



## *The Australian Rangeland Society*

# MINUTES PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 14 September 2016

6.00 pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time  
By Teleconference

1. Don Burnside opened the meeting and welcomed members at 6.05 pm.
2. **Present:** Don Burnside (Acting Chair), Wal Whalley, Ken Hodgkinson, Amber Marshall, Carolyn Ireland (Minutes Secretary)  
  
**Apologies:** Ron Hacker, Jocelyn Davies, Andrew Ash, Noelene Duckett, Paul Novelly (power failure), David Eldridge, Camilla Osborn
3. **Additional items for general business:**  
Don attended Steve Blake's funeral a few weeks ago. ARS gave a wreath of native flowers and a \$100 donation to Brain Cancer Australia. The Committee thanked Don for his representation of the Publications Committee at the funeral.
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** Motion: That the minutes of the Publications Committee meeting held by teleconference on 13 July 2016 as amended, be accepted. Moved: Wal Whalley, Seconded: Amber Marshall
5. **Matters arising from previous minutes (not listed as separate agenda items):**  
Paul had dealt with the keywords with Jenny Foster  
Ron has instigated the change that all website and social media are now run through the Chair, Publications Committee. The approach seems to be working satisfactorily.
6. **The Rangeland Journal**
  - 6.1. Report from Editor-in-Chief  
In Paul's absence, a brief report was provided by Wal. The next issue has enough papers and the last issue for 2016 will also go out on time. There are two special issues lined up for 2017 (Mongolian Plateau and Restore, Regenerate, Revegetate). The first special issue for 2018 will be a selection of papers from the Port Augusta Conference. A second special issue for 2018 needs to be identified.  
  
**Action:** PC to think about a Special Issue for the second half of 2018. An approach be made to Ninti-one (by Don) and the new CRC for Northern Australian Development (see <https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/cooperative-research-centres-programme/crc-for-developing-northern-australia>) (by Don via Ian Watson and/or David Phelps) for possibilities.
  - 6.1.1. Appointment of Associate Editors  
The appointment of Matthew Tighe was approved. **Moved:** Wal Whalley, **Seconded:**

Ken Hodgkinson, **Carried**  
Mike Schellenberger, AgCanada, declined the invitation.

6.1.2. (Note from Don - Paul advised after the meeting that he is still in need of more Associate Editors).

6.1.3. Advisory Editors – appointments and engagement

The suggestion was made that we need more Advisory Editors, but we also need to engage with them more. There is a role statement, which Don will send to Paul. Further discussion held over to the next meeting.

**Action:** Don to send role statement for Advisory Editors to Paul with amendments.

## 6.2. Special issues

6.2.1. Mongolian Plateau (Jocelyn Davies)

The issue is still being edited and will be published in 2017

6.2.2. Restore, Regenerate, Revegetate (Wal Whalley)

Contract has been received by Don from Nick Reid and will be sent on to David Phelps for signature; the issue to be published in 2017. The Invoice for \$2,200 sponsorship for the Conference has been received by Don. This contribution is in effect a donation by Wal Whalley of his honorarium for his period as A/Editor in Chief.

## 7. Range Management Newsletter

7.1. Report from the Editor

A written report from Noelene was received and tabled.

The mid-year issue of the newsletter was finally uploaded last weekend with some great articles about the IRC. Noelene had wanted to include all the IRC reports but unfortunately due to travel and other work commitments Kate Forrest and John Gavin were not able to prepare their report in time - this will definitely be available in the next issue which is due out in November. Council has also asked to include an article in the November issue on the procedures for nominating new Fellows of the Society. Apparently, the Society can appoint two new Fellows given the current membership levels. There is a clear process for nominating and assessing applications - these detailed guidelines will be included in full.

7.2. "Teasers" for Social Media

Cross pollination across our social media channels. Amber and Noelene have been collaborating on this, and progress is being made. Item completed.

## 8. ARS web site

8.1. Report from the Editor

No report.

8.2. Progress with uploading past issues of

8.2.1. Range Management Newsletter

8.2.2. Biennial Conference Proceedings

8.2.3. Council Minutes

8.2.4. Videos of Rangeland Journal Lectures

8.3. Email alert for new Journal abstracts

8.4. Website management for 2017 Biennial Conference

It has been agreed that entry into the Conference-specific material will be via the Society's website.

## 9. Social Media

### 9.1. Report from the Social Media Editor (verbal)

Social Media is going very well, however, Amber has a full time job and is finding it hard to keep up the original standard. She would like some assistance so that the standard does not go down. Is Noelene able to help with monitoring? Approval was given to Amber to discuss with Noelene whether she can assist in daily monitoring of material on Facebook. Other matters - Carol's enquiry about notifications will be answered soon. Don's material on the Outback farming conference he attended will be up on Social Media soon. Amber requested that any relevant content be sent to her for use in Social Media.

**Action:** Amber to open negotiations with Noelene about this

## 10. Other items of General Business

### 10.1. Vacancy on the Publications Committee (*vice* Steve Blake)

How is this handled? There have been a couple of members of the PC who have been linked with the CRC's managed through Ninti One Ltd – it might be useful to go back to Ninti-one to see if there are other people who may wish to be involved. There is also a new CRC for Northern Australia that may provide future appointments.

**Action:** Don to contact the General Manager of Ninti-one to see if he can suggest a replacement.

### 10.2. Advertising on the web (Noelene Duckett)

We have advertised on the web. There are a set of rates that have been advised by Fat Beehive. Noelene has suggested that we take out the advertising space in RMN. More timely to advertise on the web.

**Action:** It was resolved that Noelene remove the section about the RMN

### 10.3. Publishing Contract

#### 10.3.1. Review of Call for Expression of Interests and Information Package

This was tabled. Ron has advised that the call for Expressions of Interest needs to go out in November this year so that the tender package goes out to those organisations in December, with responses by end of February.

#### 10.3.2. Timetable

**Action:** Ken and Wal to add at the comments and changes that Andrew, Wal and Jocelyn have made, add the dates and recirculate to the Publication Committee. The complete EoI and Tender Package will then be sent to Carol for circulation to Council before 5 October.

**Action:** Ken and Wal to send a list of possible publishers to Ron

### 10.4. The 2017 ARS Conference at Port Augusta

**Action:** Publication Committee to suggest names of people to review abstracts for the conference from April to July next year.

## 11. Date of future meetings if required (two weeks before Council Meetings)

23 November

### 11.1. The meeting closed at 7.20 pm.