



Society for Conservation Biology  
Oceania

# 2021 Annual General Meeting



# Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting (attached)
3. President's report
  - Introduce the Board
  - Membership
  - SCBO activity
  - Conference plans
4. Financial statement and motion
5. SCBO structure and SCB restructure
6. Close of Annual General Meeting





# Board Members and Roles

| Current Elected Members    | Position        | Committee(s) & Roles          |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Nicola Nelson              | President       |                               |
| Micha Jackson              | President-elect | Chapters chair                |
| Rachel Miller              | Secretary       |                               |
| <u>Courtney Melton</u>     | Treasurer       |                               |
| Tim Doherty                | Member at large | Policy committee chair        |
| Shannon Noelle Rivera      | Member at large | 2021 conference point of cont |
| John Lamaris               | Member at large |                               |
| <u>Chris Woolley</u>       | Member at large | Social Media                  |
| <u>Tara Meggett</u>        | Member at large | Social media/website          |
| <u>Natalie Forsdick</u>    | Member at large | EID                           |
| <u>Owen Nevin</u>          | Adjunct         |                               |
| <u>Dominique Pelletier</u> | Adjunct         |                               |
| Vanessa Adams              | Adjunct         | finance committee chair       |
| Richard Kingsford          | Adjunct         |                               |





# Voting Item:

Move to accept Micha Jackson into the President-Elect for the board

Move to accept new board members and adjuncts onto the board: Chris Woolley, Courtney Melton, Natalie Forsdick, Tara Meggett; and Dominique Pelletier, Owen Nevin



# SCBO Financial statement - Budget

- We are in our six financial year as an incorporated body.
- The financial position of SCBO is sound.
- We hold a surplus of \$.
- Annual income has been historically based on our membership and taken from section allocations. We are moving towards a better supported financial position with SCB global.
- Conferences usually supplement income, but not in 2020/21.



# Statement of cash flows for the financial year ended 30 June 2021


|   | 2020FY        |  |
|---|---------------|--|
| Cash flow from operating activities         |               |  |
| Membership Fees                             | \$ 2,056.66   |  |
| Interest received                           | \$ 106.08     |  |
| Other funding received                      | \$ 4,200.00   |  |
| Income generated through activities         | \$ -          |  |
|   |               |  |
| Payments to suppliers                       | \$ 12,828.98  |  |
| Net cash (used in) operating activities     | \$ (6,466.24) |  |
|   |               |  |
| Cash at the beginning of the financial year | \$110,652.59  |  |
| Cash at the end of the financial year       | \$104,189.35  |  |



# SCBO 2021 Budget

- Fixed recurring costs of \$6750
  - Insurance
  - Other operating
  - AGM
  - Student awards
- In person annual board meeting funding \$5000
- New initiatives in line with our strategic plan \$3375 (e.g. printing costs for special issue)
- Events and Chapter support grants \$6000
- Seed funding for conferences \$20000 (expect return on this through event management)





To note - authorisation in the change of signatories for our SCBO bank account to include Richard Kingsford, Vanessa Adams, Courtney Melton and Micha Jackson.

To note - SCBO application for funding through 2022 IMPACT Philanthropy Application Program supported.

## Voting Item:

Move to accept 2020 financial statement and 2021 budget.





# 2018-2023 Vision and Strategic plan

## SCB-Oceania Vision

We promote effective conservation in Oceania, underpinned by science. We achieve our vision by:

- Promoting, performing, and synthesising conservation science;
- Collaborating with governments, managers, conservation organisations, and communities;
- Improving the capacity of local communities to engage in conservation; and
- Influencing policy and management of biological diversity and ecosystems with conservation science and practice.



# Membership

242 members associated with Oceania



# Chapters



SCB Papua New Guinea



SCB Hawaii



SCB Victoria University of  
Wellington



SCB Brisbane – UQ



SCB Sydney



SCB Greater Melbourne

SCB Solomon Islands





# Conferences



Sydney 2007



Darwin 2012



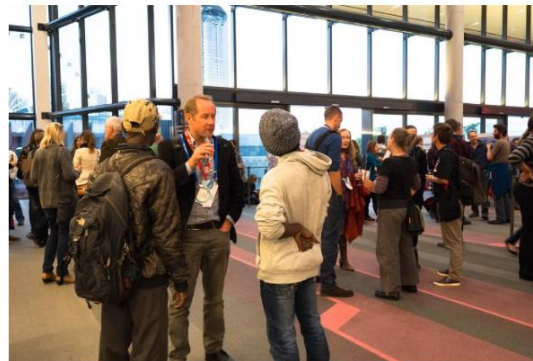
Fiji 2014



Brisbane 2016



Wellington 2018



# Conferences

- None in 2020/21
- 2022 – Wollongong, Australia with ESA proposed
- Student conference?

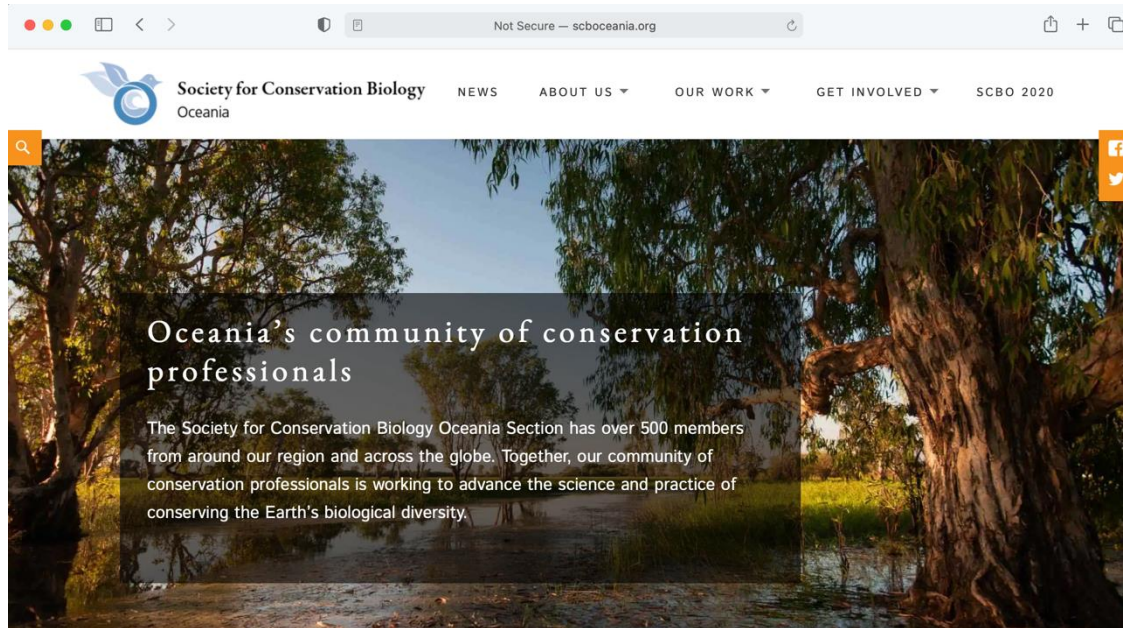


The ESA fosters excellence in ecological science and practice. We create an inclusive community to support research and knowledge sharing to better understand ecological systems. We apply this knowledge for the benefit of people and nature.

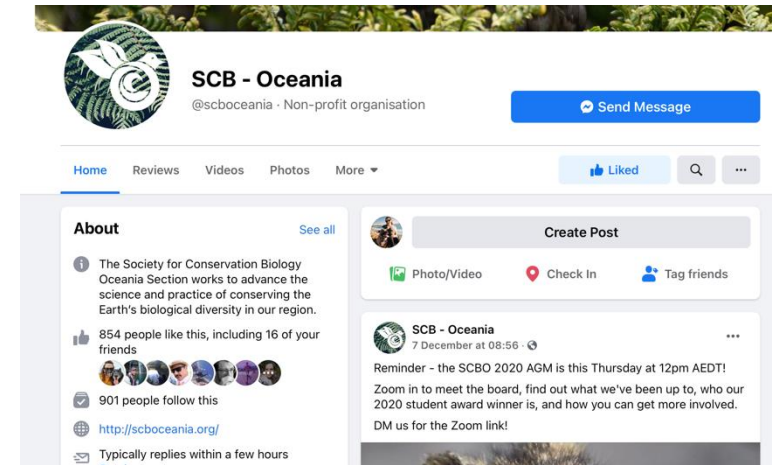




# Communications / outreach



[www.scboceania.org](http://www.scboceania.org)







## Earth Optimism Australia

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April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021, Taronga Zoo, Sydney

Earth Optimism is part of a growing, global movement that celebrates a change in focus from problem to solution, from a sense of loss to one of hope, in the dialogue about conservation and sustainability.

<http://earthoptimism.scboceania.org/>

Potential for more satellite events eg by chapters

# Pacific Conservation Biology

- Formal affiliation
- Special issue promoted at SCBO conferences: 2014, 2016, 2018
- And 2021
- PCB access to members through the web site
- Application to Thomsons for Journal Impact

Special issue: Transforming Conservation Biology through Indigenous Perspectives 2021

Guest editors: Anne-Marie Jackson, University of Otago, Melissa Price, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Kawika Winter, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

2022 plans...

## PACIFIC CONSERVATION BIOLOGY

Volume 22 Issue 2 2016

CONSERVATION AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT IN THE PACIFIC REGION

### SPECIAL ISSUE

**Conservation Oceania style:  
highlighting Oceania's  
unique approaches to  
conservation**

Edited by Vanessa Adams, Rebecca  
Spindler and Richard Kingsford



[www.publish.csiro.au/journals/pcb](http://www.publish.csiro.au/journals/pcb)



# SCB Oceania Awards

'attendance' awards for ICCB x 6  
*(in lieu of travel awards)*



# Environmental Policy contributions

- March 2021: [Hawaii's native species need protection: A case for expanding the State Endangered Species List](#)
- July 2020: [Inquiry into the problem of feral and domestic cats in Australia](#) *Submission to Senate Inquiry.*
- Connecting with chapter policy committees
- policy seminar with special guest speaker Prof. Martine Maron from the University of Queensland - NEXT
- [https://twitter.com/enviro\\_policy](https://twitter.com/enviro_policy)



# Autonomy and Registered status, SCB structure

- 2018 – legal advice to become a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG)
- Approved new constitution
- Paperwork in with officials for CLG
- This aligns nicely with where SCB global body is going – restructure will better support sections (including financially) and integrate chapters more closely with sections. Keep an eye out on SCB comms for detail



# 2022...

- Policy: will continue to contribute submissions as opportunities arise. *Let us know if you are aware of any.*
- Science & Education: connector events. *Interest in holding a local one eg Earth Optimism.*
- Board positions will be open in April. *Think about throwing your name in!*







Questions?

