



National Parks & Wildlife Advisory Council

The National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council provides the NSW Minister for the Environment and the NPWS executive with independent, informed advice on the priorities, design, implementation and evaluation of NPWS policies, strategies and programs to help achieve the objects of the National Parks and Wildlife Act.

Council also plays a key advocacy role through engagement with stakeholder organisations and networks.

Meeting summary – Narooma 23 and 24 May 2024

Council were provided updates on:

- Key management challenges, planning and future management priorities for Barunguba Montague Island Nature Reserve.
- Recent acquisition of high-quality koala habitat to the national parks system and NPWS koala habitat restoration projects.
- Outcomes of the Coronial Inquiry for the 2019/20 NSW bushfires.
- Park data monitoring and reporting on visitation trends.
- Newly completed Grand Cliff Top Walk (Blue Mountains National Park).
- The 2024 National Memorial Service held in Canberra on 2 May.

NPWS briefings were provided to Council for discussion and advice:

- Fire and incident management.
- National parks establishment planning process.
- Park management planning and consultation processes for reserve and precinct management.

More information: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/NPWS/NPWSAdvisoryCouncil.html

Council members

Cr Phyllis Miller OAM
(Chairperson): Local Government NSW

Mr Ted Rowley: Rural and regional development and planning issues

Assoc Prof Rosemary Black: Environmental education and community involvement in environmental education

Ms Rhonda Ashby: Aboriginal cultural heritage conservation

Dr Grahame Douglas AM: National Parks Association of NSW

Cr Romola Hollywood: Local Government NSW

Assoc Prof Julie Old: Scientific qualifications in an area associated with the conservation of nature

Ms Cathy Parsons: Ecotourism or the sustainable visitor or tourist use, enjoyment and appreciation of reserves

Mrs Erica Smits: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee member

Mr Edward Whyman: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee member

Mr Craig Thomas: Representing peak recreational bodies

Mr Ross McDonnell: NSW Nature Conservation Council

Mrs Bronwyn Petrie: NSW Farmers

Dr Rebecca Spindler: Scientific qualifications in areas associated with the conservation of nature

Dr Allison O'Sullivan: Qualifications in cultural heritage research

Mr Gregory Mullins AO: Bushfire management

Mr Andrew Smith: Hunter Central Coast Regional Advisory Committee

Mr Bob Conroy: Greater Sydney Regional Advisory Committee

Mr Geoff Chapman: West Regional Advisory Committee