

3 Organisational structure

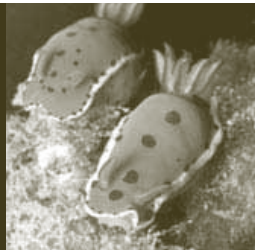


Figure 4: Parks Australia organisation chart as at 30 June 2006

The executive team

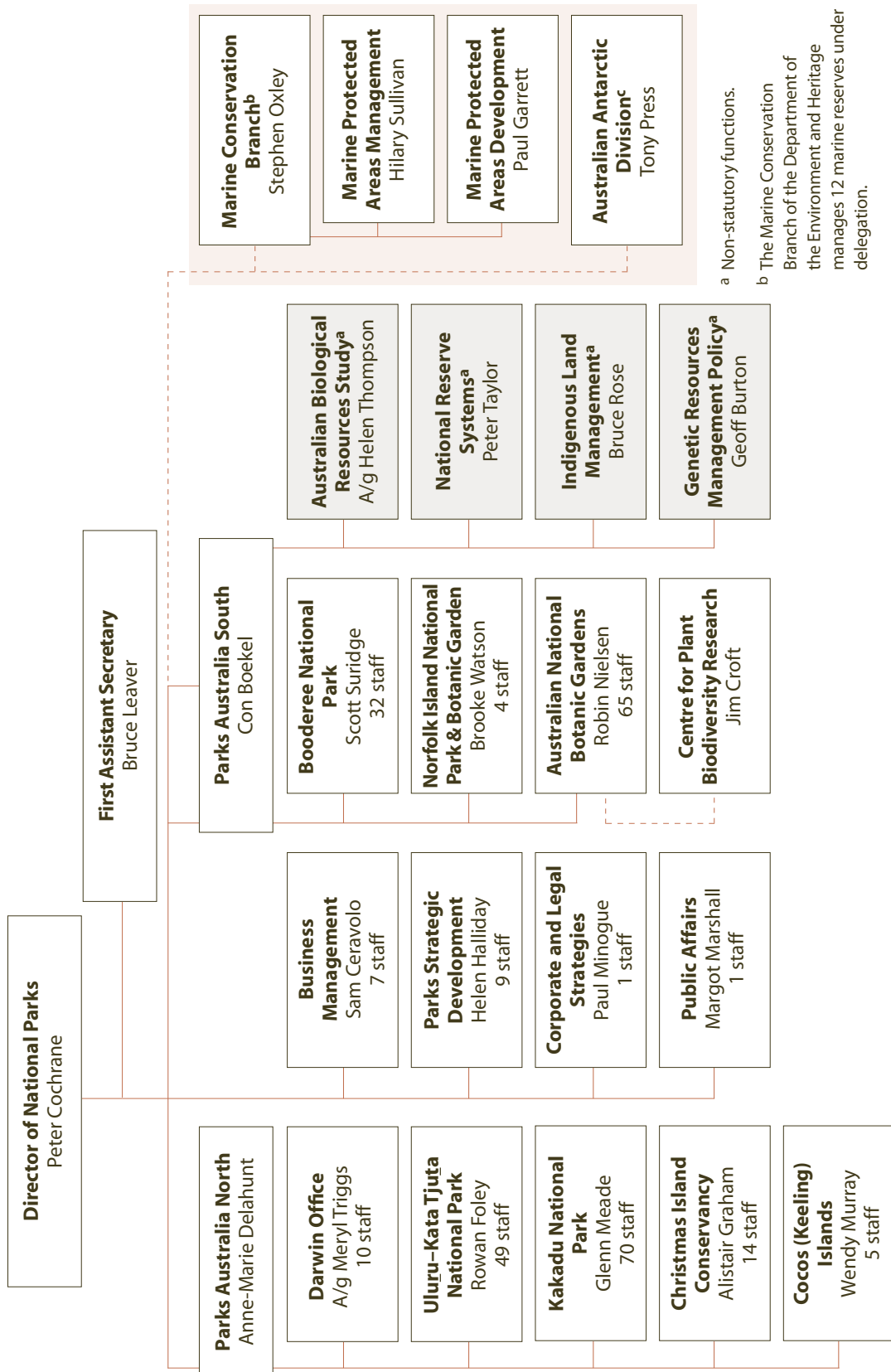
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a Non-statutory functions.

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.

The executive team



Peter Cochrane

Director of National Parks

Peter was appointed Director of National Parks in October 1999 and reappointed in October 2002 and again in November 2005. Two of his priorities have been building relationships with traditional owners of jointly managed parks, and improving agency corporate governance, accountability and transparency.

Peter 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 and has professional qualifications in forestry.

Bruce serves on the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Conservation and Heritage Advisory Committee and the Australian Capital Territory Bushfire Council. He is the 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 Australian Capital Territory.



Anne-Marie Delahunt

Assistant Secretary, Parks Australia North

Anne-Marie has over 16 years experience in the Department and the Australian Heritage Commission, working primarily on forest conservation and wildlife issues.

Anne-Marie has previously worked for a range of non-government organisations. Over the past few years, Anne-Marie has employed her communication and negotiating skills on a range of issues: working with Indigenous communities on turtles and dugong, with non-government organisations and the research community on whale protection, and with the Threatened Species Scientific Committee on a wide range of issues.



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 the Australian Government's Natural Heritage Trust and to organisational change with respect to information management and information technology. He has worked in national parks in Victoria and the Northern Territory.

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 Conservation 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 Stephen 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.

Senior management team

Meetings between members of the executive team and key senior staff are scheduled each week to discuss strategic directions and current issues. A video conference link is used to enable the participation of the Assistant Secretary, Parks Australia North, and her staff.

Stephen Oxley and Hilary Sullivan from the Marine Conservation Branch also participate in various high level meetings, providing advice to the Director on marine issues.



Pictured here are: Peter Cochrane; Paul Minogue; Bruce Leaver; Sam Ceravolo; Anne-Marie Delahunt (on screen); Dorothy Fitzpatrick (executive assistant to the Director); Helen Halliday; Margot Marshall and Con Boekel

Boards of management membership

Boards of management have been established under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* for Uluru–Kata Tjuta, Kakadu and Booderee National Parks. Tables 7, 8 and 9 show members of each board for 2005–06.

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.



Craig Ardler

Chair, Booderee National Park Board of Management

Craig was raised in the Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community where he has lived most of his life. The Ardler family has a long history in the area extending from La Perouse in Sydney down the south coast of New South Wales. The family is well known for campaigning for Aboriginal self determination and was instrumental in helping set up a number of community organisations for the benefit of the Aboriginal community in and around the Shoalhaven region, including the Jervis Bay Territory.

Craig has been chair of the Booderee National Park Board of Management since 2005. During his term as chair the capital works for the Windermere fire recovery were completed and a Junior Ranger programme for local schools was commenced.

Service agreements with Wreck Bay Enterprises Ltd, the business arm of the Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council, for the entry station fee collection service and for cleaning and grounds maintenance have been developed. Reviews of business opportunities for the proposed cultural centre and entry and camping fees have also been undertaken.

Craig believes in the empowerment of Aboriginal people through the provision of appropriate and culturally sensitive information, services and resources that can assist them in achieving a good quality of life and collectively maintaining control of their own futures. Craig has previously occupied executive positions on the board of the Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council and Dharawal Aboriginal Corporation Community Association. He is the current chief executive officer of South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation.

Table 7: Booderee National Park Board of Management

Craig Ardler (Chair)	Traditional owner nominee
Ivern Ardler	Traditional owner nominee (until 16 November 2005)
Ted Brown	Traditional owner nominee (from 26 March 2006)
Lorraine Ardler	Traditional owner nominee
Julie Freeman	Traditional owner nominee
Phillip McLeod	Traditional owner nominee
Leon Brown	Traditional owner nominee
Gavin McLeod	Traditional owner nominee
Peter Cochrane	Director of National Parks
Assoc Prof Robyn Bushell	Tourism expertise
Prof John Morrison	Science expertise
Capt Tony Aldred	Department of Defence (until 5 January 2006)
Capt Mark Sander	Department of Defence (from 26 March 2006)
Wayne Jeffs	Department of Transport and Regional Services



Jacob Nayinggul

Chair, Kakadu National Park Board of Management

Jacob Nayinggul became the chair of the Kakadu Board of Management in 2005. Jacob is a senior traditional owner of the Manilikarr Clan, located in the north-east of Kakadu National Park. Jacob has been on the board since its inception and is actively involved in the Gunbalanya community and town council.

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.

Since his appointment as chair Jacob has provided leadership during consultations on developing the fifth plan of management for Kakadu, has advised on the development of Twins Falls and formulation of a Shared Vision for Tourism and has provided guidance to park management.

Table 8: Kakadu National Park Board of Management

Jacob Nayinggul (Chair)	Traditional owner nominee
Jessie Alderson	Traditional owner nominee
Jane Christophersen	Traditional owner nominee
Victor Cooper	Traditional owner nominee
Yvonne Margarula	Traditional owner nominee
Mick Markham	Traditional owner nominee
Michael Banggalang	Traditional owner nominee
Jeffrey Lee	Traditional owner nominee
Denise Williams	Traditional owner nominee
Roy Anderson	Traditional owner nominee
Peter Cochrane	Director of National Parks
Anne-Marie Delahunt	Parks Australia
Rick Murray	Tourism industry expertise
Peter Whitehead	Nature conservation expertise
Marilynne Paspaley	Northern Territory Government nominee





Donald Fraser

Chair, Uluru–Kata Tjuta National Park Board of Management

Donald Fraser has been a member of the Uluru–Kata Tjuta National Park Board of Management since 1 January 2002 and its chair since 2003. Donald is a senior law man dedicated to maintaining and teaching *Tjukurpa* (traditional Aboriginal law in the western desert region) and to 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.

Donald 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 9: Uluru–Kata Tjuta 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 Tjingo	Traditional owner nominee
Graeme Calma	Traditional owner nominee
Peter Cochrane	Director of National Parks
Vicki Gillick	Northern Territory Government nominee
Vacant	Minister for Tourism nominee
Vacant	Minister for Environment and Heritage nominee