



**Executive Report
AGM
APSA Environmental Politics and Policy Standing Research Group
29 September 2013
Murdoch University, Perth**

Preamble

The APSA Environmental Politics and Policy Standing Research Group was founded in 2011 to coordinate the research and activities of environmental politics scholars in Australia and the region and to develop linkages with like-minded international scholars and groups. It is the successor to the Ecopolitics Association of Australasia, which was founded to manage the Ecopolitics Conference Series that began in 1986 and comprised sixteen conferences hosted by universities across Australia and New Zealand.

APSA 2013 - Murdoch University

The EPP Executive has organised a 2 hour pre-APSA Conference workshop on Sunday 29 September to follow the postgraduate conference. The topic is 'Environmental Politics in Western Australia After the Federal Election' and the guest speaker is Cameron Poustie, the Energy Transition Officer of the Conservation Council of Western Australia. He has previously worked in Advisor roles to several Members of Parliament.

Workshop APSA 2014 - University of Sydney

Following discussion on a workshop topic at the pre-APSA Conference event in 2012 the Executive applied to APSA for a \$10,000 grant in November 2012 to hold a stand alone workshop in 2013 on 'Australia's Environment Movement in a Time of Crisis'. Unfortunately it was unsuccessful.

We therefore intend to submit another application later this year for a 1-1.5 day pre-APSA Conference Workshop to be hosted by the newly launched Sydney Environment Institute at University of Sydney - <http://sei.arts.usyd.edu.au>. The Institute is co-directed by David Schlosberg, Secretary of the EPP Group Executive, and he has offered to act as the main Convenor.

During the Murdoch workshop discussion will also take place on the topic and structure of the 2014 Workshop in Sydney.

The Pete Hay Prize

The results of the Pete Hay Environmental Politics Prize for APSA 2012 at UTAS were as follows:

- **Winner: Verity Burgmann**, University of Melbourne (vnb@unimelb.edu.au) 'Imagining the end of capitalism: the practical-political value of utopian thinking' for the climate movement'
- **Honourable mention: Melanie Gale**, University of South Australia, (melanie.gale@unisa.edu.au) 'The adaptive capacity of communities affected by policy-making: a case study of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan'
- **Selection Panel:** Pete Hay (chair), Tim Doyle, Ros Taplin

Pete Hay announced the results at the AGM.

Along with the award Verity Burgmann was awarded \$100, which she generously put towards the post-workshop dinner.

In response to concern that journals would not be consider publication of refereed conference papers motion was put at the 2012 AGM to remove 'refereed' from section 1, Article VII, and was carried. From 2013 all APSA conference papers, whether refereed or not, are eligible for consideration for the Prize.

Website

The old Ecopolitics website has been revamped and updated and now provides a useful platform for announcements and Group publicity - <http://www.ecopolitics.org.au>.

Membership

The APSA website allows APSA members to sign up for \$25 p.a - <http://www.auspsa.org.au/>.

Treasurer's Report

	Credit	Debit
Balance as at 01.07.12	\$2,327.47	
Redback Communications - Domain Name Registration - 20.07.12		-\$90.00
Membership Fees - 28.09.12	\$475.00	
V Bergmann Pete Hay Prize - 01.10.12		-\$100.00
R Eckersley - refund for Enviro Dinner - 08.11.12		-\$75.00
Redback Communications - Web Hosting - 10.05.12		-\$99.00
Totals	\$2,802.47	-\$364.00

Balance as at 30.06.13

\$2,438.47

Agenda for AGM

- Executive Report Delivered
- 2014 Workshop Discussion
- AOB

Adam Simpson (Co-Convenor)
 Robyn Eckersley (Co-Convenor/Treasurer)
 David Schlosberg (Secretary)