

Annual Review

2017/2018



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We recognise the Traditional Owners of Australia and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge that this land was never ceded and welcome actions that better seek to identify, present, protect and conserve cultural heritage.

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Reflection

In 2017/2018, the Wilderness Society entered the next phase of our ambitious plan to build a powerful movement for nature.

Our first Movement For Life leaders delivered our two-day Fundamentals community organising training and 24 leaders undertook the Advanced training program at the Royal National Park in Sydney. We now have 26 active local groups around Australia working on local and national campaigns that protect the life that supports us all.

This really is the power of people to make change in action. In Queensland, over 200 volunteers were actively involved in the grassroots campaign to make deforestation a central issue of the state election, door knocking and phoning over 13,000 voters on the issue and successfully bringing together our campaigning and organising strategies for the first time with incredible success with Queensland Parliament passing historic new deforestation laws in May 2018.


Around the country, the Wilderness Society achieved a number of major campaign wins, including the Chevron's withdrawal from the Great Australian Bight and the 13th local council around the Bight passing a motion to reject the presence of Big Oil. See page 6 for more on our successes around Australia this year.

This year, after a significant period of research and planning, we made the decision to reach out to even more everyday Australians who share our values with a new logo (representing a bend of the Franklin River) and approach, including "Save Ugly" a fun and engaging musical number featuring celebrities with the aim of bringing a wider audience to the work of the Wilderness Society, and we reached some 60 million people around the world.

We owe a debt of gratitude to our outgoing Convenor, Linda Selvey, who stepped down from the position in May 2018. Linda has a long and illustrious history in the movement and her passion and wisdom has guided our national organisation through a time of transition into an exciting phase of growth.

In 2018/2019, we are looking to the future. The organisation is coalescing around our new and visionary campaign, Nature Laws That Work, which launched into the world at National Threatened Species Day on the lawns of Parliament House in Canberra (see page 7 for more).

As always, thank you for your support—together, we are the Wilderness Society.



**Stuart Baird &
Leanne Craze AM**
Co-convenors



Matt Brennan
Chief Operating Officer



Lyndon Schneiders
National Campaigns
Director



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Who We Are

For 42 years, the Wilderness Society has stood at the forefront of Australia's most important environmental victories.

From our origins in the campaign to protect the Franklin in 1976, we've worked hard to achieve **our purpose—protecting, promoting and restoring wilderness and natural processes across Australia for the survival and ongoing evolution of life on Earth**. We've delivered important outcomes for all Australians—some of which are listed on the following pages.

The Wilderness Society works to ensure Australia's nature and wilderness is protected, healthy and resilient to threats; to limit dangerous warming to no more than 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels; and to enliven and sustain a diverse and engaged social movement in support of our purpose.

We are powered by over 30,000 Australians from all walks of life. We support the living world that makes all life possible (including our own). Together, we're taking on transnational corporations, rogue operators, and the armies of lobbyists and politicians who defend them. From the corridors of Canberra to the streets of your town, we're here to change the system.

We're driven by **our values—passion for purpose, the power of people to make change, compassion, organisational independence and integrity and commitment to success in protecting the environment**.

We are the Wilderness Society.



Photo: Glenn Walker

Our Impact

8

campaign centres

34

training programs held this year

26

local organising groups

440

Movement For Life graduates

8

campaign teams

1,974

active volunteers

32

Movement For Life trainers

28,309

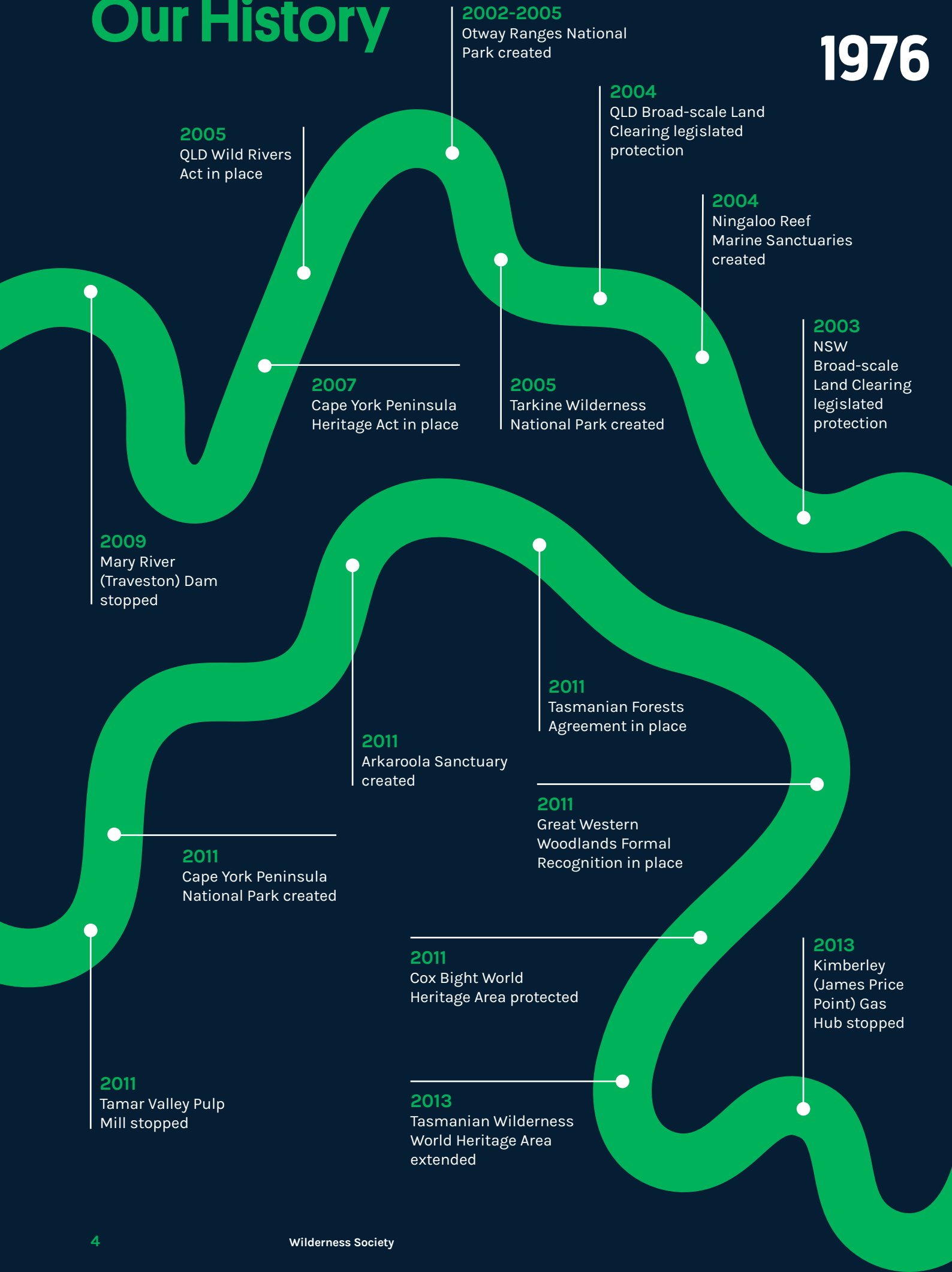
active members



- 1 2 3 4 Deforestation
- 5 QLD Campaign Centre
- 6 Sydney Campaign Centre
- 7 Newcastle Campaign Centre
- 8 Pilliga
- 9 Koala National Park
- 10 Victorian Campaign Centre
- 11 Great Forest National Park
- 12 Emerald Link
- 13 Hobart Campaign Centre
- 14 Launceston Campaign Centre
- 15 takayna/Tarkine
- 16 SA Campaign Centre
- 17 Great Australian Bight
- 18 Simpson Desert
- 19 WA Campaign Centre
- 20 Great Western Woodlands
- 21 Kimberley

Our History

1976



1982

South West
Tasmanian
Wilderness
World Heritage
Area created

1983

Stopped the
Franklin River dam

1986

Lindeman
Island National
Park created

1987

NSW Wilderness
Act in place

1992

Snowy River and
Forests National
Park created

2001

SW WA Forests
National Park
created

1998

Great Australian
Bight Marine Park
created

1992

Kakadu World
Heritage Area
created

1992

Fraser Island
World Heritage
Area created

1998

Subantarctic Islands
World Heritage Area
created

2003

Jabiluka Uranium
Mine stopped

2003

Forests of South East NSW
National Park created

1993

Kangaroo Island
Legislated Wilderness
in place

2016

BP leaves the Great
Australian Bight

2016

Movement For Life
Organising launched

2018

Queensland
Deforestation
Laws in place

2013

Kimberley
Marine and
Terrestrial
Reserves
National Park
Created & World
Heritage Listing

2017

Chevron leaves
the Great
Australian Bight

2018

Our Campaigns

The Wilderness Society's campaigns ensure that Australia's nature and wilderness is protected, healthy and resilient to threats and is broadly valued for its essential contribution to our existence; and to ensure that Australia strongly contributes to limiting dangerous climate change.



Photo: Simon Peel

Deforestation

The campaign to end deforestation was a major national focus for the Wilderness Society in 2017-2018. Although an MCG-sized area of bushland was being bulldozed every three minutes in deforestation hotspot Queensland, research demonstrated that there were very low levels of awareness about this crisis. So the first order of action was to blow the lid off deforestation and increase awareness of the issue in Queensland and beyond.

Over 50,000 supporters signed our deforestation petition; our supporters knocked on 3,643 doors during the election campaign and made over 10,000 phone calls to Queensland MPs and voters demanding strong laws. When we come together, we can achieve incredible things. See more about the exciting integration with our Movement For Life program on page 10.

As a result, in May 2018, the Queensland Parliament passed historic new deforestation laws. It wasn't an easy road. The LNP, backed by industry lobbyists and opponents of reform, tried to stop the laws being passed. But thanks to everyday Australians standing up for Queensland's wildlife, rivers, forests and climate, the laws succeeded.

The fight is not over. While the laws are progress, loopholes remaining in the laws could allow unacceptable bulldozing to continue in some places. Together, we will keep close watch on the forests, and how the laws go in practice. And, we will keep pushing for these loopholes to be closed forever.

In 2018-2019, we're taking the campaign national and integrating it with our Nature Laws That Work campaign to ensure that strong national laws are enforced and protect against large-scale deforestation. With new deforestation fronts opening up in NSW, WA and the NT, we have welcomed a GIS (mapping) specialist to the team who will be monitoring deforestation hotspots across the country, analysing deforestation data and enabling us to respond to clearing quickly, so we can keep blowing the lid off deforestation. We're determined to make Australia a zero deforestation country and we've got a plan to do it.



Nature Laws That Work

Every major indicator and report about the health of our nature shows a massive decline over the two last decades. Our environmental regulations are a mess: they actually encourage the destruction of our natural wealth. This year alone, 41 Australian species were added to the list of threatened species. The system is not working.

We know that to fix this problem, we need a national plan—with common goals the whole country can get behind—to achieve real action on extinction, stop the destruction of our forests and woodlands and protect our iconic places from mining and destruction. This plan will only work if it's backed by strong, consistent national laws and an independent watchdog to enforce them—a national Environmental Protection Agency. We know that this approach works—we've seen it in action in the US. Enter our Nature Laws That Work campaign.

This year, the campaign hit the ground running. We trained and took 12 Movement For Life leaders to Canberra to lobby federal politicians directly in the halls of power. They met with Shadow Environment Minister Tony Burke, along with key senators and backbenchers, including members of important senate committees, to make the case for systemic change.

20,000 everyday Australians signed our open letter calling for national reform and Nature Laws That Work, 6,000 pledged to end extinction, and 3,000 made submissions to the Senate Inquiry into Australia's animal extinction crisis. We held six campaign nights developing local Movement For Life teams' knowledge of the campaign and teams around the country are now working directly on this visionary campaign.

The environment was a major media focus for the first time in many years, with the Guardian launching a major investigative focus on Australia's failed environment laws and 10 op eds in major publications including the Guardian and The Australian from our senior campaigners including National Campaigns Director Lyndon Schneiders. And we launched the campaign with a host of supporters and alliance members from Places You Love on the lawns of Parliament House—see page 10 for more.

Nature Laws That Work is a vision for the future. We know that introducing this systemic change will relieve pressure on the high conservation value forests of Tasmania and Victoria, on high conservation value bushland around Australia, on the Great Australian Bight, on the Kimberley—and all of the wild and wonderful places that Australians love. Thank you for helping us to achieve this vision.



Photo: Adrian Guerin

Tasmania

In Tasmania, in partnership with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, our team launched the first ever campaign ad in an Aboriginal language. In palawa, Tasmania's revived language, the ad called out the Tasmanian Premier for promising reconciliation with Tasmania's Aboriginal community, and betraying that promise by pushing for 4WD access onto protected Country, including constructing tracks directly over giant middens in the takayna/Tarkine.

As another part of our ongoing campaign against unsustainable tourism in wild areas, we lobbied the World Heritage community for proper protections for wilderness and supported local community groups lobbying against the kunanyi/Mt Wellington cable car, and helped to ensure that a major woodchip port was kept out of the beautiful town of Dover.

Victoria

In Victoria, the Regional Forest Agreements—dodgy logging deals which have already destroyed 20,000ha of high conservation value forests—were only extended for two years. Whilst logging continues in high conservation value forests in the proposed Great Forest National Park (Central Highlands) and Emerald Link (East Gippsland) where the Wilderness Society continues to work for positive forest outcomes, the Victorian Government committed to undertake an economic and environmental re-assessment of logging deals—something that other states have failed to do.

This year, VicForests failed Forestry Stewardship Certification for the third time in a decade, with conservationists including the Wilderness Society providing compelling evidence throughout the audit process that contributed to the outcome. Elsewhere in the state, the iconic Kuark wilderness was protected from logging, and the State Government has improved big tree protection, and committed to improve how threatened species are located and protected.



New South Wales

Hundreds of supporters from all over NSW came together for the Time2Choose rally against coal and coal seam gas. We came together again to join Hands Across The Sand protests against offshore gas and seismic testing. We held successful campaign nights in both Sydney and Newcastle, welcoming supporters in to hear about progress in our campaigns.

This year, we attended the Santos AGM in Adelaide with other communities including farmers and Traditional Owners. Thanks to great support from the community, our documentary telling the stories of the community around the Pilliga, and their fight against coal seam gas is in production. There's been great news on the Pilliga campaign with delays in the assessment process as a result of significant community pressure.

We look forward to sharing the documentary with you, and to launching our exciting new koala campaign in NSW.



Photo: Rob Blakers

Western Australia

This year, the Wilderness Society achieved some exciting outcomes in WA including a commitment to a national park over the Helena Aurora Range and a moratorium on gas fracking across the state of WA following a long-term campaign. Our Movement For Life program continues to develop in WA with local groups now active in Fremantle and Maylands, with a third team in development in Joondalup. Progress has been made on further protection for the Kimberley, where we seek a new national park over the Fitzroy River (Mardoowarra) and a new marine park over the Buccaneer Archipelago. We will continue to focus on progressing these plans over the next year, along with a WA deforestation campaign in partnership with the national team.

Save Ugly

This year, we put the spotlight on those often unseen and unheralded heroes of nature. You see, without the ugly bits, there'd be no beautiful bits to enjoy. Towering forests are supported in part by the dark, squirmy stuff going on in the soil. Our diverse oceans are kept in check by weird-looking sharks. Gondwana rainforests in the Daintree are pollinated by smooch-faced bats. Whale excrement gives tiny plankton the energy they need to fight climate change. Everything is connected.

"Save Ugly", a fun and engaging musical number featuring celebrities including Cate Blanchett, Joel Edgerton and Rosario Dawson, bemoaned underappreciation of all of the weird and wonderful creatures that make our world go around, with the aim of bringing a wider audience to the work of the Wilderness Society, reaching around 60 million people all over the world.

South Australia

In October, the Great Australian Bight campaign had a major win with Chevron pulling out of the Bight—following BP's exit in 2016. This leaves just one member of Big Oil intent on drilling our Bight—Equinor (previously known as Statoil).

In May, we were proud to stand with Peter Clements, Kangaroo Island Mayor, as he fronted Equinor's AGM in Norway to let the company know loud and clear that its fossil fuel business is not welcome in the Bight.

Back in Australia, we're showing Equinor just that with a record 13th council passing formal motions to oppose oil drilling in the Bight and communities around Australia demonstrating their support at Hands Across The Sand events and protests outside APPEA's annual oil and gas conference.

Equinor is now facing tough timelines to obtain approvals to drill next year—and our work is ramping up even further in response to ensure that the company, both here and at head office back in Norway, knows it will be challenged by the community at every step.



Photo: Rita Kluge

Our Movement

The Wilderness Society's Community Organising program, Movement For Life, is building a diverse and engaged social movement in support of our purpose by building relationships and empowering our supporters.

Our national training program is built upon the 'distributive' or 'networked' model of community organising. The extensive curriculum has been developed in partnership with international leaders and training organisations such as Wellstone and the principles taught by Harvard University's Marshall Ganz to reach new audiences and build scale.

We launched our own in-house training academy in 2016, leading the environment movement and training and supporting a new generation of environmental leaders from diverse backgrounds. The academy delivers three programs—Fundamentals, Advanced and Train the Trainer, and already, over 80 programs have been held nationally with 930 graduates successfully completing training. We've also built a national training team of over 25 that includes both staff and our leaders. In order to reach every person and create no barriers to potential leaders our training programs are run at no cost to participants but have a significant commercial value.

This year, we entered the next phase of our plan to expand our training programs, with Movement For Life leaders training teams for the first time, providing significant additional training capacity and becoming self-sustaining. This has allowed us to deliver 34 training programs (up from 22 last year).

This year for the first time, we also utilised our organising program at the Queensland state

election to complement the campaign to end deforestation in that state. The program, built over two years, resulted in unprecedented community activity on the issue.

218 volunteers were trained and became actively involved in the grassroots campaign, door knocking and phoning 13,900 voters on the issue with significant results. Research showed that awareness of the rates of clearing increased from 20% to 63% following the grassroots community campaign and 33% rated it as an important election issue.

We launched our next major deployment of the community organising program on National Threatened Species Day this year on the lawns of Parliament House with 150 members and supporters attending to demand an end to extinction. Several of our local groups will be working on our visionary campaign, Nature Laws That Work (more on page 7). This year, we'll also be further expanding our Advanced training program and further developing our leaders to bring about change.



Photo: Adrian Guerin

My name is Jasbir and I am pursuing my PhD in Environmental Sciences. I am a nature lover and I believe that we don't have to be an expert or a millionaire to save the planet—everyone can do their bit. If each of us can be more conscious of environmental issues and willing to take some simple steps, we can make a huge contribution.

When I moved to Sydney around 6 months ago, I looked for organisations working for nature conservation and loved the concept of Movement For Life—placing power of people back in their hands and creating thousands of local leaders for nature.

Since then, I have participated in the two day Fundamental and five day Advanced Community Organising training programs with the Wilderness Society and loved it. I'm a leader in the newly formed Homebush/Newington group and the journey with Movement For Life has been great. I have learnt so much about community organising and felt that I as an individual can make a difference by being a part of the program.



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Our Governance

Our Board of Directors are elected by direct ballot. From travellers to childhood tree-planters, from university professors to economists, this group is bound by a lifelong love of nature. They volunteer their time and expertise—and lots of it—to support our organisation as we support life.

Our two-person executive team ensures the immediate work and the future of our organisation are always in focus. Our National Campaigns Director (NCD) and Chief Operations Officer (COO) both report to our Board of Directors.

Image (left to right):
 Matt Brennan (COO), Coral Robinson, Ben Holgate, Larissa Zimmerman, Stuart Baird (Co-convenor), Sam Rando, Craig Zanker, Linda Selvey, Lyndon Schneiders (NCD).
 Not pictured: Leanne Craze AM (Co-convenor)



Leanne Craze AM Co-convenor

A member of the Wilderness Society since the late 1980s, Leanne has qualifications in both Social Work (BSW, PhD) and Science (Grad Dip Climate Change and Resource Management). She has run her own mental health and social policy consulting company since 1990; specialising in multi-stakeholder engagement and consultation, and been engaged by governments to provide advice and guidance with the establishment of a number of government-funded peak bodies.

Leanne has over 30 years' experience with NGO committees of management—establishing and supporting the development of both fledgling and established NGOs. She has experience with non-government sector governance through a number of organisations she has either helped to establish or has been on the board of and is currently a board member of GroundUp, a not-for-profit organisation supporting Aboriginal community development in the Kimberley. Leanne was elected to the Board of The Wilderness Society Ltd as a Director in 2015 and became Co-convenor in 2018.



Stuart Baird Co-convenor

Through Stuart's high school years the battle for the Franklin River raged and the fights for iconic forests in Tasmania were beginning. Stuart graduated from the University of Tasmania with an engineering degree and has worked in engineering consultancy organisations in both Australia and Canada, and in the Tasmanian State Government in policy and planning. For the past decade, Stuart has worked in local government with a focus on settlement and transport sustainability.

Stuart spent many years as a Board Member of The Wilderness Society (Tasmania) including a year as Convenor. Stuart joined The Wilderness Society Australia's Board in 2014 and became a Director of The Wilderness Society Ltd in 2016. Stuart believes the Wilderness Society has a major role in helping the Australian community rally for change against destructive activities which diminish this amazing continent.



Matt Brennan Chief Operations Officer

Sharing the role of Joint CEO, Matt is responsible for enabling the Wilderness Society's communications, membership and fundraising as well as its operational areas—including finance, administration, strategic planning, risk management, infrastructure management, governance and compliance. Matt graduated from the University of Technology in Sydney with a Bachelor of Business in 1990.

He is a Certified Practising Accountant (CPA) and has completed courses in leadership and transformational change. Prior to joining the Wilderness Society in 2011, Matt worked for Brookfield Multiplex Ltd for 12 years and held senior national executive roles including CFO Residential Property; and Commercial Manager, Developments.



Lyndon Schneiders National Campaigns Director

Lyndon was appointed National Campaigns Director for the Wilderness Society in 2011, following a lifetime of activism for the natural world—including more than a decade as the Wilderness Society Queensland Campaign Manager. He shares the role of Joint CEO with Matt.

Lyndon is an experienced and well-connected advocate with extensive networks throughout the Australian Parliament and a number of State Parliaments. He has deep relationships with corporate Australia, particularly through various peak industry associations, the investment and finance industry, and throughout the trade union movement.

Lyndon is an experienced media spokesperson and regularly writes columns for The Australian, The Guardian, The Age and The Sydney Morning Herald. He is a past Churchill Fellow and recipient of the Centenary of Federation medal for outstanding contributions to the protection of the environment.

Thank You

Thank you to each and every one of our members and supporters. You are the Wilderness Society. Whether you've signed a petition, donated, made a submission to parliament, attended community organising training or volunteered your time—we couldn't do it without you.

Forever Wild

Thank you to these extraordinary people who have made a crucial difference by making a gift to Forever Wild in their Wills. Their legacies will keep the wilderness they love protected into the future.

For more information about how you can leave a lasting legacy for nature, please email bequests@wilderness.org.au.

Bequests Received

2017-2018

Joachim De Vos
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Joan Adams
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Deb Archdeacon
Salome Argyropoulos
Megan Arnold
Harry Asche
Patrick Baggett
Mike Baker
Graham Baker
Roslyn Baker
Anthony Balint
Melanie Bannerman
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Diana Beal
Kristi Bejah
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Maureen Brown
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Ian Coleman
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Caroline Copley
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Blair Cross
Linda Cruickshank
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Bettina Damme
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Debra Kelly
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Peter Lee

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Lisa Levine
Christine Lloyd
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Teresa Palmer
Ellen Porteus
Edith Rewa
Juan Rodriguez Cuberes
Tin&Ed
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Beck Wallman
Samara Weaving
Sara Wiseman
Dan Wyllie

...and all of our other
wonderful contributors.



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Financial Performance

Financial Statements for The Wilderness Society Ltd

We have prudently achieved a surplus of \$0.7M (2017: \$0.3M), and we have increased our spending in campaigns and organising from the previous year. The reserves of \$3.5M (2017: \$2.6M) we hold reflect a stronger cash position, and we have future commitments in relation to the major Zero deforestation campaign. Our targeted environmental campaigns were exceptional, and as promised we increased our investment in these campaigns and will do so again in 2019.

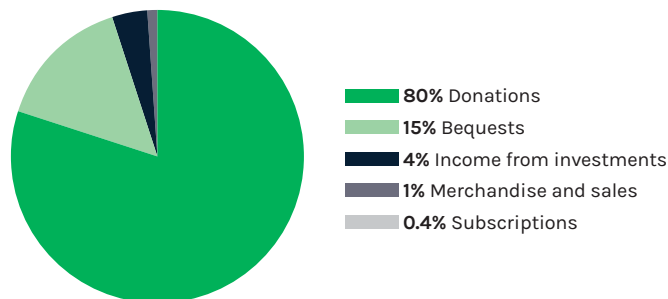
Total fundraising revenue has increased to \$12.9M (2017: \$11.7M); the Forever Wild bequest program is a major contributor, and we have also received strong major gift support built upon our solid campaign strategies and results. Our fundraising activities are efficient, we have increased the total revenue raised by 12% and kept our investment in fundraising steady at \$4.7M (2017: \$4.7M).

The Wilderness Society continues as a proudly independent environmental advocacy and change agency. We have a network of Campaign Centres in Australia's state capitals, Newcastle and Launceston and in addition within Movement For Life we are training and developing a network of local groups more connected to their communities. These are beginning to prove to be very effective in addressing local environmental issues and encouraging action and awareness on broader issues.

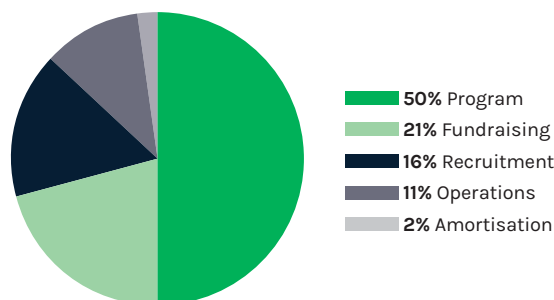
In 2018 we implemented a change in logo and brand with the stated aim of reaching more Australians who care about wilderness and nature. We have developed a new website and we ran a campaign called Save Ugly which had broad reach, to around 60 million people around the world.

We continue to keep administrative and operating costs in check but have increased slightly to \$1.4M (2017: \$1.3M), we noted in previous years that there are increased compliance burdens and we continue to manage this area as efficiently as possible.

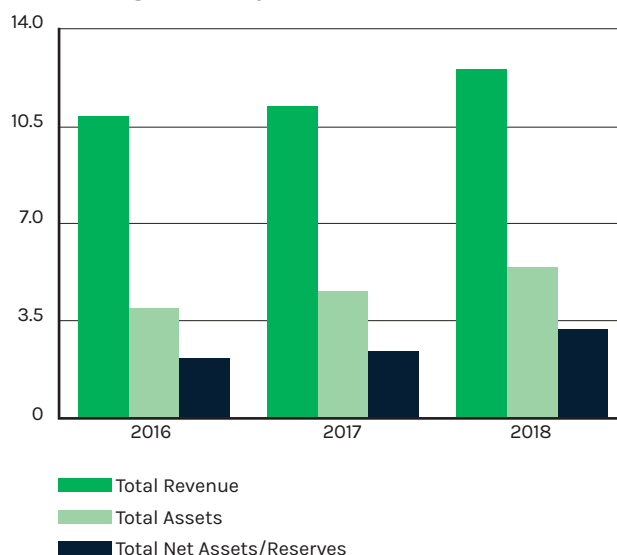
Revenues



Expenditure



Changes in Key Balance



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Statement of Comprehensive Income

(for the year ended 30 June 2018)

	2018 \$	2017 \$
INCOME		
Income from fundraising, donations, bequests and grants	12,948,338	11,716,794
Investment and other non-operating income	487,924	314,703
TOTAL INCOME	13,436,262	12,031,497
LESS: EXPENSES		
Environmental Campaigns and Programs		
National	1,357,683	1,635,622
NSW	640,804	502,615
VIC	615,750	441,326
TAS	744,165	450,851
SA	567,077	691,845
WA	528,258	505,486
QLD	668,829	452,123
Membership and supporter engagement	1,191,732	865,767
TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGNS AND PROGRAMS	6,314,298	5,545,635
Fundraising expenses—recruitment of new supporters	1,998,611	2,044,376
Fundraising expenses—staff, appeals, supporter, and other costs	2,692,248	2,617,211
Governance, finance and operations	1,406,083	1,325,834
Depreciation and amortisation	280,725	200,806
Interest on loan	35,737	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	12,727,702	11,733,862
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	708,560	297,635
Other comprehensive income		
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	708,560	297,635

Statement of Financial Position

(for the year ended 30 June 2018)

	2018 \$	2017 \$
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	3,065,821	1,710,842
Trade and other receivables	127,005	350,806
Inventories	20,975	18,868
Other Financial Assets	200,000	407,442
Other assets	269,275	269,364
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	3,683,076	2,757,322
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	108,525	138,157
Investment in Friends of the Wilderness	703,750	554,280
Intangible assets	1,341,311	1,440,951
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	2,153,586	2,133,388
TOTAL ASSETS	5,836,662	4,890,710
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	543,170	511,355
Borrowings	140,000	-
Employee Benefits	623,042	621,700
Provisions	-	1,350
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,306,212	1,134,405
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Borrowings	760,000	900,000
Long-term provisions	312,591	250,844
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,072,591	1,150,844
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,378,803	2,285,249
NET ASSETS	3,457,859	2,605,461
EQUITY		
Accumulated surpluses	2,840,986	2,189,834
Reserves	616,873	415,627
TOTAL EQUITY	3,457,859	2,605,461

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2018

	ACCUMULATED SURPLUSES \$	TIED FUNDS \$	PRIORITY CAMPAIGN \$	SCIENCE & RESEARCH \$	NON-CONTROLLING INTEREST \$	TOTAL \$
2018						
Balance as at 1 July 2017	2,189,832	415,627	0	0	0	2,605,459
Transfer from Reserve	987,016	-987,016	0	0	0	0
Net Surplus/(deficit) for the year	708,560	0	0	0	0	708,560
Revaluation Reserve (FOW Units)	143,840	0	0	0	0	143,840
Transfers to reserve	-1,188,261	1,188,261	0	0	0	0
Balance at 30 June 2018	2,840,987	616,872	0	0	0	3,457,859
2017						
Balance as at 1 July 2016	1,536,841	685,921	15,885	69,179	0	2,307,826
Transfer from Reserve	737,351	-652,287	-15,885	-69,179	0	0
Net Surplus/(deficit) for the year	297,635	0	0	0	0	297,635
Transfers to reserve	-381,993	381,993	0	0	0	0
Balance at 30 June 2017	2,189,834	415,627	0	0	0	2,605,461

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