



Society for Conservation Biology
Oceania

2023 Annual General Meeting
July 25th 2023
Online during ICCB 2023 - Kigali



Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting (attached)
3. President's report
 - i. Introduce the Board
 - ii. Membership
 - iii. SCBO activities
 - iv. Conferences
 - v. Awards
4. Financial statement and budget
5. SCBO structure and SCB Global restructure
6. Close of Annual General Meeting



1. Apologies

Vanessa Adams, Richard Kingsford, Nicola Nelson, Natalie Forsdick





2. Minutes of the previous AGM

Voting Item:

Move to accept the minutes of the 2022 AGM



3. President's Report:

i. 2023-2024 Board introduction

Current Directors	Position	Committee(s) & Roles
Micha Jackson	President	
Courtney Melton	President-elect, Co-Secretary	Chapters chair
Natalie Forsdick	Secretary	
John Lamaris	Member at large	
Chris Woolley	Member at large	Social media/website
Andy Mack	Member at large	
Aimee Sato	Member at large	
Erica Cseko Nolasco*	Member at large	
Laura Torre *	Member at large	
<i>Shannon Rivera**</i>	<i>Specialist Director</i>	<i>Hawaii</i>
<i>Owen Nevin</i>	<i>Specialist Director</i>	<i>Finance, Governance</i>
<i>Tim Doherty</i>	<i>Specialist Director</i>	<i>Policy</i>
<i>Vanessa Adams</i>	<i>Specialist Director</i>	<i>Finance, Governance</i>
<i>Richard Kingsford</i>	<i>Specialist Director</i>	<i>Finance, Governance</i>

*new director (voted by SCBO membership)

**new role





Huge THANK YOU to outgoing
past president Nicky Nelson!!!





Voting Item:

Move to accept new directors and specialist directors onto the board:

New directors - Erica Cseko Nolasco, Laura Torre

2023-2024 Specialist directors - Shannon Rivera, Owen Nevin, Tim Doherty, Vanessa Adams, Richard Kingsford



3. President's Report: ii. Membership

- Membership as of May 2023 – 283 members, down from 374 last year and up from 242 members in the previous year
- Changes to SCB Global bylaws (March, 2023) regarding membership:
 - (a) “Associate Member” means any person who is admitted to the membership of SCB without payment. Any person who is a member of a Region or a Chapter must be either an Associate Member or a Full Member.
 - (b) “Full Member” means any person who is admitted to the membership of SCB and pays a fee for membership. Any person who is a member of a Region or a Chapter must be either an Associate Member or a Full Member.
 - (c) “Council Member” means any person who serves on the Regional Council or the Programs Council. Council Members may be Full Members or Associate Members.
- Plan to support all SCBO chapters to hold an event around the launch of the new membership structure to ensure all chapter members are registered as SCBO members



3. President's Report: iii. SCBO Activities



2018-2023 Vision and Strategic plan

SCBO 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.



Chapters

SCBO has five currently operating chapters:

- Papua New Guinea
- Hawaii
- Victoria University of Wellington
- Greater Melbourne (on hiatus)
- Sydney

Chapter priorities:

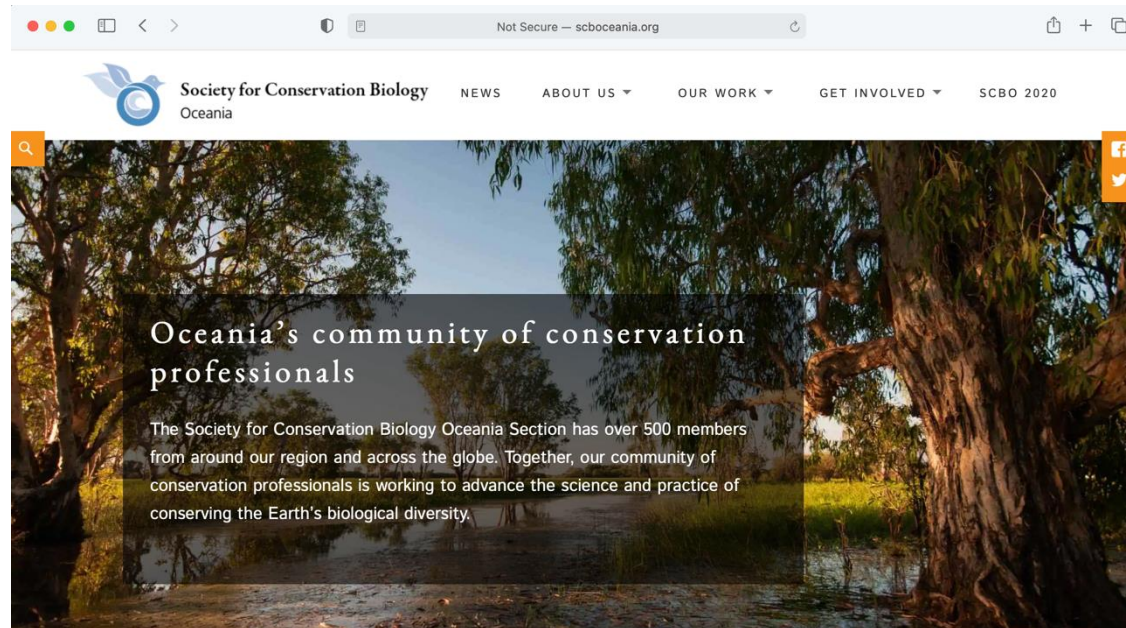
- Membership registration once Associate Membership category available
- Governance support
- Reinvigoration of activities post-covid: Activity grants



SCBO SEQ chapter holds a Bushcare for Earth Optimism event



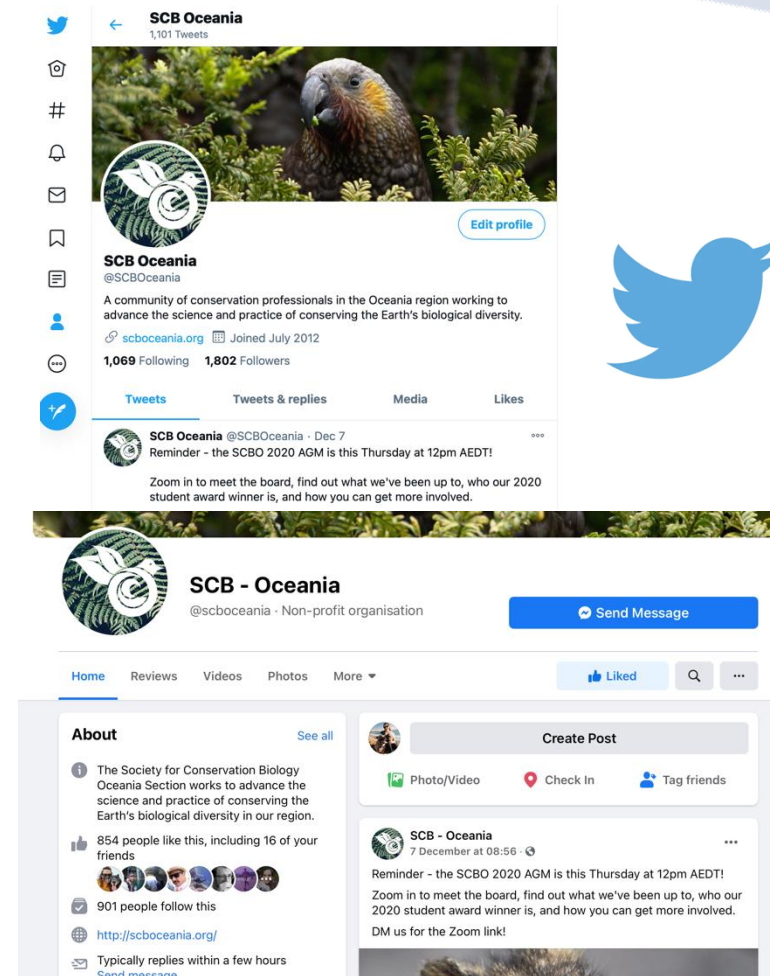
Communications / outreach



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



3. President's Report: iv. Conferences



Sydney 2007



Darwin 2012



Fiji 2014



Brisbane 2016



Wellington 2018

ESA-SCBO 2022

28 November – 2 December 2022 | Wollongong NSW



SCB Oceania

JOINT CONFERENCE



3. President's Report: iv. Conferences

- SCBO-ESA 2022 highlights:
 - SCBO provided travel support to help 21 students from New Zealand, Australia, PNG and USA attend and participate - generous support from David Thomas secured by Hugh Possingham
 - Keynote talk delivered by Moses Kerry on behalf of the Mauberema Ecotourism, Nature Conservation, Education, Research and Training Centre – the 2022 Regional Distinguished Service Award Winner (pictured with SCBO President Micha Jackson, SCBO director John Lamaris and SCB Global President Tony Lynam)
 - 849 registrants (32 virtual)
 - Indigenous Ecological Knowledge symposium
 - Conference opening by NSW Minister for Environment & Heritage
 - Conference report available from the SCBO Conference page



3. President's Report: iv. Conferences

- ICCB 2025
 - ICCB is coming to Oceania in 2025!
 - Conference committee formed
 - Look out for official announcement of the location at ICCB 2023 Kigali and subsequent updates



3. President's Report: v. Awards

- SCB Regional Distinguished Service award announced at SCBO 2022 – Mauberema Ecotourism, Nature Conservation, Education, Research and Training Centre
 - Read more on the news section of our website
- Supported by a gift from David Thomas, 21 students or recent graduates were supported to attend SCBO 2022
 - Read more in the conference report
- Pacific Conservation Biology best student presentation awarded at SCBO-ESA 2022, sponsored by CSIRO
- Next regional awards will be in 2024



4. SCBO Financial statement and budget

- This is our eighth 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.
- SCBO has also been registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission as of 18 February 2022.
- The financial position of SCBO is sound.
- As of June 30, 2023 we hold cash assets of \$118,526.82 in the main SCBO account and \$132,001.44 in the ICCB 2025 conference account (including a held liability of \$12,000 for GST).
- Under the SCB Global restructure we received a significantly higher allocation than in previous years through the regional allocation.
- Conferences supplement our income every other year and this year we received \$13,200 in shared profits from the Ecological Society of Australia for the ESA-SCBO 2022 conference.



Balance sheet for the financial year ended 30 June 2023

Balance Sheet

Society for Conservation Biology Oceania (SCBO) Inc

As at 30 June 2023

	30 JUN 2023
Assets	
Bank	
Society for Conservation Biology ICCB 2025 Account	132,001.44
Society of Conservation Biology Community	118,526.82
Total Bank	250,528.26
Total Assets	250,528.26
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
GST	12,000.00
Total Current Liabilities	12,000.00
Total Liabilities	12,000.00
Net Assets	238,528.26
Equity	
Current Year Earnings	133,650.36
Retained Earnings	104,877.90
Total Equity	238,528.26



SCBO 2023 Budget

- Fixed recurring costs - \$5315
 - Insurance
 - Other operating – website, Registered Office Services, bookkeeping
 - AGM
- Representation at ICCB 2025 - \$2,000
- AGM / SCBO social at ICCB 2023 - \$500
- In person annual board meeting funding - \$10,000
- Seed funding for Hawaii 2024 conference / conference event - \$5,000
- New initiatives in line with our strategic plan - \$3,000
 - (e.g. Earth Optimism, printing costs for special issue)
- Events and Chapter support grants - \$2,500



Voting Item:

Move to accept 2022-2023 financial statement and 2023-2024 budget.



5. SCBO structure and SCB restructure

- SCBO:
 - 2018 – legal advice to become a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG)
 - Approved new constitution – February 2022
 - Now Company Limited by Guarantee, with a Board of Directors
 - In May 2023 applied to registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, now registered as a charity as of 18 February 2022
- SCB Global restructure:
 - Empowering Regions (formerly known as Sections)
 - Focus on inclusivity and diversity – revision of bylaws to amend membership categories
 - SCBO Represented on the new SCB Regional Council and as a rotating member of the SCB Global Board of Directors





Questions?

