



Members' Annual Report 2018

standing together to stop extinctions

OUR VISION

Native birds are protected, valued
and enjoyed by all Australians



Front cover image: A family affair by Gary Meredith
This page: Slight disagreement by Shelley Pearson

President's Report

Australia's voice for birds



I've been an avid birdwatcher since my childhood. Uncle Charl took me on "nature walks" along the Yarra River in Kew, as a ploy to get noisy children out of my grandmother's house. I was hooked as he pointed out wonderful birds such as Sacred Kingfishers, Latham's Snipe and Flame Robins. Later, a great friend and mentor for over 40 years, Fred Smith, furthered my education with shorebirds and opened up a new world.

In those days, Regent Honeyeaters nested on the southern side of Blackburn Lake. But over the years, those birds, along with Painted Honeyeaters, Eastern Curlews and Orange-bellied Parrots dropped out of the landscape. I decided that I could no longer stand by and watch the decline of Australia's birds. I felt compelled to do something.

So, over 30 years ago, I accepted a nomination to join an advisory committee for the management of the Werribee Ramsar Site (the committee continues with me as its chair). And with more time on my

hands after the sale of my accounting practice, I volunteered with both national bird organisations. It became clear to me: Australia desperately needed a national unified bird conservation organisation.

The answer was BirdLife Australia—an organisation established through a merger in 2012 and a shared vision of a bright future for Australia's birds. It's a privilege to serve as President of BirdLife Australia and I'm so proud of our achievements.

With my partner Alison, I'm also proud to support our programs financially. Our bird conservation programs are primarily funded through private philanthropy, so thank you to the many thousands of people who generously help BirdLife Australia make a difference.

Every year our passionate volunteers spend over a million hours helping us to save birds. Since 1998, our volunteer citizen scientists have collected over 10 million records for the BirdData Project, creating one of Australia's largest biological datasets. In 2018, the fifth Aussie Backyard Bird Count saw 2.6 million birds counted, with over 80,000 surveys submitted—an amazing achievement!

In September 2018, I had the pleasure of visiting Broome for the Congress and Campout. This year it was hosted by the Broome Bird Observatory, on its 30th anniversary. Appropriately, it was held at Roebuck Bay—one of the world's most important sites for migratory shorebirds. The Observatory plays a very important role in research and community engagement as part of our Migratory Shorebirds Program.

During the year, BirdLife Australia's CEO Paul Sullivan and I attended the BirdLife International Global Partnership Meeting in Belgium. BirdLife Australia is leading the implementation of the Key Biodiversity Areas program and Paul shared our learnings with hundreds of Partners from around the world. We also met with BirdLife's Pacific Region Partners to further progress collaboration—particularly the potential of nature-based solutions to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

In 2018, we began a campaign for stronger nature laws to ensure that future generations will have the opportunity to connect with our unique Australian birds and share stories like my own. My hope is that we can force all politicians to act; currently they are simply not doing enough to protect our birds.

Thank you to our growing family of 145,000 supporters who are at the heart of everything we do. By standing together, we are taking enormous strides to prevent extinctions and respond to the threats to our native birds.

Finally, thank you to my colleagues on the Board, who generously give their time and expertise to support and realise our vision. A special thanks also to Paul Sullivan, the leadership team and all members of staff for their passion and unwavering commitment.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JBarkla'.

John Barkla, President

CEO's Report

Standing together to stop extinctions



We interact with birds and we think we know them. But once they take-off, these feathered jewels disappear into a mysterious world of their own. In this role, however, I've spent lots of time with BirdLife Australia's scientists, researchers and community leaders and gained unique insights into their mysterious world.

First, I've learned birds are truly wonders of nature. My favourite bird—the Eastern Curlew—breeds in Siberia and flies more than 10,000 kilometres, often non-stop for days, back to Australia for a summer vacation, arriving at the same site every year, without Google Maps.

Sadly, I've also learned about birds' problems and challenges, primarily humans, who are clearing forests and bushland, draining wetlands, burning grasslands and introducing pests. Our weak nature laws, contradictory policies and unfunded plans are facilitating their extinction. And the Eastern Curlew is—I'm sad to say—in the 'emergency ward' for birds.

So that's where BirdLife Australia steps in. Birds can't speak so we are their voice. We roll-up our sleeves and work together to:

- develop science-based collaborative 'survival plans' to save threatened birds, such as the Migratory Shorebirds Conservation Action Plan
- deploy chick shelters, nest protectors, plant trees, trial artificial roosts and better management practices; interventions like this help to protect birds like the South-eastern Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo
- campaign for better nature laws and the implementation of recovery plans—including a strong submission to the Faunal Extinctions Inquiry
- stop bad things from happening—such as the proposed phosphate mine on Christmas Island, which would have destroyed Abbott's Booby habitat
- analyse data collected by thousands of volunteers to identify population declines of birds such as the Mallee Striated Grasswren—so they can be protected
- grow and empower our supporter base to give birds a bigger voice than ever



BirdLife International said..."We may have already lost two species of curlew in the 20th Century—conservation efforts must now focus on ensuring a third species, Far Eastern Curlew, doesn't follow suit"

I feel proud to work with such amazing staff, supporters and volunteers, committee members and BirdLife Australia's Board of Directors. So long as there are wonderful people like you, who stand with us to protect our native birds, BirdLife Australia has cause for optimism. We are making a difference together.

Thank you for your passion, energy, knowledge and hunger to help us to stop extinctions in 2019 and beyond.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Sullivan'.

Paul Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer

Our stories from 2018

CONSERVATION NEWS

Together we continue to improve conservation outcomes for native birds

OUR RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

315

Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) identified throughout Australia and its territories and volunteers recruited to monitor and manage them

100

captive-bred Regent Honeyeaters released to boost the population of this Critically Endangered species

1,500

trees planted in just one year to revegetate Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo habitat in western Victoria and south-eastern South Australia

400%

increase in the breeding success of Hooded Plovers on selected Victorian beaches through our Beach-nesting Birds program

28,000

hectares of vital breeding habitat fenced off near Perth for Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos so that they can breed without disruption

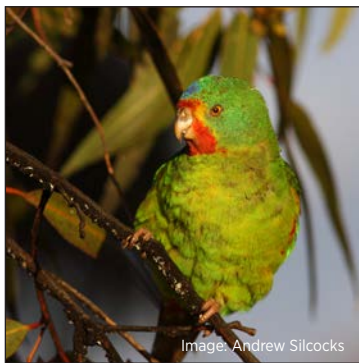


Image: Andrew Silcocks

SWIFT PARROT MONITORING

The use of regional coordinators to help with managing the surveys was of great assistance in 2018, with surveys conducted across the species' range. Most of the autumn-winter period saw birds in NSW, particularly coastal regions (a pattern seen in Regent Honeyeaters too), reflecting drought conditions in inland NSW. Late in winter, and into spring, birds filtered back through Victoria on their way to breed in Tasmania.



Image: Dean Ingwersen

SOUTH-EASTERN RED-TAILED BLACK-COCKATOO

In a major boost for habitat protection, a new Environmental Significance Overlay (ESO) has been approved for the entire range of Red-tailed Black-Cockatoos within Glenelg Shire. The original ESO focussed only on saving dead trees, but the new one now covers live stringybark (a key food tree) and any hollow-bearing eucalypt trees (live or dead).



Image: Andrew Silcocks

HOODED PLOVER COUNT

A 2018 review of the 2016 eastern mainland population count of Hooded Plovers showed an increase in the order of 100 birds in two years, which is in line with the unprecedented breeding success that occurred in 2015-16. A long-term population census is the foundation of good recovery decision making, in particular identifying critical habitat and tracking threat trajectories in relation to investment in threat mitigation.



Image: Andrew Silcocks

AUSTRALASIAN BITTERN

On 14 February 2018 the Senate voted against changing the rules to the Murray Darling Basin Plan, preventing the extraction of a further 70 billion litres of water from the Darling. This means more water for waterbirds and KBAs including the Macquarie Marshes—a huge win for the Lifeblood Alliance of which BirdLife Australia is a member.

Mallee Emu-wrens—the great return

Almost five years after the devastating bushfires that destroyed much of the Mallee Emu-wrens' habitat in South Australia, a pioneering translocation project has seen these endangered birds return to their old stomping grounds. Not only did the team find that the mortality rates of the translocated birds were extremely low, but they also found evidence of breeding—a great outcome and hopefully a new future for these little birds.



Image: Dean Ingwersen

Regent Honeyeaters found outside their usual range

Two captive-bred Regent Honeyeaters released in Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park, in north-eastern Victoria, last April were found alive and well over 200 kilometres away in Stratford, Gippsland. This marks the second captive release in a row where at least one of these Critically Endangered birds is known to have travelled either across or around the Great Dividing Range to arrive in the Gippsland region, following the movement of a bird released in 2015, which travelled from Chiltern to Outtrim, in South Gippsland, and back again.



Image: Dean Ingwersen



BIRDS ON FARMS

Birds on Farms, supported by the Wettenhall Environment Trust (WET) and RE Ross Trust, is a citizen science bird monitoring project of great interest and value to landholders, land management groups, scientists and others working in the conservation field. The project involves experienced volunteer birdwatchers mentoring landowners while collecting bird sightings from different rural habitats. The data collected addresses important conservation questions, fills knowledge gaps and is a significant contributor to Birddata. The project engages landholders in a better appreciation of the birds and habitats under their stewardship. The mentor relationship established between the birdwatchers and landholders has been one of many successes of the project so far. Birds on Farms is currently restricted to private landholdings in Victoria, with a soon-to-be achieved target of 180 participating properties. A complementary project is funded to commence within central west NSW in the near future.



Image: Keith Lightbody

CARNABY'S BLACK-COCKATOO CONSERVATION

BirdLife Australia has been working on black-cockatoo recovery actions since 2001, initially focusing on Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo—classified as Endangered, and now includes Baudin's Black-Cockatoo and the south-western subspecies, the Forest Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo. All three of these iconic Western Australian birds are currently listed as threatened under both state and federal legislation. We continue to work with local communities, landholders and land managers to secure the protection and conservation of these three black-cockatoos and their critical habitat. Our work is supported by a number of organisations that help us to implement recovery actions and secure a future for these iconic species. The Great Cocky Count and CockyWatch is supported by the Alcoa Foundation, Lotterywest and the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program supported by Royalties for Regions.

Threatened Bird Index Launch

We were excited to see the launch of the Threatened Bird Index by the Threatened Species Commissioner at the Ecological Society of Australia's conference in November. We would encourage everyone to take a look at tsx.org.au

180,000 SURVEYS

35 MONITORING PROGRAMS

43 SPECIES



Image: John Barkla

SAVING BIRDS AND THEIR HABITATS

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



Image: Tanya Detto

CHRISTMAS ISLAND

In 2018, we began a campaign for stronger nature laws to ensure that future generations will have the opportunity to connect with our unique Australian birds. With your support, our Christmas Island campaign rallied **over 56,000 people** from across Australia—and across the world—to save the island and its unique birds. With so many signatures, it was BirdLife Australia's largest petition ever, calling on the government to stop mining from encroaching further into Christmas Island's pristine tropical rainforests. These rainforests support the world's rarest frigatebird—the Christmas Island Frigatebird—and the world's last remaining breeding colony of Abbott's Boobies. And we were successful!



Image: Andrew Silcocks

CLAMS FOR CLAMS

The Great Knot population has plummeted by 80% in the last 30 years—primarily due to the loss of critical feeding habitat in the Yellow Sea—a stopping off point to refuel on their way to their Arctic breeding grounds. Researchers discovered that because of the icy winter the shellfish at Yalu Jiang Nature Reserve had failed to reproduce. BirdLife Australia joined the international emergency campaign to raise enough money to ship **500 tonnes of small live clams** to the Reserve for the birds to feed on. Thanks to the generous pledges from around the world, more than half a million dollars was raised within a week—and used to purchase farmed small clams to spread across the mudflats. As soon as the intertidal mudflats were exposed, the birds quickly began foraging. Thanks to this extraordinary effort, many thousands of shorebirds were able to complete their journey to their breeding grounds.

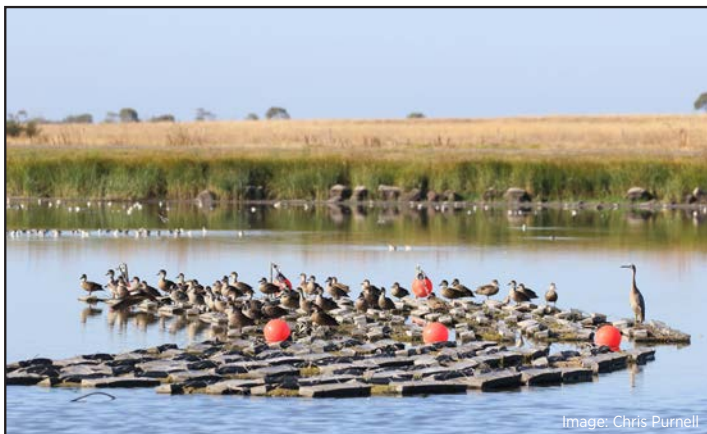


Image: Chris Purnell

'EARLY ADOPTERS'—FLOATING SHOREBIRDS ROOST TRIALS

This exciting project aims to provide low cost, low impact, adaptable artificial roosts for shorebirds in the hope of deploying them throughout East Asia, where there is a lack of high-tide roosts. The first trial was deployed in November 2018 at Melbourne Water's Western Treatment Plant, where, although there are ample roosting opportunities for shorebirds at Werribee, they have utilised the bags for both roosting and feeding at varying stages of the tide. Use by shorebirds is slowly increasing as the trial continues and more birds follow the brave 'early adopters'. Further trials are planned in 2019.



Macquarie Marshes KBA
Image: Chris Grounds

KEY BIODIVERSITY AREAS—NATURE'S HOTSPOTS

Since the launch of the global **Key Biodiversity Areas** (KBAs) standard in 2016, BirdLife Australia has been at the forefront of this influential conservation initiative, both at home and internationally. KBAs help join and strengthen the conservation efforts of over 70 groups including 'Friends of' groups, government agencies and Indigenous groups using robust scientific data on rare species and their threats. In 2018 Volunteer KBA Guardians have conducted health-checks for close to a third of our KBAs, **a global record**. This has very real benefits for conservation. Nationally, it helps us fight successfully for KBAs in danger of losing their rare birds—like the stop to mining exploration for Christmas Island. Locally, it inspires advocacy and education, sparking the love for our nature hotspots.

AROUND THE GROUNDS

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



BIRDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

More than **3,100 images**, from photographers all over the world, were entered in our first BirdLife Photographer of the Year competition, capturing Australian birds at their most brilliant, vulnerable, astounding and beautiful. Due to its overwhelming success, BirdLife Photography donated \$2,000 to **Kids helping Cockies**. We have showcased some of these impressive images throughout this Members' Annual Report.

"Joy in the Morning" by Joy Peter (pictured above), won the Guardian's People's Choice Award



GREAT PELICAN COUNT

In 2018, the inaugural Great Pelican Count at the Gippsland Lakes attracted almost 150 people, who in the same half hour, across 90 allocated locations within the Gippsland Lakes, counted **541 Pelicans**. This citizen science project is aimed at engaging community members in citizen science by using a common but charismatic species as a research subject.

"It's very exciting! I hope to keep this going in April each year."

Deb Sullivan,
Project Officer



BROOME BIRD OBSERVATORY 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the Broome Bird Observatory—celebrating their 30-year anniversary in 2018. Around **100 guests** enjoyed a combined Shorebird and 30th Birthday Party at the Observatory. Special guests, Dr Clive Minton AM (from the first AWSG expedition to Roebuck Bay) and the first Observatory wardens, Gail and Brice Wells, offered tales from the early years.

"I just don't believe it...it's incredible...waders as far as the eye can see!" Clive Minton AM, first AWSG expedition to Roebuck Bay



BIRDS IN SCHOOLS

This highly successful project that first ran in Sydney was delivered across northern Queensland in 2018. Alongside a BirdLife Australia team, teachers and local councils, students collected data for Birddata, and then analysed and interpreted their own observations. Despite several environmental setbacks (floods and droughts) the enthusiastic students and teachers are now implementing action plans through the creation of bird-friendly school gardens.



A NEW BRANCH FOR THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

BirdLife Top End—our newest branch—was launched in early September to an excited group of more than 50 locals. The focus of BirdLife Top End is to be a central forum for birdwatching and related activities in the Northern Territory, where community members can meet and share their experiences. In 2019, they will host the **Australasian Ornithological Conference**.



AWARD FOR GLUEPOT

Our Gluepot Reserve added another award to its trophy cabinet, winning the **Fairfax Media Landcare Community Group Award**. The award is a great recognition for our outstanding volunteers, the land management model we have developed to operate Gluepot and the Riverland Community as a whole.

Congratulations!



STATE OF TASMANIA BIRD REPORT

The second edition of the *State of Tasmania* bird report highlighted potential conservation concerns for understudied species, such as the Blue-winged Parrot, and the importance of Tasmania as a drought refuge for some species of waterbirds when conditions become unsuitable on the Australian mainland.



AUSSIE BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

The 2018 Aussie Backyard Bird Count was our most successful yet, with over **2.6 million birds** counted and more than **84,000 surveys** submitted. The Rainbow Lorikeet was the most counted bird for the fifth year running.



The Catch by Craig Greer

Our Directors

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

PhD (Monash), BSc (Hons), ARC Future Fellow and Professor in Environmental Management at The University of Queensland, Chair of AOCAC

Barry Baker

Appointed February 2011

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

Amanda Bamford

Appointed May 2016

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

Stuart Cooney

Appointed May 2013

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

Robert Dunn

Appointed May 2011

MAppSc, BA (Hons), Grad Cert Ornithology, President BirdLife Shoalhaven, Chair Audit & Risk 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, member Audit & Risk Committee/Australian Bird Fund Committee

Duncan MacKenzie OAM

Appointed May 2014

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

Roland Roccioletti

Appointed July 2017

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

Alanna Vivian

Appointed May 2014

BA (Hons), LLB, practising lawyer, member of Audit & Risk 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 2018

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Jean Porter

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Gary Richards
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Robert Rogers OAM
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June Stringer
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Roger Thomas
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Bill Weatherly
Malcolm Wilson

Distinguished Service Award

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Virgil Hubregtse
Christine Hudson
Julia Hurley
Tania Ireton
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Hans Lutter
Peter Mason
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Tim Mintern
Ian Morgan
Ian Muir
Clive Napier
Wendy Napier
Clive Nealon
Helen O'Donnell
Joan Peters
Margaret Philippson
Jill Plowright
Trevor Quested
Bill Ramsay
Barbara Reidy
Leonie Robbins
Donald Roberts
Jennifer Rogers
Sonja Ross
Don Saunders
Peter Sedgwick
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Duncan Turnbull
Bessie Tyers
Liz Walker
Brice Wells
Barbara Williams
Beth Williams
Jon Wren
Avril Yates

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Sid Cowling
Stephen Davies
Doug Dow
Stephen Garnett
Clive Minton AM
Philip Moors AO
Mike Newman
Henry Nix AO

Honorary Member

Patricia White

Honorary Life Members

Geoff Deason
Alma E. Mitchell
Rosemary Payet
Howard Plowright
Len Robinson

We sadly note the passing of

Perry de Rebeira OAM
Frank Farr
Beryl Jarman
Roy Mackay
Nancy Marriott
Margaret Reidy

Thank you



We acknowledge the
generous support of
our partners

Shadow Dancer by Lachlan Hall

Government

Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board
Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resource Management Board
Central Tablelands Local Land Services
Corangamite Catchment Management Authority
Cradle Coast Authority
Department of the Environment & Energy (Australian Government)
Department for the Environment (New Zealand Government)
Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning (Victoria)
Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (Western Australia)
Department for Environment and Water (SA)
Department of Environment and Science (Qld)
Department of Planning and Environment (NSW)
East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority
Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board
Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority
Hunter Local Land Services
Northern & Yorke Natural Resource Management Board
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
Victorian Environmental Water Holder
VicForests
West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority
Wimmera Catchment Management Authority

Supporting and research partners

Australian National University (ANU)	Monash University
BirdLife International	Murray Bridge Rotary Club
Community Solutions	Places You Love Alliance
Conservation Council of WA	Taronga Zoo
Conservation Management Ltd.	Trees For Life
Conservation Volunteers Australia	University of Queensland
Deakin University	Western Australian Marine Science Institution
Foundations of Success (USA)	Zoos Victoria
Great Eastern Ranges Initiative	Zoos South Australia
Greening Australia Ltd	
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Cumberland Bird Observers Club (NSW)
Far South Coast Birdwatchers (NSW)
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
Manning Great Lakes Birdwatchers Inc (NSW)
Native Arc Inc (WA)
NT Field Naturalists' Club
Victorian Wader Study Group

Inspired gift

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

Estate of Douglas Beath
Estate of Rae Davis Duncan
Estate of Juliet Anne Gold
Estate of Brenda Beatrice Edith Lauder
Estate of Graham John Leach
Estate of Aveen Mary Henrietta O'Reilly
Estate of Joan Felicia Parnell
Estate of Shirley Edith Poole
Estate of Philip Marryon Skinner
Estate of Barbara Jane St John
Estate of Audrie Ruth Tetley



Autumn Crimson Rosella by Bill Harding

Financial Performance

Consolidated Financial Statements for BirdLife Australia Limited (BirdLife Australia) and its controlled entity, Australian Bird Environment Fund.

BirdLife Australia includes the National Office, BirdLife Australia Network of branches, reserves, observatories, and special interest groups.

Overall revenue in 2018 remained steady at \$9.1m compared to \$9.2m in 2017 (excluding 2017 \$614k gain from the sale of the Nunawading property). While bequests were down, donations and grants for our programs increased by \$1.03m or 21% over 2017. We also had a strong return from our investments of \$866k (2017: \$309k)—primarily due to unusually high dividends. Our net assets remain strong at \$9.3m (2017: \$9.7m).

BirdLife Australia achieved an underlying operating surplus of \$602k, however following an accounting adjustment for the change in the fair value of our investments we returned an operating deficit of \$446k. The loss of \$1.05m in the fair value of our investments was a result of the decline in the external investment market in the last quarter of 2018.

Our expenditure on conservation, science and advocacy programs increased to 59% (2017: 57%), and we continue to carefully manage our administration expenditure which was 14% of overall 2018 expenditure (excluding the gain/loss in the fair value of investments) (2017: 15%).

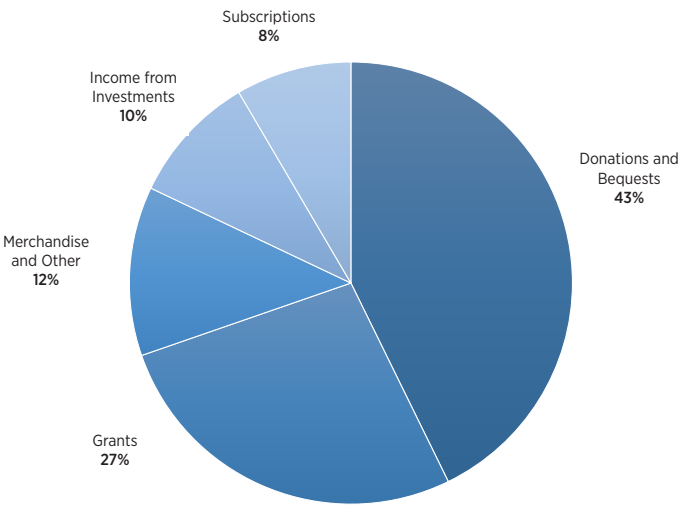
Diversifying our revenue sources and growing our donations will be a key focus in 2019, and we will strive to ensure that the majority of our revenue is directly invested in our conservation, science and advocacy work to reverse declines in bird populations.

In 2019, we shall be embarking on a technology transformation program—to enhance our engagement with supporters through new products and channels and grow participation in our science and conservation programs.

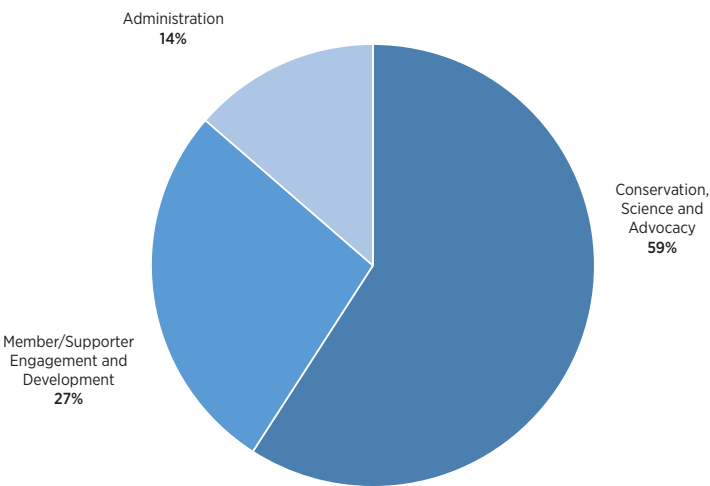
Thank you to all our supporters for your confidence in us and continuing financial support to deliver our vision of ensuring native birds are protected, valued and enjoyed by all Australians.

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

Revenue 2018



Expenditure 2018



STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Program income (incl. tied donations)	3,433,309	2,935,686
Program income (untied donations)	2,624,403	2,089,545
Bequests	365,749	1,988,661
Subscriptions	769,913	831,208
Sales, courses and fees	967,172	958,174
Interest income	866,149	309,308
Realised gain on sale of fixed assets	-	614,236
Other income	93,615	77,816
Total Revenue	9,120,310	9,804,634
Expenditure		
Employee costs	4,760,960	4,287,525
Printing, stationery and magazine costs	709,367	690,417
Finance and administration costs	968,246	947,623
Project non-employee costs	1,354,134	895,822
Occupancy expenses	351,738	374,583
Travel expenses	325,266	292,235
Subscriptions	48,300	34,646
Net gain/(loss) in revaluation of financial assets at fair value through Profit or Loss	1,047,888	-
Total Expenditure	9,565,899	7,522,851
Operating surplus/(deficit)	(445,589)	2,281,783
Other comprehensive income		
Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss		
Changes in the fair value of investments	-	554,620
Total comprehensive income for the year	(445,589)	2,836,403

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,402,060	3,996,595
Trade and other receivables	722,573	493,255
Other financial assets	207,553	-
Other assets	38,480	28,761
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	3,370,666	4,518,611
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Investments	9,011,911	8,301,573
Property, plant & equipment	989,652	922,958
Intangible assets	397,601	385,328
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	10,399,164	9,609,859
TOTAL ASSETS	13,769,830	14,128,470
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	682,964	842,002
Provisions	1,025,113	878,214
Unearned income	2,624,042	2,568,596
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	4,332,119	4,288,812
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provisions	161,730	118,088
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	161,730	118,088
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,493,849	4,406,900
NET ASSETS	9,275,981	9,721,570
EQUITY		
Reserves	-	3,952,504
Retained surplus	9,275,981	5,769,066
TOTAL EQUITY	9,275,981	9,721,570

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