

Nature Conservation Council of NSW

60 YEARS, 1955 – 2015



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Conservation
Council



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OUR JOURNEY

Myles Dunphy (right) and Alan Rigby circa 1963

1955-2015

Before the Nature Conservation Council of NSW, nature in this state was pillaged on an industrial scale. Land clearing was uncontrolled, rainforests were clear-felled, wildlife was being decimated, and mining companies recklessly destroyed our extraordinary wild places. Before NCC, there was no National Parks and Wildlife Service, no Environment Protection Authority, no Land and Environment Court, and no marine parks. The achievements of the environment movement in NSW are a tribute to the hard work, vision, and tenacity of the many thousands of people who have had the courage to be a voice for nature.

1955

Founded on July 2
at a meeting in
Phillip St, Sydney

Katoomba and District
Wildlife Conservation
Society founded
(Blue Mountains
Conservation Society)

1961

1957

National Parks Act
drafted by NCC
National Parks
Association of NSW
founded

1963

Last Eastern Quoll
sighted on mainland
Australia



Colong Foundation
for Wilderness
founded

1968

Battle for Kelly's Bush
in Hunters Hill starts

1971

NSW rainforest wars
start (1973-1984)

1973

Colong Caves
protected

1975

Premier Wran bans
sand mining

1977

1967

NSW National Parks
and Wildlife Act
passed, National
Parks and Wildlife
Service founded

1970

Campaign to end
tax breaks for
native vegetation
clearing starts

1972

Total Environment
Centre founded

1974

NSW Environment
Centre established

1976

North Coast
Environment Council
formed

MR WRAN SA JOBS & RAINFOREST

Kelly's Bush is saved

1983

NSW Environment
Defender's Office
established

1985

NSW Wilderness
Act 1987

NCC acquires its
first desktop computer
(second-hand
from TEC)

1987

Environmental Liaison
Office formed

First marine reserve
(Solitary Islands)

Chaelundi State Forest
Blockade

Environment Protection
Authority (EPA)
established

1991

1979

NCC Bushfire
Program starts

Battle for Terania Creek

Environment
Planning and Assessment
Act 1979

Land and Environment
Court established

Coastal Protection
Act 1979

1984

Premier Wrان
bans rainforest
logging

1986

Urban bushland
protections enacted

NSW rainforests
inscribed on the
World Heritage
register

1989

Save Jervis Bay
campaign begins

Eden woodchip mill
blockade begins

First director of NCC
appointed (Haydn
Washington)

1994

First NCC Bushfire
Conference after
bushfires burn
800,000 hectares

Jervis Bay naval base
proposal dropped

Kempsey 1982

Threatened Species
Conservation Act 1995

Environmental Protection
and Biodiversity
Conservation Act 1995

NCC launches its website

1995

Regional Forest
Agreements
1999-2001
(Eden, north-east,
southern)

1999

1997

NCC representatives
appointed to key
committees under
Rural Fires Act 1997

Marine Parks
Act 1997

Coastal Protection
Act 1979

NCC's first Regional
Environment
Conference
(Newcastle)

2001

2000

The Greater Blue
Mountains World
Heritage listing

2002

NCC Sustainable living
program begins
(Cool Communities)

Campaign against
burning native forests
for electricity starts

Save the Grey Nurse
Shark campaign begins

Native Vegetation
Act 2003

2003

2005

NCC Hotspots
program established

Walk Against
Warming begins

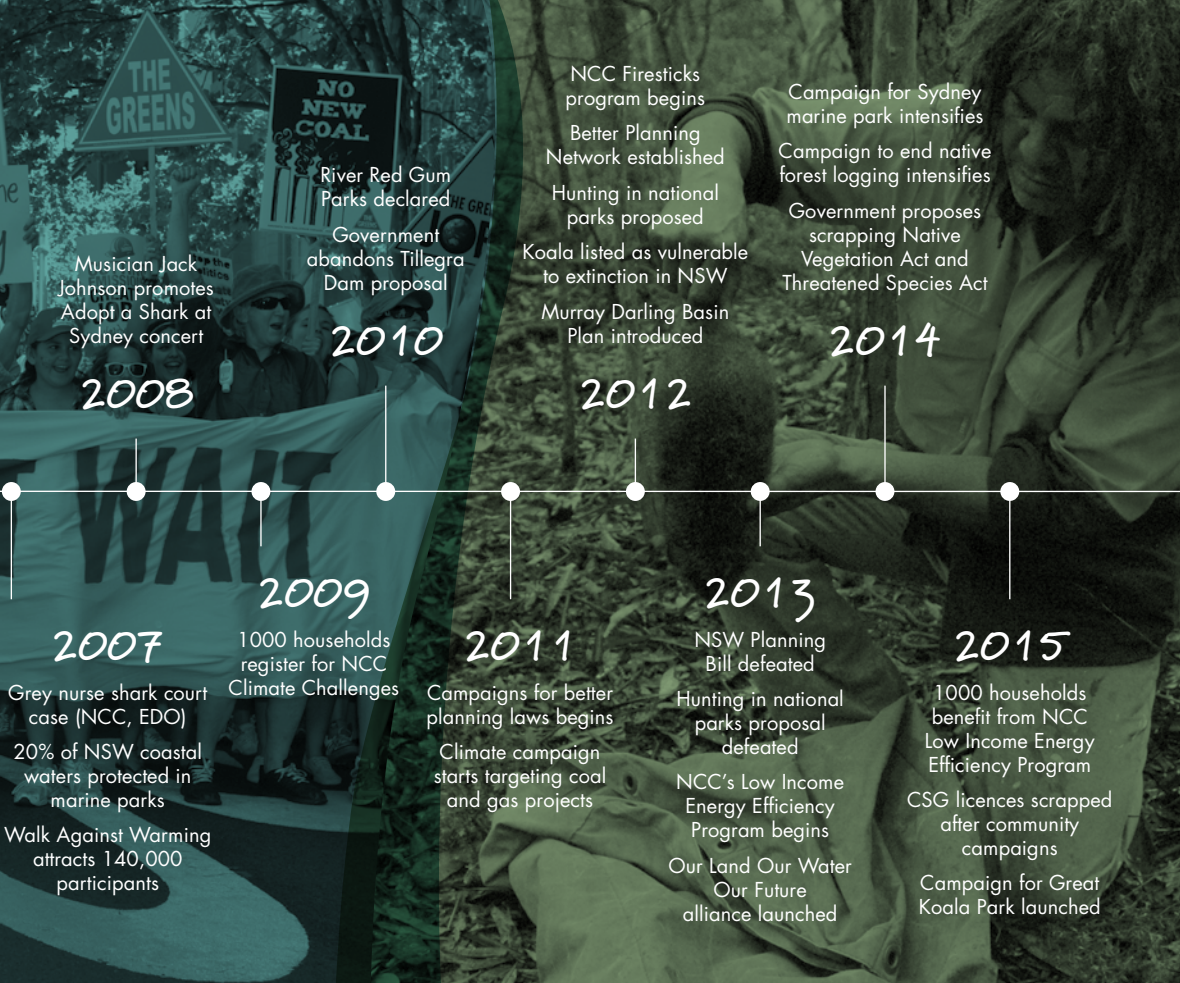
The South East Region
Conservation Alliance
(SERCA) is formed

Adopt A Shark
program launched

NSW Environment
Awards launched

Campaign to stop
Tillegra Dam in the
Hunter Valley begins

2006



2008

Musician Jack Johnson promotes Adopt a Shark at Sydney concert

2010

River Red Gum Parks declared
Government abandons Tillegra Dam proposal

2009

1000 households register for NCC Climate Challenges

2007

Grey nurse shark court case (NCC, EDO)
20% of NSW coastal waters protected in marine parks
Walk Against Warming attracts 140,000 participants

2011

Campaigns for better planning laws begins
Climate campaign starts targeting coal and gas projects

2012

NCC Firesticks program begins
Better Planning Network established
Hunting in national parks proposed
Koala listed as vulnerable to extinction in NSW
Murray Darling Basin Plan introduced

2013

NSW Planning Bill defeated
Hunting in national parks proposal defeated
NCC's Low Income Energy Efficiency Program begins
Our Land Our Water Our Future alliance launched

2014

Campaign for Sydney marine park intensifies
Campaign to end native forest logging intensifies
Government proposes scrapping Native Vegetation Act and Threatened Species Act

2015

1000 households benefit from NCC Low Income Energy Efficiency Program
CSG licences scrapped after community campaigns
Campaign for Great Koala Park launched

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