

THE VOICE FOR NATURE IN NSW

Building the movement for
nature and climate action



Nature
Conservation
Council

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We want NSW to become ecologically sustainable, a place where people and nature can thrive together.

As the peak body for environmental advocacy in our state, our mission is to build, support and maintain a powerful and effective movement for nature.

We do this through impactful programs, campaigns, partnerships and representation. Our campaigns and programs combine advocacy, education, conservation and outreach to ensure long-term change for nature and communities.

For more than 66 years, we have never faltered in our determination to make a difference. We are a small organisation making a big impact.



FROM THE
Chair

As we added the finishing touches to this year's report, climate delegates from around the world were in Glasgow concluding a new deal to limit global heating to safe levels.

At the time of writing, COP26 had already resulted in pledges analysts believe will limit warming to below 2 degrees, including commitments by more than 100 countries to end deforestation by 2030. If these commitments are honoured, these agreements will represent very significant progress on two of the most urgent challenges humanity faces.

While these deals are forged on the world stage, their genesis is always local. The inspiration and political pressure required to get them over the line springs from community environment groups like the 172 the NSW Nature Conservation Council is proud to represent.

Our movement can justly claim more than a little credit for Australia's net zero by 2050 pledge at Glasgow. Australia could not have made such a commitment were it not for the NSW Government's \$32 billion Clean Energy Road Map, which was delivered in 2020 after decades of campaigning by NCC, its member groups and allies.

After some lean years, the environment movement has achieved welcome success in nature conservation over the past 18 months or so. The national parks estate now covers 7 million hectares thanks to the addition of more than 520,000 hectares by Environment Minister Matt Kean. The Menindee Lakes wetlands in the Far West have been given a reprieve after the government delayed and modified plans to limit inflows.

But the fight is far from over. We aim to build on these achievements to make our society more ecologically sustainable and ensure nature in NSW has the conditions it needs to thrive.

Professor Donald O. White



FROM THE
Chief Executive

When you are trying to save the planet, size really does matter.

That's why we are growing our organisation, and the environment movement more broadly, to achieve the scale required to meet the enormous challenges that nature and the climate face.

Over the past 18 months, we have grown the size of our organisation significantly to 176 members groups and our supporter database to over 150,000.

But we have only just begun to build the mass movement that nature needs.

We have laid out in our five-year plan steps to grow our supporter database to 600,000 and the number of regular donors to 60,000, which will consolidate the financial position of the organisation, giving us the solid foundation we need to advocate and campaign effectively.

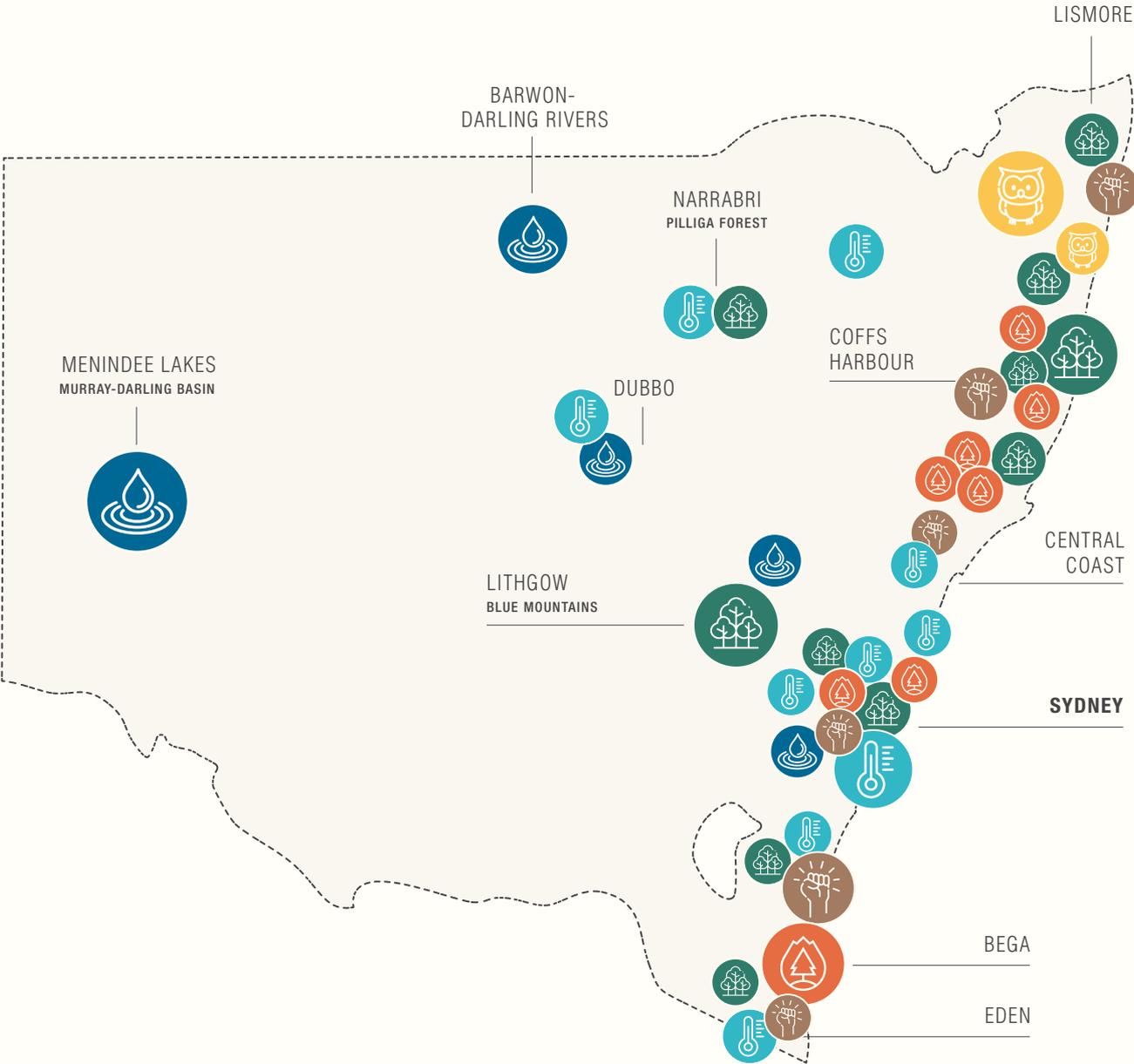
Yes, these are ambitious targets, but so is our vision of an ecologically sustainable society that provides the conditions nature – and people – need to thrive.

I'm proud of what we have achieved this year, in extraordinarily difficult circumstances.

Thank you for all that you do for nature, water and climate. Together we are a powerful voice for nature.

Chris Gambian

Our Impact



-  Climate campaigns
-  Nature campaigns
-  Water campaigns

-  Hotspots and Bushfire programs
-  Conservation projects
-  Organising programs



83,000

nature lovers on our mailing list



520,000

hectares of new national parks



ONE

massive renewable energy plan (Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020)

176 local community groups represented

320+ nest boxes for wildlife

15+ meetings with key staff in departments, authorities, and commissions

350ha endangered wetlands saved when Angus Place colliery expansion was scrapped

4,748 media stories generated

Billions of litres of water returned to the Menindee Lakes wetlands

3,940 hectares of land better managed for biodiversity

» 50+ people trained in advocacy and organising

» 72 Property Fire Management Plans created

» 30,000+ joined our online talks

40 submissions made

1.1 million people reached through our videos



34 wildlife sound monitors installed



29 MPs are Parliamentary Friends of Nature

55,000+ signed our petitions

6,600+ emailed their MPs

Nature



Our Goals

» End native forest logging by 2030

» Map, protect and restore koala habitat

Our Strategy

» Prevent woodchipping for biomass

» Expose the destruction

» Maintain the momentum of the 'koala wars'

» Broaden support for a transition away from native forest logging

What we've achieved

Our forests, koalas and other wildlife are still recovering from the 2019-20 Black Summer bushfires, so logging and clearing of native forests is now more damaging than ever.

Following the fires and a NSW parliamentary inquiry, the building momentum for koala protection set off a series of events that destabilised the government.

We coordinated statewide days of action in April and June, with dozens of protests and other events across the state.

Following the change of leadership in the NSW Government, we are pursuing several strategies to maintain this momentum and increase political pressure for effective koala habitat protection across the state.

These include creating a NSW koala rehabilitation network to advocate for a stronger statewide habitat protection, organising individuals and groups across the state to lobby their councils for stronger local protections, and strengthening a network of leaders in the Koalas Need Trees campaign.

With Forestry Corporation of NSW making a loss on its native forest operations, there is an opportunity to broaden support among MPs from all parties to transition to an economically and environmentally sustainable timber industry.

We successfully lobbied MPs to establish a parliamentary inquiry into the future of the timber industry, and gave the committee strong evidence in favor of transitioning the industry from native forest logging to plantation forestry.

Our Regional Conference in Batemans Bay was a focal point, helping to network and build on the momentum built by many member groups.

In May, we launched a campaign to stop a new threat – woodchipping native forests for biomass burning and export. A total of 31 organisations signed our open letter opposing the Redbank biomass-fired power station and 4,500 supporters made submissions opposing the proposal.

“Minister Kean has made a significant contribution to conservation, adding 520,000ha in less than three years.”

– CHRIS GAMBIAN, NATURE CONSERVATION COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVE

4,480

people made submissions against the **Redbank biomass-fired power station**

16

NSW koala rescue, rehabilitation, and hospital organisations engaged in a new network

520,000

hectares added to the **national parks estate**



Dozens of meetings with key decision-makers, including the **NSW Attorney-General, Planning Minister and Environment Minister**

2

statewide days of action for koalas

21+

events organised

1000+

attendees

STAND UP FOR NATURE ALLIANCE

NCC convenes an alliance of NSW environmental organisations united for our forests including:

The Wilderness Society, WWF, North East Forest Alliance, National Parks Association of NSW, Birdlife Australia, International Fund for Animal Welfare, WIRES, National Trust, Humane Society International, Sydney Wildlife, Total Environment Centre, Colong Foundation for Wilderness

Climate



Our Goal

- » Transition NSW beyond coal to 100% renewables by 2030

Our Strategy

- » Influence the NSW Government to improve climate policy
- » Expose the true climate, environmental and health costs of coal
- » Block the Angus Place coal mine

What we've achieved

The burning of coal for electricity in NSW declined significantly for the first time since 2013 as energy from renewables and storage started to contribute substantially to the grid.

However, electricity generation is still the number one source of climate pollution in NSW, which is why we have campaigned for the past five years to replace coal-fired power with wind, solar and storage.

We have worked with member groups across the state to accelerate the shift from fossil fuels to clean energy. That work has included:

- » Highlighting through the media the link between coal-fired power and 650 cases of childhood asthma on the Central Coast.
- » Conducting a field trip of state MPs to Gardens of Stone near Lithgow to show how coal mining is draining rare wetlands, generating wide media coverage.
- » Showing MPs of all parties how 100% renewable power is affordable and reliable.

This year our campaigns delivered big results: With our friends and allies in the movement we:

- » Won a legislated reverse-auctions program of 12 GW of wind and solar and 2 GW of storage through the NSW Energy Roadmap.
- » Prevented the government dismantling climate planning laws.
- » Forced a thorough assessment of and public consultation on Vales Point power station's exemption to clean-air laws.
- » Stopped the Angus Place coal mine expansion and promoted economic alternatives to coal for the Lithgow region, such as renewable energy and eco-tourism.

“We’ve got the biggest renewable energy plan that’s been legislated in the nation’s history right here in New South Wales, and that means as our coal fired power stations come to the end of their lives over the next years that will be replaced with renewables.”

– MATT KEAN, NSW ENVIRONMENT MINISTER

\$32
BILLION
renewable energy
investment plan

2

coal-fired power stations brought
forward their closure dates



SIX

political parties and one independent voted
the NSW Energy Roadmap into law

two major alliances worked with

Beyond Coal Alliance with:

Friends of the Earth Australia,
Greenpeace, Environment Victoria,
Climate Action Network Australia,
Queensland Conservation Council and
The Sunrise Project.

Gardens of Stone Alliance with:

Blue Mountains Conservation Society,
Lithgow Environment Group, Colong
Foundation for Wilderness and the Blue
Mountains World Heritage Institute.

Organising



Our Goal

- » To build a powerful, highly skilled and organised constituency for nature
-

Our Strategy

- » Train and educate communities
- » Empower local leaders
- » Regional approach to build power across the state
- » Build strong alliances

What we've achieved

We are building the movement for nature across NSW. From Bourke to Broken Hill, from Batemans Bay to Ballina and everywhere in between, we are uniting conservation groups, amplifying voices and supporting local campaigns to protect nature.

Building a diverse, strong and resilient movement is key to our campaign successes and organisational priorities.

Mass movements of united people are the only effective vehicle for contesting entrenched power and win transformational social change.

We support community-led campaigns that protect the forests, the climate and our precious river systems.

Our aim is to build the capacity of local organisers and groups to fight for nature and climate action beyond election cycles until we have the robust protections nature needs.

Our Step Up For Nature training program is integrated into our campaigns to maximise wins for nature and climate action across the state.

We provide comprehensive training in local leadership, community engagement, movement building and political lobbying.

Our workshops create a network of skilled activists in communities across the state.

TESTIMONIALS FROM THE MOST RECENT TRAINING IN SEPTEMBER 2021

“Extremely important for our evolving little group,
it brought us forward.”

– INGRID SHRANER, STEP UP FOR NATURE TRAINING PARTICIPANT

“Excellent. I found this very useful and will definitely utilise.”

– URSULA DA SILVA, CAMP OURIMBAH



1000+
community advocates
directly supported



176
local community
action groups
supported
across the state

826 people in the
VOICES FOR NATURE
Facebook community

Water



Our Goal

- » **Flowing rivers and flourishing communities**
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Our Strategy

- » **Ensure water-sharing plans are ecologically sustainable**

- » **Oppose new dams and water diversions**

- » **Maintain river flows from the source to the sea**

What we've achieved

The horror of the 2018-19 mass fish kills and of towns running dry may have faded from the memories of people in the east of the state, but they are still fresh in the minds of those in the Far West who lived through those desperate times.

Sadly, the causes of these calamities have still not been adequately addressed, and the risk of these horrors happening again is very high. However, we did achieve some important wins over the past year.

By hosting a delegation of Darling-Baaka River locals in Sydney, we helped Far West voices reach city audiences and raise awareness of the issues.

For the first time, millions of city folk heard the stories of river people and understood the impact that chronic government mismanagement was having on the health of rivers, wetlands and regional communities, particularly First Nations Peoples.

Soon after the delegation returned home, the NSW Government scaled back and delayed massive engineering works that were planned for the Menindee Lakes that would have seriously degraded one of the state's great wetlands.

Communities and key parliamentary allies held off another serious threat in the form of floodplain harvesting.

Thanks to campaigning by a range of groups and independent MPs, the transfer of billions of litres of public water to private landholders has been delayed.

Over the past year, thousands of people have signed our Revive Our Rivers petition. We also created explainer videos, and regularly emailed supporters with campaign updates and urging them to make submissions to the various inquiries.



26

episodes so far, including:

- » How To Talk About Climate Change with Dr Rebecca Huntley
- » Oh my Darling! (Baaka): On the Murray-Darling Basin
- » Remembering Jack Munday and the Green Bans
- » How to lobby a politician and be heard
- » Is the technology for 100% renewables ready?
- » The Colour of Conservation: power in racial diversity
- » Koalas in crisis: Stories from the frontline
- » The Great Australian Silence: The power of the Uluru Statement
- » A gas led disaster
- » Upturn a better normal after COVID-19
- » CSG, a disaster in the Pilliga forest
- » Floodplain harvesting, a tragedy for rivers
- » Catherine Cusack on crossing the flood for koalas
- » Sweltering Sydney: Urban heat islands
- » Burning Questions: Bushfire management in a changing climate
- » Hunting votes - the future of coal in the Hunter Valley
- » Asleep at the wheel: Electric vehicles in Australia
- » Infestation: Response to the NSW Mouse Plague
- » Riled up in Rylstone: Coal exploration in Eden
- » Inside the Bear Pit: Our politicians talk nature

Our Voices for Nature video podcast has become an indispensable channel for discussing contemporary environmental issues with key opinion makers.

It is also a great way of engaging supporters and the wider community through a fun, accessible media format.

Hosted by Chief Executive Chris Gambian and Deputy Chief Executive Jacqui Mumford, it was first broadcast in early 2020 and has built a solid audience.

The original concept of running panel discussion in front of a live audience had to be quickly abandoned with the outbreak of COVID-19 and the first lockdown in 2020.

But the move online has been more successful than we had hoped and enabled us to increase our reach across the nation and beyond.

Over the past 18 months, we have broadcast more than 20 shows and chatted with almost 40 guests on topics ranging from bushfires to deforestation and from koala conservation to the impacts of the mouse plague.

Guests have included former federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett, federal Labor frontbencher Tanya Plibersek, former NSW Legislative Council President Meredith Bergmann, climate change business activist Simon Holmes à Court, Liberal MLC and koala champion Catherine Cusack, climate change expert Professor Lesley Hughes, former NSW Fire and Rescue chief Greg Mullins, koala campaigner Kai Wild and many others.

In November 2021, we expanded our multimedia offering to include audio podcasts providing daily commentary on the COP26 climate conference in Glasgow.

Policy & Research



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MPs have become Parliamentary Friends of Nature

As the peak environment body in NSW, one of the ways we influence government policy is by providing expert advice to parliament, ministers, MPs and public servants on a range of environmental issues.

20+

meetings with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Local Land Services, the Environmental Protection Authority and the Natural Resources Commission

Our detailed research and policy work draws on the expertise of our members and working groups and is complemented by strong grassroots campaigns. Policy work over the past year has focused on ending native forest logging, reducing land clearing, reforming planning and environmental law, enhancing water policy, and hastening the transition from coal and gas to renewables.

We participated in consultation processes and regulatory reviews, making more than 40 submissions on issues ranging from water-sharing plans to koala conservation.

One of our strategies has always been to leverage longstanding relationships with MPs, ministers and the public service.

40+

submissions, including on:

- » The rivers of the Murray-Darling Basin and floodplain harvesting
- » Urban planning
- » Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (Cwth)
- » Burning of forest biomass for power
- » The sustainability of the timber industry
- » Coal mine expansions
- » Crown lands
- » Biodiversity offsetting

This year was an outstanding example of how fostering long-term relationships can deliver tangible results. In 2020, we helped establish the Parliamentary Friends of Nature, a group for MPs on all sides of politics who share an interest in nature conservation.

In April, we led that group on a tour of the proposed Gardens of Stone conservation area near Lithgow, which was threatened by the planned expansion of Angus Place colliery.

Participating MPs were so moved by the beauty of the landscape we showed them and appalled by the prospect of its destruction, within hours they were some of the Gardens of Stone's most important advocates.

After years of campaigning by member groups, and weighed upon by a consensus of public and scientific opinion opposing the mine, the coal company has withdrawn its application, clearing the way for the permanent protection of the Gardens of Stone.



To ensure maximum impact, we focus our resources on core campaigns – forests, climate and water – but sometimes issues emerge that are too urgent to ignore.

We've responded quickly to several issues, from a quick campaign to encourage the Government to accelerate the roll out of electric vehicles,

to influencing the disallowance of regulations that would have allowed floodplain harvesting to further harm our rivers. We've taken to parliament, and the streets, to push back against the sustained attack on koalas in NSW. We've also worked with a great range of stakeholders, brought together on common values.



286 TV news stories



140
media releases

3,340
online and newspaper articles

300+
interviews



1,132
radio news hits and long-form interviews

The 'koala wars'

In late 2020, the National Party threatened to “blow up” government if the Liberals did not scrap the government’s new koala planning policy.

As part of the peace deal, huge parts of the state were excluded from the policy, and the Nationals also attempted to further weaken land-clearing laws.

To head off the threat, we lobbied MPs, mounted a digital campaign and organised a snap rally outside parliament coinciding with protests across the state.

The Nationals’ bill failed but the battle will continue until the government releases its Koala Strategy.

Mouse baiting

A push in May 2020 to use a potent rat poison in huge quantities to control the state’s mouse plague posed a deadly threat to native eagles, falcons and owls.

Bromadiolone is only permitted in domestic and commercial settings because it risks killing non target species like raptors and domestic cats and dogs.

We responded by raising the alarm through the media and working with other bodies—including the NSW Farmers association and veterinarian, medical and recreational fishing bodies—to successfully persuade ministers and the approval body to maintain the ban on its broadscale use.

Healthy Ecosystems Programs

Hotspots Fire Project Partners: NSW RFS, Local Land Services, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, National Parks and Wildlife Service, Local Councils, NSW Farmers, Forestry Corporation, Wollongong University and the Queensland Fire and Biodiversity Consortium.

Hotspots Fire Project

After the devastating Black Summer bushfires, it has never been more important to manage fire risk in an ecologically sensitive way.

The Hotspots Fire Project is an education and training program we deliver with the NSW Rural Fire Service to help landholders prepare for bushfires and understand fire's role in the environment.

People who live near bushland know the risks fire poses to life and property but they often don't understand the role it plays in the survival of native plants and animals.

The Hotspots Fire Project workshops give people skills to create property-based fire management plans, mitigate bushfire risk and maintain biodiversity and cultural values.

Since 2005, we have run 159 workshops for 2,742 landholders and helped create almost 1,500 fire management plans covering more than 270,000 hectares of the state.

The program has continued to support landholders during COVID-19 restrictions, diversifying delivery to include online learning in addition to the face-to-face workshops we usually run.

The independent expert inquiry into the 2019-20 bushfire season commissioned by the NSW Government praised the Hotspots Fire Project as a good community engagement tool that provides hands-on education to landholders.

The inquiry's final report strongly supported Hotspots workshops being delivered in more areas and more frequently.

- » **92** landholders supported
- » **3,942** hectares of land better managed
- » **72** fire management plans completed
- » **14** community workshops delivered
- » **1** Ecological Society of Aus conference presentation
- » **1** Wires/Landcare post-fire recovery program delivered
- » **92** workshop participants
- » **1** fire fact sheets: what is fuel and how to manage it?
- » **4** primary schools supported with fire-recovery nest-box projects

Bushfire Program

The Bushfire Program aims to ensure that through education and advocacy bushfire risk to life and property is managed in ecologically sustainable ways.

We do this by supporting environmental representatives on state and regional bushfire management committees. In this way, nature has a seat at the table when important decisions are being made.

We also conduct community education workshops on the role of fire in fire-prone ecosystems and on native wildlife.

In 2021, over 300 delegates attended our 12th biennial Bushfire Conference — Cool, warm, hot: the burning questions — which featured 53 speakers from a range of agencies and groups.

We work with a broad network, including the NSW Rural Fire Service, fire and land management agencies, environmental organisations, Traditional Owners, scientists and local communities.

Our Fire and Restoration Hub has created a community of over 600 people who share information and ideas about how fire can rehabilitate degraded landscapes and restore ecological integrity.

- » **51** NCC representatives supported on 39 Bushfire Management Committees
- » **4,760** people engaged via our Bushfire Conference, workshops and digital communications
- » **1** Bushfire Conference delivered over four days with 53 speakers and 302 delegates
- » **4** policy submissions, including to the NSW Bushfire Inquiry
- » **21** articles published on the Fire and Restoration Hub

Large Forest Owls Project

The Large Forest Owls Project aims to ensure the survival of barking, masked and powerful owls in the Richmond-Clarence Lowlands on the mid-north coast.

The presence of large owls is usually a sign that a forest is healthy and functioning as it should.

Sadly, these owls are struggling in some regions because of the loss of habitat, particularly large hollow-bearing trees that are vital as nesting sites for owls and their prey.

We have been working with landholders to identify, monitor, protect and enhance owl habitat, including nesting sites and food supplies.

Through training and education, we give people the tools to monitor and maintain these species on their properties over the long-term.

Through this project we digitally record vocalisations of owls and their prey and locate areas owls like to use, including potential nest sites. We also install nest boxes and monitor the recovery of owls and their prey species.

Following the particularly challenging year in 2019-20, with drought, fires, flood and the pandemic, the participants have continued to face challenges this year.

Despite these difficulties, we delivered a workshop in the Pillar Valley, circulated a series of educational videos and digital resources, and presented our findings at our Bushfire Conference.

The Large Forest Owls Project draws on knowledge we have acquired from decades of conservation programs and partnerships with government and non-government organisations, Indigenous and other private landholders.

- » **34** wildlife sound monitors installed, data analysed
- » **26** project participants
- » **3** weeks of barking owl nest tree searches
- » **1** workshop on owl ecology + fire impacts to 45 participants
- » **1** conference presentation on project findings and acoustic monitoring results

This work is supported by the NSW Planning, Industry and Environment Department through the Saving Our Species program.

The Gimme Shelter project

Following the 2019-20 Black Summer bushfires, we launched an urgent nest-box campaign to provide shelter for wildlife.

Many Australian animals rely on tree hollows for shelter, denning and rearing their young.

Mammals such as gliders, possums and microbats, birds ranging from owls and cockatoos to pardalotes and treecreepers, all need hollows to complete their life cycle.

Thanks to donors, we raised enough to install 300 nest boxes on the North Coast to provide urgent homes for these vulnerable species.

Through our Large Forest Owls project and working with participating landholders, we quickly installed boxes in severely burnt landscapes where we had acoustic data on the species found there before the fires. This enabled us to target these sites with boxes designed for each species' specific needs.

We are now monitoring the boxes to assess the long-term recovery of fire-affected fauna and ecosystems.

After the first year, 75% of the boxes were being used, an extremely good result.

We are still very concerned about the greater glider and the yellow-bellied glider, which appear to be severely affected by the loss of large hollow-bearing trees.

Long-term monitoring and habitat restoration work is crucial to understand and respond to these severe fire events.

Movement Building

176



LOCAL COMMUNITY ACTION GROUPS

110

work on nature

74

are in the greater Sydney region

23

work on climate

61

are in northern NSW

43

work on nature and climate

16

are in western NSW

21

are new members since 2019

19

are in southern NSW

6

are statewide

Our Members

Our vision is to make our movement so large, diverse, skilled and formidable that it cannot be ignored.

As the peak body for conservation and climate action in NSW, we are building the capacity of the entire movement. We do this through training, media and campaign assistance.

We support a variety of environmental bodies, ranging in size from small bushcare groups to large regional and state-wide organisations.

While many of these groups have made great gains for the environment on their own, the movement's greatest achievements have always come from collaboration and collective action.

Consequently, bringing member groups together and coordinating campaigns is a core part of our work.

We also provide practical support to our members through training and by liaising with ministerial offices.

We amplify their voices through the media, in public debates, in parliament and other halls of power.

Our internal structure of working groups and member alliances is designed to harnesses the skills and expertise of the whole conservation movement.

This enables us to give government a clear, evidence-based, aspirational and inspirational policy agenda for the state.

Our Allies and Partners

A powerful conservation movement relies on strong, strategic partnerships to maximise positive impacts for nature and the climate. We work with a range of allies on all our campaigns and in our organising and conservation programs.

We co-founded the Community Organising Fellowship with the Change Agency to build people power and enable emerging leaders to be supported and mentored by experts across our movement. Our work with the Sydney Alliance aims to diversify the climate movement by organising as part of a coalition of community and religious organisations, schools and unions.

As one of seven organisations making up the Australia Beyond Coal Alliance, we work to empower communities and drive the clean-energy transition through our combined expertise and reach.

We work with conservation groups and individuals as part of the North East Forest Alliance (NEFA) to fight threats to our native forests and wildlife. This collaborative approach is essential to achieving wins for nature. Working with NEFA was crucial to our success in keeping old-growth forests protected in northern NSW.

Together with the Colong Foundation for Wilderness, the Lithgow Environment Group and the Blue Mountains Conservation Society we formed the Gardens of Stones Alliance to protect the natural beauty and wildlife conservation values of this important Blue Mountains landscape.

As part of the Lifeblood Alliance, we work with environmental, Indigenous and community groups to keep the Murray-Darling-Baaka River system healthy for current and future generations.

We are a founding member of the Hunter Jobs Alliance, a coalition of unions and environment groups advocating for a low-carbon and sustainable future in the Hunter, building community leadership and respecting the dignity of workers.

We collaborate on joint campaigns, policy reviews, demonstrations and parliamentary inquiries with many allied organisations including WWF, The Wilderness Society, Total Environment Centre, Colong Foundation for Wilderness, Friends of the Earth, Australian Conservation Foundation, National Parks Association of NSW, North East Forests Alliance, Environmental Justice Australia and the Environmental Defenders Office.

We thank all the groups who work with us to protect our precious lands, waters and natural habitats.

Funding & Legacy

Thank You

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Legacy giving

We speak for nature so the places and animals we love can thrive.

The iconic beauty of NSW's forests, rivers and wildlife relies on the determination of those who advocate for a safe climate and the protection of nature.

The environment movement is constantly being challenged.

This means as an organisation we must be resilient in the face of adversity.

We are in this fight for the long haul, but powerful campaigns and programs need resourcing.

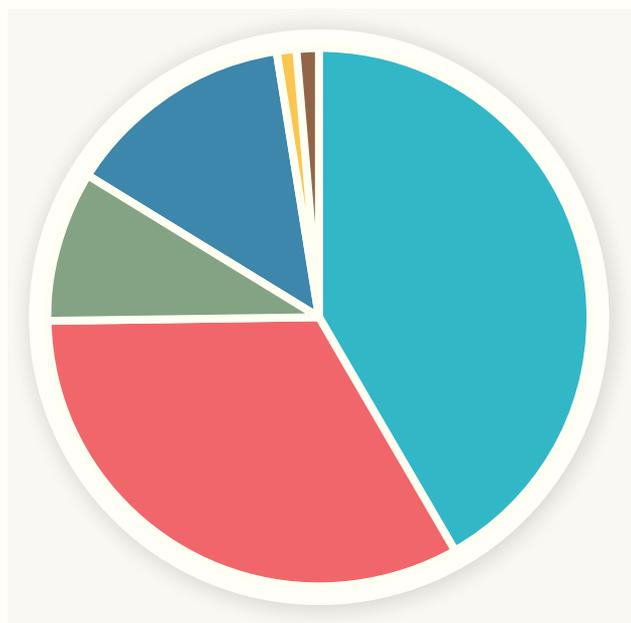
Gifts left to us — big and small — by passionate nature lovers who want to make a difference leave a beautiful legacy.

We are so grateful for their support and to all those who share our vision of a just, ecologically sustainable society.

“We only have one planet. I support NCC because they have a proven track record on environmental issues. They are working hard to save our animals and the environment for our generation and future generations to come.”

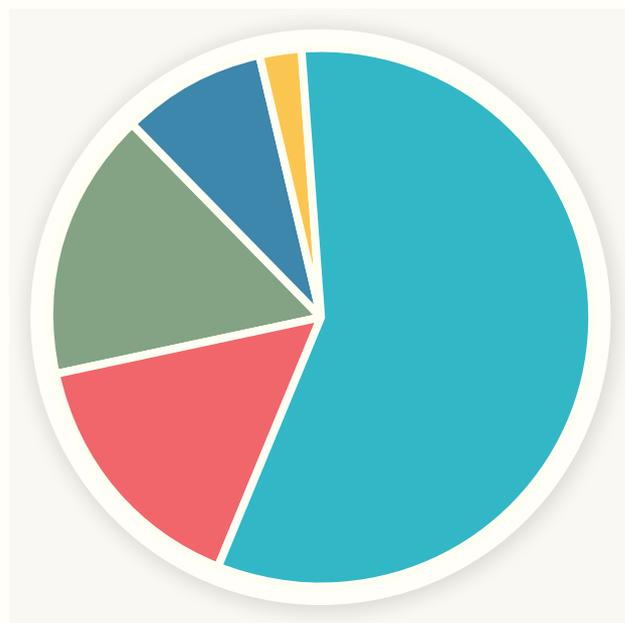
– ELENI ROBERTS, VOICE FOR NATURE GIVER, SUPPORTER AND BEQUESTOR

Our funding



Donations	\$1,610,915
Grants and sponsorship	\$1,268,230
Other revenue	\$336,560
Government subsidies	\$596,950
Bequests	\$11,026
Interest	\$18,064
Total	\$3,841,745

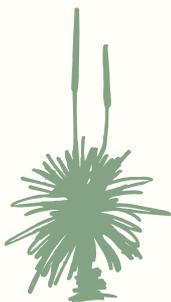
Our work



Environmental advocacy	\$2,037,749
Environmental programs	\$570,750
Fundraising	\$666,242
Administration and overheads	\$361,948
Member services and governance	\$86,799
Total	\$3,723,487

66 Years of Wins

Movement Building



**NCC founded
in 1955**

NSW National Parks Association
founded 1957

Blue Mountains Conservation Society
founded 1961

Colong Foundation for Wilderness
founded 1968

Total Environment Centre founded 1972

North Coast Environment Council
formed 1976

NSW Environment Defender's Office
established 1985

South East Region Conservation Alliance
(SERCA) formed 2005

Better Planning Network established 2012

Community Organising Fellowship (COF)
established 2014

We Fought For



**NSW National
Parks and Wildlife
Act 1974**

Uranium Mining and Nuclear Facilities
(Prohibitions) Act 1986

Urban Bushland State Environmental
Planning Policy 1986

NSW Wilderness Act 1987

Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995

Marine Parks Act 1997

Native Vegetation Act 2003

Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020

We helped establish

National Parks and Wildlife Service

Environment Protection Authority

Classic victories



90 million

tonnes of emissions reduced through the Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act **2020**

Up to 80,000 hectares of old-growth forest saved from logging **2020**

Two massive renewable energy zones declared **2019**

Pro-developer Planning Bill defeated **2013**

Hunting in national parks proposal defeated **2013**

Williams River, Dungog, saved from Tillegra Dam proposal **2010**

Deforestation on farmland regulated **2003**

Uranium mining banned **1986**

Kelly's Bush bushland (Hunters Hill) saved from development **1983**

Terania Creek Forest saved from logging **1982**

North coast rainforests saved from logging **1982**

We helped protect



7 million

hectares of national park created **1968-2021**

520,000 hectares added to national parks since **2019**

350,000 hectares of marine protected waters **1997-2020** – Batemans, Cape Byron, Jervis Bay, Lord Howe Island, Port Stephens-Great Lakes, Solitary Islands

World Heritage listing for Greater Blue Mountains **2000**

1 million+ hectares of forest protected through Regional Forest Agreements **1999**

World Heritage listing for Gondwanan Rainforests **1996**

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