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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING INCLUDING STUDENT MEDAL PRESENTATIONS

Notice is given to all Members that the AGM of The Royal Society of Western Australia will be held:-

**Thursday 17 August 2017 at 5.30 pm**  
**BGPA Administration Building, 1 Kattidj Close, Kings Park**

### ITEMS OF AGM BUSINESS (Constitution clauses 50 to 52)

1. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
2. Annual Report of the Council
3. Treasurer's Report presenting the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report
4. Election of Council for 2017-2019 (Constitution clauses 26 and 27)

Nominations are as follows:-

<i>President:</i>	Prof. David Haig (2 years)
<i>Immediate Past President:</i>	Assoc. Prof. Kate Trinajstic (2 years)
<i>Vice President(s):</i>	Adj. Professor Chris Florides (2 years)
	Dr. Mick O'Leary (2 years)
<i>General Secretary:</i>	Prof. Myra Keep (2 years)
<i>Membership Secretary:</i>	Dr. Margaret Smith (2 years)
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	Prof. William Loneragan (2 years)
	Ms. Elizabeth Re (2 years)
	Ms. Penny Wallace-Bell (2 years)
	Ms. Giada Bufarale (2 years)

### 5. Presentation of Honorary Life Memberships (Constitution clause 11(d))

At the Council Meeting on 20 March 2017 a motion was passed to recommend at the AGM, Honorary lifetime membership to Dr Alex Bevan (Appendix 1), Dr Lynne Milne (Appendix 2), and Dr Philip O'Brien (Appendix 3), in recognition of their many years of outstanding service to the Society.

### 6. Presentation of the RSWA Student Medals

Attached to this Notice are "Appointment of Proxy" and "Postal Vote" Forms.

Professor Myra Keep,  
General Secretary, The Royal Society of Western Australia  
14 July 2017.

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**Appendix 1 - Nomination of Honorary Life Membership**

**Dr Alex Bevan**

After graduating in 1972 with an Honours degree in Geology from University College London, Alex worked briefly at the Geological Society, and then for 13 years as Assistant Curator of Meteorites at the Natural History Museum in London. During this period he completed a PhD on the Metallurgy of Meteorites, which included periods of research at Manchester University, Lehigh University in Pennsylvania, and the Indian Museum in Calcutta.

In 1985, with his family, Alex emigrated to Australia to take up a newly established position of Curator of Mineralogy and Meteoritics at the Western Australian Museum. Here he established a systematic programme of meteorite recovery and research (WAMET) from the Nullarbor Region. His work has opened up many new lines of research, including the innovative use of weathered, ancient stony meteorite falls from the Nullarbor to interpret past climatic change. He has authored more than 100 scientific and popular publications, including six books. Since 1991 he has lectured widely including the UK and South Africa as well as locally. Alex is currently Head of the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences at the WA Museum, and an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Applied Physics and Imaging at Curtin University. Amongst his contributions to other organisations is the Editorial Board of Records of the WA Museum; Editorial Panel of the Australasian Gemmologist journal; Member of the sub-committee of the National Committee for Space Science under the auspices of the Australian Academy of Science; Board member, Earth Science Western Australia (2007-present); Ambassador for Science, WA Science Network, Scitech (2005-present); and a Member of the Planetary Sciences Group, Geological Society of Australia.

Between 2001 and 2015 Alex has been a major contributor to The Royal Society of WA Council, variously as a Committee Member (2001-02, 2007-09 and 2011-15); Vice-President (2002-04 and 2009-11); President (2004-06); and Immediate Past-President (2006-07). In his final two years on Council, Alex helped organise the meeting programme for the Society's Centennial year (2014) that involved some 14 events. He contributed two papers to the Centennial volume of the Society, including a history of the 100 years of the Society. Since 2012 Alex has been a member of the Editorial Board for the Journal of The Royal Society of WA and one of its Associate Editors.

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**Dr Lynne Milne**



Diversity is just one of the fascinating aspects of a scientist's career. After eleven years as a high school Physical Education and Science Teacher in Western Australia, interspersed with several years overseas, Lynne commenced a BSc in Geology at The University of Western Australia completing it with Honours in Palynology (1st class) in 1981. Then followed three years part-time tutoring and lecturing at UWA, working for Analabs, starting a family, before moving to Queensland in 1985 where she continued consulting work. A PhD in Palynology was completed part-time in 1997 during which time she helped solve her first murder case.

Lynne returned to Perth in 1998, was awarded a UWA re-Entry Fellowship in 1999 in the then School of Earth and Geographical Sciences, after which she moved to the Centre for Forensic Science at UWA. In 2008 she moved to Curtin University, initially part-time, then as a full-time, Senior Lecturer until 2013. Since then she has continued at Curtin as a University Associate, supervising and funding postgraduate and honours students and working on projects for mining companies, CSIRO, ChemCentre WA and State and Federal police. A recent development has been melissopalynology - the study of honey, for the ChemCentre WA with the aim of palynologically certifying monofloral jarrah and marri honey and chemically determining their microbial potency (al la Manuka honey) for the international market.

Through her expertise in forensic science Lynne is frequently sought after by the media: the subject of an ABC program in 2005 (Australian Story), Forensic Investigators and Catalyst, plus numerous other TV appearances. She wrote A Grain of Truth, published in 2005 by New Holland Publishers and has undertaken about 50 radio interviews, most recently on 720 on 'Who are you' with Geoff Hutchison, along with articles on her forensic work published in several magazines and all state newspapers. Her community contributions have included Educational guest speaker talks at Scitech; various Probus Clubs, the University of the Third Age, Mature Age Education, UWA Extension, WA Naturalist Clubs, National Seniors Clubs, Council Libraries and other community and sporting bodies; as a Motivational speaker for Inspire Australia; and was a founding member of the UWA Geology Alumni in 1999 and Committee member until 2009.

Lynne has brought her passion to be fully involved in whatever she was doing to become an indefatigable supporter of The Royal Society over many years. She first served as a Councillor between 2002-04 before becoming the Society's Secretary, initially between 2004-09 and then for a second period, 2011-15. This period as Secretary also included the role of Newsletter Editor and, as a member of Council, commencement of the difficult move from a paper-based Society to an electronic one. She was elected a Vice-President 2007-09, President between 2009-11 followed by two years as Immediate Past-President 2011-13. Lynne, along with Alex Bevan, was the principal "mover-and-shaker" in organising the Society's successful Centennial year, 2014, built around some 14 events plus financial support funded through a Lotterywest Grant.

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Appendix 3 - Nomination of Honorary Life Membership**

**Dr Philip O'Brien**



Phil O'Brien completed a BSc Hons in Microbiology at the National University of Ireland, Dublin in 1976 followed by a PhD entitled "Repair of radiation damaged DNA in the blue green alga *Synechocystis* PCC6308". In 1981 he moved to the USA to take up a Postdoc position at Yale University, New Haven working on "Mechanisms of action of the recA protein" followed by an extended Postdoc (1981-85) at the University of California, Berkeley campus, the project being "Targeted and untargeted mutagenesis in the glyU gene of *Escherichia coli*". In late 1985 Phil moved to Australia and Canberra to join the CSIRO Division of Plant Industry as a Postdoc working on "Genetic engineering of plants for improved wool growth in sheep". It was with this diverse background that led to his appointment as lecturer in Biotechnology (1988-94) and, subsequently as Senior Lecturer (1994-2017).

Since joining Murdoch University Phil's research has been mainly in the area of plant pathology of agricultural and native ecosystems as well as application of the underlying technology in other research areas as part of collaborative projects. To-date he has 86 refereed publications, 20 Honours and 22 PhD theses to his credit. He was the Executive Secretary of the Australasian Plant Pathology Society (1993-95); a member of the Gene Technology Advisory Committee (2002-07); Convenor of the 20th Biennial Conference of the Australasian Plant Pathology Society, Fremantle 14-16th Sept 2015; and is the Editor-in-Chief of Australasian Plant Pathology and Australasian Plant Disease Notes (2010-present).

Phil first joined The Royal Society Council as an ordinary member in 2001-02. He has since become unique for the length of time he has served continuously in multiple executive roles, firstly as Treasurer commencing in 2002 through to 2015. During this period he was not only Treasurer but a Vice-President (2004-07), served two terms as President (2007-09) and (2011-13), along with the subsequent periods as Immediate Past-President (2009-11) and (2013-15). This Society can be most grateful to Phil O'Brien for not only overseeing its finances through some 14 years but as Treasurer and President successfully defending it against an action for financial damages by a former Council member, a matter that required his close attention between 2013 and 2015.

# APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I, .....

(Insert Member's name)

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(Insert Member's address)

being an eligible Member of

**The Royal Society of Western Australia**

appoint

.....

(Insert Proxy's name)

who also is an eligible member of The Royal Society of Western Australia,  
as my proxy.

My proxy is authorised to vote on my behalf:

(Tick  only ONE of the following)

At the Annual General Meeting on 17 August 2017  
(and any adjournment of the meeting).

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Signature of Member appointing Proxy

Date

Note under clause 11A of the Constitution "Each Member is entitled to appoint in writing, a natural person who is also a Member of The Society to be the Member's proxy, and to attend and vote on the Member's behalf at any General Meeting of The Society. Written notice of the proxy must be given to the Secretary before the commencement of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed. No Member may hold more than five proxies".

# POSTAL VOTE

I, .....

(Insert Member's name)

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(Insert Member's address)

being an eligible Member of

## The Royal Society of Western Australia

as per Notice of Annual General Meeting on 17 August 2017,

I cast my vote as follows

(Tick ✓ where applicable For or Against)

		<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
<b>Election of Council for 2017-2019: Nominations:-</b>			
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	Dr. Mick O'Leary (2 years)	.....	.....
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	Prof. William Loneragan (2 years)	.....	.....
	Ms. Elizabeth Re (2 years)	.....	.....
	Dr. Penny Wallace-Bell (2 years)	.....	.....
	Ms. Giada Bufarale (2 years)	.....	.....

### Presentation of Honorary Life Memberships: Nominations:-

Dr. Alex Bevan	.....	.....
Dr. Lynne Milne	.....	.....
Dr. Philip O'Brien	.....	.....

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Signature of Member

Date

Send Postal Vote to:-

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