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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, 7 March 2007

## 54th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the 53rd Annual General Meeting.
3. 53rd Report of the Council presented by Hon. Secretary.
4. 53rd Report of Hon. Treasurer.
5. 53rd Report of Hon. Editors
6. Election of Council for 2007:
  - President
  - Vice-President
  - Hon. Secretary
  - Hon. Treasurer
  - Hon. Business Manager
  - Hon. Public Officer
  - Hon. Editor
  - Hon. Circular Editor
  - Four Councillors
7. Selection of Society Emblem for 2007. Members present will be able to nominate an insect to become the insect emblem. To make a nomination members must bring along an image of the insect which may be a drawing or photograph. It must be of sufficient quality to allow reproduction on the Journal cover and other publications. If the image is not the original work of the member, permission from the owner for it to be used by the Society must be obtained by the member making the nomination.
8. Vote on Constitution
9. Big Insects - show and tell  
Following on from the successful live insect show and tell at last year's AGM, this year we are asking members to bring along the largest insect they can find. The insect may be alive or preserved, native or from overseas. A prize will be presented to the member with the "biggest" insect (as judged by the Council).
10. Presidential Address by Martin Horwood

Please note that only Financial Members for the year 2007 may vote or be nominated and elected for the Society Council.

The Society Constitution requires a minimum of 10 members to form a quorum for the AGM. Members are asked to make an effort to attend the meeting and take a role in the running of the Society.

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# 2006 FINANCIAL REPORT

## THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

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#### **GENERAL FUND**

##### **INCOME**

Members subscriptions received and receivable	\$4,510.00	
Wild Flower Garden Exhibit income	\$93.10	
Bank Interest	<u>\$8.61</u>	\$4,611.71

##### **PAYMENTS**

Auditor's fee	\$482.62	
Insurance – Public liability	\$776.96	
Meeting Room hire	\$451.44	
Ent. Soc. of Australia affiliation fee	\$104.50	
Incorporation Statement lodgement fee	\$42.00	
Supper expenses	\$45.58	
Speakers' Gifts	\$35.00	
Stationary and Postage	\$9.30	
Members payment for Journal	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$2,447.40</u>
	<b>Result for 2006</b>	<b>\$2,164.31</b>

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#### **PUBLICATION FUND**

##### **INCOME**

Journal income received and receivable		\$2,594.77
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##### **Less: Cost of Journal**

Opening stock at Committee' valuation	\$5,320.00	
Journal postage and stationary	\$397.30	
Processing and formatting J. Vol. 35	\$1,925.00	
Printing J. Vol. 35	<u>\$2,144.74</u>	\$9,787.04

##### **Plus:**

Closing stock at Committee's valuation	\$5,320.00	
Company Associate Members	\$120.00	
Members payment for Journal	\$500.00	
Bank Interest	<u>\$1.95</u>	<u>\$5,941.95</u>
	<b>Result for 2006</b>	<b>\$1,250.32</b>

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2006****ACCUMULATED FUNDS**

Balance to 31 December 2005			\$16,396.16
Results for the year	General Fund	\$2,164.31	
	Publication Fund	<u>(\$1,250.32)</u>	<u>\$913.99</u>
			<b>\$17,310.15</b>

**REPRESENTED BY:**

Cash at Bank	General Fund	\$6,990.07	
	Publication Fund	<u>\$1,357.99</u>	\$8,348.06
Westpac Term Deposit (Lodged 11 September 2006)			\$5,000.00
Cash on hand			\$300.00
Stock of Journals at Committee's valuation			\$5,320.00

Debtors	Members subscription arrears	\$750.00	
	Journal payment arrears	<u>Nil</u>	<u>\$750.00</u>
			<b>\$19,718.06</b>

**Less:****CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Subscriptions in advance	\$2,270.00	
Advance payments for J. Vol. 36	\$45.00	
Uncashed Cheque 2006	\$42.00	
Uncashed Cheque	<u>\$50.91</u>	<u>\$2,407.91</u>
		<b>\$17,310.15</b>

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**DEADLINE - DEADLINE - DEADLINE****Submission of manuscripts for Volume 36 (2007) of  
General and Applied Entomology.**

The deadline for submission of manuscripts for consideration for publication  
in this year's journal is 31st March. Please send three printed copies  
and an email copy of manuscripts to:

Dr. Garry LEVOT  
EMAI  
PMB 8  
CAMDEN NSW 2570

Email: [garry.levot@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:garry.levot@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

If you have any queries or problem meeting the deadline,  
please email Garry or phone him on 4640 6376 (w).

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# INSECT OF THE MONTH

## *Amegilla* (Blue-banded bee) - Garry Levot

Residing within the sub-family Anthophorinae, the genus *Amegilla* comprises a group of stout, densely hairy bees – many with coloured bands on their abdomen.

The 'Blue-banded bee' is a solitary bee (non-social) but females often position their nests close together in the ground or in an earth embankment. The nest cells are lined with a secreted waxy material and provisioned with liquid or semi-liquid food for the developing grub.



Adult bees can be heard when they 'buzz' flowers. They are known as 'buzz-pollinators' because, unlike honey bees for instance, they vibrate the flower causing pollen to be dislodged. This makes them ideal candidates for pollinating glass-house crops such as tomatoes. There has been research at the University of Western Sydney (Richmond) on this potential use.

Blue-banded bees are reported to be particularly attracted to blue flowers but in my garden *Amegilla* has taken a liking to my Pine-leaved Geebung (*Persoonia pinifolia*) and during the warm times of the year is often seen circling the yellow-flowering bush and visiting the flowers.



Middle photo: [http://www.geocities.com/brisbane\\_wasps/BlueBandedBees.htm](http://www.geocities.com/brisbane_wasps/BlueBandedBees.htm)

Bottom photo: [members.optushome.com.au/davidavid/mypics.html](http://members.optushome.com.au/davidavid/mypics.html)

Photo on title: Stewart Gemmell

# SEMINAR SERIES 2007

Date	Speaker	Title
2 May	Grant Herron NSW DPI	The changing face of secondary insect pests of Australian cotton
4 July	Sarah Mansfield University of Sydney	Predator and parasitoid behaviour and foraging
5 September	Graeme Smith Reckitt Benckiser	Testing consumer pest control products
7 November	Cameron Webb Westmead Hospital	Mosquitos (Title TBA)

## **Venue:**

Meeting Room 2  
Ermington Community Centre  
10 River Road, Ermington

## **Meetings start at 7.30pm**

Talks run for around 45 minutes, with 10 minutes for questions.  
Afterwards a supper is provided.  
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.

(Information: Martin Horwood [martinh@sf.nsw.gov.au](mailto:martinh@sf.nsw.gov.au) phone 02 9872 0111)



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# FAREWELL FROM THE EDITOR



Unfortunately, due to other commitments, I won't be able to continue as the Circular Editor for 2007.

I hope you have enjoyed reading TARSUS as much as I enjoyed putting it together over the last year, and thank you for the lovely feedback I have received.

Kind regards,  
Simone McMonigal.

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## **2006 COUNCIL MEMBERS**

President - Martin Horwood  
Vice President - Barbara May  
Secretary - Mary Ann Terras  
Treasurer - Ted Taylor  
Business Manager - Gith Strid-Nwulaekwe  
Public Officer - Mary Ann Terras  
Editor - Garry Levot  
Circular Editor - Simone McMonigal  
Councillors - Graeme Smith, Robin Parsons,  
Warrick Angus and Mark Greco

## **SOCIETY POSTAL ADDRESS**

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THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM  
6 COLLEGE STREET  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

## **WEB ADDRESS**

<http://www.entocnsw.netfirms.com>

## **MEMBERSHIP FEES 2007**

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

*The Entomological Society of New South Wales Inc.*

**APPOINTMENT OF PROXIES**

I, ..... of .....

being a member of the above-named Society, hereby appoint .....

of .....

as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting,

as of the Society, to be held on the 7th March 2007, and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed this ..... day of ..... 2007

Signature .....

*The Entomological Society of New South Wales Inc.*

**NOMINATION OF OFFICER OR COUNCILLOR**

I nominate .....

for election to the office of .....

Name of nominator .....

Signature ..... Date .....

I second this nomination. Name of seconder .....

Signature ..... Date .....

I accept this nomination\*

Signature ..... Date .....

(A photocopy of these forms may be used)

Please send all nominations to:  
THE SECRETARY  
C/- ENTOMOLOGY DEPARTMENT  
THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM  
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