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## Next Meeting of the Entomological Society of NSW Inc

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The 64<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Entomological Society of NSW will be held in the  
Hawk's Room

Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club

117 Ryedale Road, West Ryde

(0.5 km from West Ryde Railway Station)

Wednesday 1 March 2017

7.00 pm start to AGM

## Minutes of the 63rd Annual General Meeting

of *The Entomological Society of New South Wales Inc.*

held in the 'Hawk's Room' at Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club, West Ryde on 2 March 2016.

**Opened: 7.10 pm**

**Attendance:** Members: Howard Greening, Dinah Hales, Robin Parsons, Bob Ryan (Chair), Graeme Smith, Gitte Strid-Nwulaekwe, Fred Swindley, Ted Taylor.

**Apologies:** Barbara May, Prof Robert Spooner-Hart.

**Minutes of the 62<sup>nd</sup> AGM** of 2015 as transcribed in Tarsus 601 of February 2016 were unanimously accepted and passed; nominated by Bob then seconded by Ted.

**62<sup>nd</sup> Report of the Council presented by Hon. Secretary:** provided by Robin Parsons as published in Tarsus Issue No. 601; unanimously accepted and passed; nominated by Graeme and seconded by Ted.

**62<sup>nd</sup> Report by Hon. Treasurer:** provided by Ted Taylor, as published in Tarsus Issue No. 601. Unanimously accepted and passed (based on Council verification on 17 Feb 2016 by Robin, Bob, Graeme and Gitte); nominated and seconded by Bob and Robin.

**62<sup>nd</sup> Report by Hon. Editor:** Dr Robin Gunning has advised she has one paper in hand for volume 44 (2016 pending) and will continue her role producing the Journal if enough papers are provided. This was accepted and passed by all present.

**62<sup>nd</sup> Report by Hon. Business Manager:** Gitte Strid-Nwulaekwe advised she was assessing subscriber status but at some disadvantage as there had been yet no handover of material from the previous Business Manager in 2015. The situation will be reviewed at the next Council meeting. Unanimously accepted by all 'Office Holders' present.

It was noted that though un-issued hard copies of Journals have been retained, all available issues (since 1964 to 2015 and added annually) have been or will be placed on the Informit website.

**Presidential address:** Given by outgoing Hon President Bob Ryan as published in Tarsus Issue No. 601 was unanimously accepted by all present. Bob affirmed that in looking ahead the Society would be maintained whilst the position of Journal Editor was filled and sufficient papers received to publish the Journal. This situation would be reviewed later in the year.

It was also commented that 'Online publishing' was ahead.

**Election of the Council for 2016:**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NOMINEE</b>	<b>NOMINATED by</b>	<b>SECONDED by</b>
Hon President	Bob Ryan	Ted	Gitte
Hon Vice President	Barbara May	Robin	Graeme
Hon Secretary	Robin Parsons	Howard	Gitte
Hon Treasurer	Ted Taylor	Howard	Gitte
Hon Business Manager	Gitte Strid-Nwulaekwe	Ted	Robin
Hon Editor	Dr Robin Gunning	Bob	Howard
Hon Public Officer	Dr Mary-Ann Terras	Ted	Robin
Hon Circular Editor	Nil – left vacant	n/a	n/a
Hon Councillors (1 of 4 filled)	Bernie Dominiak	Robin	Graeme
Volunteer – Honorary Website Manager	Graeme Smith	Accepted by all	
Australian Entomological Society - Correspondent	Dr Dinah Hales	Continuation accepted by all	

## Selection of Society Emblem for 2016:

Ted and Gitte will look for appropriate drawings and meet with Graeme at the Australian Museum to arrange their scanning.

## General Business:

- Society representation at **2016 Ku-ring-gai Festival of Wildflowers** was agreed to.
- The **Annual Society Dinner** is expected for November/December 2015 but date and venue are yet to be confirmed.
- **Show and Tell:**

Robin presented a copy of 'A Guide to Mosquitoes of Australia' by Cameron Webb, Stephen Doggett & Richard Russell. [no bracket here]

Ted presented a specimen of the Sycamore Lace Bug and commented on Fire Ant inspections at La Perouse (with comment 'Where have the Argentine ants and European wasps gone?').

Graeme gave his personal account of the difficulties (particularly gender suffixes) in Taxonomic nomenclature.

Gitte presented photos of (amongst other sights) 'Magnetic' Termite mounds from Mareeba, West of Cairns, North Queensland.

Howard presented a bunch of 'Brush Cherry' fruit and noted that this plant was a native host of fruit fly.

Fred presented a moth found in Woolworths and Dinah a Pantry Moth trap.

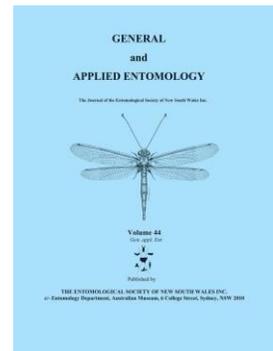
**Closed: 8:30pm**

## Letter to members from out-going Honorary President

Dear Members,

Reaching the 64<sup>th</sup> AGM milestone the Entomological Society of NSW continues its efforts encouraging professional and community involvement in the multifaceted science of entomology.

Entomological Society of NSW primary focus is to support our journal, "General and Applied Entomology" which gives contributors the opportunity to add to the science and knowledge of entomology and allied subjects. The honorary editor of "General and Applied Entomology", Dr Robin Gunning continues to assist contributors and ensure continuity in the publications of new journals (Volume 45 is in preparation and additional contributors should contact the Editor: [rgunning@bigpond.com](mailto:rgunning@bigpond.com)). The "online availability of the General and Applied Entomology" journal project initiated by Dr Bernie Dominiak has been successfully implemented and is appreciated by research / professional contributors. All past and current issues of the "General and Applied Entomology" journal have been scanned and are now available for online searching. I again remind members to take advantage of the Council ruling of no charge for papers published in "General and Applied Entomology" journal if the lead author is a financial member of the Entomology Society of NSW. Furthermore, Council has agreed to publish digital versions of papers ahead of the final printed version, thus reducing the time to publication. These incentives have been introduced to encourage and benefit members who publish in the "General and Applied Entomology" journal. I wish to note the extraordinary efforts of Dr Robin Gunning (Hon Journal Editor) and the Editorial Support team who have ensured the continued publication and success of the "General and Applied Entomology" journal.



A dedicated group of members continue the long time tradition of arranging an Entomological Society of NSW exhibit at the Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Art and Garden Festival, St Ives (the exhibit and hand-on contact with live insects is sought after and highly regarded by both event organisers and general public alike). The giant cockroaches are especially popular with children while the parents' initial enthusiasm fades when the large robust insects are identified as members of the cockroach family.



As usual the end of the year Entomological Society of NSW Dinner was arranged by Ted and Mary-Lynne Taylor. The dinner was enjoyed by all the attendees who are always tested on their entomological knowledge by a Quiz designed by Ted Taylor – competition is fierce because of the highly sought after winner's prize.

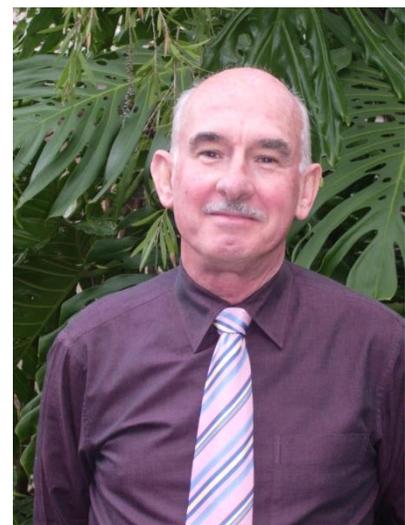
I hope the hard working Council (Robin Parsons; Barbara May; Gitte Strid-Nwulaekwe; Graeme Smith; Ted Taylor plus country members Dr Bernie Dominiak, Orange and Dr Robin Gunning, Tamworth) will continue their involvement in 2017. I must record the extra efforts of Gitte Strid-Nwulaekwe (Hon Business Manager); Ted Taylor (Hon Treasurer extraordinaire) and Graeme Smith (indispensable go-to guru).

The Council continues to encourage members' involvement in planning events and would appreciate any suggestions for functions and visits. At the AGM in March 2017 there is an opportunity for members to be candidates for positions on the Council – we have some vacancies and especially seek NSW Regional members as candidates.

I hope you all have an enjoyable 2017 and I encourage you to spread the word of the benefits of being involved with the Entomological Society of NSW.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Ryan



# Honorary Secretary's Report

The 63<sup>rd</sup> Report of the Council of the Entomological Society of New South Wales Inc. for 2016

## 1. The Council for 2016 was:

Honorary President	Mr Bob Ryan
Honorary Vice –President	Mrs Barbara May
Honorary Secretary	Mr Robin Parsons
Honorary Treasurer	Mr Ted E Taylor
Honorary Business Manager	Ms Gitte Strid-Nwulaekwe
Honorary Editor	Dr Robin Gunning
Honorary Circular Editor	Vacant
Councilor	Dr Bernie Dominiak

### Non-Council Officers

Honorary Public Officer	Dr Mary –Ann Terras
Honorary Web Page Manager	Mr Graeme Smith
Australian Ent. Soc. Correspondent	Dr Dinah Hales

- Membership** as at 31 December 2016: Please refer to the Hon Treasurer's report for statistics. Mr Ted Taylor updates the membership list and is the contact for payments and renewals.
- Council members:** Seven of the eight, essential (non-councilor) positions were filled for the full year (2016) by those elected in March 2016.

There were no Council meetings since that of the 17 February 2016 (which preceded the 02 March 2016, AGM) to date with the next scheduled meeting being for 15 February 2017; preceding the pending 2017 AGM.

Follow up business from the last AGM has been conducted by members of council and issues/details communicated by email, phone or deed.

- Society meetings and events:** The only informal gatherings or events this year were the Wildflower Art and Garden Festival at St Ives on Sunday 28 August 2016, for which Bob Ryan (Hon President) was the contact officer, and the Annual Dinner held on 19 November 2016. The only formal gathering was the 63<sup>rd</sup> AGM of 2 March 2016.

### **The Wildflower Art and Garden Festival 2016 at St Ives**

The Festival was significantly downsized this year by the local Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council. However, it was still well attended. The Society's stall was this year situated inside the pavilion in the Seminar/Speakers room. This year the talks and screen presentations were done without specified seating and concurrent with surrounding stalls/displays, requiring passing attention by visitors.

The new internal location improved shelter and contact for Society members with other stalls and also picked up attendance from those other stalls. The Public attendance was still,

considering the reduced festival format as well attended as last year. The stall was patiently managed by Gitte and partner Lindsay, Graeme, Robin and wife Claire. (Thankfully with some free pies at the end of the day, courtesy of a closing food stall).

This year stall holders were again allowed to leave their vehicles parked within the Gardens. Mr Les Currie is thanked again for his thoughtful and flexible organisation of the event.

Again, the live exhibits (and volunteers) supported by other educational items engaged visitors, especially the children. Though Graeme's one surviving Giant Queensland Cockroach did again attract interest, the full jar of colourful and well behaved Harlequin bugs (*Scutelleridae*) stole the show this year; especially for the children. Despite the size of Gitte's large Margin-winged stick insect (*Ctenomorpha marginipennis*), its display of calm demeanor and brown, stick-like camouflage made it go almost unnoticed.

Society members were kept busy frequently answering questions but with significant time also spent in supervising public handling of live (but safe for the public) exhibits. There is in my opinion a trend towards the inquiries being at a children's (primary school age or younger) education level. It seems there has been a reduction over the last four years in the adult/tertiary education level of questions presented to Society members.

There is also little or no 'post festival' feedback/activity coming to Society members.

However, those who attended our exhibition, the children in particular showed enthusiasm and generally positive reactions, which I trust will have benefits for the appreciation and preservation of living invertebrates in the urban environment.

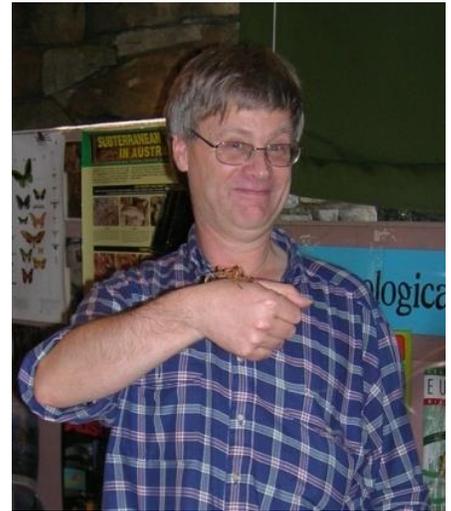
And we all enjoy it too.

**The 62<sup>nd</sup> AGM** was held at the Ryde –Eastwood Leagues Club at West Ryde on Wednesday 2 March 2016 (See AGM minutes).

5. **Volume 44 of General and Applied Entomology** was issued in October 2016 (distributed to all members and subscribers) with the emblem on the front cover being of a Neuropteran (see Society emblem notes below). Again, congratulations to Dr Robin Gunning for her quality presentation and timely production of the Journal.
6. **Circulars/web-page:** Tarsus continues to be available from the Society's web page and without any general meetings or submitted items, no articles have been published this year. AGM notices and reports are still, however published via Tarsus in February or March each year. Thank you again to Graeme Smith for keeping it running.



7. **Society Emblem:** The emblem for 2016 as shown on the front cover of Volume 44 was of a Neuropteran (Owl-fly, Ascalaphidae) illustrated by Alan Westcott.
8. **The Annual Society Dinner** was again held at the Italian ‘Giovanna’s Restaurant’ in Kingsford. It was attended by members, partners and friends. Though missed, Dinah’s non-attendance this year did allow those less erudite to look better with Ted’s annual Entomological Quiz. Thank you to Ted and Mary-Lynn for organising the dinner.



Robin Parsons  
 Hon Secretary  
 22 January 2017

## Honorary Treasurer’s Report

### THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

#### Membership at 31 December 2016

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>FINANCIAL</u>	<u>UNFINANCIAL</u>	<u>2016 TOTALS</u>
Ordinary	38	10	48
Special (retired)	6	0	6
Student	0	2	2
Company Assoc.	0	2	2
Honorary Life	<u>1</u>	-	<u>1</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>59</b>

#### Resigned Members

Albert Basta  
 Sarah Mansfield

#### Lapsed Members

George hangay  
 Jyri Kaapro  
 Sandria Wong (stud.)  
 Walter Southwell



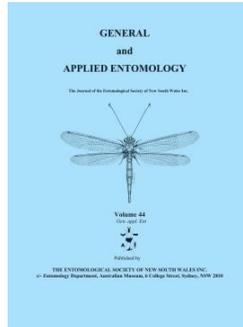
# GENERAL and APPLIED ENTOMOLOGY

## PLEASE NOTE

Page charges are not levied for the Journal  
where the first author is a member of the Society

Papers will be published digitally ahead of the printed version  
(at the moment excluding taxonomic papers)

Please send any manuscripts to Robin Gunning (rgunning@bigpond.com) as soon  
as possible



# Meetings

The Society meets on an *ad hoc* basis at a venue posted on the Society web site and emailed to members.

## Future Events

Date	Venue	Title
7.00 pm Wednesday 1 March 2017	Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### Venue:

Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club  
117 Ryedale Road, West Ryde  
(0.5 km from West Ryde Railway Station)

### 7.00 pm start to the meeting

The AGM should run for around 45 minutes.

Plenty of options for dinner and/or drinks before or after available at the club.

### SOCIETY POSTAL ADDRESS

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THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM  
6 COLLEGE STREET  
SYDNEY NSW 2010

### MEMBERSHIP FEES 2017

ORDINARY MEMBERS	\$50 (\$45 if paid on time)
COMPANY ASSOCIATES	\$60
STUDENT MEMBERS	\$25
CORPORATE MEMBERS	\$50

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HON VICE PRESIDENT  
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### Non-council positions

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