



# Natural History Society of South Australia

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## ***Members\* of the NHSSA are invited to attend our Annual General Meeting 2016.***

**2:00pm on Saturday, 28th May 2016**

Charles Hawker Building Conference Centre, Waite Campus, University of Adelaide, Urrbrae

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## **Guest Speaker: Michael Swinbourne – “Ground penetrating radar as a non-invasive tool to map southern hairy-nosed wombat warrens”**

From research co-authored with David Taggart, Elisa Sparrow, Michael Hatch and Bertram Ostendorf.

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## **Followed by the AGM business meeting – Final Agenda**

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes – AGM 23rd May 2015
4. President's Report
5. Financial Reports
  - a. Receive the Financial Reports of the Society for financial year 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2015
  - b. Receive the Auditor's Report for 2015
  - c. Questions on the accounts presented directed to the Auditor
  - d. Adopt the Financial Reports of the Society for financial year 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2015
6. Appoint the Auditor for 2016
7. Elect up to ten general members to the Management Committee – nominations:
  - a. Gary Taylor
  - b. Glen Taylor
  - c. Janet Ellis
  - d. Jessica Strauss
  - e. Johan Ramerman
  - f. Karen Collins
  - g. Kevin Stead
  - h. Peter Clements
  - i. Peter Jones
  - j. Ray Wallis
8. Alterations to the NHSSA Constitution – see enclosed
9. Special Business: Notices of Motion from Barbara Endersby, Alister Smith and Graham Nye -
  - a. Motion One: Move that the NHSSA Management Committee be required to inform the general members of the Society at the earliest communication, when more than one member of the NHSSA Management Committee resigns with unresolved complaints with the committee in a short time span.

- b. Motion Two: Move that in the case of disciplining a member that the Disciplinary Committee be comprised of members without a conflict of interest [NHSSA Constitution 12.8.1(b)] – that is, to be judged by people with no known prior prejudice.
  - c. Motion Three: Move that the NHSSA Management Committee be banned from exposing the Society to legal action due to slanderous/defamatory 'open letters' being posted on the website [giving maximum public exposure] and that the NHSSA Management Committee be required to seek permission from the general membership before placing the Society at risk in this way.
  - d. Motion Four: Move that the Committee abandons its draconian editorial practices and allows publication of articles representing a range of opinion on any given topic relevant to the wellbeing of habitat and fauna on the Reserves, thus allowing the membership to be truthfully informed and fully informed.
10. Poll: Barbara Endersby, Graham Nye and Alister Smith request a Poll be taken on the question of the validity of the cancellation of John Endersby's Membership.
11. Closure

**Please stay after the meeting for nibbles and chat.**

\*Membership subscriptions are for the calendar year. If you need to renew your membership prior to the AGM, please visit <http://nhssa.com.au/support-us/renew-membership/> which includes instructions for payment. Please return your completed application form as confirmation of payment. Contact [info@nhssa.com.au](mailto:info@nhssa.com.au) or call 8370 3558 for more information.

## ALTERATIONS TO THE NHSSA CONSTITUTION – AGM 28<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016

Alterations to the NHSSA Constitution as approved unanimously by the Committee on 26 April 2016 to be proposed to the members as Special Resolutions at the Annual General Meeting on 28 May 2016. To be accepted, these special resolutions must be approved by a majority of not less than three quarters members present or by proxy at that meeting.

### 2.1. Definitions

2.1.(a) **[Change]** “natural environment” – for the avoidance of doubt, the phrase “natural environment” has the same meaning as in the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth).

[Note: There is no definition of “natural environment” in the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth).]

**[To]** “natural environment” – the phrase “natural environment” means “all living and non-living things that are locally indigenous under minimal or no human impact.”

2.1.(b) **[Change]** “Society” means the “Natural History Society of South Australia Incorporated”

**[To]** “Society” means the “Natural History Society of South Australia Incorporated” and/or “Wombats SA”.

## 9. REGISTER OF MEMBERS

9.1. **[Change]** Register of Members

The Secretary must keep and maintain a Register of Members of the Society which contains:...

**[To]** 9.1. Register of Members

*The Secretary, or delegate, must keep and maintain a Register of Members of the Society which contains:...*

9.2. **[Change]** Inspection and copying

The Register of Members is available for inspection free of charge by any member but such member may not use the information for any commercial purpose.

**[To]** 9.2. Use of the Register of Members

*The Register may only be used by the Management Committee to further the Objects as the Society considers appropriate and gives explicit permission for such use.”*

9.3. **[Add]** Inspection of Register

*The register of members’ names only may be open for inspection by any Registered Member of the Society. “Inspection” is defined as a visual sight of the Register and no copy by any means is to be taken without the written approval of the Management Committee.*

[Note: Under section 59 of the Act, access to the personal information of a person recorded in the register of members may be restricted in certain circumstances. Section 58 of the Act

provides that it is an offence to make improper use of information about a person obtained from the Register of Members.]

## 17. FUNDS

*17.1.2. [Add] The Committee shall appoint signatories to the Society's bank accounts and two (2) signatures shall be required for all debit transactions exceeding a defined amount as determined by the Committee. The Committee may set, amend, change or delete this defined amount with this decision recorded in the minutes where the change was approved.*

Please note, a copy of the [Constitution](#) can be downloaded from the NHSSA website using this link: <http://nhssa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/NHSSA-Constitution-2014-06-11.pdf>

If you would like to receive a printed copy of the Constitution, please send \$3.00 to cover the cost of printing and posting a copy to you (allowing plenty of time for AusPost to go both directions). For details of how to send this payment see the information on the [Become a Member](#) or [Make a Donation](#) pages. If you would like further information about how to do this, please call Karen Collins on 0419 353 803 or send an email to [info@nhssa.com.au](mailto:info@nhssa.com.au).