



**NITRO-Oceania**

## **Agenda**

### **Online Business Meetings**

**October 17, 2023**

- 10-11 am Western Australia
- 12-1 pm Papua New Guinea and Queensland
- 1-2 pm NSW, ACT, Victoria and Tasmania
- 2-3 pm Fiji
- 3-4 pm New Zealand and Samoa

#### Team Meeting

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Chair: Iain Gordon

1. Welcome and Acknowledgment of country. Apologies.

2. What have we done?

2022-23 Activity report and financial statement (attached)

**For ratification**

3. What should we do next?

**For discussion and action**

3. Who is going to lead us into the next phase?

Nominations for Executive and President

With Stuart White stepping down, there is one vacancy on the NITRO-Oceania Executive (see <https://nitro-oceania.net/members/>). Nominations to fill this position are welcome now or at the meetings (please send nominations to [iain.gordon@anu.edu.au](mailto:iain.gordon@anu.edu.au)).

**For action**

4. What else? Any other business



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**Report of activities  
October 2022-September 2023**

**Report of the 2022 Business Meetings**

A report of the 2022 Members' Business meetings is available at <https://nitro-oceania.net/activities/business-meetings/2022-business-meeting/>.

**Executive Meetings**

After the 2022 business meeting, Beth Fulton and Martin Bliemel joined the Executive, with Allannah Ryan and Dan Walker stepping down from the Executive.

Executive meetings were generally held once a month with the major topic of conversation being whether to set up NITRO -Oceania as a recognised independent organisation. Following much discussion, it was decided to maintain the status quo at present and revisit the issue at a later date. The rest of the meetings focused on getting events in the calendar, with limited success, and NITRO-Oceania response to a number of calls for input/comments, with significant success.

**Seminars**

***November 15, 2022 online***

Professor Margaret Palmer, Director, National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC), USA  
Title: *On leading a large interdisciplinary organisation focused on environmental sustainability*. The attendees were treated to an informative presentation and there followed a lively discussion. (a video of the talk can be found at <https://nitro-oceania.net/activities/seminars/>)



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**2023 Business Meeting**

**Report of the Informing Research  
and Funding Policy Working Group**

**September 2023**

The Informing Research and Funding Policy Working Group was formed in October 2022. Information about the working group can be found at: <https://nitro-oceania.net/activities/working-groups/informing-research-and-funding-policy-working-group/>.

**Members:**

Gabriele Bammer (chair), Martin Bliemel, Beth Fulton, Iain Gordon, Teatulohi (Lohi) Matainaho, Ken Taylor, Zee Upton

**Purpose:**

- To respond to enquiries into research and funding policy in the Oceania region.
- To respond, as appropriate, to international enquiries and discussions.
- To be proactive in preparing for the next review of the Australian and New Zealand Standard Research Classification (date unknown) to build a strong case for the inclusion of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research.

**Activities:**

The working group made submissions to the following (the submissions are available on the webpage):

***Review of the Australian Research Council***

- submission made 13/12/22
- participated in an online focus group 24/2/23

***Refreshing Australia's National Science and Research Priorities and National Science Statement.***

- submission made 29/3/23
- response provided to draft priorities 28/9/23

***Australian Universities Accord***

- submission made 16/12/22 on the priorities
- submission made 11/4/23 in response to the discussion paper released on 22/2/23
- submission made 31/8/23 in response to the interim report released on 19/7/23.

***Discussion paper "Looking at the Future of Transdisciplinary Research" prepared by the International Science Council Centre for Science Futures***

- comment submitted 30/6/23 and published by the International Science Council.



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### 2023 Business Meeting

#### Website Report

#### To end September 2023

Professor Gabriele Bammer

The website can be found at <https://nitro-oceania.net/>

Three main sets of tasks are undertaken:

1. Ensuring the website stays up-to-date
2. Ensuring the website stays functional
3. Monitoring website statistics

#### Ensuring the website stays up-to-date

The website is updated as activities and changes occur. The main activities are listed under “Latest News” in the right hand column of the website and also under “actions” at <https://nitro-oceania.net/category/actions/>. Regular updates are provided on meetings of the Executive, as well as submissions made by the Informing Research and Funding Policy Working Group (these submissions can also be found at <https://nitro-oceania.net/activities/working-groups/informing-research-and-funding-policy-working-group/>). This work is undertaken on a voluntary basis by Gabriele Bammer, unless something beyond her skill set is required.

Earlier in the year a major archiving exercise was undertaken to archive the webpages of working groups that are no longer active: <https://nitro-oceania.net/activities/working-groups/archived-working-groups/>. This work is paid for.

#### Ensuring the website stays functional

Functionality is checked every month, which mainly involves checking for broken links, along with random checks of pages. A more major task involved removing a defunct plug-in. This work is paid for.

#### Monitoring website statistics

The table on the next page summarizes website views and visitors since NITRO-Oceania began, along with the main countries from which views are made (visitor statistics are not available by country). It can be seen that 2021 was the peak year for views and visitors: this was also the most active year in terms of working group, seminar and other activities. Views and visitors dropped in 2022 and fell further in 2023, as NITRO-Oceania has undertaken less activities. Monitoring website statistics is undertaken by on a voluntary basis by Gabriele Bammer.

## Website Views and Visitors

	2019 (May- Dec)	2020	2021	2022	Jan - Mar 2023	Apr-Jun 2023	Jul-Sep 2023
<b>Views</b>	1,466	3,219	3,788	2,725	635	703	554
<b>Visitors</b>	342	833	1,246	1,165	245	285	190
<b>Country views - Oceania</b>							
- Australia	892	2008	2,308	1,672	440	382	359
- New Zealand	217	280	443	179	2	5	23
- Fiji	35	52	71	43	2		
- Papua New Guinea	14	25	2	3			3
- New Caledonia		3	3				
- French Polynesia		5					
- Samoa	5	45	34	1			
- Solomon Islands		15		1			
- Tonga			4				
- Vanuatu			1				
- Guam				1			
<b>Country views – outside Oceania</b>	302	785	943	835	174	332	159



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**2023 Business Meeting  
Financial Statement  
To end September 2023**

Professor Gabriele Bammer

Income – 1) subscriptions (held at NCEPH, ANU)

2021		2022		2023	
<b>Voluntary subscriptions paid</b>		<b>Voluntary subscriptions paid</b>		<b>Voluntary subscriptions paid</b>	
UQ (Global Change Institute)	2K	ANU (ICEDS)	2K	UTS (TD School) (paid 12 mo early)	2K
ANU (RegNet)	2K	ACIAR	2K	ANU (Fenner)	2K
ACIAR	2K	Massey	2K	ACIAR	2K
Massey	2K	UTS (Institute for Sustainable Futures)	2K	Central Queensland University	2K
UTS (Institute for Sustainable Futures)	2K	Centre for Marine Socioecology (Tas)	2K	Monash (Sustainable Development Institute)	2K
		CSIRO	2K	Edith Cowan (Centre for People, Place and Planet)	1K
		Central Queensland University	2K	Centre for Marine Socioecology (Tas)	1,818.18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10K</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14K</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,818.18K</b>

Income – 2) left over from strategic planning exercise (held at Fenner School ANU): \$25,575

Expenses

2021		2022		2023	
75% of income for admin assistance	7.5K	75% of income for admin assistance	10.5K		
Domain name renewal	24	Domain name renewal	24	Website and domain name renewal	295.90
Website renewal	396	Website renewal	240	Website technical support	1,476
		Software payment	26.93		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,920</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,790.93</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1771.90</b>
Carry-over	2,080	Carry-over	3,209.07		

Total in hand	
Carry-over 2021	\$2,080
Carry-over 2022	\$3,209.07
Membership pre-paid for 2023	\$2,000
Memberships paid for 2023	\$10,818.18
Left-over from consultancy	\$25,575
Expenses	- \$1771.90
<b>TOTAL IN HAND</b>	<b>\$41,910.35</b>