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Conservation
Council SA



Electric car charger and mural at The Joinery
Image Matthew Turner

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Image DEWNR



We are
the shared
voice for the
environment in
South Australia

ABOUT US

For nearly 50 years, Conservation SA has been committed to protecting, restoring and conserving South Australia's unique natural environments and promoting a more sustainable future for our state.

WHAT WE DO

Members

We represent nearly 60 member groups across SA.

Advocacy

We speak up and act on a range of issues.

Projects

We work with people and nature.

The Joinery

We host SA's community environment space.

*Mosaic leatherjacket
Image Paul Macdonald*



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

At Conservation SA we've had an exciting year in 2015-16 with new developments and some great wins. This comes at a time when our great state is facing some big choices about the future we want.

The recent blackout and the attempt to pin the blame on our world-leading investment in renewable energy technology shows there is still much work to be done before our transition from dirtier to cleaner sources of energy is complete.

Meanwhile the pursuit of a high level nuclear waste dump is a frustrating distraction from so much more important work that needs to be done.

Reluctantly we have been forced to focus a large amount of attention this year on the follow up to the Nuclear Royal Commission's report, and the parallel attempt to impose a low and intermediate level waste national waste dump on a totally unsuitable site in the Flinders Ranges.

Ultimately, we believe the significant and serious concerns about safety, security and environmental and social impact have been underplayed. We have no choice but to respond. Our state can do so much better.

On a more positive note, as a member of the Great Australian Bight Alliance, we were delighted with the withdrawal by BP from their exploration program in some of the most wild and precious waters in the world.

This is another example of where the risks were too great and where the impact of environmental NGOs is critical in shaping the public debate and ensuring the right outcome for our state.

As the state's peak body, we're not just reactive to other people's agendas, we are also actively creating the future we all want.

Our projects in the Fleurieu, off our coasts, along the River Murray, and in our nature spaces continue to show better ways of managing our land and water and exposing nature to those who normally don't get a chance to experience it.

Equally, our experiment at the Joinery continues to go from strength to strength.

Over the past couple of years we have transformed a derelict building in the heart of the city into a vibrant and attractive meeting place for those who care about nature and sustainability.

We are thrilled to say the Joinery is now abuzz with events, training and people.

In just the past six months we have created South Australia's first electric car share, installed new batteries to boost our solar power, and now have a demonstration Rain Garden and a new community kitchen.

Our most recent arrivals are four chooks that live in the community garden (a partnership with Common Ground affordable housing agency) who live on the food scraps from our new Depot Collective Café.

The Nature of SA partnership project we co-sponsor with the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) is offering a rare bright spot in the area of biodiversity policy that has been hit hard over the last few years. This project is ambitiously attempting to re-imagine the relationship of South Australians to nature to ensure better protection in the future.

Over the past six months we have been especially reflecting on our challenges and opportunities through the preparation of our next three year strategic plan. While the ultimate focus is on how we can increase our influence, relevance and impact, an equal challenge is our financial sustainability.

We deliver an extraordinary amount of public good, but funding for public good is reducing rapidly. Government support is shrinking and the demand on philanthropists and donors is growing.

We are actively developing social enterprises, such as the Depot Collective Café at the Joinery that will in time create an independent source of income. But our ability to keep on having an impact is still heavily reliant on our generous supporters. And we need their help now more than ever.

And finally, with huge sadness we note the passing of two of our most important elders, leaders and friends: John Sibly, AM (President 1977-1983) and Margaret Bolster, AM (President 1999-2001); both courageous individuals who made immense contributions to SA conservation over their lifetimes.

Thank you again to all our wonderful and hard working staff, volunteers, representatives on Boards and Committees, and Executive Committee members.

We simply couldn't do it without you.

Craig Wilkins and Nadia McLaren
October 2016



Chief Executive Craig Wilkins - Image Matthew Turner



President Nadia McLaren



Image Matthew Turner

IN OUR COMMUNITY

THE JOINERY

The Joinery is a space for South Australians to connect and create a better future together. As the 'front door' for the environment, the Joinery is home to a fantastic mix of environment, sustainability and community groups.

In the past year, the Joinery has gone from strength to strength, with the installation of new batteries as part of the Joinery Energy Project and the launch of South Australia's first electric share car by GoGet among the key improvements.



Joinery volunteer and Bike SA Secretary Brian Jenkins - Image Matthew Turner

The community garden has continued to grow, with support and maintenance from affordable housing agency Common Ground.

The garden is also now home to four chickens, with one christened by Costa from Gardening Australia on his recent visit to the Adelaide Sustainability Centre.



A rare quiet moment at The Depot Collective Cafe
Image Matthew Turner

In 2015-16 the sustainability-focussed Depot Collective Café opened in the Joinery as a social enterprise partner of Conservation SA, meaning part proceeds of all catering and café orders go towards supporting our work.

Alongside the cafe's daily operations, the Depot team provide catering and bar services for numerous events for groups hiring spaces at the Joinery, including government agencies and community organisations.

The welcome point of the Joinery - our reception desk - is staffed by a team of wonderful volunteers from Conservation SA and building tenants Conservation Volunteers Australia.



Community dinner in The Joinery Exhibition Space

SUSTAINABLE LIVING

Adelaide Sustainability Centre (ASC)

The Adelaide Sustainability Centre opened in August 2015 in partnership with the Adelaide Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board and Conservation SA.

Located on the ground floor at the Joinery, the Adelaide Sustainability Centre is committed to finding practical ways to inspire change and build capacity in our community to live sustainably.



The Adelaide Sustainability Centre, hosted at The Joinery
Image Matthew Turner

The centre provides a range of community and environmental services including reference material and referrals, volunteer programs, workshops, events, training and field days, information, recycling, resources and equipment.

In 2015-16 the centre received 480 visitors and delivered 22 events to 510 people, 11 of those events sold out. Events included children's school holiday workshops, film nights and guest speakers focussing on environmental issues, water sensitive urban design, local food production, native foods and the art of repair.

There is a team of seven regular project-based volunteers working at the ASC.



Workshop with Costa from Gardening Australia
Image Sam Ryan

Sports Club Sustainability Project

In conjunction with the Office for Recreation and Sport, Conservation SA has developed a training program for sports club representatives to skill them up for reducing club environmental impacts and associated costs.

At Environment and Sustainability Champions Training club reps learn the basics of energy and water efficiency for the club environment, how to incorporate sustainability in to club governance structures, how to conduct a DIY energy and water audit at the club, how to develop an action plan and find funding to make change happen. All this and more is covered in our comprehensive Environmental Sustainability Guide for Sport and Recreation Clubs, which club reps will receive at their training session.

Environment and Sustainability Champions Training sessions will be rolled out from November 2016, in partnership with councils across SA, and are free of charge for participating clubs.

NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

The Nature of SA

Our natural environments and their wildlife are cherished and loved by many South Australians, and provide us with our sense of place, our identity, and underpin our lifestyles, and much of our livelihoods. But our nature is changing.



Image DEWNR

Conservation SA is working with a range of SA environmental NGOs, the Department of Environment, Water & Natural Resources (DEWNR) & Primary Industries & Regions SA (PIRSA) on the Nature of SA project, which seeks to tackle questions such as what can we do to conserve as much of SA's biodiversity as possible.

The prompt for this is the state's Nature Conservation Strategy, No Species Loss expiring next year. Rather than producing a document that doesn't get read, we want to change the narrative for individuals and politicians by constantly reminding them how important nature is to the people of SA.

This is in the context where the amount of influence and resources that the environment sector has to work with has decreased.

How we talk about nature, redefining biodiversity goals in increasingly modified landscapes, working together to make decisions, developing new partnerships and driving implementation at a meaningful scale are just some of the key themes that have emerged so far.

The early work will be presented at a summit in February 2017 before broader consultation.



Image DEWNR

HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS

Reef Watch

Established in 1997, Reef Watch is a multi-award winning citizen science program, training volunteers to monitor the health of both underwater and coastal rocky reefs in SA. The data contributes to improved environmental management of our beautiful reefs.

This year 50 trainees were provided with training in dive surveys and coastal reef surveys. In total more than 220 volunteers were involved in monitoring nine reefs in the Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges Region.

Reef Watch also participated in 25 community events, with exposure to more than 25,000 people, including: two BioBlitz's at Hallett Cove and St Kilda run by the UniSA Discovery Circle; partnering with Experiencing Marine Sanctuaries to provide reef rambles and community snorkel days on the Eyre Peninsula and at Second Valley; EcoBeach day with Onkaparinga Council; reef rambles at a number of locations; and a poster presentation at the inaugural Australian Citizen Science Association conference in Canberra.

Reef Watch will be entering its 20th year in November 2016 – this is a major milestone! We look forward to celebrating.

This work would not be possible without the support of the Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board.

Feral or In Peril

This program works with the coastal community in order to develop and support an early warning network of ocean users who can identify and report invasive marine species. The ability to act on potential invasions as early as possible is critical in keeping fish habitats healthy, so our volunteers can report in real time via an internet-based reporting system. Marine pest reports are sent to Biosecurity SA and, depending on the species, also to university researchers and sometimes to other government agencies.

Our dive volunteers undertake regular marine pest surveys at six underwater reefs in the Adelaide and Fleurieu region. This year 76 volunteers undertook 55 marine pest surveys.

For the first time this year, we held a special marine pest survey event, with 15 volunteers in two boats surveying the area between Hallett Cove and Marino, approximately 3 km of coastline. Fortunately no marine pest species were seen.



Leafy Seadragon
Image Paul Macdonald

European shore crabs continue to be seen at Aldinga reef and these reports are passed on to Biosecurity SA, researchers at Flinders University and to the Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board (AMLR NRM) Board.

This work would not have been possible without the support of the AMLR NRM Board and the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources.

Swamps and Emu-wrens

On the spectacular Fleurieu Peninsula, we have unique but critically endangered wetlands, fittingly named the Fleurieu Swamps. The Swamps are home to small declining populations of the endangered Mount Lofty Ranges Southern Emu-wren (MLRS Emu-wren), a very shy and cryptic small bird.

For more than 20 years our project has tackled the recovery of Fleurieu Swamp habitat, its plants and animals and the MLRS Emu-wren by keeping a close eye on changes occurring (both good and bad), developing solutions and empowering critical stakeholders to implement recovery actions.



MLRS Emu-wren
Image Martin Stokes

The Mount Lofty Ranges Southern Emu-wren populations continue to decline with recent analysis suggesting that they may now be critically endangered (previously they were endangered). However this does not mean there is no hope, in fact the opposite is true. The project convened a crisis intervention workshop to develop priority recovery strategies.

A positive finding from our emu-wren monitoring was record population densities at one particular site. This suggests that the habitat at this site was ideal (the right structure and the right plants) for the emu-wrens. We continue to investigate their habitat needs and use this knowledge to direct habitat management and restoration in the future.

This year our team has had the pleasure of working with Fleurieu Swamp newcomers to share our love of these critically endangered wetlands. We have also progressed our Swamp System Pilot (a joint venture between us and landholders), from planning phase to implementation. This included being awarded a grant that funded weed mapping work that the landholders had identified as priorities.

Throughout the year we continued to advocate for biodiversity, undertook regular monitoring and supported the nature conservation work of others. Our webpage has also been updated and it highlights the genuine care and commitment that landholders invest in the Fleurieu Swamps (refer to the landholder profiles).

The upcoming year presents many opportunities to once again engage with landholders to conduct swamp site assessments (monitoring) and listen to their views about the changes they have seen in their swamps over the past 10 years.



Swampfest 2015 at Stipiturus Conservation Park
Image Adelaide Mt Lofty Ranges Natural Resource Management



Orange fungus at Stipiturus Conservation Park
Image Adelaide Mt Lofty Ranges Natural Resource Management

COMMUNITY CONNECTING TO NATURE

Nature for You

In 2015 we started a program to provide safe, nature-based experiences for disadvantaged South Australians. The activities are simple, easy, safe and supported. We break down barriers such as transport, distance, fear, not knowing where to go, and in some cases, access fees.

The activities are designed to enhance relaxation, to encourage reflection and engagement, to enjoy freedom and peace, and to foster a connection with nature. All of this enhances physical, mental and social wellbeing. Focus groups and other forms of feedback confirm that participants gain significant personal benefits from engaging with these activities.

Participants come from a range of disadvantaged groups including migrants, people impacted by homelessness and mental health issues, and low income groups. So far, more than 220 people, from 17 different countries, have engaged with our nature activities.

"I found that a whole weight just lifted... it was the biggest relief I've found in maybe a year or two." - Nature for You participant

We are continuing to run these activities and in addition we are developing a 'nature broker' service for social services organisations to put them in touch with environmental groups who can offer a variety of nature-based activities. Social services organisations indicated to us that even though they recognise the great benefits of time in nature and would like to encourage their clients to get involved, there is no 'one stop shop' for this information, and they don't have the time to research it, so this kind of service will provide an ideal platform for these groups.



Nature for You participants at Deep Creek Conservation Park

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering is a fantastic way for South Australians to connect with nature and make a real difference to the environment and conservation in our state.

Conservation SA is fortunate to host an ever-growing team of wonderful volunteers in 2015-16.

Reef Watch remains Conservation SA's biggest volunteer program, with hundreds of active volunteers working with our team on coastal and marine conservation.

As The Joinery goes from strength to strength, we welcome the continued support of our invaluable volunteer team, who assist with events, donations processing, reception and customer support, and other vital functions.

Volunteers are also at the fore in our campaign and outreach work, from running our stall at Womad to supporting events in regional centres around South Australia.

Conservation SA extends our deepest thanks to the generous people who donate their time, expertise and enthusiasm to our organisation.



Joinery volunteer Briana Han with Conservation SA staff member Kathryn Warhurst
Image Matthew Turner

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

As the voice for the environment, Conservation SA is regularly approached by national and local media as the go-to source for expert commentary on conservation in our state.

In 2015-16, Conservation SA was featured on national TV, radio and print media, with multi-channel coverage of our events and campaigns and a strong social media presence.



Chief Executive Craig Wilkins speaking to the media
Image Matthew Turner

AWARDS



DEWNR Chief Executive Sandy Pitcher with 2015 Jill Hudson Award winners Karina and Rose Lester

Conservation SA's annual Environment Awards celebrate our community's outstanding contributions to the field of environment and conservation in our state.

In a ceremony on December 17 Conservation SA President Nadia McLaren presented awards to:

- **Karina and Rose Lester** as joint winners of the **Jill Hudson Award**. The 2015 Award focuses on Rose and Karina's work around the Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission process, advocating for consultation with Aboriginal communities and bringing attention to the barriers presented for people in the community.
- **Janet Walton**, who was honoured with the **Unsung Hero Award** for her sustained contribution to protecting South Australia's environment. For the past nine years Janet has been based in Coober Pedy, with her 'patch' covering thousands of square kilometres. Janet works to manage natural resources alongside pastoralists who have been on the land and survived in arid SA for generations.
- **Brianiee Albrighton**, who received the **Young Achievers Award** for her commitment to inspiring young people to be champions for the environment. Brianiee is a passionate advocate for nature in SA and a valuable contributor to our state's conservation sector.

A **Special Award** was presented to the family of Tom Hands (deceased) for his work with The Friends of the Scott Creek Conservation Park.

Conservation SA acknowledges all those who were nominated, and the many others working in their own way to support conservation and sustainability in South Australia.



Image Kathy Whitta

ADVOCACY AND CAMPAIGNS

CLIMATE CHANGE AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

During 2015-16, with the generous support of the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, Conservation SA worked to raise community awareness and build community capacity on the issue of climate change. We did this in a variety of ways.

ENERGY TRANSITION

We believe it is critical that civil society, industry and community groups come together to help our state tackle the technical, social and economic challenges of de-carbonising our electricity grid. We consulted with industry and union partners to develop basic principles that should underpin our energy transition.

Then in May 2016, we co-hosted a 'New Jobs in a Transforming Economy' Forum with the Adelaide Festival of Ideas attended by nearly 400 participants.

COMMUNITY ENERGY PARTNERSHIP - RENEWABLES FOR ALL

We not only focus on the growth of renewable energy in SA but also how to make sure its benefits are shared across all sectors of society, including renters, low income groups, and remote Aboriginal communities in SA.

In October 2015, in partnership with the Coalition for Community Energy, we hosted a gathering at The Joinery for community, government and industry experts interested in developing opportunities for community-owned energy in SA.

A discussion paper was developed to inform the workshop and the workshop recommendations were submitted to the state government to influence its Climate Change Strategy and Low Carbon Investment Plan.

'CARING FOR OUR CLIMATE' - PUBLIC STREET ART PROJECT

In the lead up to the Paris UN Climate Change Conference we worked with an artist to raise awareness through a series of street installations and accompanying social media in the Adelaide CBD. Elements included pavements stickers and pedestrian crossing signs.



Participants at the Renewables for All workshop in 2015

PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MARCH

In November 2015 the eyes of the world turned to Paris for arguably the most important global climate change conference in history. We were determined that Adelaide would join many other places around the globe and send a message to the gathered leaders: we wanted decisive and strong action on climate change.

Conservation SA pulled together a broad coalition of groups to create a community rally through the streets of Adelaide. The People's Jobs, Justice and Climate March was five months in the making – running workshops, making banners, door-knocking and training volunteers - to ensure broad, cross community support.



Image Kathy Whitta

Our hard work paid off as we created the largest march of its kind ever held in South Australia. People from religious groups, doctors' and other health groups, peace and justice groups, sporting clubs, Aboriginal communities, emergency services, regional communities and many more all marched as one.



Image Kathy Whitta

"In Adelaide, a crowd marched from the Torrens Parade ground in the CBD to Victoria Square. Organisers say around 6,000 people have attended the rally in Adelaide, making it the largest ever in South Australia on the issue."

ABC News, 29 November 2015



FUTURE TRANSPORT FESTIVAL

From 22-25 October 2015, Conservation SA presented the inaugural Future Transport Festival. The concept for the festival was to inspire the South Australian community to increase their understanding of greener transport options. The Festival was supported by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure and DEWNR.

The Festival ran in conjunction with the World Solar Car Challenge and aligned closely with the SA Government's agenda for Adelaide to be the world's first carbon neutral city and the ambition to have electric and hybrid vehicles as a preferred means of transport in the CBD.

The Festival featured a workshop for planning and transport professionals led by Professor Michael Taylor (Uni SA), Dr Gary Ellem (Uni Newcastle) and Leigh Dalwood (AECOM). Thirty four guests attended from state and local government, academia, the private sector and the community.

The Festival included a Family Fun Day and expo with displays of electric cars, alternative bikes, hoverboards and other technology, music, food and workshops. We partnered with Eco Caddy to provide free rides to and from the World Solar Challenge in Victoria Square, connecting the two events. We estimate that across the day there were approximately 500 attendees.

MURRAY DARLING BASIN PLAN

AMBASSADORS FOR HEALTHY RIVERS

Conservation SA is partnering with the Australian Conservation Foundation in a project to support people living in the Murray Darling Basin to be more vocal in the media about their support for the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

The Ambassadors for Healthy Rivers are a group of 11 citizens who live in NSW, Victoria and South Australia. They represent a diverse range of communities and interests including Traditional Owners, agriculture, irrigation, science, fishing, art and local communities.

The program kicked off with a full day training workshop in Adelaide in June. Since then Ambassadors have started working together to share their knowledge and skills and increase the number of voices in the media supporting the Basin Plan.

NUCLEAR-FREE SA

South Australia is under siege from two separate proposals for nuclear waste dumps.

The long-running Federal Government process to find a site for Australia's domestic low and intermediate level waste shortlisted six sites, three of them in SA. This then dropped to a single site near Hawker in the Flinders Ranges, which has tremendous spiritual and cultural significance to the local Adnyamathanha community.

Concurrently, the State Government has been investigating a proposal for SA to become the number one dumping ground for high-level nuclear waste from other countries. This plan would require a massive build of new facilities and infrastructure: a purpose-built nuclear port and rail line, an above-ground storage facility to house containers of waste for over a century, and separate dumps for low, intermediate and high-level waste.

Proponents of this plan have claimed significant economic benefits to the state, but these have been strongly contested by a range of economists. Traditional owners across SA have expressed their strong opposition to any nuclear facilities being imposed on their land.

We have devoted enormous energy to fighting both of these deeply inappropriate proposals, working with the community to ensure voices are heard and education is shared.

In October 2015 we supported 'Talking Straight Out', an exhibition showcasing the Irati Wanti campaign, which saw Senior Aboriginal women from Coober Pedy, the Kupa Piti Kungka Tjuta, take on a previous federal government and stop a radioactive waste dump from being built in northern SA.



Kungkas travel from Coober Pedy to launch the Talking Straight Out exhibition in 2015

We were part of the annual Australian Nuclear Free Alliance (ANFA) meeting held in Quorn that brought together Traditional Owners, civil society, union and environment groups to discuss nuclear developments in Australia.

We worked to support all three SA communities shortlisted for the national waste dump, with many trips to the affected communities and a lobbying trip to Canberra to meet with decision makers.

We continue to work closely with members of the Viliwarintha Aboriginal Corporation and the Flinders Ranges community. This has included many regional meetings and visits with stakeholders. In March we travelled with Adnyamathanha Traditional Owners to Victoria on a speaking tour and we continue to plan and work with the Flinders Local Action Group (FLAG).



Vivianne Mckenzie and Adnyamathanha Traditional Owners show local politician Eddie Hughes MP Hookina Spring in 2015



Professor Dick Blandy and Richard Dennis launch 'Digging for Answers', the report on the economics of SA's nuclear waste dump commissioned by Conservation SA

For the international waste dump, we have commissioned a series of expert critiques on the overblown economics of the proposal (funded by a generous donor). This has led to far greater discussion and scrutiny of the claimed benefits.

We helped to create the No Dump Alliance, a vitally important alliance of Traditional Owners, unions, health professionals and community groups united in their opposition to SA becoming a dumping ground for nuclear waste. See www.nodumpalliance.org.au.

We have helped to coordinate community responses through online actions and petitions, held workshops to train citizens in lobbying their MP, hosted information expos and benefit gigs to fund this work, developed fact sheets to debunk some of the overstated claims being made about the proposal, and used our social media channels to raise awareness and



Thousands of South Australians signed our petition to Premier Weatherill opposing increased involvement with the nuclear fuel cycle in SA

motivate action.

Our information and resources are widely shared and support the many other people who care passionately about this issue.



Chief Executive Craig Wilkins speaking at the Future of Sustainability Conference in Melbourne

OUR GOVERNANCE

OUR FINANCES

The overall financial result for the 2015-16 financial year was an operating loss of \$4,146, which was close to the budgeted deficit of \$3,943. Total expenditure for 2015-16 was \$1.95m compared to \$1.59m in 2014-15. At year-end, organisational reserves were at \$345,327.

Conservation SA works hard to minimise administration costs and ensure donations are effective in expanding our advocacy and community action programs.

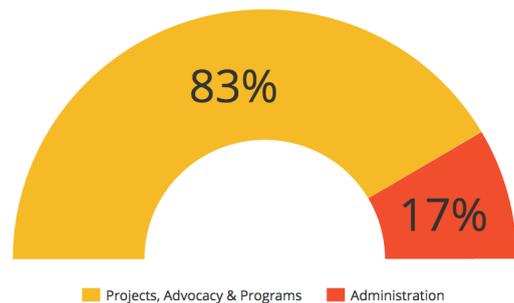
Administration expenditure includes support to funded projects and Conservation SA advocacy and community actions.

For a copy of the audited finance report for Conservation SA, visit our website: www.conservation.sa.org.au

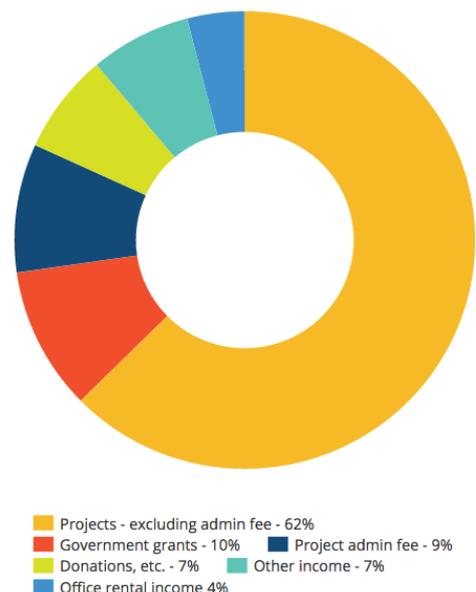


Image DEWNR

EXPENDITURE 2015-16



INCOME 2015-16



DONORS AND SUPPORTERS

We are extremely thankful and appreciative of our wonderful donors and supporters. These individuals, businesses and community groups help us to continue to speak up and act on the environmental issues that matter. They listen, contribute, participate and give us our financial backbone, which has been fundamental in helping us to deliver on our objectives.

However, government support is shrinking and the demand on philanthropists and donors is growing. We would like to extend our gratitude to the state government departments that have got behind our work this past year, in particular the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, Department of Primary Industries and Regions, South Australia, Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, Department of State Development and the Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board.

We are also very appreciative of the many businesses, government and community groups that have provided a great deal of in-kind support for our work this year.

These generous contributions have helped us to create the largest community climate change event ever held in SA, develop new projects to make sure nature is for everyone, shine the light on nuclear waste, support action on the ground and further develop the joinery.

To all of you we say thank you.

REPRESENTATION ON GOVERNMENT COMMITTEES

Conservation SA's role, as the peak environmental body in South Australia, is to provide leadership and a strong voice on environmental issues.

We are often asked to nominate policy and community experts to join government and industry led working groups and committees.

We are very grateful to all the generous individuals who volunteer hundred of hours on behalf of nature and their community.

PEOPLE IN FOCUS: KATHRYN BELLETTE

How long have you been associated with Conservation SA?

Since I left uni around 30 years ago, in one way or another.

What is your representation story?

Over the past 20 years, I have acted on numerous state government boards and ministerial and university course advisory committees.

For the past three years I have represented the conservation sector on the Pastoral Board of SA and the Premier's Climate Change Council. I am also a member of the Adelaide Hills Council Development Assessment Panel.

What first inspired you to get involved?

Unless you are in an influential position as an individual, creating change requires people of like goals to band together, and stay together for the long haul to safeguard any change that does take place. I think Conservation SA's large member group constituency is a huge strength, enabling a constructive debate of the issues we choose to focus on.

How do you feel about Conservation SA's work?

It is of utmost importance. Community groups banding together to advocate for a sustainable South Australia keeps these issues on the radar of decision makers.



OUR STAFF

Cat Beaton	Community Organiser
Carl Charter	Reef Watch Project Officer
Rebecca Duffield	Ecological Research Officer
Robyn Gardner	Membership and Conservation Centre Support Officer (until November 2015)
Alex Gaut	Biodiversity Program Manager
Hadyn Hanna	Business Advisor
Kylie Krueger	Fundraiser
Steve Leske	Reef Watch Project Officer
Hilary Miller	IT
Lesley Parton	Website and Database (until November 2015)
Marcus Pickett	Ornithologist
Julie Schofield	Fauna Ecologist
Meg Sobey	Policy and Communications Officer
Kate Sutcliffe	Membership & Systems (from November 2015)
Virginia Swan	Office Manager
Tim Vale	Habitat Protection Officer
Kathryn Warhurst	Joinery Coordinator
Kathy Whitta	Sustainable Communities Coordinator
Craig Wilkins	Chief Executive
Julia Winefield	Membership Organiser (to November 2015) / Research & Strategy (from November 2015)
Jill Woodlands	NGO-NRM Facilitator



*Conservation SA staff member Kylie Krueger
Image Matthew Turner*

OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2015-16

- Nadia McLaren**, President
- Philippa Rowland**, Vice-President
- Faith Coleman**, Vice-President
- Eric Nicholson**, Vice-President (to November 2015)
- Sean Habgood**, Treasurer
- Holly Niner**, Secretary
- Jake Budgen** (to November 2015)
- Jan Chorley** (from November 2015)
- Graham Davies**
- Mary-Anne Healy**
- Kylie Krueger**, staff representative (to March 2016)
- Josie Mclean** (from November 2015)
- Leanne Muffett** (from November 2015)
- Adam Webster** (to November 2015)
- Sam Wells** (from November 2015)
- Julia Winefield**, staff representative (from March 2016)
- Matthew Wright-Simon** (from November 2015)

OUR MEMBERS

Adelaide Hills Climate Action Group	Fishers for Conservation Inc	
Aldgate Valley Landcare Group Inc	Friends of Parks	
Aldinga Bay Coastcare Inc	Friends of the Earth Adelaide Inc	
Association of South East Field Naturalists Societies	Friends of Willunga Basin	
Australian Conservation Foundation	Gawler Environment & Heritage Association Inc	
Australian Electric Vehicle Association	Greening Australia (SA)	
Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (SA Group)	Landscape Partnerships Inc	
Australian Nuclear Free Alliance	Limestone Coast Protection Alliance	
Australian Plants Society (SA Region) Inc	Marine Life Society of SA Inc	
Bicycle Institute of South Australia Inc	National Trust of South Australia	
Bird Care & Conservation Society Inc	Natural History Society of South Australia Inc	
Birds SA	Nature Conservation Society of SA	
Brownhill Creek Association Incorporated	North East Hills Environmental Conservation Association	
Coastal Ecology Protection Group	Nuclear Operations Watch Port Adelaide	
Cheltenham Park Residents Association Inc	Orienteering SA Inc	
Citizen's Own Renewable Energy Network Australia	People for Public Transport SA	
Clean Bight Alliance Australia	Permaculture Association of SA Inc	
Community Alliance SA Inc	Port Adelaide Residents Environment Protection Group	
Echidna Care	River, Lakes & Coorong Action Group Inc	
Eco-Action KI	SA Genetic Food Information Network Inc	
Economic Reform Australia Inc	SA Herpetology Group Inc	
Experiencing Marine Sanctuaries	Scientific Expedition Group Inc	
Field Naturalists Society of SA	Spencer Gulf Environmental Alliance	
		St Agnes Bushwalking & Natural History Club Inc
		Sustainable Communities SA Inc
		Sustainable Population Australia SA Branch
		Tennyson Dunes Group
		Toyota Landcruiser Club of Australia (SA)
		The Wilderness Society (South Australia) Inc
		Transition Gawler
		Trees For Life
		Vegetarian & Vegan Society (VegSA) Inc
		Walking SA
		West Mallee Protection
		Western Adelaide Coastal Residents' Association
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