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This will be a very brief Tarsus as I (Garry Webb) will be overseas for some time as of 15 September.

This edition is devoted to our recently passed President Bob Ryan. It is with much sorrow that we advise of the passing of our President Bob Ryan who died suddenly on the 22 August 2024. Bobs funeral was held on 3 September 2024 at St Finbars Catholic Church at Sans Souci and then Woronora Cemetery followed by a memorial at St George Motor Boat Club. Bobs funeral was attended by three society council members.

Kind Regards

Garry Webb

Thomas Heddle

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Robert F. RYAN MSc, ASTC; FRSN; FRACI, C.Chem; FAIFST; FAMI CPM

Bob! A short no nonsense name, no distractions, no fanfare, a 'get on with things' name that epitomizes Bob's approach to life and application to the job in hand.

Bob had so many irons in the fire when it came to involvement with community organisations and scientific societies, of varied disciplines and interests; some intent upon fumigating the life out of insects.

But we got lucky!

Bob joined The Entomological Society of NSW in 1977, became a Councilor in 2010, Vice President in 2011 (when the Presidents position was vacant) and then President from 2012 up to his unsanctioned departure in 2024.

His quiet and friendly presence hid the persistent and intelligent application that gave the Society's Council, drive and substance during a period of reduced participation and purpose.

Bob proposed and supported the application of new approaches and updated systems of management through communication and support of other members of Council.

The Secretary and Treasurer's roles in particular were supported by Bob and critically from 2017 onward Bob was out there as a sounding board, reviewer and provider of direction; particularly important considering the reduced in person meetings.

As a result of Bob's influence, membership improved and council processes were brought up to date and became more efficient.

Discussion of priority between Bob and the Treasurer could be a difficult process with Bob's broad, long term and holistic view of the human element often winning over the application of numbers and dollar values of accounting.

Then there was the chauffeuring; of a nervous 'get lost easily' Treasurer to far flung meetings, members in need of a safe and sure (and sometimes Cook like and scenic) lift to and from venues and home; and most importantly his devotion to chauffeuring his wife, far and wide and often; we will all miss that bus service.

But most of all its Bob's convivial nature, generosity and wonderful laugh that are now and always will be missed.

Thank you, Bob

Robin Parsons, Hon. Treasurer, The Entomological Society of NSW Inc. 29 August 2024

One of Bob's favourite photos. Likely *Yeelana pavorina* (Pygomorphiidae) – Perisher Valley 31 August 2020, on the windscreen of his car.



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