



Organisational structure

Figure 4: Parks Australia organisation chart as at 30 June 2005

The executive team

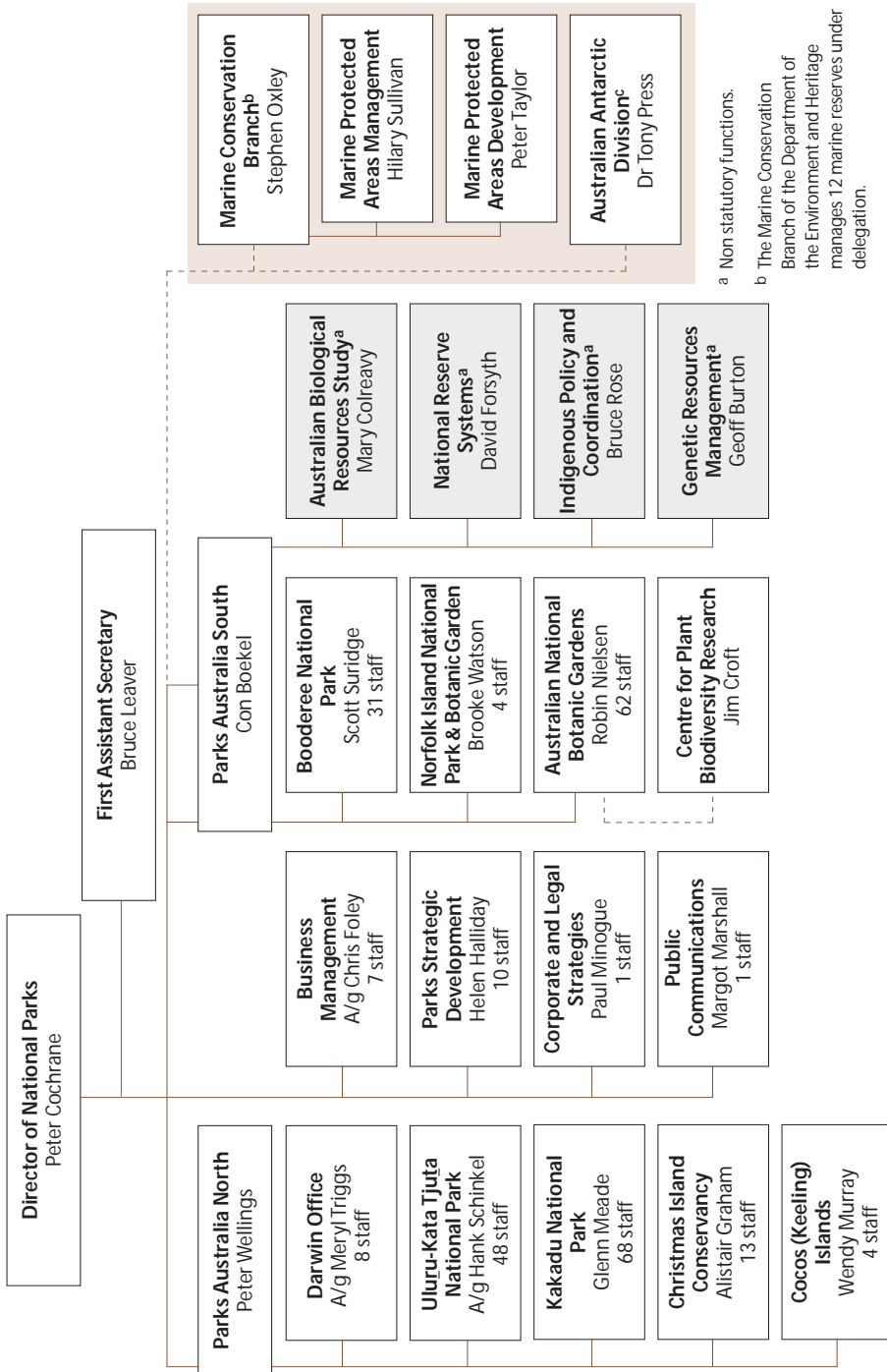
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a Non statutory functions.

b The Marine Conservation 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.

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Peter Cochrane

Director of National Parks

Peter was appointed Director of National Parks in October 1999 and reappointed in October 2002. 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.



Bruce Leaver

First Assistant Secretary

Bruce has worked in conservation management agencies in New South Wales, Tasmania and South Australia. He is a former Executive Director of the Australian Heritage Commission. He has professional qualifications in forestry.

Bruce serves on the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Conservation and Heritage Advisory Committee and the ACT Bushfire Council.

He is the incoming convener of the Australian Alps Liaison Committee which oversees the cooperative management programme for the alpine national parks in Victoria, New South Wales and the ACT.



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 management 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 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.



Michelle Callaway

Acting Director, Business Management Section

Michelle has diverse accounting experience in private industry and joined the Australian Public Service in 2001.

She has worked with the Director of National Parks for three years and thoroughly enjoys the challenges that park management has to offer.

Boards of Management membership

Boards of Management have been established under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* for Uluru–Kata Tjuṯa, Kakadu and Booderee National Parks. Tables 7, 8 and 9 show members of each board for 2004–05.

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.



Donald Fraser

Chair, Uluru–Kata Tjuṯa National Park Board of Management

Donald Fraser has been a member of the Uluru–Kata Tjuṯa National Park Board of Management since 1 January 2002, and its chairman since 2003. Donald is a senior law man dedicated to maintaining and teaching *tjukurpa* (traditional Aboriginal law in the western desert region) and leading *Anangu* (western desert Aboriginal people) and other staff and visitors.

In this position, he provides leadership and direction on *Anangu* issues and ensures that *tjukurpa* values are preserved and continued. He is the first chair to work under the successful new structure of the Board, with equal representation of *Anangu* men and women, and equal representation of *Anangu* living inside and outside the park.

Table 7: Uluru–Kata Tjuṯa National Park Board of Management

Donald Fraser (Chair)	Traditional owner nominee
Alison Carroll	Traditional owner nominee
Margaret Smith	Traditional owner nominee
Rene Kulitja	Traditional owner nominee
Barbara Tjikatu	Traditional owner nominee
Windlass	Traditional owner nominee
Johnny Tjinggo	Traditional owner nominee
Graeme Calma	Traditional owner nominee
Peter Cochrane	Director of National Parks
Vicki Gillick	Northern Territory Government nominee
David Bennett	Minister for Tourism nominee
vacant	Minister for Environment and Heritage nominee



Jacob Nayinggul

Chair, Kakadu National Park Board of Management

Jacob Nayinggul became the chair of the Kakadu Board of Management in 2005. Jacob, of the Manilikarr Clan, is a senior traditional owner of an area in the north-east of Kakadu National Park. Jacob is highly respected and especially well regarded throughout the region for his customary knowledge. He has a long history with both the establishment and management of Kakadu National Park.

Outgoing board chair, Jonathan Nadji, is acknowledged for his contribution and leadership during consultations towards the fifth management plan, advising on the development of Twins Falls, formulation of the Tourism Vision Statement and providing guidance to park management.

Table 8: Kakadu National Park Board of Management

Jonathon Nadji (Chair)	Traditional owner nominee (until 31 January 2005)
Jacob Nayinggul (Chair)	Traditional owner nominee
Jessie Alderson	Traditional owner nominee
Jane Christopherson	Traditional owner nominee
Bessie Coleman	Traditional owner nominee (until 31 January 2005)
Victor Cooper	Traditional owner nominee
Russell Cubillo	Traditional owner nominee
Yvonne Margarula	Traditional owner nominee
Steve Wilika	Traditional owner nominee
Sandra McGregor	Traditional owner nominee (until 31 January 2005)
Mick Markham	Traditional owner nominee (from 4 April 2005)
Michael Banggalang	Traditional owner nominee (from 4 April 2005)
Jeffrey Lee	Traditional owner nominee (from 4 April 2005)
Peter Cochrane	Director of National Parks
Peter Wellings	Parks Australia
Rick Murray	Tourism industry expertise
Peter Whitehead	Nature conservation expertise
Marilynne Paspaley	Northern Territory Government nominee



Tom Brown

Chair, Booderee National Park Board of Management

Tom Brown, who has lived at Wreck Bay all his life, was chair of the Booderee National Park Board of Management from April 2003 to February 2005. He participated in activities which resulted in the Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community gaining freehold title to their land. This freehold is vested in the Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council for which Tom has worked since 1992.

During his chairmanship, the Board worked with consultants on the pre-design for a cultural centre and saw the commencement of contracting park services to the business arm of the Community Council.

Table 9: Booderee National Park Board of Management

Tom Brown (Chair)	Traditional owner nominee (until 2 February 2005)
Craig Ardler (Chair)	Traditional owner nominee (from 3 February 2005)
Darren Brown	Traditional owner nominee (until 2 February 2005)
Ivern Ardler	Traditional owner nominee (from 3 February 2005)
Lorraine Ardler	Traditional owner nominee
Julie Freeman	Traditional owner nominee
Phillip McLeod	Traditional owner nominee
Anthony Roberts	Traditional owner nominee (until 2 February 2005)
Leon Brown	Traditional owner nominee (from 3 February 2005)
Bruce Yuke	Traditional owner nominee (until 2 February 2005)
Gavin McLeod	Traditional owner nominee (from 3 February 2005)
Peter Cochrane	Director of National Parks
Assoc Prof Robyn Bushell	Tourism expertise
Prof John Morrison	Science expertise
Capt Tony Aldred	Department of Defence
Wayne Jeffs	Department of Tourism and Regional Services