

Annual Report 2019



OUR VISION

Native birds are protected, valued and enjoyed by all Australians



President's Report

Australia's voice for birds



2019 ended and 2020 started with the worst bushfires in Australian history. Millions of birds and other creatures succumbed. As we worked to address the looming extinction crisis, our organisation has been dramatically impacted by a new threat—COVID-19. It is therefore pleasing to report that in 2019, the year of review, BirdLife Australia maintained its sustainable financial position, making us well placed to deal with these difficult times.

Birds have been my lifelong passion—from childhood memories of walks along the Yarra in Kew, to my 34-year involvement at Melbourne Water's Western Treatment Plant and my 40-year involvement with BirdLife Australia and its antecedents.

It's a privilege to serve as President of BirdLife Australia and I am so proud of this organisation's 119 year history of achievements. The CEO's Report details some of our excellent work in 2019.

As an organisation, we are constantly growing and adapting to our rapidly evolving world, coming up with innovative ways to promote the interests of our birds. We recognise that we cannot do it on our own. We have facilitated collaborations to deliver landscape-scale, multi-species programs for threatened woodland birds, migratory shorebirds and mallee birds. BirdLife Australia is working with others on an ambitious new strategy to improve nature laws, reverse population declines, protect habitat and help nature recover. We are stronger together, and together we are taking enormous strides in addressing the threats facing our birds and preventing their extinction. We thank the many thousands of people who support our work and who generously give their time or, by their philanthropy, help fund our crucial bird conservation programs.

I would particularly like to thank my fellow Directors, our CEO and his Leadership Team for the support they have given me in my three years as President. Allow me to give special credit to our Vice President, Prof Martine Maron, the Chair of our Governance Committee and Past President, Gerard Early, the Chair of our Finance & Audit Committee, Rob Dunn, and the Chair of our Development Committee, Pamela Sutton-Leguad. Following the AGM, my term will end and I will step down as President. I will remain on the Board for a further 12 months.

Again, I would like to thank all of you for your support throughout my Presidency and I look forward to continuing as an active member and supporter of BirdLife Australia for many years to come.

John Barkla, President



CEO's Report

Standing together to stop extinctions



BirdLife Australia has been around for nearly 120 years, and in that time we've weathered many storms. But over the last year, we've really seen it all—and in these extraordinary times, our strength, both in numbers and as an organisation, has never seemed more apparent. We've never lost sight of our cause, and I've never been more proud of our resilience and dedication as we continue to fight the extinction crisis.

This strength in numbers is something that has resonated throughout our activities over 2019. Once again, our passionate volunteers have spent over a million hours helping us save birds. Since 1998, our volunteer citizen scientists have collected over 19 million records for Birdata, making it one of Australia's largest biological datasets.

Last year, our Birds in Backyards Program turned 21—a milestone for a program loved by tens of thousands of people. Since then, we've helped countless Australians create bird-friendly spaces in their gardens and local communities, and now we've expanded into a new Urban Birds Program to transform our cities into refuges for some of our most treasured species.

And our reach only continues to grow. The sixth Aussie Backyard Bird Count saw a record-breaking number of participants counting nearly 3.4 million birds—an incredible achievement for what is fast becoming one of Australia's biggest citizen science events.

But sometimes it's the little numbers that are the biggest cause for celebration—which is why we cherish the small victories. Like the promising rediscovery of the Critically Endangered Grey Range Thick-billed Grasswren—a shy, elusive sub-species that hadn't been recorded in 70 years—until April 2019, when our survey teams confirmed a small population in north-western NSW. Or the King Island Brown Thornbill—the Australian bird most likely to become extinct in the next 20 years, which our Preventing Extinctions team found during their surveys.

Of course, we celebrate the bigger victories, too—like the formation of the Toondah Alliance to help save the irreplaceable Toondah Harbour and its critical Ramsar-listed wetlands from redevelopment. After working for years to protect shorebirds along the East Asian-Australasian Flyway, the 2019 Yellow Sea World Heritage Listing was a monumental achievement—giving hundreds of thousands of migratory shorebirds the best chance to continue their epic journeys.

This impressive win aligns with our ongoing campaign for stronger nature laws to ensure that future generations will have the opportunity to connect with our unique Australian birds. In 2019, we raised the stakes and put the pressure on the federal government to address the extinction crisis as the emergency it is. We're giving a voice to those who cannot speak while ensuring the skies won't fall silent of their song—and we thank our growing family of members and supporters who are at the heart of everything we do.

So to all our volunteers, staff, supporters, directors and partners:

Thank you for standing with us to stop extinctions—nature needs us more than ever. Your support is making a difference.

Paul Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer

Our stories from 2019

CONSERVATION NEWS

Together we continue to improve conservation outcomes for native birds

OUR RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

95

Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) received Health-checks by our dedicated KBA Guardians. 47,089

Advocacy actions were taken by passionate supporters pushing for stronger nature laws.

11

Migratory Shorebird Site Action Plans have been finalised for internationally and nationally significant habitat in South Australia. 739

Hooded Plovers counted on selected Victorian beaches, representing yet another sucessful breeding year.



BIRDS ON FARMS

Towards the end of 2019, Birds on Farms exceeded its goal of 180 participating Victorian farms and now has just over 190 properties involved in the project. In southern NSW, the project formally commenced in mid-October. Knowing what species are within a landscape—and why—helps implement land-management practices that allow birds to survive and thrive on farms and other rural private properties.



SOUTH-EASTERN RED-TAILED BLACK-COCKATOO

In June 2019 members of the Recovery Team and volunteers installed 25 new nest boxes for the South-eastern Red-tailed Black-Cockatoos on private properties across the Wimmera region, inspired by boxes used successfully for blackcockatoos in Western Australia. We're hoping the new nest boxes will be safe places for cockies to nest and raise their chicks. The Recovery Team plans to install more nest boxes in the Glenelg Hopkins and South East regions in 2020.

Image: L. Stanely Tang



HOODED PLOVER COUNT

In Victoria, where BirdLife Australia has the longest history of monitoring and conservation, there has been a dramatic increase in the Hooded Plover population, with totals now at 739, meeting our breeding targets.

"These little Aussie battlers should truly be marvelled at for their tenacity and determination to survive on Australian beaches." – Dr Grainne Maguire, Program Leader



GREY RANGE THICK-BILLED GRASSWREN

BirdLife Australia teamed up with Western Local Land Services to conduct surveys of the Grey Range Thick-billed Grasswren to ascertain exactly where this rare and range-limted species lives. In early April, our team located small numbers of the grasswrens at six of seven sites where they had been recorded previously, and our follow-up surveys in spring yielded 35 grasswrens.





SAVING BIRDS AND THEIR HABITATS

Together we continue to promote the appreciation and understanding of native birds and their threats



TOONDAH HARBOUR FORUM

In July, the BirdLife Campaigns team ran a successful forum in their ongoing fight to save Toondah Harbour, in south-eastern Queensland, from development that would devastate the Ramsar-protected wetlands and its shorebird population. The site is particularly important for Critically Endangered Eastern Curlews during the non-breeding season. Local legend Judith Hoyle (BirdLife Southern Queensland) told the story of her fight to save this amazing place from inappropriate development, including her appearance on the ABC TV program Four Corners. Rob Clemens, Support Officer with BirdLife Southern Queensland, spoke about migratory shorebirds and the threats they face on their journey along the East Asian-Australasian Flyway via the Yellow Sea.



YELLOW SEA RECEIVES WORLD HERITAGE LISTING

The East Asian-Australasian Flyway is a migration 'super highway' which links the bird populations of more than 22 countries—including Australia. It supports the world's greatest diversity and overall numbers of migratory birds. The Yellow Sea is the linchpin of the Flyway, and its mudflats are crucial for the survival of more than 17 threatened migratory shorebirds. Key sites along the Yellow Sea coastline received World Heritage listing in July. BirdLife Australia's long-term monitoring of migratory shorebirds was pivotal in this decision, as our data demonstrated the importance of the Yellow Sea for the survival of migratory shorebirds. The Australian Government used this information to argue for the World Heritage listing to permanently protect and manage these coastal wetland habitats.



BLACK-EARED MINERS: POWER TO THE PEOPLE

The Critically Endangered Black-eared Miner survives only in scattered pockets of old-growth mallee vegetation. Calperum Station, in the Murray-Mallee of SA, is one such site. Its importance has been recognised by the Australian Government as an area of 'Critical Habitat for a threatened species'. ElectraNet, a South Australian electricity transmission network company, proposed building a high-voltage powerline through Calperum Station, which would clear a wide swathe through the old-growth mallee. There are, however, other feasible routes that the powerline could take. Following advocacy by BirdLife Australia, nearly 2000 people made submissions opposing the proposed route of the powerline, and ElectraNet subsequently announced it would investigate alternative routes for the powerline.



BITTERN HABITAT REHABILITATED

To help the Endangered Australasian Bittern, in May BirdLife Australia formed a partnership with the Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, Winda-Mara Aboriginal Corporation and government agencies to assist with traditional burning of reedbeds at Tyrendarra Indigenous Protected Area in south-western Victoria. Over time, reedbeds often become choked with an accumulation of mulch, drying out the microhabitat and making the sites unsuitable for bittern prey to inhabit. It also renders the reedbeds so dense that bitterns are unable to access the reeds. Traditional burns, which are cool and burn in a mosaic across the landscape, serve to open the reedbeds up. By conducting these burns in autumn, it allows the reeds to regrow by October, when the bitterns need them for breeding.

AROUND THE GROUNDS

Together we continue to build a strong nature organisation to speak for native birds



Image: Stuart Cooney





BIRDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

For the second year, the BirdLife Photographer of the Year competition captured spectacular examples of our wonderful birds in all their glory, with more than 4,000 photographs entered. The judges certainly had a tough time choosing the winners. We have showcased some of these impressive images throughout this *Annual Report*.

"Black-necked Stork fishing" by Ofer Levy, Portfolio prize winner

CELEBRATING THE BIG 3-0

For 30 years, BirdLife
Mornington Peninsula has
been meticulously collating
their bird lists complied on its
regular birdwatching outings
on a simple spreadsheet. These
valuable data have now been
uploaded onto Birdata, making
them easily accessible and
more convenient for anyone to
use.

A big thank you to lan Dowling for maintaining these lists for all these years

MEETING MARGARET ATWOOD

BirdLife Australia was honoured to have Margaret Atwood, a Canadian Booker prize-winning poet and novelist, speak to a small group of donors in Sydney about her work with BirdLife International, as well as the ongoing conservation management of Canada's Pelee Island Bird Observatory, which she helped to found. Margaret spoke of her great faith in grassroots conservation organsations, like BirdLife Australia, to achieve real change for threatened birds.

SIX YEARS OF BACKYARD COUNTING

The Aussie Backyard Bird Count is quickly becoming one of Australia's biggest citizen science events and it's an activity that attracts counters of all ages. Since our first Aussie Backyard Bird Count in 2014, the numbers of counters has risen from 9.000 to more than 70,000 and the number of birds counted increased from 850.000 to almost 3.4 million 2019! The Rainbow Lorikeet held onto its top spot by a big margin, with more than 400,000 being counted. For the first time since the Aussie Backyard Bird Count began, the Australian White Ibis, made it into the top ten most commonly seen species.



AUSTRALIAN

ORNITHOLOGICAL

CONFERENCE IN DARWIN

Over 350 delegates from

around the world gathered

in Darwin for a jam-packed

three concurrent sessions.

There was a strong focus

schedule that had to run over



OUR NETWORK IN ACTION

Our annual face-to-face event, BirdLife Network Forum, was held in May, bringing together some of our most passionate and dedicated volunteers. Sharing ideas, celebrating successes and discussing how we can all work together better to have a real impact for birds across the country.

"The postive vibes in the room were electric as delegates from all groups came together to discuss the state of Australia's birds and the role we all play in conserving them" - Alma De Ribiera



BIRD HAVEN FESTIVAL TAKES FLIGHT

Following the success of the 2018 festival, Shoalhaven Heads' 2019 Bird Haven festival was extended over three days on 18-20 October. Featuring talks, walks, workshops, a bird expo, and bird-themed market, Bird Haven encourages more people to become bird advocates-and we can never have enough bird advocates. Well done to everyone involved and BirdLIfe Shoalhaven for supporting this great event.



EAGLE CAM IS BACK!

Exciting news over at the BirdLife Discovery Centre—live streaming at the Whitebellied Sea-Eagle nest has resumed. EagleCAM volunteers have been working tirelessly to update the system and carry out maintainance after repeated storm damage and a computer crash. A big thank you to all involved in this exciting project.

birding and nature spots.



John Barkla (President)

Appointed February 2011

BEc, FCA, Chair of Western Treatment Plant Biodiversity Conservation Advisory Committee for Melbourne Water as the representative of BirdLife Australia

Martine Maron (Vice President)

Appointed December 2011

BSc (Hons), PhD (Monash), Professor in Environmental Management at The University of Queensland

Barry Baker

Appointed February 2011

PhD (UTAS), environmental consultant, member Research & Conservation Committee, Chair National Monitoring Committee, Chair Australasian Seabird Group, member of Governance Committee

Amanda Bamford

Appointed May 2016

BSc. (Hons) zoologist and science communicator, small business partner, Councillor WA Naturalists' Club, Chair Herdsman Lake Regional Park CAC, Vice President WA Gould League, ABEF Trustee, member Awards Committee

Stuart Cooney

Appointed May 2013 (resigned May 2019)

PhD (ANU), BAppSc (Hons), ecological consultant, small business owner, ABEF Trustee, member Awards Committee

Robert Dunn

Appointed May 2011

MApplSc, BA (Hons), Grad Cert Ornithology, President BirdLife Shoalhaven, Chair Finance & Audit Committee/ Australian Bird Fund Committee

Gerard Early PSM

Appointed May 2011

MPA, BA, Grad Dip Admin, GAICD, environmental and public sector consultant, formerly Deputy Secretary of the Australian Government Environment Department, Chair Governance Committee

Duncan MacKenzie OAM

Appointed May 2014

FRMAA, FMAA, FAIIM, FAICD, Chair BirdLife Australia Gluepot Reserve, member Occupational Health & Safety and Finance & Audit Committee/Australian Bird Fund Committee

Alex Morgan

Appointed September 2019

LLB BComm, GAICD, Member Development Group

Gary Nelson

Appointed November 2019

BCA, Chartered Accountant, Member Finance & Audit Committee/Australian Bird Fund Committee

Jarrod Pittson

Appointed 30 March 2020

BSc (Hons), Chemistry, PGDip Environmental Management & Legislation

Roland Roccioletti

Appointed July 2017 (resigned June 2019) MAICD, ESCI, Ad Dip Food & Tourism

Pamela Sutton-Legaud

Appointed July 2017

MBA,CFRE, MFIA, consultant AskRIGHT Pty Ltd, Chair Fundraising Institute of Australia Victorian Committee, Board member Inner West Community Enterprises/Seddon Community Bank, Chair Development Group

Alanna Vivian

Appointed May 2014

BA (Hons), LLB, practising lawyer, member Finance & Audit Committee/Australian Bird Fund Committee



50 year Members

Bruce Abbott Rosemary Adams Jill Anderson David Ap-Thomas Susanna Ap-Thomas Heather Arnold Noel Arnold Shaun Austin Colin Barraclough George Bedggood Geoffrey Berry Russell Biggs Genevieve Binns Philip Brook Margaret Brooke Lesley Brooker Michael Brooker Noel Brown Lilla Buckingham **David Buntine** Max Burrows Gordon Cameron OAM John Carabella Mike Carter Graeme Chapman Paul Chick Donald Clark Eileen Collins OAM Mavis Cooper Richard Cooper John Courtney Lyle Courtney OAM Alan Cowan Gina Cowling Sid Cowling Michael Craig Marion Crouther Peter Dann Stephen Davies

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Marlene Lyell

Distinguished Service Award

Marleen Acton Rob Anderson Marjorie Andrews David Ap-Thomas George Baker Michael Bamford Colin Barraclough **Lionel Bloss** Ron Bone Frances Bray Allan Briggs Alan Brown Celia Browne Maxwell Burrows Shirley Cameron Shirley Cook **David Coutts** John Crowhurst Stephen Debus Xenia Dennett Tina Dotto Val Ford Barbara Garrett Alan Giles Sheena Gillman Janet Hand Graham Harrington Judith Harrington Alec Hawtin

Graeme Hosken

Christine Hudson Julia Hurley

Judith Hoyle Virgil Hubregtse

Tania Ireton

John Kirton

Andrew Lev

Col Kohlhagen

Laurence Living

Barbara Longmuir

Hans Lutter Peter Mason Suzanne Mather Clare Miller Tim Mintern lan Morgan Ian Muir Clive Napier Wendy Napier Clive Nealon Helen O'Donnell Joan Peters Margaret Philippson Jill Plowright Bill Ramsay Barbara Reidy Leonie Robbins **Donald Roberts** Jennifer Rogers Sonja Ross Don Saunders Peter Sedgwick **Bob Semmens Bob Shanks** Rod Smith Richard Stevens Keith Stockwell Nancy Taylor Trish Teesdale Duncan Turnbull **Bessie Tyers** Liz Walker Brice Wells Barbara Williams Beth Williams Jon Wren **Avril Yates Bob Young**

Fellows

Margaret Cameron AM
Sid Cowling
Peter Dann
Stephen Davies
Doug Dow
Stephen Garnett
Phil Moors AO
Mike Newman
Henry Nix AO
Penny Olsen

Honorary Member

Patricia White

Honorary Life Members

Geoff Deason Alma Mitchell Rosemary Payet Howard Plowright Len Robinson

We sadly note the passing of

Ray Anderson
Helen Aston
Alan Johnson
Hazel Jones
Clive Minton AM
John Moore
Andrew Sinclair
Diana Snape
Roderick Sutherland AM
Evan Thomas
Peter Thomson



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Government

Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resource Management Board

Biodiversity Conservation Trust

Central Tablelands Local Land Services

Central West Local Land Services

City of Joondalup

City of Cockburn

City of Mandurah

City of Sydney

Corangamite Catchment Management Authority

Cradle Coast Authority

Department of the Environment & Energy (Australian Government)

Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning (VIC)

Department for Environment and Water (SA)

Department of Environment and Science (Qld)

Department of Planning, Industry & Environment (NSW)

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (WA)

Department of Social Services

Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board

Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority

Hunter Local Land Services

Logan City Council

North Central Catchment Management Authority

North-East Catchment Management Authority

Northern & Yorke Natural Resource Management Board

Northern Tablelands Local Land Services

North West Local Land Services

NSW Environmental Trust

NSW Government, Office of Environment & Heritage

Parks Victoria

Port Philip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority

State Natural Resources Management Board (WA)

South East Natural Resources Management Board

Southern Gulf Natural Resources Management Board

West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority

Western Local Land Services

Wimmera Catchment Management Authority

Business Partners

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MACH Energy

Melbourne Water

Penrith Lakes Development Corporation Ltd.

PF Olsen Pty Ltd.

Whitehaven Coal

Woodside Energy Ltd.

WSP Australia Pty Ltd.

Foundations

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The R E Ross Trust

Wettenhall Environmental Trust

Indigenous Partners

Crocodile Island Rangers
Gudjuda Reference Group Aboriginal Corporation
Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation
Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council
Timber Creek Rangers, Northern Land Council
Tiwi Land Council



Supporting and research partners

Arthur Rylah Institute Australian Geographic Society Australian Landscape Trust Australian National University Australian Tropical Herbarium James Cook University BirdLife International Birds Korea (ROK) Bush Heritage Australia Central Victorian Biolinks Alliance Community Solutions Conservation Council of WA

Conservation Management Ltd. Conservation Volunteers Australia

CSIRO

Deakin University

East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership

Flinders University

Environmental Defenders Office

Environmental Justice Australia

Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife

Foundations of Success (USA)

Great Eastern Ranges Initiative

Greening Australia Ltd.

Healthy Land and Water

Holbrook Landcare Network

Landcare Australia

La Trobe University

Molonglo Conservation Group

Monash University

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Murray Bridge Rotary Club

National Parks Association of NSW

Peel Harvey Catchment Council

Perth NRM

Places You Love Alliance

Seocheon County (ROK) South Coast NRM South West Catchment Council Taronga Conservation Society Australia Trees for Life University of Queensland University Western Australia Western Australian Marine Science Institution Zoos Victoria Zoos South Australia

Affiliates

Australian Bird Study Association Birds SA

Blue Mountains Bird Observers (NSW)

Cocanarup Conservation Alliance (WA)

Connecting Country (Vic)

Cumberland Bird Observers Club (NSW)

Far South Coast Birdwatchers (NSW)

Friends of Western Ground Parrot (WA)

Geelong Field Naturalists Club Inc. (Vic)

Hastings Birdwatchers (NSW)

Hunter Bird Observers Club (NSW)

Illawarra Birders Inc (NSW)

Illawarra Bird Observers Club (NSW)

King Island Natural Resource Management Group (Tas)

Manning Great Lakes Birdwatchers Inc (NSW)

Native Arc Inc (WA)

NT Field Naturalists' Club

Shorebirds SE Inc (SA)

Victorian Wader Study Group



Financial Performance

The **Consolidated Financial Statements** for BirdLife Australia and its controlled entity, Australian Bird Environment Foundation, includes the National Office, BirdLife Australia network of branches, reserves, observatories, and special interest groups.

Our Total Revenue in 2019 increased to \$12.5m compared to \$9.1m in 2019, which included a significant increase in bequests and donations increased by \$1.1m. We also had a strong return from our investments of \$1.5m (2018: \$1.048m loss) – primarily due to the movement in the fair value of investments.

Our expenditure on conservation, science and advocacy increased by 3% to 62% (2018: 59%), and we continue to carefully manage our administration expenditure which was 12% of overall 2019 expenditure (2018: 14% which excluded the loss in the fair value of investments).

BirdLife Australia achieved a surplus in 2019 of \$2.7m compared to a deficit of \$446k in 2018.

Our net assets remain strong at \$13.4m (2018: \$9.3m).

Since the reporting period ended 31 December 2019, the COVID-19 outbreak has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organisation. This has caused worldwide economic uncertainty, which has the potential to impact our various sources of revenue and the timely delivery of some of our objectives. Financial markets are also currently experiencing dramatic negative movements.

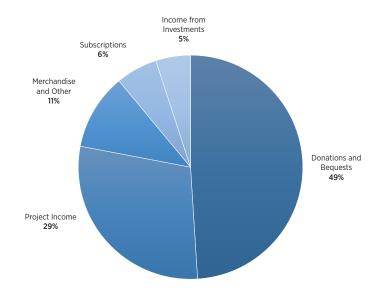
BirdLife Australia will look to effectively manage our revenue sources and expenditure during this period of uncertainty, and strive to ensure the majority of our revenue continues to be invested in our conservation, science and advocacy work to reverse declines in bird populations.

Thank you to all our supporters for your continuing financial support to deliver our vision of ensuring native birds are protected, valued and enjoyed by all Australians.

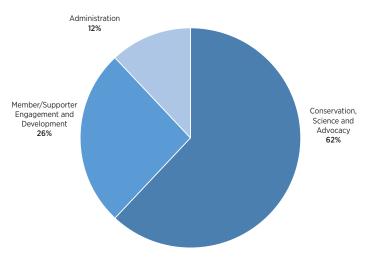
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All information disclosed in this extract has been derived from the full audited financial report for BirdLife Australia. This extract cannot be expected to provide a complete understanding of the financial performance, financial position, and financing and investing activities of BirdLife Australia. The full audited financial report is available online at www.birdlife.org.au

Revenue 2019



Expenditure 2019



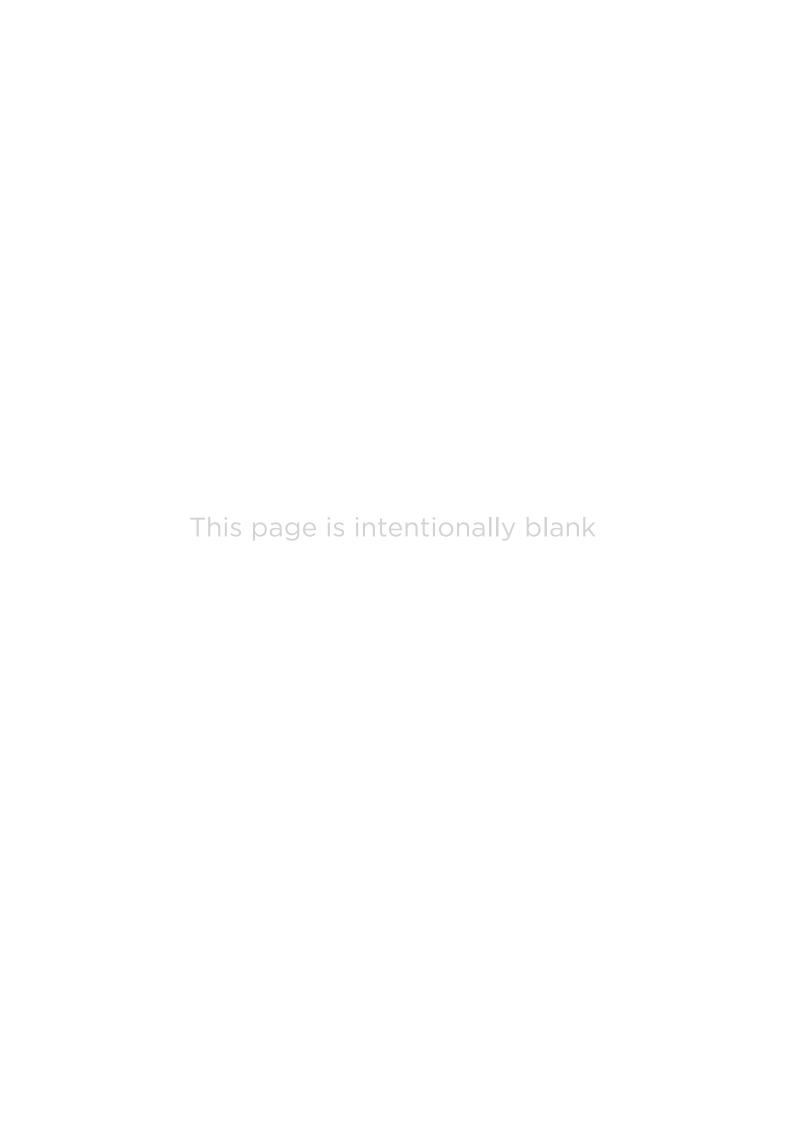


STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Revenue		
Project income	3,263,654	3,433,309
Donations	3,742,340	2,624,403
Bequests	1,637,678	365,749
Subscriptions	711,282	769,913
Sales, courses and fees	1,044,788	967,172
Finance income	585,819	866,149
Other income	21,693	93,615
Net gain in revaluation of financial assets at fair value	1,481,154	-
Total Revenue	12,488,408	9,120,310
Expenditure		
Employee costs	5,647,951	4,760,960
Printing, stationery and magazine costs	699,394	709,367
Finance and administration costs	1,087,302	968,246
Project non-employee costs	1,611,799	1,354,134
Occupancy expenses	286,145	351,738
Travel expenses	418,232	325,266
Subscriptions	37,626	48,300
Net loss in revaluation of financial assets at fair value	-	1,047,888
Total Expenditure	9,788,449	9,565,899
Operating surplus/(deficit)	2,699,959	(445,589)
Other comprehensive income		
Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	2,699,959	(445,589)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	3,077,282	2,402,060
Trade and other receivables	519,737	722,573
Other financial assets	211,561	207,553
Other assets	57,152	38,480
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	3,865,732	3,370,666
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Investments	11,374,193	9,011,911
Right of use assets	144,183	-
Property, plant & equipment	995,507	989,652
Intangible assets	387,504	397,601
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	12,901,387	10,399,164
TOTAL ASSETS	16,767,119	13,769,830
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	667,939	682,964
Lease liability	129,734	-
Provisions	1,119,274	1,025,113
Contract liabilities	1,287,914	2,624,042
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	3,204,861	4,332,119
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provisions	155,273	161,730
Lease liability	19,748	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	175,021	161,730
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,379,882	4,493,849
NET ASSETS	13,387,237	9,275,981
EQUITY		
Retained surplus	13,387,237	9,275,981
TOTAL EQUITY	13,387,237	9,275,981





largest nature conservation partnership. BirdLife International is a partnership of 121 organisations worldwide and growing, with 10 million members and supporters, over 4,000 local conservation groups and 8,000 staff, supported by 5,000 volunteers.

BirdLife International's vision is a world rich in biodiversity, where people and nature live in harmony. The partnership is driven by the belief that local people, working for nature in their own places but connected nationally and internationally through our global partnership, are the key to sustaining all life on this planet. This unique local-to-global approach delivers high impact and long-term conservation for the benefit of nature and people.

The BirdLife International partnership is widely recognised as the world leader in bird conservation. Rigorous science informed by practical feedback from projects on the ground in important sites and habitats enables this truly global partnership to implement successful conservation programs for birds and all nature.

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