

2025 Annual General Meeting

Election of Directors – Candidate Statement

Mandy Bamford

Mandy is re-standing for the BirdLife Australia Board after completing her third three-year term in May 2025. She has been President since May 2023 and was Vice President from May 2021 – May 2023. A Western Australian member, Mandy joined the RAOU as a child in 1976 when she participated in the first Atlas of Australian Birds. She assisted with promoting the first Atlas and has worked as a Project Officer for the RAOU on several wetland projects as a recent graduate in zoology. As part of her role on the Board, Mandy serves on the Community Grants and Awards Committee and the CEO Review Committee. She is a partner in an ecological consulting business, where she works as an ecologist and science communicator and has taught science communication and animal survey techniques at the University of WA. She is passionate about communicating environmental and conservation messages to a broad audience and collaborates with communities, companies and governments in professional and volunteer capacities. Mandy works as a consultant ecologist for arts projects including Boorna Waanginy *The Trees Speak*, a large scale, environmentally themed installation for Perth Festival, and was part of the design team for the redevelopment of Herdsman Lake Discovery Centre in Perth. She and her husband Mike Bamford are guest ecologists on the ABC and other media outlets in Perth and they were jointly awarded the Inaugural Biodiversity Ambassadorship Award from the Curtin Institute for Biodiversity and Climate in 2011. Her other roles include President of the WA Gould League and Chair of the Herdsman Lake Regional Park Community Advisory Committee.