

Land Conservation Information Sheet

“I decided to gift the property to Nature Foundation because it is such a special place and needed special people to look after it into the future,” said Karen Foale.

Gift of Land

One of Nature Foundation’s strategic goals is to expand the area of high conservation value landscape protected. We welcome gifts of land to help achieve this. Nature Foundation will either continue the conservation land management plan in place on any gifted land or will develop a plan for its future.

A recent Gift of Land – Geegeela Nature Reserve in the south-east

Gifted in 2019 by long-time member, Karen Foale, Nature Foundation will continue to protect Geegeela Nature Reserve’s biodiversity, especially the endangered buloke woodland vegetation community, an important food source for the nationally endangered South-eastern Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo.

Process

The process for Nature Foundation to consider a gift of land is:

- After a landowner enquires about making a Gift of Land, Nature Foundation staff undertake a desktop assessment of the land
- If the assessment meets Nature Foundation requirements, a meeting is scheduled with the landowner
- With the landowner’s consent, staff undertake an in-person assessment of the land and information is gathered from the landowner
- Staff provide a recommendation to the Nature Foundation Board
- The outcome of the Board’s decision is shared with the landowner
- If both parties are happy to proceed with the Gift of Land, an Agreement is prepared and signed by the landowner and Nature Foundation.

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Bushbank SA

Nature Foundation’s Bushbank SA program purchases and protects blocks of high biodiversity value land, by on-selling it to people who value and care for nature.

Bushbank currently has a number of [blocks for sale](#) and is open to offers to purchase land. All Bushbank SA properties are assessed by Nature Foundation for a nature conservation covenant (a Heritage Agreement under the Native Vegetation Act) and against Nature Foundation’s [land acquisition criteria](#).

Once a property is purchased, Bushbank SA will prepare a property management plan, and assist the new owners with its stewardship.

Bushbank SA works to:

- Make a long-lasting contribution to the conservation of significant wildlife and habitat especially for nationally endangered or threatened ecological communities or species
- Provide a benefit to the community through the preservation of South Australia’s natural landscapes
- Assist new owners to make an important contribution to protecting our biodiversity
- Return all proceeds from sales to the fund to support further purchases and protect our natural environment.

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Heritage Agreements

Established in South Australia in 1980, the Heritage Agreement program includes more than 1600 primary producer and conservation landholders, protecting an amazing diversity of landscapes and native plants and animals exceeding 1.5 million hectares on private land.

Heritage Agreements are initiated by the land manager to protect remnant vegetation in perpetuity.

Heritage Agreements can form part of an important wildlife corridor, provide an extension to national and conservation parks, or help establish private sanctuaries.

All landscapes are welcomed for Heritage Agreements, including grasslands, a chenopod scrubland, open forests and mallee to name a few. You too can be a part of the growing community and leave your legacy for future generations.

Visit the Department for Environment and Water website for more information on [Heritage Agreements](#) and how to apply. Information is also available by contacting the Program Manager, Revitalising Private Conservation.

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Heritage Agreement owner Sue Wiebkin on her property purchased through Bushbank SA (V Messmer)

By partnering with us, you are joining leading organisations and groups that significantly contribute to the conservation and enhancement of South Australia's natural environment.

Offset Opportunities

Nature Foundation is a Significant Environmental Benefit (SEB) and Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) offset provider, and offset credit holder, broker and consultant. We bring together landholders, project developers and regulators in a natural alliance.

As South Australia's preferred provider of environmental offsets, Nature Foundation delivers a range of native vegetation and threatened species offset solutions tailored to each partner's needs.

The co-benefits of partnering with us include meaningful engagement with projects, becoming part of a broader legacy and supporting development of ecological knowledge.

Offset partners observe and experience first-hand the advances in nature conservation their investments have made. Transparency is integral, and strong relationships form.

Offset sites and offset credits

We are always looking for suitable offset sites. Are you interested in offering your property as an offset site? We can assist you by:

- Assessing offset site feasibility
- Modelling project costs
- Establishing the area as an offset credit site
- Developing an Offset Management Plan
- Delivering ongoing land management of offset areas for environmental gain
- Monitoring and reporting, and liaison with regulators and stakeholders
- Securing contractual agreements between multiple parties – offset offtake agreements.

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