



**Threatened Plants**  
TASMANIA

**Threatened Plants Tasmania inc.**  
**Annual General Meeting, 9 September 2023**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Location: The Pod, Royal Tasmanian Botanic Gardens

Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Present: 1. Geoff Curry (chair), Judy Foulkes (minutes), Magali Wright, Priscilla Richards. Doug Clarke, Neale Colgrave, Masaki Pike, Jill Colgrave, Peter Harrison, Shane Richards, Joanna de Burgh, Sally Anthony, Robyn Lewis, Maura Chamberlain, Phil Collier, Ruth Gall, Eddie Gall, Robin Garnett, Steve Hamilton, Cody Pearce, Stuart Rose, Fiona Walsh, Graham Green, Geoff Carle, Alexia Graba-Landry

Apologies: Kerri Spicer, Julie Ayre, Diane Carol, James Wood

### **1 . Welcome & Introductions**

- 1.1 Geoff welcomed everyone present.

### **2 . AGM minutes from 8 August 2022**

- 2.1 Minutes for last year's AGM were circulated prior to meeting and copies available at the meeting.
- 2.2 Minutes accepted. (Proposed Shane Richards, Seconded Priscilla Richards, no objections)

### **3 . President's report**

- 3.1 Geoff noted that there had been a decrease in field trip opportunities to members during the past year. This was due to a number of circumstances: budget cuts within partner organisations reducing field work, ongoing drought conditions and change of personnel within partner organisations.

Looking forwards, NRE Threatened Species Section has secured Commonwealth funding for a project aimed at preventing the extinction of *Phebalium daviesii* (Davies' waxflower). This will provide opportunity for involvement by TPT members.

Also, the Landscape Recovery Foundation has also secured Commonwealth funding for its Graveside Leek Orchid (*Paraprashophyllum taphanyx*) Recovery Program. Extension surveys will be starting in the next few months.

TPT continues to support the Ethical Photography Campaign by ensuring that ethical photography principles are promoted as part of every Field trip.

TPT committee continue to liaise with partner organisations to identify field trip opportunities for members. Landcare are currently surveying their landowner/land manager members about threatened plants on their properties, and we are hopeful that some survey opportunities may result once the survey responses are analysed.

Geoff concluded by thanking outgoing committee members and saying that he was confident in TPT's future.

On behalf of the committee and members, Priscilla thanked Geoff for all his time and work over the years as TPT President.

#### **4 . Treasurer's report**

- 4.1 2023-24 financial statement circulated prior to meeting and copies were available at the meeting.

Judy reported that finances are in a good position. Membership is stable – increasing by 8 to 120 paid-up members as at 30 June 2024. Net profit was down slightly from last year, in part due to having paid for today's AGM and Orchid workshop room hire prior to end of financial year.

Importantly, TPT has sufficient funds to cover all anticipated future expenses.

- 4.2 Questions from the floor.

Is financial report submitted to authorities? – The financial report is lodged with ACNC as part of their reporting requirements.

#### **5 . President's and Treasurer's Report for adoption**

- 5.1 Moved Geoff Curry, seconded Robyn Lewis, no objections.

#### **6 . Election of Executive and Committee**

- 6.1 **President:** Priscilla Richards. No other nominations for President received.

**Vice President:** Jill Colgrave. No other nominations received.

**Secretary:** Sally Anthony. No other nominations received.

**Treasurer:** Judy advised she was happy to continue as treasurer. No other nominations received.

**5 General committee positions:** Eddie Gall, Masaki Pike, Cody Pearce, Peter Harrison, Stuart Rose, nominated for committee. No other nominations received.

All positions filled as above with no objections from the floor.

## **7 . Appointment of Auditor**

- 7.1 Judy advised that given the size of TPT, we are not required to have financial statement audited, however, those present can vote for appointment of an auditor. Our finances are very simple, auditor would potentially cost around \$500.
- 7.2 Robyn Lewis proposed that no auditor be appointed, seconded Geoff Curry, no objections, motion carried unanimously.

## **8 . Determination of remuneration of servants of the Association**

- 8.1 Judy advised that this was a standard agenda item. As an incorporated association, we are not able to remunerate Committee members.

## **9 . Any other business**

- 6.1 Request for presentations from the Orchid workshops be available on website. Presenters will be contacted and presentations made available where possible.
- 6.2 Has TPT thought of doing outreach with other organisations regarding threats to plants around the State? Answer – Not to date – is a capacity issue. To date focus has been on plant surveys/nuturing field botany skills of volunteers.

## **10 . Guest Speaker: Dr Alexia Graba-Landry, Threatened Species Coordinator, NRE**

- 6.1 Alexia gave a very informative presentation on the process of assessing and listing threatened species. Presentation included:
  - (a) overview of the legislative requirements, in particular differences between Commonwealth (Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC)) and State (Threatened species protection Act 1995).
  - (b) assessment issues – Tasmania has not yet legislated the Common Assessment Method. Problems arise for species that cross State borders – are they sufficiently different to warrant separate consideration? This does not arise for endemic species.
  - (c) anyone can nominate species for listing – is a form that is required to be completed. Any public nominations must be decided within 12 months of submission being made.
  - (d) following on from Joe Quarmby's rapid assessment work (Joe presented on this at the 2023 AGM), there are lots of species that need more survey work to update their listings.
  - (e) potential for TPT to get involved in listing submissions. General consensus from those present that we would welcome specific training on the listing and assessment process.