

Landcare Tasmania
December 2021 Special General Meeting

10:00am Friday 10 December 2021
Online via Zoom

AGENDA

1. Welcome by the Chair
2. Outline of meeting procedure
3. Confirmation of quorum
4. Apologies
6. Board Directors - Election of new Directors
7. Meeting close

Board Directors

Election of new Directors

At the Annual General Meeting held on 12 November 2021, a motion was put forward to elect 4 new Directors to the Board of Landcare Tasmania Inc. In line with section 13(d) of Landcare Tasmania's Constitution, the election of Directors was put forward as a single motion. The motion was lost, and with the resignation of Dr Josie Kelman from the Board, there are 3 Directors remaining on the Board and 4 vacant positions.

Public Officer and Acting CEO Peter Stronach sought expressions of interest for new Directors. 8 applications were received. Applications have been considered by the Board and assessed against a skills matrix. The candidates recommended by the Board for appointment are as follows:

- Bill Harvey;
- Melinda McHenry;
- Mark Harrison; and
- Rosemary Collins.

Candidate bios are attached on the following pages.

Motion: *That Bill Harvey, Melinda McHenry, Mark Harrison and Rosemary Collins be elected to the Landcare Tasmania Board.*

Bill Harvey

Bill was first elected to Hobart City Council in 2007. He is currently the Chair of the City Infrastructure Committee, a member of the City Planning Committee, and the Community, Culture and Events Committee. He also sits on the Risk and Audit Committee, Cycling South Committee and Hobart Active Travel Committee.

Bill is a big picture, strategic thinker with a focus on outcomes. He has been instrumental in Hobart becoming the first jurisdiction in Australia to introduce regulation banning single-use, takeaway food related plastics. An initiative that will see the removal up to 10 million items of single-use plastics from the waste stream yearly in the City of Hobart Municipality. Hobart subsequently became a role model for other councils and also provided advice to other states with regard to their impending single-use plastic bans.

Bill was also instrumental in Hobart becoming the first capital city in Australia to declare a Climate and Biodiversity Emergency on the 17th June 2019. He is committed to creating an environmentally sustainable society through leadership, innovation, policy and good governance.

In 2019, he founded the UN SDGs Network Tasmania, which aims to create a collective impact approach, across public, private and not-for-profits sectors towards achieving positive outcomes underpinned by the UN SDGs. His combination of qualifications, experience as a director & chair, strategic thinker, governance skills and wide network would make him a valuable contributor to the Landcare Tasmanian Board.

Melinda McHenry

Dr Melinda McHenry is a physical geographer, agroecologist and Learning and Teaching strategist at the University of Tasmania. Melinda has 15+ years of experience in the public and private sector (including all levels of government and in Universities in three states), primarily working on issues related to natural resource management. Melinda contributes to state and national policy in soil conservation (recent contributor to the national soils strategy); geoheritage and geoconservation (former board of directors – Australian Geoparks Network; theme leader and steering committee member – National Geotourism Strategy, regional communities and post-mining landscapes; committee member – Tasmanian Geoconservation Reference Group); and higher education (Australian Geography Teachers Association). She also contributes to IUCN, UNESCO and European Geosciences Congress working groups.

Melinda has in the past managed several major projects relevant to NRM. Relevant projects include – National Soil Carbon Program (Project Manager – NSW Node, 1.5 million); Burnett-Mary Flood Recovery Programme (horticulture, agroecological and riparian restoration projects, 470k); Organic Soils and Fire (with DPIPWE – 370k National Heritage Grant). Melinda supervises a number of postgraduate students, and prefers industry-affiliated or practical projects of critical need. Recent projects include Gorse management (featuring landcare properties in the northern Midlands); human-wildlife conflict (Sulphur-Crested Cockatoo management in the Coal River Valley); recovery trajectories of native and introduced herbivores post-fire in Tasmania; impacts of fire on geodiversity; pollutants in biosolids used as organic amendments on farm; geotourism and sustainable use of Alpine landscapes; and land capability following land use intensification versus extensification. She is about to embark on a national carbon-farming certification scheme investigation with landholders undertaking or considering transitions to sustainable agriculture.

Melinda has also produced over 40 career research and conference presentations. She considers her greatest achievement to date to be in her empowerment of rural, regional and non-traditional higher degree research students to obtain meaningful employment and meet other goals within their communities. Melinda is an LGBTQI+ Ally, and NAHMI Mental Health Advocate.

Mark Harrison

Mark Harrison is a highly experienced senior executive, with 17 over years experience in Finance and Accounting. Mark is currently the Director of Finance at Savage Group, where he provides holistic advice to the business owners on business growth, management, risk, tax and accounting and all other commercial aspects of operations. Prior to this, Mark was a Partner with financial services firm Findex for 10 years, responsible for managing a significant portion of the Tasmanian office and overseeing a vast array of client affairs.

Mark is a committed environmentalist, and has been active within many environmental non-profit organisations over the course of his career. Previous roles include, Treasurer of Environment Tasmania, Branch Treasurer of the Tasmanian Greens, and Mark is currently a member of the Risk and Audit Subcommittee with Tasmanian Land Conservancy. Mark is a registered Tax agent, and a Public Practice certificate holder with CPA Australia. Mark takes it upon himself to do all he can within his sphere of influence to bring about better environmental outcomes for the State, and to advocate for action on climate globally.

Rosemary Collins

Rosemary is an agriculturalist, English language teacher, business woman, conservationist and above all, an advocate for marginalised groups in society. She has had extensive board experience in both voluntary and paid boards.

She was a ministerial appointee on the Institute of TAFE Tasmania Board for a 2 year term where she was also a representative on the Audit Committee. As part of the Board she was responsible for strategic planning through its Corporate Plan; risk management; monitoring TAFE's conduct & performance; ensuring all of TasTAFE's business was conducted in an honest, open and ethical manner; and monitoring the performance of the Chief Executive Officer.

Rosemary was a ministerial appointee on the Veterinary Board of Tasmania for 8 years where she was required to be the consumer representative amongst a Board of otherwise veterinary surgeons. The main purpose of the Board was to ensure veterinary surgeons acted in a professional manner according to the core values, principles and standards of the Australian Veterinary Association. The Board dealt with any formal complaints from the community in relation to the conduct of certain veterinarians. Rosemary helped to give a voice to the consumer in relation to these complaints.

Rosemary was a ministerial appointee on the Ministerial Advisory Group on Mental Health during a time when Tasmania faced many changes in the way they managed mental health. She was involved in community consultation work in the North and North West and also was on the committee for overseeing Bridging the Gap funding that was used for setting up a new rehabilitation service in Tasmania. She was also involved in the review of 1E (psychiatric ward of the LGH).

In a voluntary capacity Rosemary has held positions of secretary, treasurer, vice chair and chair of several committees. In 2015 she received a certificate from Meander Valley Council in recognition of 1000 voluntary hours.

Over the past 14 years, Rosemary has been very active in revegetation, regeneration and rehabilitation works on Glenore Farm. These have included fencing off waterways, crack willow removal, providing nature corridors for flora and fauna, creating mini wetlands and fencing off areas for natural regeneration. There have been over 4,000 plantings of native species and several kilometres of fencing erected. There have been over 100 people involved in these plantings, most recently including UTAS Landcare group. It has been her involvement with this group that has motivated her to be more involved with Landcare as an organisation.