

South Gippsland Conservation Society Inc

Minutes for Annual General Meeting

Sunday 13 September 2026, 11:00am, Bunurong Environment Centre

Chaired by Trevor Forge, who was confirmed in the role by a show of hands from attendees. Trevor declared that a quorum had been reached and opened the meeting at 1110.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Bunurong and Boon Wurrung peoples as the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, and over which they have never ceded sovereignty. We pay our respects to Elders, past and present, and to those who work with us, and look to our shared future and common desire to sustain and care for the land on which we live.

2. Guest Speaker

Philip Heath and Ed Thexton presented on the history of Inverloch Surf Beach erosion, the Inverloch Coastal Resilience Project and the proposed revegetation of the renourished dunes.

3. Attendance and Apologies

Attending at BEC:

Trevor Forge (Chair)	Anne Moorhouse
Pam Copeland	Lisa Golding
Carol Christensen	Philip Heath
Lynn Seymour	Ed Jensen
Ed Thexton	Cat Bevan-Jones
Maree Chambers	Ken Blackman
Mike Chambers	Cris Green
Leone Thiele*(proxy vote	Warwick Mears
Peter McKenzie)	Michael Nugent
Mike Tesch	Pete Muskens
Carol Johnston	Debbie Williams
Wendy Page	

Attending by Zoom:

Mike Cleeland

Apologies:

Richard Perry
Aileen Vening
Leo Lubransky
Alison Brewster
Nigel Murray
Jennifer Murray
Peter McKenzie*
John Cuttriss
Sophie Cuttriss
Susan Atkins

4. Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2025

Motion: To accept the Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 19th October 2025 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Trevor Forge Seconded: Ed Jensen CARRIED

5. Annual (President's) Report:

Presented on behalf of Vice President John Cuttriss by Trevor Forge.

Trevor also acknowledged the contribution made by shop volunteers and the importance of the co-located Shell Museum.

6. Acceptance of Financial Report:

Treasurer Ed Jensen presented a summary of the previously circulated Financial Report and copies of which were available at the meeting.

Motion: To accept the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2026.

Moved: Ed Jensen Seconded: Trevor Forge CARRIED

7. Motion to determine membership fees:

The Rules of the Association require that the membership fees be set at the AGM.

Motion: To hold the membership fees for annual payment due for 27/28 Financial Year at the existing rate in accordance with the schedule below.

CHAMPIONS FOR CHANGE	\$100
FAMILY	\$40
SINGLE	\$30
SINGLE CONCESSION	\$22
LIFE MEMBERS	No charge

An amendment was tabled to delete the wording of the motion and insert the following wording.

That the membership fees are adjusted to be:

Member \$25

Associate members (under 15 years of age) and life members: no charge.

Moved: Leone Thiele Seconded: Lisa Golding

After robust discussion the motion was narrowly defeated. The original motion was then put to the meeting.

Moved: Ed Jensen Seconded: Trevor Forge CARRIED

The Chair requested that the incoming Committee review options for membership and report back to the membership by 31 December 2026.

8. Life membership nomination

Motion: To award Life Membership to Sophie Cuttriss and to John Cuttriss in acknowledgement of their contributions to the efforts of the Society.

Moved: Alison Brewster Seconded: Trevor Forge CARRIED

9. Motion to determine number of ordinary member positions on the Executive Committee:

Motion: That there be a maximum of eight (8) ordinary member positions on the Executive Committee.

Moved: Ed Jensen Seconded: Trevor Forge CARRIED

10. Election of Executive Committee:

The Chair declared all positions vacant and as all positions/nominations were uncontested, the new Committee was enacted.

ROLE	ELECTED	MOVERS/SECONDRS
President	Ed Thexton	Leone Thiele / Babette Casey
Vice-President	John Cuttriss	John Cuttriss / Sophie Cuttriss
Secretary	Leone Thiele	Carol Christensen / Mike Tesch
Treasurer	Ed Jensen	Wendy Page / Lynn Seymour
Ordinary Member	Alison Brewster	Aileen Vening / Michelle Ward
Ordinary Member	Richard Perry	Delia Perry / Trevor Forge
Ordinary Member	Philip Heath	Philip Heath / Trevor Forge
Ordinary Member	Lynn Seymour	Philip Heath / Maree Chambers
Ordinary Member	Nigel Murray	Trevor Forge / Ed Thexton
Ordinary Member	Trevor Forge	John Cuttriss / Carol Christensen
Ordinary Member	Mike Tesch	Leone Thiele / Ed Thexton
Ordinary Member	Lisa Golding	Leone Thiele / Ed Thexton

The Chair also acknowledged the contributions from outgoing Committee Members Annette Read and Michael Nugent, and the efforts of Carol Christensen (Shop Manager), Marilyn Hernandi and all the volunteers who contribute to the Society in some unseen way.

Meeting closed at 1310.

Next Committee meeting to be held on Monday 19 October 2026 at 1500.