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## Next Meeting of the Entomological Society of NSW Inc

**Where:** Meeting Room 2, Ermington Community Centre, River Road, Ermington  
**When:** 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2011

This will be the last meeting at the Ermington Hall.

See below for plans into the future.

Please send any manuscripts for this year's Journal to Robin Gunning  
([robin.gunning@industry.nsw.gov.au](mailto:robin.gunning@industry.nsw.gov.au)) as soon as possible.

We also need an emblem for the cover of this year's Journal. If you have something you think could be appropriate please send it to Robin Gunning or one of the Council members before the May meeting.

## Current situation with the Society

We just managed to attract the 10 people we required for a quorum at the AGM and were able to pass the changes to the Constitution.

Unfortunately not one new person put up their hands at the meeting to be on the Council for 2011 so the Council is now significantly under-staffed [Postscript: Bernie Dominiak has since been co-opted as a Councillor].

### Council for 2011

President	VACANT
Vice-President	Bob Ryan
Secretary	Gith Strid
Treasurer	Ted Taylor
Journal Editor	Robin Gunning
Business Manager	Mark Stevens
Circular Editor	VACANT
Councillor	Barbara May
Councillor	Robin Parsons
Councillor	Bernie Dominiak

### Non-council positions

Public Officer	Mary-Ann Terras
Web page manager	Graeme Smith

The Council met this week to decide what the next steps should be with the following consensus.

- We will produce a Journal for 2011 so please get you manuscripts to Robin Gunning as a matter of urgency.
- We also need a front cover illustration/emblem/photo for the journal this year so please submit something to Robin Gunning if you think it might be appropriate. It will be voted on at the May meeting.
- We will meet at the hall at Ermington in May for the last time (Wednesday 4th).
- We will organise meetings at other venues in July, September and November.
- The following schedule is proposed, details will be confirmed by email before each meeting
  - University of Western Sydney: "Citrus Scale/Fruit Fly/Mosquitoes?" May 2011
  - University of Technology, Sydney: "Insects/testing of insecticides + Medical and molecular biology, anatomy and climate change research". July 2011.
  - Sydney University/Westmead Hospital, Dept. of Medical Entomology: "Medical Entomology in Australia". Sept 2011.
  - Possible Australian Museum (insect collection) or Sydney Uni. "Macleay Museum" (insect collection)
- We will not be producing Tarsus unless we get a willing volunteer (Graeme happy to supply templates and show how it can be done using Microsoft WORD- you don't need fancy publishing programs.)
- Correspondence with members of the Society will be via the web mail/email system only.
- If there is no sign that we have been able to breathe new life into the society by November we will contact members proposing measures to wind up the Society.

## Out-going President's address

Welcome to our 58<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting which, with this address, focuses on those with two rather than six legs.

The Council anticipates difficulties in filling Council positions hence the motions for changes to the Society's Constitution that are about to be voted on.

Of the existing Council members some will continue in their current roles, some will cease as Office Bearers but remain on Council, still others will withdraw from Council altogether with a good proportion providing on-going support with specific tasks.

Decisions by current Councillors on whether or how to continue a role on Council have not been made lightly.

There are personal pressures (family, health & work issues) combined with seeing a need for change and being torn between how to make those changes yet still support the Society with depleted human resources.

Most members of the current Council have had a long and personal relationship with the Society.

On my stepping down from position as President I will not be accepting nominations to any of the Office Bearer positions but will remain as Councillor in a limited role.

I thank the members of Council and attending members for their kindness and support.

The Society may carry on as usual but attendance, membership and services will continue to reduce.

**A new model is needed** that is service oriented (eg the Journal) which

- can justify fees and attracting those willing to pay for those services and has a diversity of social elements.
- attracts and cultivates interest in parts of the community other than the professional, especially amateurs, students, Government (Local Govt Service & Research at any level) and the general community.
- provides professional information and also recreation services to attract members and operational funds.
- uses the internet/website/email in connection with other similar groups.
- has varying meeting times, venues and activities.

The Society has finances to attempt re-structure under a reduced load and council for approximately two years whilst still at least maintaining the journal.

The changes would be step by step building up and extending interconnections between members, council and community.

But to do any of this the Society needs people on and supporting council with reserves to allow training and relief – the occasional rest is needed.

The councillors will need the skills and resources to re-model and re-focus the Society's role in the community and bring in participants to continue its evolution.

Thank you

Robin Parsons

Hon President 2009 & 2010

# Secretary's Report

## The 57th Report of the Council of *The Entomological Society of New South Wales Inc.* for 2010

### 1. The Council for 2010 was:

Honorary President	Mr Robin Parsons
Honorary Vice President	Mrs Barbara May
Honorary Secretary	Dr Mary Ann Terras
Honorary Treasurer	Mr Ted Taylor
Honorary Business Manager	Dr Mark Stevens
Honorary Public Officer	Dr Mary Ann Terras
Honorary Editor	Dr Robin Gunning
Honorary Circular Editor	Mr Graeme Smith
Councillors	Mr Martin Horwood, Ms Gith Strid-Nwulaekwe, Mr Bob Ryan

2. **Membership** as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 was 73 financial and 19 unfinancial members, two resigned, however we welcomed 1 new member.

3. **Council Members:** Council met on 5 occasions between March 2010 and March 2011 at the Ermington Community Centre and 4 extra meetings were organized at other locations. Two Council members were located in country NSW and attended meetings via a phone hookup. Several members have decided not to seek re-election to the Council in 2011. The Society thanks them and appreciates the effort put in the years of service.

4. **Society Meetings:** Meetings have continued at the Ermington Community Centre. We had a wide range of interesting speakers. However, in line with trends identified in 2009, attendance was less than expected. The society appreciates the contribution of time and effort made by our monthly speakers.

DATE	TOPIC	SPEAKER
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Issues from Special General Meeting and Show & Tell	various
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Dawson's Burrowing Bees	Warrick Angus
7 <sup>th</sup> July	On origins of citrus, and Huanglongbing and its vectors	Andrew Beattie
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Cave insects (some experiences from Australian and PNG caves)	Graeme Smith
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Insect herbivore and plant responses in eucalypt forests under climate change at physiological, species and community scales.	Markus Riegler

5. **The 57th AGM** was held at the Ermington Community Centre on the 3rd March 2010.

6. **Volume 39 of General and Applied Entomology** was published and distributed to all members mid year. This was somewhat of a challenge as both the new Hon. Editor and new Hon. Business Manager live in country NSW. The Journal was produced by Hon. Editor Robin Gunning and distributed/invoiced to clients by our Hon Business Manager Mark Stevens. Garry Levot and Gith Strid-Nwulaekwe assisted in the smooth hand over of these functions. Congratulations on a fine publication and a timely distribution.

7. **Circulars:** 'Tarsus' (no's 591 - 595) were published between March 2010 and February 2011. The Circular was distributed by posting on our Web page and by email only to members with hard copies being made available at meetings. Thank you to Graeme Smith for undertaking this major means of communication within the Society and to

all contributors that helped to make this a very interesting and informative publication. Graeme is retiring from the position of Hon. Circular Editor after 4 years of excellent, interesting and timely productions.

**8. Society Emblem:** The emblem for 2010 was a ladybird. This was used on the cover of Vol 39 *General and Applied Entomology*.

**9. Other Activities:**

- Graeme Smith has continued to run the Societies Web Page. Thank you to Graeme for including a wide variety of interesting features.
- Gith Strid-Nwulaeke co-ordinated our 16<sup>th</sup> year at the Ku ring Gai Wildflower festival. This year the festival was held on one day only. Several members attended hosting bug walks, showing live and pinned specimens and talking to the public.
- Council met on several occasions for discussions on the future of the Society and proposed changes to the constitution. Graeme Smith has collated these changes and they will be voted on at the 2011 AGM.
- The contribution from 'Show & Tell' was interesting and of greater number and variety than previous years. These were photographed by Graeme Smith and included in 'Tarsus' for all members to enjoy.

**10. Annual Dinner** was held in December at The Boathouse La Perouse. It was attended by about 20 members, partners and friends. Thank you to Ted and Mary-Lynn for organising this pleasant venue. It was enjoyed by all that attended.

Dr Mary Ann Terras  
Hon. Secretary



Ted Taylor with another of his well prepared "Show & Tell" sessions

## Show & Tell – March Meeting

Gith visited a resident complaining of being bitten and having fibres pulled out of fabrics. Various suggestions were proposed by the meeting

- Clothes moth infestation and associated mite populations (*Pymotes*) which can bite people and Ted reported about an experience with bird mites
- Issues of psychosis associated with old bite marks.
- Graeme also noted that biting midges (*Culicoides*) have been bad this season.

This all started an interesting discussion about delusional issues and various means of alleviating the concerns of these people.



Ted Taylor brought a longicorn that looks like a Buprestid when its antennae are folded back.



Graeme showed some empty pupal cases which he'd had for some time but the members were unable to identify. Suspect that they'd been parasitized as quite small emergence holes.



Ted also brought some lantana leaf mining beetle (*Octotoma championi*).



Fred Swindley with a pheromone trap from Woolworths. He put it on a shelf above cupboards and caught a lot of Indian meal moth (*Plodia interpunctella*).



Howard Greening showed a Cuckoo bee (*Thyreus* sp.) found dead in his laundry at Winston Hills. He's seen many others e.g Blue-banded bee (*Amegilla cingulata*) and Teddy-Bear bee (*Amegilla bombiformis*) but this is the first time he's seen a cuckoo bee.

# Bi-monthly Meetings

The Society meets **BI-MONTHLY** unless otherwise advertised. General meetings with a speaker will generally be held only on the "odd numbered" months (March, May, July, September, November) while the Council will meet more frequently. Speakers tentatively scheduled for the coming general meetings are shown below.

This timing allows us to alternate meetings with the Society for Insect Studies (SFIS) which meets at the Australian Museum at 7.30 on the second Tuesday of the "even numbered" months.

## Future Events

Date	Venue	Title
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May, 2011	Ermington	"Citrus Scale/Fruit Fly/Mosquitoes?" To be confirmed
July, 2011	University of Technology, Sydney	"Insects/testing of insecticides + Medical and molecular biology, anatomy and climate change research".
September, 2011	Westmead Hospital	"Medical Entomology in Australia".
November, 2011	Sydney Uni?	

### Venue:

Meeting Room 2  
Ermington Community Centre  
10 River Road Ermington

### Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. (directly following the Council meeting)

Talks run for around 45 minutes, with 10 minutes for questions, followed by a light supper. Guests are most welcome.

### Getting there:

*By Car:* From Victoria Rd turn into Spurway St (head towards Parramatta River). Turn right into Jackson St then left into River Rd. If heading north on Silverwater Rd, turn right into Victoria Rd then proceed as above. If heading south on Silverwater Rd take the Parramatta off ramp, cross Victoria Rd and proceed into River Rd. If you miss the off ramp, turn left into South St, then left into River Rd.

*By Bus:* Routes 525, 523 and L20 depart from Argyle St near Westfield shopping centre near Parramatta station. Routes 523 and L20 depart from West Ryde station. Get off at the Ermington shops. River Rd passes between the supermarket and the hotel.

### SOCIETY POSTAL ADDRESS

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### MEMBERSHIP FEES 2009

ORDINARY MEMBERS	\$50
COMPANY ASSOCIATES	\$60
STUDENT MEMBERS	\$25
CORPORATE MEMBERS	\$50

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