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CIRCULAR OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES Inc

Next Meeting of the Entomological Society of NSW Inc

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The 60th AGM of the Entomological Society of NSW will be held at:

Hawks Room,

Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club

117 Ryedale Road, West Ryde

(0.5 km from West Ryde Railway Station)

Wednesday 6 March 2013

Gathering from 6:30 pm with 7 pm start to AGM

Minutes of the 59th Annual General Meeting

of The Entomological Society of New South Wales Inc.
held at Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club, West Ryde on 7 March 2012.

Opened: 7.20pm

Attendance: Members: Howard Greening; Barbara May; Bob Ryan; Graeme Smith; Gith Strid-Nwulaekwe; Fred Swindley; Ted Taylor.

Proxies: Mark Stevens. Visitors: Nil

Apologies: Bernie Dominiak; Robin Gunning; Robin Parsons; Mark Stevens.

Minutes of the 58th AGM in 2011 were read and unanimously accepted by Council.

59th Report by Hon. Secretary: provided by Gith Strid-Nwulaekwe, as published in Tarsus Issue No. 597. Unanimously accepted as read by outgoing Council.

59th Report by Hon. Treasurer: provided by Ted Taylor, as published in Tarsus Issue No. 597. Passed by Gith Strid-Nwulaekwe & Bob Ryan.

59th Report by Hon. Business Manager: provided by Mark Stevens, as published in Tarsus Issue No. 597. Unanimously accepted as read by outgoing Council.

59th Report by Hon. Editor: provided by Robin Gunning, as published in Tarsus Issue No. 597. Unanimously accepted as read by outgoing Council.

Election of the Council for 2012:

POSITION	NOMINEE	NOMINATOR	SECONDED	PASSED
Hon. President	Bob Ryan	Barbara May	Howard Greening	Yes
Hon. Vice President	Barbara May	Bob Ryan	Gith Strid-Nwulaekwe	Yes
Hon. Secretary	Gith Strid-Nwulaekwe	Ted Taylor	Graeme Smith	Yes
Hon. Treasurer	Ted Taylor	Graeme Smith	Gith Strid-Nwulaekwe	Yes
Hon. Business Manager	Mark Stevens	Graeme Smith	Gith Strid-Nwulaekwe	Yes
Hon. Editor	Robin Gunning	Mark Stevens	Bob Ryan	Yes
Hon. Public Officer	Mary-Ann Terras	Graeme Smith	Bob Ryan	Yes
Hon. Circular Editor	Nil	Nil	Nil	Vacant
Hon. Councillor	Bernie Dominiak	Bob Ryan		Yes
Volunteer – Honorary Website Manager	Graeme Smith	Bob Ryan		Yes

Selection of Society Emblem for 2012:

Lord Howe Island Stick Insect (*Dryococelus australis*).

Presidential address: Given by outgoing Vice President Bob Ryan, and published in Tarsus Issue No. 597. Vice President thanked all Council members for their contributions to the Society. A vote of thanks was given to Council.

General Business:

- Discussion regarding citation of the Society Journal papers took place, after suggestions from Bernie Dominiak. It is expensive for Universities or Agents to crosscheck citations. Readability indexing to be followed up by Bob Ryan in liaison with Bernie Dominiak.
- It was decided that membership fees and Journal copy prices would stay the same for 2012.
- Tentative suggestions for visit venues during 2012 were made: Orange Agricultural Institute, Orange; UWS, Richmond; agricultural institute at Gosford (Ourimbah); Wollongong University (forensics); Darling Harbour or Taronga Zoo; Cumberland State Forestry site. Various Council members were assigned to follow up and make contacts at these institutes and venues to arrange for Society meetings, for later decision by Council.
- It was decided that the Society again holds a stall at the Ku-ring-gai Festival of Wildflowers in August, on invitation from the Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council, and Gith Strid-Nwulaekwe to arrange for members to attend.
- Annual Society dinner tentatively planned for a Saturday in late November.
- Show and Tell: Scribbly Gum Moth (*Ogmograptis scribula*) by Barbara May.

Closed: 8.15pm

Signed as a True and Accurate Record: _____

Letter to members from out-going President

Dear EntSoc members,

The Entomological Society of New South Wales Inc continues in its efforts to arrange functions and visits to encourage the involvement and participation of members. In this regard the Council efforts were strongly supported by Society members who arranged visits at their place of employment. Visits in 2012 included the University of Western Sydney, Richmond Campus [Markus Riegler, UWS] and the Orange Agricultural Institute [Bernie Dominiak, Orange] (see individual visit reports).

In addition a dedicated group of members carried on the tradition of arranging an Entomology Society exhibit at the Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden Festival, St Ives (this EntSoc effort is sought after and highly regarded by both event organisers and general public alike).

As usual the end of the year Entomology Society Dinner was arranged by Ted & Mary-Lynne Taylor. The dinner was enjoyed by all the attendees who were also tested on their entomological knowledge by a Quiz designed by Ted Taylor - competition was fierce because of the highly sought after winner's prize.

Our *raison d'être* is to maintain the on-going publication of the EntSoc NSW Journal: "General and Applied Entomology" which has now in excess of forty volumes [the latest Volume 41 (2012) is in press]. We specially appreciate the efforts of Dr Robin Gunning (Journal Editor) and Dr Mark Stevens (Business Manager) who ensure the continued publication and success of the Journal which is central to the existence of the Entomology Society of NSW.

Note: The current Council ruling is there is no charge for papers in the Journal if the lead author is a member of the Entomological Society of NSW – this was instigated to encourage members to publish in the Journal and to give an additional benefit to members.

I hope the hard working Council [Gitte Strid-Nwulaekwe; Barbara May; Graeme Smith; Robin Parsons; Ted Taylor] and three "country members" (Dr Robin Gunning, Tamworth; Dr Mark Stevens, Yanco; Bernie Dominiak, Orange) will continue their involvement in 2013. Our longtime treasurer [Ted Taylor] has ensured we have no financial concerns with a very healthy (in excess of \$30K) bank balance.

Encouraged by our healthy financial position we maintain our interest further in the establishment of NSW Regional Sections of the Entomology Society and see this important in enabling easier access for our many members spread throughout NSW. The Council is keen to support (finance, speakers etc) efforts in establishing NSW Regional Sections e.g. Armidale, Orange etc.

The Council continues to encourage members involvement in planning events and would appreciate any suggestions for functions and visits during 2013. At the 2013 AGM [6:30pm; Wednesday 6th March 2013; "Hawks Room", Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club, 117 Ryedale Road, West Ryde NSW 2114] 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 again remind member to take advantage of the current ruling of no charge for papers published in the EntSoc NSW Journal if the lead author is an Ent Soc NSW member. This incentive was introduced by Council to encourage and benefit members who publish in the General and Applied Entomology Journal.

I hope you all have an enjoyable 2013 and encourage you to spread the word of the benefits of being involved with the Entomology Society of NSW.

Yours sincerely,

Bob RYAN

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Honorary Secretary's Report

The 59th Report of the Council of *The Entomological Society of New South Wales Inc.* for 2012

1. The Council for 2012 was:

Honorary President	Mr Bob Ryan
Honorary Vice President	Barbara May
Honorary Secretary	Ms Gith Strid-Nwulaekwe
Honorary Treasurer	Mr Ted Taylor
Honorary Business Manager	Dr Mark Stevens
Honorary Editor	Dr Robin Gunning
Honorary Circular Editor	Vacant
Councillors	Dr Bernie Dominiak
<u>Non-Council officers</u>	
Honorary Public Officer	Dr Mary Ann Terras
Honorary Web Page Manager	Mr Graeme Smith
(Volunteer)	

2. **Membership** as of 31 December 2012 was 53 financial and 20 unfinancial members, and 4 resigned, however we welcomed 2 new members.

3. **Council Members:** Seven of the eight essential Council and non-Council positions were filled, and the four members who live close to Sydney attended meetings within the region. Bob Ryan stepped up from the new vice-president position in the previous year to become a vibrant and positive president in 2012. Ted Taylor continues to do an excellent job with the society's finances in good shape; more than forty years in the job has not reduced his commitment and enthusiasm.

4. **Society Meetings and Visits:** Council met on 7 occasions between March 2011 and March 2012, in the homes of Council members in Sydney region, and at University of Western Sydney (Hawkesbury Campus) at Richmond as well as at the Orange Agricultural Institute in context of Society visits.

However, in line with trends identified in 2009, attendance at the AG and visits was less than expected. The Society appreciates the contribution of time and effort made by speakers and hosts at institutions that we visit.

Gith Strid-Nwulaekwe again arranged for the Society's interactive stall at the Ku-ring-gai Festival of Wildflowers, St Ives on 26 August. Six Society members have returned for several years to display live and preserved insects and other invertebrates to a large number of Festival visitors, together with educational poster, books and brochures.

Markus Riegler hosted a Society meeting at the UWS, Richmond on 5 September, where Debbie Kent spoke on Australian Ambrosia beetles, and Christian Stauffer from BOKU-University of Natural Resources & Life Sciences, Vienna, also spoke on the Scolytid & Platypodid (bark beetles) plague in European and North American pine forests. He was at Hawkesbury for a 6 months study period.

Bernie Dominiak hosted a meeting of the Society at the Orange Agricultural Institute over two days in November. Five members travelled from Sydney and were shown around the facilities by Peter Gillespie and had the chance to discuss a wide range of issues relating to entomology laboratories and collections and met up again with Murray Fletcher. The members met that evening for dinner at one of Orange's fine hotels. Most returned to Sydney the following morning while Graeme Smith went collecting and managed to find a few specimens of an undescribed silverfish species.

DATE in 2012	VENUE	EVENT/TOPIC	HOST/SPEAKER
26 August	Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden, St Ives	Ku-ring-gai Festival of Wildflowers: ESNSW stall	Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council
5 September	UWS, Hawkesbury Campus, Richmond	Talk: "Exploring the dark depths of the ambrosia beetle underworld – the Australian platypodids".	Host: Markus Riegler Speaker: Deborah Kent
5 September	UWS, Hawkesbury Campus, Richmond	Talk: "Population differentiation in forest insects – the molecular ecology of two prominent bark beetle species"	Christian Stauffer (BOKU-University of Natural Resources & Life Sciences, Vienna)
16 November	Orange Agricultural Institute, Orange	Society visit to laboratories & collections	Hosts: Peter Gillespie/Bernie Dominiak

5. **The 59th AGM** was held at the Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club, West Ryde on 7 March 2012.
6. **Volume 41 of *General and Applied Entomology*** will be published in early 2013. Its production was again a challenge because of the lack of papers submitted. The Journal is produced by Hon. Editor Robin Gunning and printed in Sydney region, and Hon. Business Manager Mark Stevens and volunteering Web Page Manager Graeme Smith then dispatch it to members. The strong financial position of the Society is for a great part due to the efforts of the current and previous journal editors to reduce production costs. Distribution and invoicing to customers is done by Mark Stevens. Thank you to all who contributed with Journal papers and articles, and to the three Council members who continue to publish the Society's scientific Journal - its 'flagship'.
7. **Circulars:** There was one '*Tarsus*' (Issue 598) published between March 2012 and March 2013, and mainly to publish Reports by Council and to advertise the 2013 AGM. Thank you to volunteering Web Page Manager Graeme Smith, who kindly continues to produce Tarsus for the AGM as the major means of communication within the Society, despite fewer and fewer articles and event advertisements reaching him.
8. **Society Emblem:** The emblem for 2012 was the Lord Howe Island Stick Insect (*Dryococelus australis*), and it was used on the cover of Vol 41 of the Society's journal *General and Applied Entomology*.
9. **Other Activities:**
- Graeme Smith has continued to run the Society's Web Page as a volunteer. Thank you to Graeme for enabling this important communication to members.
 - A talk about AICCM at the Australian Museum on 24 April was advertised in Tarsus.
10. **Annual Dinner** was held in November at Giovanna's Restaurant in Kingsford. It was attended by 15 members, partners and friends. Thank you to Ted and Mary-Lynn for organising this pleasant venue. It was enjoyed by all that attended.

Gith Strid-Nwulaekwe
Hon. Secretary

Honorary Treasurer's Report

THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

GENERAL FUND

INCOME

Members subscriptions received and receivable	\$2,325.00	
Bank Interest	\$42.74	
Term Deposit Interest	\$654.31	\$3,022.05

PAYMENTS

Insurance – Public liability	\$787.51	
Decompression Web Fee	\$140.00	
Hire of Meeting Room	\$70.70	<u>\$998.21</u>

Result for 2012 \$2,023.84

PUBLICATION FUND

INCOME

Journal income received and receivable		\$226.00
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Less: Cost of Journal

Opening stock at Committee' valuation	\$1,320.00	
Printing Journal Vol. 40	\$1,016.84	
Journal postage	<u>\$461.55</u>	<u>\$2,798.39</u>

Plus:

Closing stock at Committee's valuation	\$320.00	
Company Associate Members	\$60.00	
Journal Copyright Payment	\$4,625.43	
Bank Interest	\$18.57	
Est. Cost to Print J. Vol. 40	\$1,000.00	
Uncashed cheque	<u>\$130.00</u>	<u>\$6,154.00</u>

Result for 2012 \$3581.61

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2011

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Balance to 31 December 2011		\$25,893.82
Results for the year	General Fund \$2,023.84	
	Publication Fund <u>\$3,581.61</u>	<u>\$5,605.45</u>
Balance to 31 December 2012		\$31,499.27

REPRESENTED BY:

Cash at Bank		
	General Fund \$12,715.37	
	Publication Fund \$9,844.59	
	Term Deposit <u>\$8,074.31</u>	\$30,634.27

Stock of Journals at Committee's valuation		\$320.00
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Debtors		
	Members subscription arrears \$725.00	
	Journal payment arrears nil	
		<u>\$725.00</u>
		\$31,679.27

Less:

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Subscriptions in advance	\$90.00	
Journal Vol. 41 Advance Payment	<u>\$90.00</u>	<u>\$180.00</u>

Total Assets 2012 \$31,499.27

Council members reviewed the statements of income and expenditure and balance sheets on 13th February, 2013 and found them to agree with cash book and bank statements.

THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Membership at 31 December 2012

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>FINANCIAL</u>	<u>UNFINANCIAL</u>	2012 <u>TOTALS</u>
Ordinary	45	15	60
Special (retired)	5	0	5
Student	1	1	2
Corporate	0	3	3
Company Associate	1	1	2
Honorary Life	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	53	20	73

Resigned Members

Alan Clift
Mark Greco (Stud.)
John Hargreaves
Christine Stone

Lapsed Members

Christopher Hood
Oleg Nicetic
Annie Noack (Stud.)
S. Victor Rajakulendran
Debbie Rae
Peter Bond
Skye Blackburn

New Members

Nigel Andrew
Sandia Wong



Ku-ring-gai Festival of Wildflowers

Thanks to Robin Parsons for the attached photos.

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
6.30 pm Wednesday 6 th March, 2013	Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club Hawks Room	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Venue:

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

Gathering from 6:30 p.m. with a 7pm 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

C/- ENTOMOLOGY DEPARTMENT
THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM
6 COLLEGE STREET
SYDNEY NSW 2010

MEMBERSHIP FEES 2013

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

OFFICIALS

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HON TREASURER
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Mr TED E TAYLOR
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Dr MARK STEVENS
Vacant
Dr BERNIE DOMINIAK

Non-council positions

AUST ENT SOC CORRESPONDENT
PUBLIC OFFICER
WEB PAGE MANAGER

Dr DINAH HALES
Dr MARY ANN TERRAS
Mr GRAEME SMITH

PLEASE NOTE

Page charges will no longer be levied for the Journal
on papers where the first author is a member of the Society.

Please send any manuscripts for this years Journal to Robin
Gunning (robin.gunning@industry.nsw.gov.au) as soon as
possible.

