



**MINUTES OF THE THIRTY THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WORLD WIDE FUND FOR  
NATURE AUSTRALIA HELD IN THE MACCALLUM CULLEN  
ROOM, THE HOLME BUILDING, SCIENCE ROAD, SYDNEY  
UNIVERSITY ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2011 AT 6.30PM**

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	<b>PROXIES</b>
Dr Denis Saunders Mr Ken Boundy Dr Andrew Burbidge Mr Michael Chilcott Mr Peter Cosier Mrs Kate Dowling Ms Danielle Ecuyer Mr Douglas Gimesy Mr Piers Grove Mrs Alison Hanson Dr Ronnie Harding Mr Paul Harris Mr Anthony Hyde Mr Peter Kingston Mr Diccon Loxton Mr John Mooney Mr David Moyle Dr Melissa Perry Mr Robert Purves Dr Sandra Schuster Mr Simon Spellicy Mr Peter Thomas Mr Brent Wallace Mr Ivan Wheen Mr Hunter White Mr Martijn Wilder Dr Dedee Woodside Susan Young	Mr Dermot O’Gorman Mr Benjamin Chinnock Mr Laurent Desernaud Ms Kim Dixon Ms Leanne Elliott Mr Michael Harte Mr Nick Heath Ms Lawrence Hennessy Ms Leigh Huckel Ms Gilly Llewellyn Mr Doug Mclean Mr Ron Newton Mr Paul Molloy Mrs Di Moyle Mrs Maree Thomas Mr Matt Willson	Dr Alan Bartholomai Mr Greg Bourne Mr Peter Bridgeman Dr Margaret Brock Mr William Burrell Ms Sidonie Carpenter Prof. Christopher Dickman Dr Guy Fitzhardinge Professor Tim Flannery Prof. Stephen Garnett Margaret Gibson Dr Jane Gilmour Mr Michael Hamson Barbara Hardy Elizabeth Ho Prof. Stephen Hopper Mr Jason Kimberley Mr Michael McFarlane Anthony Nicholas Christina Nicholas Dr Melissa Perry Prof Hugh Possingham Luca Tacconi Keith Tuffley Keith Walkerden Brian Wills-Johnson Shannon Mayer Trevor Thomas	Barbara Hardy Mr Jason Kimberley Dr Melissa Perry Mr Brian Wills-Johnson

## OPENING

Before beginning the proceedings, Dr Denis Saunders, President of WWF-Australia, acknowledged and paid respect to the Gadigal people, the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting was held.

The President welcomed all those present and introduced the Board of Directors, Executive Team and special guests. The President formally opened the meeting stating that a quorum was present and noted the apologies.

## MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 23rd November 2010 were accepted as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

<b>Moved:</b>	Mr Peter Kingston	
<b>Seconded:</b>	Mr Diccon Loxton	Carried

## PRESIDENTS ADDRESS

Dr Saunders addressed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending this 33rd AGM.

Dr Saunders noted that this meeting concludes his fifth year as President of WWF-Australia and ninth on the Board and that he had enjoyed seeing WWF grow and extend its influence and working with the Board and staff of WWF. DS noted the work led by Dermot O’Gorman as CEO in the major strategic planning exercise, setting the organisation on its path for the period to 2016, the rapidly changing political landscape in Australia and efforts to secure better environmental outcomes and the rapidly deteriorating financial situation with a major loss of impetus for environmental change. DS noted his pride in the way WWF-Australia has worked over this past year with some major far reaching environmental gains and congratulated Dermot O’Gorman, Paul Molloy, the Executive Team and all our staff for their efforts in managing the organisation through a very challenging year.

Dr Saunders drew attention to WWF-A's Annual and Sustainability Report 2011. He spoke about the continuing success in protecting the GBR through Project Catalyst, with the project being awarded the Queensland Premier’s Sustainability Award and highlighted the organisations progress in working with traditional owners, local communities and scientists to protect turtles in the Great Barrier Reef.

Dr Saunders noted the pioneering work being carried out by WWF-Australia with a wide range of stakeholders in South West Australia in producing a regional systematic conservation plan. In addition, he noted WWF-Australia’s continued work with private landholders in the South West to protect and manage some of the region’s most important habitats and iconic species.

Dr Saunders spoke about WWF-Australia’s international commitments, noting work within the Coral Triangle to protect the region’s unique biota, conserving its ecosystems and creating sustainable economic opportunities.

Dr Saunders made special mention of the critically important role WWF-Australia played with a number of other groups in assisting the passing of legislation to put a price on carbon.

Dr Saunders noted the growth of Earth Hour to the largest community event in history, with 135 countries taking part in 2011 and being a great base of environmental awareness on which to build. He also spoke of partnerships developed with Kimberley-Clark and Bunnings for the Love Your Forests campaign, raising awareness of the Forest Stewardship Council eco-label, working towards the elimination of illegal logging and drive improvements in forest management.

Dr Saunders noted WWF-Australia's contribution to the certification or recertification of four major Australian fisheries by the Marine Stewardship Council and the establishment of a partnership with Coles to improve the sustainability of its seafood supply chain in Australia.

Dr Saunders spoke about the global financial crisis and its impact on WWF-Australia and thanked CFO, Paul Molloy, in his efforts in managing financial challenges of the organisation.

Dr Saunders thanked all the staff of WWF-Australia for their dedication and commitment.

Dr Saunders thanked the Directors for their ongoing efforts in serving on committees, advising staff and participating in local action and advisory groups.

Dr Saunders thanked all Governors for the assistance, advice and support they so generously give to the WWF-Australia.

Dr Saunders noted that Robert Purves was elected as the new President of WWF-Australia and will continue to follow the growth of the organisation with great interest.

Dr Saunders invited Mr Dermot O'Gorman to address the meeting.

Mr O'Gorman thanked the Directors, Governors and staff of WWF-Australia for attending.

Mr O'Gorman spoke of the conservation results and organisational changes that had occurred in the past 12 months, noting the development of the 5 year Strategic Plan and the focused direction it will bring in conservation efforts, income growth and brand, leadership and capacity development.

Mr O'Gorman expressed his gratitude for all involved in the development of the strategy, noting the support of the Board, Governors, the work of the Executive team and WWF-Australia staff, partners and WWF supporters in enabling the strategy to come to fruition.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Mr Peter Kingston presented the Directors' Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 30 June 2011 together with the Auditor's Report.

<b>Moved:</b>	Mr Brent Wallace	
<b>Seconded:</b>	Mr Paul Harris	carried

## ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr Saunders reported that in accordance with Article 35 of the Constitution of WWF-Australia the following members of the Board of Directors will retire, and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election:

- Mr Diccon Loxton
- Mr Anthony Hyde

Dr Saunders moved that Mr Diccon Loxton be re-elected for a second term of 1 year and Mr Anthony Hyde be re-elected for a term of 1 year, pursuant to Article 35.

Moved: Dr Andrew Burbidge

Seconded: Mr Peter Kingston carried

## ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The President reported that at the Board meeting preceding the AGM the following appointments were re-confirmed:

President: Mr Robert Purves

Deputy President: Ms Linda Funnell-Milner

Honorary Secretary: Mr Diccon Loxton

Honorary Treasurer: Mr Peter Kingston

## OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Dermot O'Gorman formally thanked Dr Denis Saunders for his outstanding service, support and dedication to WWF-Australia over the past nine years. Dr Saunders was presented with a gift of appreciation.

## CLOSE

There being no further business, the President declared the 32nd Annual General Meeting of WWF closed at 7.00pm. He thanked guests and staff for their attendance and invited everyone stay for a presentation by Dermot O'Gorman.

Signed as a true and correct record:



Dr Denis Saunders, President WWF-Australia

Date 13/12