

**A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORNITHOLOGICAL
ASSOCIATION INC. (BIRDS SA) HELD 25 OCTOBER 2022 AT WAITE CAMPUS,
CHARLES HAWKER 101/102**

1. INTRODUCTION

The President, Steven Langley, opened the meeting at 19:33 and welcomed members, with 63 members being present.

Steven Langley explained the purpose of this Special General Meeting was to vote on changes to two rules of Association and handed the meeting over to Vice President, Jeff Groves.

2. PURPOSE OF MEETING - APPROVAL OF AMENDED RULES OF ASSOCIATION 27.3 AND 27.4

Jeff Groves explained the history behind the proposed amendment to the rules, namely:

At the last General Meeting held 27 September 2022, Jeff Groves, proposed a motion that the amendments to Association Rules 27.3 and 27.4, required by the REO, be voted on at a subsequent Special General Meeting. The motion was seconded by John Hatch and carried by a majority of members present.

On 4 October 2022 a Birds SA E-newsletter was issued to members advising of a Special General Meeting on Tuesday, 25 October 2022 and the intention to hold a vote on the amended rules as proposed in the September GM and the E-newsletter.

Jeff then presented the amendments, which have been previously communicated to members in General Meeting held 27 September 2022 and in E-newsletter on 4 October 2022, namely:

Current 27.3

The Conservation Fund was established to receive gifts of money or property from the general public for this purpose and any money received from such gifts must be credited to the Conservation Fund bank account as specified in 27.7. The fund must not receive any other money into its account and must comply with subdivision 30 – 55E of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

Proposed 27.3

Members of the public are to be invited to make gifts of money or property to the fund for the environmental purposes of the Association. Any money received from such gifts must be credited to the Conservation Fund bank account as specified in 27.7. The fund must not receive any other money into its account and must comply with subdivision 30 - 55E of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

Current 27.4

The Conservation Fund will be administered by the Conservation Fund Committee of no fewer than three persons.

(a) The Conservation Fund Committee will be appointed by the Committee of the Association.

(b) A majority of the members of the Conservation Fund Committee are required to be “responsible persons” as defined by the Guidelines to the Register of Environmental Organisations.

Proposed 27.4

The Conservation Fund will be administered by the Conservation Fund Committee of no fewer than three persons. The Conservation Fund Committee will be appointed by the Committee of the Association and will have a majority of members who are “responsible persons” as defined by the Australian Taxation Office.

Jeff Groves then called on members to vote on acceptance of amended rules 27.3 and 27.4, as proposed, by a show of hands. The motion was passed by an overwhelming majority of members present with no votes against.

3. CLOSE

Jeff thanked members and the meeting was closed at 19:38 pm.

Signed as a true and correct record

Steven Langley

29 November 2022