

Annie Bond is an ecologist and environmental educator with a degree in natural resource management and a graduate diploma in education. Annie's been a member of the Nature Conservation Society of South Australia since 1999, and served as a volunteer before joining the staff in 2007. Annie's experience also includes 4 years as Threatened Flora Ecologist with the SA Department for Environment and Heritage and 5 years as an environmental consultant specializing in conservation tenders and monitoring and evaluation for natural resource management programs. Annie has spent many happy hours killing weeds, counting plants and bush walking in South Australia's parks and reserves.

Dr Matthew Brookhouse completed a BSc(Forestry), Hons. at ANU in 1997. He returned to the ANU in 2003 after six years employed in the design and implementation of components of Victoria's Statewide Forest Resource Inventory and forest growth and yield studies by the Department of Sustainability and Environment. Matthew completed his PhD in 2008 and, after completing forest structural and dendrochronological research projects, accepted a position as Lecturer in Ecological Modelling and Measurement. Matthew's research primarily focusses on the use of tree rings. Currently he is utilising Snow Gum (*Eucalyptus pauciflora*) to develop dendrohydrological reconstructions of river flow in two rivers - Victoria's Thomson River and the ACT's Cotter River. In collaboration with NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, Matthew is also developing a network of tree-ring chronologies throughout the Australian Alps, based upon Mountain Plum Pine (*Podocarpus lawrencei*). This research is supported by the Australian Alps National Parks program and aims to deliver multi-century scale reconstructions of temperature variability. This research has attracted several awards including the Maxwell Jacobs Prize (2006), a Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries/Bureau of Rural Sciences Science and Innovation Award (2007) and an ANU Endowment for Excellence (2010).

Dr Rob Campbell was a Marine Scientist with CSIRO for 22 years, and is now TNPA President. Rob grew up in Melbourne and obtained a BSc and MEnvSc from Monash University and a PhD in mathematical physics from the University of Adelaide. He moved to Tasmania in 1988 after being enchanted by the island when rafting the Franklin River and completing several bushwalks. A keen traveler, bushwalker and photographer with a love of the natural world, he joined TNPA at its inaugural public meeting in September 2001 where he served as vice-president for two years and is currently serving third term as President. Living back in Melbourne now he frequently travels back to Tasmania for work and bushwalks. He is a strong believer in the need to share this planet with nature and to preserve the integrity, wilderness values and beauty of natural places as touchstones for the human spirit to counterbalance the intrusions of the modern consumer society. I see my role as an advocate of the Natural world and I invite others to join me in this endeavour.

Dr Andrew W. Claridge is a Senior Research Scientist with the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service. Andrew has worked on wildlife issues relating to management of conservation reserves across the Pacific over the past 20 years. Andrew's favourite hobbies are fly-fishing and golf.

Neil Cooper is the Manager, Fire Forestry and Roads with ACT Parks Conservation and Lands. He manages the PCL Fire Unit and was instrumental in getting the regional fire plans completed and then adopted in fire planning programs.

Bruce Ford is a privately employed rock-art conservator and museum conservation scientist currently carrying out research and developing standards in

relation to colour change and lighting policy and the application of significance to conservation planning for the National Museum of Australia. His involvement with Namadgi rock-art dates from 1989, and has mainly involved micro-environmental and lichen control studies and graffiti removal. He has worked on rock art mainly in NSW and Western Australia, and as a scientist at the Australian War Memorial, National Gallery of Australia where he was Head of Conservation, National Library of Australia and National Museum of Australia. He has a BSc (Hons) in chemistry from the University of Canterbury (NZ), a post graduate diploma in rock-art conservation (University of Canberra) and is currently undertaking an MA in Museum Studies at the Australian National University.

Roger Good retired from the NSW Public Service in 2004 after 10 years with Soil Conservation Service and 30 years with National Parks and Wildlife Service. During his 10 years with SCS he was in charge of the alpine restoration project; a revegetation and soil erosion control project following the removal of grazing from Kosciuszko National Park.

During his 30 years with the NPWS he held a number of positions including Senior Project Manager (Alpine Catchments). He has had a long-term involvement in wetland restoration work and following the 2003 fires has been involved in the restoration of bogs and fens with Alps parks staff. During his time with the NPWS he was located at CSIRO for 8 years working on fire and catchment management research programs in the Alps. Roger was one of four agency personnel, who, in 1986, developed and established the Commonwealth / States Alps National Parks Cooperative Management Program, that continues to operate to the present time. For the past 15 years Roger has been a member of the Murray Wetlands Working Group and is now a community executive member. He is also a Director of the Murray Wetlands Company, a non-profit company established to promote wetland and riverine conservation and restoration.

Roger is currently involved in an alpine plants and climate change impacts program at the National Botanic Gardens; a collaborative research project with the ANU and the NPWS. His own work focuses on the impacts of increasing UV light on the phenology and distribution of alpine plant species.

Roger is a member of the International Mountains Network; the World Protected Areas Committee of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and a member of the International Ecological Restoration Group. He is also a member of the Australian Network for Plant Conservation.

Christine Goonrey is currently President of the Conservation Council of the ACT Region; of the National Parks Association of the ACT and of the National Parks Australia Council. She is a member of the ACT Bushfire Council and is on the World Commission on Protected Areas. Prior to retirement she spent more than fifteen years working on social justice, housing and family policy in the Federal government and prior to that was a secondary school teacher. For many years she has enjoyed bushwalking and outdoor activities with her family and since retirement has spent her time working to protect Australia's unique biodiversity through her volunteer work. Her particular passion is finding native orchids in their natural settings in the ACT and surrounding regions.

Nicholas Hall has qualifications in archaeology, rock art conservation, heritage interpretation, and training qualifications from the Australian Institute of Management. He has worked for the Australian Heritage Commission, the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Heritage, a range of state and territory land management, heritage and tourism agencies and as a self-employed consultant. He has conducted training programs for universities here and overseas, national park bodies and World Heritage Areas and international organisations such as UNESCO and the World Monuments Fund.

Nicholas is now the Managing Director of Stepwise Heritage and Tourism Pty. Ltd., a consultancy firm specialising in participatory planning for heritage conservation and tourism management and development. His particular interests are in the ways that cultural heritage and the environment can be used in sustainable development. Nicholas has worked extensively with Indigenous groups in Australia and overseas, working collaboratively with local communities to protect heritage that is important to them and developing opportunities for local economic development. Nicholas has been an advisor for the development of cultural heritage programs at Uluru – Kata Tjuta and Kakadu National Parks, working closely with management agencies and traditional owners over many years.

John Hibberd is the Executive Director of the Conservation Council of the ACT Region, one of two NGO Executive members of the Australian Committee for IUCN, and deputy convenor of the South-East Region Conservation Alliance. He also serves on the Executive Board of the Native Conservation Council of NSW and of Biamanga National Park and is currently Convenor of the Australian Environment Network Steering Committee. John is a professional ecologist and environmental scientist and has extensive conservation experience throughout Australia, the Pacific and South East Asia for NPWS and a range of aid donor agencies.

Professor Geoff Hope is an environmental historian in the Department of Archaeology and Natural History, ANU, working on the interface between human activity and the environment with a mix of archaeologists, biogeographers and geoscientists. His research assesses the past impact of people on landscapes by measuring vegetation change (using pollen, charcoal and phytoliths) and geomorphic consequences: erosion, silting and shifts in production. Geoff is also interested in the roles of climate change and fire on human responses and adaptability. He is currently assessing the long-term fire regimes in east Kalimantan, Myanmar, New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu and Fiji in relation to their very different human settlement histories. He is also involved in measuring climate change in high-altitude sites across New Guinea using glacial histories. Geoff is currently developing pollen and other microfossil databases for the south-west Pacific region and contributing to a cooperative pollen description for the Indo-Pacific. A further interest is the peatlands of SE Asia and Australia in terms of wetland process, extent, carbon sequestration values and rehabilitation after burning or clearing. This work aims to contribute practical help for control of greenhouse emissions and solutions to problems of land management and biodiversity conservation.

Sally Hunt, Hotspots Fire Project Coordinator, has more than 20 years' experience working on various NRM projects in NSW and Victoria as well as in California, USA and the North Island of New Zealand. Sally has undertaken course work in fire ecology and behaviour while studying for her Masters degree in Environmental Science at Monash University, Victoria. Sally has been a firefighter in Victoria and in Northern California and was previously an NCC Representative on the Wyong Bushfire Management Committee. Prior to Hotspots, Sally worked for more than 10 years on water issues with a number of government and NGO organisations. Although passionate about biodiversity conservation, Sally maintains a balanced approach to NRM management and is particularly interested in transparent and equitable decision making processes to resolve NRM issues.

Phil Ingamells is an environmental educator and has worked, in both the public and private sector, in the development of interpretive material for most of Victoria's national parks. He is the author of guidebooks to two of Victoria's oldest national parks, Mount Buffalo and Wilsons Promontory.

More recently he has been a Council member and then a staff member of the Victorian National Parks Association, chiefly involved in advocating improved management and resources for Victoria's protected area system. He ran the association's successful campaign to remove licensed cattle grazing from the Alpine National Park. He is currently acting for the VNPA in its engagement with the Royal Commission into Victoria's Black Saturday fires, working for good biodiversity outcomes from the Commission's recommendations for fuel reduction burning.

Dylan Kendall is the Senior Fire Planner with ACT Parks Conservation and Lands, he has many years of experience around Australia in fire planning and was instrumental in the design and carriage of the fire plans and the ACT Strategic Bushfire Management Plan.

Dr Margaret Kitchin is the Senior Forest Ecologist with Research and Planning in ACT Parks Conservation and Lands. She has a PhD in fire ecology and works on the ACT vegetation and fire programs. She has worked for the last 2 years with Dylan Kendall on the ecological input into the development of the PCL regional fire plans.

Sharon Lane is the manager of the Research and Planning Section within Parks Conservation and Lands. She has worked in ACT Government for the past 11 years as an environmental educator, planner and research coordinator. Sharon has a Graduate Diploma in Horticultural Science and Masters in Environment and Society (ANU).

Roger Lembit has been a member of NPA of NSW for over thirty years. He has also worked for the Nature Conservation Council of NSW and The Wilderness Society.

He now works as an independent environmental consultant involved in a series of vegetation monitoring projects focussed on the western Blue Mountains. He has particular expertise in flora surveys, vegetation dynamics and conservation of rare or threatened plant species. He has extensive experience in flora surveys across New South Wales.

Roger was member of the National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council in NSW, chairing the Management Planning Sub-committee, and has been a President of NPA and the Australian Committee for IUCN.

Professor Brendan Mackey has a PhD in tropical plant ecology and is a Professor of environmental science in the Fenner School of Environment and Society at the Australian National University, Canberra. He is a member of the IUCN Council as a regional councilor for Oceania, and also serves on the Earth Charter International Council. Brendan is a member of the editorial board for the journal *Pacific Conservation Biology*. His current research is on the role of ecosystems in climate change mitigation, and the relationship between biodiversity and ecosystem resilience and adaptation.

Dr Tim Milne completed doctoral studies on the endangered grassland-dwelling Pygmy Bluetongue, and has published papers on reptile demography, ecology and behaviour, and grassland management. He has also co-authored a series of region-specific guides to assessing the condition of South Australia's native vegetation. As Project Manager for the Nature Conservation Society of South Australia Tim's work focuses on developing metrics to assess vegetation and biodiversity, and providing support to Natural Resource Management Boards regarding monitoring native vegetation condition. Tim also owns two properties under voluntary conservation agreement (Heritage Agreement) and is a keen herpetologist in his spare time.

Georgina Mollison is a qualified Wildlife Ecologist with 9 years experience in the environment industry. Georgina's qualifications include a Bachelor of Applied Science, in Conservation and Park Management and a Masters in Wildlife Management. In 2004 she took on a role as an Assistant Media Advisor for the Federal Minister for the Environment Dr David Kemp and has also worked in regional South Australia as an Ecologist at Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary and as a Park Ranger based at Innamincka Regional Reserve. Georgina is currently employed by the Nature Conservation Society of South Australia as a Conservation Ecologist.

Tony O'Brien is President of the National Parks Association of Queensland being first elected in September 2008, the year in which NPAQ celebrated the centenary of national parks in Queensland. He has been engaged with the conservation movement since the late 1960s.

With a wide-ranging commercial background covering 35 years, Tony brings to these activities an understanding of markets and financial imperatives. This work has involved operations in many countries and across a range of disciplines including manufacturing, marketing and distribution.

Since 2007 Tony has retired from full-time roles and is now engaged as the Chairman of two professional services companies, including Sentis Pty. Ltd, which is a world leader in the application of cognitive behavioural safety to the mining and utilities industries.

Tony is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Dave Patmore is an Assistant Director in the Planning, Tourism and National Landscapes Section of Parks Australia. He is responsible for providing leadership and support to park managers in the development of reserve management plans, climate change strategies, recovery plans and site plans. Dave has a background in natural systems and wildlife management and has worked for the Australian Government for 11 years with a particular emphasis on coastal and marine planning and management.

Professor Brad Pillans, in a research career spanning some 30 years, has authored more than 100 refereed publications in the broad fields of Quaternary stratigraphy, geochronology, paleoclimatology and landscape evolution, with a particular focus on paleomagnetic dating. From 1995 to 2008 he was a member of the CRC for Landscape, Environments & Mineral Exploration and leader of its Geochronology Project. In 2002 he was a key member of the geological investigation team that assessed the age of faulting at Lucas Heights nuclear reactor facility, where paleomagnetic dating demonstrated a minimum age of 5 million years for the timing of last fault movement. A hallmark of his research is the innovative application of geological dating techniques, usually as part of multidisciplinary teams involving other dating specialists. In recognition of sustained excellence in New Zealand Quaternary research he was elected as an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society of NZ in 2007. Brad is currently Vice President of the Geological Society of Australia.

Graeme Rundle has had a 40-year association with the Conservation Council of WA and has served on its Executive Committee at various periods, including as Secretary and Treasurer. Graeme received the Bessie Rischbieth Conservation Award in 2007, the Council's 40th year. Graeme is a leader in the conservation movement in WA and has made outstanding contributions to the protection of the environment through promoting conservation through reserves. He has been a member of the National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority and its successor, the present Conservation Commission, continuously for 16 years.

Dr Meredith Wilson is an archaeologist who specialises in the documentation, analysis and management of rock art sites and cultural landscapes. She has a long relationship with particular communities in Vanuatu where she has worked under the auspices of the Vanuatu Cultural Centre. In Australia, she has undertaken archaeological and heritage management work in the Blue Mountains, Jervis Bay, Willandra Lakes, Kakadu National Park and Namadgi National Park. Between 2004 and 2008, Meredith was the principal coordinator of the first World Heritage Nomination submitted by the Republic of Vanuatu for Chief Roi Mata's Domain, a cultural landscape under traditional ownership and management. This work involved extensive consultation with the local community, contributing to the preparation of the nomination file, the development of a plan of management for the proposed World Heritage area, and the establishment of a community-owned cultural tourism business. Meredith holds a BA (Hons.) from the University of Sydney and a PhD from the Australian National University. She has lectured in cultural heritage at the University of Canberra, and has worked on several consulting projects as an Associate of Stepwise Heritage and Tourism Pty Ltd, including the Namadgi Rock Art Conservation Project.

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