



National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council

Meeting summary – Broken Hill and West Darling area 23-24 May 2023

The National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council (Council) provides the Minister for the Environment and the National Parks and Wildlife Services (NPWS) executive with independent, informed advice on the priorities, design, implementation and evaluation of NPWS policies, strategies and programs to help achieve the objects of the National Parks and Wildlife Act.

Council also plays a key advocacy role through engagement with stakeholder organisations and networks.

NPWS updates were provided to Council members for discussion on:

- the new NSW Government and its Ministry
- NPWS Aboriginal Joint Management program
- NSW Reconstruction Authority
- fire and incident management
- upcoming plans of management and planning status report.

Site Visit: Council visited Mutawintji National Park and Mutawintji Historic Site on Tuesday 23 May. The Chair of the Mutawintji National Park Board of Management, and a representative of the Mutawintji Local Aboriginal Land Council, briefed Council on:

- joint management principles
- Aboriginal history and cultural values
- programs and conservation efforts
- Aboriginal paintings, stencils and engravings on site which depict pre and post-colonial Aboriginal history and reflect the community's relationship to Country.

More information:

www.environment.nsw.gov.au/about-us/who-we-are/national-parks-and-wildlife-advisory-council

Council members

Cr Phyllis Miller OAM (Chairperson)

Experience in planning and local government, nominated by Local Government NSW

Mr Ted Rowley (Deputy Chairperson)

Expertise and experience in rural and regional development and planning issues

Assoc Prof Rosemary Black

Expertise and experience in environmental education and community involvement in environmental education

Ms Rhonda Ashby

Expertise and experience in Aboriginal cultural heritage conservation

Mr Brian Everingham

Expertise in non-government organisations concerned with the conservation of nature, nominated by NSW National Parks Assoc.

Cr Romola Hollywood

Experience in planning and local government, nominated by Local Government NSW

Mr Paul Knight

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee member

Assoc Prof Julie Old

Scientific qualifications in an area associated with the conservation of nature

Ms Cathy Parsons

Expertise and experience in ecotourism or the sustainable visitor or tourist use, enjoyment and appreciation of reserves

Mrs Erica Smits

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee member

Mr Craig Thomas

Representing peak recreational bodies

Mr Ross McDonnell

Expertise in non-government organisations concerned with the conservation of nature, nominated by the NSW Nature Conservation Council

Mrs Bronwyn Petrie

Expertise and experience in agriculture and rural issues, nominated by NSW Farmers

Dr Rebecca Spindler

Scientific qualifications in areas associated with the conservation of nature

Dr Allison O'Sullivan

Qualifications in cultural heritage research

Mr Gregory Mullins

Expertise and experience in bushfire management