

WILDLIFE PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED

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Formed in 1909 and dedicated to the conservation of Australia's wildlife

Patron: Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC
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Celebrating a new Centenary
of wildlife preservation in Australia

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MEDIA RELEASE

NEW PRESIDENT ELECTED

We are pleased to announce that **Suzanne Medway** has been elected as the 18th President of the Wildlife Preservation Society of Australia at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society yesterday.

Suzanne has been a member of the Society since 1988 and was awarded Honorary Life Membership in 2009 for her outstanding services to the Society. Suzanne was elected as the Honorary Secretary of the Society in 2002.

Patrick Medway served as the President of the Society since he replaced Dr Vincent Serventy in 2002 and nominated Suzanne as his successor for the position of President of the Society.

Suzanne was born and educated in the St George area of Sydney and has wide experience in local community service dating back to her early school days in the Junior Red Cross and the local branch of the State Emergency Services. She has had extensive commercial corporate business experience in Sydney and Queensland before retiring as Company Secretary of Australia Defense Industries in 1999. Suzanne's mother Mrs Margaret Deas, aged 97, still lives in San Souci and is the oldest living member of the Society.

Since 2002 Suzanne has been the Honorary Secretary and Executive Director of the Society. She has been responsible for all publications of the Society, including Editorship of the national magazine '*Australian Wildlife*', which promotes the wildlife conservation and environmental work of the Society across Australia. She also established and maintains the Society's website.

Suzanne brings modern commercial management skills to her new role, as well as a nationwide network of wildlife conservation organisations and environmental groups, all committed to the preservation of Australia's native wildlife in all its forms. Her most recent successes include a campaign to save Southern hairy-nosed wombats in South Australia from being ploughed under by local farmers and raising funds for a marine turtle in Cairns.

Her current mission is to revitalise the Society's wildlife conservation work and to attract more women and young people to the Society to ensure the survival of native wildlife for the next generation of young Australians.

Suzanne will be hosting a Strategic Planning Day on 19 May next to plan the next five years of the Society's work.

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