

A close-up photograph of a branch with several green, serrated leaves, likely from a tree, set against a dark background. The leaves are vibrant green and have a slightly glossy texture. The branch is thin and brown, with small buds visible at the ends of some leaves. The background is a deep, dark green, creating a natural and serene atmosphere.

# Annual Review

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2017–18



The background of the entire page is a close-up photograph of a forest floor. It features vibrant green moss in the foreground and midground, with several small, light-colored mushrooms with gills growing from it. Some fallen leaves in shades of orange and brown are scattered among the moss. The lighting is soft, creating a natural and serene atmosphere.

# Our board

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Steven Macdonald – Treasurer  
Prue Cameron  
Mark Horstman  
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James Dryburgh  
Leanne Minshull

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## President's report

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This Foundation - yours and mine - has grown in keeping with our aim of Action for Earth. The enormity of eight billion people eroding planet Earth's finite biosphere - and currently consuming 160% of its living renewable resources - makes anyone or any organisation's efforts seem puny. But, in saving the Tarkine forests, rivers, shores and wildlife in Tasmania, we are drawing one large line in the sand. And save it we will!

Our campaign for the Tarkine remains against the odds but, in our aims of saving it and returning it to Aboriginal care, we are making a statement for all the world. It is a statement of vibrant hope for future generations. That so many good Australians have joined this campaign is, of itself, a statement of the untapped potential there is for turning around this age of loss of forests, wildlife, coastlines, rivers and human heritage.

While the Tarkine is our headline, the foundation is helping where it can in many other campaigns: for the Hooded Plovers on Victoria's Belfast Beach, the Swift Parrots in Tasmania's Southern Forests, the Minke Whales in the Antarctic Whale Sanctuary, the marine ecosystem of the Great Australian Bight and the world's greatest rock art array threatened with acid exudates from industrialisation on Western Australia's Burrup Peninsula. And the threat to the Great Barrier Reef, and the planet as a whole, of Gautam Adani's proposed colossal coal mine in Queensland.

We work on a wide but well-considered front for Earth. Last year, after we were both arrested for peacefully protesting the logging of the Lapoinya Forest, I joined Jessica Hoyt in a High Court challenge to the Tasmanian government's draconian laws against environmental protest. We won a resounding victory which will help enable campaigns for Australia's wild places and wildlife in every state and territory for all future times.

Here's the truth of it: we could achieve none of this without your generous and ongoing financial support and voluntary involvement in so many ways. Or without the wonderful work of our staff - Steven Chaffer, Jenny Weber, Scott Jordan, Emma Wasson, Sumeena Keshow, Jasmine Wills, Manderlee Anstice - and fantastic volunteers.

So, roll on 2018-19, as we grow and become more able to harness the huge but latent public goodwill for Australia's living environment. We look forward to a year of even greater success for the Tarkine and all of Australia's living environment, and celebration of Earth - our one and only home in the Universe.

**Bob Brown, President**

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## CEO's report

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The best email I received in the last twelve months was just two words from our Campaign Manager Jenny Weber. “We won!”

The full bench of the High Court had just ruled, six to one, to uphold the appeal by Bob Brown and Jessica Hoyt against Tasmania's anti-protest laws, affirming the rights of all Australians to peaceful protest.

And with that, our small organisation had won one of the most important civil rights cases in Australia's modern history, prevailing against a legal armada assembled by the federal government and every state government, except Western Australia.

It was an exhilarating reminder of what can be achieved by a group of dedicated and committed people, supported by a strong community campaign.

Over the past six years, our Foundation has matured into a major player in the Australian environment movement, taking the lead on campaigns of national and international significance.

Our campaigns to protect Tasmania's Tarkine as a World Heritage Area, end native forest logging, halt the expansion of toxic fish farms, protect the wilderness from development, save the Burrup peninsula's one-million rock carvings and Stop Adani are surging ahead.

Ironically, this high profile means that people often assume we are much bigger, and better resourced, than we are, which presents its own challenges.

In fact, we are a small team of just seven staff, bolstered by a fabulous team of volunteers, too many to name.

We receive no funding from government and rely entirely on the support of generous individuals and like-minded organisations. This income is enough to support our work – but only just.

We have achieved some great wins, like last year's High Court victory, but with a more assured income there is so much more we could do.

Our biggest challenge now is to secure substantial ongoing funding, allowing us to concentrate on doing what we do best – Action for Earth.

We are optimistic and defiant.

Join in, support us and help win more victories for Earth.

**Steven Chaffer, CEO**





## Six ways we took action in the last year

### 1.

In a landmark case, Bob Brown & Jessica Hoyt's appeal to the High Court was successful, upholding the right to peaceful protest for all Australians.

### 3.

For the second year running, our activists prevented the destruction of takayna / Tarkine's magnificent Frankland River forests, maintaining a protest camp for 150 days in the heart of this threatened rainforest.

### 5.

Our community led campaign to stop a proposed woodchip export port in Dover, Southern Tasmania, forced the cancellation of the project, saving the local coastal environment and forest habitat of the critically endangered Swift Parrot.

### 2.

Thanks to outstanding work done by Christine Milne for our Foundation, the world's largest rock art gallery, on the Burrup Peninsula in Western Australia's Pilbara, is set for World Heritage Listing.

### 4.

The new film by Patagonia, takayna, produced in conjunction with Bob Brown Foundation, was launched to audiences across Australia and around the world, generating almost 200, 000 signatures calling for protection of takayna / Tarkine.

### 6.

One of the highlights of the year was the completion of a 6-metre-long puppet of a Giant Tasmanian Freshwater Crayfish. Dubbed Asta, from its scientific name *Astacopsis gouldi*, this incredible puppet was built by Snuff Puppets and is a major asset in our Tarkine campaign.





Uncle Kenny Dodd accepting the 2017 Community Environmental Prize on behalf of Reef Defenders.



A family on Kings Run after it was returned to Aboriginal ownership in October 2017.

## Campaigns

### High Court Win

In October 2017, Bob Brown and Jessica Hoyt's High Court challenge to Tasmania's anti-protest laws was upheld in a landmark 6-1 ruling of the full bench of the court. The decision found that parts of Premier Will Hodgman's anti-protest crackdown breached the implied freedom of political communication protected by the constitution, effectively striking down the laws.

### Environment Awards

Our 6th annual Environment Awards were presented at a ceremony in Hobart in September 2017. Environmentalist of the Year was awarded to Adrian Burragubba of the Wangan and Jagalingou people of Central Queensland for his ongoing defense of his land and his people from the onslaught of the Adani mine. Young Environmentalist of the Year went to Murrawah Maroochy Johnson, a Wangan and Jagalingou Traditional Owner and one of the nation's most inspiring, emerging young leaders. The Community Environment Prize was presented to Reef Defenders, a local environment group based around the Whitsundays, for their non-violent direct action campaigns against the scourge of the Adani mine.

### Burrup Rock Art

In 2017, our Foundation engaged Christine Milne to campaign for the listing of the Burrup peninsula, in Western Australia's Pilbarra, as a World Heritage site. With over 1 million rock engravings, this incredible open-air gallery is the largest and oldest collection of petroglyphs on the planet. Yet an industrial zone adjacent to the site is threatening the survival of the engravings, with acid and other pollution eroding the carvings. After working with the Aboriginal traditional owners, extensive lobbying of the WA government and a visit to Norway to meet the company which operates the explosives factory threatening the petroglyphs, Christine announced a breakthrough in August 2018. The WA government will move towards World Heritage listing of the Burrup peninsula, albeit with an unnecessarily protracted timeline. Christine will keep up the pressure on the government to ensure this promise is fulfilled and the Burrup receives the World Heritage protection it deserves.

### Stop Adani

Bob Brown has continued to play a leadership role in the Stop Adani campaign, meeting with traditional owners and speaking at numerous rallies and events, including the Stop Adani summit in Sydney in 2017 and a Stop Adani rally in Hobart. The Foundation provided campaign support by producing and distributing 5,000 Stop Adani bumper stickers across the country, free of charge.

### Kings Run Returned to Aboriginal Ownership

On 9th October 2017, a significant moment in Tasmania's history took place with the transfer of Kings Run, a spectacular property on the takayna / Tarkine coastline, to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community. This handback was made possible thanks to the work of Bob Brown and our Foundation, who secured the funds from private donations that enabled the purchase to proceed. Our Foundation was represented at the handback ceremony by Bob Brown and Jenny Weber, who facilitated meetings with stakeholders around the Kings Run handback and managed media for the event.

### Native Forests – Swift Parrots, No Woodchip Port in Dover

Our campaign to protect the critically endangered Swift Parrot continues to build, focusing attention on logging of Swift Parrot habitat in Tasmania's southern forests. We held demonstrations outside Hobart's Parliament House and submitted a Right To Information request for expert advice to Forestry Tasmania not to log coupes that had nesting parrots in the 2016 breeding season.

With our Foundation's support, the campaign against a new woodchip facility in Dover, Southern Tasmania, was a great success. Our Campaign Manager coordinated public meetings in Hobart and three regional towns with local community members. More than 250 people attended the meetings. At the Huonville, Hobart and Bruny Island meetings, a motion, that the attendees do not want a woodchip export facility in Dover, was passed by a majority. Particularly noteworthy was the crowd of 115 people in Huonville Town Hall on June 19, that voted no to this proposed development. Our Foundation produced a short film which was screened at all the meetings, with appearances by Masaaki Koyama, ANU Swift Parrot scientist Matt Webb and local campaigner Jen Hadaway.



# Campaigns

## Fish Farms

In September 2017, a unique combination of tourism and environment groups filed proceedings in the Federal Court challenging Environment Minister Josh Frydenberg's failure to adequately assess Tassal's proposed fish farm at Okehampton Bay, on Tasmania's east coast. Hearings took place in March 2018 with the court ruling in favour of the Minister. In May 2018, Triabunna Investments, Spring Bay Mill and Bob Brown Foundation lodged an appeal against the decision, with the outcome yet to be announced.

## No Cable Car for Mt Wellington

Bob has played an influential role in the campaign against a cable car on Hobart's iconic kunanyi / Mt Wellington, meeting with executives from Carlton United Brewery, speaking at a 5000 strong rally in Hobart and writing opinion pieces for the Hobart Mercury. Our Foundation's campaigners have also hosted campaign skillshare events with community members in preparation for any direct action that may be required at some future point in the campaign.

## The Balfour Correspondent

In 2017, our Foundation published The Balfour Correspondent, by Tasmanian author James Dryburgh. During 1912, fourteen-year old girl, Sylvia McArthur, wrote to a weekly Tasmanian newspaper from Tasmania's wilds. Her letters from the doomed bush town of Balfour, in the lands we now think of as takayna / Tarkine, have been forgotten for a century. James Dryburgh answers her letters, creating a strangely powerful dialogue across time and space and giving us a powerful sense of the forces that still do battle to shape our existence in this country, and on this earth. All proceeds from sales of the book support our campaigns.

## Action for Earth

In addition to these core issues, our Foundation has supported a number of other environment campaigns around the country.

- Hosting a film night to highlight the plight of the Orange-bellied Parrot.
- Calling for protection of The Gardens of Stone in NSW's Blue Mountains.
- Providing advice and support to the community campaign to stop racehorses training on the beaches of Victoria's Belfast Coastal Reserve.
- Donating \$5,000 to the Federal Court case to prevent logging of Leadbeaters Possum habitat.



James Dryburgh signing copies of The Balfour Correspondent in Burnie.



An Orange-bellied Parrot with a marking tag.



# takayna / Tarkine campaign

## Forest Protest Success

For the second year running, our activists have successfully prevented the logging of two areas of the Frankland River forests in takayna / Tarkine. Our 2018 Conservation Camp involved more than 250 supporters who camped in the forests for a total of 150 days, with a contingent of 20 volunteers spending long periods holding the camp. We released a new short film with stunning aerial footage of the intact forests that are still standing thanks to the efforts of this campaign tactic.

Our campaign team carried out peaceful protests in the Tarkine's remote Rapid River rainforests after logging commenced in January. In three protests, citizens stalled the logging and one protester was arrested after tree-sitting in the threatened forests.

## Patagonia Partnership

In an Australian first, a partnership between Patagonia and our Foundation has leveraged the campaign to protect takayna / Tarkine to a new international audience.

Our Campaign Manager Jenny Weber worked with Patagonia on the production of their new film takayna. Assisting the film crew on their visits to the Tarkine and in post-production, our input helped make a successful film, with footage from our actions on the frontline in the Tarkine. Our CEO Steven Chaffer, and Designer, Manderlee Anstice, were key to this partnership's success.

The film was launched in June 2018 with the international premiere in Burnie. Australian launches followed in Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart and Byron Bay. Rick Ridgeway, Patagonia's Vice-President for Environmental Initiatives and Special Media Projects visited Australia for the launches and toured takayna / Tarkine with Bob Brown. The film is screening internationally and is being shown in all Patagonia stores, with in-store exhibitions of images and information about takayna / Tarkine in Patagonia stores in Shibuya, Osaka, Fukuoka, Yokohama and Sendai in Japan and Honolulu, Atlanta, Portland, Pasadena, Reno and Boulder in the USA.

Patagonia's generous contribution to our campaign in 2017-18 included a grant to complete a business case for the Trans Tarkine Track.

## Vote Tarkine 2018

After careful planning and a major crowdfunding effort, our campaign team embarked on the biggest election campaign the Foundation has undertaken. The campaign kicked off with a large rally on Parliament Lawns in Hobart in November 2017.

Next, our small campaign team achieved the largest environmental march on Hobart's streets in ten years, with more than 1000 people marching through Hobart in February 2018 for takayna / Tarkine. Speakers at the event included Bob Brown, actor Essie Davis, Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre's Theresa Sainty, The Crayfish Man Todd Walsh and Tasmanian Greens Leader Cassy O'Connor.

A vast range of activities were carried out by the Vote Tarkine team, including 20 volunteers who letterboxed 14,000 leaflets, 100 large campaign posters placed in front yards around the state, cinema ads in Hobart, Burnie and Devonport, press ads in the Mercury and Advocate and even a Tarkine bus! Two Metro buses in Burnie and Devonport carried the message It's Time for a takayna / Tarkine National Park. There were banner drops in prominent locations, peaceful demonstrations and public campaign events in Burnie and Launceston.

## 4WD Tracks on the takayna / Tarkine Coast

The Tasmanian Government is still pushing to reopen three tracks on the remote Tarkine coastline to allow off-road vehicle access into the Western Tasmanian Aboriginal Cultural Landscape.

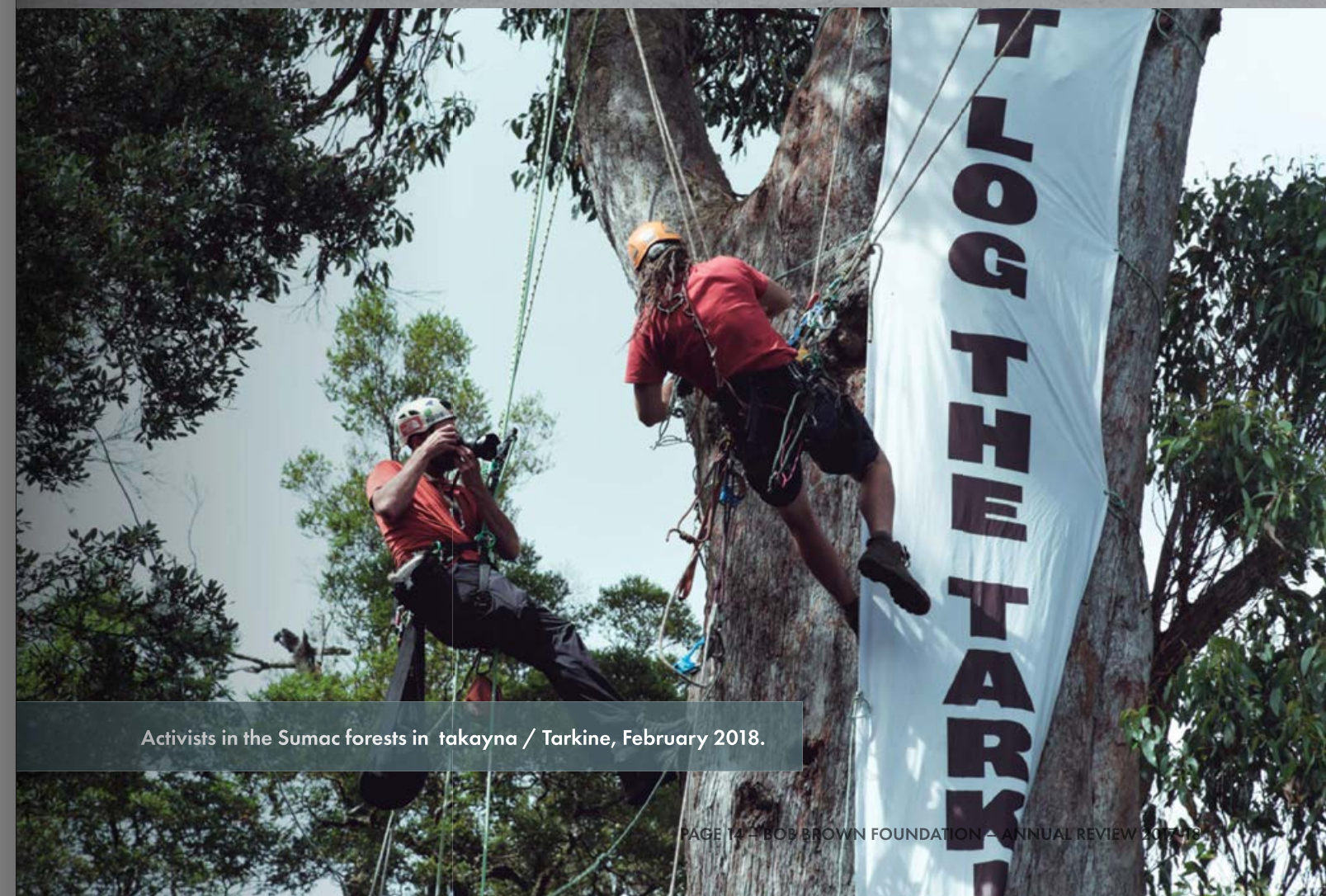
The government wants to lay plastic matting over ancient middens and other Aboriginal heritage sites along the coast to allow off-road vehicle access to 37km of the fragile National Heritage listed coastline. The previous government closed the tracks into this area because of the damage that was being done to the Aboriginal cultural landscape, including hut and burial sites and middens.

Because of the risk to these Aboriginal values, and threatened species like the Tasmanian Devil and Orange-bellied Parrot, the federal government has requested an assessment by the Tasmanian Dept of Primary Industries before the Federal Environment Minister makes a final decision.

During 2017/18 we continued our campaign to call for this region to remain closed to off-road vehicles. We have



Bob Brown leads the March for takayna / Tarkine in Hobart. Joining Bob is (left the right) Jasmine Wills, Scott Jordan, Nick McKim, Essie Davis, Theresa Sainty, Cassy O'Connor, Todd Walsh and Jenny Weber.



Activists in the Sumac forests in takayna / Tarkine, February 2018.





Volunteers look for native orchids during the 2017 BioBlitz.



Sustainable Living Festival attendees watch our 360-degree films in Melbourne.

## takayna / Tarkine campaign

continued our campaign in solidarity and partnership with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre. Our campaign activities have included distributing the takayna books into all the state schools in Tasmania, holding demonstrations outside the Federal Environment Minister's office and State Liberal MPs' offices and providing a platform for representatives of the Aboriginal community to speak at our rallies, marches, public meetings and join us on country in takayna at both Tarkine in Motion and BioBlitz.

In 2017, Jenny Weber and Bob Brown met with the Federal Department of Environment and organised a helicopter trip for their staff, Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre representatives and Bob to visit the Tarkine coast in September. Our campaign for online submissions garnered more than 1000 responses opposing the reopening of the tracks and subsequently the Minister declared the off-road vehicle tracks an 'action' under the EPBC Act.

We will continue to rally community opposition to the re-opening of the tracks and are preparing to take direct action against any operations on the coast if they are approved by the Federal Government.

### Trans Tarkine Track

Our proposal for a 100 km walking track traversing takayna / Tarkine is moving closer to reality with the completion of a consultant's report confirming strong market demand for a walking experience like the Trans Tarkine Track. Based on these results we have moved to the next stage of the process, commissioning a detailed business case for the project, assessing its commercial viability, which can be presented to government and other potential funders.

### BioBlitz 2017

BioBlitz 2017 was another great success with 160 participants, survey leaders and volunteers heading into takayna / Tarkine to document the biodiversity of the region. Burnie High School's participation was a great success once again and on the first day of the event, the 'crayfish man', Todd Walsh, found the second-biggest Tasmanian Giant Freshwater Crayfish he's ever caught. In 2017 we also held WildBlitz, in the more remote rainforests and coastal regions of takayna / Tarkine. The observations at BioBlitz and WildBlitz, including photographs and scientific data, have been shared via short films and online

biodiversity databases.

For over three years now, our Tarkine BioBlitz has compiled perhaps the most extensive invertebrate dataset for takayna / Tarkine, but a lot of work still needs to be done in the region. The 2017 Tarkine BioBlitz recorded, at last count, 375 species ranging from slime moulds and fungi to birds and frogs. The experts are still working on the invertebrate and bryophyte samples; it can take many months to sort and identify hundreds of samples under the microscope. When that work is done, the species count will likely double and, in those highly diverse groups, we expect some interesting discoveries. For example, in the first Tarkine BioBlitz in 2016, bryologist Paddy Dalton found a liverwort species previously not recorded from Tasmania.

### Tarkine in Motion 2018

Now in its fourth year, the Tarkine in Motion field trip saw two hundred artists and volunteers participate in Australia's biggest environmental arts project over the Easter weekend. Artists were based in eight camps from the coast to the rainforests, producing art that not only promotes the beauty of takayna / Tarkine to the wider world but provides our Foundation with a wonderful library of campaign images.

### Lobbying Canberra

In August 2017, our campaign team embarked on their first lobbying trip to Parliament House in Canberra. Scott Jordan and Jenny Weber held ten meetings with Federal ALP and government ministers and senators, including the ALP Shadow Environment Minister, advisers to Bill Shorten and then Environment Minister Josh Frydenberg.

### 360-degree Films

In January 2018, three new 360-degree films about takayna / Tarkine were produced in partnership with Bob Brown Foundation. These films have since screened in Melbourne, the Blue Mountains in NSW, Hobart and overseas at the Cannes Film Festival.



# Fundraising

## Falls Festival Loo Crew

Each year, 100 volunteers and a dozen staff manage the composting toilets at Falls Festival Marion Bay on behalf of the Foundation. They not only do an amazing job in maintaining a zero-waste facility at this huge music festival, but in the process, they earn some \$15,000 to support the Foundation's campaigns.

## Into takayna / Tarkine

Our second fundraising trek set took place in March 2018 with eight intrepid adventurers setting out to spend a week on a guided walk through the forests and mountains, and along the Aboriginal Heritage coastline, of takayna / Tarkine. Each of the participants raised funds for the Foundation, collecting a total of over \$25,000.

## Crowdfunding

In the last twelve months we have conducted two very successful crowdfunding events raising a total of \$117,274. Crowdfunding is a wonderful way to involve a new community of supporters in our work and to broaden our fundraising base. These two crowdfunding campaigns involved a total of 1238 supporters, with approximately 40% of these being new to the Foundation. Our Vote Tarkine crowdfunder launched early in 2018 and raised over \$68,255 with 748 supporters taking part. Our second campaign was to fund Tarkine in Motion 2018 and this crowdfunder brought in \$49,019 from 490 supporters.

## Music for takayna

Organised by volunteer Emily Hayes and our Melbourne Campaigner Emma Wasson in August 2018, Music for takayna saw Fitzroy Town Hall filled to capacity with over 300 people enjoying an evening of music and song, with over 100 performers providing the entertainment on the night. Raising over \$11,000, the event was a great success, not only at generating funds for the Foundation but introducing new supporters, with over 85% of the guests new to the campaign.

## Key Supporters

Thanks so much to those of you that have chosen to be a Key Supporter this year. The generous support you provide via your multi-year pledge gives great impact to our core campaign work all year around. This year, some of you have helped fund projects like 'Tarkine in Motion', some chose to support the important campaign against industrial fish-farm expansions and others wanted to back Bob as he takes the fight to 'Stop Adani' right across the country. Thank you!

If you'd like to learn more about becoming a Key Supporter and how to pledge an annual gift to support our projects, please contact us so we can help identify the best way for you to realise your charitable giving goals, further engage with our campaigns and get closer to our direct-action programs.

## Gifts in Wills

This year we've been humbled by the wonderful supporters who have spoken with us about leaving a gift in their Will to Bob Brown Foundation. To all of you that we have chatted with on the phone, met with over a cuppa and even video-called, thank you for your time, care and interest in choosing to support our work in this way.

By making a bequest to Bob Brown Foundation, you will ensure your wish for the ongoing protection of wild, natural places of Australia is respected. You can opt to make a gift of as much or as little as you feel is right. Every gift, large or small, is significant.

If you are considering making a gift in your Will, please feel free to ask us for more information or visit our website and look for the 'Gifts in Wills' page.

If you've already chosen to include Bob Brown Foundation in your Will, please let us know – we'd love the opportunity to thank you for your important contribution and welcome you as partners in our work.

## Regular Giving

Our supporters who make a regular monthly donation support our campaigns throughout the year. There has been a small increase in the number of our supporters choosing to give monthly, and we hope to see more people choosing to sign-on in the coming year. These donations are at the centre of our funding, enabling us to plan and work strategically to protect Australia's wild places and helping us remain agile and able to respond urgently when unique natural places are under threat. Thanks so much to all of you that make this vital contribution to our work each month.

## Workplace Giving

We are pleased to announce we offer our supporters the option of making donations via their workplace, with a tax-deductible gift straight from their payroll. Workplace Giving is an excellent way to make charitable donations from your salary before tax, potentially reducing your taxable income. Some employers even choose to match their employees' donations dollar-for-dollar! If you'd like to know how to set up your workplace giving donations, please contact us and we'll send more information to you and/or your employer.





## Philanthropy and partnerships

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Bob Brown Foundation relies exclusively on the goodwill and generosity of individuals and like-minded organisations. We are fiercely independent, and your support empowers us to take Action for Earth.

**We'd like to gratefully acknowledge the ongoing support of Patagonia, especially Shannon Bourke.**

### Special thanks

The following people, groups and organisations have provided generous support during 2017-2018.

Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania, A Festival Called Panama, Nicole Anderson, Bit League, Alexandra Chernov, Diversicon Environmental Foundation, Michelle Dyer at Harvest Feast, Nick Fitzgerald, Fullers Bookshop, Emily Hayes, Erik Hayward, Marie & Patrick at Help Yourself Wholefoods, Hope-Suds, Anthony Houston, Maree Jenkins, Keep Tassie Wild, Lush Charity Pot, Christine Milne, Colin & Leree Roden, Theresa & Rocky Sainty, Lisa Searle, Markets for Change & Peg Putt, Small Giants, Snuff Puppets, Southern Swan, Marie & John at Summer Kitchen, Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, Tertini Family Foundation, Paul Thomas, Keith Venton, Todd Walsh, Karl & Andrea Williams and Graeme Wood.

**Thank you to all our members for their ongoing support, year after year, helping us to take Action for Earth together.**

### Bequests

We gratefully acknowledge the Ashton-Nixon bequest with a gift in memory of Stephen Ashton from Rosemary Nixon and family. This lasting legacy, in honour of Steve and his passion for wilderness, is supporting the campaign to protect takayna / Tarkine forever.

### In memory

Margaret Perkins in New York, USA donated in memory of her father Bill Perkins who grew up in North West Tasmania.

### In celebration

Richard Smith donated in celebration of Maggie and Grant's 10th wedding anniversary in February 2018.

Bob Brown Foundation is a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission. We are an incorporated not-for-profit, non-government organisation and have membership with peak bodies for fundraising and philanthropy in Australia. Please contact us if you would like to know more about our membership to these professional industry groups.







Bob Brown and Asta, the Tasmanian Giant Freshwater Crayfish, at the Sustainable Living Festival in Melbourne.



Activists outside of the Leaders Debate in Burnie during the Tasmanian State Election in 2018.

## Melbourne and Burnie offices in action

Apart from our Hobart headquarters, we have two other offices. In Burnie, on the doorstep of the Tarkine in northwest Tasmania and in the heart of Melbourne.

These offices are critical to our campaigns in very different ways. Our Tarkine Campaigner, Scott Jordan, works out of the Burnie office and plays an important role in facilitating the many actions and events that take place in takayna / Tarkine and nearby communities.

Our Melbourne-based Campaigner Emma Wasson has the important role of mobilising the population in the nearest mainland city to takayna / Tarkine. Growing public support in a large capital city like Melbourne is a critical driver to the success of environment campaigns and Emma is steadily increasing public awareness of the issues we are working on, with a particular focus on takayna / Tarkine.

### Melbourne

Over the last twelve months, Emma Wasson has coordinated a diverse range of activities in Melbourne, including street protests, public meetings, art exhibitions and fundraising events.

Assisted by a wonderful team of volunteers, Emma organised several peaceful protests outside the electorate office of then Environment Minister Josh Frydenberg. These protests were an opportunity to deliver signed campaign postcards to the Minister and remind him, on a regular basis, that the takayna / Tarkine is an issue that continues to grow.

Hundreds of people attended an art exhibition at the Australian Catholic University in Melbourne and a major Tarkine-themed public event at Federation Square in late 2017. Emma has also arranged numerous screenings of our campaign films across Melbourne and surrounds.

The Foundation had a major presence at the 2018 Sustainable Living Festival in Melbourne, with Asta the Giant Tasmanian Freshwater Crayfish puppet (built by Snuff Puppets with a grant from Lush Charity Pot) making its spectacular debut, delighting and terrifying the crowd in equal measure. Bob delivered a keynote address at the festival to a full house and our new 360-degree films proved hugely popular with Melbournians keen for a taste of the magic of takayna / Tarkine.

Emma's Regular Tarkine Action Group meetings have encouraged supporters and members of the public to learn more about takayna / Tarkine campaign and increase their involvement in the range of actions taking place in and around Melbourne.



# Burnie

Our Burnie office is the centre of operations for all our activities in takayna / Tarkine and events on Tasmania’s northwest coast. Working out of this office, Scott Jordan, our Tarkine Campaigner, was the lynchpin for our protest camps in the Frankland and Rapid River forests, coordinating the massive logistical exercise of supporting 300 volunteers for 150 days in these remote forests.

Scott is a vigilant campaigner on the mining threats to takayna / Tarkine, ensuring that mining companies, and the government, are held to the law.

In September 2017, when the Tasmanian Government proposed legislation to remove environmental reports from mine lease assessments, Scott lobbied the Tasmanian Legislative Council and briefed the Councilors. Scott appeared at a Senate inquiry into mining remediation in October 2017, with the Foundation the only environment NGO represented at the Tasmanian hearing in Burnie.

During the 2018 Tasmanian State Election campaign, and the Braddon by-election, Scott and his team of volunteers spent many hours distributing leaflets, putting up posters and conducting peaceful demonstrations during visits by Malcolm Turnbull and Bill Shorten. Scott organised a public meeting with candidates, a rally with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre outside the State Liberals’ office in Burnie and a front page story in the Advocate.

In June 2018, the international launch of Patagonia’s film, takayna, was held in Burnie, playing to a packed cinema with local guests and representatives from Patagonia’s Australian head office, Bob Brown Foundation staff and supporters and members of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community.

Other events organised from the Burnie office include a book launch of our publication, The Balfour Correspondent and hosting a Tarkine in Motion exhibition in Burnie Central Plaza for 13 months.

# Our supporters

Over the last 12 months, our supporter and member numbers have continued to grow steadily, with a 21% increase in supporters and 26% increase in membership.

	Sept 2018	Sept 2017
Total Supporters	29,176	24,180
Members	179	136





## Our staff

We value the passion, commitment and hard work that all our staff bring to our campaigns to protect the natural world.

In addition to our permanent staff members, in 2017-18 we were fortunate to be able to employ additional staff for several short-term projects. Special thanks to Erik Hayward, Lisa Searle, Sue Hayes, Jasmine Wills and Laura Dakin for all their wonderful work.

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**Steven Chaffer**  
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Campaign Manager

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**Scott Jordan**  
Tarkine Campaigner

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**Emma Wasson**  
Campaigner

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**Jasmine Wills**  
Executive Assistant

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**Manderlee Anstice**  
Graphic Designer  
and Digital Campaigner

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Tasmania 7320

## Our volunteers

We are a movement that relies on the commitment and goodwill of so many wonderful volunteers. They have spent weeks in the freezing cold of a Tarkine forest, helped our offices run smoothly, staffed stalls and assisted with countless events. Here are just a few examples of the many ways that volunteers have been taking Action for Earth with us.

### Office Help

We have a brilliant group of regular volunteers who come in to our offices every week to help with a diverse range of tasks. Filing, data entry, phone calls, archiving, banking, mail...the list is endless. Thankfully, so is the generosity of our office volunteers. Big thanks to this brilliant team of helpers!

### BioBlitz 2017

Our hugely popular citizen science weekend is made possible by a team of volunteers covering every aspect of the event from cooking to catching moths. An organising team of 20 volunteers cover the logistics of the weekend, with 16 scientists volunteering as survey leaders. A festival of science in nature, delivered by a team of volunteers who love takayna / Tarkine.

### Moving Offices

No one likes moving, but thanks to ten fantastic volunteers, our relocation to new offices was done in just three days.

### Vote Tarkine Rally

One of our biggest events of 2017, the Vote Tarkine rally on Hobart's parliament lawns, was a great event thanks to 25 energetic volunteers who staffed stalls, collected donations, marshalled the crowds and held banners.

### Action in the Forests

Volunteers were the heart and soul of three protests we organised in takayna / Tarkine's Rapid River rainforests, which were being logged at the time. Over three days, 100 volunteers made the trip into this remote area to highlight the destruction of these ancient rainforests.

### Conservation Camp Success

For the second year running, our Frankland River Conservation Camp prevented the logging of these magnificent forests. But only because over 250 volunteers managed to hold the camp for 150 days, through searing summers days and frosty winter nights.

### Loo Crew

Three days of maintaining composting toilets at the Falls Festival might not sound like a dream come true but a festival ticket, hot showers, delicious food and a team of 70 friendly volunteers make up for it. This is a major fundraising event for the Foundation and one that depends entirely on volunteers, so huge thanks to the Loo Crew team.



# Statement of comprehensive income

(For year ended 30 June 2017)

Income	2017 - 18	2016-17
Bequests	168,772	49,320
Donations	665,050	540,245
Grants received	144,166	51,061
Membership fees	12,636	15,173
Sales and events	170,403	225,692
Other	24,474	53,314

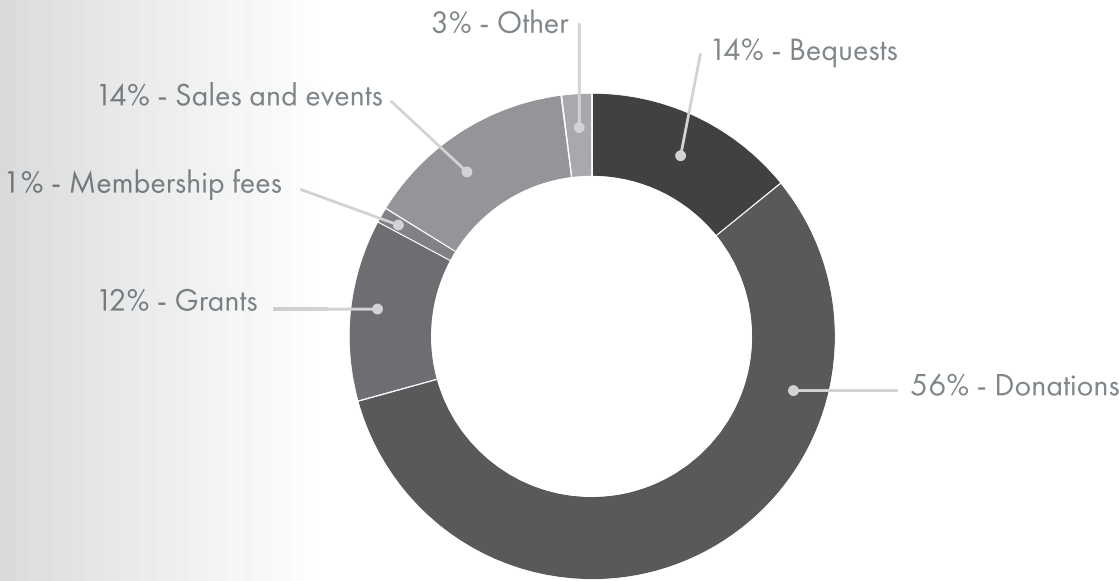
Total income	1,185,501	934,805
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Expenses		
Campaigns	827,076	502,884
Fundraising	142,026	146,452
Operations	210,595	139,386

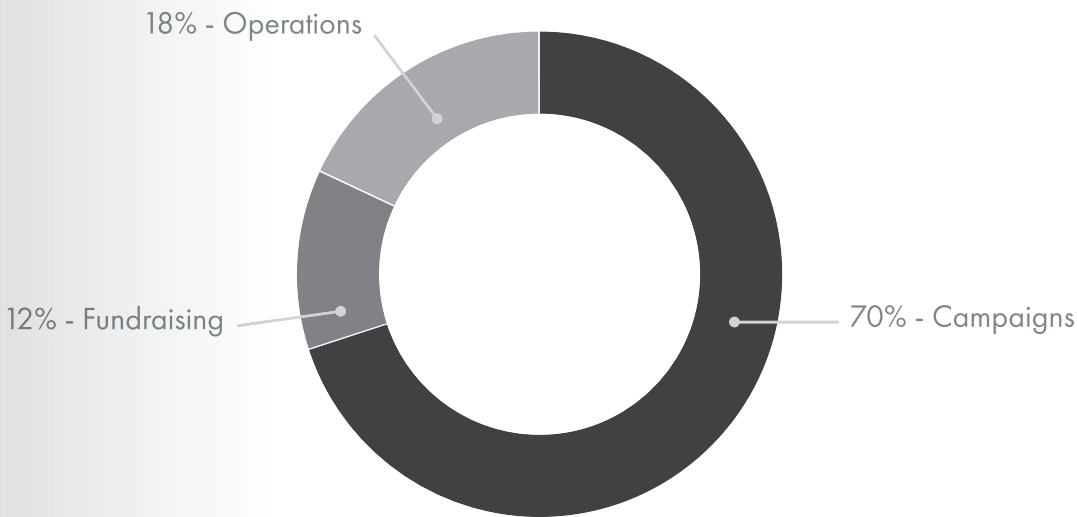
Total expenses	1,179,697	788,722
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Net surplus/ (deficit) for the year	5,804	146,083
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## Income



## Expenses



This is an extract from the full audited financial statements of Bob Brown Foundation. This extract does not provide a comprehensive statement of the financial position of Bob Brown Foundation and is simply intended to provide a broad overview of financial activity. The full audited financial statements are available from [contact@bobbrown.org.au](mailto:contact@bobbrown.org.au)





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