



**Annual General Meeting**  
1pm Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2007  
Tram Sheds, Launceston

Meeting opened at 12.55 pm

1. **Present:** Roy Skabo, Chris Moore, Wyane Cole, Christian Goninon, Greg Stewart, Greg Taylor, Jean Taylor, Joan Hamm, Lynne Mockridge, Rosemary Verbeeten, Jamie Cooper, Jonah Gouldthorpe, Sue Hinton, Karen Stewart, Andrew Laird, Andrew Crane, Glenn Szalman, Di Harris, Matt Bartlett, Kieran Adams, John Thorpe, John Ireson, Paul Adams, Matt Baker, Bruce Knight, Peter McGlone.

2. Welcome: Andrew Laird

3. **Apologies:** Andrew Bishop, Sharon Young, Natalie Conod, Cindy Hanson, Andrew Hingston, Chris Barnes, Jay Wilson, Harold Ayton, Adrian Geard, Revel Munroe, Mike Noble, Phil Watson, Cameron McKinnon, Dean Zeven, Alan Harradine, Steve Bailey, Ian Lett, Richard Greenhill, Denis Charlesworth, Kerry Colgrave, Peter Franklin, Graeme Raphael, Bruce Greaves, Sandra Roberts, Sam Smee, Tim Phillips, Sally Staubman

4. Minutes of the 2006 AGM  
Copies of the minutes of the 2006 AGM were distributed.

**Motion:** That the 2006 AGM minutes be accepted as a true record of that meeting.

**Moved:** Matt Baker

**Seconded:** Jamie Cooper

**Accepted:** All

5. President's Report  
Andrew Laird distributed copies of President's report for 2007 (see attached) and gave a verbal summary.

**Motion:** That the President's report for 2007 be accepted

**Moved:** Bruce Knight

**Seconded:** Di Harris

**Accepted:** All

6. Treasurer's Report

Andrew Laird distributed copies of the Treasurer's report for 2007 (see attached) and gave a verbal summary

End of year finances \$20282 last year (0506). This compares with \$17668 this year (0607). TWS has done well this year and made significant achievements.

**Motion:** That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

**Moved:** Jamie Cooper

**Seconded:** Matt Baker

**Accepted:** All

7. Secretary's Report

Paul Adams distributed copies of the Secretary's report for 2007 (see attached) and gave a verbal summary.

**Motion:** That the Secretary's report be accepted.

**Moved:** Peter McGlone

**Seconded:** Matt Baker

**Accepted:** All

8. Election of Office Bearers

The election proceeded as follows

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nomination</b>	<b>Moved</b>	<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Accepted /Not Accepted</b>
<b>President</b>	Andrew Laird	Jamie Cooper	Greg Stewart	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	Peter McGlone	Andrew Laird	Bruce Auld	<b>No</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	Paul Adams	Andrew Laird	Jamie Cooper	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	Lynne Ryan	Andrew Laird	Matt Baker	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Newsletter editing team</b>	Natalie Conod	Andrew Laird		<b>Yes</b>
	Matthew Baker	Andrew Laird		<b>Yes</b>
	Greg Stewart	Andrew Laird		<b>Yes</b>
<b>Northern Reps</b>	Jamie Cooper	Andrew Laird	Greg Stewart	<b>Yes</b>
<b>North West Rep</b>	Vacant			<b>Yes</b>
<b>Southern Rep</b>	Vacant			<b>Yes</b>
<b>Public Officer</b>	Peter Franklin			<b>Yes</b>
<b>CAWS delegates</b>	Andrew Laird			<b>Yes</b>

## 9. General business

### *9.1 TWS membership fee increase*

Student membership up from \$5 to \$10  
Ordinary membership up from \$15 to \$25  
Corporate membership up from \$40 to \$55

**Motion:** That membership fees are going to increase as above

**Moved:** Andrew Laird

**Seconded:** Jamie Cooper

**Accepted:** All

### *9.2 Management of Treasurer / Secretarial functions*

It is suggested that these two positions be amalgamated in order to improve service to members and streamline communication and handling of TWS administrative services.

Comment: 50 hrs / year at \$20 / hour will be the upper limit of \$1000 for such services.

**Motion:** That TWS will allocate funds up to \$1200 for 07/08 society year for provision of professional secretarial services

**Moved:** AL

**Seconded:** PMc

**Accepted:** All

### *9.3 TWS Foundation*

Andrew Laird to write a discussion paper in detail. A paper supporting the establishment of the Foundation is attached in this agenda. The Foundation will be organised by a sub-committee. Allocate more time to investigate this issue.

**Motion:** TWS to formulate a sub-committee to develop a plan for the establishment of a foundation for furthering the objectives of the TWS. This will include scoping a marketing plan and investigating ways of procuring, rationalising and maintaining society finances.

**Moved:** Andrew Laird

**Seconded:** Lynne Mockridge

**Accepted:** All

### *9.4 Response to National Weed Spread Strategy*

TWS response to closure of CRC for Weeds

A paper on the response was summarised by Andrew Laird. John Thorpe commented that the Weed CRC did not meet the criteria for a new CRC in this round and so was not supported. The most effective response by TWS on this issue was lobby Federal members

for Tasmania for a replacement body - something that will still coordinate the research nationally. The most useful thing we can do is a new model

**Motion:** That TWS formulate a response to Weed CRC closure draw it to the attention of all state Federal politicians.

**Moved:** Andrew Laird and John Thorp

**Seconded:** Bruce Knight

**Accepted:** All

*9.5 Nominations for most weed-wise nursery in the country*

Nominations are being called for the most weed-wise nursery in the country. John Thorn also mentioned the National Accreditation scheme under GCA. TWS to support and promote accredited businesses and promote who is out there doing the right thing.

**Meeting closed:** 1.55pm

The AGM was followed by several presentations:

1. DPIW and NRM overview by Christian Gonninon (Principal Weed Management Officer, DPIW weeds section)
2. Aquatic weeds by Andrew Crane (Regional weed management officer, DPIW)

Others?