

Annual Report

2022



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AUSTRALIA

OUR VISION

By 2050, birds and nature are valued, conserved and restored, sustaining a healthy planet for the benefit of all people



President's Report



This past year has been a year of growth for BirdLife Australia, and it is my pleasure to reflect on all the activities and achievements of our organisation.

During 2022, the Board approved an ambitious new 10-year Bird Conservation Strategy, and a 5-year business plan, which will guide our work in the coming years. It's an exciting roadmap for the future, which will guide our efforts in conserving Australia's birds and their habitats.

What will not change is our commitment to science and community; this is at the heart of everything we do. By combining the best available science with the passion and commitment of our many supporters, we can achieve lasting conservation outcomes for birds and their habitats. Our monitoring and research partnerships provide a strong evidence base for effective on-ground conservation action and advocacy.

However, governments have a critical role to play in protecting our natural environment. This year, we have been focused on advocating for stronger government action on biodiversity. We were, therefore, heartened by agreement on the UN Global Biodiversity Framework in Montreal, which sets out a global framework for protecting and restoring nature over the next decade.

BirdLife Australia has also been working hard as part of the Places You Love Alliance to advocate for strong

reform of Australia's Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act, which is so crucial for Australia's environment. We are fighting for better recovery planning, regional planning and data to support on-ground conservation. And we are continuing to call for increased funding for biodiversity conservation. We cannot merely develop plans - we must dedicate the resources to implementing them.

One of the highlights of my year as President has been the opportunity to travel around the country and meet with many of our branches and volunteers. From Perth to North Queensland, and from the Top End to Tasmania, I have been humbled by the dedication and passion of our volunteers, and everything that they achieve for our birds. This year we also held a stakeholder roundtable at a Board meeting in Hobart, and learned of the outstanding conservation work led by the Tasmanian branch. More interstate Board meetings are planned.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the important work that you do, whether it is monitoring bird populations, conducting research, or advocating for conservation in your local community. And a special shout-out to those volunteers who help coordinate these actions - it is hard work, but you keep the wheels turning.

I am proud of the work that BirdLife Australia has achieved over the past year, and I am excited about what the future holds for our organisation. With our new strategy and business plan in place, and a growing supporter base, I am confident that we can continue to make a real difference for birds and the wider environment.

Thank you to all our staff, fellow directors, volunteers and supporters for their ongoing dedication and commitment to our cause.

In closing, I would like to express my most sincere gratitude to our outgoing CEO, Paul Sullivan. Paul's leadership has truly transformed our organisation and put BirdLife Australia in a position of great strength. The significance of Paul's contribution is impossible to capture in a few words, but the performance, reach and impact of today's BirdLife Australia speaks for itself. We are truly grateful for Paul's decade of outstanding service to the organisation, and we wish him the best of luck in his new endeavours.

Martine Maron, President

Images from the **2022 BirdLife Australia Photography Awards** have been showcased throughout the Annual Report. To view the full gallery of winners and finalists go to www.birdlifephotaward.org.au

Front cover image: Flame Robin by Deepak Kumar. Shortlisted in Special Theme: Australasian Robins
This page: Spinifex Pigeon by Josh Watson. Shortlisted in Bird Portrait category

CEO's Report



When I came to Birdlife Australia ten years ago, I was excited to join a team of passionate, dedicated staff and the many thousands of supporters who were the leading voice for Australian birds. Since then, our reach and impact has grown significantly by investing in programs, building partnerships and empowering our network of community groups. I'm more excited than ever by the potential of BirdLife Australia, and the future for Australian birds.

This year saw the official launch of our new Bird Conservation Strategy. With a strong focus on 'systems change' - the drivers of bird extinctions in Australia - the new strategy is guiding our work. This includes working with the private sector on nature-positive practices (such as the rapidly expanding Birds on Farms program) and harnessing emerging carbon and biodiversity markets to deliver high-integrity nature-based solutions for our birds and their ecosystems. We want to redirect taxpayer subsidies for harmful practices, like old growth logging, into funding nature restoration instead.

In December, our Head of Conservation and Science, Samantha Vine, attended the UN Biodiversity Conference, supporting BirdLife International to secure the UN Global Biodiversity Framework that underpins our new Strategy. In fact, our Strategy implements both the new UN Biodiversity Framework and BirdLife International's new Global Strategy.

This kind of international cooperation is vital to addressing the global problem of climate change and environmental degradation. And, as indicators of the health of our natural world, the reversal of bird population declines will be a measure of our collective success.

Some highlights of our conservation programs this year include the second consecutive release of captive-bred Regent Honeyeaters in the Tomalpin Woodlands, with 50 birds released. Excitingly, just weeks after release, some birds were spotted breeding with wild birds at the site - a really wonderful result for this program, and a good sign for the future of this once widespread honeyeater.

Earlier in the year, another seven Critically Endangered Western Ground Parrots were successfully translocated to a site near Albany, joining a group of birds released in 2021. With fewer than 150 Western Ground Parrots left in the wild, the establishment of this second population has been a crucial step towards preventing the extinction of this beautiful bird.

And on the fight to protect the Ramsar-listed wetlands of Moreton Bay, our Campaigns team coordinated the submission of over 16,000 comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement for Walker Corporation's proposed development on Toondah Harbour in December. Thousands more people commented on the draft EIS via our Toondah Alliance partners, so we have ensured that our voice is heard.

BirdLife Australia has a bright future. Our ambitious new strategy, sound finances and the latest digital infrastructure put us in a strong position to continue making progress in conserving Australia's unique birdlife and their habitats.

With the support of our stakeholders and partners, we can make a meaningful impact on the future of Australia's biodiversity. And so, after 10 wonderful years serving as Chief Executive Officer of BirdLife Australia, I believe the time is right to hand the baton over to a new leader.

As I step down from my role as CEO, I want to express my gratitude to everyone who has been a part of this incredible journey. It has been a privilege to lead BirdLife Australia and to work with such amazing people. I am confident that the organisation will continue to thrive and make a difference in the years to come.

Thank you again for your support, and I look forward to seeing the great things that BirdLife Australia achieves in the future.

Paul Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer

Our Bird Conservation Strategy

BirdLife Australia's plan to stop the extinction crisis and put native birds on a path to recovery



SOCIETY

16 000
SUPPORTERS
took action to protect globally important wetlands at Toondah Harbour

900
STUDENTS
engaged in the Gang-gang Cockatoo Recovery Program as part of Birds in Schools Program

SITES

11
KBAs
revised or newly declared (335 KBAs now recognised)

SPECIES

>92 %
HOODED PLOVER
habitat covered in the biennial population count

113
THREATENED
species and subspecies recorded by BIRDATA volunteers

SYSTEMS

>200
rural landholders participating in BIRDS ON FARMS across Victoria

Hooded Plover. Image by John Barkla

CONSERVATION NEWS



SWIFT PARROT SEARCH

This revised monitoring program is helping us understand how critically endangered Swift Parrots are using mainland habitats, where an apparent shift has been detected in recent times. By combining standardised bird surveys with habitat assessments, we are hoping to deepen our understanding around what influences the availability of key food resources, such as eucalypt blossom, and identify the specific mechanisms driving the shift in habitat use. Understanding what the precursors are to optimal foraging conditions, and increasing our capacity to predict these events ahead of time will help us address knowledge gaps and target our conservation actions.

Swift Parrot. Image by John Barkla

SAVING BIRDS AND THEIR HABITATS

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



Glossy Black-Cockatoos at sunset at Bullio
Image by Kay Kean

SAVING GLOSSY BLACK-COCKATOOS

After bushfires and land clearing, the Glossy Black-Cockatoo is now classified as Critically Endangered in Victoria and Vulnerable in QLD and the ACT. In June 2022, BirdLife Australia started **The Glossy Project** to support the bushfire recovery of Glossies around Coffs Harbour, Clarence Valley and Bellingen, NSW. Together with the community, this citizen-science project is collecting data on their feeding trees (Glossies only eat from certain Allocasuarina species) that will allow us to prioritise and implement actions to enhance and create new feeding habitat for this species. BirdLife Australia, in collaboration with NSW State Government and the Victorian Government (DELWP), is striving to both secure existing feed trees and ensure there will be foraging habitat to support the birds in the years to come.



Alex Pike courtesy of Mindaribba Local
Aboriginal Land Council

WELCOME BACK TO COUNTRY FOR THE REGENT HONEYEATER

On a special spring morning, Regent Honeyeaters were welcomed back to the Tomalpin Woodlands, an area in the Lower Hunter Valley on Wonnarua Country around Cessnock. This woodland is teeming with threatened flora and fauna, and is now the most important single contemporary site for the Regent Honeyeater – in 2018 it was the only site where Regent Honeyeaters were found breeding, and in 2021 was the site with the most breeding detected. That same year, and then again in spring 2022, it was selected for the largest zoo-bred releases in New South Wales. The releases, in partnership with NSW Department of Planning & Environment, Taronga Conservation Society Australia and Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council, have been an incredible success, with zoo-bred birds not only surviving at the highest levels recorded during any releases previously undertaken, but also breeding and assimilating with the wild flocks of Regent Honeyeaters.



GANG-GANG COCKATOOS BUSHFIRE RECOVERY

BirdLife Australia developed the Gang-gang Bushfire Recovery Project to engage communities in fire-affected regions after the species was severely affected by habitat loss following the bushfires of 2019 and 2020 and declared Endangered in 2022. The Gang-gang Cockatoo online education and engagement program resulted in 7,500 new plants in the ground to support Gang-gang Cockatoos and many other bird species that were also affected by fire. Additionally, 60 nest boxes designed specifically for the needs of Gang-gang Cockatoos were installed in East Gippsland. Our hope is that by bringing knowledge of Gang-gang Cockatoos to the community through education and action, we will help build a legacy of people supporting this species and others like it.

Gang-gang Cockatoo. Image by John Barkla

AROUND THE GROUNDS

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



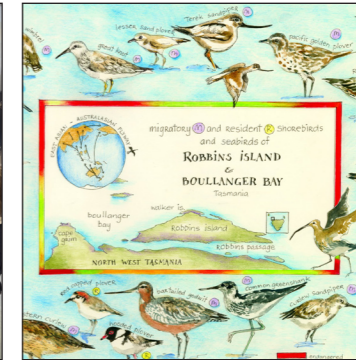
CONGRATULATIONS

Australia Day Honours: Margaret Baker, Roger Grund, Roz Holme, Sue Lennox, Josephine Jones and Kevin Mason received the Medal of the Order of Australia. The Member of the Order of Australia was granted to Graeme Batley, Prof. Ross Jeffree and Prof. Tim Roberts. The Officer of the Order of Australia award was presented to Eve Kantor and Mark Wooton. **Queen's Birthday Honours:** Terri Allen, Susan Baker, Celia Gray, Dr Margaret Rowe and Assoc. Prof. Barbara Wilson received the Medal of the Order of Australia. Dr Patrica Selkirk received the Companion of the Order of Australia. **BirdLife Australia medals:** Jon Coleman was awarded the **JN Hobbs Memorial Medal** and Dr Eric Woehler OAM received the **DL Serventy Medal**.



HOODIES GET CREATIVE

The Beach-nesting Birds team ventured into some new ways of raising awareness of beach-nesting birds, focusing on art as a medium to reach a new demographic. At two community art workshops and two school art workshops, participants learned about the plight of the birds from a BirdLife Australia expert, and had an interactive art session with artist Karen Carr (of Squashed Cocky Enterprises) to create clay tiles. These tiles were used for an interactive Hoodie Play Pod, with a *snakes and ladders* type game, where people learnt about threats to Hooded Plovers and ways to help protect them.



TASSIE FIGHTS ON

BirdLife Tasmania continues to fight against the development of more than 100 wind turbines in the Robbings Passage and Boullanger Bay KBA, a wetland area that supports more than 25000 migratory shorebirds. The limited edition artwork (above) was donated by Lois Bury to help fight against the 270-metre-high wind towers.

"While BirdLife Tasmania supports the development of renewable energy, the proposed wind farm is simply the wrong development for such a sensitive and internationally-recognised significant wetland system"

Dr Eric Woehler OAM



WING THREADS

In a very adventurous way to promote awareness of the amazing journey our migratory shorebirds undertake each year, Milly Formby made her way around Australia in her microlight aircraft. Her planned 20,000 km flight around the Australian coast parallels the migrations of millions of shorebirds, the world's most endangered group of bird species. Visiting hundreds of students in schools along the way to talk about her adventure and the shorebirds that inspired it, Milly's journey will no doubt inspire more people to protect wetlands for these incredible birds.

Migratory shorebirds are a living expression of how we're all connected through a global, ecological network"

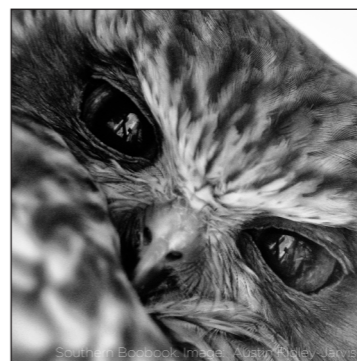
Milly Formby

[Find out more about Microlight Milly](#)



WINGS ON KING SURVEYS

This five-day autumn survey, which has been running since 2016, has provided critical data on the bird populations that live on or visit King Island. Over **200 species** have been recorded on King Island, including nine Tasmanian endemics. To register for the next count visit birdsofkingisland.com/register



FIGHT AGAINST PESTICIDES

Our Rodenticide Action Group members in six states continue to pressure local retailers, including Bunnings, to take second generation rat poisons off their shelves. Using our comprehensive action kit to help officers make the switch **more than 45 councils** are on the path to eliminating the use of these poisons in their own buildings and helping their communities to do the same.



INDIGENOUS GRANT

The Yuku Muliika Rangers of Archer Point and Annan River, south of Townsville, received the Indigenous Grant for Bird Research and Conservation. Their work includes the protection of an Archer Point beach, where Red-capped Plovers breed, as well as turtle rescue and seagrass monitoring. For more information on the Indigenous Grant, go to birdlife.org.au/awards



THE MESSAGE OF THE LYREBIRD

BirdLife Shoalhaven presented the award-winning film about these incredible birds. The Creative Producer of *The Message of the Lyrebird* Mike Pearce attended the event and all proceeds went towards helping bird conservation in the Shoalhaven area.

Our Directors

Carpark Curlews by Jane McMenamin
Highly recommended for the Peter Slater
memorial prize for a monochrome photo



Tranquil Touchdown by Nathan Watson
Shortlisted in Birds in Flight category



Martine Maron (President)

Appointed December 2011

BSc (Hons), PhD (Monash), Professor of 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, member Community Grants & Awards 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

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

Jarrold Pittson

Appointed March 2020

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

Alex Morgan

Appointed September 2019

LLB BComm, GAICD, member Development Group, member Finance & Audit Committee/Australian Bird Fund Committee, member Community Grants & Awards Committee

Gary Nelson

Appointed November 2019

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

Hugh Possingham

Appointed May 2020

DPhil (Oxon), BSc (Hons, Adelaide), FAA, FNAS, Research Professor (University of Queensland), member Research & Conservation Committee, Chair Community Grants & Awards Committee. Chair of Australasian Ornithological Conference 2023

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 2022

Honour Roll

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David Nicholls

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David Plant OAM
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Douglas Quinn
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Donald Reid
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Peter Roberts
Shelley Robertson
Alan Rogers
Robert Rogers OAM
Bill Russell
Paul Sagar
Don Saunders PSM
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Lester Short
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Graeme Stevens
David Stewart
Robert Swindley
Michael Tarburton
Gwenda Taws
Peter Tierney
Roger Thomas
Elizabeth Turnbull
Bessie Tyers
Spencer Unthank
Philip Veerman
Graham Walters
Neil Weatherill
Bill Weatherly

BirdLife Australia Awards recognise the enormous contribution of members to the organisation and its goals

Distinguished Service Award

Sue Abbotts	Laurence Living
Marleen Acton	Marlene Lyell
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
Ron Bone	Ian Muir
Frances Bray	Clive Napier
Allan Briggs	Wendy Napier
Hazel Britton	Clive Nealon
Alan Brown	Helen O'Donnell
Celia Browne	Jan Olley
Maxwell Burrows	Rob Parker
Shirley Cameron	Joan Peters
Wallie Coles	Margaret Philippson
Shirley Cook	Jill Plowright
Ralph Cooper	Bill Ramsay
David Coutts	Barbara Reidy
John Crowhurst	Leonie Robbins
Stephen Debus	Donald Roberts
Xenia Dennett	Jennifer Rogers
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Tina Dotto	Don Saunders PSM
Val Ford	Peter Sedgwick
Barbara Garrett	Bob Semmens
Sheena Gillman	Kathleen Shurcliff
Janet Hand	Rod Smith
Graham Harrington	Richard Stevens
Judith Harrington	Keith Stockwell
Debbie Harris	Nancy Taylor
Alec Hawtin	Trish Teesdale
Graeme Hosken	Duncan Turnbull
Judith Hoyle	Bessie Tyers
Virgil Hubregtse	Liz Walker
Julia Hurley	Barbara Williams
Tania Ireton	Jon Wren
Elisabeth Karplus	Bob Young
Col Kohlhagen	
Andrew Ley	

Honorary Member

Patricia White

Fellows

Barry Baker
Mike Bamford
Kate Buchanan
Allan Burbidge
Margaret Cameron AM
Sid Cowling
Peter Dann
Hugh Ford
Stephen Garnett
Phil Moors AO
Mike Newman
Penny Olsen AM

Honorary Life Members

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

We sadly note the passing of

Cecily Fearnley
Alan Giles
Henry Nix AO
Priscilla Park OAM
Michael Seyfort

Leaning In by Rebecca Harrison
Winner for Backyard Birds category

Thank you

The Worm Offering by Rebecca Harrison
Shortlisted in special theme: Australasian Robins

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John Barkla and Alison Street
John Nielsen
John Rawlins and Family
Josie McSkimming, in memory of her birdwatcher parents
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Manning Primary School
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Michael Livingston
Michael Martin
Michael Tichbon
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Mungalla Aboriginal Business
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Point Pearce Indigenous Protected Area Rangers
Tiwi Land Council
Wellesley Islands Rangers
Yirrganydji Indigenous Land and Sea Rangers
Yuku Baja Muliku



Fearsome by Jason Moore
Shortlisted in Bird Portrait category



Hanging For Breakfast by Joel Evans
Shortlisted in Bird Behaviour category

Government

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Biodiversity Conservation Trust (NSW)
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Department of Planning, Industry & Environment
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Geelong Field Naturalists Club Inc. (Vic)
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Greening Australia Ltd
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Parks Victoria
Perth NRM
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South Coast NRM
South Gippsland Landcare Network
The Places You Love Alliance
The University of Adelaide
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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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| Estate of Kathleen Alice FitzGerald | Estate of Anne Seton Kermode |
| Estate of Helen Bowie | Estate of Lewis Crocker |
| S.T.A.F. - Shirley Edith Poole | Estate of Jennifer Madeline Ible |
| Estate of Leone and Geoff Fernie | Estate of Marjorie Sybil Pinder |
| Estate of Pamela Ruth Beanham | Estate of Barbara Jane St John |
| Estate of Derek John Grantham | Estate of Richard John Sternes |
| Estate of Roger Brown | Estate of Gertrude Elizabeth Walker |
| Estate of Sidney and Loretta Forsey | Estate of Malcolm Wilson |
| Estate of Jennifer Lois Robinson | |

Morning Dance by Lawrence Chan
Shortlisted in Birds in Flight category

Financial Performance



Berries for Lunch by Cheng Kang
Shortlisted in Bird Behaviour category

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

Our Total Revenue in 2022 decreased to \$12.8m compared to \$16.1m in 2021. Of this \$3.3m decrease, \$3.4m results from the movement in the value of our investments. Significant bequest income was received in quarters one and two.

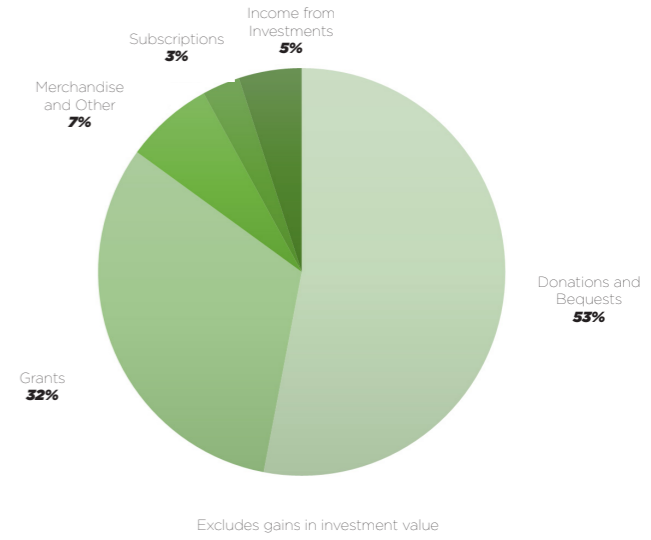
BirdLife continues to be focused on managing costs during a period of economic uncertainty, while investing in the future. Core administrative costs have decreased to 15% of overall 2022 expenditure (2021: 17%). It should be noted that when the Digital Engagement Project costs are excluded, the underlying core administration cost in 2022 is 11% (2021 : 11%).

The overall (\$0.8m) deficit is supported by strong cash reserves that 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.

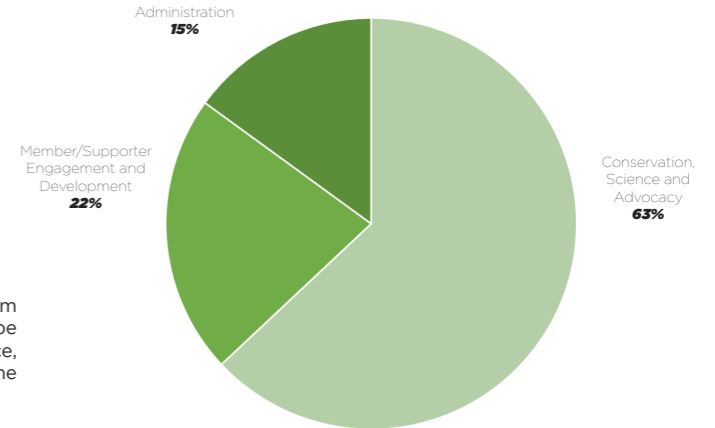
Thank you to all our supporters during another challenging year and for your continuing financial support to deliver our vision of ensuring native birds are protected, valued and enjoyed by all Australians.

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 2022



Expenditure 2022



STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Project income	5,187,189	4,091,838
Donations	5,383,487	5,751,194
Bequests	3,302,256	1,987,151
Subscriptions	435,663	630,128
Sales, courses, and fees	1,105,388	1,163,587
Finance income	794,298	507,053
Other income	17,987	24,058
Net gain in revaluation of financial assets at fair value through Profit or Loss	(3,431,200)	1,972,722
TOTAL REVENUE	12,795,068	16,127,731
EXPENDITURE		
Employee costs	8,699,711	7,386,208
Printing, stationery, and magazine costs	458,592	534,786
Finance and administration costs	1,343,343	1,297,157
Project non-employee costs	2,490,084	2,357,657
Occupancy expenses	309,638	230,877
Travel expenses	306,640	153,354
Subscriptions	42,530	38,984
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	13,650,538	11,999,023
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(855,470)	4,128,708
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss	-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	(855,470)	4,128,708

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	7,256,573	4,548,235
Trade and other receivables	916,263	734,096
Other financial assets	188,203	287,537
Other assets	62,854	52,815
Contract assets	273,737	213,755
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	8,697,630	5,836,438
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Investments	13,831,002	17,344,081
Right of use assets	35,811	157,737
Property, plant & equipment	1,220,516	1,134,782
Intangible assets	38,418	65,009
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	15,125,747	18,701,609
TOTAL ASSETS	23,823,377	24,538,047
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	934,962	866,399
Lease liability	18,674	136,872
Provisions	1,562,881	1,430,975
Contract liabilities	1,609,966	1,568,066
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	4,126,483	4,002,312
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provisions	133,273	112,887
Lease liability	22,112	25,869
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	155,385	138,756
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,281,868	4,141,068
NET ASSETS	19,541,509	20,396,979
EQUITY		
Retained surplus	19,541,509	20,396,979
TOTAL EQUITY	19,541,509	20,396,979



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BirdLife Australia is the Australian partner of BirdLife International, the world's largest nature conservation partnership. BirdLife International is a partnership of over 115 organisations worldwide and growing. BirdLife International has a network of over 2 million birders, scientists and local volunteers to help track, follow, analyse, conserve and understand every bird species in the world.

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. In order to save the planet, nature and species, we use our seminal bird science, collecting and analyzing data from around the world, to implement the most effective and innovative conservation measures possible.

Save Birds. Save Life.

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