



Annual Report 2020

standing together to stop extinctions

A photograph of a small bird, identified as a Rainbow Bird, perched on a dark, bare branch. The bird has a black head with a white stripe through its eye, a black beak, and a body with black and white vertical stripes. A bright yellow patch is visible on its wing. The background is a smooth gradient transitioning from a light purple/pink at the top to a bright blue at the bottom.

OUR VISION

Native birds are protected, valued
and enjoyed by all Australians

Front cover image: Reflective Jacana by Wilson Lennard. Shortlisted for Birds in the Landscape category
This page: Rainbow Bird by Michelle Gardner. Shortlisted for Backyard Birds category

President's Report



When I joined the Board of BirdLife Australia nearly 10 years ago, the two organisations doing the most important work to protect Australian birds merged into one. Combining the impressive scientific credibility of Australia's premier ornithological society, an enviable grassroots supporter base with rich knowledge from millions of hours observing birds in the field, and nature and bird lovers drawn to the enthusiasm, knowledge and opportunity for engagement that we present, BirdLife Australia is a conservation charity like no other. Our long and diverse history is our strength, and as I take the helm as President, I am proud of this history, privileged to be a part of BirdLife Australia and excited for our future.

BirdLife Australia is an organisation that appeals to many people for different reasons, and through 2020 we have managed to extend our reach despite the restrictions forced on us by the global pandemic. And with the challenges our birds are facing, we will need to continue expanding our supporter base and forging partnerships to stem the tide of extinctions.

While we continue to battle the effects of climate change, such as the catastrophic Black Summer bushfires, and fight for a more judicious, science-informed approach to land-clearing and development, the failure of our nature laws is perhaps Australia's greatest impediment to nature conservation. At all levels, our nature laws

have failed again and again to do what they were designed to do: protect our birds and environment. With the EPBC Act subject to scathing assessment and extensive recommendations for its improvement from the independent reviewer, Professor Graeme Samuel, now must be a moment of change in our nature laws if we are to turn around Australia's devastating trajectory of biodiversity decline.

BirdLife Australia has a pivotal role to play. Our ability to bring science to the fore, and to contribute hard data and rigorous assessments to the debate, is so important. We have a scientific credibility that, with the passion of our supporters, makes a difference in debates about nature protection and helps frame and inform the wider community perception of the extinction crisis our country is facing. It's astounding that we still need to argue for science to inform conservation policy, but so often, we do. BirdLife Australia's strong scientific underpinnings give us a position of respect in the field that is crucial to our success in improving conservation practice in Australia.

We have a huge task ahead of us to see the EPBC Review recommendations turned into legislation to deliver the strongest nature laws possible. With the support of our dedicated and growing BirdLife community, we have a good chance of success.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to former President, John Barkla, as he steps down from the Board, for his decades of dedicated service to BirdLife Australia and its predecessor organisations, and his lifetime of service to Australian birds. I thank Barry Baker, former Vice President, as he completes his term on the Board as well. Both John and Barry were pivotal to the merger that created this great organisation, which has come so far under their stewardship. I would also like to welcome Mandy Bamford as Vice President, and our new Directors Hugh Possingham FAA and Jarrod Pittson. Together, we've weathered one of the stranger years in history, and I want to thank the Board, our CEO and his Leadership Team, and all BirdLife staff and volunteers for their great dedication and hard work through this challenging time.

It is a real privilege to serve as President of BirdLife Australia, and I want to thank all of you for your support and your incredible commitment to our birds. I look forward to working with you all in this new capacity as we meet the challenges ahead.

Martine Maron, President

CEO's Report



Standing together to stop extinctions

The year 2020 was a year like no other. It started with bushfires which incinerated the homes of both people and wildlife on a terrifying scale. But your response was inspiring: so many of our supporters and volunteers reached out to help BirdLife Australia's emergency recovery work.

And then the pandemic upended the world, shutting down our workplaces and operations. Again, our staff pulled together to ensure BirdLife Australia kept doing what we do best: protecting Australia's birds.

In response to the mega-bushfires, our staff collaborated with scientists on a groundbreaking study to assess the impact on Australian birds and their habitats. Indeed, the strength of our data, collected by volunteers, was instrumental in identifying populations at high risk and developing a Bushfire Recovery Program with projects focused on priority species.

We have a long way to go, but the work of recovery is well underway.

Another high note of our year was the first large-scale release of captive-bred Regent Honeyeaters in NSW in June; the culmination of a conservation plan years in the making. And we started long-term landscape scale

collaborations, working with farmers to improve habitat for threatened and declining woodland birds.

A silver lining of our long months of lockdown was the amazing surge in engagement with birds and nature at home. We ran popular webinars and ran a record-breaking Aussie Backyard Bird Count, with nearly 5 million birds counted. Our supporter base and social media following continues to grow strongly—getting our message out there and building a movement for birds. This is so important for our campaigns for strong nature laws and stopping the destruction of habitat for critically endangered birds like the Swift Parrot and Eastern Curlew.

It's been a year of changes. We farewelled John Barkla as President, and welcomed Martine Maron, along with Vice President Mandy Bamford. The Board also welcomed new directors with skills in finance and business and a real passion for making a difference—their expertise has been invaluable in guiding BirdLife Australia through the recession.

Our Covid Business Response Plan focused on cost savings, maintaining continuity through an uncertain time and investing in the future. BirdLife Australia qualified for the Federal Government's Jobkeeper wage subsidy which stabilised the organisation through the COVID-19 crisis. But the longer-term economic impacts of the pandemic are unknown. The financial surplus and cash reserves set aside will help BirdLife Australia weather further uncertainty and ensure our conservation programs continue to save birds.

It's from this strong position that we look to the future. Our digital engagement strategy is well underway, with a new website and CRM in development to improve the experience of our supporters. We are also working on 'BirdLife 3.0', a long-term strategy to reverse the decline of threatened species and to restore nature. It will build on our science and grassroots strengths to address the drivers of biodiversity loss with our partners. We need to collaborate at scale.

So to all our volunteers, staff, supporters, Directors and partners: You make me proud to be a part of the BirdLife community.

Thank you for standing with us to stop extinctions—our cause has never been more urgent. Your support is making a difference.

Paul Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer

Our stories from 2020

CONSERVATION NEWS

Together we continue to improve conservation outcomes for native birds

OUR RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

104

Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) received Health-checks by our dedicated KBA Guardians

3,400

EPBC act review submissions made by BirdLife Australia supporters

190

properties now involved in Birds on Farms project in Victoria

1,000

nesting boxes made specifically for birds to provide refuge after the bushfires across Victoria



Image: Andrew Silcocks

BIRDS ON FARMS

This amazing citizen-science program has grown to great heights since it was relaunched in 2017, with over 190 farms involved in Victoria alone. The program is focused on gathering much-needed data on bird species and their habitat use, as well as guiding landholders on conservation practices for their properties. Birds on Farms has now expanded to include new projects in central-western and southern NSW.



Image: Andrew Silcocks

MIGRATORY SHOREBIRD PROGRAM

Last year we passed our 2020 milestone to ramp up migratory shorebird monitoring in Australia with flying colours. Time to rename Shorebirds 2020 to the Migratory Shorebird Program. The monitoring data collected by hundreds of volunteers now drive local conservation action plans and has helped stop mudflat reclamations in China.



Image: John Barkla

PLOVERS WITH A DIFFERENCE

BirdLife Australia's Hooded Plover flagging program has now flagged 321 adults, 85 juveniles and 225 chicks across Victoria and South Australia. Excitingly, we have also discovered that there are distinct ecological differences between the Hooded Plovers on the east coast and those in Western Australia. Thanks to all the volunteers who continue to report sightings of flagged birds, enabling us to build a better picture of these delightful little birds.



Image: Dean Ingwersen

REGENT HONEYEATER RELEASE

COVID-19 restrictions meant that only two people were able to record the success of the release that took place in June 2020 in NSW's Hunter region, with 13 birds fitted with radio-transmitting backpacks. Although a few have died since being released, which is always expected, we are still learning more after each release about how the birds are using the landscape and what we need to do to better support them.

Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo

A \$3 million grant from the Federal Government was a huge win for these Endangered birds. With numbers still falling due to ongoing habitat destruction, BirdLife Australia will use these funds to support a cross-regional partnership of five community organisations in Western Australia to find and protect breeding sites, install nest boxes and engage local landholders.

Image: Andrew Silcocks



Image: ©CALM Brent Barrett

Western Ground Parrot

BirdLife Australia was awarded a grant from the Australian Government's Wildlife and Habitat Bushfire Recovery Program for the recovery plan for the Western Ground Parrot. With fewer than 150 birds remaining, the grant will help us conduct important on-ground work to help us better understand the impact of the summer bushfires and inform action plans for this Critically Endangered species.

SAVING BIRDS AND THEIR HABITATS

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

180 million birds impacted
by the summer bushfires



17
species of birds
identified as being
in urgent need of
management as a
result of the bushfires

50% of habitat of the
Superb Lyrebird
affected



BIRDDATA AND BUSHFIRES

Survey data recorded in Birddata proved invaluable for estimating the extent of damage caused by the 2019-2020 bushfires, and how to prepare future conservation action plans. We have also been able to add a new bushfire assessment feature to Birddata, thanks to a generous gift from WildlifeLink. This new feature will help map the extent and intensity of the fires in landscapes. Without the wonderful effort by volunteers to collect this data, we would not have been able to highlight the huge impact of these fires on bird populations and their habitat.

KANGAROO ISLAND

In December 2019, over 200,000 hectares—nearly half the island—was burnt beyond recognition. After successfully applying for funding for our Bushfire Recovery Program, rapid assessments were carried out immediately after the fires. Subsequent surveys to monitor the surviving species and identifying measures to aid their recovery are currently taking place. Early surveys have shown promise, with nearly all survey areas within the fire scar encountering the Kangaroo Island Southern Emu-wren and the Kangaroo Island Western Whipbird. Managing unburnt areas will be a priority now, as they are likely to hold the individuals that will repopulate the western end of the island.

"Every direction you looked was just burnt. I was speechless"
Janelle Thomas, BldLife Australia's Preventing Extinction Project Coordinator



SUPERB LYREBIRD—POTENTIAL UMBRELLA SPECIES

This iconic species was hugely affected by the summer bushfires, with up to 50% of its entire range affected, and due to their poor flying abilities many undoubtedly died in the fires. All three populations were affected, with almost 40% of the Southern Superb Lyrebird range being impacted. As a result, the Superb Lyrebird was added to the list of priority species, requiring urgent management intervention. With funding from WWF-Australia and a partnership with La Trobe University, we are now investigating the impacts of the bushfires on the Southern Superb Lyrebird habitat and their role as a potential umbrella species (species that are used for conservation-related decisions because the protection of these species indirectly protects the many other species in similar habitats).



AROUND THE GROUNDS

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

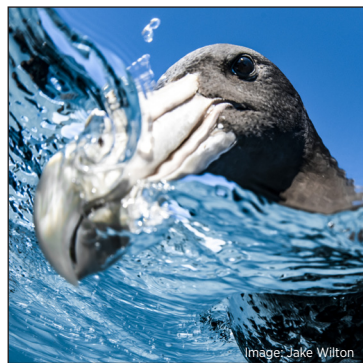


Image: Jake Wilton



Image: L. Stanelly Tang



Image: Chris Grounds



Image: Alison Langevad

BIRDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

The 2020 BirdLife Australia Photography Awards made a big splash, attracting over 6,200 entries across seven categories. Some of these fabulous images have been showcased through the *Annual Report*. To view the full gallery of winners and finalists go to www.birdlifephotoaward.org.au

'Bird's eye view' by Jake Wilton, Shortlisted for Bird Portrait category

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

BirdLife Northern Queensland celebrated its silver anniversary in October. They have been very busy with supporting projects on the Gouldian Finch, bowerbirds and grasswrens, as well as conducting regular surveys of species such as the Black-throated Finch. They certainly deserved a huge cake to commemorate all their hard work!

SHOALHAVEN TAKES STOCK AFTER FIRES

BirdLife Shoalhaven was one of our branches hardest hit by the fires, with around 68% of the total land area and 90% of its national parks, state forests and crown land being burnt. After the fires, volunteers not only helped with rescue and rehabilitation of animals affected, but also completed an amazing 246 Birddata surveys over 191 sites in the first half of 2020. Their hard work has enabled us to assess the damage and, importantly, inform our recovery planning for species including the Rufous Fantail.

BACKYARD BIRD COUNT—OUR BIGGEST ONE YET

The Aussie Backyard Bird Count 2020 broke all previous records with over 4.8 million birds counted in 7 days. In its seventh year now, the ABBC is quickly becoming one of Australia's biggest citizen science events, with more than 1,500 participating schools now also taking part. In a year when summer bushfires left a devastating toll on so much wildlife, surveying bird populations was more important than ever.

'A lovely sprinkle' by Alison Langevad, Winner for Backyard Birds category



Image: Anna Wilson



Lloyd Nielsen & Governor of Qld, Paul de Jersey AC - at OAM presentation in September, 2020



Image: Andrew Silcocks



Image: Robyn Cail

#CuppaWithTheBirds

Over Easter, many supporters spent ten minutes of the day to sit and enjoy the birds in our gardens. Even in difficult times, birds can bring a smile to our faces and a connection to the natural world, even when we could not leave home. BirdLife Australia introduced a wide range of online activities that both adults and kids could get involved in during the long months of lockdown, including Backyard Birding for Beginners, to help us all learn new skills while our movements were restricted.

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

BirdLife Australia volunteers are always amazing us with the fantastic work they do for Australian birds and their habitats. It was wonderful to see a number of our members and supporters being recognised in the 2020 Australia Day Honours for their service to conservation and the environment. Congratulations to Robyn Williams (OA), Dedee Woodside and Graeme Worboys (AM), Darly Akers, Eulalie Brewsters, Peter Forster, William Incoll, Sarah Lloyd, Lloyd Nielsen and Margaret Owen (OAM).

CAMPAIGNING FOR SWIFTIES

Swift Parrots are the focus of our new campaign to strengthen Australia's failing nature laws. With 300–700 breeding pairs left, their future hangs in the balance if critical habitat in Tasmania and NSW is opened up for logging. Our campaigns team has seen more than 33,000 supporter actions taken over 18 months through petitions, submissions, letters to elected representatives, forums and local community events.

INDIGENOUS GRANT WINNERS

Congratulations to the Tjaltjraak Rangers on winning the 2020 BirdLife Australia Indigenous Grant. Now in its eighth year, the Indigenous Grant is a great innovation to help assist Indigenous people to continue to contribute to the knowledge and conservation of our native birds. The Tjaltjraak Rangers will use the grant to fund a workshop on identifying and monitoring shorebirds and to support the management of wetlands in the Esperance area.

Our Directors



Martine Maron (President)

Appointed December 2011

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

Amanda Bamford (Vice President)

Appointed May 2016

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

Barry Baker

Appointed February 2011

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

John Barkla

Appointed February 2011

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

Robert Dunn

Appointed May 2011, retired May 2020

MAppSc, 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, member Finance & Audit Committee/Australian Bird Fund Committee, ABEF Trustee

Gary Nelson

Appointed November 2019

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

Jarrold Pittson

Appointed 30 March 2020

BSc (Hons) Chemistry, PGDip Environmental Management & Legislation, member Governance Committee

Hugh Possingham

Appointed May 2020

DPhil (Oxon), BSc (Hons, Adelaide), FAA, FNAS, member Research & Conservation Committee, ABEF Trustee

Pamela Sutton-Legaud

Appointed July 2017, Resigned May 2020, reappointed March 2021

MBA,CFRE, MFIA,Principal Consultant AskRIGHT Pty Ltd, Board member Inner West Community Enterprises/Seddon Community Bank, Councillor Hobsons Bay City Council, Chair Development Group, member Governance Committee

Alanna Vivian

Appointed May 2014

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

BirdLife statesmen step down

The former past Presidents of Birds Australia and Bird Observation & Conservation Australia (BOCA), who guided their merger into a new conservation charity, BirdLife Australia, stepped down from the Board in 2021.

John Barkla joined the then Bird Observers Club in 1973 and, a few years later, the RAOU (Birds Australia). Despite growing family and work commitments as the Managing Partner of a major accounting firm, he always found time to pursue his lifelong interest in birds. After he retired, John joined the Board of BOCA in 2005 and became its President in 2009. At the same time, he served on the Finance & Audit Committee of Birds Australia. It put him in a unique position to advocate for and guide the merger in 2012; creating a unified national voice for birds. John was instrumental in creating a strong financial foundation for BirdLife Australia and he was elected as President from 2017–2020. As President, he worked tirelessly as an ambassador for the organisation to donors, supporters, Ministers, partners and volunteers.

Dr Barry Baker has been involved with Australian birds for over half a century. Since joining the then RAOU in 1993, Barry became a stalwart of the organisation serving as Councillor, Vice President and President of Birds Australia; and as a Director and Vice President of BirdLife Australia. Barry is a champion for the role of science in delivering BirdLife's conservation work, particularly the contribution of amateur birders in delivering the Atlas and Birddata projects. As one of the world's leading experts in seabird biology, Barry remains President of BirdLife's Australasian Seabird Group and continues to work with BirdLife Australia on threatened species recovery.

The BirdLife Australia Board acknowledges their enormous contribution to BirdLife Australia and our conservation work.

Details of meetings attended by Directors can be found in the Directors' Report in the Financial Report for the Year ended 31 December 2020

Honour Roll

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David Ap-Thomas
Susanna Ap-Thomas
Heather Arnold
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Colin Barraclough
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Noel Brown
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Alan Rogers
Robert Rogers OAM
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Lester Short
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Merran Spinaze
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Robert Swindley
Charles Tate
Gwenda Taws
Roger Thomas
Peter Tierney
Elizabeth Turnbull
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Spencer Unthank
Philip Veerman
Graham Walters
Neil Weatherill
Bill Weatherly
Malcolm Wilson

Distinguished Service Award

Sue Abbotts	Marlene Lyell
Marleen Acton	Hans Lutter
Rob Anderson	Peter Mason
Marjorie Andrews	Suzanne Mather
David Ap-Thomas	Clare Miller
George Baker	Tim Mintern
Michael Bamford	Ian Morgan
Colin Barraclough	Ian Muir
Lionel Bloss	Clive Napier
Ron Bone	Wendy Napier
Frances Bray	Clive Nealon
Allan Briggs	Helen O'Donnell
Alan Brown	Jan Olley
Celia Browne	Rob Parker
Maxwell Burrows	Joan Peters
Shirley Cameron	Margaret Philippon
Wallie Coles	Jill Plowright
Shirley Cook	Bill Ramsay
David Coutts	Barbara Reidy
John Crowhurst	Leonie Robbins
Stephen Debus	Donald Roberts
Xenia Dennett	Jennifer Rogers
Tina Dotto	Sonja Ross
Val Ford	Don Saunders
Barbara Garrett	Peter Sedgwick
Alan Giles	Bob Semmens
Sheena Gillman	Bob Shanks
Janet Hand	Rod Smith
Graham Harrington	Richard Stevens
Judith Harrington	Keith Stockwell
Alec Hawtin	Nancy Taylor
Graeme Hosken	Trish Teesdale
Judith Hoyle	Duncan Turnbull
Virgil Hubregtse	Bessie Tyers
Christine Hudson	Liz Walker
Julia Hurley	Brice Wells
Tania Ireton	Barbara Williams
John Kirton	Beth Williams
Col Kohlhausen	Jon Wren
Andrew Ley	Avril Yates
Laurence Living	Bob Young

Honorary Member

Patricia White

Fellows

Michael Bamford
Margaret Cameron AM
Sid Cowling
Peter Dann
Stephen Garnett
Phil Moors AO
Mike Newman
Henry Nix AO
Penny Olsen AM

Honorary Life Members

Geoff Deason
Gerard Early PSM
Suzanne Mather
Alma Mitchell
Rosemary Payet
Howard Plowright
Kate Ravich
Len Robinson

We sadly note the passing of

Lyle Courtney OAM
Stephen Davies
Douglas Dow
Chris Morris
Donald Seton
Barbara Sinclair
Jean Smith



Misty Magic by Nathan Watson
Shortlisted for Birds in the Landscape category

Thank you



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The Ross Trust
The Smail Family Foundation
The Wood Foundation
The Wright Burt Foundation
Michael J Tichbon
Wettenhall Environment Trust
Wood Family Foundation
Anonymous (14)

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Tender Touch by Claire Greenwell
Portfolio Winner

Government

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 Department for Environment and Water (SA)
 Department of Environment and Science (Qld)
 Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources (Australian Government)
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 Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board
 Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority
 Golden Plains Shire Council
 Green Adelaide Landscapes Board (SA)
 Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board (SA)
 Hunter Local Land Services
 Kangaroo Island Landscape Board (SA)
 Lane Cove Council
 Limestone Coast Landscape Board (SA)
 Local Land Services (NSW)
 Logan City Council
 North-East Catchment Management Authority
 Northern & Yorke Landscape 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
 South Coast NRM
 State Natural Resources Management Board (WA)
 West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority
 Wimmera Catchment Management Authority

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 Connecting Country (Vic)
 Cumberland Bird Observers Club (NSW)
 Far South Coast Birdwatchers (NSW)
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 Geelong Field Naturalists Club Inc. (Vic)
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 Hunter Bird Observers Club (NSW)
 Illawarra Birders Inc. (NSW)
 Illawarra Bird Observers Club (NSW)
 King Island Landcare Group
 Manning Great Lakes Birdwatchers Inc (NSW)
 Native Arc Inc. (WA)
 NT Field Naturalists' Club
 Shorebirds SE Inc (SA)
 Victorian Wader Study Group



Sunrise Spoonbill by Nathan Watson
Shortlisted for Bird Portrait category

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Arthur Rylah Institute
 Australian Geographic Society
 Australian Landscape Trust
 Australian National University
 Australian Tropical Herbarium
 Australian Wildlife Conservancy
 James Cook University
 Biodiversity Maintenance Australia
 BirdLife International
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 Bush Heritage Australia
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 Threatened Species Recovery Hub
 Trees for Life
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 Zoos Victoria
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 Dhimurru Rangers
 Djurrubu Rangers
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 Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation
 Mapoon Land and Sea Rangers
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 Mungalla Aboriginal Business
 Timber Creek Rangers
 Northern Land Council
 Tiwi Land Council
 Wellesley Islands Rangers
 Yirrganydji Indigenous Land and Sea Rangers



Inspired gift

With respect and gratitude, BirdLife Australia would like to acknowledge those who generously included a gift to native birds in their Will.

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Estate of Lolita Margaret Broadhurst
Estate of Donna Maria Collidge
E C Curwen - Walker Charitable Trust
Estate of Frederick Drake-Brockman
Estate of David Stanley Humphreys
Estate of Evan Johns
Estate of Michael John Keenan
Estate of Karen Marie Latimer
Estate of Robert Lettich
Shirley Edith Poole sub-fund of State Trustees Australia Foundation
Estate of Beverley Potts
Estate of Valerie Stanley
Estate of Eleanor Stephenson
Estate of Mark Sheldon Thompson
Estate of Dorothy May Van Wees

How big by Brian O'Leary
Shortlisted for Birds in Flight category

Financial Performance



Anyone want a Nut? by Shelley Pearson
Shortlisted for Bird Behaviour category

The Consolidated Financial Statements for BirdLife Australia (BirdLife) 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 2020 increased to \$12.8m compared to \$12.5m in 2019. This reflects strong bushfire-related donations in the first quarter, offset by reduced major gifts, finance income and bequests. Covid restrictions also resulted in the deferral of project grants. The fair value of our investments increased by \$466k (2019: \$1.5m gain).

Our Covid Business Response Plan focused on managing our costs, while investing in the future. Core administrative costs were maintained at 12% of overall 2020 expenditure (2019: 12%).

BirdLife Australia qualified for the Federal Government's JobKeeper wage subsidy and cash flow boost, which stabilised the organisation through the COVID-19 crisis. But the longer-term economic impacts of the pandemic are unknown. The overall \$2.9m financial surplus and strong cash reserves will help BirdLife weather further uncertainty; invest in new digital technology; and ensure our conservation programs continue to save birds.

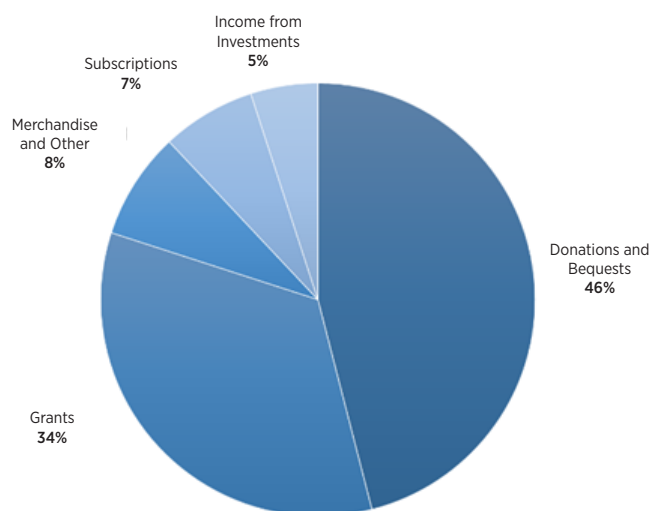
The generous bushfire donations received in early 2020 will also provide BirdLife with the capacity to continue our Bushfire Recovery Program impacted by the COVID-19 crisis into 2021.

Thank you to all our supporters during a challenging year and 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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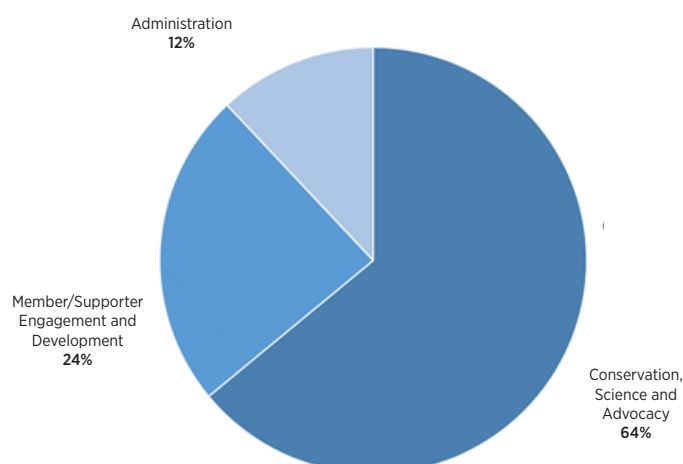
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Revenue 2020



*Excludes Jobkeeper and Cash Flow Boost

Expenditure 2020



STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Project income	3,372,302	3,263,654
Donations	4,402,393	3,742,340
Bequests	218,039	1,637,678
Subscriptions	686,455	711,282
Sales, courses, and fees	813,492	1,044,788
Finance income	515,615	585,819
Other income	2,350,035	21,693
Net gain in revaluation of financial assets at fair value through Profit or Loss	465,995	1,481,154
Total Revenue	12,824,326	12,488,408
Expenditure		
Employee costs	6,667,732	5,647,951
Printing, stationery, and magazine costs	555,268	699,394
Finance and administration costs	944,042	1,087,302
Project non-employee costs	1,382,287	1,611,799
Occupancy expenses	234,002	286,145
Travel expenses	113,426	418,232
Subscriptions	46,535	37,626
Total Expenditure	9,943,292	9,788,449
Operating surplus/(deficit)	2,881,034	2,699,959
Other comprehensive income		
Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	2,881,034	2,699,959

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	5,164,326	3,077,282
Trade and other receivables	683,304	519,737
Other financial assets	478,480	211,561
Other assets	54,625	57,152
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	6,380,735	3,865,732
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Investments	12,364,073	11,374,193
Right of use assets	13,910	144,183
Property, plant & equipment	1,163,683	995,507
Intangible assets	263,496	387,504
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	13,805,162	12,901,387
TOTAL ASSETS	20,185,897	16,767,119
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	741,632	667,939
Lease liability	17,383	129,734
Provisions	1,428,357	1,119,274
Unearned income	1,627,074	1,287,914
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	3,814,446	3,204,861
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provisions	99,801	155,273
Lease liability	3,379	19,748
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	103,180	175,021
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,917,626	3,379,882
NET ASSETS	16,268,271	13,387,237
EQUITY		
Retained surplus	16,268,271	13,387,237
TOTAL EQUITY	16,268,271	13,387,237



BirdLife Australia is the Australian member of BirdLife International, the world's largest nature conservation partnership. BirdLife International is a partnership of over 100 organisations worldwide and growing, with 10 million members and supporters, over 4,000 local conservation groups and nearly 8,000 staff, supported by 5,000 volunteers.

BirdLife International's vision is to see a world where nature and people live in greater harmony, more equitably and sustainably. 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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