



Permaculture Tasmania Inc.

Annual General Meeting 2025

Sunday 14 September 2025 at 1.30pm @ Evandale Community Centre – High St, Evandale

In person and online Zoom option available

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country: John Kane

David Holmgren spoke to the committee and membership from Kinglake, Victoria.

The Process people vs the Product people: PT needs both of those types of people to work. When the process people become the gravitational centre, that can cause tension with the product people. Since Covid, informal community led activities have been increasingly popular. This has caused more formal groups to struggle, but if we work with those informal groups things can happen. Process and formalities need to be put in place for product people to be successful. There needs to be a balance though and we can informally support people and networks that are doing things outside of the formal structure. The social licence is much more important than the legal licence but we need to be mindful of the legal obligations that keep everyone safe. Our own personal disposition and experiences are import as well in the development of formal and informal approaches to permaculture activism. Be aware and support kindred networks that are not labelled “permaculture” and be inclusive of those alternative frameworks. Part of the job is to facilitate and encourage and how do you recognise the skill set and achievements of the “fringe dwellers”, the individuals and the household dwellers from kindred networks.

One area to zero in and focus on at the beginning is the household level rather than community level. Acknowledging and supporting each person coming to the group and what they are contributing from some kind of household level structural foundation is fundamental. There can be tension between the individual wants/needs/skills etc and the community wants/needs/ kills etc but all communities are made up of individuals. When it is working at the household level then that can then filter to it working in the community space.

2. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: Tania B, Fiona C, Charles M, Pat C, Tania, H, David H, Sam N, Russ G, Dianne A, Loretta L, John K, Suzi R

Online: Bruce J,

Apologies: Will H,

3. Acceptance of Minutes of previous annual general meeting

Motion to accept minutes: John

Second: Tania

Motion carried.

4. Annual Report: John

President's Report

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14 September 2025

1. Welcome and thanks

The past year has seen an enormous effort on the part of our dedicated all-volunteer team to resuscitate and rejuvenate the Permaculture Tasmania organisation.

Special thanks to our committee members for all their ideas, hard work and commitment to bringing Permaculture to people across Tasmania and connecting practitioners from all over.

- Our Membership Officer Dianne Anderson has sourced wonderful membership benefits and discounts from partners and is diligently working on many more.
- Life Member Tania Brookes has done invaluable work mentoring the new committee members, provided crucial PT history and knowledge and facilitated important partnerships including the CWA.
- Karen Hewitt has been involved with many of our events and tables, bringing seeds, books, pamphlets and signage. The support she provides through Transition Tamar is essential to our organisation's function and provides valuable cross-pollination with people doing regeneration and transition work.
- Will Hu did the heavy lifting to get our website up and functioning while working full time and raising an infant son and an ever-growing flock of chickens.
- Treasurer Bruce Jackson has ably and accurately managed our finances to position us for more future success. Bruce held PT in place whilst it was in hiatus. Without this, there would be no PT.
- Secretary Loretta Leary has herded all the cats—handling event logistics, planning, committee meetings agendas, daily social media posts and endless administrative work. All this while providing us with the perspective of her 25 years of award-winning environmental education experience and maintaining a demanding travel schedule for her work empowering citizen scientists through Earthwatch Australia.
- Public Officer Suzi Read has used her comprehensive knowledge of the Constitution and organisational rules to ensure that all processes, policies and rigour were scrupulously maintained. We wish her well in her future endeavours.
- Sam Nobes came late to the party but better late than never. He has been instrumental in the applying for markets and events and has supplied us with our wonderful breads and cakes today. We are so glad that you have joined our team.

2. Successes

We have dramatically grown our membership organically through getting out in front of people at festivals, markets and community events. From 70 to 388 members. The organic growth of the membership has grown at every event that we have been at.

We are now much better positioned to meet our mission of bringing people together to build a better world by learning, sharing, and working on the ground, in our homes and communities. I look forward to being a part of this rewarding journey in a challenging time. Thank you all for being here.

5. Financial Report

- a. Income and Expenditure Report
- b. Financial statement for the 2024/25 financial year

Financial statement shared and attached below minutes.

Would like to acknowledge David Hirst for helping us get the Website and all things attached to it up and running.

We would to acknowledge Bruce for his work in keeping PT alive whilst in hiatus. Without him there would be no PT today.

6. Proposed Resolutions

7. Election of Committee Members

Patrick Casey nominated by Loretta Leary. Nomination form attached at the end of these minutes. Seconded by Sam. Motion carried. Patrick Casey elected.

Nominations and elections;

President: Suzi moved. Loretta seconded. Motion carried John Kane elected

Secretary: Suzi moved. Loretta seconded. Motion carried Loretta Leary elected

Treasurer: Suzi moved. Loretta seconded. Motion carried Bruce Jackson elected

Public Officer: Loretta moved. Karen seconded. Motion carried John Kane elected

Membership Officer: Dianne moved. John seconded. Motioned carried. Dianne Anderson elected

General Committee Members:

Moved by Suzi, seconded by John. Motioned carried. Elected members.

Karen Hewitt (Transition Tamar Representative), Will Hu, Sam Nobes, Patrick Casey, Tania Brookes

8. Meeting close

Thank you to everyone that attended today.