



Society for Conservation Biology  
Oceania

# 2022 Annual General Meeting



# Agenda

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



# Voting Item:

Move to accept the minutes of the 2021 AGM





# President's Report: 1. Board introduction

Current Elected Members	Position	Committee(s) & Roles
Micha Jackson	President	
Nicky Nelson	Past-President	
Natalie Forsdick	Secretary	
Courtney Melton	Treasurer	
Shannon Noelle Rivera	Member at large	
<u>John Lamaris</u>	Member at large	
Chris Woolley	Member at large	Social Media
Tara Meggett	Member at large	Social media/website
<u>Andy Mack</u>	Member at large	
<u>Aimee Sato</u>	Member at large	
Owen Nevin	Adjunct	
Tim Doherty	Adjunct	
Vanessa Adams	Adjunct	finance committee chair
Richard Kingsford	Adjunct	





# Voting Item:

Move to accept new board members and adjuncts onto the board:

John Lamaris (another term), Andy Mack, Aimee Sato

Tim Doherty, Owen Nevin, Vanessa Adams, Richard Kingsford (staying on)



# President's Report: 2. Membership

- Awaiting membership summary from SCB Global for 2022\*
- Downturn in numbers over last few years
- Hope to renew membership this year through the conference and with the SCB global restructure

\*note: following the AGM, SCBO received advice that there were 374 registered SCBO members in FY 2021-2022, up from 242 members in previous year



# President's Report: 3. SCBO Activities

## 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.



A photograph of two koalas in a tree. One koala is in the foreground, looking towards the camera, while the other is slightly behind it. A white circular logo with a stylized 'e' is overlaid on the image. The text 'earth OPTIMISM australia' is written in white, lowercase letters, with 'OPTIMISM' in all caps.

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OPTIMISM  
australia

## Earth Optimism Australia 2022

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April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022, Taronga Zoo, Sydney

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

Plus more satellite events by chapters...  
See youtube  
*society for conservation biology 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



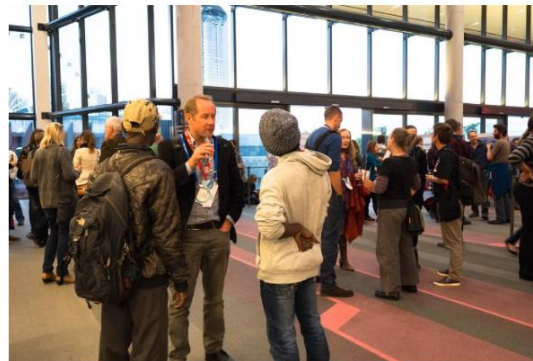
Fiji 2014



Brisbane 2016



Wellington 2018



# Conferences

- None in 2021/22 financial year
- 2022 – Wollongong, jointly with ESA: <https://www.esascbo2022.org.au/>
  - Registrations and abstract submission open
- 2025 – ICCB in Oceania
  - 4 bids from Australian cities

## ESA-SCBO 2022

28 November – 2 December 2022 | Wollongong NSW



SCB Oceania

JOINT CONFERENCE

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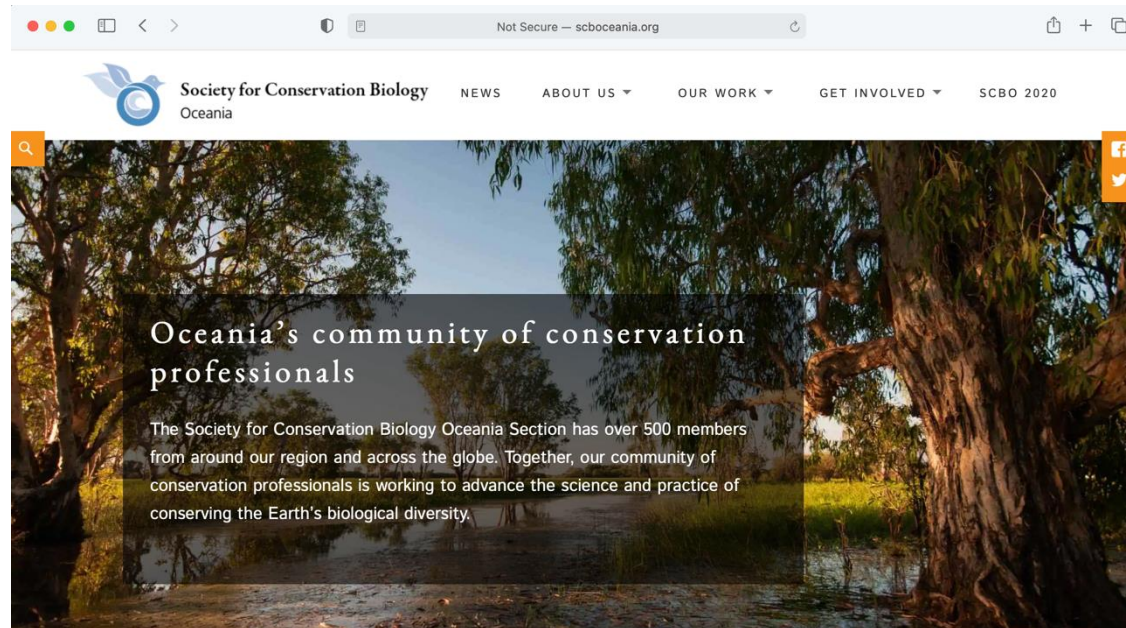
ESA-SCBO 2022 PROGRAM

# Program information





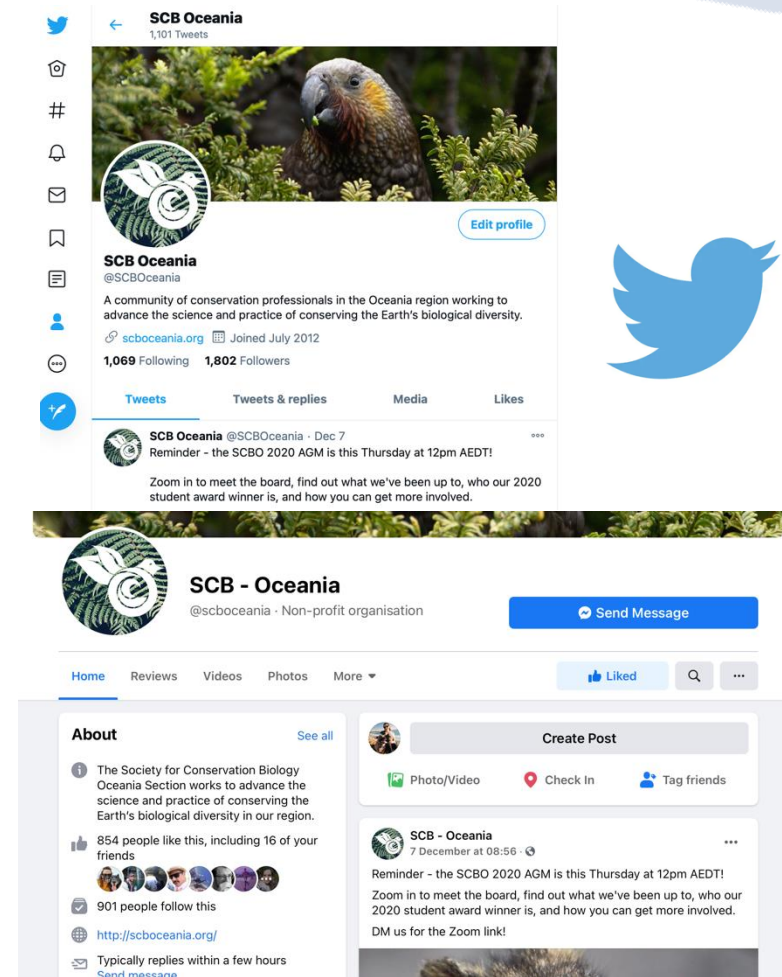
# Communications / outreach



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

<https://www.facebook.com/scboceania/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGkOZYGf4zHz-5u-BqO8-6g>





# Pacific Conservation Biology

- Formal affiliation
- Special issues promoted at SCBO conferences

Volume 22 Issue 2 2016

## PACIFIC CONSERVATION BIOLOGY

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)



# 2023 Activities

- Policy: will continue to contribute submissions as opportunities arise. *Let us know if you are aware of any. Looking for a new policy committee chair.*
- 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! Looking for a president-elect in 2023.*



# President's Report: 4. SCB Oceania Awards

- Supported 6 SCBO leaders to attend the ICCB 2021 virtual conference by covering registration costs
- Supported by a gift from David Thomas, student travel support is available to SCBO members and current or recently graduated students to attend the SCBO-ESA 2022 conference in person in Wollongong, NSW
- Applications being accepted until 22 July (closing date for abstracts) after which time a sub-group comprising board members will assess applications according to the published selection criteria
- Will also award a Pacific Conservation Biology best student presentation at SCBO-ESA 2022 sponsored by CSIRO
- Recipient of the SCB Regional Distinguished Service award will be announced this year



# SCBO Financial statement - Budget

- This is our seventh financial year operating as a regional semi-autonomous section of the SCB with an elected independent board. SCBO moved from a NSW-registered incorporated body to an ASIC-registered company limited by guarantee in February 2022.
- The financial position of SCBO is sound.
- As of Jun 30 2022 we hold a surplus of \$104,869.96\*.
- 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 supplement our income every other year, but there was no SCBO conference held in 2021/22.

\*this balance has been updated following receipt of membership fee income after the AGM. At the time of the AGM the surplus was expressed as follows: “As of Jun 30 2022 we hold a surplus of \$104,924.46, noting that this includes a bank balance of \$96,536.63 plus an estimated \$8,387.83 (subject to small currency fluctuations based on the exact date of transfer) that has been invoiced to SCB global for 2022 membership”





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

	2021FY	
Cash flow from operating activities		
Membership Fees	\$ 8,333.33*	
Interest received	\$ 99.55	
Other funding received	\$ -	
Income generated through activities	\$ -	
Payments to suppliers	\$ 7,740.67	
Net cash (used in) operating activities	\$ (692.21)	
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	\$104,177.75	
Cash at the end of the financial year	\$104,869.96	

\*reflects actual funds received for SCB membership following the AGM. Note that during the AGM, a quoted amount (\$8,387.83) was included here that had been invoiced to but not yet received from SCB global for 2022 membership



# SCBO 2022 Budget

- Fixed recurring costs of \$8100
  - Insurance
  - Other operating – website, Registered Office Services
  - AGM
- In person annual board meeting funding \$10,000
- New initiatives in line with our strategic plan \$3,000 (e.g. Earth Optimism, printing costs for special issue)
- Events and Chapter support grants \$6000
- Seed funding for conferences \$15,000 (Expect this to be largely if not wholly reimbursed through conference profit)



# Voting Item:

Move to accept 2021 financial statement and 2022 budget.



# SCBO structure and SCB restructure

- 2018 – legal advice to become a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG)
  - Approved new constitution – February 2022
  - Now CLG, with Directors
  - Preparing for charity status
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- 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







Questions?

