



PERMACULTURE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED Trading as PERMACULTURE AUSTRALIA

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING PROXY FORM

1. The attached proxy form is for financial members of Permaculture International Limited to nominate members for election to the board at the Annual General Meeting of Permaculture International Limited to be held at Djanbung Gardens, 74 Cecil St Nimbin NSW or attend via Teleconference at 11am on Sunday May 14, 2017.

Who is eligible to vote?

2. All current financial ordinary members of Permaculture International Limited are entitled to vote and participate in the election of the board. Membership annual subscription fees are valid for twelve (12) months. NB Associate members do not have voting rights.
3. If your annual subscription came due before December 13, 2016, then you are not entitled to vote unless you pay your outstanding annual subscription fees prior to the AGM, by 5pm on Thursday 11 May 2017. (PIL Constitution Clause 28: No ordinary or incorporated member shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting if the member's annual subscription shall be more than six months in arrears at the date of the meeting.)

Appointing a proxy

4. The proxy you nominate must be a current financial member. Any member whose membership has lapsed within the previous twelve (12) months of the AGM and who pays their outstanding membership dues in full by Thursday 11 May 2017 may act as a proxy for you at the Annual General Meeting. (PIL Constitution Clause 26: "only a financial ordinary member of the Company shall be entitled to act as proxy. No proxy shall exercise more than two votes on behalf of other members.")
5. All proxies are to be returned by email to the Secretary by 5.00 pm **Friday 12 May 2017**. It is recommended that you also notify the persons you have appointed as your proxy and cc the email proxy form to them as well as to the secretary for the purpose of joining the meeting by teleconference.

Paying Membership Fees

6. Membership fees are payable through the website facility at permacultureaustralia.org.au before 5.00 pm on Thursday 11 May 2017

Nominations and voting for Board of Directors

You can nominate and vote for up to 7 places on the Board on the attached Proxy Form. You may nominate other members not listed below, and please provide their phone number so their nomination can be confirmed at the meeting

Current directors willing to stand again for the board

Virginia Solomon Current position: Director, Chairperson)

BA, Grad. Dip Education, Diploma of Permaculture, Diploma of Training and Assessment Systems, Cert IV TAE, PA Member for more than 10 years

Member of the Technical Reference Group for development of the Permaculture components in the Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation & Land Management Training Package, formerly member of the Victorian Institute of Teaching and Australian Association of Environmental Educators Accredited Permaculture Training Liaison with PA Board, Convenor of the APT Working Group since 2014, Editor APT Assessment Guides Project and Chair of the Review Committee

Kym Blechynden Current position: Director, Permafund Liaison – reporting to the board for the Permaculture International Gift Fund committee

Bachelor of Science (Nutrition), GradDip Health Promotion, Master of Public Health (International Health), PDC, Cert IV Permaculture (ongoing)

Permaculture Australia - member since 2015, Director 2015 – present; Vice President Permaculture Tasmania, 2015-present; Member of Public Health Association of Australia (2004-), member of Food Sov Alliance of Australia (2014-), Member International Public Health Nutrition Association (2014-); Nearly two decades experience in public health, nutrition and food security in Australia, Africa, Asia, Pacific and the Middle East in development, conflict and emergency response settings.

Robyn Francis Current position: Director / interim Treasurer, Membership liaison, creating framework for Permaculture Australia Representative Council

Diploma of Permaculture APT); Diploma of Permaculture Design (Perm Inst); TAE Cert IV, PDC Founding director and member since 1987; Served intermittently on board since 1987; President of Permaculture College Australia Inc.; Member of APT Technical Reference Group for AHC TP; Manager of Djanbung Gardens

Annalise Hordern Current position: Director, Communications support.

PDC, Ba Environmental Science, TAE Cert IV, Diploma of Permaculture

Director 2014 to present, active in permaculture localizing food and curator of Ethnobotanical Gardens in Peru. Permaculture teacher

Nominations received in advance:

Eric Smith, Tasmania (Nominated by Fiona Campbell)

Dip Permaculture (APT), Cert Hort. Committee member for APC 2015 (Penguin), self employed landscape gardener. Eric has been involved in organising a successful national permaculture convergence in Tasmania and has completed his Permaculture Diploma at the Riverina College which has given him a good insight into the APT. He also has online communications experience - experience with Facebook page maintenance and administration - which will help PA communicate and connect with the wider permaculture movement around Australia. Eric would bring his useful experience with APT and online work to the organization

Veronica (Ronni) Martin (Nominated by Ian Lillington)

I completed my PDC in the 1980's with Lea Harrison and Judith Turley at Tyalgum. I was awarded a Diploma of Permaculture around two years later. I also hold a Bachelor of Design Studies, a Grad. Dip. in Community Development and Masters in Social Welfare Administration and Planning I am currently the Education and Support Team Manager for Northey Street City Farm. I was previously the State Director for Qld for Oxfam Australia. I have also been on the board of Co-operatives and an ethical investment fund. I operated two permaculture nurseries - Edible Landscapes and Food Forest Nursery in the '00s and '90s. This also involved convening permaculture courses and doing suburban permaculture designs. Currently I work at Northey Street City Farm, promoting permaculture through our education program. I'm passionate about implementing and promoting permaculture in the broadest sense, especially in the area of organisational development - creating well-functioning structures to support our growing movement for change. I gained experience in fundraising & community education while working for Oxfam.