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Amanda holds a degree in Science, an honours degree in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Social Administration. She is a consulting psychologist and has been the Public Officer of and member of the board since the Wombat Protection Society formed.

Amanda's vision for the Society is to bring individuals and groups concerned about wombats together, to share knowledge and to understand differing ideologies in care and management and to develop welfare advocacy. Her interests include understanding wombats from both the behavioural and psychological perspective, the interface between humans and wombats and animal welfare issues for wombats.

Amanda regularly speaks to groups about wombats and presents Society information at conferences and education/ training days. She has raised wombats and lives on a release site. She once stated she is either going to be or was a wombat in a former life and has a vested interest in their welfare either way. She sees them as one of the most fascinating animals to study, "because, they humble you; as soon as you think you know something about them, along comes one and does the complete opposite. Sitting for hours and nights on end in the bush, observing wombats has not only been a privilege but it has taught me to slow down, observe and 'be part' of an amazing experience. Unlike domesticated animals, wombats won't be 'trained', rather, they train you. It takes a certain type of person to cope with being trained by a wombat."