



## Notice of 2024 Annual General Meeting

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7.00pm

Via Zoom

The purpose of the meeting will be:

1. Confirmation of Minutes from the 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM)<sup>1</sup>
2. Receive the 2024 BOS Australia Financial Report and a review of the year from the President<sup>1</sup>
3. Confirmation of the BOS Australia Committee (Appendix A)
4. Provide update to members on release and enrichment programmes
5. Brief outline of plan for next year
6. Thank you to our volunteers and committee members
7. General Business

### Voting instructions

All financial and life members of BOS Australia are invited to attend the AGM and exercise their vote. If you are unable to attend in person, you may appoint a proxy being a financial or life member of BOS Australia who is able to attend the meeting. You will need to complete and return the accompanying Proxy form to the Secretary, BOS Australia no later than 48 hours before the AGM.

Please note that the BOS Australia constitution dictates that no member may hold more than five proxies.

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<sup>1</sup> Copies of the 2023 AGM Minutes and the 2023 Financial Report are available at [www.orangutans.com.au](http://www.orangutans.com.au)

## Appendix A - Confirmation of committee

Item 3 seeks approval for the election of the BOS Australian committee for the 2024-25 year.

All positions are open for election - four office bearer positions and four ordinary committee member positions.

As there is one nomination only for each office bearer position and three nominations only for ordinary committee member positions, the following nominees are taken as elected:

<b>President</b>	Kerin Welford
<b>Vice President</b>	Louise Grossfeldt
<b>Treasurer</b>	Corey Mrnjavac
<b>Secretary</b>	Tom McCrie
<b>Ordinary Committee Member</b>	Rebecca Parsons

For your information, a brief bio of each of the incoming or re-nominated committee members is provided:

### **President – Kerin Welford (NSW)**

An internationally accredited Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE) and Fellow of the Fundraising Institute of Australia (FFIA), Kerin Welford is the Director of Bluestone Fundraising. With more than 24 years' experience, Kerin has worked within nine international, national and regional charitable organisations, spanning the not-for-profit sector across Australia and New Zealand. A multi-award-winning fundraising leader, change manager, international conference speaker and mentor, Kerin also serves as a Director of The Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad (SPANNA) and is the President of Sydney Street Cats.

### **Treasurer – Corey Mrnjavac (Vic)**

Corey is a qualified Certified Practising Accountant (CPA) with over 20 years' experience in a range of roles across both commercial and non-for-profit sectors in Australia and overseas, and is currently Director of Corporate Services for an established Victorian-based mental health organisation. Corey is committed to and passionate about the survival of orangutans and assists through his broad experience in financial, compliance and operational matters.

### **Secretary – Tom McCrie (NT)**

Tom is a practising solicitor with 10 years' experience working in both public and private sectors. Tom has significant experience providing advice on corporate and governance matters, funding arrangements and in general commercial, property and environmental law. Tom brings legal and administrative skills to the Secretary role. Tom has a passion for wildlife photography and hopes that his skills can assist with the conservation of the Bornean orangutan and its habitat.

### **Vice President – Louise (Lou) Grossfeldt (NSW)**

Louise is the Primate Curator at the new Sydney Zoo. This follows a long-term supervisory role at the Primate Unit at Sydney's Taronga Zoo, where she's worked for over 25 years specialising in the husbandry and management of a range of different primate species. Louise has been involved with

BOSA since 2002. She provides animal husbandry advice on the care of the non-releasable orangutans held within the BOS sanctuaries in Indonesia. Louise is one of the key enrichment advisors of the welfare/ enrichment committee. She is working alongside Fleur Butcher, another key orangutan person, to develop effective enrichment programs.

**Committee Member – Rebecca Parsons (NSW)**

Rebecca is an experienced IT consultant who transitioned from the corporate world in 2022 to apply her software skills in the nonprofit sector, now helping organisations optimise their Salesforce CRM systems. She has always been deeply passionate about conservation, volunteering in the Belizean rainforest and the jungles of Borneo, where she developed a deep connection with orangutans. Her experience in Borneo inspired her mission to protect these incredible creatures and their natural habitat.