

Bulletin 15 of the WOMBAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA
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The Society continued to mail out the write up for the Mange Symposium during December and this will continue into the new year. Our webmaster, Linda Dennis, did a wonderful job transferring the pdf presentation files into the nice format seen on the website.

Carola Vamvakaris from the Monaro Press re- formatted the main mange pamphlet and a copy of this has been sent out with the Symposium CD rom.

This and a few other pamphlets will be on site in the new year so people can download them as they need them. We can also send out pamphlets to people needing them.

As the year ends , the Society as a public company ,undergoes an audit and has to give returns to the Australian Securities and Investment Commission.

This process reviews all financial transactions, checks basic requirements like Director' Meetings and that registration with A.S.I.C. has occurred and that minutes and entries into the Constitution are consistent. It checks bank statements and the public fund (donations) and assesses whether the Society undertakes its operations according to its stated aims. Following the end of the Society's financial year (to 30th October, 2007) there are four months to lodge returns with A.S.I.C. and hold the Annual General Meeting for the Society. This will be held **Saturday February 24th 2008 at the Society's licensed business address**. All members are welcome to attend this meeting. Those who cannot attend can still contribute and the January Bulletin will double as the Annual report . This report will also put to members a series of propositions to help each member decide the shape of the Society in the year to come. If you have any issues or would like a general membership discussion / vote on any matter please let Amanda Cox know as soon as possible via info@wombatprotection.org.au or if you prefer it to go directly to the Directors directors@wombatprotection.org.au .

The Society will present propositions for member's consideration in the next Bulletin in more detail and supply appropriate voting forms. All organisations should regularly develop their constitution and the Society purposefully created a general

constitution to begin with so members would be in charge of it rather than, as sometimes occurs, members being told what their constitution is. In addition, many Boards operate by letting Directors vote on behalf of members if a member doesn't choose to vote. This form of proxy voting is addressed in one of the propositions that will be put to the membership. If proposition 1 is passed then all members associate, honorary and member are entitled to vote. Currently all members are considered financial and potential changes to this definition are addressed in proposition 2. Proxy voting where member's give up their right to vote and allow a Director or other to vote on their behalf is addressed in proposition 3. Currently there are a number of propositions that will be voted on by members each to be answered either yes or no. We expect more to be added, and these will be sent to you before the AGM and we will attempt to keep the same affirmative/negative process in place for those as well.

PROPOSITION 1

That all financial members including Associate and Honorary members, of the Wombat Protection Society of Australia be entitled to vote on any proposition put to the membership and that financial members aged 18 and above accept as a full vote any appropriately completed voting form from any financial member aged less than 18 years.

PROPOSITION 2

That the definition of a financial member be someone who pays a stipulated fee when requested or who contributes "in kind" by assisting the work of the organisation.

PROPOSITION 3

That proxy voting where one or more Directors acts on behalf of one or more members across one or more proposition not be allowed. Instead only votes received and registered prior to the Annual General Meeting from each and any member deemed financial be the only count on any particular proposition.

Insert 9 pages Australian Story 2002. ABC Transcripts

Joey's Pages



The final comment in Australian Story 2002 (ABC) about wombats and P.J. Nicholson was the following from Michael Collins- Persse

“Beyond that, we should be cherishing our fellow creatures on this planet, and the way to do that is to understand them as best we can , anyone who has a dog, anyone who has a horse knows that. Peter had a wombat.

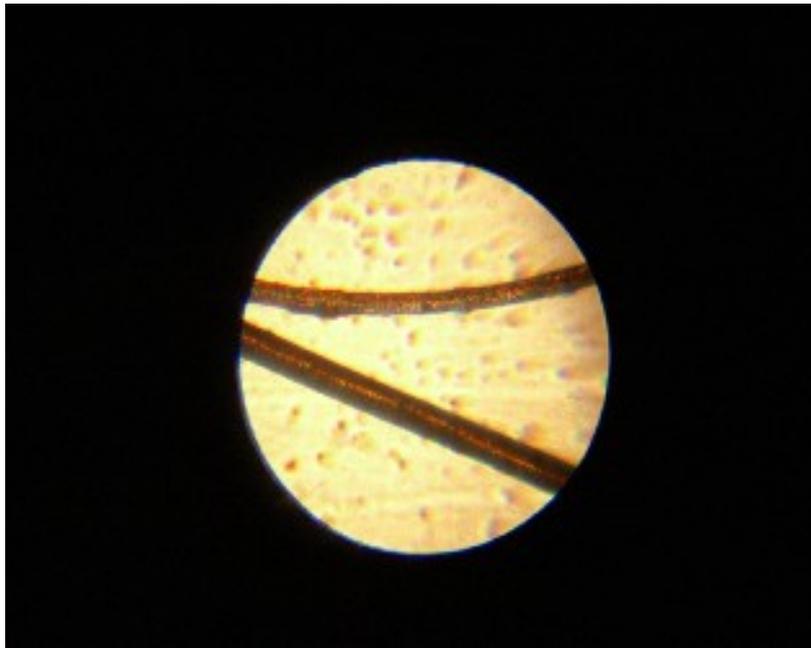
We decided to provide this transcript from ABC's Australian Story 2002 as part of Bulletin 15 so those who do not access the internet can read it, and to put into perspective some of the work being undertaken by younger members and to acknowledge one young member in particular.

Jarred Wynan and his brother Jake are two young men that P.J . Nicholson would be very proud of. Jarred and Jake's DVD of remarkable footage about their local wombats is for sale on our site. Both boys love wombats and spend a great deal of their spare time watching and filming them.

At their last meeting the Society's Directors' agreed to a special yearly award, currently to be called Director's Choice to award one of our younger members to recognise their work with wombats and to encourage other young people to get involved with wombats. The award for 2008 goes to Jarred Wynan and a “Special Mention” Award goes to his brother Jake. Jarred will receive \$100.00 as part of this award donated by a donor for this purpose. Both boys will receive certificates for their achievements.

HAIRY HAIRS

Some time ago we published a picture taken under a microscope of a wombat hair. The hair was from the coarse haired wombat also known as the forest wombat, the bare nosed wombat and the common wombat.



Our clever joeys pointed out (quite rightly) that these hairs must be different from those of the Southern Hairy Nosed Wombat which has much smoother hair. So with thanks to Bob Cleaver and Anusha (remember Anusha when she as little?) we can now show you what the joeys worked out...a different looking hair from the Southern Hairy Nosed wombat.

