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WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH**

An **INAUGURAL** meeting to establish the Western New South Wales Branch of the Royal Society of New South Wales will be held by ZOOM Webinar on Tuesday 14 September 2021 at 2.00pm.

To join the Zoom Meeting click here: <https://charlessturt.zoom.us/j/69330006621>

Please note that there is no passcode for this meeting and that Jade Farrant will act as ZOOM administrator for this meeting.

Apologies and enquiries to Bruce Ramage, Secretary of the Society at secretary@royalsoc.org.au or on 0488 936 393.

AGENDA

- 1 WELCOME** – The President, Dr Susan Pond AM FRSN
 - 1.1 Acknowledgement of country**
 - 1.2 Diversity and Inclusion policy**
- 2 Establishment of the Western New South Wales Branch**
 - 2.1 Introduction to the Royal Society of NSW**

Dr Susan Pond AM FRSN, President
 - 2.2 First Western NSW Branch Committee**

In accordance with the Society's Rule 22(l) a Branch Committee needs to be elected consisting of a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other Members or Fellows as may be decided by the Branch. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined.

Up to six (6) additional members of the Branch are eligible for election to the Branch Committee.

Nominations for the first Committee, office-bearers and committee members opened at 5.00pm (AEST) on Monday 16 August 2021 and closed at 5.00pm (AEST) on Friday 27 August 2021.

As there was only one nomination for each office-bearer position, no election was required.

As there were less than six Committee members nominated, no election was required.

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be elected to the first Committee of the Western New South Wales Branch of the Royal Society of New South Wales until the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Branch:

Chairperson	Professor John Germov FRSN
Deputy Chairperson	Dr David Nash FRSN
Secretary	Mr Trent Pohlmann MRSN
Treasurer	Professor Geoffrey Gurr FRSN
Committee Members (up to six)	Professor Lesley Forster FRSN Professor Francesco Marino FRSN Professor Mark Morrison FRSN

2.3 Branch committee members introductions

Newly elected Branch Committee members to provide a brief verbal biographical background.

2.4 Appointment of Branch representative on Council

Rule 22(m) states 'One Member of the Committee shall be chosen as the representative of the Branch on the Council for a period of two years at the first Annual General Meeting of the Branch, and at every second Annual General Meeting thereafter.'

As the first Annual General Meeting will not be held until 2022, it is recommended that Council be asked to approve an interim representative without voting rights.

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.....be appointed as the Branch interim representative without voting rights on the Council until the next Annual General Meeting of the Branch.

3 FIRST BRANCH MEETING

The first Branch meeting is proposed for Tuesday 19 October 2021. Her Excellency, The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of New South Wales, has expressed an interest in participating.

FOR DISCUSSION

4 DISCUSSION

5 CLOSING REMARKS

Branch Chairperson

6 MEETING CLOSE