



Organisational structure

Figure 7: Parks Australia organisation chart

The executive team

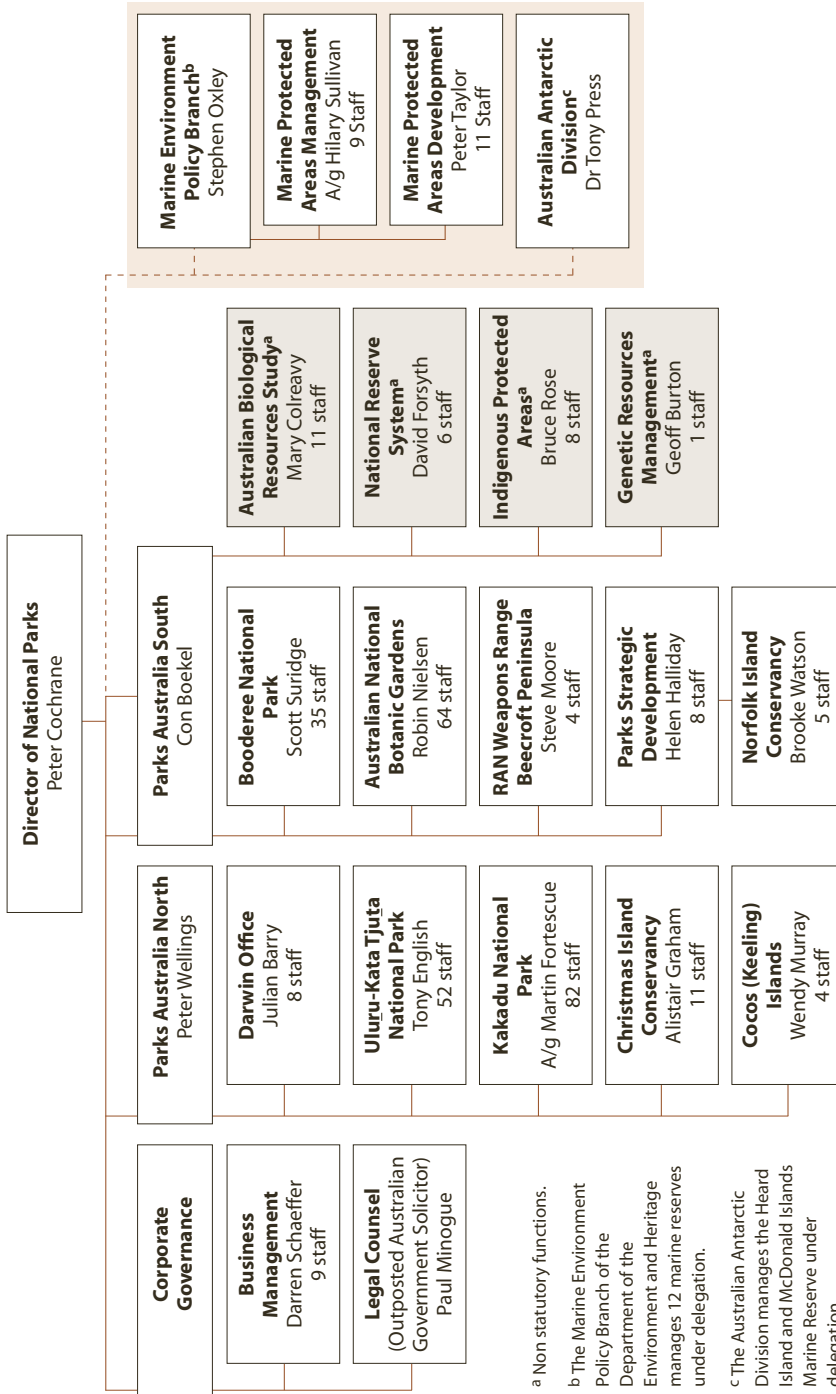
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Table 7: Booderee Board of Management

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Figure 7 – Parks Australia organisation chart as at 30 June 2004



^a Non statutory functions.
^b The Marine Environment Policy Branch of the Department of the Environment and Heritage manages 12 marine reserves under delegation.
^c The Australian Antarctic Division manages the Heard Island and McDonald Islands Marine Reserve under delegation.

The executive team



Peter Cochrane

Director of National Parks

Peter was appointed as Director of National Parks in October 1999.

Two of his priorities have been building relationships with traditional owners of jointly managed parks, and improving agency corporate governance, accountability and transparency.

He has worked for the oil and gas industry on national environment and competition policy issues, and as an adviser to two federal Ministers on environment and natural resources issues. He has a background in field ecology and eco-physiology of native plants.

Peter has a Masters degree in Public Policy and a Bachelor of Science.



Peter Wellings

Assistant Secretary, Parks Australia North

Peter has spent over 20 years working in the field of national park management, mostly in the Northern Territory.

His interests include the appreciation and protection of the natural and cultural values of landscapes, working with Indigenous land owners in the joint management of national parks, policy development to progress economic futures that sustain conservation programmes and joining local community development with the protection of landscape values. A current major focus is working, at both the national and regional levels, on issues relating to tourism futures in national parks and strategic futures for Kakadu and Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Parks.



Con Boekel

Assistant Secretary, Parks Australia South

Con has worked in both the public and private sectors, mainly in conservation, education, training, and information technology.

Career highlights include training Indigenous teachers and rangers in the Northern Territory, biodiversity information management, threatened species conservation and protected area management.

Con has also contributed to the implementation of Australia's Natural Heritage Trust and to organisational change with respect to information and information technology.

He has worked on national parks in Victoria and the Northern Territory. In the private sector he grew strawberries for four years.

Con has a Master of Environmental Science, Bachelor of Arts, Graduate Diploma of Education, and a Graduate Diploma of Intercultural Studies.



Stephen Oxley

Assistant Secretary, Marine Environment Policy Branch

Stephen joined the Department of the Environment and Heritage in April 2004 after three years as an Australian Public Service adviser on Indigenous affairs.

Prior to joining the public service he worked for nine years in a government policy advisory role. During this period his major policy focus was on primary industry, sustainable natural resource management, rural industry structural adjustment, quarantine, regional development and transport.

He is also a trained print journalist with extensive experience in country newspapers and spent a year in the National Press Gallery.

Stephen holds tertiary qualifications in agriculture.



Darren Schaeffer

Director, Business Management Section

Darren is a Certified Practising Accountant and has worked in a variety of private sector companies prior to joining the Australian Public Service in January 2000.

Darren brings to the team a solid background in business management, including financial management and corporate governance.



Helen Halliday

Director, Parks Strategic Development Section

Helen joined the Australian Public Service in 1993 after a career spanning the non-government sector and private enterprise. Following time working in world heritage and biodiversity conservation, she joined Parks Australia as manager of policy and strategic relationships.

Boards of management membership

Boards of management have been established under the EPBC Act for Booderee, Kakadu and Uluru-Kata Tjuṯa national parks. Tables 7, 8 and 9 show members of each board for 2003–04.

In conjunction with the Director, each board prepares management plans, makes decisions relating to the management of the reserve in accordance with the management plan, monitors the management of the reserve, and advises the Minister on future development of the reserve.

Table 7: Booderee Board of Management

Tom Brown (Chair)	Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council
Darren Brown	Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council
Lorraine Ardler	Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council
Julie Freeman	Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council
Phillip McLeod	Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council
Anthony Roberts	Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council
Bruce Yuke	Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council
Peter Cochrane	Director of National Parks
Assoc Prof Robyn Bushell	Tourism expertise
Prof John Morrison	Science expertise
Capt Andrew Cawley	Department of Defence (until January 2004)
Capt Tony Aldred	Department of Defence (from March 2004)
Geoff Tindal	Department of Tourism and Regional Services (until January 2004)
Wayne Jeffs	Department of Tourism and Regional Services (from March 2004)

Table 8: Kakadu Board of Management

Jonathon Nadji (Chair)	Traditional owner
Jessie Alderson	Traditional owner
Jane Christophersen	Traditional owner
Bessie Coleman	Traditional owner
Victor Cooper	Traditional owner
Russell Cubillo	Traditional owner
Yvonne Margarula	Traditional owner
Jacob Nayinngul	Traditional owner
Stephen Wilika	Traditional owner
Sandra McGregor	Traditional owner
Peter Cochrane	Director of National Parks
Peter Wellings	Parks Australia
Rick Murray	Tourism industry expertise
Peter Whitehead	Nature conservation group expertise
Marilynne Paspaley	Northern Territory Government nominee (from 18 March 2004)

Table 9: Uluru-Kata Tjuta Board of Management

Donald Fraser (Chair)	Traditional owner
Alison Carroll	Traditional owner
Margaret Smith	Traditional owner
Rene Kulitja	Traditional owner
Barbara Tjikatu	Traditional owner
Windlass	Traditional owner
Johnny Tjingo	Traditional owner
Graeme Calma	Traditional owner
Peter Cochrane	Director of National Parks
Vicki Gillick	Northern Territory Government nominee
David Bennett	Tourism industry representative