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# ANNUAL REVIEW





# Our Purpose and Values

Our purpose is protecting, promoting and restoring wilderness and natural processes across Australia for the survival and ongoing evolution of life on Earth.

We embody:

- Passion for our purpose.
- The power of people to make change.
- Organisational independence and integrity.
- Compassion.
- Commitment to success.

The Wilderness Society recognises Australia’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities as the Traditional Owners and custodians of all Country in Australia and pays its respect to Elders past and present. We acknowledge that this land was never ceded. We support efforts to progress recognition of the distinct rights of Indigenous peoples as well as reconciliation, land justice and equality. We welcome actions that better seek to identify, present, protect and conserve Aboriginal cultural heritage, irrespective of where it is located.

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# Reflections From Our Board And Executive Team

It may be a cliché, but there can be little doubt that the world is changing rapidly. To survive, everyone must adapt — including The Wilderness Society.

For The Wilderness Society, the imperative to protect nature and wilderness in an era of accelerated climate change has compelled us to embark on ever more audacious campaigns. We have been constantly adapting, reviewing and evolving our approaches to create lasting and positive change.

This constant process of change and adaptation meant that, in 2016/2017, we achieved a truly stunning victory for both nature and for the climate.

BP’s decision to abandon its plans to drill for oil in the deep waters of the Great Australian Bight whale sanctuary was the result of an incredible campaign that spanned the globe — from Kangaroo Island all the way to London.

The decision by Chevron only a few weeks ago to follow BP is breathtaking and inspiring.

The creation of a new Aboriginal-owned and managed national park at Shelburne Bay on Cape York is another remarkable achievement that has been decades in the making. In the world of change, you need to play the long game.

Our ambitious plan to build a powerful movement for nature continues apace. We continue to train and support thousands of Wilderness Society members to become local champions for the wild as part of our Movement For Life initiative.

We also added to our arsenal a new cutting edge database to support our campaigns and organising programs.

Information is power in the modern world of campaigning and organising. In 2016/2017, our team created and delivered (on budget) a massive resource which we named, appropriately, Franklin.

Data drives campaigns, enables us to reach and mobilise our members and supporters, and draws together our digital and on-ground campaigns and organising.

The Wilderness Society continues to adapt and evolve in a changing world. We have achieved much in the past year because of your support and because of the work of our talented and committed staff and volunteer activists.

The year ahead poses many new challenges, including the building of an ambitious campaign to end deforestation across our continent and finish the job in the Bight. But with your support, we go forward confident that we can make change and we will succeed.

**Linda Selvey**  
Convenor Board of Directors

**Matt Brennan**  
Chief Operating Officer

**Lyndon Schneiders**  
National Campaigns Director



# 41 Years Of The Wilderness Society

After forming in 1976, our first campaign successes came after a long fight for an undammed Franklin River. **In 1981, the Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park was proclaimed in Tasmania, followed by the 1983 High Court decision to save the Franklin River!**

The Wilderness Society (with Prof. David Bellamy) launched its proposal for the creation of a **world-class Aboriginal-owned national park and marine park in the north Kimberley**, in 1992.

In the Historic Kalpowar Agreement of 2006, **more than 400,000ha in Cape York Peninsula** was protected — including the return of 200,000ha of homelands to Traditional Owners and the creation of the Jack River National Park.

In 2010, Western Australia Premier Colin Barnett announced four new marine parks in the Kimberley.

In a pre-emptive strike designed to cripple the green movement before announcing plans for a new pulp mill, Gunns sued 20 people — five of our staff — over our campaign to protect forests. Following mass rallies, public outcry and exposure of corruption, we garnered nationwide support. **In 2009, community pressure simply wouldn't allow the pulp mill to go ahead.**

Plans to mine uranium at South Australia's Arkaroola — a multi-award winning Wilderness Sanctuary 600km north of Adelaide — saw us form alliances with a broad cross section of the community. **Five years of relentless campaigning culminated in the Arkaroola Protection Act in 2012.** Today, Arkaroola is being considered for National and World Heritage listing.

After decades of conflict between forestry and conservation groups, a real path forward was realised for Tasmania's irreplaceable forests. Despite challenges thrown down by Tasmania's Upper House, **in 2012 the legislation was passed and will deliver formal protection for new national parks and reserves.**

After years of campaigning to keep a liquefied natural gas hub out of James Price Point in Western Australia, in **2013 the company Woodside Petroleum announced it would not build the plant.**

In 2013, the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area expanded to include an extra 170,000ha — permanently protecting the Sytx, Florentine and Weld valleys with the support of the timber industry and the unions, as a key outcome of the Tasmanian Forest Agreement!

Three years ago, we heard that BP had its sights set on the Great Australian Bight Marine Reserve. The same BP that caused the worst marine oil spill in history. We've been campaigning hard ever since — we brought together tens of thousands of people across Australia, supported local communities to stand up to multi-national companies, and have been a leader in an alliance of organisations to protect our pristine southern ocean. **And we won! In October 2016, BP backed out of its plans for risky ultra-deepwater oil drilling in the Bight.**

# Making An Impact Across The Country

## Western Australia

**51** volunteers  
**28** graduates from two-day community organising training program

We drove supporters to write submissions to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to stop the mine in the Helena Aurora Range — the EPA received the highest number of submissions ever and rejected the mine!

## Queensland

**135** community organisers  
**55** volunteers

We launched a powerful alliance of organisations to work on the deforestation crisis.  
  
Our work has led to deforestation becoming the number one environmental issue in the lead-up to the state election.

## Newcastle

**60** volunteers  
**69** graduates from two-day community organising training program

A record breaking 23,000 people made a submission for the Environmental Impact Statement on coal seam gas in the Pilliga forest.

## Sydney

**53** volunteers  
**70** graduates from two-day community organising training program

## South Australia

**77** community organisers working across SA for the Bight campaign  
**5** regional workshops in coastal communities  
**4** Movement For Life training sessions in Adelaide

BP, after significant community pressure, backed out of its plans to deep sea drill in the Great Australian Bight.

## Tasmania

**125** members of campaign and organising teams across Tasmania  
**30** graduates from two-day community organising training program

We're proud of our takayna onCountry collaboration with Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

## Victoria

**245** volunteers  
**147** people went on a forest tour to the Great Forest National Park  
**138** graduates from two-day community organising training program

We letterboxed a whole electorate in three weeks — that's 28,000+ houses — for the Great Forest National Park.





It's been another exciting year in our nature campaigns. We're a core part of the Places You Love Alliance, developing ground-breaking new policy and campaigning for new laws which will help us win for nature into the future. We stopped the Tasmanian Government opening 400,000 hectares of old growth forest up to logging, and successfully brought about the Giant Lobster Recovery Plan. The Victorian Forest Industry Taskforce led to widespread acknowledgement that the native forest logging industry is unsustainable, among other outcomes. We made great progress towards key protected areas: the Kimberley marine parks network is almost complete; the Great Western Woodlands national park is on the horizon after we held off mining in the Helena Aurora Range; and momentum is building towards a Great Forest National Park. And we have also shone a major public spotlight on the huge toll Australia's deforestation crisis is taking on our environment and wildlife.

**Suzanne Milthorpe**  
**Nature Campaign Manager**



# Protecting Nature



For 41 years, The Wilderness Society and our supporters have worked to preserve wilderness and nature across Australia by creating protected areas and strong, nationally consistent laws and institutions.

Across the country, the story has been the same: our national and state environmental laws are being rolled back. We're working with communities and lobbying our politicians for new laws and institutions that will protect important ecosystems and habitats for good.

**We've continued to be a leader in Australia's largest environmental alliance — Places You Love — and we've launched a brand new campaign by getting community members to talk to their local members of parliament.**

**1,200 people rallied to urge the WA EPA to reject the mining of the Helena Aurora Range. Our supporters chipped in and built pressure on the government to turn these wildflower-covered hills into a national park. Public submissions to the Environmental Review Process created the largest number and highest quality of public submissions the EPA had ever received, undoubtedly impacting their decision to recommend against the mine.**

Our work to secure protections for the legendary forests of Victoria and Tasmania continues. In Victoria's Central Highlands, we've been calling for the creation of the Great Forest National Park in Melbourne's backyard. After piling the pressure on, the Victorian Government created the Victorian Forest Industry Taskforce with the aim to protect forests and reform the logging industry. After months of talks, the Forest Industry Taskforce is changing, with the Premier intervening in the process. Our supporters are ready to ensure the next phase delivers for nature, and that the Andrews Government reforms the logging industry and creates the Great Forest National Park in this term of office.

**Hundreds of people rallied on the steps of Parliament, calling for the home of the world's tallest flowering trees to be protected in a national park. Volunteers raised awareness with a letterbox blitz across an entire electorate (more than 28,000 homes!) for the Great Forest National Park.**

For three years, Tasmania's Government has planned to log vast swathes of protected forests across Tasmania.

**Hundreds of Tasmanians contacted their Upper House representative and thousands who supported the campaign made a critical difference — the Tasmanian Parliament rejected the plan to log wild valleys full of old growth forests.**

Deforestation is now at crisis point in New South Wales and Queensland, as protective laws have been rolled back. In Queensland alone an area the size of the MCG is cleared every three minutes — killing millions of native animals each year. We're working to blow the lid off this hidden crisis. Our research has shown that, when people become aware of the scale of the deforestation problem in Queensland, they want their governments to take action and stop it.

**More than 600 supporters chipped in to Sky Scout: Drones Against Deforestation to send a fleet of drones to the worst states for deforestation and to capture more high-quality footage than ever before.**



# Acting On Climate

We're committed to working to keep fossil fuels (oil, gas and coal) in the ground. For several years, we've pressured Big Oil, the Federal Government and South Australian Government to protect the pristine waters of the Great Australian Bight from deep sea drilling. Tens of thousands of people signed petitions, communities lobbied their local councils to stand up to Big Oil, and we worked across the country to raise awareness about this risky project.

In October 2016, after significant community pressure, BP withdrew its plan to deep sea drill for oil in the pristine waters of the Great Australian Bight. There's still more to do — in breaking news, Chevron recently followed in BP's footsteps and withdrew its plans to drill in the Bight, but one Big Oil company remains: Statoil. With these wins under our belt, we're ready to take them on.

The long-awaited Environmental Impact Statement on the Narrabri Gas Project in the Pilliga forest was finally released. A record-breaking number of submissions — more than 23,000 — were made to the NSW government.

The unprecedented number of submissions has been widely reported in the media — raising the profile and controversy of the campaign and serving as a quantifiable measure of community opposition, now and into the future.

In Western Australia, we have continued to support Traditional Custodian Micklo Corpus to fight fracking in the Canning Basin. After the initial exploration phase of the Canning Basin by Buru Energy, half a dozen wells were drilled and the company experienced well integrity issues, gas leaks and issues with water management.

Through our community organising during the WA election, we made fracking an election issue and convinced the incoming Labor Government to promise a gas fracking moratorium. Recently, the government committed to its campaign promise and the moratorium was locked in!

Greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation and land clearing (including native forest logging) in Australia are equal to about half of all the coal-fired power stations emissions in Australia. We are on the cusp of an exciting opportunity to transform and restore degraded landscapes, while creating new revenue streams for landholders — driven by action on climate change. Our deforestation campaign is laying the foundation for this exciting work.

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It has been a big year for our climate work. Two of the world's largest oil companies, BP and Chevron, have withdrawn from their risky oil drilling plans in the Great Australian Bight — an extraordinary outcome. Meanwhile, gas frackers have been kept at bay in the Kimberley and Pilliga forest — where we are actively working with local communities. We have also shone a major public spotlight on the huge emissions from Australia's deforestation, while promoting the exciting potential to restore forests and bushland and soak up carbon to help the climate.

Glenn Walker  
Climate Campaign Manager

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## From July 2016 to June 2017, our Movement For Life community organising training program has achieved:

- **709** people completed two- to five-day training courses
- Over **50** community training sessions run
- **290** community events
- **8** functioning organising and training centres in six states around the country
- **32** community-based teams of over 10 people
- **62,099** petitions signed
- Our volunteers have made over **8,000** phone calls and knocked on thousands of doors in the community to support our campaigns

IMAGE: House of Representatives, Parliament House | Alex Proimos, Creative Commons

## Growing Our Movement



With Movement For Life in its second year, I'm so pleased to see that the national movement building program is creating real momentum across the country. Hundreds of people have graduated from our organising training programs and are off having conversations with their friends and neighbours to create transformative change for the environment.

**Damian Ogden**

**Community Organising Manager**



Our national training program, Movement For Life, is now reaching maturity and leading the eNGO sector in terms of scale and scope. Every six to eight weeks, our campaign centres are running the two-day Fundamentals of Organising program, resulting in over 50 training programs per year. Movement For Life leaders who completed the train-the-trainer program in December 2016 are now training new community organisers alongside staff, providing extra capacity and allowing us greater opportunity to directly engage our volunteers in our training process.

Our community organisers are holding welcome nights between training programs, which are designed to integrate new supporters into local organising teams, introduce them to our work and the Movement For Life, and invite them to training programs.

With hundreds of people being trained to have conversations with their friends and neighbours, our community organising program is bringing the power back into the hands of the people to create real and lasting change for our natural environment. It is how we letterboxed 28,000 homes in Victoria, broke the NSW record for submissions on the Narrabri Gas Project in the Pilliga, and built community support to kick one of the world's biggest corporations out of the Great Australian Bight.

Getting involved in Movement For Life is a great way to do some good for the environment with a group of passionate, everyday people.

**Sharlene Younger is just such a person and has been volunteering her time, knocking on doors and talking to Queenslanders about the deforestation crisis.**



"If you're interested in getting involved — just do it, it's so easy! There's so much love and integrity as a result. You really can stand with your shoulders back because you know you are doing something that is making a difference," she says.





# Our Team



**Linda Selvey**  
**Convenor**

An environmental activist since 1981, Linda cut her teeth working on the Vote for the Forest and Tully-Millstream campaigns. She’s worked in a senior leadership capacity in the Queensland Department of Health for many years, and has been involved with a number of environmental organisations, including ACF, Doctors for the Environment Australia, and the Climate Reality Project. Linda’s former roles of Chief Executive Officer of Greenpeace Australia Pacific, as a senior executive in Queensland Health and as Chair of the Queensland Conservation Council have provided a wealth of experience for us to tap into. Today, she is Associate Professor in the School of Public Health at The University of Queensland in Brisbane.



**Matt Brennan**  
**Chief Operating Officer**

Matt graduated from the University of Technology in Sydney with a Bachelor of Business and Accounting in 1990. He is a Certified Practising Accountant and has completed courses in leadership and transformational change. Prior to joining us in 2011, Matt spent 12 years in senior roles in the property and construction industry.

Matt and Nicky and their two girls live on the Northern Beaches of Sydney. He is an active member of the Avalon Beach Surf Lifesaving Club and very proud co-coach of the champion Avalon WU12 soccer team.



**Lyndon Schneiders**  
**National Campaigns Director**

Lyndon has been instrumental to the success of our campaigns since he joined us in 1993. He’s completed study in politics, public policy, government and Australian history at the University of Queensland. He offers a valued perspective on building movements and growing influence in the social, political and environmental spaces. His leadership has contributed towards many of our most significant achievements — including the protection of native forests in Queensland, Tasmania and Victoria; three million hectares of the Cape York wilderness being returned to Traditional Owners; stopping the James Price Point gas plant in the Kimberley; and keeping BP out of the Great Australian Bight.



**Craig Zanker**  
**Convenor of the Finance, Risk, Audit and Compliance Committee**

Craig is a Chartered Accountant and holds a Graduate Diploma in Corporate Governance, a Bachelor of Economics, and a Bachelor of Commerce. He has over 15 years experience in management roles in finance, operations and governance departments within the not-for-profit sector, and has also dedicated his time volunteering with conservation organisations. He currently holds the positions of Chief Operating Officer and Company Secretary for the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre.

Leaving a Gift in your Will leaves a positive mark on the world.



**David Wanless**

Wilderness has been part of my life since childhood. I was raised a bushwalker, environmentalist and scientist with a love of the natural world, a keenness to understand how it worked and a strong ethic to reduce my own impact.

After finishing Uni, I attended a Wilderness Society slideshow about Tasmania’s forests. Thus began four years as a volunteer Wilderness Society activist, including one year living on my savings, travelling around to different branches helping with planning, IT and campaigns. I was asked to come down to Hobart for three months to sort out the computers. Luckily no one has noticed yet that that time is up, so I’m still here and now in my 30th year. I’ve had many different roles from activist to governance officer, trainer to planner, committee member to IT person. I’m a life member, donor and have included wilderness in my will.

There are many wonderful places which would have been destroyed if it wasn’t for organisations like ours. The best antidote to despair is action; my involvement with The Wilderness Society gives me hope.

# Forever Wild

For more information about leaving a gift in your Will, please email [bequests@wilderness.org.au](mailto:bequests@wilderness.org.au).

On behalf of the wild places and wildlife of Australia, we’d like to thank the 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.

<b>Bequests Received 2016 — 2017</b> Sylvia June Green Margaret Balchin Donald Frederick Hodges Trust David Alexander Kennedy Frank Rigby Margaret Grace Wible Greg Fontaine Ian Bruce White	Debra Parry Diana Beal Diana Lorking Diane Hague Dorelle Shapcott Elizabeth & Malcolm Thornton Elizabeth Hoffmann Elizabeth Morgan Emma Ryan-Reid Erika Shaw Ernest & Grace Brand Errol Kendall Esme Wood Eva Palmer Fi Muir Francis Lawrence Gayle Cameron Gayle Russell Geoff Hanley Gilvray Smith Glenda Briggs Glenn Barry Anne Galer Anthony D Lawton April Acheson Armando Lanzini Audrey Larsen B. Sinapius Barbara Hicks Barbara Pollack Barbara Steiner Bettina Damme Bev McIntyre Beverley Warren Bill Wright Blair Cross Bradley Davies Bruce & Adele Noble Carmel Coyne Carol Shelton Carole Broadbent Carole Tilling-Rekort Caroline Copley Caroline Jumpertz Carolyn Lee Carolyn Worth Cathy & Ralf Thesing Cathy Bloch Charles Roxburgh Chris Bell Chris Gymer Christina Kennedy Christine Haworth Christine Lloyd Christine Olsen Christobel Mattingley Clinton Borchers Clive Oldroyd Craig Whitehouse Cynthia Chapman Cynthia Howard Dan Moloney Daniel Price Daniela Osiander Danielle Davis David & Ruth Pfanner David Beswick David Parsons Dean Brampton Deb Archdeacon Debra & Mark Kelly	John Taylor John W. Rice Jude Kuring Judith Greening Judith Robertson-Brice Judy Addison Judy Brookes Julia Vierik June Dusk Kate Marshall Kathy Gibson Kerry Gilbert Kim Paterson Kira Leeson Kris Panagiotopoulos Kristi Bejah Laurence W. Neal Laurie Parkhouse Lawrence Morris Leon Stirling Linda Cruikshank Lisa Levine Lori Lebow Lorraine Campbell Lorraine Edwards Lyn Fraser Madeleine Luck-Grillon Marena Bennewitz Margaret Eldridge Margaret Innes & Chelsey Engram Margaret Matthews Marian McCarter Marie & Clive O’Connor Marijke Murphy Mark & Jenny Claridge Marta Botta Mary Grant Mary Lou Spratt Mary Read Mary Spencer Matthew Wallace Maureen Bell & Paul Cooper Maureen Brown Megan Arnold Megan Lorimer Mei-Ling Yuen Melanie Bannerman Merran Laver Michael Davey Michael Henderson Mike Baker Mike Evans Mike Evans Miss. Kerry MacMillan Molly Greaves Mr. & Mrs. Walpole Mr. Dunn Ms. Kay-Marie Taaffe Murray Houghton Nancy McMurray Natalie Donald Nic & Donna Wallis-Smith Nicola West Nizza Siano P. K. Allingham Pam Fiala Patricia Brown Patricia Cornish Patricia Green	John Taylor John W. Rice Jude Kuring Judith Greening Judith Robertson-Brice Judy Addison Judy Brookes Julia Vierik June Dusk Kate Marshall Kathy Gibson Kerry Gilbert Kim Paterson Kira Leeson Kris Panagiotopoulos Kristi Bejah Laurence W. Neal Laurie Parkhouse Lawrence Morris Leon Stirling Linda Cruikshank Lisa Levine Lori Lebow Lorraine Campbell Lorraine Edwards Lyn Fraser Madeleine Luck-Grillon Marena Bennewitz Margaret Eldridge Margaret Innes & Chelsey Engram Margaret Matthews Marian McCarter Marie & Clive O’Connor Marijke Murphy Mark & Jenny Claridge Marta Botta Mary Grant Mary Lou Spratt Mary Read Mary Spencer Matthew Wallace Maureen Bell & Paul Cooper Maureen Brown Megan Arnold Megan Lorimer Mei-Ling Yuen Melanie Bannerman Merran Laver Michael Davey Michael Henderson Mike Baker Mike Evans Mike Evans Miss. Kerry MacMillan Molly Greaves Mr. & Mrs. Walpole Mr. Dunn Ms. Kay-Marie Taaffe Murray Houghton Nancy McMurray Natalie Donald Nic & Donna Wallis-Smith Nicola West Nizza Siano P. K. Allingham Pam Fiala Patricia Brown Patricia Cornish Patricia Green	Patrick Baggett Paul & Lynn Smith Peg Walsh Peter A. Cejchan Peter Lee Peter Lemon Peter Power Peter Strang Peter Trehearn Peter Vonk Petrus Heyligers Philip Kidner Pippa Curtis Ravi Shankar Rebecca Hilder Ren Vorne Richard Cooke Robert & Geraldine Johnson Robyn Collier Robyn Shaw Rocelyn Ives Ros Baker Rosemary & Rod Fawns Rosslyn Baynes Russell Chiffey Russell Hemingway Russell Preston Russell Sheppard Ruth Hargrave Ruth Parsons Samantha Loveder Selena Seifert Sharon Miskell Sheridan Van Asch & David Burnett Simon Cook Stef Van den Hoek Stephanie Murfet Stephen Harmsworth Steven W. Rath Sue Macklin Susan Devenish-Mearns Susan McBride Suzanne Gilkes Tamara Albers Tania Giles Tania Struzina Tanya Roddan Tess Deyl Therese Simms Tim Creasy Tom Walker Tomi & Mary Petr Tony Balint Toula Nikolaou Trish Fairley Ulla ‘the Flower Lady’ Vanessa Evans Vanessa Howe Vanessa Payne Vic Day Vicki Brooke Walter Herrmann Wanda Grabowski & Shirley McRae Wayne Read Wendy Murray Wendy Powell Will Douglas William Singer Philpot William Weerts
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# Financial Performance

## Financial Statements for The Wilderness Society Ltd

We have had a good year financially and achieved a surplus of \$0.3M (2016: deficit \$0.3M), and yet we have decreased investment in campaigns and organising from the previous year. The primary reason for this decrease is due to strong receipts received late in the financial year which are reflected in stronger reserves of \$2.6M (2016: \$2.3M). Results in our environmental campaigns were exceptional and a balance to direct, well-planned investment in the purpose will be restored in 2018.

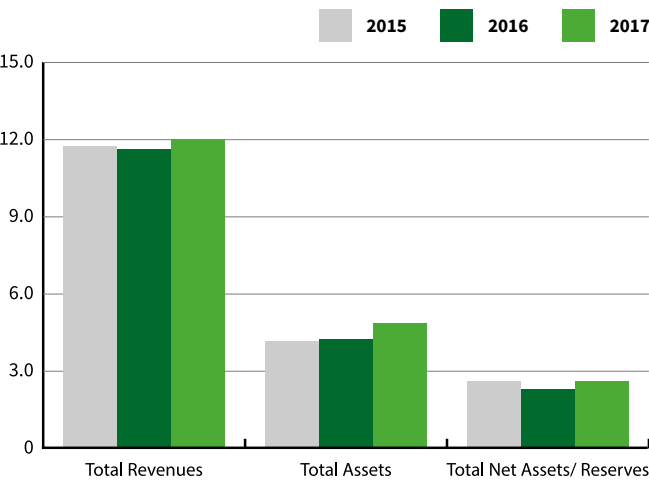
Total fundraising revenue has increased to \$11.7M (2016: \$11.3M); an increase in Bequests is the major contributor and our long-term Forever Wild program ensures our most passionate supporters can create a legacy to protect Australia's magnificent landscapes into the future. The Wilderness Society is proudly independent and we are funded by a large member and supporter base, each donating an average of \$240 annually. We believe this gives us enormous integrity in our campaigning, but means we need to continue to be highly efficient in how we process transactions and attract new supporters. We have increased our investment into fundraising efforts to \$4.7M (2016: \$4.3M). We highly value the unwavering support of our new and long-term supporters, and continue to strive for real outcomes to backup this support.

In the past two financial years, we have invested strategically in a project called Franklin — to upgrade IT systems and databases, and ensure we are operating efficiently and improving our capability to communicate and raise funds. This year, we successfully completed Franklin on budget, which is a significant undertaking for the scale of project. This risk was mitigated through careful planning and purposeful delivery. It has meant we managed our cashflow carefully, and so prudently entered into a long-term loan agreement with the Forever Wild Trust to ensure sufficient working capital.

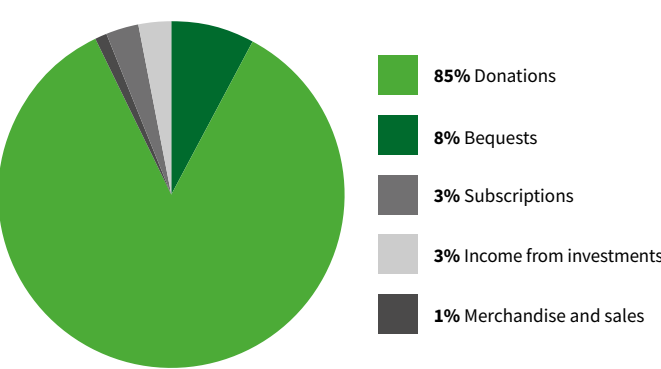
This key investment hasn't reduced our capability to undertake key campaigns in the short-term, and some notable outcomes have been BP discontinuing operations in the Great Australian Bight, and continued training of a core grassroots supporter base through our Movement For Life program. We have Campaign Centres in every state capital plus Newcastle, and each has been effective. Our broad geographical reach is key to achieving our longer term goals.

We continue to keep administrative and operating costs in check at \$1.3M (2016: \$1.4M), although we note that compliance burdens are increasing annually with multi-faceted government and departmental focus on charities and environment groups.

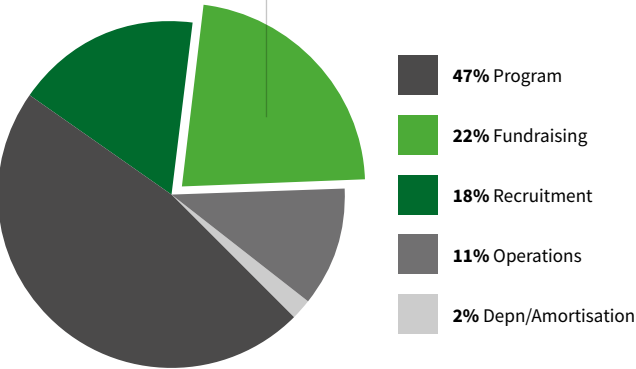
### Changes in Key Balances



### Revenues



### Expenditure



Every dollar invested in fundraising raised a further \$2.51

### Statement of Comprehensive Income

(for the year ended 30 June 2017)

INCOME	2017	2016
Income from fundraising, donations, bequests and grants	11,716,794	11,269,955
Investment and other non-operating income	314,703	364,441
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>12,031,497</b>	<b>11,634,396</b>
<b>LESS: EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Environmental Campaigns and Programs</b>		
National	1,635,622	1,936,318
NSW	502,615	660,054
VIC	441,326	431,373
TAS	450,851	514,624
SA	691,845	676,690
WA	505,486	486,578
QLD	452,123	415,366
Membership and supporter engagement	865,767	758,651
<b>Total Environmental Campaigns and Programs</b>	<b>5,545,635</b>	<b>5,879,654</b>
Fundraising expenses — recruitment of new supporters	2,044,376	1,953,486
Fundraising expenses — staff, appeals, supporter and other costs	2,617,211	2,362,326
Governance, finance and operations	1,325,834	1,386,286
Depreciation and amortisation	200,806	123,077
Donation to Forever Wild Trust	-	243,303
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>11,733,862</b>	<b>11,948,132</b>
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	297,635	-313,736
Other comprehensive income		
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>	<b>297,635</b>	<b>-313,736</b>

### Statement of Financial Position

(for the year ended 30 June 2017)

ASSETS	2017	2016
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,710,842	\$1,499,756
Trade and other receivables	\$350,806	\$132,937
Inventories	\$18,868	\$27,249
Other Financial Assets	\$407,442	\$600,000
Other assets	269,364	343,515
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>2,757,322</b>	<b>2,603,457</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	138,157	193,043
Investment in Friends of the Wilderness	554,280	554,280
Intangible assets	1,440,951	912,573
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>2,133,388</b>	<b>1,659,896</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>4,890,710</b>	<b>4,263,353</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade and other payables	\$511,355	\$644,988
Employee Benefits	\$621,700	\$856,457
Provisions	\$1,350	\$378,488
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,134,405</b>	<b>1,879,933</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Borrowings	900,000	-
Long-term provisions	250,844	75,594
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,150,844</b>	<b>75,594</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,285,249</b>	<b>1,955,527</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>2,605,461</b>	<b>2,307,826</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Accumulated surpluses	2,189,834	1,536,841
Reserves	415,627	770,985
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>2,605,461</b>	<b>2,307,826</b>

### Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity (for the year ended 30 June 2017)

	ACCUMULATED SURPLUSES	TIED FUNDS	PRIORITY CAMPAIGN	SCIENCE & RESEARCH	NON-CONTROLLING INTEREST	TOTAL
<b>2017</b>						
Balance as at 1 July 2016	1,536,841	685,921	15,885	69,179	-	2,307,826
Transfer from reserve	737,351	-652,287	-15,885	-69,179	-	-
Net Surplus/(deficit) for the year	297,635	-	-	-	-	297,635
Transfers to reserve	-381,993	381,993	-	-	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2017	2,189,834	415,627	0	0	-	2,605,461
<b>2016</b>						
Balance as at 1 July 2015	1,613,201	769,349	73,559	165,453	-	2,621,562
Transfer from reserve	632,753	-478,805	-57,674	-96,274	-	-
Net Surplus/(deficit) for the year	-313,736	-	-	-	-	-313,736
Transfers to reserve	-395,377	395,377	-	-	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2016	1,536,841	685,921	15,885	69,179	-	2,307,826

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