released but only artist impressions. Drop in sessions at Watsonia and Bulleen attended.

Thanks to all who donated towards the urgent reprint of the #GetOnBoard leaflets for the drop-in sessions. We still have some of these left for distribution.

Fundraising

Note elsewhere in this newsletter the opportunity to see Heidelberg Theatre Company's next production - Inheritance by Hannie Rayson. Wednesday, 21 Nov 21. Tickets \$20 from Doug McNaughton.

Working bees and events

About 600 tubes planted, weeds and rubbish collected, and some new faces at Tawny Pond
September planting.

Final working bee for 2018 with Friends of Wilson's Reserve on Sunday October 14.

End of year field trip

Sunday 11 November – Kurth Kiln Regional Park near Gembrook. Please register ASAP
elephantstamp@optusnet.com.au

Coming events of interest

Planting Heidelberg Exhibition at the Heidelberg Historical Society

'Planting Heidelberg' is an exhibition that explores agricultural and horticultural activities in the Heidelberg District from the 1840s to today. Every Sunday until 25 November. \$5 entry.

Farewell

Thank you and farewell to a steadfast member of the society. We are sorry to say farewell to Margaret Pollock who has been coming to working bees for longer than anyone can remember. She has also been helping for an equally long time with mailing the newsletter. Thank you Margaret for many years of contribution.

October's guest speaker was Dr Susan Hoebee.

A lecturer in the Dept. of Ecology, Environment and Evolution at La Trobe University, Susan investigates plant reproduction, population genetics and evolution, thus building a better understanding of how plant populations change over time and how increasing degrees of population fragmentation can affect the long-term survival of species.

Heather Smith

President's Annual Report from Committee October 4th 20018

Conservation We have continued our foundation work to restore and maintain Banyule Flats and Warringal Parklands. Guided by Banyule Bush Crew, we have had 8 monthly Sunday morning plantings/weedings. The results are testament to 48 years of member participation.

In November 2017 the Sunday planters and WCS members were treated to an outing to Westgate Park, and this was a very successful and interesting day.

We have advocated to keep the tranquillity of Banyule Flats by opposing the redevelopment of Banyule House as a reception and function centre. Michelle Giovas did a sterling job to highlight potential environmental impacts of the application at VCAT. And Jane Crone strongly objected on behalf of the heritage values of the site. With avid and professional opposition from Banyule Estate Residents Group and their representatives, VCAT upheld the application to everyone's great relief.

Also, on environmental grounds we have objected to the development at 69 & 71 Banyule Rd. This application has been rejected by Banyule Council and we are yet to hear whether it will go to VCAT.

Membership Our membership stays fairly steady with 69 paid-up members, 28 life members, and 6 Hon. life members. We were very saddened by the recent deaths of 2 of our most longstanding and dedicated members, Brian Fleming and Beryl Jarman. We noted the passing of 3 other members. But we have welcomed several new members and hope they will enjoy their participation.

Warringal Prize This year's \$500 prize for top marks in first year Bachelor of Science (Wildlife and Conservation Biology) at La Trobe was presented by James Deane to Suzanne Moss in September. Thanks to everyone who has contributed through their donations to encouraging a young person towards a career in environmental science.

Education We hope that all monthly attendees to meetings have enjoyed our expert speakers. We have had some splendid presentations this year: on biomimicry, the Yarra River, the ecology of Banyule Flats, natural history as applied to local history, our native fish, the benefit of urban trees, and about native bees. We thank all speakers.

We produced a flyer showing the significant species of Banyule. And we followed that with an excellent and popular map of Banyule Flats. After two years of hard work we are about to witness the placement of two interpretive signs, one on birds at the Banyule Swamp, and the other showing the significance of

wetlands beside the Main Yarra Trail. Thanks to Bendigo Bank and Banyule City Council for grants for these projects, and thanks also to all who contributed their time and thoughts.

Advocacy This year we have continued to advocate on behalf of the Yarra, by attending forums, meetings, and writing submissions in relation to the Yarra Strategic Plan. We successfully recommended that Banyule Flats and Warringal Parklands be included in the scope of this Plan.

We have given our voice to stand up for banning live shipments, banning opera house nets, for saving threatened species midst the faunal extinction crisis, and for the protection of old growth forests in Gippsland. We have met with local, State and Federal members of Parliament to advocate on environmental issues.

However, our focus in 2017-8 has been advocating on behalf of citizens and the environment against the North East Link. All our work has been minuted in the monthly committee reports and written up in the newsletter, and no one wants to listen here to a lengthy blow by blow account. Suffice at this point to say that the committee has lobbied State politicians, spoken at and attended NELA and council forums, sat on Community Liaison groups, attended community drop-in sessions where we have distributed handouts and gleaned information, liaised with other local friends groups, had a marquee at the annual Kids Arty Farty Festival in March where many stopped with their NEL concerns, and jumped on board Friends of The Earth's Get On Board campaign (Sustainable Cities). Our general exhaustion would be more bearable if we could have diverted the ship, but there is still an election and an Environment Effects Statement for the Labor Government to negotiate. We shall continue to push for the best outcomes for our beautiful Flats and Banyule.

We should like particularly to thank Dennis O'Connell and Friends of Banyule for their partnership in the NEL campaign.

Website In June we proudly launched our new website.

Thanks I must show my enormous thanks to our committee who have worked so hard this year, and please join me in giving them a big applause. And I thank everyone for their belief in me.

Daphne Hards, President

WCS Financial Documents

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Chartered Accountant

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WARRINGAL CONSERVATION SOCIETY INC.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
for the year ended 30th June 2018

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WARRINGAL CONSERVATION SOCIETY INC.

Scope

I have audited the attached Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th June 2018 of the Warringal Conservation Society Inc.

The Society's Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial reports and the information contained therein and has determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Society. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualification

As is common for organizations of this type, it is not practicable for the Committee to maintain an effective system of internal control over subscriptions, meetings income, donations and other fund-raising activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, my audit in relation to these items was limited to amounts recorded.

Qualified audit opinion

In my opinion, (except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation discussed in the qualification paragraph not existed) the financial report presents fairly the results of its operations for the year ended 30th June 2018.

S. E. Oblubek

S. E. OBLIUBEK
Chartered Accountant
Auditor

4th September 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Receipts		
Subscriptions		
Life membership	200.00	450.00
Annual subscriptions	940.00	615.00
Prior year	90.00	215.00
Donations	1354.00	1347.20
Sales of publications (Books and Cards)	195.50	82.00
Sale of No Freeway Corflutes	210.00	0.00
Bank interest	240.47	279.17
Grant-Melbourne Water (Insurance and Postage)	1100.00	0
Bendigo Bank Community Grant	2075.00	1960.42
Banyule Council Grant - Interpretive Signs	0	5000.00
	<u>6404.97</u>	<u>9948.79</u>
Payments		
Newsletter costs	550.07	191.15
Meeting expenses (Hall Hire & Lectern)	526.25	250.50
OSO Office Rent	1257.20	605.70
Insurance Premium	539.00	610.50
Administration Expenses (PO Box & Consumer Affairs)	183.90	179.80
Library acquisitions	0	55.00
WCS Prize - Latrobe University	1000.00	500.00
Subscriptions		
Australian Conservation Foundation	65.00	65.00
Environment Victoria	55.00	55.00
Victorian National Parks Association	65.00	185.00
Donations		
Climate Council	0	50.00
Coalition Against Duck Shooting	0	50.00
Fungimap	0	50.00
Environment Justice Vic	50.00	0.00
Postage, stationery, corflutes, maps, banner	643.30	227.61
Leanne Cole's Project	0	2476.00
Danielle Mallia's Project	0	1485.00
Banyule Flats Map	988.09	0
Website Upgrade	2104.95	0
Warringal Signs	5000.00	0
Freeway Corflute Signs	300.00	
	<u>13327.76</u>	<u>6916.26</u>
Surplus/Deficit for year	<u>-6922.79</u>	<u>3032.53</u>

BALANCE SHEET as of 30th June 2017

	2017		2016	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Current Assets				
Cash	11,949.71		8,217.54	
Investments	10,748.62	22,698.33	11,469.45	19,686.99
Less Unpresented cheques		120.00		141.19
Debtors		-		-
Total Assets		<u>22,578.33</u>		<u>19,545.80</u>
Membership Fund				
Balance Brought Forward	19,545.80		16,109.90	
Surplus/Deficit for year	3,032.53		3,435.90	
Balance Carried Forward		<u>22,578.33</u>		<u>19,545.80</u>
Commitments				
Auspiced Grant - L. Cole				2,476.00
Auspiced Grant - D. Mallia		3,337.00		4,822.00
Total Commitments		<u>3,337.00</u>		<u>7,298.00</u>
Net Assets		<u>19,241.33</u>		<u>12,247.80</u>

\$19,241.33 includes \$6960.42 in grant money

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - October 4, 2018

Meeting opened: 7.30 pm . **Present:** Daphne Hards (President) and 13 financial full members . **Apologies:** James Deane, Gianna Romano, Don Stokes, John D'Aloia, Dorothy Davies.

BUSINESS

1 Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting were confirmed.

Moved: Anthea Fleming Seconded: Irene Kearsey Motion carried.

2 Annual Report of the Committee

President Daphne Hards presented a report on WCS activities for 2017/2018. The report was accepted.

Moved: Irene Kearsey Seconded: Helen Boak Motion carried.

3 Financial statements:

Treasurer Daphne Hards presented the 2017/2018 financial statements as audited by Stan Obliubek. Members were advised that in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012, the financial statements had been reviewed by the Committee and Heather Smith and Doug McNaughton had signed a statement that '...they give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of WCS during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending 30 June 2018.' The financial report was accepted.

Moved: Anthea Fleming Seconded: Heather Smith Motion carried.

Stan Obliubek was re-appointed as WCS auditor for the year 2018/19.

Moved: Dianne Williamson Seconded: Doug McNaughton Motion carried.

4 Election of the Committee:

The President declared all Committee positions vacant and nominated Lene Jacobsen as the Returning Officer for the election of positions. Appropriately completed and signed nomination forms were checked by the Returning Officer. As there were no contested positions the Returning Officer declared the following appointments for the year 2018/2019 without an election:

President Daphne Hards Vice-President James Deane

Treasurer Daphne Hards Secretary Dianne Williamson

Committee: Anthea Fleming, Michelle Giovas, Doug McNaughton, Celia Smith & Heather Smith

Doug McNaughton proposed a vote of thanks to Daphne Hards for her leadership over the previous 12 months.

5 Annual subscription

Members were advised that there would be no change to subscriptions and fees in the next financial year.

Meeting closed: 7.58pm

WCS Annual Subscriptions

WCS subscriptions due July 2018

WCS membership subscriptions for 2018/2019 are due in July. These are used for the costs of running the Society that include hall hire, insurance, and postage. Subscriptions can be paid to the Treasurer Daphne Hards at a meeting or planting, or a cheque can be sent by mail using the form below. Subscriptions can also be paid electronically directly into the

Society's bank account using the following information:

Account Name: Warringal Conservation Society

BSB: 633108 Account No: 143918613

Be sure to identify yourself as the depositor. To be certain, you can email warringal3084@gmail.com that your deposit has been made.

Warringal Conservation Society Annual Subscription

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Mobile:

Special area of interest:

Annual subscription type:

☐ **Single \$20**

☐ **Family \$25**

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☐ **Life subscription \$200**

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Nature Notes

September 2018

Doug McNaughton – Honey bees in salt creek reserve nest boxes, 22 sugar gliders

Anthea Fleming – Fan tail Cuckoo

Daphne Hards – White Ibis

James Deane - Swamp wallabies

Anthony Fernando - Southern brown tree frog

Tawny frog mouth in Bulleen

Jane Crone – Common Froglet in frog pond, two wood ducks, silver eyes, Spine bills, Tawny Frogmouths

Platypus in Yarra 300m from Somerset Drive carpark Banyule council web site.

October 2018

Celia Smith: Red-rumped Parrots

Irene Kersey: Eight Gang Gang in Montmorency

Maureen: Gang Gangs also along Salt Creek

Dianne Williamson: Wallabies at the Banyule Swamp and Buff-banded Rail at Banyule Creek

Roly: Blue-faced Honeyeaters

Heather Smith: Six male King Parrots on Oak Trees near River in the West paddock

Daphne Hards: 20 Superb Parrots at Broken Creek, near Barmah

Michelle Giovas: Eastern Rosellas at Chelsworth park

Rosemary Pierce: Swamp Wallaby at Banyule Flats

Anthea Fleming: Cranbourne Botanical Gardens: Bull ants, Dusky Woodswallows and Wallabies. Darebin Park: Kookaburras and Frogs. Blackburn Creek: Bronzewing pigeons, Magpie Larks. At home under bark and web a Giant Mite. Healesville Sanctuary: A White-eared honeyeater taking hair from a woman's head for nesting material.

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