

Board Directors Appointed

Jan Ferguson OAM

It has been a great privilege to serve as the Nature Foundation's inaugural Chair of the company and as part of the Board to lead an organisation of dedicated supporters and staff. I am a highly skilled Company director with 16 years' experience in unincorporated joint ventures, ASIC registered and Not for Profit Boards and Foundations. I am currently Chair of the Nature Foundation and am seeking re-election as a Director.



My style as a Director is to be inclusive and to build an effective team. I will take account of the available information, seek advice and in partnership with the Board ensure the Board is decisive. I have chaired Boards, committees and community groups and with this broad experience I am able to influence directors having the opportunity to participate fully in decisions whilst having the opportunity to contribute to the Board their unique skills.

You are welcome to view my CV, available at www.janferguson.com.au.

Since being elected to the role of Chair I have overseen

- Our change to a company structure
- Recruitment of an outstanding Board
- And developed a strategic plan which drives our business
- An increase in our conservation estate by 20,000 ha
- A significantly improved financial position
- Good and growing working relationships with our business partners
- Stronger and more cohesive partnerships with the other environmental NGOs

I believe with the team we have is capable of even greater things in our 40th year and beyond.

My vision is to

- Increase our nature conservation estate
- Constantly improve the conservation estate we currently own
- Increase our profile in the philanthropy sector
- Bring more people into contact with nature
- Increase our band of dedicated supporters

Thank you for your support.

Professor Philip Weinstein

Professor Philip Weinstein chairs the Nature Conservation Committee to help ensure that our research effort underpins both our management of our reserves as well as our community engagement. He is Professor of Public Health and Adjunct Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of Adelaide, and is a Research Affiliate of the South Australian Museum.



Phil holds dual qualifications in ecology (PhD) and public health medicine (MBBS, FAFPHM), focusing his current research on the ecosystem services provided by biodiversity conservation – including human health benefits.

Phil has lectured zoology at James Cook University, was Professor of Public and Environmental Health at the University of Queensland, and Head of School of Population Health at the University of Western Australia. He has over 300 publications on insect ecology, water quality, and mosquito-borne disease. He was a member of the Board of Review Editors for the global Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, sits on the Editorial Board of EcoHealth, served as Co-Chair of the International Medical Geology Association, and is immediate past President of the Australian Entomological Society.

Phil has led major research programmes through Cooperative Research Centres, has served on several NGO Boards, and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Douglas Ransom

I first became aware of the Nature Foundation's work when I visited Witchelina in 2013 and saw the work being done by staff and many supporters keen to improve and conserve our natural habitat. As I learnt more about and became more involved in the Nature Foundation I was nominated as a Councillor and joined the Nature Foundation SA Council and I was elected as Treasurer in 2017.



My professional background is in accounting, finance and information systems and this has allowed me together with the Finance Committee and more recently with the Audit and Risk Committee and the Board to guide contemporary and successful arrangements for Nature Foundation financial investments.

Since 2017 Nature Foundation assets have grown by more than \$3.2m. The financial health of the Nature Foundation has facilitated significant improvements in facilities and the operations of the reserves and other Nature Foundation work. The healthy financial situation has also allowed improvements in productivity and facilities available to Nature Foundation staff and volunteers.

I am pleased to offer myself as a candidate for re-appointment at the forthcoming AGM and I expect further positive developments will be achieved in the coming years. Thank you for your support which sees me continue on the Board.