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**Next Meeting of the Entomological Society of NSW Inc**

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The 63<sup>rd</sup> AGM of the Entomological Society of NSW will be held in the  
Hawks Room,

Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club

117 Ryedale Road, West Ryde

(0.5 km from West Ryde Railway Station)

Wednesday 2 March 2016

7.00 pm start to AGM

### Minutes of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting

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

held in the 'Turner Room' at Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club, West Ryde on 24 March 2015.

**Opened: 7.40pm**

**Attendance:** Members: Howard Greening, Barbara May, Robin Parsons, Bob Ryan, Graeme Smith, Gitte Strid- Nwulaekwe, Ted Taylor.

**Apologies:** None.

**Minutes of the 61<sup>st</sup> AGM** of 2014 as transcribed in Tarsus 600 of March 2015 were unanimously accepted and passed; nominated and seconded by Graeme & Barbara.

**61st Report of the Council presented by Hon. Secretary:-** provided by Robin Parsons as published in Tarsus Issue No. 600; unanimously accepted and passed; nominated and seconded by Ted and Barbara.

**61st Report by Hon. Treasurer:** provided by Ted Taylor, as published in Tarsus Issue No. 600. Unanimously accepted and passed; nominated and seconded by Bob and Robin.

**61st Report by Hon. Editor:** Please refer to Hon. Business Manager's report referred to below.

**61st Report by Hon. Business Manager:** provided by Dr Mark Stevens, as published in Tarsus Issue No. 600. Unanimously accepted and passed; nominated and seconded by Graeme and Ted.

**Presidential address:** Given by outgoing President Bob Ryan as published in Tarsus Issue No. 600 was unanimously accepted by all present.

**Election of the Council for 2015:**

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

**Selection of Society Emblem for 2015:**

Bob & Gitte will look for appropriate drawings (also consulting Cameron Webb) and initiate discussion and approval via e-mail.

**General Business:**

- RMIT's invoice of \$4269.01 to **digitise (scan & index) 'General and Applied Entomology'** was accepted (to be paid from Publication Fund). This covers the 42 volumes between 1964 to 2014. It is also expected that later volumes will be digitised periodically. This process could be considered the primary contribution to the Society's legacy. It was noted that scanned copies of the journal would have Optical Character Recognition (OCR).
- The **post of Business Manager was vacated** by Dr Mark Stevens whom will complete four outstanding issues prior to handover to the new Business Manager, Gitte Strid-Nwulaekwe.
- Dr Robin Gunning will likely continue as **Hon. Editor for the Journal** but requires updated software. It was agreed that Graeme could research and purchase software for around \$150.00. It was noted that while delays (pending submissions) could be accommodated delays of 18 months between submission and publication were not acceptable to some authors, e.g those requiring publication within a certain period for work or study reasons.
- Regarding the **future of the Society** it was agreed to carry on for another year but it was commented that this was only worth doing while the Journal exists.

Whilst there were no complaints from the membership and the Journal is still there the Society would stand for another year then be reviewed for 'Wind down' and 'Legacy' processes.

- Society representation at **2015 Ku-ring-gai Festival of Wildflowers** was agreed to. Robin will assist Bob in being the contact with the festival organizer. Robin is in possession of society banner etc for the stall.
- A **visit** to the Fruit Fly Research Centre was suggested.
- The **Annual Society Dinner** is expected for November/December 2015 but date and venue are yet to be confirmed. An additional dinner mid-year was suggested.

- **Show and Tell:** Howard presented some *Tenebrio molitor* larvae, purported to also feed on the larvae of other stored product pests and pigeon droppings.

Howard also presented an old British book on insects 'The Royal Natural History, 1896; Robin noted that many of the plates and drawings were used in another Natural History volume (Harmsworth's Natural History) from 1911.

Robin presented a newspaper article by Martyn Robinson (Australian Museum) on wind borne invertebrates brought into Sydney from the North that now survive and thrive through Sydney's warmer winters and change in climate.

Barbara presented an article (Book Review) on Hoverflies of a Swedish Island by Frederik Sjoberg.



Graeme and Barbara at the Wildflower Festival

**Closed:** 8.45pm

## Letter to members from out-going President

Dear EntSoc NSW members,

The Entomological Society of New South Wales Inc [EntSoc NSW] has had highs and lows over the 150 years since the first EntSoc NSW was established in May 1862. The continuing focus and raison d'être of the current council is to maintain the on-going publication of the EntSoc NSW Journal: "General and Applied Entomology" (the G&AE Journal is now seeking papers for Volume 44 – please send to the Editor). Championed by Dr Bernie Dominak, the EntSoc NSW Council approved and funded the important project of the "on-line availability of the G&AE Journal". All past and current issues of the G&AE Journal were scanned by RMIT and are now available for on-line searching. I again remind members to take advantage of the Council ruling of no charge for papers published in the EntSoc NSW Journal if the lead author is a financial EntSoc NSW member. Furthermore Council has now agreed to publish digital versions of papers (excluding taxonomic papers at the moment) 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 my appreciation of the efforts of Dr Robin Gunning (Journal Editor) and the Editorial Support team who have ensured the continued publication and success of the Journal.

While our membership base has been reduced we continue to strive for renewal and this is made easier because of our enviable strong financial security [thanks to Ted Taylor, EntSoc NSW Treasurer]. A dedicated group of members continue on the tradition of arranging an Entomological Society exhibit at the Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden Festival, St Ives (this EntSoc NSW effort is sought after and highly regarded by both event organisers and general public alike).

As usual the end of the year Entomological Society Dinner was arranged by Ted & 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; Graeme Smith; Ted Taylor] and "country members" (Dr Robin Gunning, Tamworth; Dr Bernie Dominiak, Orange) will continue their involvement in 2016.

Our longtime treasurer (Ted Taylor) has ensured we have no financial concerns with a very healthy bank balance (ca \$28,000). Encouraged by our healthy financial position the EntSoc Council is keen to support any

innovation from our widespread throughout NSW membership base. The Council continues to encourage member's involvement in planning events and would appreciate any suggestions for functions and visits during 2016. At the AGM (7:00pm; Wednesday 2nd March, 2016; 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 hope you all have an enjoyable 2016 and encourage you all 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 62<sup>nd</sup> Report of the Council of the Entomological Society of New South Wales Inc. for 2015

### 1. The Council for 2015 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
Councillor	Dr Bernie Dominiak
<u>Non-Council Officers</u>	
Honorary Public Officer	Dr Mary –Ann Terras
Honorary Web Page Manager	Mr Graeme Smith (volunteer)
Australian Ent. Soc. Correspondent	Dr Dinah Hales

2. **Membership** as at 31 December 2015: 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.

3. **Council members:** Seven of the eight, essential (non-councillor) positions were filled for the full year (2015) by those elected in March 2015.

There were no Council meetings since the 2014 AGM until the council meeting of 11 March 2015; for which 4 members attended ie President (Bob), Treasurer (Ted), Web Manager (Graeme) and Secretary (Robin). Other issues relating to Journals & Wild Flower Festival booking were managed via electronic communications between the nine members of Council. Gitte Strid – Nwulaekwe has completed a year of returning to the role of Business Manager with the Society's appreciation for her work and also to Dr Mark Stevens' handover assistance in transition.



4. **Society meetings and events:** There was only one Council meeting between March 2015 and December 2015. Again there were no gatherings or events this year other than participation in the Wild

Flower Festival at St Ives on Sunday the 30 August 2015 for which Bob Ryan (President) was the contact with subsequent organisation by Gitte & Robin. The stall was again outside the roofed area but this year backing onto the covered area. The new location improved attendance at the stall as well as providing shelter and contact with other stalls for Society members. The stall was valiantly manned by Gitte & partner Lindsay, Barbara, Graeme, Robin & wife Claire.

This year stall holders were allowed to leave their vehicles parked within the Gardens (last year required journeys to the showground up the road for parking then return and recollection by shuttle bus or Good Samaritan). Mr Les Currie is thanked for his thorough and notably thoughtful and flexible organisation of the event. Weary legs and feet were particularly thankful at the end of the day. Again the live exhibits (and volunteers) supported by other educational items engaged visitors; especially the children. In particular Graeme's Giant Queensland cockroach(es) again attracted interest. Those who attended our exhibition showed varied but generally positive reactions presenting many questions to challenge Society members' knowledge. The stall was also inspected by a friendly but thorough Tawney Frogmouth and a rare 6'2" bipedal (presumably ground dwelling) frog was sighted (see attached photos).



**The 62<sup>nd</sup> AGM** was held at the Ryde –Eastwood Leagues Club at West Ryde on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015 (See AGM minutes).

5. **Volume 43 of General and Applied Entomology** was published on the 30 October 2015 (distributed to all members & subscribers) with the emblem on the front cover being a golden coloured pan-myrmecophilic silverfish; *Australiatelura* sp. Also congratulations to Dr Robin Gunning for her quality presentation of the Journal which (noted from response) was very well done. Thank you Robin.
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 these two components ticking over.
7. **Society Emblem:** The emblem for 2015 as shown on the front cover of Volume 43 was the golden-coloured pan-myrmecophilic silverfish – *Australiatelura* sp illustrated by Graeme Smith.
8. **The Annual Society Dinner** was again held at the Italian restaurant 'Giovanna's' in Kingsford. It was attended by members, partners and friends. Thank you to Ted & Mary-Lynn for organising this get-together that helps keep 'us' together.



Robin Parsons  
Hon. Secretary  
15 February 2016



**THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES**

**Membership at 31 December 2015**

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>FINANCIAL</u>	<u>UNFINANCIAL</u>	<u>2015 TOTALS</u>
Ordinary	40	14	54
Special (retired)	5	1	6
Student	2	0	2
Corporate	0	0	0
Company Assoc.	1	1	2
Honorary Life	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>65</b>

**Resigned Members**

Martin Horwood

**Lapsed Members**

South African Museum  
Museum of Victoria

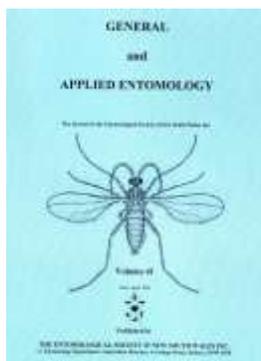
Ted Taylor  
Hon. Treasurer

**PLEASE NOTE**

**Page charges are not levied for the Journal  
on papers 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



## SOME PERUVIAN INVERTEBRATES

My wife and I were lucky enough to spend a few days in the upper reaches of the Amazon (near Puerto Maldonado in Peru). Below a few photos showing some of the larger or more colourful examples of a very abundant invertebrate fauna. The caterpillar on the Tarsus title page was also photographed in Peru. I can certainly recommend spending time in this part of the Amazon if you get the chance. The accommodation at Sandoval Lodge was good and our personal guide excellent at finding invertebrates once he realized I was more interested in these than the vertebrates. Night walks were exceptionally rewarding for invertebrates.



# 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2016	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)

### 7.00pm 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 2016

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

### OFFICIALS

PRESIDENT  
VICE PRESIDENT  
HON SECRETARY  
HON TREASURER  
HON EDITOR  
BUSINESS MANAGER  
CIRCULAR EDITOR  
COUNCILLOR

Mr BOB RYAN  
Mrs BARBARA MAY  
Mr ROBIN PARSONS  
Mr TED E TAYLOR  
Dr ROBIN GUNNING  
Ms GITH STRID  
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