

Sowing seeds
of change 
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**AUSTRALIAN
CONSERVATION
FOUNDATION**

A scenic view of a beach with golden cliffs and blue water under a clear sky with a small moon. The cliffs are illuminated by warm, golden light, and the water in the foreground is a deep blue with gentle ripples. A few people are visible on the cliffs and the beach.

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this country and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. **We pay respect to their Elders past and present and to the pivotal role that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to play in caring for country across Australia.**

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Below. Murray River ambassador Liz Frankel and friends.
Photo. Ali Sanderson

Imagine a world where water flows clean. Where everyone shares abundant energy from the sun and wind.

A world where forests, rivers, communities, oceans and wildlife thrive – a tomorrow even more beautiful than today.

This is the world we can see. This is the world we are creating.

Who are we?

We are Australia's national environment organisation.

We are nearly half a million people who speak out, show up and act for a world where forests, rivers, people and wildlife thrive.

We are proudly independent, non-partisan and funded by donations from Australians.



Australia is at a crossroads, and here's the path we choose

Change the story

Dismantle old stories of conflict between people and nature and create new stories of connection and life that move people to action.



Build people power

Build a wave of people who care and are willing to act into powerful, organised communities for change.



Fix the system

Take on the big structural challenges – the laws, policies, institutions, decisions and practices – to create a system that does right by people and nature.

Report from the **President & CEO**

The power of the people is greater than the people in power. Rising from the revolutions that swept the Middle East in 2011, this truism has been at the heart of every giant leap forward for humanity. People power gave women the vote. It stopped apartheid. It abolished slavery. After civil action came civil rights.

History shows it is organised and mobilised people who create change for the better.

And today, we witness history in the making through the incredible #StopAdani campaign. Not since the campaign to Save the Franklin have we seen Australians unite around a single threat and the idea of a clean energy future, a safer climate and a Great Barrier Reef that thrives through the ages.

Hundreds of community groups have popped up across our nation to oppose this dangerous coal mine that will forever damage our reef and the people and places we love. Thousands of actions have been taken just in the past year, urging politicians from all parties to renounce their support for the mine.

Prime Minister Turnbull received a phone call every six minutes for five weeks from the ACF community. He received our biggest petition ever, delivered on behalf of 160,000 Australians by local community members, reef tourism operators and Traditional Owners. The Turnbull and Palaszczuk governments still support the Carmichael Mine but they cannot say they did not know that the people oppose the mine and these governments' obsession with coal.

It's not just politicians that can stop this mine, Mr Adani could as well. More than 90 eminent Australians wrote to Mr Adani to ask him to build renewable energy and not the Carmichael mine, everyone from Aussie sporting legends and Australians of the Year to business leaders, authors, musicians, scientists, economists, artists and community leaders. The letter was hand delivered to the Adani headquarters in India.

While #StopAdani is fast becoming Australia's biggest ever environmental campaign, we see this same united front for renewables across Australia. Nowadays, more than 90 per cent of Australians support clean energy and oppose coal. Energy companies have plans to shut polluting coal plants and replace them with clean energy and, while the Turnbull government remains bewitched by coal, no Australian bank will build either the Carmichael mine or invest in a new coal fired power plant in Australia. The energy revolution is here and you helped make that happen!

We've achieved more beyond protecting our climate and communities from dangerous coal. This year, through people power and collaboration with environment and community groups and Indigenous communities, we've put a halt to a radioactive waste future for South Australia, amplified voices for the Murray-Darling rivers, and returned land to Indigenous communities for cultural and conservation outcomes. Koalas, possums and people are safer because of the work we do together.

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Report from the **President & CEO** continued..

As the famous proverb says: if you want to go fast, go alone, but if you want to go far, go together. People power takes time to build and change can be excruciatingly slow. And we are painfully aware that time is of the essence for our reef and all living things. But in building a democracy that cares for nature and is willing to take action, the changes we are creating will become a permanent fixture in Australian life, which cannot be undone by rogue governments and uncaring polluters.

Community created ACF over 50 years ago, and our community powers us today. Nearly half a million people are working together to create the change we want to see in the world. Thank you for joining with us. You give your time, your money, your voice, your passion, and with us share your hopes and your dreams. As we have said before, it is you who inspire us. Our achievements are your achievements. Own them, be proud of them.

Geoffrey Cousins AM, *President*
Kelly O'Shanassy, *CEO*

The **ACF** community
is nearly
**half a million
people strong.**

90% of
Australians support
clean energy



Below. ACF Board members 16–17. Photo. James Thomas
Right. ACF Council 16–17. Photo. James Thomas

Our Board

ACF Board members at 30 June 2017

30 June 2017 Board Meeting, taken at ACF office in Carlton **Back row, left to right:** Jon Anstey, *Honorary Secretary*; Mary Latham, *Treasurer and Chair of the Finance, Audit and Risk and 60L Management Committees*; Erika Avellaneda, *Board Member*; Jimmy Cocking, *Board Member, member Finance, Audit and Risk Committee*. **Front row, left to right:** Piers Verstegen, *Vice President*; Geoffrey Cousins, *President*; Nadia McLaren, *Vice President*. **Not present:** David Morris, *Board Member, member 60L Management Committee*, Anne Poelina, *Board Member*. **Appointed 2 July 2017:** Timothy Chapman, *Board Member*. **Retired during 2016–17:** Andrew Reilly, Todd Davies.

We are pleased to acknowledge the significant, voluntary contributions of the following external committee members: **Finance Audit and Risk Committee:** Amanda McIntyre, Jane Smithers, Jonathan Andrews, Liza Maimone. **60L Management Committee:** Jodi Bastion, Alan Pears, Jason Rollheiser.



Our Council

1 July 2017 Council Meeting, taken at ACF Carlton office rooftop

Back Row, left to right: Jimmy Cocking, NT; Jonathan Miller, ACT; Cameron Power, WA; Erika Avellaneda, TAS; Nicole Rivers, VIC; Susan Richardson, SA; Jonathan King, NSW; Daisy Barham, NSW; James Le Cornu, VIC. Front row, left to right: Ian Penrose, VIC; Margaret Steadman, TAS; Piers Verstegen, WA, *Vice President*; Nadia McLaren, SA, *Vice President*; Geoffrey Cousins, *President*; Timothy Chapman, NSW; Philippa Rowland, SA; Christian Bell, TAS; David Hood, QLD. Not present: Samara Cassar, QLD; David Morris, NT; Michael Williams, QLD; Anne Poelina, WA. Resigned during 2016–2017: Andrew Reilly, SA.



Below. Shine a light for the reef, Melbourne. Photo James Thomas

Together we can #StopAdani



Building people power to stop Adani's polluting coal mine

#STOPADANI has become one of the biggest national environmental campaigns in Australia's history. And members of the ACF community have been extraordinary advocates in this campaign.

It was tough when, in September 2016, we lost our court case challenging the federal government's approval of Adani's mine. But, because of our community, this didn't get us down.

In Melbourne and Brisbane, hundreds of people came together to shine a light for the reef. Together, we sent a strong message to our new Environment Minister – Australians want a healthy reef, not more polluting coal.

Across the rest of the country, people petitioned Minister for Environment and Energy Josh Frydenberg and spoke to their MPs – urging them to reject the mine and protect the reef.

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our donors, we lodged a further appeal on the Federal Court's decision to rule against our case. We don't accept that our Environment Minister has the right to ignore the impact 4.6 billion tonnes of climate pollution will have on our Great Barrier Reef, just because it's too hard to measure.

In March, we brought together an incredible bunch of people for our inaugural Convergence training weekend in Brisbane. Participants emerged skilled up, fired up and ready to take on their elected representatives, demanding

they oppose the Adani coal mine.

In the same month, we launched the #StopAdani Alliance in Canberra with the leaders of 12 other environmental organisations, vowing to work together to build the biggest movement Australia has ever seen to stop the Carmichael coal mine.

We travelled up and down the east coast for the sell-out #StopAdani roadshow with some of the best local and international campaigners. Four thousand people showed up to find out what they can do to stop Adani digging any coal.

During our #StopAdani week of action in May, the ACF community stepped up to lead dozens of meetings and actions with MPs. Prime Minister Turnbull received a call from people against the mine every 10 minutes for three days. Political support for the mine fractured in spectacular fashion, as politicians began to speak out against the mine.

People power comes in many forms. We thank the business leaders, musicians, authors, Australians of the Year, sporting heroes and many other caring people that have stood against this mine. And we thank you, our community.

Together we are reminding our politicians to represent the views of those who elect them, not the big polluters.

Changing the story for the Murray

Stories matter. They shape our lives and help us make sense of the world. Stories can shift attitudes, values, behaviours and social norms. They shape what people see as possible.

For more than a decade, we've been speaking out for the communities, wildlife, 20,000 farms and millions of people that depend on the Murray-Darling Basin. While media and politicians talk jargon of "water buybacks" and "environmental flows", we're telling stories of how the Murray and Darling rivers feed into hundreds of tributaries and some 30,000 wetlands. How these wetlands and waterways are the sacred homelands of 40 Indigenous nations, and the last refuge for many threatened species.

But we can't change the story alone. That's why in April we launched the Rivers Fellowship – a nine-month program to train community leaders from across the basin to share their passion and motivate people in their local communities to speak out.

Through workshops, webinars and coaching sessions, we are training the Fellows in how to tell powerful, values-based stories about what really matters – having enough water in our rivers for ancient river red gums, wildlife, farms and communities to thrive.

We don't accept the story that farmers and environmentalists can't work together. We all want our rivers to thrive. It's only a handful of rogue irrigators that are trying to erode the Basin Plan so they can take more than their fair share of river water.

"It's about the whole system. It's a living, breathing wet organism. We live on the river, we breathe the river, we are the river"

– River Fellow, [Tuesday Browell](#)

And this is the story the Fellows are taking far and wide. Four months into the 2017 program, fourteen Fellows are emerging as leaders in their communities and galvanising local support.

Fellows have met with elected representatives at South Australia's state parliament, launched a united petition on change.org, co-facilitated regional training to mobilise more people, held town hall meetings and participated in local and national media. Together, they are dismantling stories of a divided Basin and amplifying stories of people coming together to stand up for our rivers and communities.

When we change the story, we can build people power and compel elected representatives to deliver the Murray-Darling Basin Plan on time and in full. Then, we will be able to keep swimming and fishing in our rivers – and the mighty Murray will flow all the way to the sea.

[Read more about what the fellows have achieved on page 37.](#)

Let's stand up for the Murray- Darling



Below. Convergence Brisbane. Photo. Eddie Safarik

When we work together, we can change things



People power

This year, the ACF community came together in greater numbers than ever before. We welcomed 163,000 new people, putting the ACF community at nearly half a million people strong. This incredible show of support means our three-year goal of an ACF community of 400,000 people is here, 18 months early. Together, we are a powerhouse of people standing up, speaking out and acting for a brighter future for our rivers, reefs, wildlife and forests. We are people who have signed petitions, given generous donations, come along to an event or rally, voted at ACF's AGM, become an ACF member, started a local group, called people, retweeted, shared, said yes to being a bequestor and much more.

**We welcomed
163,000 new
people** to the ACF
community

What we did:

- We held a series of 'Change the story' workshops with the ACF community, environment groups and civil society organisations – empowering people to have meaningful conversations and use the power of narrative to shift attitudes, values and social norms.
- We continued to implement, test and improve the way we use stories and language to move people to act.
- Over 110,000 people signed our petition to the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF), demanding no public money be given to the Adani Carmichael coal mine. And our best performing video reached over 1.2 million views through our digital channels.
- Seventy community members from Brisbane and surrounds came together for our first Convergence training weekend in March. They emerged as skilled up and fired up community leaders. Four local groups formed over the Convergence weekend and have been actively campaigning in their local communities ever since.
- We welcomed over 1,750 new members through our Member Week recruitment drive.
- Our eight ACF community groups have been growing people power, holding decision makers to account and taking action on our campaigns including #StopAdani and energy transformation.

Below and right. Kooyong #StopAdani action group.
Photo. Julian Meehan

What a local ACF community group can do.

The ACF Kooyong community group is a great example of what a local group can do.

They have three action groups – #StopAdani, ‘Shift the politics’ and ‘Stop the money’ – working in the electorate of the Minister for Environment and Energy, Josh Frydenberg.

Together the #StopAdani action group has hosted three film nights for more than 700 people and supported other localised screenings hosted by community members.

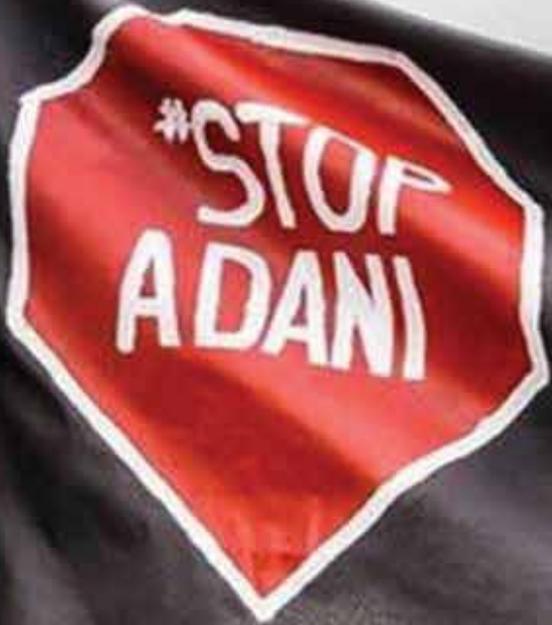
The Kooyong ‘Shift the politics’ group has

hosted a #StopAdani protest outside Minister Frydenberg’s office every fortnight since May, with hundreds of local people taking part.

The Kooyong ‘Stop the Money’ group has met with every bank branch manager in Kooyong and hosted regular rotating protests outside every Westpac and Commonwealth Bank branch.

Together, they’ve spoken to hundreds of bank customers and community members about the bank’s lending practices and the #StopAdani campaign, contributing to Westpac and CommBank ruling out funding for the proposed mega mine.





REEF NO





Better ideas for a billion dollars.

When the Turnbull Government announced it could hand over \$1 billion of public money to prop up Adani's mine, determined ACF member Sharon France came up with a novel way of making MPs reconsider this loan: the Australian People's Bank of Better Ideas.

"I literally woke up one morning thinking, 'If everyone could spend \$1 billion on something beneficial, what would they fund? Certainly not a loan to a billionaire for a coal mine.' I searched for Australian icons, played with the cheque format, and voila!

I'm really new to acting on climate change and getting involved with environment issues. Mostly I have volunteered behind the scenes as a graphic designer because going to rallies and speaking with members of parliament was 'uncomfortable'.

But this issue – this mine – and all the problems around it just don't stack up if we want our planet to be in good shape for generations to come. I am a part of the ACF Bramble Bay group that formed after the ACF Brisbane Convergence event. It is full of wonderful people, many of whom are passionate about our native plants and animals, but new to the issues around the Adani Carmichael coal mine.

A standout moment for me was sharing stories and ideas with Rachel Apelt from the ACF Moreton Bay group. Rachel is a visual artist and she has produced a vibrant range of #StopAdani postcards targeting Queensland politicians and their portfolios.

Her fun approach to engage with people visually is probably what inspired my \$1 billion cheque idea. I think the marriage of old-school petition meets fun design allows this activity to become very personal. I've taken the cheques to events including the recent 'March for Science' and I've had wonderful reactions and conversations. People are against the mine but outraged by the proposed \$1 billion federal subsidy.

I have collected over 1500 completed cheques, with further face-to-face opportunities coming up. I have submitted a report highlighting the most popular and creative suggestions to the Senate Committee on the Governance and Operation of the NAIF. I am now chasing up the Senate report which is yet to be published. Watch this space!"

"I literally woke up one morning thinking, 'If everyone could spend \$1 billion on something beneficial, what would they fund?'"

– ACF Member, [Sharon France](#)



Fixing the
system 

Our big ideas

Clean energy, not pollution

Cutting pollution and powering Australia with clean energy from the sun and wind

To give our children a liveable planet, our government has an urgent responsibility to cut climate pollution and shift Australia to clean energy.

As a community, we are calling on businesses and elected representatives to remove barriers and create incentives so Australian communities can be powered by 100 percent clean, renewable energy by 2030 – or sooner.

Our strategy is five-pronged: shift the money (of investors), hold big polluters to account, shift policy leadership (to support clean energy), phase out nuclear activities, and educate and engage.

This initiative encompasses our ‘think global, act local on climate change’ work – connecting people and communities to speak out, create solutions, and support one another.

What we did:

- We worked with our partners in the Australian Climate Roundtable – an alliance of major Australian business, union, research, environment, investor and social groups – to pressure the Coalition Government and Labor Party to deliver stronger policy outcomes on global warming consistent with Australia’s Paris climate commitments.
- We pushed state governments – particularly in Victoria, Queensland and South Australia – to

strengthen their climate change and energy policies to drive the energy transition.

- As part of the national movement to #StopAdani, we campaigned not only to prevent the construction of the Adani mine but also to shift public opinion towards a desire for ‘no more coal’.
- With our partners from the Climate Action Network Australia, we launched the national ‘Repower’ campaign, amplifying a cohesive voice to demand national action on climate change. Together, we’re calling on our political and corporate leaders to:
 - Source all our power from sun, wind, and water by 2030
 - Phase out polluting coal and gas-fired power and rule out new coal mines or gas fields
 - Help affected workers and communities prepare for jobs with a future
 - Make sure the transition is fair so everyone, everywhere has access to clean renewable energy
- We brought together 17 unlikely allies – CEOs of energy companies, scientists, academics, economists, bankers, lawyers, broadcasters and a former Governor General of Australia – to launch ‘Our energy future – a plan to transition Australia to clean energy’, in November 2016. The report outlined eight actions to form the basis of a national plan to drive the clean energy transition. Together, they personally handed this to the Minister for Energy and the

Environment, Josh Frydenberg. The report was debated in Parliament and spread across the media. We will continue to brief key decision makers and politicians across the country to show them how Australia can transition to a clean energy future.

- We continued our work to transition Australia away from fuelling and facilitating the dirty and dangerous nuclear industry. The biggest outcome for the year was our role in the successful community campaign opposing plans by the South Australian government to import, store and ultimately bury around one third of the world's high level radioactive waste. ACF worked closely with South Australian environmental and civil society groups and Aboriginal representatives to build a compelling case for a better future than hosting global radioactive waste forever. This result is a win not just for SA and Australia but also for communities internationally who are pressing for the accelerated closure of aging reactors and a transition to renewable energy generation.
- We also continued to promote responsible, transparent and evidence-based radioactive waste management for Australia's domestic waste and supported communities affected by the federal government plans for a national facility. In Kakadu we helped gain a commitment from Rio Tinto for increased capacity to clean up the heavily impacted Ranger uranium mine site as it moves towards closure, and we worked with

allies across WA to contest and constrain plans for new uranium mines.

- In the continuing shadow of the Australian uranium fuelled Fukushima disaster we highlighted Australia's irresponsible and risky approach to uranium sales, including new deals with India and Ukraine. Uranium mining lacks broad community support, the commodity price remains depressed and the Australian sector is in steady decline. ACF will keep working to speed our exit from this trade – the asbestos of the 21st Century – and push for the best possible rehabilitation and clean-up.

40,000 people
said 'no way Jay' and
stopped the global
waste dump

Laws to protect life

Creating strong laws to protect the air we breathe, the water we drink and the places and wildlife we love

Our national environment laws exist to protect our air, water and wildlife. Yet under our current laws, elected representatives are letting companies mine more, frack faster and dredge deeper with little oversight.

This year, we kept up the pressure on elected leaders to create a new generation of environment laws that protect our reefs, forests and wildlife, improve biodiversity and regulate pollution.

What we did:

- As part of the Places You Love Alliance, ACF advocated for stronger national environmental laws, demonstrating that the current framework is not effectively protecting our natural and cultural wonders. In 2014, the alliance convened the Australian Panel of Experts on Environmental Law (APEEL) to guide the development of new national laws to protect nature. This year marked a significant milestone in that effort, with the panel delivering a long-awaited blueprint for the next generation of environmental laws (available at www.apeel.org.au).
- The ACF community has been pivotal in exposing land clearing in Queensland. We've pressured both state and federal governments to take strong action to protect threatened species and the Great Barrier Reef.
- Also in Queensland, we blew the lid on the practice of in-stream mining in Cape York, which sends thousands of tonnes of sediment into the Great Barrier Reef and damages river systems. This resulted in the Queensland Government stopping two mines from going ahead.
- We collaborated with scientists and farmers to draw the attention of MPs to the 2017 State of the Environment Report, which demonstrates the extent of damage caused by big polluters, mining companies and land-clearers in Australia. In doing so, we highlighted the need for stronger national environmental laws and bipartisan action to stop global warming and invest in nature.
- We took on perhaps the biggest failure of environmental law in Australia's history, the approval of the Adani coal mine. We further challenged the Environment Minister's federal approval in court and while our laws are too weak to win the case, we exposed Australia's broken laws.
- On 21 March 2017, a group of MPs from across the political spectrum in our federal parliament came together for the first time in 20 years at an ACF event. Over 40 people, including three shadow ministers, a Liberal MP, senior advisor to the National Party, Bob Brown and the leader of The Greens came along to hear presentations on the State of the Environment report and the Adani campaign.

It's time for a new generation of laws



Pelicans on Nelson Bay, NSW. Photograph by Davesayit/Shutterstock.

We love a **sun-powered country**



Economy for life

Making economic decisions that support life, not damage it

It's a myth that we must sacrifice nature for a quick buck. Across all our campaigns in 2016-17, we continued to advocate for longer-term economic thinking and investment that delivers benefits for people as well as our reefs, rivers, forests and wildlife.

There has been increasing support across the business and financial industries for policies that will increase investment in clean energy.

The national #StopAdani campaign demonstrates the widespread public support for a coal-free economy.

What we did:

- In collaboration with the ACTU, we launched our Jobs in a Clean Energy Future report, demonstrating how our federal government can choose to create more than one million new jobs across the country with strong climate and energy policies over the next two decades – jobs that have a future and are good for our future. This report modelled the consequences of our government's policy choices and the opportunities they can unleash – or block. Together with unions, we called on our government to make a long-term plan to guide communities away from coal and help them prepare for good jobs in the future. The transition is underway, with coal plants, including Australia's most polluting plant Hazelwood, closing.

- We then broke down the climate action job opportunities state by state, encouraging state governments to lead on climate and clean energy policy. This is particularly important in Victoria, South Australia and Queensland, where we are working to build state policy leadership to ultimately ensure the federal government has no choice but to take climate and clean energy action.
- In response to the apparent direction of the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF), ACF promoted alternatives for investment in northern Australia that go beyond resource projects and ensure long-term, diverse opportunities for communities. These include projects in renewable energy, communications, transport, education and research, and Indigenous ranger programs.

We showed how **one million new jobs are possible** in a clean energy future

Join the dots

Disrupting decisions at the heart of unsustainability
and sowing the seeds of change

Mass consumption, disconnection from nature, too much power in the hands of self-interest. These problems are all intertwined.

To make real change, we must fix the whole system, not just the symptoms. This means diagnosing the root causes of environmental problems, which we did last year in the first phase of this work. In phase two, conducted this year, we started using this innovative research to drive big changes in the way we work to protect nature and our climate.

What we did:

- Phase one of our research showed our change strategy is right. We continue to change the story to one that reflects compassionate values and builds people power to counter the greedy few, so that we can get the big system changes we need.
- Of the ten drivers of unsustainability, we know the way our economy operates – destroying nature and polluting our climate for a quick buck – is a fundamental problem that we can change. We've started this work – see Economy for life on page 27. Moving forward, we will redouble our efforts in challenging runaway growth with new thinking around forever jobs and industries that are pollution free and rebuild nature. We are deep in planning mode for a whole raft of new actions in 2018.
- Our nature work also must change to one that focuses on the big systems that currently destroy our rivers, reefs and forests – the laws, the dwindling investment, the politically

motivated decisions. We can no longer go on protecting place by place but must change the systems that will protect all the places we love. This transition period has started and will continue into the coming year.

- We know what people think shapes their actions, and people's thinking is shaped by the stories they experience through news and social media. To create cut through content, we've boosted our media capabilities to conduct investigative journalism, publishing our Dirty Deeds report in May and supporting the Four Corners episode which exposed alleged theft and corruption on the Murray Darling. We've also boosted our social media presence, creating our own media to engage people broadly.

Our goal through this project is to drive big, audacious change to catalyse a national transformation. It will take time, but the good things always do.

Below. Photographing wildflower, Broome, WA.
Photo. Silvi Glattauer/MAPGroup

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We love **our** beautiful planet





Fixing the
system 

**Five incredible
places**

Below. Pink Anemone fish, Great Barrier Reef, QLD.
Photo. Gary Bell/OceanwideImages.com

Protect the reef, **reject the mine**



Our much-loved reef

Protect our living reef – home to coral, turtles and whales

The reef is home to an astounding web of life – fish, coral, molluscs, turtles, whales, dolphins, sharks and rays. But this year we found out that half the Great Barrier Reef’s coral may have died in the past two years. Mining and burning of fossil fuels – like coal – is warming our oceans and destroying our reef. To have any chance of saving the rest of the reef, we are calling on governments to stop digging up and burning coal, and rapidly shift Australia to clean energy.

What we did:

- Powered by donations from the ACF community, we took the federal government back to court to challenge its approval of Adani’s Carmichael coal mine. In the full Federal Court appeal hearing in March, we argued that the Federal Environment Minister did not properly consider the impact pollution from burning the mine’s coal would have on the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef. In August 2017 we heard back that this appeal was unsuccessful, showing again that Australia’s environment laws are broken.
- When billionaire polluter Gautam Adani met with the Prime Minister in December, hundreds of people joined us for snap rallies in Melbourne and Townsville to tell Mr Adani: we, the people, don’t want your mine. Images of the rallies ran on news sites, providing a powerful visual statement that there is no social licence for this mine.
- In March we launched the #StopAdani Alliance in Canberra together with the leaders of 12 other environmental organisations, vowing to work with our community to build the biggest movement Australia has ever seen and stop the dangerous Adani coal mine in its tracks. Thousands of determined people flooded MPs’ offices with calls, letters and emails, met with their MPs and rallied outside offices to send a clear message to our elected representatives.
- Our groundbreaking Dirty Deeds report revealed the web of ties between the fossil fuels industry, the government, the publically funded Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility and the Export Finance Investment Corporation.
- In partnership with the Environmental Defenders Offices of Australia, we released a report called Licence to Kill. In it, we showed that the conditions the federal government set when it approved Adani’s Carmichael coal mine were woefully inadequate and will not protect the environment as claimed.

The Great Dividing Range & Tassie's ancient forests

Protecting the heartland of eastern Australia

Almost three-quarters of Australian people and most of our threatened wildlife live along the tip to the toe of the Great Dividing Range.

Its dense forests keep our air clean. Its rivers and water catchments are our lifeblood. Its national parks are our playground. But in just two hundred years, people have polluted, mined, logged, and cleared nearly 70 per cent of the Range. This year, we ramped up our campaign to create a new Great Forest National Park in Victoria and put pressure on elected representatives to protect threatened species along the range.

What we did:

- ACF worked inside the tent to put pressure on the Victorian Government to create the Great Forest National Park and protect the tall trees of the Central Highlands. With allies from across the Victorian forest conservation movement, ACF negotiated with the forestry union and the logging industry, as part of the Victorian Forest Industry Taskforce to establish new national parks, protect threatened species like the Leadbeater's Possum and reform the logging industry. The Taskforce resulted in a significant reduction in logging and an investigation by the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council into the conservation values of state forests, an important step towards a new Great Forest National Park.
- Our public campaign saw thousands of Australians email and call Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews calling for a Great Forest

National Park. We also campaigned for the federal government to release a strong and effective Leadbeater's Possum recovery plan, which is now years overdue. The federal government is feeling the pressure after thousands of submissions to that process.

- ACF also worked closely with scientists from the University of Queensland to map out climate refuge habitat and carbon stocks across the Great Dividing Range to better inform national conservation policy and planning.
- We maintained a watching brief on Tasmania's forests over the past year. The Hodgman Government has made attempts to allow logging in the magnificent forests that we helped protect under the historic - but now defunct - Tasmanian Forest Agreement. But the forests remain standing and the logging industry has shown no interest in cutting these special forests down. Sadly, we see little opportunity to rekindle the peace deal while the Tasmanian Government remains hostile to a sustainable, ecologically sound future for Tassie's forests.

Let communities and nature **thrive along the range**



Below. River Fellows training retreat Mildura, VIC. Photo. David Sickerdick

Stick to **the** **plan**



The mighty Murray

Keeping the lifeblood for our wildlife, farms and cities flowing

The Murray-Darling Basin is the lifeblood for our communities, wildlife, 20,000 farms and millions of people. But right now, our rivers and the country and communities they support are stressed because they don't have enough water. A few rogue irrigators and their political backers are lobbying hard against the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, so they can rig the rules and take more than their fair share of river water. This year, we amplified our call on MPs to say no to the cashed-up lobbyists and deliver the Murray-Darling Basin Plan – on time and in full.

What we did:

- We recruited 19 passionate people to our inaugural Rivers Fellowship program. The nine-month program gives participants practical skills so they can campaign locally for healthier rivers. ACF is skilling up and supporting the Fellows to run local campaigns, community petitions and events, lobby decision makers, build a team and mobilise people in their community to come to Canberra and meet with their elected representatives.
- We built digital infrastructure to enable geographically dispersed communities to coordinate together and build their people power. The Fellows are also continuing to play a prominent role in the media, offering regional voices that are champions for the basin.
- We continued our efforts to shape national policy, staying active in national and regional media on the Murray-Darling and inputting to government reviews, including proposed amendments to the Northern Basin sustainable diversion limit. ACF also worked with the NSW Environmental Defenders Office strategically throughout the year to compile evidence surrounding the potentially unlawful take of environmental water in the Barwon-Darling river system.

“Someone needs to step up and do something. It's me, it's you, it's everyone”

— Glen Hill, River Fellow

The beautiful north

Sustaining country, from the Kimberley to Cape York, with its unique nature and culture

Australia's north is home to the largest, most intact tropical savannah systems left on Earth. This year, we continued to protect the cultural and natural values of the Kimberley, Kakadu and Cape York while promoting a cultural and conservation economy instead of mining fossil fuels and uranium.

What we did:

- Forty years after ACF first proposed a national park for parts of Shelburne Bay in far north Cape York, ACF welcomed the handback of Shelburne Bay to the Wuthathi people. Under this historic agreement, a total of 118,131.6 hectares of land was returned to Wuthathi ownership. This included the new 37,282-hectare jointly managed Wuthathi (Shelburne Bay) National Park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal Land).
 - Thirty years after ACF stood with Traditional Owners to oppose the Cape York Spaceport, the land known as Bromley was handed back to the Wuthathi, Kuuku Ya'u and Northern Kaanju people in May this year. Under the handback 51,030 hectares became a new, jointly managed Bromley (Ampulin) National Park (CYPAL).
 - Building on the huge National Heritage Listing of the West Kimberley in 2011, ACF has been assisting the Kimberley Land Council (KLC) to set up a Cultural Enterprise Hub, with the aim of supporting Indigenous groups to earn income while looking after country.
- The enterprise hub was launched in 2017 and in collaboration with the KLC, ACF ran a series of workshops on tourism development with interested ranger groups, leading to a trial tour of "The Kimberley Indigenous Ranger Experience" in May. Drawing on lessons from the trial tour, the KLC is developing a business plan to expand tourism ventures with other Indigenous Ranger groups.
- In February, we made a submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry on Stimulating Tourism in Northern Australia. At a presentation to the Inquiry in Cairns, we facilitated the opportunity for representatives from the Olkola Aboriginal Corporation and Culture Connect (a local tourism company) to have their say. Representatives from the groups used the successful ACF-supported Intrepid Travel "Journey into Olkola Country" tour as a case study to show the opportunities for expanding tourism and how the NAIF can assist this by investing in vital transport, communications and renewable energy infrastructure – as opposed to funding infrastructure for large mining companies and projects like the proposed rail line to the Adani coal mine.

“ACF continues to play an active and supportive role in the Cape York land tenure resolution process. Through our advocacy we ensure the decision makers on all sides of politics understand the social, cultural, economic and environmental benefits of the tenure resolution program.”

— Andrew Picone, Northern Australia Program Officer

Over 179,000 hectares
**returned to Cape
York Traditional
Owners**



Thank you

Your commitment and generosity drives everything we do. To each of our half a million supporters, we would like to say an enormous thank you. You keep ACF strong. On the following pages we list some of the groups, organisations and people whose valued support has powered our work this year.

People power
our campaigns and
always have



Patrons

The Honourable Peter Garrett AM

Honorary Life Members

From time to time, ACF awards Honorary Life Membership to a member in recognition of outstanding contribution to our work. Our current Honorary Life Members, and their dates of award, are:

Dr Moss Cass, 1982

Dr Bob Brown, 1983

Dr Geoff Mosley, 1987

Emeritus Professor Hal Wootton AC QC, 1989

Mr Murray Wilcox AC QC, 1989

Mr John Sinclair AO, 1990

Dr Aila Keto AO, 1990

Mr Geoffrey Goode, 1990

Ms Annelie Holden, 1992

Mr Jack Munday AO, 1993

Mr Trevor Blake, 1999

Mrs Beryl Blake, 1999

Mr Mark Wootton, 2001

Ms Eve Kantor, 2001

Professor David Yencken AO, 2003

Dr bro Sheffield-Brotherton, 2005

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The Hon. Peter Garrett AM, 2005

Mr Bill Paine, 2006

Ms Cate Blanchett AC, 2011

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Emeritus Professor Ian Lowe AO, 2014

Nature's champions

ACF would like to recognise and thank our committed supporters whose annual donations were \$5,000 or greater in the 2016-17 financial year.

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Nature's champions continued...

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We would like to thank all of our donors, including those who made their donation anonymously, for their ongoing and valued support.

For more information on ACF's Nature's Champions program please visit www.acf.org.au/natures_champions or contact us on 1800 332 510.

Pro bono and partner support

ACF is fortunate to receive in-kind and financial support from many businesses, individuals and partner organisations. Thank you to the following people and organisations who helped power our campaigns in 2016-17:

Arnold Bloch Leibler
Pro bono legal services

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Partners – Cape York Land Tenure
Resolution Process

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Support of ACF campaigns

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Lighter Footprints
Kooyong climate coalition

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Nuclear-free campaign

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Wuthathi Aboriginal Corporation
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Resolution Process

Workplace giving

The staff at the following organisations have contributed at least \$500 through workplace giving:

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**Thank you to our
21,000 monthly
EarthVoice donors.
You power our work
to create lasting change.**

Volunteers and interns

People power our campaigns, and always have. For more than 50 years, ACF volunteers have made banners, written letters, run events, done research, organised mail outs, and had conversation after conversation with people to engage them and spark action. We'd like to thank our amazing volunteers and interns who help the organisation in so many ways.

Alistair Stewart, [Better Democracy research](#)

Anthony La Sala, [volunteer developer](#)

Beryl Blake, [supporter services](#)

Christian Slattery, [Stop Adani policy](#)

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Sophie Matera, [Stop Adani policy](#)

Taryn Sadler, [communications and mobilisation fellow](#)

Yuqing Cai, [Australian National Internships Program, ANU](#)

These are just some of the hundreds of people who give their time and expertise to assist ACF.

OUR FUTURE
IS NOT UP FOR
LOAN!



ACF's living legacy community

ACF's Living Legacy community recognises all those supporters who have decided to extend their giving after their lifetime. We thank everyone who has arranged to give a gift to ACF in their will to create a living legacy of our beautiful natural world. Our Legacy Leaders have advised they are leaving a significant gift and we gratefully recognise them here.

LEGACY LEADERS (BEQUEST VALUE \$100,000+)

Miss Marian Bear
Ms Alice Beauchamp
Mr Stephen and Mrs Janice Blakeney
Miss Margaret Bowman
Ms Rhonda Boyle
Ms Barbara Briggs
Ms Jane Crouch
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And thank you to all our donors who wish to stay anonymous.

LEGACIES LIVING ON

We acknowledge the supporters from whom we have received a gift through their will this year, and express our appreciation to their family and friends for their thoughtful generosity. These gifts are truly an expression of how important the natural world has been in their lives.

Ms Chris Burrowes

Dr Peter Cook

Mr Brent John Couper
and Ms Joy London

Ms Cecily Dignan

Mrs Jean Edgecombe

Ms Margie Fenn

Ms Loris Grote

Miss Kaye Hawkes

Mrs Gwen Keir

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Mrs Marian Parker

Mrs Marie-Francoise Thompson

Ms Penny van Toorn

Together, small gestures can add up and significantly increase ACF's ability to create a living legacy for future generations.

If you would like to consider a gift to ACF in your will contact **Upeka or Nola** for a copy of ACF's bequest brochure, Your Living Legacy Email bequests@acf.org.au; Phone **1800 223 669** free-call or visit www.acf.org.au/leave_a_legacy

GIFTS IN MEMORY

Thank you to the people who made in-memory gifts to ACF. Your kind tribute is inspirational and acknowledges the importance placed by loved ones, friends and colleagues on caring for nature and looking after the places we all love. The following people have been honoured with gifts in their memory:

Ms Julie Bonython

Dr Barbara Clissold

Mr Dennis Craney

Ms Corel Garling

Mr Angas Hopkins

Dr Olive Johnston

Ms Ruth Ley

Ms Isabel McCallum

Mr Hans Penning

Prof William Rawlinson

To make a gift to the Australian Conservation Foundation in memory of someone special, or to arrange for donations in lieu of flowers for a funeral, please contact;

Upeka Kumarasinghe on 1800 223 669
or visit www.acf.org.au/gift_in_memory



Why I give to ACF: Barbara Briggs

Noted Australian botanist Barbara Briggs is a dedicated human being. The longest serving female scientist at the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney, she's also a life member of ACF, generously supporting us for more than 50 years.

Barbara has spent her life studying plants and now, as an ACF Legacy Leader, she's sowing seeds of change for many generations to come.

"I cannot claim to have 'discovered' a love of nature on my own. I was introduced to it as a child, with bush walks in the Blue Mountains west of Sydney an important part of most school holidays. When my legs were just long enough, my parents took me walking at Cradle Mountain in Tasmania and later at Kosciuszko. I followed my parents and older sister in being interested in science and, as I learnt about the evolution and complexity of nature and living things, their value became more apparent.

I became a botanist and joined the staff of Sydney's Royal Botanic Garden...and have never left. Over my career I have named 80 new species in several different plant groups and reclassified many others. Also, DNA data have revealed the evolutionary relationships of organisms with greater certainty and detail than I ever expected to see; it has been exciting to have a tiny part in that.

Because my time and energy mostly went into my botanical work, I have been very glad that there are others more active in communicating and making public the need for conservation. Seeing how ACF engages with politicians, communities and others to present the case for conservation and sustainability, I am proud to be a member. A strong voice from ACF will continue to be needed into the future, so leaving a legacy gift will continue this support.

The more we know about nature, the more we realise that we are part of it. All organisms are derived from a single origin of life so that, in preserving other living things, we are preserving our own extended family."

"Seeing how ACF engages with politicians, communities and others to present the case for conservation and sustainability, I am proud to be a member."

— ACF Member, Barbara Briggs

ACF Sustainability report and data

ACF's Melbourne 60L premises is a landmark sustainable building for Australia. Designed to minimise its impact on the environment, the building uses only 20 per cent of the mains water and one third of the electricity of other buildings of the same size and class. Rainwater, solar panels, natural lighting and water and energy efficient appliances assist in achieving a commercially viable, healthy, low energy, resource efficient and minimal impact workplace. A Green Lease encourages tenants of the 60L Green Building to operate efficiently within their tenancies and to maximise the environmental benefits of the building.

Environmental performance	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Melbourne office Water Consumption (kL) 2016-17 ¹	260.7	276.3	284
Electricity Consumption (kWh) – including Melbourne, Cairns & Canberra offices	98,224	104,558	94,050
Total distance flown by staff, Councillors and Board members (km)	834,781	783,260	766,166
Fuel consumption by ACF vehicle (L) ²	1,639	3,332	2,814
Employees who commute without a car (%)	93	93	95
Total Emmissions (tonnes CO2 equiv) which were offset ³	265	320	251.4

1. Water consumption for 60L tenancies is calculated by tenancy floorspace.

2. Vehicle used by Cairns office for travel to remote locations

3. ACF offsets emissions from plane travel, taxis, car hire, waste, ACF vehicle use and staff car disbursements

95% of employees
**walk, cycle or catch
public transport
to work**



Social performance and organisational culture

Our Organisational Culture is the shared beliefs, values and expectations that guide the way we work with each other and approach our work. This year, ACF undertook a third biennial Organisational Culture Inventory by a survey of all ACF staff. Previously undertaken in 2013 and 2015, the survey asks staff to rate their individual perspectives on the values, behaviour and work styles expected of them as ACF employees.

The survey results show a highly engaged and satisfied workforce, displaying the constructive behaviors consistent with a strong workplace culture that is more highly developed than the Australian and New Zealand cultural benchmark for organisations in our sector.

Staff Statistics	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Total number (Full time equivalent)	63.1	60.8	57
Overall level of satisfaction (%)	74	74	74
Turnover Rate (%)	15.7	17.6	13.9
Average Annual Training per employee (hours)	15.5	16	16

All ACF staff are covered by an Enterprise Bargaining Agreement, with the exception of the CEO and four directors.

Members and Supporters	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Total ACF Supporters - connected through following our work, membership, donating or taking action	281,000	335,340	456,309
Members and Donors	41,000	47,550	56,421

STAFF COMPOSITION



■ Full Time 52
■ Part Time 15
■ Casual 2

STAFF GENDER



■ Male 42%
■ Female 58%

MANAGEMENT GENDER



■ Female 60%
■ Male 40%

GENERATION



■ Baby Boomers 18%
■ Gen X 41%
■ Gen Y 41%

ACF financial position summary

We are indebted to you, our members, our donors and our supporters for your extraordinary level of support

This year, more than ever, your generosity helped us strongly advocate for our environment, particularly our important Stop Adani campaign. We are able to do our work only because of the generous contributions from people like you, who care for our forests, rivers, reefs and wildlife.

This year your financial support exceeded our expectations and we were able to deliver a surplus of \$1.09 million. Your Board has used this surplus to create an Environmental Impact Fund which will support additional environmental work over the coming months and years. This is crucial as the federal election looms and as we build a stronger democracy for a better future.

Our revenue grew to \$13.3 million this year, raised from various fundraising programs including bequests, cash appeals, major gifts and our EarthVoice regular giving program. As our colleagues across the charitable sector are finding, the cost of raising funds is ever increasing. We spent over \$4.7 million in fundraising this year to recruit and service new and existing donors, resulting in \$11.4 million in revenue (\$2.40 for every \$1 spent). Our team increasingly uses new technologies, particularly social media, to reach more potential donors. This will drive down our costs so we can invest more funds into our environmental programs.

Over half of our total expenditure is directly invested in our environmental programs, which seek to deliver a clean energy future, protect our lands and rivers and change a system which has little respect for the environment.

Our administrative overhead is again less than 10 per cent and we tightly manage costs and budgets to ensure your donations increasingly go to the environmental programs.

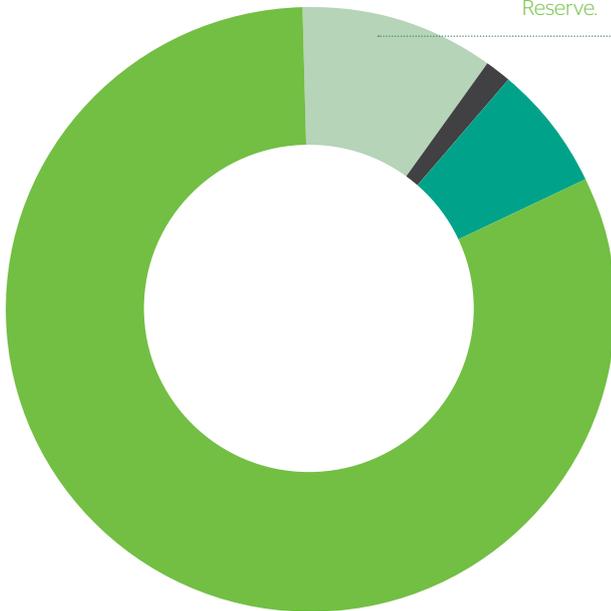
ACF has a strong financial base of \$18.1 million, comprising the 60L Green Building in Melbourne plus a portfolio of ethical investments. This provides financial resilience to ensure that our environmental activities can continue uninterrupted, through many challenges.

One such challenge is the current attack by the Turnbull Government and the mining lobby on environmental charities. Our role as advocates for our environment is at risk as our opponents seek to remove our Deductible Gift Recipient status. This means you, our donors, would no longer be able to claim a tax deduction for contributions you make to ACF and other environmental charities. The mining lobby is also seeking to create laws to tell us where we can spend your donations. This is an outrageous attack on advocacy and democracy and we are doing everything we can to ensure this does not happen.

At this unprecedented time of assault on the environmental movement, we need your ongoing support more than ever. Both your voice and your donations, will help ensure that people power stands up to the vested interests and protects our rivers, reefs and forests for future generations.

REVENUE \$13.34M

The \$1m surplus in 16/17 has been allocated to the Environmental Impact Reserve.



- Individual donations \$10.93m
- Bequests \$0.88m
- Other fundraising \$0.17m
- Rent & investment income \$1.36m

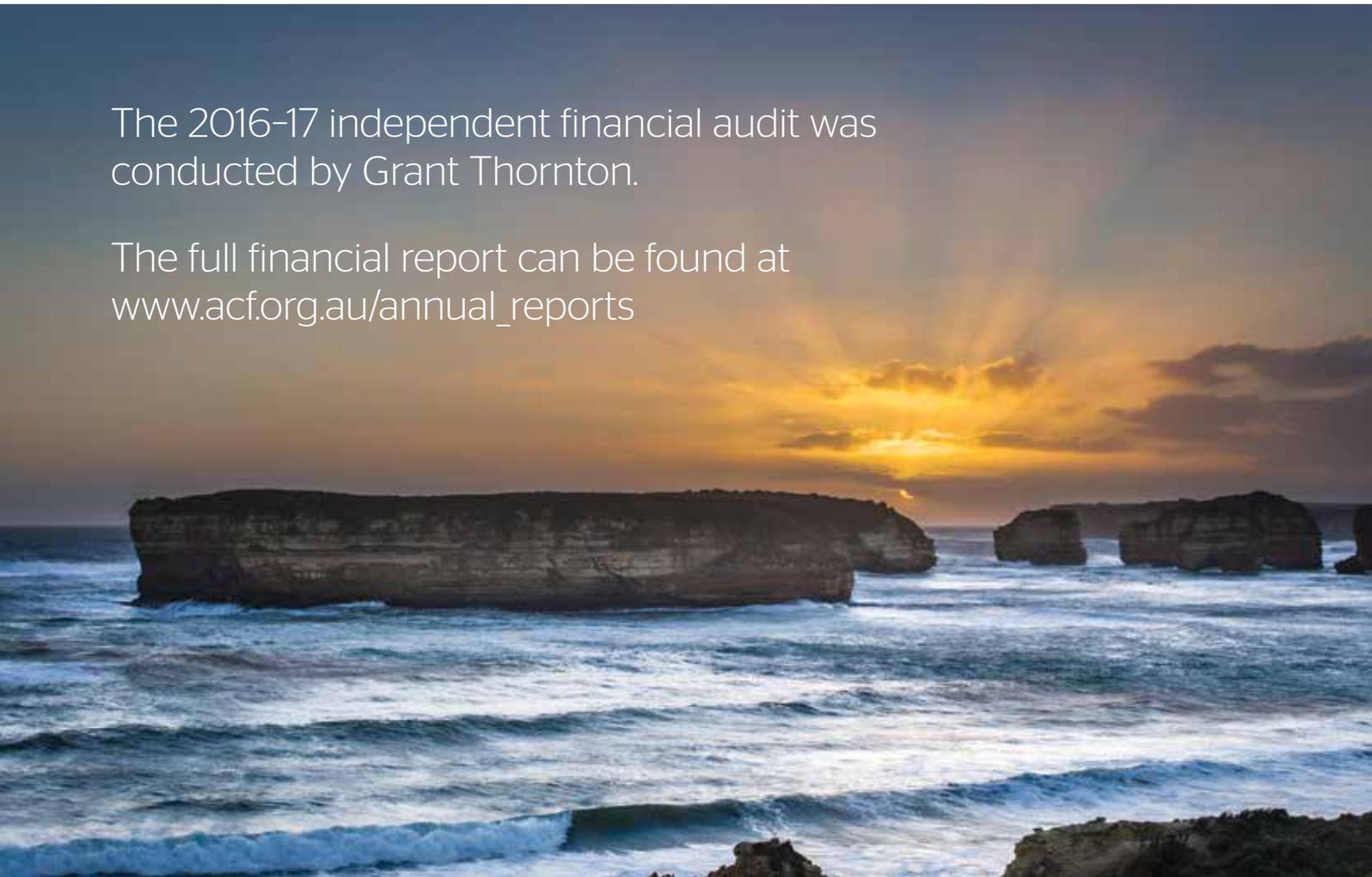
EXPENDITURE \$12.36M



- Environmental initiatives \$6.13m
- Donor care & acquisition \$4.72m
- Administration \$1.02m
- Non-operating activities \$0.48m

The 2016-17 independent financial audit was conducted by Grant Thornton.

The full financial report can be found at www.acf.org.au/annual_reports



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