

Annual Report 2013

President's Report

In some ways 2013 was a year of change for BirdLife Australia as we grappled with the loss of government funding, a reduced focus on environmental issues by governments generally and the need to ensure our organisation remains strong and viable into the future. As a result, our Branches, Groups, Reserves and Observatories and staff participated with the Board in an organisational review that will ensure we continue to make a difference.

We are looking ahead with a renewed sense of excitement and optimism. BirdLife Australia now has a re-focused strategy and five-year fully-financed plan to lead bird and habitat conservation.

The strategy will drive significant growth in our supporter base; investment in citizen science research; and — most importantly — the delivery of effective on-ground bird conservation. BirdLife Australia also has a unique opportunity to engage the community and build a movement for change through birds.

It became clear from our consultation that monitoring Important Bird Areas and reporting the State of Australia's Birds is a real priority. By analysing bird population trends, BirdLife Australia can influence conservation programs and measure and evaluate their impact on species and biodiversity.

Because birds live near the top of the food chain, they are highly visible and effective indicators of Australia's environmental health. Imagine the 'status of birds' reported in official statistics alongside GDP, jobs and interest rates — that is our goal.

Of course, monitoring birds requires an army of people in the right place, at the right time, using robust survey methodologies. BirdLife Australia plans to better coordinate and invest in our hard-working volunteers, equipping them with 21st Century tools, technology and information.

Our vision is to bring together, in one place, all the resources needed to support and promote science-led conservation.

The Board is also investing in its own capacity to oversee the implementation of the strategy. A recent independent Board evaluation recommended a small number of constitutional changes. The changes, if adopted, will allow the Board to adopt better practice, recruit complementary skills and plan for succession, while retaining members' majority voting rights.

I thank all our Board members, staff, volunteers, members and donors for making their own valuable contribution to bird conservation in Australia. Your continued passion and enthusiasm for our work underpins BirdLife Australia's future success.

We know protecting species is a smart strategy for the long-term benefit of nature and people. The changes we are putting in place now lay the foundation stones for a strong organisation equipped to achieve its vision of a bright future for Australian birds and the places we share.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerard Early". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gerard Early, President BirdLife Australia

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Looking back, 2013 was the year the organisation reviewed its operations and developed a common strategy for change and growth to deliver its goals. The Board strongly endorsed the strategy and five-year operating plan, which includes ambitious — but achievable — goals: 150,000 supporters and 20,000 members within five years.

The strategic review was also an opportunity for all parts of our unique organisation to understand how they contribute to our goals. We are capable of doing so much more if we lift our ambitions, work together and harness our potential. Everyone has a role to play.

Put simply, the operating plan invests in growth, and manages costs, to ensure the organisation is strong and sustainable. An organisational restructure was implemented to align our people to the strategy, strengthen our capacity to manage projects, engage the community, invest in citizen science and develop and diversify funding sources.

BirdLife Australia's underlying financial performance improved considerably in 2013; however, a review of our accounting against better practice required several prior-year adjustments that impacted the final result. The turnaround was further complicated by a change in the former Australian Government's priorities, resulting in a loss of funding — a fate shared by many environmental non-profit organisations.

During this difficult time, many of our core programs were funded through reserves and the continued generosity of our financial supporters. Our donors are genuine partners in driving change, which is why we are engaging with them more closely through regular communications and events. The membership package is also under review to ensure we deliver better value and a unique experience for all BirdLife Australia's members.

Other achievements in 2013 include a doubling in our supporter base, a 10 per cent increase in membership, better financial controls and greater collaboration across the organisation. BirdLife Australia welcomed two new branches — Shoalhaven and Central Australia. And many independent birding groups signed an affiliate agreement to work with us, for example to survey birds and prevent commercial development impacting on bird populations.

Initiatives like Australia's Favourite Bird Vote — won by the Superb Fairy Wren — and online conservation advocacy campaigns raised our profile and educated the community about birds. You will see more innovative and exciting community events in 2014.

Our advocacy work put threatened species back onto the federal agenda, with an election commitment to appoint a Threatened Species Commissioner. Under the 'Places You Love' banner, BirdLife Australia worked with 40 environmental and community groups to campaign against the handover of approval powers to the states. Longer-term, this alliance is preparing to engage more widely to develop new and innovative solutions to the environmental crises we face.

Importantly, BirdLife Australia's on-ground conservation work is making a difference in every state and territory — as described in this Annual Report. For example, if you were at the beach over summer, you may have seen the positive impact of projects such as Beach-nesting Birds by observing Hooded Plover chicks thriving alongside surfers and sunbathers.

In a tough year, our passionate and enthusiastic staff and volunteers stood up and embraced change. Our volunteer Board and committee members helped to guide the organisation in a new and exciting direction and phase of growth.

Real change is hard work. We won't always get it right first time, but we will learn, adapt and celebrate success along the way. I believe the nation's oldest environmental organisation is now well-positioned to take up its place again as a real force in Australian conservation.



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Paul Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer

BirdLife Australia Network

39 branches, reserves and observatories, and special interest groups are a key foundation stone for the organisation and during 2013 the Network was further strengthened with two new Branches: BirdLife Shoalhaven in the south of NSW and BirdLife Central Australia, encompassing northern SA and inland regions of NT.

This snap shot of the Network's achievements – while not at all exhaustive – demonstrates the depth and breadth of action in 2013.

Queensland

BirdLife Northern Queensland monitors bushfire impact on Carpentarian Grasswren

In 2011 and 2012, widespread fires severely impacted populations of Carpentarian Grasswrens in the Gulf Country. Although the Carpentarian Grasswren is listed as Near Threatened by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and is considered Endangered in the NT, it is not identified as a threatened species in either Queensland or nationally. While the Grasswren's habitat is not threatened by human activities other than fires, because of the area's inaccessibility, BirdLife Northern Queensland's monitoring is vital for the species' survival in the region.

After analysing data, BirdLife Northern Queensland has recommended that if the Grasswren population does not recover after the spinifex has regrown (after 4–5 years), then urgent steps must be taken to proactively manage the habitat. Meanwhile, it is hoped that a regional fire management plan will be established in the Southern Gulf Natural Resources Management authority (NRM), together with a research program to reveal the birds' short-term reactions to their habitat being burnt.

BirdLife Northern Queensland has been monitoring the Carpentarian Grasswren since 2008, funded by an initial grant from Mount Isa Mines and Mount Isa Water.

BirdLife Townsville's busy schedule — monitoring and education

With the threat of habitat loss due to mining and the development of land and ports, a priority for BirdLife Townsville has been to monitor the movements of shorebirds at locations such as Cungulla and Bushland Beach. It has also been conducting regular surveys on the Town Common and assisting the Black-throated Finch Recovery Team with its work to maintain the small populations of this threatened finch which survive around Townsville.

In conjunction with this busy schedule, a team of skilled BirdLife Townsville members, armed with books featuring the local birds, has taken the conservation of birds and their habitats into local primary schools, while high school students learn on location at hot spots such as the Town Common.

BirdLife Capricornia takes puppet shows into schools

Six hundred school children in 14 schools have learned about the Critically Endangered Capricorn Yellow Chat in a puppet show developed and delivered by BirdLife Capricornia and funded by Caring for Our Country through the Fitzroy Basin Association.

BirdLife Southern Queensland Conservation Conference a record success

BirdLife Southern Queensland's 2013 Conference, 'Birds of Tropical and Subtropical Queensland', hosted in conjunction with the Australian Bird Study Association, was incredibly successful in raising the profile of BirdLife Southern Queensland. With over 100 people from the region attending the Conference, this annual bird conservation event is now well established on the regional calendar and is set to expand its horizons. The Conference was sponsored by Griffith University, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane and Gold Coast City Councils and South East Queensland Catchments. Swarovski sponsored the Student Award for Excellence in Ornithology, awarded annually at the Conference.

On the ground, the branch's Adopt-a-Farm project is focusing on previously unsurveyed areas in the Granite Belt region – volunteers are now working with six farms, providing surveying access to over 8000 hectares of farmland.



A well-earned break — members of BirdLife Southern Queensland take a breather during a bird survey in the Granite Belt. Photo by Julie Sarna

New South Wales

Worldwide followers support BirdLife Southern NSW's EagleCAM team

By streaming vision of the White-bellied Sea-Eagle nest near the BirdLife Discovery Centre at Sydney Olympic Park live on the internet, EagleCAM has enabled people throughout the world to participate in real-time conservation as they watch the birds' activities. CCTV cameras have revealed the secrets of their breeding behaviour — little was known about the Sea-Eagles' breeding cycle until the project began in 2009.

One or two young have fledged each year, and in 2013, viewers on the internet were eagerly watching the nest for the expected 40 days. When the eggs did not hatch, BirdLife Southern NSW were able to identify and act on a problem.



Centre of attention — one of Sydney Olympic Park's White-bellied Sea-Eagles. Photo by Glenn Ehmké

The project is supported by local and international followers, and is a key part of activities and events for the public at the Discovery Centre and education programs developed with project host, Sydney Olympic Park Authority.

BirdLife Southern Highlands achieves Protection Order for Latham's Snipe

Following 18 months of advocacy by BirdLife Southern Highlands, a Protection Order was placed on land inhabited by Latham's Snipe at the East Bowral Botanic Gardens by Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Populations and Communities (DSEWPAC). This forced a revised development plan for the Gardens, featuring a clearly designated area for "bird habitat". The Branch will continue to monitor the situation, conducting three counts during each Snipe season and providing results to the Wingecarribee Shire Council and other interested parties including the Department.

Victoria

BirdLife Mildura's local education kit a success for schools

Developed initially with funds raised from conducting bird surveys for the local Catchment Management Authority (CMA) and other agencies, an award from Mildura and District Educational Council (MADEC) — a not-for-profit organisation which supports local community building — helped with completing the BirdLife Mildura Education Kit. The kit helps students learn how to identify birds, practise bird observation, record bird sightings and information about the environment (e.g. weather, behaviour and habitat) and use field guides.

Successfully trialled with one local school in 2013, the word is spreading and other local schools are lining up.

BirdLife Echuca District monitoring supports Gunbower Creek restoration

BirdLife Echuca District's quarterly bird surveys along six reaches of Gunbower Creek have provided significant data and knowledge to the Gunbower Creek Restoration Project, helping the Department of Environment and Primary Industries and the North Central CMA meet Caring for Our Country obligations.

Since construction of the National Channel and other channels, the course of Gunbower Creek has become a series of lagoons. Late in September 2012, Goulburn-Murray Water announced that it was considering piping water to irrigators and allowing Gunbower Creek (that is, the series of lagoons) to dry out for part of the year. While BirdLife Echuca District believes that the periodic drying of some of the lagoons could improve bird habitat and help reduce infestations of water-weed, they recommended that water should be retained in some lagoons.

BirdLife Murray Goulburn contributes to Winton Wetlands education

The newly recovered Winton Wetlands is benefitting from information gathered via quarterly bird surveys which, over time, will identify changes in bird species numbers and distribution as the wetlands are re-established. Having completed a first annual cycle of surveys, BirdLife Murray Goulburn is committed to continue this work on a voluntary basis for Winton Wetlands Management Committee, with the information ultimately being used to help inform and educate the public about the ecological value of the Wetlands.

Monitoring expertise earns BirdLife East Gippsland new contract and funding

As a result of efficient and well-managed bird surveying for the Gippsland Plains Conservation Management Network since 2011, BirdLife East Gippsland was awarded a new contract to extend its monitoring of the birds of Red Gum Plains grassy woodlands at Forge Creek Water Reserve, near Bairnsdale, to three sites, five times a year.

In total, BirdLife East Gippsland's members and volunteers monitor 21 sites across the Gippsland Lakes

Important Bird Area (IBA) — an area of over 60,000 ha. Continued local IBA monitoring is now assured as BirdLife East Gippsland's collaboration with the 'Care Groups Caring for the Gippsland Lakes' has successfully secured funds via a Landcare submission to the Gippsland Lakes Ministerial Advisory Committee.



East Gippsland signing agreement at Nyerimilang.
Photo by Merryl Wright

BirdLife Bass Coast monitors designated Wildlife Corridors

Working with local Landcare groups BirdLife Bass Coast's monitoring at eight local wildlife corridor sites is providing information on the impact of revegetation for enabling safe and appropriate passage for birds. Wildlife corridors connect areas of habitat and on Philip Island many corridors were identified and established a decade ago. Monitoring involves surveying a defined site three times every October and November. Information collected is provided to Landcare for corridor analyses and to BirdLife Australia for species monitoring.

BirdLife Nhill supports boardwalk renovation

Bird observers, nature lovers and tourists will soon be able to enjoy wildlife of the Nhill Swamp Wildlife Reserve again from the safety of an upgraded boardwalk, thanks to funds currently being raised by a Nhill Rotary Club Appeal with the support of BirdLife Nhill.

In the meantime, BirdLife Nhill members continue their monthly outings and surveys, including a twice-yearly 'camp-out week-end' for members. BirdLife Nhill is well networked in the region, taking part in the Annual Challenge Bird Count and other surveys run by various organisations.



Hamilton On display: BirdLife Hamilton's Market Day stall, and regular monthly outings for BirdLife Australia members, has created interest in the community with a developing appreciation of birds in the region.

BirdLife Melbourne contributes 1000 monitoring hours to Melbourne Water project

BirdLife Melbourne members and volunteers continued to monitor the use of habitat by birds, conducting 110 surveys at nine sites along the Dandenong Valley Constructed Wetlands as part of BirdLife Australia's Regional Bird Monitoring Project for Melbourne Water. Local monthly monitoring enables Melbourne Water to maintain and improve the series of constructed wetlands as attractive habitat for birds and other wildlife.

BirdLife Mornington Peninsula's 'What Bird is that' is a popular annual fixture

Running since 2005, this one-day event, held every spring at The Briars, Mt Martha, is a day for families to learn about birds, go on a guided bird walk and enjoy the open space of The Briars. In 2013, over 100 people travelled from around Victoria to visit this idyllic location, joining with Mt Martha locals for a day of fun and learning.

South Australia

Gluepot Reserve's feral goats under management

Feral goats are the greatest destroyers of native vegetation in Australia. They flourish and breed in times of drought and are so flexible in their eating habits that should their food of choice become hard to find, they revert to eating another species. Gluepot's 200 species of birds depend on that same native vegetation, so managing feral goats is a key issue for Gluepot Reserve, part of the Riverland Biosphere Reserve.

Installation and renewal of 48km of electrified boundary fencing to prevent goats from entering the Reserve from neighbouring pastoral properties and the 'Judas Goat' project are helping reduce feral goat numbers. 'Judas Goat' — allowing for easy tracking and eradication of feral goats on the 546km² nature reserve — is a two-year pilot study for the 1-million-hectare Riverland Biosphere.

These programs have been supported by Gluepot donor, SA's Native Vegetation Council, the SA Government, Murray-Darling Basin NRM, neighbouring pastoral properties and the Riverland Biosphere.



Lush mallee habitat at Gluepot — and not a goat in sight.
Photo by Chris Tzaros

Western Australia

BirdLife WA's education program reached over 2500 people

Volunteers had a busy year introducing WA's native birds — the issues birds face, how to identify different species, what can be done to help — to over 2500 people, including school children, parents, teachers and local groups. Thanks to a grant from Lotterywest, BirdLife WA was able to refresh its sets of binoculars, telescopes and microscopes to give participants the opportunity to try the equipment out and learn how it supports birding and bird research activities.

Long-term restoration of sand dunes at Eyre Bird Observatory

The Eyre Bird Observatory's Dune Stabilisation project, which has been running for over 30 years, has been crucial in maintaining habitat for over 240 species of birds, with management and restoration focusing on naturally occurring flora, fauna and the ecosystem as a whole.

Data has been collected by volunteers at Eyre since 1977 through daily bird logs, weekly beach counts, bird study courses, bird banding activities, possum, reptile and invertebrate studies. With the resulting information contributing to an improved understanding of the bird populations at this isolated location, it illustrates the positive impact of the dune stabilisation project.

This long-term effort has been acknowledged by Western Australia's Regional Development Environmental Awards — Eyre Bird Observatory has twice been a finalist in the Regional Achievement and Community category.

Broome Bird Observatory brings visitors closer to shorebirds

An important centre for shorebird education and activities, Broome Bird Observatory's courses and tours continued to be a great success with local and international guests, promoting bird appreciation and environmental sustainability. The Observatory ran 120 short (2½ hour) nature tours for visitors, and its week-long shorebird courses enabled participants to get up close with the birds and their habitats and to appreciate birding as a sustainable hobby. Many participants have stayed in touch with BirdLife Australia, its groups and the Observatory after their experience.

With nearly 1000 day visitors and over 1000 guests staying overnight, Broome Bird Observatory is a destination of choice for birds, bird lovers, nature lovers and tourists alike.

Special Interest Groups

BirdLife Photography goes 'bush'

'Digital Photography in the Bush', a three-day national event held at Ingham, north Queensland, in October attracted over 70 members of BirdLife Photography from across Australia to participate in a mix of seminars and in-the-field tuition, honing their digital photography skills and capturing some beautiful images. They also learned directly about the importance of conservation efforts at Mugalla Station — a cattle station running conservation projects with local Indigenous owners — and at Tyto Wetlands, a large urban wetland rehabilitation project, which is home to over 230 species of birds.

The event was supported financially and in-kind by Hinchinbrook Shore Council, BirdLife Townsville and Nikon Australia.

Hundreds of geolocators over 5 years have improved migratory bird conservation strategies

As pioneers of geolocator technology, information collected by the Australasian Wader Studies Group, state-based wader-study groups and Massey University (NZ) have increased our knowledge of various species' migration strategies along the East Asian–Australasian Flyway and other global flyways. Data from over 480 geolocators — recording stopover locations and timing, departure and return dates and travel speeds — have been important in helping us understand shorebirds' behaviour in the Arctic and other difficult-to-access areas, improving conservation strategies and initiatives. It was especially important in supporting recent advocacy by the IUCN for action to conserve the diminishing mudflats in the Yellow Sea — key stopover locations for many species of Australia's migratory birds.



Crowd scene, Broome style — a mixed flock of shorebirds at Broome Bird Observatory. Photo by Andrew Silcocks

Research & Conservation

Commitment from supporters and funders keeps Beach-Nesting Birds program afloat

Volunteers and supporters dedicated to BirdLife Australia's on-the-ground work came to the fore in late 2013 when a change in the Australian Government's funding priorities affected the Beach-Nesting Birds — and other programs. With plans for the Beach-Nesting Birds breeding season underway and project volunteers already in action, the challenge of funding the season's activities was high on the priority list. As one of BirdLife Australia's exemplar conservation programs — built on solid scientific foundations, achieving positive results and embraced by communities across south-eastern and eastern Australia — it was imperative to keep program's momentum going.

The program's volunteers and BirdLife Australia's members and supporters quickly came forward with sufficient funds to keep planned activity on track while longer-term funding was sought. The program's achievements in stemming the decline of vulnerable beach-nesting birds and the incredible support and goodwill of all involved in the program resulted in alternative funding from local and regional governments, NRM organisations in SA and Victoria, foundations, and the Victorian Environmental Partnerships Program. As a result, on-ground nest protection continued, with the 2013–14 breeding season on track for a healthy production of fledglings, including the first fledging success in 20 years at both Moggs Creek and Ocean Grove in Victoria, and 50 new volunteers helping with beach protection. The program is now assured of sufficient funding for a further two years, and future funding strategies for BirdLife Australia's programs are learning from the situation and transitioning to a broader base to better support long-range conservation efforts.



It's in safe hands — Beach-nesting Birds coordinator Grainne Maguire holds a precious Hooded Plover. Photo by Hannah Lethlean

Coming out of the woodlands

BirdLife Australia's Woodland Birds for Biodiversity program continued working with landowners to protect woodland-dependent birds impacted by decades of land clearing, particularly in temperate south-eastern regions. Birds such as the Swift Parrot and Regent Honeyeater, nationally listed as Endangered, have suffered more than many.

In 2013, 38 captive-bred Regent Honeyeaters were released into the Chiltern–Mt Pilot National Park in north-eastern Victoria. The birds thrived, with 70 per cent surviving at least 100 days in the wild. In addition, five Regent Honeyeaters that had been released in 2010 were seen back in the forest, bringing the total number of birds surviving at least 12 months after release to 10, with at least one breeding successfully with a wild bird.

The release was made possible by collaboration between BirdLife Australia, the Victorian Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Taronga Zoo and over 150 volunteers working for and on behalf of the Regent Honeyeater Recovery Team. Fewer than 50 wild birds were seen in 2013–14, mostly in the northern parts of their range, probably reflecting the poor flowering of eucalypts recorded in central NSW.

As usual, there was revegetation work focusing on Lurg in Victoria and the Capertee Valley in NSW, while some prime woodland habitat has been secured under conservation covenant in key areas, including a known breeding site in the Hunter Valley. The Great Eastern Ranges Initiative has provided a short-term grant to conduct bird surveys in revegetated areas of the Capertee Valley to assess the effectiveness of these revegetation programs in restoring biodiversity. This project will also help members of the community and agency staff fine tune their bird surveying skills. This is an important pilot program, and it is hoped that it can be used to establish long-term monitoring sites in other regions throughout the Honeyeaters' range.

Saving the Great Western Woodlands

The Great Western Woodlands in the heart of Western Australia — the world's largest remaining temperate woodland — is under growing pressure from mining and development. Since this project started in 2011, volunteers have conducted approximately 1,700 bird surveys, often in remote areas — a 30 per cent increase on all surveys previously conducted in the Great Western Woodlands since 1901 — all in just two years!

BirdLife Australia partnered with The Nature Conservancy and generous BirdLife Australia donors to establish a long-term monitoring project in the woodlands. Assessing species distribution, population status, movements and ecology of bird species in the region will better inform conservation plans for this internationally significant region.

Monitoring birds in the region is an effective means of judging the health of the woodlands. For example,

declining populations of particular species may be a warning sign that something is wrong —for example, loss of habitat, or the effects of introduced predators. Importantly, the information allows BirdLife Australia to put in place conservation measures that work.

Carnaby's program extended

Protecting habitat in WA for the endangered Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo continued during 2013 thanks to the generosity of donors and the support of volunteers — despite recent Australian Government funding cutbacks for Carnaby's conservation during the year.

The outlook for Carnaby's remains bleak, as vital habitat continues to be destroyed, and the 2013 Cocky Count showed that numbers are well below those recorded in 2010. Alongside native bush clearing, pine plantations — which have become vital to the birds' survival — are also being cleared at an alarming rate.

This WA-led program engages landowners and the community to implement practical, on-ground conservation initiatives, such as revegetation and the protection of nesting hollows.

Australian Government's Caring for Our Country program funding, provided through the Northern Agricultural Catchments Council, allowed BirdLife Western Australia to work with farmers to identify habitat in need of protection, with 100ha of remnant bush on private land fenced off with the participation of land holders. Donations enabled the establishment of a new breeding range survey across the Wheatbelt and Great Southern regions involving rural communities and volunteers working together to gather critical information to identify areas for on-ground recovery efforts. Sightings have been received from over 300 locations in the Wheatbelt so far, and many nesting locations have also been reported, an encouraging sign. However, Cockatoos are being reported in smaller flocks than in the past.

BirdLife Australia worked with NRMs, community groups and the WA Department of Parks and Wildlife to provide landowners with information promoting critical actions that will help the Carnaby's survive across various farming landscapes, thanks to funding from Caring for Our Country, via the South Coast NRM.

On an exciting note, BirdLife Australia is working with partners to establish a program that applies the learning from the conservation of Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos to other threatened black-cockatoos in the South West — Forest Red-tails and Baudin's.

Robust data supports fight for the loss of shorebirds

Thanks to volunteers, donors and staff, ongoing Shorebirds 2020 data collection is demonstrating its value in supporting conservation advocacy and guiding environmental management plans. During 2013, Shorebirds 2020 supported over 15 local initiatives — many successful — with data and advice, all aiming for better conservation outcomes. These projects, driven by volunteers and often in partnership with other non-government organisations have, for example, helped reduce the impact of

proposed residential developments on bird habitat at the Powling Street Wetlands in Port Fairy, Victoria; informed planning for the future of important shorebird sites such as SA's Dry Creek Saltfields and combined education with advocacy for Darwin's Eastpoint reserve.

To battle the threats shorebirds face throughout the Flyway, Shorebirds 2020 has partnered with scientists at University of Queensland who rely on Shorebirds 2020 data for their analyses. Their ongoing work indicates strong links between migratory shorebird population declines recorded in Australia and habitat loss due to reclamation of land for urban, industrial and major agricultural use throughout the Flyway. Such robust research and analysis will be vital to BirdLife Australia's ongoing advocacy with governments for stronger habitat protection.

In Australia, on-ground shorebirds work continues to focus on supporting volunteers and coordinators, building their capacity to work with their communities on monitoring and conservation. Engagement with schools and Indigenous councils as part of the Caring For Our Country program resulted in school children participating in bird count activities and shorebird conservation being integrated into the Indigenous councils' Healthy Country Management Plans.

Rescuing the Norfolk Island Green Parrot

Based on concerns of a reported population crash, BirdLife Australia partnered with The Nature Conservancy, Island Conservation and the Norfolk Island Flora and Fauna Society to form a working alliance committed to preventing the extinction of the Norfolk Island Green Parrot.

The species was assessed as Critically Endangered in *The Action Plan for Australian Birds 2010*. The alliance commissioned a survey and management report by parakeet expert Dr Luis Ortiz-Catedral which found that as few as 11 breeding-aged female Green Parrots may remain, with a total population likely to be around 46–92 individuals, down from an estimate of 240 in 2010.

With the urgency of the situation clear, the partnership identified measures needed to prevent the extinction of the species. BirdLife Australia's special report, 'Parrots in Peril', published in *Australian BirdLife* in September 2013, highlighted the Green Parrot's precarious situation to BirdLife Australia's members and key decision makers.



It's not easy being green — Norfolk Island Green Parrot.
Photo by Ian Montgomery

As a result, there are now 40 predator-proof nest-sites scattered throughout Norfolk Island National Park which are monitored regularly by specially trained Parks Australia Rangers, with five sites having nesting and fledging activity, all sites monitored by cameras and inspected regularly by Rangers. Searches are underway throughout the Park to locate other sites that may need to be modified and predator-proofed. Meanwhile, further work is being undertaken to reduce the threat from predators including rats, cats, Crimson Rosellas and Common Starlings.

Importantly, Parks Australia has drafted an Action Plan for the birds' recovery, outlining both short-term and long-term actions, including a plan to translocate Green Parrots to Phillip Island, a predator-free islet off Norfolk Island.

Funding for the Alliance's initial work was provided by Island Conservation (through support of The Norman Wettenhall Foundation, the Packard Foundation and the Mohamed Bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund) and by The Nature Conservancy (through support of The Thomas Foundation). In-kind support was provided by BirdLife Australia, the Norfolk Island Flora and Fauna Society and Massey University. Funds from the Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife NSW allowed the repair and construction of 30 nest-sites in 2013.

Getting threatened species back on the national agenda

The 2013 Federal election saw the current Federal Environment Minister commit to creating a new Threatened Species Commissioner.

As one of just a few national conservation organisations dedicated to threatened species recovery, BirdLife Australia has always championed threatened species. A national advocacy campaign in the lead-up to the election coordinated and increased efforts across the BirdLife network putting threatened species back on the national agenda.

Local action by BirdLife Australia branch conservation officers, direct lobbying of federal candidates, media coverage and submissions to parliamentary inquiries saw threatened species get significant attention in the lead-up to the election on 7 September (which was, coincidentally, National Threatened Species Day), and commitment from Mr Hunt.

BirdLife Australia's conservation team is continuing to work constructively with Federal Parliament, the Environment Minister's office and Department to advocate for improved funding, administrative and governance arrangements to examine more effective ways to assist the recovery of threatened birds with the aim of securing increased funds available for recovery action.

'State of Australia's Birds' report to include innovative Australian Bird Index

As birds are near the top of the food chain and share our coastlines, wetlands, forests and grasslands, they are visible and immediate — but often overlooked — indicators of Australia's environmental health.

Outcomes of a special experts meeting, held in September and funded by the National Environmental Research Program and the University of Queensland, are set to help change this. Some of the country's

top experts in citizen science dataset analysis, the Australian Government's Environment Department and BirdLife Australia met to map out a future for the 'State of Australia's Birds' report, including the recommendation to develop an Australian Bird Index, to accompany Australia's set of national biodiversity indicators. Based on data collected from existing volunteer observer activity across Australia the Index is planned to include sub-indices of common and threatened birds at national and regional scales.

With the Australian Government as key partner, the first of this renewed annual 'State of Australia's Birds' series is scheduled for publication in 2014.

Australian Painted Snipe listed

In 2013 the Australian Government upgraded the status of the Australian Painted Snipe from Vulnerable to Endangered under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. It was also upgraded to Critically Endangered on the Advisory List of Threatened Vertebrate Fauna in Victoria 2013. This was the result of several years' work by BirdLife Australia, collecting and analysing data to present a substantiated recommendation to the Australian Government. The classification will help support the development of a National Australian Painted Snipe Recovery Plan and improves our ability to advocate for their conservation.



It's on the list — Australian Painted Snipe.
Photo by Andrew Silcocks

Understanding Sydney's Powerful Owls

The Powerful Owl project located 25 successful breeding territories which supported 35 chicks with a further 20 territories identified where no breeding was observed; better determined habitat requirements and prey composition of Sydney's Powerful Owls and obtained an improved understanding of the potential urban threats that Powerful owls face - car strikes, powerlines and bush fires. Data from wildlife rescue has indicated potential hot spots of mortality - particularly car strikes - and this along with BirdLife Australia's breeding and habitat requirements data will contribute to a Population Viability Analysis for the Sydney population, to be developed in conjunction with key partners.

Alongside this research, the Powerful Owl project engaged with over 350 students in Sydney's northern suburbs in an environmental education partnership with Gibberagong Environmental Education Centre, Taronga Zoo, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, Habitat Stepping Stones, Field of Mars Education Centre and Ricoh.

These outcomes were possible thanks to the work of 128 volunteer Owl Observers searching Sydney and the Central Coast, research students from University of NSW and University of Western Sydney and coordination with Local Councils, WIRES and Sydney Wildlife Rescue.

Raising awareness of our work

Public poll for Australia's Favourite Bird a hit with bird-loving public

Australia's Favourite Bird Vote, a fun feathered election held for October's National Bird Week enabled people to vote for one of 52 birds in an online poll. Not only was it a hit with bird-loving Australians, the media embraced the Vote wholeheartedly with many media celebrities adopting and campaigning for birds. The intense media coverage during the October campaign reached well over 1 million people through national and regional print and broadcast media, increasing appreciation of Australia's birds while raising the profile of BirdLife Australia. Community conversations happened across Australia on blogs, twitter, websites and facebook, complemented by over 35 branch and partner local events across Australia.

But most importantly a close-run national contest emerged between the Australian Magpie and Superb Fairy-wren, with the latter flying ahead in the last few days of the poll.

Australian BirdLife recognised with a Whitley

BirdLife Australia's quarterly magazine, *Australian BirdLife*, was awarded a Whitley commendation for best periodical by the Royal Zoological Society of NSW in 2013. The magazine is a must-read for anyone with an interest in native birds and the commendation is a testament to the quality of the publication, with the Society noting that, "The journal is easy to read, and a delight in that it presents viewpoints, it contains striking photographs, and the articles are well written and/or well edited. What is also striking is the sheer size of the journal – 82 pages – yet it is still able to be produced quarterly. This is a vast achievement, and itself deserving of the award."

The Whitley Awards are presented to outstanding publications focusing on fauna of the Australasian region.



Keeping donors informed

Promoting an appreciation and understanding of Australian birds amongst donors, BirdLife Australia held the first of a new series of special supporter events in November in Melbourne. 1996 Nobel Prize winner Peter Doherty, AC (author of *Sentinel Chickens: What Birds Tell Us About Our Health and the World*) delighted supporters with his research findings on why birds are the veritable "canary in the coal mine" and their importance to the wellbeing of humans and our environment.

Attended by donors, members and BirdLife Australia staff, the event highlighted the importance of birds as a key environmental indicator and the importance of monitoring Australia's birdlife.

Now planned for four times a year, donor events such as this give BirdLife Australia supporters the opportunity to become better informed about bird conservation efforts, and BirdLife Australia's area of focus and to contribute to our strategic goals in areas that are of most interest to them.



Canary in the coalmine — Peter Doherty warned us of some hazards ahead. Photo by Sean Dooley

WildBird Protector numbers grow

The WildBird Regular Giving program's 2013 acquisition and upgrade campaign saw a 67% increase in the number of Wildbird Protectors – people who give monthly to support BirdLife Australia's work.

WildBird Protectors and the WildBird Fund is one of the best ways to support BirdLife Australia's conservation work — regular and reliable donations allow BirdLife Australia certainty when making plans for the future, as well as reducing administrative costs — meaning more of the donor dollar is directed to conservation.

One Strong Organisation

Membership Growth and Retention

BirdLife Australia’s membership base exceeded cumulative pre-merger levels by 31 December 2013. A net growth of 11% in 2013 was the result of campaigns encouraging lapsed members to re-subscribe to the stronger new organisation and a constant flow of new members keen to support the work of the organisation.

Finance

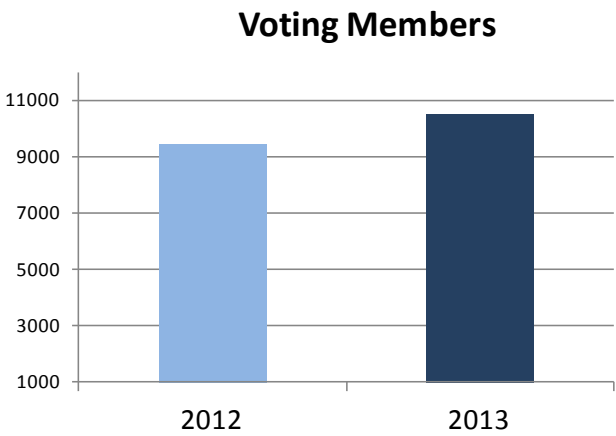
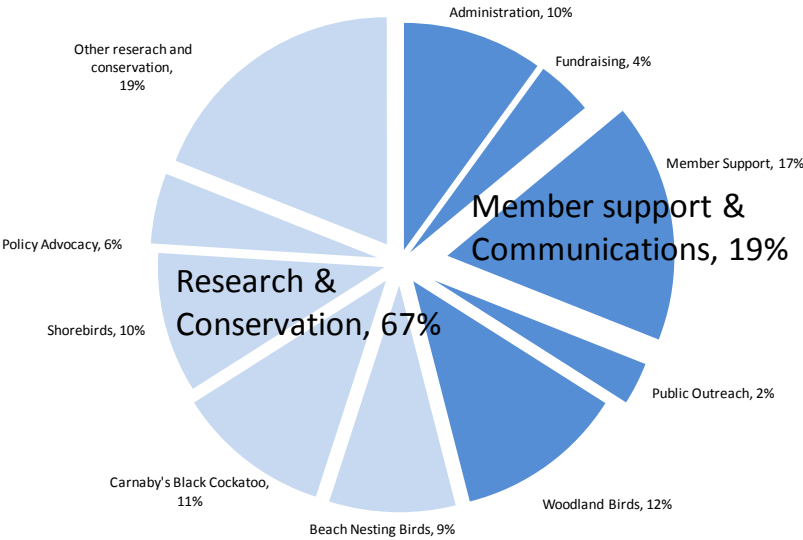
2013 saw a continuation of the standardising of accounting processes and policies across the network as well as a continuation of capacity building in the long-term interests of the organisation. The operating deficit for 2013 of \$349,841 represents a 44% improvement on 2012. This result has absorbed:

- A significant decrease in research funding of \$1.7 million; offset by funding from new sources of \$500,000
- Further write offs of older assets in developing detailed asset registers, and further branch assets being recognised.
- Correction of accounting inconsistencies in recognising project revenue at branches
- Reduced employee costs of 7% and reduced total expenditure of 13%.

Regular donations have continued to grow thanks to the commitment of our members and supporters to bird conservation outcomes. Memberships and subscriptions revenue increased by 20% and bequests by 33%. Our managed investments performed very well, increasing by \$689,270 (22%) during the year.

Birdlife Australia has continued to fund core research and conservation programs through the generosity of donors and by drawing on capital reserves, including Shorebirds 2020, Woodland Birds for Biodiversity, Important Bird Areas and Threatened Black-Cockatoo programs. Conservation advocacy and network support is also core funded by the organisation.

Coordination and integration of accounting between National Office and the network continues to be a priority and will be a focus of activity in 2014.



Directors	Date Appointed	Qualifications & Experience	Directors Meetings	
			Eligible	Attended
Gerard Early (President)	May 2011	MPA, BA, Grad Dip Admin, PSM; Environmental and public sector consultant, formerly Deputy Secretary of the Australian Government Environment Department	5	5
Barry Baker (Vice-President)	February 2011	Environmental Consultant, Chair of Governance Committee	5	5
John Barkla (Vice-President)	February 2011	BEC, FCA, Chair of Finance & Audit Committee	5	3
Patricia Bingham	February 2011	MA, DPhil (Oxon), ABEF Trustee (1993 to present) and Chair of ABEF, Chair of Awards Committee	5	5
Stuart Cooney	May 2013	PhD (ANU), BAppSc (Hons), ecological consultant, small business owner	3	2
Robert Davis	May 2011	PhD, ecologist and university lecturer, former small business owner	5	4
Robert Dunn	May 2011	ACA, MAppSc, Chief Executive Officer of major conservation program	5	5
Martine Maron	December 2011	BSc (Hons), PhD, ecologist, Chair of Research & Conservation Committee	5	4
David Reid OAM	May 2011	Marketing and strategic planning experience, member Governance Committee and Chair of OHS Committee	5	3
David Torr	May 2011	BSc, ARCS, BirdLife Photography Website Developer	5	4
Dezmond Wells	May 2011	Grad Dip Ed, B Appl Sci, Assoc Dip Appl Sci, Secondary School Head of Science	5	4

Statements of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December 2013

The concise financial report should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements, footnotes thereto, the Directors' Report and the Independent Auditor's Report included in the company's financial report for the year ended 31 December, 2013, which is available by request at the company's registered office or on the Company's website www.birdlife.org.au. This concise report cannot be expected to provide as full an understanding of the financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of the entity as the consolidated financial report.

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue from Ordinary Activities:				
Research project income	2,683,188	3,930,144	2,683,188	3,930,144
Donations	1,286,980	1,163,684	1,286,980	1,163,684
Subscriptions	665,663	558,619	665,663	558,619
Interest received	192,973	225,299	98,299	159,879
Advertising and sales	267,564	193,518	274,508	193,518
Courses and fees	258,171	255,825	258,171	254,606
Other income	27,322	47,284	28,165	47,284
Total Revenue	5,381,861	6,374,373	5,294,974	6,307,734
Expenditure from Ordinary Activities:				
Employee costs	3,251,828	3,508,803	3,251,828	3,508,803
Research projects non-employee costs	1,076,504	1,703,479	1,076,504	1,703,479
Accounting, audit and consulting costs	119,093	276,738	117,093	274,242
Interest and finance costs	49,776	35,435	33,103	18,935
Depreciation and amortisation expense	346,220	319,048	346,220	319,048
Printing, stationery and computer costs	307,745	293,251	307,745	293,251
Magazine production costs	214,156	213,649	214,156	213,649
Subscriptions	63,658	64,231	63,658	64,231
Occupancy expenses	655,329	571,242	655,329	571,242
Meetings, travel, branch activities	358,197	433,229	358,197	432,006
Other expenses	153,182	163,516	135,239	152,366
Total Expenditure	6,595,688	7,582,621	6,559,072	7,551,251
Operating surplus/(deficit) from ordinary activities	(1,213,827)	(1,208,248)	(1,264,098)	(1,243,517)
Bequests	777,445	580,509	777,445	565,509
Branch assets not previously recognised	86,541	-	86,541	-
Contributions of assets by merged entities	-	-	-	5,292,703
Transfer of endowment fund to Australian Bird Environment Foundation	-	-	-	(566,000)
Operating surplus/(deficit)	(349,841)	(627,739)	(400,112)	4,048,694
Other comprehensive income				
Items that maybe reclassified to profit or loss				
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	689,270	380,892	209,727	183,598
Total comprehensive income for the year	339,429	(246,847)	(190,385)	4,232,292

Note: the consolidated statement includes BirdLife Australia (parent) and its controlled entities (i.e Australian Bird Environment Foundation, Bird Observation and Conservation Australia, Royal Australasian Ornithological Union).

Statements of financial position as at 31 December 2013

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
	\$	\$	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	3,405,787	3,788,535	3,207,787	3,788,535
Trade and other receivables	230,695	308,197	230,695	308,197
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	3,636,482	4,096,732	3,438,482	4,096,732
NON-CURRENT ASSETS				
Investments	3,656,611	3,102,019	1,128,561	922,947
Property, plant & equipment	2,164,389	2,470,773	2,164,389	2,470,773
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	5,821,000	5,572,792	3,292,950	3,393,720
TOTAL ASSETS	9,457,482	9,669,524	6,731,432	7,490,452
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Trade and other payables	441,203	710,770	434,001	697,120
Provisions	428,239	420,738	428,239	420,738
Related party loans	-	-	25,044	48,656
Unearned Income	1,742,206	1,861,598	1,742,206	1,861,598
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	2,611,648	2,993,106	2,629,490	3,028,112
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Provisions	60,035	230,048	60,035	230,048
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	60,035	230,048	60,035	230,048
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,671,683	3,223,154	2,689,525	3,258,160
NET ASSETS	6,785,799	6,446,370	4,041,907	4,232,292
EQUITY				
Reserves	6,785,799	6,446,370	4,041,907	4,232,292
Retained surplus	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EQUITY	6,785,799	6,446,370	4,041,907	4,232,292

Statements of changes in equity for the year ended 31 December 2013

Consolidated	Retained Surplus	Unrealised Gains on Investments	General Reserves	Other Reserves	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2012	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets transferred on 1 January 2012	5,292,703	-	330,150	1,070,364	6,693,217
Deficit attributable to members	(627,739)	380,892	-	-	(246,847)
Transfers to and from reserves	(4,664,964)	-	2,056,588	2,608,376	-
Balance 31 December 2012	-	380,892	2,386,738	3,678,740	6,446,370
Deficit attributable to members	(349,841)	-	-	-	(349,841)
Transfers to and from reserves	349,841	689,270	(376,274)	26,433	689,270
Balance 31 December 2013	-	1,070,162	2,010,464	3,705,173	6,785,799

Parent	Retained Surplus	Unrealised Gains on Investments	General Reserves	Other Reserves	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2012	-	-	-	-	-
Surplus attributable to members	4,048,694	183,598	-	-	4,232,292
Transfers to and from reserves	(4,048,694)	-	2,007,932	2,040,762	-
Balance 31 December 2012	-	183,598	2,007,932	2,040,762	4,232,292
Surplus attributable to members	(400,112)	-	-	-	(400,112)
Transfers to and from reserves	400,112	209,727	(400,112)	-	209,727
Balance 31 December 2013	-	393,325	1,607,820	2,040,762	4,041,907

Statements of cash flow for the year ended 31 December 2013

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities				
Receipts from ordinary activities	6,010,984	8,294,759	6,018,771	7,013,822
Payments to suppliers and employees	(6,681,547)	(7,113,289)	(6,662,095)	(7,096,790)
Interest received	197,060	225,299	98,912	159,879
Net cash provided by operating activities	(473,503)	1,406,769	(544,412)	76,911
Cash flows from investing activities				
Cash assets transferred on acquisition of controlled entities	-	2,824,599	-	2,690,023
Net (acquisition)disposal of investments	130,591	(177,468)	3,500	1,238,310
Acquisition of plant and equipment	(39,836)	(265,365)	(39,836)	(265,365)
Net cash used in investing activities	90,755	2,381,766	(36,336)	3,662,968
Cash flows from financing activities				
Related party loans received	-	-	-	48,656
Net cash used in financing activities	-	-	-	48,656
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(382,748)	3,788,535	(580,748)	3,788,535
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	3,788,535	-	3,788,535	-
Cash at the end of the financial year	3,405,787	3,788,535	3,207,787	3,788,535

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