



Annual Report

2021

standing together to stop extinctions



OUR VISION

Native birds are protected, valued
and enjoyed by all Australians



Images from the **2021 BirdLife Australia Photography Awards** have been showcased throughout the Annual Report. To view the full gallery of winners and finalists go to www.birdlifephotoaward.org.au

Front cover image: Dancing for Joy by Aaron Brown. Shortlisted in Bird Portrait category
This page: Stay Close by Diana Andersen. Shortlisted in Backyard Portrait category

President's Report



With the landmark publication of *The Atlas of Australian Birds* and the seven volumes of *Handbook of Australian, New Zealand and Antarctic Birds*, our organisation showed how the pursuit of birdwatching contributed directly to credible, respected science. These ambitious undertakings also show our organisation at its best: driven by curiosity, powered by volunteers and guided by scientific expertise to shape bird knowledge and conservation in this country. The multitude of regular surveys we now coordinate, and collect through Birdata, continue this vital work today.

The merger of the RAOU and BOCA in 2012 united not only the two premier bird organisations in the country, but a powerful network of local branches. Today, the organic, grassroots foundation of our organisation comprises 33 local groups across all states and territories. Our dedicated members and supporters embody the dedication, skill and hard work needed to mobilise society to protect our birds from growing threats.

**Each of you plays a part in creating
and protecting this future, and I want
to thank you for joining us in this
vision**

This year marked 120 years since the birth of BirdLife Australia, when a group of amateur birdwatchers came together to form a national union of ornithology. Born alongside the newly federated nation of Australia, the RAOU held as its aims the advancement of ornithology, the protection of avifauna and the promotion of ornithological research through the publication of *The Emu*.

The study of birds in Australia has always been entwined with their conservation. National efforts to combat the plume trade that was devastating egret colonies began in the union's first decade, and this conservation focus grew over the decades to become the heart of BirdLife Australia's mission.

The members of the union, and those of the Bird Observers Club formed shortly after, began an impressive tradition of citizen science that remains our strength today. Effective conservation depends on a wealth of accurate data, and the love of birds that drove the creation of our organisation fed the growth of surveying and monitoring programs that have given us such an enviable scientific base.

Much has changed in the last 120 years, but much has stayed the same. Australian birds are a priceless inheritance, and we share the same wonder and passion for their incredible diversity that rallied the founding members in 1901 to promote their study and protection. And in twelve decades, we have sharpened our knowledge, consolidated our resources, expanded our programs, built critical partnerships and amplified our reach so that we are better placed than ever before to bring about the future we want.

Martine Maron, President

CEO's Report



This year was an important one for Birdlife Australia. Not only have we marked 120 years on the frontline of bird conservation in Australia — as one of the oldest organisations of its kind in the world — but we have been working hard to develop an ambitious new Bird Conservation Strategy that will be our roadmap for change over the next ten years.

We are at a critical juncture in Australia, and in the world, with human activity driving an extinction crisis the likes of which we have never seen before. Along with the usual systemic drivers of unsustainable human industries, pollution and invasive species, we are now contending with the devastating effects of climate change on the natural world and our flora and fauna. BirdLife Australia's *Action Plan for Australian Birds*, released in 2021, showed the influence of climate change was starkly apparent, and beginning to overwhelm other threats our birds face.

The next decade will be critical for the birds we love. It is our best opportunity to reverse the decline and put nature on a path towards recovery. And so, our Bird Conservation Strategy has an appropriately ambitious goal of ending human-driven extinction of threatened birds by 2030, and halting overall population declines by 2050.

It's a lofty goal, but our track record proves that we know how to do this — with properly resourced and implemented conservation action, we have kept birds like the Regent Honeyeater from extinction and helped threatened populations recover. We can't do this alone. We must collaborate with the private and public sectors to encourage and incentivise nature-positive policies, practices and decisions.

**Humans cannot live without nature,
and this needs to be embedded in all
our thinking at the deepest level**

And to this end, we have been investing in the foundations for conservation action. A new supporter database, better engagement and communication tools, and a new website are well underway. Engaging with BirdLife Australia — whether as a member, donor, volunteer or a member of the public — will be easier than ever. It will help us build and empower a growing network of grassroots supporters.

It's an exciting time for BirdLife Australia. Just this past year, we've seen the Getbol tidal flats of Korea inscribed to the World Heritage List, assisted in the first wild-to-wild translocation of Western Ground Parrots, carried out the largest and most successful Regent Honeyeater captive release to date in collaboration with the Mindaribba Aboriginal Land Council, and blocked an attempt to "napalm" rural areas with toxic SGARs that kill our owls and raptors. All this, while working behind the scenes to create a stronger, more effective organisation that has its sights fixed firmly on a brighter future for our birds.

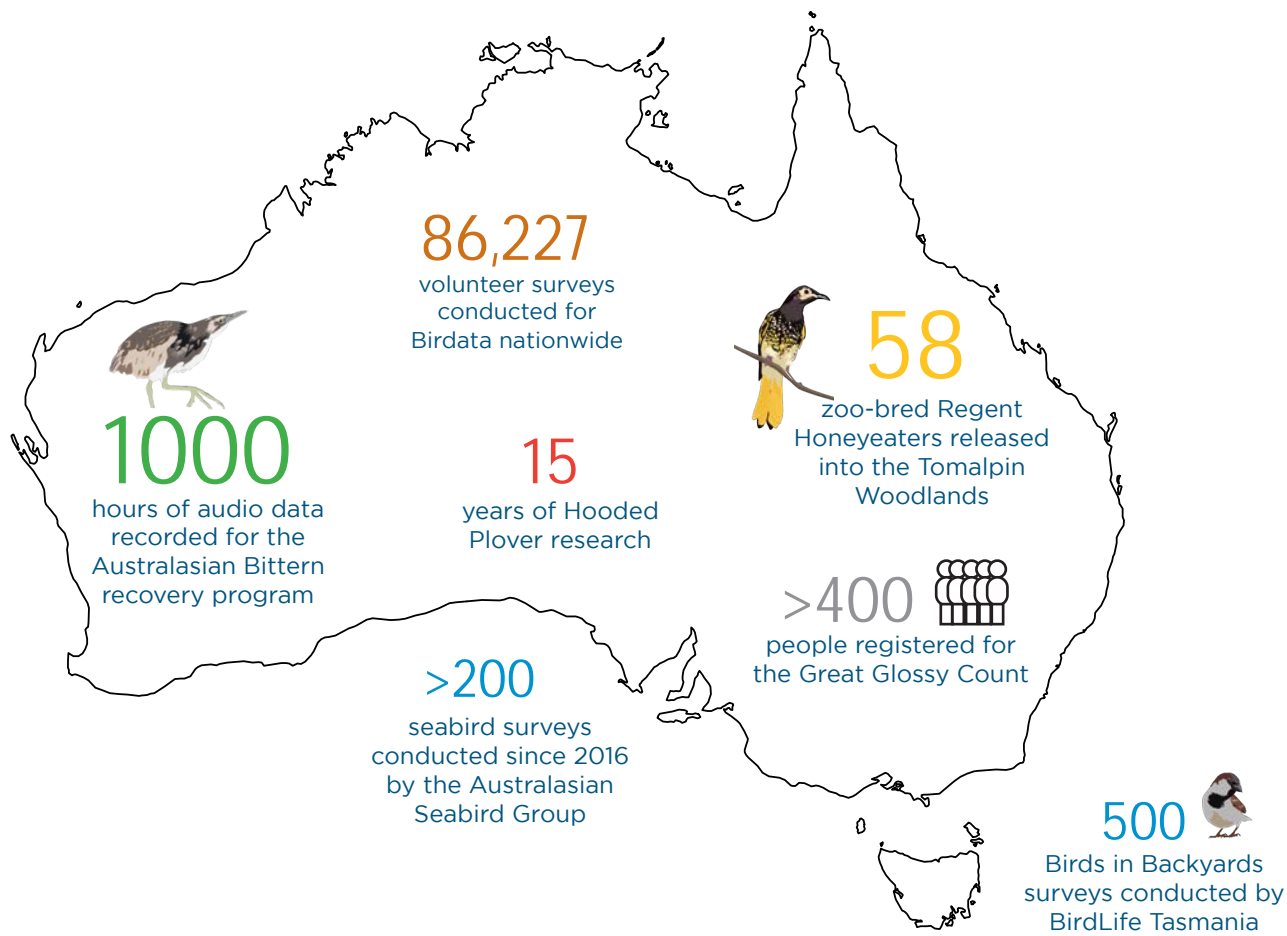
As always, I'm proud to stand with our extended BirdLife Australia community against bird extinctions, and want to thank you all once again for your continued support. Together, we can make our goal a promise: Save birds. Save Life.

Paul Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer

Our stories from 2021

CONSERVATION NEWS

Together we continue to improve conservation outcomes for native birds



ACTION PLAN 2020

The biggest and most comprehensive so far, the Action Plan 2020, edited by Stephen Garnett and Barry Baker, includes entries on 316 taxa, giving recommendations on their conservation, as well as providing important trends on bird numbers over the last four decades. This year, there were over 300 contributors, the Indigenous traditional owners of the land and sea on which each taxon occurs were identified, and the Commonwealth, state and territory governments were consulted to provide them with information when developing policy and legislation for our most threatened species.



Kangaroo Island Southern Emu-wren is now listed as Endangered. Image by Jill Duncan

FAIRY TERNS

Fairy Terns are one of Australia's most threatened seabirds, with possibly only 120-150 breeding pairs in Victoria. Together with DELWP, BirdLife Australia has been monitoring breeding colonies

to better understand how to best protect these lovely little birds. BirdLife Australia has also taken a key role in contributing to the Recovery Plan for the species and will be part of the new Recovery Team.



Fairy Tern. Image by Claire Greenwell



GREY GRASSWREN

With its range limited to the seasonal and unpredictable wetlands of the Bulloo Floodplains in NSW, the nominate subspecies, Bulloo Grey Grasswren is listed as Vulnerable on the EPBC list and is a Trigger species for the Bulloo Floodplain KBA. With a combined effort from BirdLife Northern NSW and BirdLife Southern Queensland, surveys conducted in 2021 recorded 52 Grey Grasswrens. This result suggests that these much-coveted birds can persist alongside the current use of the floodplains for cattle grazing.

Bulloo Grey Grasswren. Image by Chris Tzaros



POWERFUL OWLS

BirdLife Australia's Powerful Owl Project maintains Australia's largest database of Powerful Owl breeding sites, and as a result our understanding of how these owls are surviving in urban environments keeps growing. Volunteers are now monitoring 240 Powerful Owl territories in NSW, and possibly up to 950 pairs in forests and urban areas in south-eastern QLD. We have been able to educate land managers and the general community, as well as providing fine-scale ecological data to improve land management practices.

Powerful Owl. Image by Jenny Stiles

SAVING BIRDS AND THEIR HABITATS

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

OUT OF THE ASHES

While much of Australia is still recovering after the heart-breaking 2019-2020 summer bushfires, Western Australia suffered more devastation this La Niña summer. While some species may take decades to recover, there have been some remarkable stories of hope, as BirdLife Australia continues to fight to protect birds and their habitat.

41% of Australia's 333 KBAs have had at least one Health-check since KBAs were established

99 new 2 ha-20 min survey sites established on Kangaroo Island

>200 nest boxes installed in East Gippsland to help hollow-nesting birds recover from bushfires

Moonlighting Wren by Nathan Watson
Winner of Birds in Backyards category



Western Ground Parrot. Image by Alan Danks

SECOND CHANCE — WESTERN GROUND PARROT

The first ever wild-to-wild translocation of the Western Ground Parrot happened in April, a daring plan to establish a second population of this Critically Endangered bird. It was the culmination of five years of careful planning by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, together with Friends of the Western Ground Parrot and BirdLife Australia. In the end, seven birds were released into a new location on the south coast of Western Australia. Since 2012, they had been restricted to a single refuge in Cape Arid National Park and the adjacent Nuytsland Nature Reserve. However, fires are a big threat to this small population, so while translocation is risky, it can be a very useful tool for avian conservation. Of the seven Western Ground Parrots released, only one lost a transmitter within the first few days. The GPS data recorded will provide valuable information on the movements and behaviours of this secretive and cryptic bird.

SOUNDS OF SILENCE

As more and more habitat is cleared across Australia, woodlands and forests are not only disappearing but the patches that remain are becoming alarmingly silent. With fewer than 350 Regent Honeyeaters, where they once occurred in flocks of hundreds, if not thousands, the remaining individuals are forced to disperse widely in remnant patches to find suitable habitat. As a result of the small population, young male Regent Honeyeater are not learning their song repertoire from other mature males and their songs are becoming less complex over time. This can have dramatic effects on breeding success, since females are not as attracted to these simplified songs. We need to protect the last remaining habitats of the Regent Honeyeater, and other threatened birds, before the sound track of the Australian bush is lost forever.



Regent Honeyeater. Image by Dean Ingwersen

AROUND THE GROUNDS

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



Adelia penguins.
Image by Guillaume Bouteloup

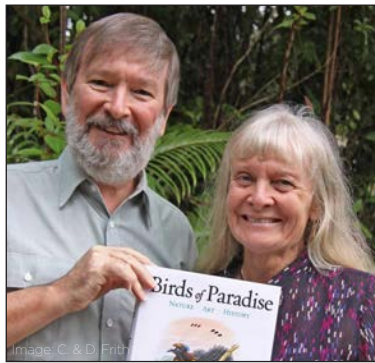
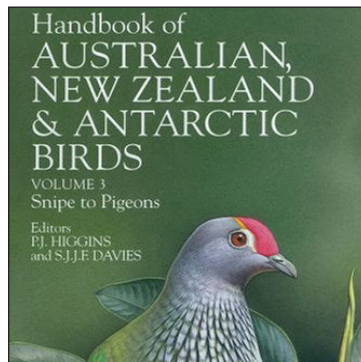


Image: C. & D. Frith



Image: Jane Taylor

AUSSIE BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Growing from strength to strength, the ABBC has now become one of Australia's largest citizen science events. In 2021, a record-breaking **4,936,509 birds** were counted, with the help of **106,707 citizen scientists**. Top place was once again held by the Rainbow Lorikeet, a position it has dominated for 8 years, with the Noisy Miner a close second. This year's surveys were conducted in every corner of the country, with researchers at Davis Station, in Australia's Antarctic Territory, submitting a record number of penguin counts!

HANZAB GOES DIGITAL

BirdLife Australia has begun the exciting process of digitalising one of our greatest publication milestones, *The Handbook of Australian, New Zealand and Antarctic Birds*. With the help of dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers, and a generous contribution from one of the original supporters, uploading of the original text and pdfs onto the website has begun. But with new research amassing since it was first published in 1990, the goal now will be to make digital HANZAB the go-to place for all information on birds in our region.

CONGRATULATIONS

A number of BirdLife Australia members and supporters where recognised at the 2021 **Australia Day Honours** for their service to conservation and the environment. Daryl Quinlivan was made Officer of the Order of Australia, while Heather Barrett, Neil Barrett, David Plant, Kenneth Mewburn and David Palmer won the Medal of the Order of Australia. In this year's **Queen's Birthday Honours**, Dr Clifford Frith and Dr Dawn Frith both received an Order of Australia award for their services to conservation and the environment. Heather Chester, Graeme Hyde, Horace Poussard, George Wilson and Eric Woehler also received Medal of the Order of Australia awards.

CLIVE MINTON DISCOVERY CENTRE

Clive Minton AM was the founding father of the Broome Bird Observatory (BBO) and his legacy in shorebird research is unmatched. After nearly four years, the Clive Minton Discovery Centre is now open, where it focuses on the migratory shorebirds for which BBO is so famous. Featuring stunning murals of the Broome landscape and interpretive panels, the centre continues Clive's enthusiasm for shorebirds for many years to come.



Image: BirdLife Tasmania



Eastern Curlew. Image by Dean Ingwersen



Image: Gavin O'Brien

BIRDLIFE TASMANIA CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

Celebrating in style at their 2021 AGM, BirdLife Tasmania marked their half century of contributing to the knowledge and protection of Australia's birds. Hazel Britton and Ralph Cooper both received **BirdLife Australia Distinguished Service Awards**, and Dr. Eric Woehler and Dr. Mike Newman were presented with Special Awards by BirdLife Tasmania for their significant work over the years.

40 YEARS OF SHOREBIRD MONITORING

The Australasian Wader Study Group (AWSG) marked its 40th anniversary of the North-West Australia Wader and Tern Expedition. In 1981, members caught and marked more than 1000 waders of 12 species. It was a grand beginning and the team has only continued with decades of valuable surveys.

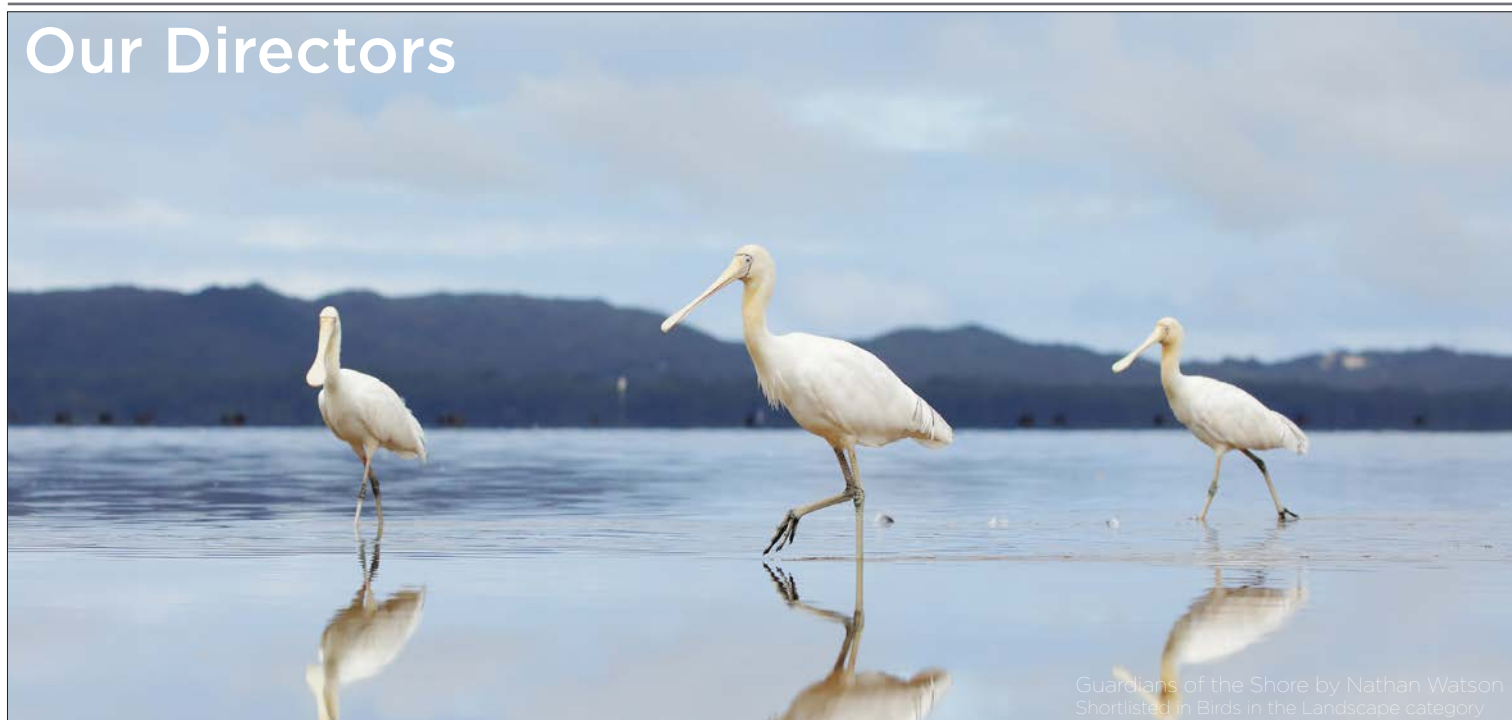
SONGS OF DISAPPEARANCE

This amazing collaboration between the acclaimed nature recordist David Stewart of Nature Sound, the Bowerbird Collective, BirdLife Australia, Charles Darwin University and Mervyn Street of Mangkaja Arts features bird songs of some of Australia's most threatened birds. Along with the release of our Action Plan, *Songs of Disappearance* is our way to get the conversation of threatened birds into mainstream media. We reached number 2 on the national ARIA charts.

FAREWELLING OUR SHOREBIRDS

In autumn, BirdLife Top End led a group of 70 bird lovers to farewell the migratory shorebirds on their journey up north. The group also farewelled inaugural Branch Convenor Amanda Lilleyman, who started BirdLife Top End in 2018. The shorebird monitoring that has been conducted by this branch keeps growing, with tens of thousands of birds counted in the 2021 summer count.

Our Directors



Guardians of the Shore by Nathan Watson
Shortlisted in Birds in the Landscape category

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, Chair Herdsman Lake Regional Park CAC, President WA Gould League, ABEF Trustee, member Awards Committee, member Community Grants & Awards Committee

Barry Baker

Appointed February 2011 (term completed May 2021)

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

John Barkla

Appointed February 2011 (term completed May 2021)

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

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

Judith Hoyle

Appointed May 2021

BHSc, Nursing, Grad Dip Clinical Studies-Infection Control, Grad Cert Leadership and Management, Dip App Sci Nursing, Cert ICU, Cert STN, Member Community Grants & Awards Committee

Duncan MacKenzie OAM

Appointed May 2014

FRMAA, FMAA, FAIIM, FAICD, Immediate Past Chair BirdLife Australia Gluepot Reserve, member Occupational Health & Safety, 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, member Community Grants & Awards Committee

Gary Nelson

Appointed November 2019

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

Jarrold Pittson

Appointed 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, Chair Community Grants & Awards Committee

Pamela Sutton-Legaud

Appointed July 2017 (term completed May 2020, reappointed March 2021)

MBA, CFRE, MFIA, CEO Homeward Bound Projects, Board member Inner West Community Enterprises/Seddon Community Bank, Director of the Western Melbourne Tourism Board and Hobsons Bay Community Fund, 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

Details of meetings attended by Directors can be found in the Directors' Report in the Financial Report for the Year ended 31 December 2021

Honour Roll

Spotted by Patrick Tomkins
Portfolio winner

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Jill Anderson
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Susanna Ap-Thomas
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Robert Missen
Bette Mitchell
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Christopher Morse
Michael Newman
Anthony Nicholls
David Nicholls
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Lesley Perkins
Trevor Pescott
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Jill Plowright
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Alan Reid
Donald Reid
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Bill Russell
Paul Sagar
Don Saunders
Kenneth Semmens
Bernice Seton
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Lester Short
Brian Speechley
Merran Spinaze
Graeme Stevens
David Stewart
Robert Swindley
Gwenda Taws
Roger Thomas
Peter Tierney
Elizabeth Turnbull
Bessie Tyers
Spencer Unthank
Philip Veerman
Graham Walters
Neil Weatherill
Bill Weatherly
Malcolm Wilson



Distinguished Service Award

Sue Abbotts	Laurence Living
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Rob Anderson	Hans Lutter
David Ap-Thomas	Peter Mason
George Baker	Suzanne Mather
Michael Bamford	Clare Miller
Colin Barraclough	Tim Mintern
Lionel Bloss	Ian Morgan
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Allan Briggs	Wendy Napier
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Alan Brown	Helen O'Donnell
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Wallie Coles	Margaret Philipppson
Shirley Cook	Jill Plowright
Ralph Cooper	Bill Ramsay
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Val Ford	Don Saunders
Barbara Garrett	Peter Sedgwick
Alan Giles	Bob Semmens
Sheena Gillman	Bob Shanks
Janet Hand	Kathleen Shurcliff
Graham Harrington	Rod Smith
Judith Harrington	Richard Stevens
Alec Hawtin	Keith Stockwell
Graeme Hosken	Nancy Taylor
Judith Hoyle	Trish Teesdale
Virgil Hubregtse	Duncan Turnbull
Christine Hudson	Bessie Tyers
Julia Hurley	Liz Walker
Tania Ireton	Barbara Williams
John Kirton	Jon Wren
Col Kohlhagen	Avril Yates
Andrew Ley	Bob Young

Honorary Member

Patricia White

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Peter Dann
Stephen Garnett
Phil Moors AO
Mike Newman
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Penny Olsen AM

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John Barkla
Geoff Deason
Gerard Early PSM
Sue Mather
Alma Mitchell
Rosemary Payet
Howard Plowright
Kate Ravich
Brian Snape AM

We sadly note the passing of

Lilla Buckingham
Arthur Hill
David E. Pfanner
Len Robinson
June Stringer
Charles Tate

Thank you



Family by Lawrence Chan
Winner of Bird Portrait category

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 Kangaroo Island Landscape Board (SA)
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 Limestone Coast Landscape Board (SA)
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 Logan City Council
 North-East Catchment Management Authority
 Northern & Yorke Landscape Board
 Northern Tablelands Local Land Services
 North West Local Land Services
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 NSW Government, Office of Environment & Heritage
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NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service
 Port Philip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority
 Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service
 South Coast NRM
 State Natural Resources Management Board (WA)
 West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority
 Wimmera Catchment Management Authority

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Colourful Catch by Rob Davison
Shortlisted in Youth category

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Australian Marine Conservation Society
Australian National University
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Australian Wildlife Conservancy
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Birding NSW
BirdLife Network
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Redlands 2030
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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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Paradise by Lawerence Chan
Shortlisted in Birds in Backyards category



Financial Performance

Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo by Cat Spark
Shortlisted in Birds in the Landscape category

The Consolidated Financial Statements for BirdLife Australia (BirdLife) and its controlled entities, includes the National Office, BirdLife Australia network of branches, reserves, observatories, and special interest groups.

Australian Bird Environment Foundation was wound up at the Meeting of Trustees on 25 November 2021. A resolution was passed to transfer all assets and liabilities held by ABEF to BirdLife Australia.

Our Total Revenue in 2021 increased to \$16.1m compared to \$12.8m in 2020. This reflects significant gifts/bequests in quarters two and three. The fair value of our investments increased by \$1.97m (2020: \$466k gain).

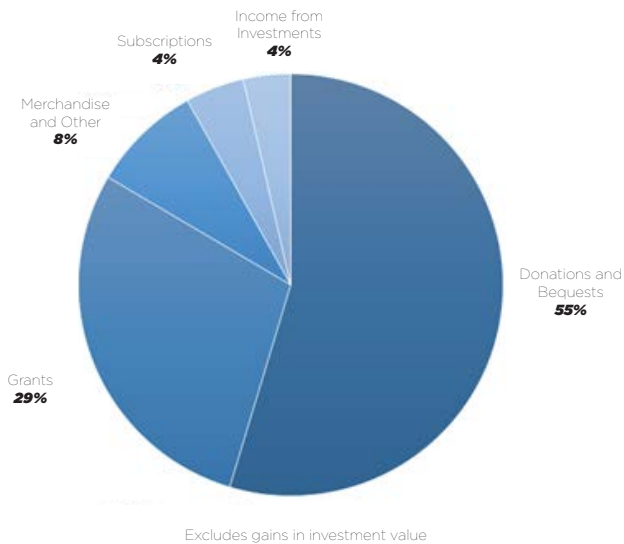
Our Covid Business Response Plan continues to be focused on managing our costs, while investing in the future. Including one-off costs associated with the Digital Engagement Project, core administrative costs have increased to 17% of overall 2021 expenditure (2020: 12%). It should be noted that when the Digital Engagement Project costs are excluded, the underlying core administration cost in 2021 is 12%.

The overall \$4.1m financial surplus and strong cash reserves will continue to help BirdLife weather further uncertainty; continue to invest in new digital technology; and support the delivery of an ambitious new Bird Conservation Strategy.

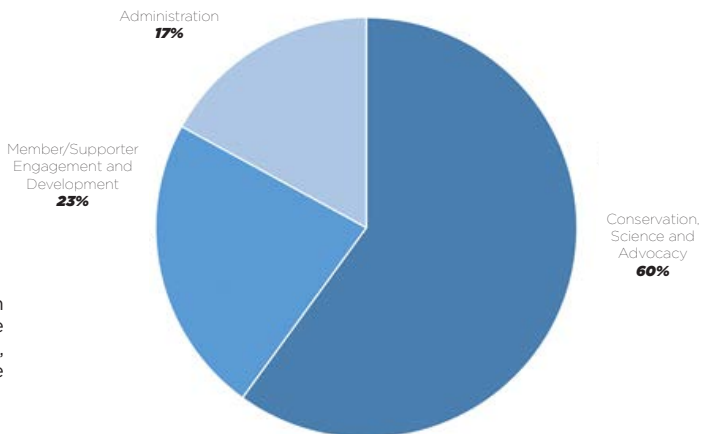
Thank you to all our supporters during a challenging year and for your continuing financial support to deliver our vision of ensuring native birds are protected, valued and enjoyed by all Australians.

Disclaimer: 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 2020



Expenditure 2020



STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
REVENUE		
Project income	4,091,838	3,372,302
Donations	5,751,194	4,402,393
Bequests	1,987,151	218,039
Subscriptions	630,128	686,455
Sales, courses and fees	1,163,587	813,492
Finance income	507,053	515,615
Other income	24,058	2,350,035
Net gain in revaluation of financial assets at fair value through Profit or Loss	1,972,722	465,995
TOTAL REVENUE	16,127,731	12,824,326
EXPENDITURE		
Employee costs	7,386,208	6,667,732
Printing, stationery and magazine costs	534,786	555,268
Finance and administration costs	1,297,157	944,042
Project non-employee costs	2,357,657	1,382,287
Occupancy expenses	230,877	234,002
Travel expenses	153,354	113,426
Subscriptions	38,984	46,535
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	11,999,023	9,943,292
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	4,128,708	2,881,034
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss	-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	4,128,708	2,881,034

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	4,548,235	5,164,326
Trade and other receivables	734,096	683,304
Other financial assets	287,537	478,480
Other assets	52,815	54,625
Contract Assets	213,755	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	5,836,438	6,380,735
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Investments	17,344,081	12,364,073
Right of use assets	157,737	13,910
Property, plant & equipment	1,134,782	1,163,683
Intangible assets	65,009	263,496
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	18,701,609	13,805,162
TOTAL ASSETS	24,538,047	20,185,897
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	866,399	741,632
Lease liability	136,872	17,383
Provisions	1,430,975	1,428,357
Contract Liabilities	1,568,066	1,627,074
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	4,002,312	3,814,446
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provisions	112,887	99,801
Lease liability	25,869	3,379
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	138,756	103,180
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,141,068	3,917,626
NET ASSETS	20,396,979	16,268,271
EQUITY		
Retained surplus	20,396,979	16,268,271
TOTAL EQUITY	20,396,979	16,268,271



Passionfruit Cockatoo by Megan Willis
Shortlisted in Backyard Birds category

BirdLife Australia is the Australian member of BirdLife International, the world's largest nature conservation partnership. BirdLife International is a partnership of over 115 organisations worldwide and growing, with 13 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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