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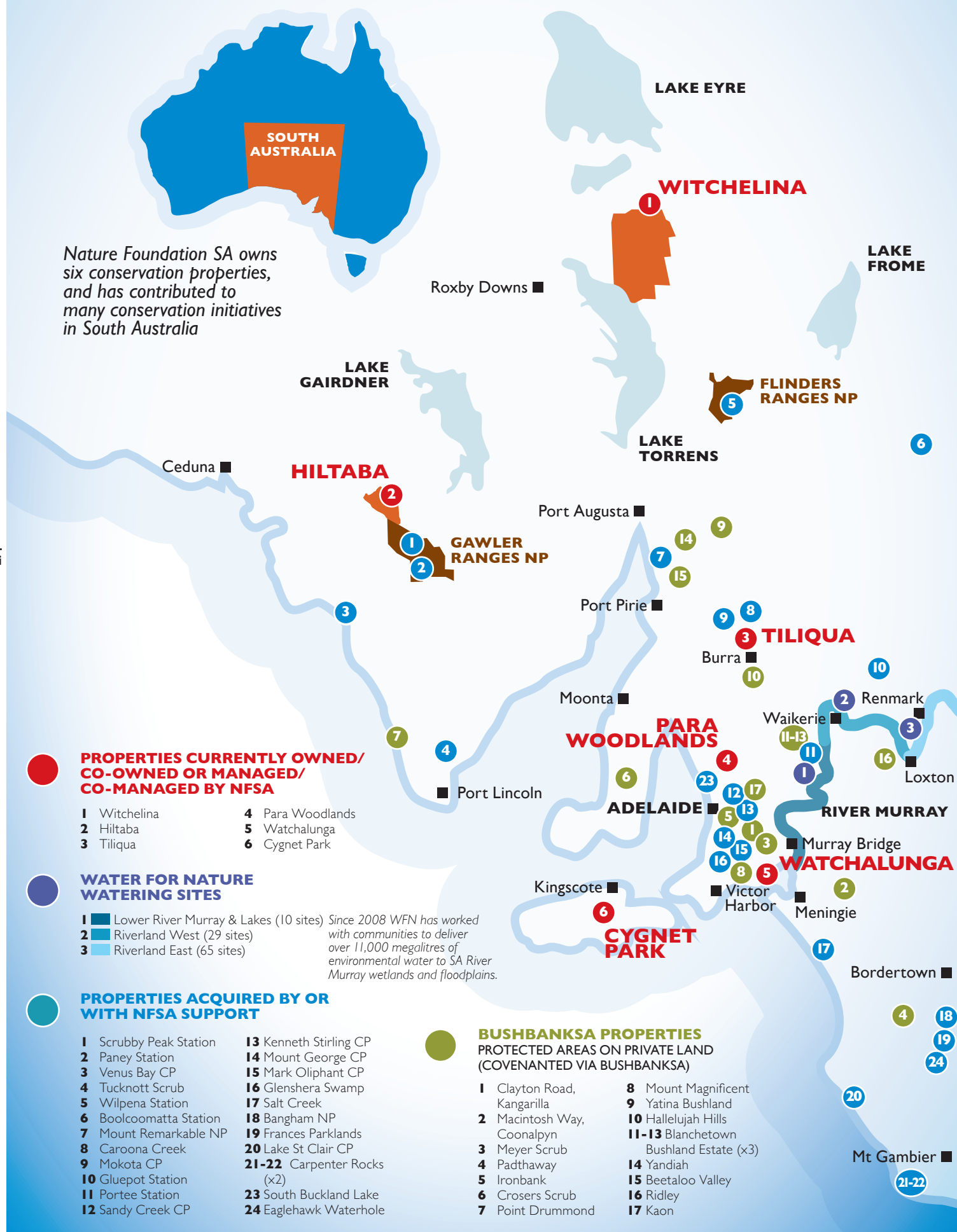
NATURE FOUNDATION SA

2017-2018
ANNUAL REPORT

OUR FOOTPRINT



Nature Foundation SA owns six conservation properties, and has contributed to many conservation initiatives in South Australia



OUR VISION

Nature
loved by
all and
thriving.



NATURE FOUNDATION SA INC.

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Hiltaba Nature Reserve, by Julie Schofield



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

HELLO TO ALL NATURE FOUNDATION SA MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS. THE 2017-18 YEAR HAS BEEN A YEAR OF CHANGE FOR YOUR FOUNDATION.

I wish to thank all those who voted for me as President at the last election. I believed that I was being asked to continue the entrepreneurial development I listed in my how to vote documentation and which I have proudly created since joining Council in 2004.

I am particularly proud of the purchase and development of property ownership after the purchase of Witchelina, Cygnet River, Tiliqua, Watchalunga, and Hiltaba, and the concept of the Rotational Manager system I put in place; the creation of the Water for Nature Concept; Development of SEB third party credits (creating over \$4M of income); conceiving and developing the Carbon Credit opportunities; endeavouring to formalise a structure for Volunteers For Nature; supporting positive relationships with the Traditional Owners at all of our properties and the areas along the River Murray in which we have an interest; giving at times solo support to the group headed by the Rotational Managers to develop Ecotourism; developing relationships with the Geology fraternity; forming the Science Committee; introducing The Grand Working Bee concept; the Founders Walks concept at Hiltaba; the need to develop a Bequest Society; the commitment to seriously develop grant writing capacity; the Very Special Morning Teas, and of course the College of Nature Champions.

Following the personal support of Nature Foundation SA's membership at the elections last year, unfortunately I did not receive the support of those on the Council who had supported my challenger, so this past year has been the least successful year for me and the Council since I joined.

For the Council to operate going forward it was clear I had to resign as President – I did this as I believed there was now a Councillor who could potentially continue much of what I had introduced. I don't believe that I could not continue to lead the right Council and Nature Foundation SA to even greater achievements but I could not do it currently.

At the November 2017 Council meeting a surprise paper was presented to completely restructure the Committee system, which had grown in parallel with the incredible expansion the Foundation had experienced over the previous 30 years. The 12 committees and working parties were to be restructured into three strategy committees – this process took eight to nine months to eventuate.

The year also saw a change in the Nature Foundation SA committee structure. I wish to sincerely thank those who have served so generously on our previous committees to date. They have been an essential part of the fundamental change which sees Nature Foundation SA operating as it does today – Science and Conservation, Ecotourism, Land Acquisition, Bushbank, Property Management, Finance and Governance, Fundraising, Marketing and Events. Our new committees – Land, Water and Science, Revenue and Marketing Strategy and Finance Audit and Risk, as well as the committees unchanged: the SEB and Carbon Committee and Water For Nature Committee, will now guide Nature Foundation SA. I find it difficult to believe that the extraordinary outcomes that the Foundation has enjoyed in its 37 years can be achieved without selecting committee members on specialist single-purpose working committees, unless the Foundation increases its staff numbers considerably, so this is also a reason for me resigning as President.

Partnerships continue to prove to be fundamentally important for Nature Foundation SA. Nature Foundation SA was formed by our far-sighted founders in 1981 with partnership at the core of their motivation.

The subsequent history completely validates the vision of the founders, with Nature Foundation SA working in partnership with governments and industry to help protect and add to the reserve system: more than 1.1 million hectares to date. An amazing achievement, including areas such as the Gawler Ranges National Park on Eyre peninsula, parts of the Flinders Ranges National Park, Blanchetown Estate near Truro, and Bangham Conservation Park near Frances in the South East. This year we added to the estate with the acquisition of a beautiful little property near Kersbrook which will add to the

conservation values of a neighbouring conversation park and forestry reserve.

We experienced significant increases in demand for offsets in the form of Significant Environmental Benefits (SEB) and Carbon. Working with the Petroleum and Gas sector resulted in the acquisition of the amazing Witchelina Nature Reserve near Maree. Nine years on and with the significant increase in activity in the renewable energy and mining and resources sectors, Nature Foundation SA continued to work in partnership with those sectors on a range of projects that have the prospect of protecting very significant areas of important ecosystems.

Our dear patron and co-founder, Dr Barbara Hardy AO turned 90 in 2017. We helped Barbara, her wider family and 200 guests celebrate at a dazzling dinner at Bonython hall which including Wines by Geoff Hardy and exquisite Australian food by Andrew Fielke. It would be no surprise to you to know that Barbara agreed to the celebration only on the proviso that the event was a fundraiser for Nature Foundation. You, our generous supporters, helped raise \$45,000 for nature conservation.

There was significant change at the Council level. After nearly 50 years of incredibly committed service between them, David Moyle AM (28 years) and Rob Morrison OAM (21 years) stepped down from Council at the 2017 AGM. Everything you see at Nature Foundation SA today has been shaped in some way by them. Elected to Council at the same AGM: Jan Ferguson OAM, Professor Phil Weinstein and Treasurer Doug Ransom have contributed to governing your Foundation. We were also disappointed that Councillor Tony Sharley, a significant leader in the Murray River Community and Chair of the Water For Nature Committee had to resign because of the incredible explosion in the success of his award-winning tourism venture.

Highlights for 2017-18 are:

- > A better-than-budget financial result by \$45,000
- > Membership growing to exceed 700. There was a large increase prior to the last AGM.
- > Water For Nature nearly doubled the volume of River Murray floodplain environmental watering.
- > Forty-three Aboriginal school students participating in our Kids on Country program in the first half of 2018, due to the wonderful grant from Perpetual, and in partnership with the participating schools, Heathgate Resources and the Aboriginal community.
- > Our work in protecting the vulnerable populations of plants and animals such as the Mount Lofty Ranges Southern Emu Wren at the Watchalunga Nature Reserve, the western-most population of the Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby at Hiltaba, and through our involvement in Cygnet Park on Kangaroo Island, the Glossy Black-cockatoo.
- > Growing participation by our members and supporters, and increasing numbers of amazing volunteers.
- > Increased ecotourism numbers visiting and loving their experiences on Witchelina and Hiltaba Nature Reserves.
- > The partnership with industry for significant environmental gain arising from necessary approved clearances.

I wish to thank our CEO Hugo Hopton and all of his staff, the Rotational Managers, and Committee members

We could **not** achieve what we do without your help in so many ways and we really want to do more. Many of you reading this have been generous donors of time, intellect and funds. Thank you. If you do not class yourself in these three categories, just having you as members or supporters assists hugely, as I know you join us all in telling our friends and connections of the great need for the protection of nature, and the even greater need for all of society to be involved. How can they help? Do good works wherever they are, volunteer, join as a member or donate, and above all, tell the story.

Bob Lott
President



CEO'S REPORT

THE CRITICAL NEED TO CREATE A FUTURE WHERE THE ANIMALS, PLANTS, RIVERS AND NATURAL LANDSCAPES THAT WE ALL LOVE ARE THRIVING IS WHAT DRIVES NATURE FOUNDATION SA.

We know that it is a view shared by our members and supporters, and we know that it is a vision that can bring renewed energy and health to our everyday lives.

It has been another year of very pleasing progress, and at a time when many conservation organisations are experiencing considerable pressure due to a reduction in funds as governments reassess their priorities.

With other leading Australian nature conservation organisations, Nature Foundation SA is part of the Australian Land Conservation Alliance, which has a focus on private land conservation. With more than 70% of the Australian landscape privately owned, private lands offer great potential to supplement the critically important network of reserves established by State and Commonwealth Governments. The amazing diversity of ecosystems that define the natural environment of Australia and South Australia are well represented in low rainfall areas, but tend to be significantly under-represented in settled and higher rainfall agricultural zones. Only 11% of SA's protected areas are in higher rainfall areas where there is naturally higher species diversity. This means many of our ecosystems and native fauna and flora are at risk.

The vulnerability of our natural landscapes, and particularly these underrepresented higher rainfall areas, is increased with changes in our climate, reduced rainfall, and drought.

This year we have structured our Annual Report to reflect the objectives of our Strategic Plan, which makes clear the role Nature Foundation SA wishes to play in nature conservation in South Australia.

Throughout the year we accomplished many things; just a few highlights include:

- > Development of our Science Strategy which defines South Australian nature conservation needs, and provides priorities for Nature Foundation SA's work and our nature science student grants.
- > With your help we raised significant funds through events such as the wonderful Barbara Hardy 90th birthday dinner at Bonython Hall, the Macquarie Luncheon and through three appeals: The Role of Raptor in Ecosystem Recovery at Witchelina; Hiltaba Nature Reserve Healthy Populations; and our winter Vital Works appeal.
- > Working in partnership with the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and local river communities to deliver almost 5000 megalitres of water to thirsty river red gums, black box, lignum and wetlands along the SA River Murray Valley.
- > Continuing to progress work to save the small and threatened populations of the Mount Lofty Ranges Southern Emu-wren in partnership with other organisations, local communities and researchers.
- > Working to control feral predators at Hiltaba and Witchelina Nature Reserves to reduce pressures on fauna of all kinds, including the vulnerable Thick-billed Grasswren; reptiles; small marsupials such as the endangered Plains Mouse; and the small western-most colony of Yellow-footed Rock-wallabies.

- > Funding student research into climate change adaptation measures to help save the Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard and Mallee Fowl, as well as research into seed zone genomics, invertebrates and frogs relating to environmental watering, and Little Penguin habitat.
 - > Establishment by the family and colleagues of the late Professor Mike Bull, of the Mike Bull Research Fund for Emerging Young Nature Scientists.
 - > The Kids on Country program has gone from strength to strength as a result of a grant from Perpetual's Impact Philanthropy Program.
 - > Establishment of a service to assist those considering native vegetation clearance or offsets to minimise their impact and maximise the net environmental result.
 - > Working with international investors on renewable energy projects (wind, solar and batteries) to assist them meet their Native Vegetation Act obligations.
 - > A growing band of wonderful volunteers, who help us advance nature conservation in the office, in the community and in the field.
 - > Ecotourism growing strongly, connecting more people to nature and Nature Foundation SA through highly regarded walking trails, nature drives and interpretive material.
 - > Ever-strengthening connections with the wider community, Aboriginal communities, industries, the not-for-profit sector, Australian Land Conservation Alliance (ALCA) member organisations, universities and governments.
 - > A wonderful event held at the Art Gallery of South Australia for people interested in leaving a bequest to Nature Foundation SA, followed by a reception at Government House, generously hosted by His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC and Mrs Van Le.
 - > A better-than-budget financial result through dedicated efforts by the wonderful staff team.
 - > Growth of the Perpetual Endowment fund, which aims to build a sum of money for future years to restore ecosystems, save threatened species, and revitalise wetlands and floodplains with environmental watering along the River Murray.
 - > Continuously improving governance from Council through to staff, volunteers, Rotational Managers and our administrative systems.
- I wish to send a heartfelt thanks to our growing band of wonderful

volunteers who help us advance nature conservation energetically. I also wish to acknowledge the passion and leadership of the Council, the dedication and achievement of the deeply committed staff team, and the resourcefulness and dedication of that wonderful band of Rotational Managers who staff the amazing Hiltaba and Witchelina Nature Reserves 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Above all, I join President Bob Lott in thanking you, our members, supporters and business, not-for-profit and government partners. With your support Nature Foundation SA will continue to expand its influence for the intergenerational benefit of creating a brighter future for the species and ecosystems that comprise the amazingly diverse private and public landscape of this wonderful state.

Hugo Hopton

Chief Executive Officer

NATURE FOUNDATION SA

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS



OUR VISION

Nature loved by all and thriving

OUR PURPOSE

To advance nature conservation by raising funds, through community partnerships and by implementing science.

WHO WE ARE

An apolitical, not-for-profit, science-based fundraising nature conservation charity that works on our properties and throughout South Australia to connect with and inspire others to save, protect, restore and sustainably manage South Australia's natural heritage.

OUR CREED

To save, protect and restore nature

OUR ROLES

- > Nature conservation leader
- > Community motivator
- > Nature conservation land holder
- > Fundraiser and funder
- > Nature science advocate.

VALUES WE BELIEVE

- > Nature is at the core of all we do
- > People and their diversity matter
- > In using resources very well
- > Collaboration achieves more
- > In being passionate, positive, curious and innovative.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- > Protecting and restoring more ecosystems and landscapes over a greater area
- > Amplifying the funds and resources to advance nature conservation
- > Involving more people and local communities in nature conservation
- > Working towards best practice ecological and cultural management
- > Continuously improving governance standards.

WHAT DRIVES US

- > The critical need to create a future for species and ecosystems
- > The need to generate funds for nature conservation
- > The escalating impacts of climate change
- > Increasing population and development pressures on the environment
- > Conservation as a declining political priority
- > The need to collaborate to do more with less
- > The possibilities created by the rise of new technologies
- > The opportunities created by emerging carbon and water markets
- > The rising need for society to value nature for both societal and environmental purpose
- > The need for growing scientific and cultural understanding of nature.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

ECOSYSTEMS AND LANDSCAPES

A PROTECTING AND RESTORING MORE ECOSYSTEMS AND LANDSCAPES OVER A GREATER AREA

INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS

It has been a great year for the Industry Engagement Program with many “firsts” in 2017–2018:

- > Fee for service work: Nature Foundation SA's experience in the delivery of SEB offsets has positioned us as a strategic and technical advisor on SEB projects as we move into the new policy environment and the development of new SEB offset markets.
- > Working with a renewable energy company – a collaboration with DP Energy's proposed Port Augusta Energy Park's wind, solar and storage project.
- > Signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Solar River Project to deliver an on ground SEB project, with landholder and traditional owner involvement.
- > Nature Foundation SA's staff presented at the National Rangelands conference in Port Augusta, on Witchelina Nature Reserve and our partnership with Heathgate Resources' Aboriginal School Mentoring Program, resulting in the Kids on Country camps.

FIRST ACCREDITED THIRD PARTY PROVIDER FOR SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS (SEBs)

Nature Foundation SA was excited to hear of the Native Vegetation Council's decision on the 13th April 2018 to accredit Nature Foundation SA as a Third Party Provider, under the Native Vegetation (Credit for Environmental Benefit) Regulations 2015.

This decision paves the way for Nature Foundation SA to innovate within the new SEB policy environment, to protect more of South Australia's landscape and to establish and promote the full suite of services in a Third Party and SEB Credit market. These include:

- > NVC Accredited Consultant (Conservation Programs Manager – Alex Nankivell)
- > Accredited Third Party Provider
- > Broker

We acknowledge both the support from Native Vegetation Council and the collaborative way staff from Nature Foundation SA and Native Vegetation Branch worked together to achieve this outcome within a tight timeframe. A special thanks, too, goes to Megan Dyson for her pro-bono legal advice and input to the accreditation conditions.



Alex Nankivell, Conservation Programs Manager and Dan Leinfelder, Oz Minerals, at Hiltaba Nature Reserve



Hugo Hopton with Kristian and John Burford at Riversleigh with watered black box trees.

MORE WATER FOR NATURE

4944 megalitres of environmental water delivered.

In 2017-18 the largest volume of environmental water that Water for Nature has delivered in any one year, just over 4944 megalitres, found its way into 15 thirsty wetlands and floodplains. This impressive achievement was made possible through the partnership with the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder, and a wide range of landholders and irrigators and volunteers, 14 of whom who donated more than 150 hours of time.

Since 2012 Water for Nature has delivered 11,168 megalitres of environmental water to more than 80 wetlands and floodplains.

The 2017-18 Water for Nature Champions are congratulated!

- > Dr Anne Jensen
- > Australian Landscape Trust
- > District Council of Loxton Waikerie
- > Elizabeth Lescheid
- > Matt Warnock
- > Renmark Irrigation Trust
- > Riverland West Landcare
- > Loxton District Landcare

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

WE CAN ALWAYS DO MORE!

B AMPLIFYING THE FUNDS AND RESOURCES TO ADVANCE NATURE CONSERVATION



L to R Mrs Le, Dr Barbara Hardy AO, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC and Mr Bob Lott at Government House

MAKING THE ENDURING GIFT OF A BEQUEST

Nature Foundation SA's Bequest Society has certainly been having an exciting time!

Council Member Professor Chris Daniels and Alex Nankivell, Conservation Programs Manager, captured the imagination of supporters with an inspiring presentation delivered at the Art Gallery of South Australia on 9th April 2018. They were assisted by Andrew Goodhand (Perpetual) who explained the financial process behind how to leave a legacy for nature.

The presentation was a chance for people to glimpse the progress Nature Foundation SA is making and to learn how much more can be done for nature conservation into the future.

Later that day, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC and Ms Le hosted a reception at Government House for Nature Foundation SA guests who had indicated their intention to leave a bequest to Nature Foundation SA. It is a very special privilege to have the generous contributions of supporters recognised so prominently.

APPEALS FOR NATURE

Appeals aim to channel funds generously contributed by supporters into specific, tangible outcomes—results that can be seen! During 2017/18 these three appeals raised \$93,157: The Spring Appeal supported Healthy Populations at Hiltaba Nature Reserve, the Autumn Appeal assisted raptor research, and the continuing Vital Work Appeal helps our dedicated volunteers.

Hiltaba Nature Reserve's populations of Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby, Gawler Ranges Grevillea and Toondulya Wattle, as well as Wedge-tailed Eagles and other raptor species on Witchelina Nature Reserve are all benefiting.

As a special treat the top six Appeal donors have been invited to join 'The Eagle Team' on a special five-day trip to Witchelina Nature Reserve where they'll have the enviable opportunity to work alongside ecologists and ornithologists, helping vital research that will improve understanding of raptor behaviour and survival in a regenerating ecosystem.

EVENTS

90TH BIRTHDAY DINNER

The pinnacle event for Nature Foundation SA this year was co-founder Dr Barbara Hardy AO's 90th Birthday Dinner at Bonython Hall. His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC and Minister Ian Hunter MLC were amongst a capacity crowd gathered in Bonython Hall for this truly delightful and uplifting event honouring Barbara's immense contribution to the natural environment. Guests generously supported table sponsorship and a special silent auction held on the night.

MACQUARIE LUNCHEON

A notable offer from the philanthropic Macquarie Group Foundation gave rise to a luncheon where Professor Sonia Kleindorfer* presented the inspiring story of research into bird song and discoveries explaining how parent and unhatched chicks communicate. The luncheon raised \$25,000 toward the Vital Work Appeal which was lifted to \$35,000 by the Macquarie Foundation contribution. Thanks are extended to Tom Gray and Macquarie, who organised this significant event, and to the wonderful generosity of the sixteen guests who attended the luncheon.

* College of Science and Engineering, Flinders University and supervisor of Thick-billed Grasswren research on Nature Foundation SA's Witchelina Nature Reserve.

OPENING OF THE MARK BONNIN WALKING TRAIL

Early in October 2017, the Foundation was pleased to host members of the Bonnin family at Hiltaba Nature Reserve for the opening of the Mark Bonnin Walking Trails. These trails which provide opportunity for walkers of a range of abilities to experience nature in the different landscapes of Hiltaba, are the fourth of the Founder and early supporter trails. Many of the guests walked one or more of the Bonnin trails. They enjoyed presentations on the environment at Hiltaba, visiting the various ancient and diverse landscapes and relaxing around the camp fire. The weekend, which was also a celebration of the role of the past owners of Hiltaba, included the unveiling of a plaque to acknowledge the support of the Angas family to Nature Foundation SA in the presence of Mrs Janet Angas.

PURSUING GRANTS

Submitting grant applications to a priority list of conservation, education, research and environmental funders is an integral part of Nature Foundation SA's day-to-day business. During 2017–18 over \$3 million dollars of applications were placed through 25 grant submissions. Overall, the effort yielded \$600,000 through six successful applications (noting some of this figure is part of multi-year grants from previous applications).

These hard-won funds assist delivery of Council's strategic goals for nature conservation.



The late Professor Mike Bull at Tiliqua Nature Reserve

THE MIKE BULL FUND

We are so very grateful for the wonderful legacy left by the late Professor Mike Bull, whose enthusiasm and expertise in animal behaviour, ecology and conservation is held in tremendously high regard. Nature Foundation SA is honoured, and grateful for the opportunity, to be working with Mike's family and colleagues in administering this esteemed initiative.

Donations to the Professor Mike Bull Research Fund for Emerging Young Nature Scientists (it's a long name, but worthy of it!) are supporting far-reaching scientific endeavours here in South Australia.

The Fund will help young scientists and nature by providing an honours or PhD scholarship, by encouraging academic excellence via a medal, and/or by funding the ongoing biological survey of *Tiliqua rugosa*—otherwise known by the humble name of 'sleepy lizard'.

We are delighted and incredibly proud to announce the Fund has already raised a promising \$31,614.

CORPORATE SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Ongoing and once-off corporate support is always welcomed at Nature Foundation SA, and it makes a real difference.

A selection of highlights...

- > CMV Foundation's generous contributions to Appeals and fundraising events.
- > Lipman Karas support for a Kids on Country Camp at Calperum Station in the Riverland.
- > Officeworks' Round-Up initiative: customers were asked to support Nature Foundation SA in the month of May by rounding up their purchase to the nearest dollar.
- > Grill'd asked customers to choose a charity by placing a bottle top in their preferred charity's jar and the most popular charity became the beneficiary of a donation.

All contributions, large and small, add up!

COLLEGE OF NATURE CHAMPIONS

The College of Nature Champions welcomed new members Bec Hardy and Richard Dolan, Professor Rod and Lyn Wells, and Professor Rob and Pen Morrison during 2017/18, bringing its numbers up to an inspiring 34 members. These dedicated ambassadors make positive representations for Nature Foundation SA whenever and wherever the chance arises.

Our principal objective is to bolster Nature Foundation SA's Perpetual Endowment Fund by \$5 million during the coming five years. All donations are held in trust and invested wisely—generating income to assist to deliver Council's goals.

Dr. Baden Teague

Leader, Nature Foundation SA College of Nature Champions

This year, three member-funded College functions were held: a superb briefing on Nature Foundation SA's activities at a 'drinks reception' at the Holden Street office in February; a 'science seminar' that featured inspiring presentations at St Peter College by Professor Chris Daniels and James Smith highlighting the biodiversity hotspot that exists in the Adelaide plains, coast and hills; and the annual BBQ.

GIVE FOREVER THROUGH PERPETUAL ENDOWMENT

Since the Perpetual Endowment Fund's first donation of \$1,000 from Dr Barbara Hardy AO in 2017, a total of \$216,877 has been contributed through Bequests, the endeavours of the College of Nature Champions and individual donations.

The purpose of this is to grow a capital fund, the returns from which will be available for Nature Foundation SA in future years to restore ecosystems, save threatened species, and revitalise wetlands and floodplains with environmental watering along the River Murray.

The 2018–19 target is to reach \$500,000 – the first half-a-million toward the aspirational target of \$25 million that will support Nature Foundation SA's conservation management program for generations.



Round up program - CEO Hugo Hopton with Imogen and Kaiya from Officeworks

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

PEOPLE HELPING NATURE

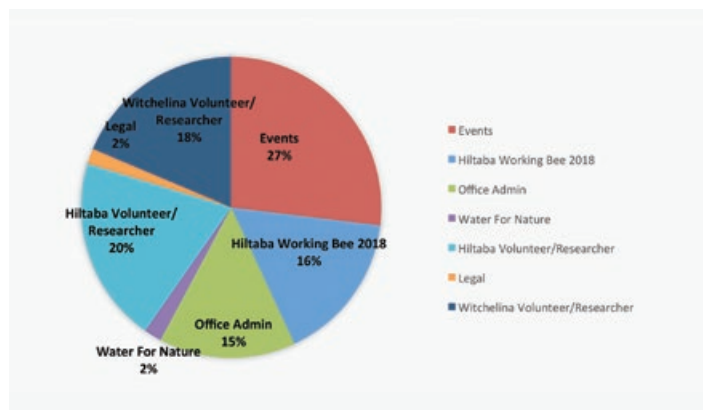
C INVOLVING MORE PEOPLE AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN NATURE CONSERVATION

THANKYOU VOLUNTEERS

Nature Foundation SA was again supported this year by a wonderful cohort of enthusiastic and highly skilled volunteers.

Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds helped in a variety of ways including a huge amount of work on nature reserves; events; working bees; office support; planting days; brochure preparation; research; surveying and monitoring and much more. More than 9104 volunteer hours were contributed during 2017–18. Of these, 55% furthered maintenance and research activities on nature reserves, 27% contributed to successful events, and 15% assisted with office administration.

We are immensely grateful for the generosity and commitment of all volunteers; their dedication brings so much to the organisation and enables us to increase our capacity to advance nature conservation in South Australia.



Kids on Country participants at Hiltaba

WORLD ENVIRONMENT FAIR

Nature Foundation SA was again delighted to join over 90 exhibitors at the World Environment Fair in early June 2018.

More than 10,000 interested and enthusiastic people attended this inspiring event and many of them visited our stall. It was a superb opportunity to connect with children and young adults —tadpole sales were particularly popular, with over 450 sold, and many telling stories of their tadpoles of last year (now frogs – all named!). Plans are already underway for making this another highlight of the Nature Foundation SA calendar next year.

KIDS ON COUNTRY

Inspired by the ecological work experience camps that contribute to Heathgate Resources' Aboriginal School Mentoring Program, Nature Foundation SA has established a dedicated 'Kids on Country' youth program.

It is fast becoming a model program that improves wellbeing, builds employability skills, provides pathways to education, and connects young Aboriginal people to nature and country in partnership with their communities, educational organisations and employers.

Funded by a Perpetual Impact Philanthropic Grant, Nature Foundation SA's Kids on Country program reached 43 Aboriginal students during the first half of 2018. Immersion camps involving Carlton School, Leigh Creek Area School and Crossways Lutheran School were held at Witchelina Nature Reserve and Hiltaba Nature Reserve. A 'River' Kids on Country camp was held at Calperum Station with LeFevre High School, with generous sponsorship from Lipman Karas.

Industry experts, Aboriginal key stakeholders and special guest facilitators were invited to provide input and participate through running workshops at the camps. Participants took part in a carefully

planned range of engaging activities including: species identification workshops, star watching, geocaching, talks on life before humans, geology and palaeontology talks, Welcome to Country and special smoking ceremonies, bat watch activities, Aboriginal weaving using rusher reeds, and rock-hole maintenance.

PLANTING DAY SUPPORT

PARA WOODLANDS

Incredibly fine conditions set the scene for another rewarding planting day at Para Woodlands Nature Reserve on Friday 15th June 2018. Thanks are extended to the Department for Environment and Water (DEW), particularly Dragos Moise, and all the wonderful volunteers who assisted on this fun and productive day.

Plantings included Drooping She-oak (*Allocasuarina verticillata*), Southern Cypress pine (*Callitris gracilis*), South Australian Blue Gum (*Eucalyptus leucoxylon* ssp *leucoxylon*), Peppermint Box (*Eucalyptus odorata*) and Mallee Box (*Eucalyptus porosa*) to help restore the ecosystem to conserve wildlife and in particular to re-establish woodland habitat for birds.



Volunteer Erdem Mustafa at the Watchalunga Planting Day

WATCHALUNGA NATURE RESERVE

Thirty enthusiastic volunteers participated in a fantastic planting day at Watchalunga Nature Reserve organised and hosted by the Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association Inc. on 24th June 2018. An inspiring 1,340 holes were dug, seedlings planted and tree guards positioned.

Nature Foundation SA and Goolwa to Wellington LAP are working together to revegetate the Reserve and expand the habitat for the endangered Mount Lofty Ranges Southern Emu Wren. This crucial project is supported by the SA Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program and the NRM Levies.

ECOTOURISM GROWS

Nature Foundation SA appreciates the vital importance of industry, science-based, community and government support for effective environmental conservation.

Encouraging people to visit, spend time in nature and witness our work first-hand helps to strengthen this support, as well as presenting opportunities to see some remote and spectacular regions of our state.

In 2017/18, Nature Foundation SA extended its offerings to visitors through a range of projects:

Attractions

- > The opening of the fourth of the Founder walking trails at Hiltaba – the Mark Bonnin Trail.
- > Two new nature drives were opened and signposted, one on each major Reserve; and extensive interpretive notes were compiled for each. Two further nature drives are in preparation.
- > Several new brochures were developed with the assistance of Honorary Research Associate Professor Pat James to provide visitors with interpretation of geological features on Hiltaba and Witchelina.

Infrastructure

- > Accommodation at Hiltaba Nature Reserve was further enhanced through installation of a gas hot water service, and the construction of verandas along each side of the Shearers' Quarters.
- > Rainwater was reticulated to the Shearers' Quarters at Witchelina.
- > New campgrounds were established and opened to visitors at the Witchelina homestead precinct, and near the Old Mount Nor'West homestead.

Marketing

- > Information and promotional material for both major nature reserves was produced and distributed to Nature Foundation members, sponsors, special interest organisations, and to Visitor Information Centres across the Eyre Peninsula and in Far North SA.
- > Building on a plan commissioned previously, Nature Foundation SA adopted a more systematic approach to marketing and promoting its nature-based tourism opportunities, through a variety of media.

Income

As a growing source of revenue for the Nature Foundation, ecotourism is a medium to long-term investment, necessitating incremental improvements in several domains including the three listed above.

However, the Council was pleased to note 2017-18 as the first year in which ecotourism was able to operate as a business in its own right, without any subsidy from other areas of the organisation's budget, and returning a modest surplus for the year.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

PEOPLE HELPING NATURE *continued*



HILTABA GRAND WORKING BEE

A terrific time was had by all at this year's Grand Working Bee held at Hiltaba Nature Reserve from 25th-30th April 2018.

An enormous amount of progress was made, thanks to the 46 volunteers, staff, managers and councillors who took part. Between them they committed more than 800 hours to flora and fauna monitoring, siting exclosures to improve vegetation baseline comparisons; completing (nearly) the Cleland Walking Trail; maintenance of the four other walking trails; road testing of trail notes; fence removal to reduce harm to wildlife; painting the Governesses' Cottage, levelling the 'jump up' access track alignment; professional photography and videography; supplying superb catering that everyone appreciated; and behind-the-scenes work that kept things running smoothly.

As well, evening talks held outdoor-cinema style were truly inspiring—Australia's birds in the global context (Dr Jeremy Robertson), bats that see (Coral Johnston), wallabies bouncing back (Mark Anderson, DEW and Lindsay Brown, Gawler Ranges National Park), water and floodplains blooming back (Natalie Stalenberg) and geology like you have never heard it before (Professor Pat James). Thank you to all presenters.

A spirit of camaraderie flourished with the opportunity to create new and cement old friendships amidst truly beautiful landscapes. The skills, knowledge, sense of humour and willingness of all participants to work hard made a huge difference that is greatly appreciated.

HILTABA BONNIN WALKING TRAIL WORKING BEE

A special working bee was held in July 2017 specifically to build the Mark Bonnin Walking Trail and to map the route for the fifth trail, the David Cleland Walking Trail.

More than 30 volunteers contributed over 750 hours in tasks ranging from positioning signs on droppers and building the path; and for a bit less back breaking tasks including building cairns along the route; others were involved in deepening interpretation work for

the brochure and reconnaissance work mapping a route for the final of the Founders' Trails. There was a great sense of achievement and enjoyment. The tough manual labour, skill and professionalism of all involved was greatly valued.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE UP NORTH

This year, infrastructure improvement on Nature Foundation SA's northern reserves has gone ahead in leaps and bounds.

Volunteers worked to build four kilometres of new fencing on Witchelina Nature Reserve and to make boundary fence repairs. While at Hiltaba, a shearer's quarters veranda, concrete pathways and a carport have given the homestead precinct a face-lift. All this is made possible by materials, funds and time generously donated by members and supporters.

It is especially pleasing to see these improvements are appreciated by the increasing numbers of people visiting the nature reserves attracting more and more people to nature conservation in our state's far-north and west.

A special mention goes to the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia, Conservation and Wildlife Management Branch led by Rick Fisher. This volunteer group has undertaken fox, cat and goat control activities on Hiltaba Nature Reserve as part of the feral animal control program, and their considerable input is vital to reducing the damage caused by these destructive ferals.

MY HEALTHY RIVER TOOLKIT

Locals living along the River Murray in South Australia now have access to a comprehensive toolkit to restore and protect the river's health.

Nature Foundation SA developed the *My Healthy River Toolkit* to help wetland owners, community members, and organisations deliver environmental water to thirsty wetlands and floodplains.

Over the past century the River Murray's health has been declining due to the construction of infrastructure such as dams and weirs; water extraction for towns, industry and irrigation. By returning environmental water to our wetlands and floodplains, we are doing something practical to improve the health of the river and its floodplains, lakes and wetlands.

The *My Healthy River Toolkit* comprises a series of fact sheets and video tutorials to help people understand what environmental water is, the benefits it can deliver for the environment and community wellbeing, and how local people can get involved.

Development of the toolkit was funded through the Department for Environment and Water's *Fund My Project* initiative which asked South Australians to vote for worthy projects.

The toolkit was officially launched at The Riverland BioBlitz near Berri on 19th May 2018 and can be accessed from the Nature Foundation SA website or the *My Healthy River Toolkit* Facebook group.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

SCIENCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

D MANAGING NATURE WITH EVER-IMPROVING SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION



Mount Lofty Ranges Southern Emu-wren
(*Stipiturus malachurus intermedius*).
Photo by Subbu Conley

MOUNT LOFTY RANGES SOUTHERN EMU-WREN

The Mount Lofty Ranges (MLR) Southern Emu-wren (*Stipiturus malachurus intermedius*) is a small, cryptic bird that persists in highly fragmented populations in the Fleurieu Peninsula Swamps and is listed as Endangered under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (1999)* and *National Parks and Wildlife Act (1995)*.

To promote effective conservation efforts for the MLR Southern Emu-wren Nature Foundation SA partnered with Natural Resources SA MDB, The University of Adelaide in partnership with Conservation SA, and The University of East Anglia UK to better understand species habitat and distribution.

The research partnership seeks to better understand MLR Southern Emu-wren distribution populations within Watchalunga Nature Reserve and the surrounding Lower Finnis and Lower Tookayerta catchments, which will inform effective management of this at-risk species.

MLR Southern Emu-wren abundance is dependent on the presence and quality of swampland habitual vegetation (big sedges, samphire, common spike-rush, freshwater vegetation, grazed vegetation, lignum, mixed grasses, sedges, tea tree and woodland). Therefore, research focused on identifying and mapping the distribution of such vegetation. Once areas of suitable habitual vegetation were identified, MLR Southern Emu-wren distribution was identified through bird surveying, to finally establish a habitat suitability model.

The established model outlines the conditions that promote MLR Southern Emu-wren populations and can be used by land managers for the conservation of the species. Nature Foundation SA will use this model to formulate conservation efforts at Watchalunga Nature Reserve.

MONITORING GAWLER RANGES SHORT-TAILED GRASSWREN

Hiltaba Nature Reserve is home to one of the three main subpopulations of the Gawler Ranges Short-tailed Grasswrens.

Short-tailed Grasswrens (*Amytornis merrotsyi*) are an extremely cryptic bird found only in the arid ranges of South Australia. The species consists of two sub species: the Gawler Ranges Short-tailed Grasswren (*Amytornis merrotsyi pedleri*) and the Flinders Ranges Short-tailed Grasswren (*Amytornis merrotsyi merrotsyi*). They are both listed as endangered under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (1999)* due to their highly restricted geographic distribution and recent declining numbers, arising from threats such as fire, over-grazing, predation by cats and foxes, and variable climate.

Nature Foundation SA is building on recent survey work completed by the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) staff to setup a rigorous monitoring program aimed at tracking changes in the Short-tailed Grasswren population size and distribution at Hiltaba Nature Reserve.

In May 2018, Graham Carpenter (Birds SA) and Cath Kemper (SA Museum) surveyed and identified three new sites with Short-tailed Grasswrens on Hiltaba Nature Reserve and were also able to confirm Grasswrens were still occupying sites surveyed in 2017 by Catherine Lynch (DEW). Although the extremely dry conditions had a considerable effect on the number of sightings recorded, a more complete picture of Grasswren distribution and population size on Hiltaba Nature Reserve is being established.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

SCIENCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

continued

RAPTOR APPEAL PROGRESS

The generous response to our recent appeal *The Role of Raptors in Ecosystem Recovery* by generous donors has produced a firm foundation from which to begin understanding how raptors on Witchelina Nature Reserve are responding to a regenerating ecosystem.

An indicative driving survey has recorded sightings that equate to around 22 eagles/100km and 3 brown falcons/100km.

However, as only a small proportion of the reserve was covered, this important work continues!



Research grant recipient Hannah Bannister with brushtail possum

BIO SURVEY RESULTS

Witchelina Nature Reserve's first biological survey was completed in 2010 by Bushblitz (a national program to document Australia's plant and animal diversity) and again in 2011 by EBS Ecology. These two surveys were completed just after the wettest years since European records began and although extremely interesting gave us a somewhat exaggerated first impression of the reserves biodiversity. Subsequent years have been drier following the boom and bust trends of the outback.

A Scientific Expedition Group (SEG) expedition in 2015 focused efforts on resampling survey sites located in the southern part of the Reserve typified by expanses of red sand dunes and Acacia dominated shrublands. A second SEG survey in 2016 resampled the northern extent of the reserve a much rockier rugged undertaking comprising the beautiful and ancient Willouran Ranges.

Bit by bit, scientific knowledge of biodiversity on Witchelina Nature Reserve is building!

Thanks to Darren Niejalke and Sonia Croft, who have put in huge individual efforts, in sampling and data analysis. The data from these expeditions are now compiled in one central database.

RESEARCH GRANTS 2017–18

Nature Foundation SA proudly funds research through a grant program that contributes to the conservation of South Australia's biodiversity and habitats and supports university students in their work and careers.

UNIVERSITY or GROUP	RESEARCHERS	Type	TITLE
Flinders University	Tara Daniell	PhD	What makes for a good translocation: A case study of the pygmy bluetongue lizard
Adelaide University	Collette Blyth	PhD	Defining restoration seed zones in the genomics era
Adelaide University	Tahila Perry	PhD	Using high throughput sequencing of scat samples to investigate the diet and population genetic structure of the iconic Australian short-beaked echidna
Adelaide University	Peri Stenhouse	PhD	Malleefowl (<i>Leipoa ocellata</i>) in changing climate: can we help a threatened species adapt to a drier and hotter environment
Adelaide University	Michelle Sargent	PhD	Measuring invertebrate biodiversity as a tool to guide wetland restoration success
Flinders University	Robert Mathwin	PhD	Modelling ecophysiology of frogs to inform the Water for Nature program
Flinders University	Larissa Iasiello	Honours	Assessing the impact of habitat availability and preference for little penguin's distribution
Adelaide University	Jasmin Packer	Project	Extending habitat suitability mapping to the breeding success of endangered southern emu-wrens in Watchalunga Nature Reserve: stage 2 of a collaborative vision for the Watchalunga Precinct

Spinifex Hopping Mice



NATURE FOUNDATION SA SCIENCE STRATEGY 2018–2023

Nature Foundation SA is committed to furthering South Australian ecological science to ensure we accumulate vital knowledge about our ecosystems.

In March 2018 Nature Foundation SA adopted its new Science Strategy that provides a set of governing principles and a purpose for the science program. It also describes the investment mechanism and decision-making process that will enable South Australian ecological science to grow and develop to benefit nature conservation in SA, private land conservation, the broader community and Nature Foundation SA's management of its nature reserves.

In addition, the Strategy will create an alumni to strengthen the nature science community in SA, and create a base for future support. Research outcomes will be more accessible to scientists and researchers, which in turn will improve conservation activities and encourage others to participate in programs on our nature reserves and private land.

To ensure Nature Foundation SA's challenging research effort underpins the organisation's management of its reserves and engagement with the community, the top six research priorities for the next five years are:

1. The ecological and landscape issues pertaining to our Nature Reserves.
2. Ecological issues pertaining to either threatened or over-abundant species.
3. The material advancement of conservation and/or restoration of South Australian terrestrial, marine and freshwater ecosystems.
4. To provide ecosystem resilience towards climate change.
5. To improve the connection between community and nature through activities including ecotourism, citizen science and/or other engagement methodologies.
6. Water – especially including but not limited to – Water for Nature activities, and the River Murray.

We encourage all members and supporters to view Nature Foundation SA's Science Strategy 2018–2023 on the website.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

MANAGING ECOLOGY AND CULTURE

E WORKING TOWARDS BEST PRACTICE ECOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL MANAGEMENT

FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN LANDSCAPE SCALE CONSERVATION

There are some really important questions that need addressing to demonstrate the value of landscape scale conservation and its contribution to the wellbeing of society and our planet. At the highest level these are: To what extent is landscape scale conservation making a difference now? And will it make a difference in the future? What has worked and what has not worked? But how do we know which is which?

This year Nature Foundation SA produced its first Science Strategy, which is intended to form the basis for our investment decisions, to ensure we are making the most efficient, effective and valuable contributions to conservation in South Australia.

Future projects on the Nature Reserves will work in accordance with the Science Strategy in seeking to address the threats that are negatively impacting the long-term viability of important ecosystems and species, and to better understand the relationship between management actions and the responses and health of species and ecosystems.

WITCHELINA NATURE RESERVE'S BIODIVERSITY

Work at Witchelina during this year has added to our understanding of biodiversity on this nature reserve, tackled the big issues of introduced predators and invasive weeds, and continued to progress ongoing management.

- > Birds SA conducted their annual survey, which included collecting Thick-billed Grasswren data to define their distribution.
- > Ground baiting laid 391 baits. Dams were targeted as ipso facto fauna refuges.
- > Shooting resulted in 31 feral cats being destroyed.
- > Buffel grass control continued, with no new germination found in 2017/18.
- > A Noogoora Burr infestation at east Mount Dam was treated.
- > Nature Foundation SA participated in the Biteback aerial baiting program: 2,500 baits were distributed.
- > Four kilometres of boundary fence was replaced, between Witchelina Nature Reserve and Myrtle Springs.

Reducing the impact on introduced predators on native wildlife at Witchelina Nature Reserve is a fundamental management goal.

A recent study of cat, fox and dingo diets at Witchelina Nature Reserve revealed that cats contained an average of 10.3 prey items per sample, foxes 17.6 prey items per sample and dingoes 1.5 prey items per sample.¹ If we assume these prey items were consumed over a two-day period, a single cat could consume ~1880 prey items per year. Therefore, the 404 cats sampled during the study would have consumed ~760,000 prey items in one year had they been allowed to survive.

The study also found that cats, foxes and dingoes preyed on a wide variety of taxonomic groups. Including two species of frog, 45 species of reptile, 10 species of bird and 12 mammal species. Several species had not been recorded in the diet of the cat before. For example, Sudell's frog, Gibber Dragon, Red-barred Dragon, Strap-Snouted Brown Snake, Eyre Basin Beaked Gecko, Spotted Night-jar, Thick-billed Grasswren (listed nationally as vulnerable), Australian Raven and White-striped Free-tailed Bat.



ENVIRONMENTAL GAINS AT HILTABA NATURE RESERVE

Key management goals at Hiltaba are to reduce total grazing pressure through destocking, removing feral goats and controlling rabbits; managing over-abundant native species; reducing predation through control of foxes and cats; and restoring natural water flows through removing unnatural water supplies. In total:

- > ~11500 goats removed from Hiltaba; ~500 remain in the form of incursions from surrounding properties resulting in significant reduction in grazing pressure from goats
- > 5,000 sheep removed with intermittent incursions from surrounding properties resulting in significant reduction in grazing pressure from sheep
- > Regular spotlight shooting
- > In excess of 20,000 fox baits (1080) laid over the Nature Reserve aerially and by ground since 2014
- > Intense ground baiting around Mt Friday and Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby sites at Hiltaba

Reduction in total grazing pressure has resulted in outcomes such as viable populations of Myall and Gawler Ranges Grevillea. The reduction in feral predators has led to an increase of suitable sites occupied by Yellow-footed Rock-wallabies.

¹ Woinarski et al, 2017, 'How Many Birds are Killed by Cats in Australia?', *Biological Conservation*, Vol 214, pp76-87

Nature Foundation SA has been actively mapping and undertaking a Buffel Grass (*Cenchrus ciliaris*) control program since mid-2014. The control program is a part of the Management Plan for the Control of Buffel grass in Witchelina Nature Reserve (June 2015).

Buffel Grass, a declared environmental weed in South Australia, had established at multiple locations on Witchelina Nature Reserve, primarily in the deeper alluvial soils of the floodplains of the major creek systems in the north of the Reserve. Following ongoing efforts, infestations at Station Creek and at a couple of other locations appear to have been eradicated.

Rainfall events of 25 mm or more, followed by cool conditions, are thought necessary for Buffel Grass germination to occur. The last such event occurred in early 2017 and extensive surveys during 2017 and 2018 failed to locate any new Buffel Grass germination. Although established plants have continued to grow, dry conditions resulted in Buffel Grass becoming dormant.

Nature Foundation SA has continued the spray program and almost all Buffel Grass infestations on Witchelina Nature Reserve have now been sprayed at least once. The main control chemical, Flupropanate (Rambo), is residual in the soil and is reported to remain active for two or more years and so is therefore expected to be effective once rains do occur. Ongoing work at all locations remains essential to locate remnant plants, and to reduce regrowth and new germinations.

WORKING TOGETHER NATIONALLY

Nature Foundation SA is one of many nature conservation organisations across Australia making a positive difference at large and small scales. Responsible for more than 500,000 hectares, Nature Foundation SA is one of the three largest non-government nature conservation land owners in South Australia and Australia.

In a climate of decreasing public resources for environmental work and increasing pressure on species and ecosystems, much more can be achieved by organisations working together.

Nature Foundation SA has been part of the Australian Land Conservation Alliance (ALCA) since 2011. Comprising like-minded organisations in other states and The Nature Conservancy, and with an emphasis on private land conservation, ALCA's membership has expanded to include organisations such as Bush Heritage Australia, Greening Australia, Landcare and the South Endeavour Trust.

ALCA provided apolitical advice on a range of important matters, including tax reform to advance nature conservation and the draft Australian Strategy for Nature 2018-30.

ALCA also hosts the growing annual Private Land Conservation conference, which Nature Foundation SA staff members attended in Hobart in October 2017.

Nature Foundation SA also provided comments and advice on matters of key local importance, including enquiries into the Murray Darling Basin Plan and Environmental Watering, given the outstanding ecological responses and community support we are seeing through Water For Nature.



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Kids on Country, a program that builds connections for young Aboriginal people, has enabled engagement with traditional custodians, communities and schools.

Importantly, Kids on Country is undertaken with an understanding of the historical, cultural and social complexity of local or regional Aboriginal contexts, which is critical to support successful participation from young people, their families, communities and schools.

Nature Foundation SA is working to create a genuine and balanced partnership with key Aboriginal stakeholders, families and communities.

A Youth Programs Advisory Committee has been established to bring together a mix of young people, Aboriginal community leaders, industry partners, education providers and scientists/researchers. This diverse group provides support, advice and guidance that assists the Kids on Country program in fundamental ways including: developing strategies that enhance Aboriginal community participation; having input into discussion of key issues relevant to the achievement of program objectives; and providing key advice on, and helping to facilitate, the development of strategic partnerships.

At Hiltaba Nature Reserve, Nature Foundation SA worked with the Indigenous Ranger Program –Working on Country project on direct seeding, rock hole restoration and cultural heritage mapping.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

GOVERNANCE

F CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVING GOVERNANCE STANDARDS

Governance refers to the framework of rules, procedures, activities and relationships by which the Council on behalf of Nature Foundation members makes and implements decisions, and includes continuous monitoring of such practices.

The goal is to work as a collective to ensure accountability, fairness and transparency in all our dealings and to ensure that the roles and responsibilities of everyone involved are clearly understood. This includes the particular roles of Council, committees and their members, staff, volunteers and members.

Council commissioned a confidential Governance review which recommended changes in the way Council operated, including governance, leadership, culture, dynamics, relationships, strategy, accountability and performance. A new approach to chairing Council meetings was adopted after the review.

The Council has been revising and streamlining meeting processes and conduct to ensure effective and efficient focus on key strategic issues. After fully considering the pros and cons Council determined it would reduce the number of committees significantly to 5 and they are

- > Finance Audit and Risk
- > Revenue and Marketing Strategy
- > Land Water and Science
- > Water for Nature
- > Significant Environmental Benefit and Carbon.

This approach will be reviewed in the coming year.

Council met 11 times through the year, receiving reports and recommendations from the CEO and senior staff, including detailed financial reports. The committees formed by the Council provide advice according to their charters on their areas of responsibility, risk, opportunity and performance.

The Finance and Governance Committee continued to meet monthly, dealing not only with financial matters but also with matters of governance required of charities such as Nature Foundation SA.

In the past year, the Council has continued its practice of reviewing its Constitution, both as a reminder to Council Members of these rules and as an opportunity to consider where improvements to better practise could be made. For the 2017-18 year, Council did not recommend any change to the Constitution. Council did; however, agree to a review of the constitution during 2018-19 to ensure it is contemporary and able to serve the members and nature conservation into the foreseeable future.

Council continued to work to the 2017 Strategic Plan, and in assessing its performance through the year, found pleasing progress is being made. Our vision is Nature loved by all and thriving, outlining the fundamental interdependency of nature and human-kind. The plan, reflecting the tremendous progress made to date, guides strategy, decision-making and deployment of resources for the next five years.

Council also continued its practice of monitoring, reviewing and amending its Governance Manual.



The Finance and Governance Committee again met with its investment adviser to ensure it is complying with statutory responsibilities and the Nature Foundation SA Investment Policy.

Policies included in the Operating Procedures Manual continue to guide staff contracts, conditions and entitlements as well as operating matters such as animal ethics, firearms, safety and vehicle use. A review of all policies was initiated through the year.

Nature Foundation SA has complied with the reporting required by the Australian Tax Office, the Office of Consumer and Business Affairs and the Australian Charities and Not-for Profits Commission (ACNC).

The Council of Nature Foundation SA recognises the importance of sound governance practices and continues to comply with appropriate practices. The Council recognises that it has a responsibility to operate lawfully and according to its Constitution to achieve its stated purpose.

RESERVES FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

SIX NATURE RESERVES MANAGED EXCLUSIVELY FOR NATURE CONSERVATION



WITCHELINA

- > This 421,000 ha (4,219 sq km) nature reserve, acquired in 2010, is located 30 km north-west of Lyndhurst in South Australia's far north, and spans three bio-regions and a diverse array of habitat types.
- > Nature Foundation SA is proactively managing ecological threats that include: total grazing pressure from domestic livestock and feral goats as well as macropod populations on native vegetation, predation by foxes and feral cats on native fauna, degradation caused by rabbits, and controlling the spread of high impact weeds.
- > A stunning 713 feral cats, 200 foxes, 1668 rabbits and 2656 feral goats have been removed since 2010.
- > Volunteers progressed a Nature Reserve-wide program of Buffel Grass mapping and control, which is gradually reducing the extent of this ecosystem-altering weed.

Ecotourism opportunities, accommodation options, several stunning nature drives and tag-along tours have been established to encourage visitors who seek to experience first-hand the natural wonder of this reserve.



HILTABA

- > This 78,000 ha (780 sq km) nature reserve, acquired in 2012, is the northern neighbour to the Gawler Ranges National Park on South Australia's Eyre Peninsula. The reserve contains diverse habitats, from Acacia Shrubland and Casuarina Woodlands to Mallee forest, Chenopod Shrublands and Tussock Grasslands.
- > Many species of high conservation value, including 40 state-listed species and nine species listed by the Commonwealth for their conservation significance, are found here.
- > Nature Foundation SA's active conservation includes feral cat control and control of foxes to reduce predation on the small Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby population, and feral goat removal to reduce grazing pressure. Since 2012, its control program has removed 118 feral cats, 31 foxes, 324 rabbits and 11,500 feral goats.
- > Ecotourism accommodation is available for visitors seeking to connect with nature and learn about nature conservation and the cultural heritage of our landscapes. Signposted nature drives have been established, with explanatory notes that detail ecological, cultural, and historical information.
- > Walking trails have been constructed and dedicated to the four founding members and to early supporters Betty and Bob Lewis. The most recently completed Mark Bonnin Walking Trail was launched in October 2017.

Volunteers are making a remarkable difference to the survival of wildlife and native flora on this stunningly beautiful reserve.

RESERVES FOR NATURE CONSERVATION *continued*



WATCHALUNGA

- > This 92 ha (0.92 sq km) nature reserve, acquired in 2014, is located near Finniss on South Australia's Fleurieu Peninsula. It is comprised of mixed samphire sedgeland, and low-lying swampland that is listed as a critically endangered ecological community under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC)*.
- > The tiny Mount Lofty Ranges Southern Emu-wren, which is critically endangered (EPBC), as well as the Southern Bell Frog, which is listed as vulnerable (EPBC), are found here.
- > Nature Foundation SA's active conservation includes native flora planting to improve landscape connectivity (6,500 native plants were planted during 2017-2018), population monitoring, weed control, and removal of foxes to reduce predation pressure.
- > The contributions of the Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Committee and the Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority's Aboriginal Learning on Country team, and numerous other volunteers, have enabled vital restoration work on this reserve.

Nature Foundation SA's goal is to restore this precious reserve that is home to a very special array of biodiversity.



TILIQUEA

- > This 85 ha (0.85 sq km) nature reserve, acquired in 2010, is 10 km north-west of Burra in South Australia's mid-north district. The reserve is dedicated to the conservation of the endangered Pygmy Bluetongue Lizard.
- > Pygmy Bluetongues are less than 20 cm in length and are found in native tussock grasslands that have never been cultivated and contain grasses such as spear grass, wallaby grass and the dark green iron grass.
- > A current five-year research project by Flinders University is aiming to develop simplified methodologies for monitoring Pygmy Bluetongue Lizard populations, to refine management strategies and to increase the involvement of local communities.
- > Another project, led by Flinders University PhD students Jess Clayton and Torben Nielsen, has been investigating the impact of livestock grazing on the Pygmy Bluetongue. Pygmy Bluetongue Lizards require some grazing of pastures to access the right amount of sunlight and to be able to find and feed on grasshoppers. Too much grazing threatens this balance, so finding the right amount is a crucial factor in securing a future for the species.
- > Project partners include Flinders University, SA Museum, Zoos SA, Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, Northern & Yorke Natural Resources Management (NRM) Board and the South Australian Murray-Darling Basin NRM Board.

Nature Foundation SA is thrilled to host an array of like-minded partners who have helped make the achievements on Tiliqua possible.



PARA WOODLANDS

- > Para Woodlands is a former farming property north-east of Gawler that was generously donated by Mrs Elizabeth Law-Smith and her late husband David to Nature Foundation SA in 2003. Further connected property was purchased by DEW and Nature Foundation SA, with the combined area totalling 500 hectares.
- > Nature Foundation SA and DEW are working together to restore grassy woodland ecosystems across Para Woodlands to provide critical habitat for fauna, particularly woodland bird species that are declining in the Mount Lofty Ranges.
- > Creating functional habitat is a major component of ecological restoration at Para Woodlands. The restoration of former agricultural land such as Para Woodlands is challenging.
- > Four new bird species were observed in the last year; evidence of gradual colonisation of habitat developed by plantings. Indeed, old revegetation (planted in 2007) supports now-resident Diamond Firetails, an endangered bird species in the region.
- > Since the project started, over 100,000 native plants have been planted, and over 1,000 kg of native grasses have been direct seeded. During 2017–18, 500 native seedlings were planted and individually fenced to protect them from herbivore grazing, as part of the continuing restoration of the Nature Reserve. Additionally, 34 hectares of existing habitat was improved through weed control, and declared weeds and overabundant species were controlled over 105 ha. The strategic use of sheep grazing for ecological gains was expanded over 32 ha through fencing and water infrastructure reinstatement.

The immense challenge of restoring Para Woodlands is progressing with vital contributions from corporate groups and volunteers, whose efforts are truly impressive.



CYGNET PARK SANCTUARY

- > This magnificent 300 ha (3 sq km) sanctuary, acquired in 2010, is located near Kingscote Airport on Kangaroo Island and owned three-ways by Nature Foundation SA, the Paton Family, and an international philanthropic partner.
- > Over the last 13 years former sheep paddocks have been revegetated, with nearly 400,000 plants of 200 species – most propagated in the Cygnet Park nursery – and direct seeded, taking the total to more than one million native plants. Thanks to the Kangaroo Island NRM Board, DEW and the Commonwealth Government.
- > The program of works at Cygnet Park has moved to the next stage of restoration, which involves assessing if the revegetation is self-sustaining and resilient.
- > Active management includes annual bird surveys; controlling high priority weeds and strategic in-fill planting, which assists species whose pollination is challenged by long distances between individual plants.

This very special sanctuary is truly a gem and Nature Foundation SA is honoured to be able to take part in its care.

OUR COUNCIL



BOB LOTT PRESIDENT

Bob Lott is an owner and director of Weslo staff, Weslo Holdings (trading as Thebarton and Holden

Street Theatres) and Quorn Quondongs. He is also a biochemist, producer and manager of major events, a theatrical director and entrepreneur. Bob is an enthusiastic environmentalist and supporter of Aboriginal artists. He has been a member of a number of Boards and Councils – including the SA Jubilee 150 Board, Adelaide Festival, Royal Adelaide Show, Come Out Children's Festival and the Australian National Kennel Council. He has been a Council Member of Nature Foundation SA since 2003, Vice President from 2007 and President since 2011. Bob also serves on a number of the Committees as Chair or Member.



SUZANNE RIDDING VICE PRESIDENT

Suanne has been managing her own consulting business since 2008, specialising in environmental sustainability,

carbon management and climate change adaption. Suzanne is an experienced executive, board director, and company secretary and has held leadership positions in private, public and not-for-profit organisations, internationally and in Australia. Suzanne has been a Nature Foundation SA Council Member since 2014 and is Chair of the Carbon for Nature Committee.



SUSIE HERZBERG OAM HONORARY SECRETARY

Susie has worked in urban, environmental and

strategic planning and has been Managing Partner of Manyara Vineyard. Susie is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. She has served on the Boards of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium, South Australian Housing Trust, Patawalonga Catchment Water Management Board, KESAB, State Cycling Council, Playford Memorial Trust, Wine Industry Committees and several private companies. She has served on Nature Foundation Council since 2006 and has been Honorary Secretary since 2009. Susie is also a Member of the Finance and Governance Committee.



DOUGLAS RANSOM TREASURER

Douglas has been involved with Nature Foundation SA since 2013. He has a background in

accounting information systems and financial management. He worked as General Manager for the Commissioners of Charitable Funds. His interest in the work of Nature Foundation SA is particularly focused on Nature Reserve Management, scholarships and research programs. Douglas took up the position of Treasurer on Council with a passion to oversee its portfolio of investments and financial management responsibilities. He is a member of the Finance and Governance Committee.



JAN FERGUSON OAM COUNCILLOR; CHAIR SINCE JUNE 2018

Jan is a local in the Far North, with a passion for the heritage town of

Beltana being a Member of the Outback Communities Authority and Beltana Progress Association. Professionally she has over 10 years' experience on Not for Profit Boards and work as a Company Director and is passionate about desert science and the rangelands. For nine years she was Managing Director of Ninti One Limited, a national not-for-profit that managed the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre headquartered in Alice Springs and the Cooperative Research Centre for Economic Participation.



NICHOLAS EDWARDS COUNCILLOR

Nic is a lawyer and chartered accountant, managing principal of ND Edwards & Co, and a

director of real estate agent Property Pty Ltd. Before establishing his own firm, Nic was a director and shareholder of a large Adelaide accounting, financial planning, finance and technology firm and CFO for commercial property owners, managers and developers in Sydney. Prior to this, he was an investment manager with ANZ Private Bank and private client and corporate tax adviser with PWC in Melbourne. He is a member of Chartered Accountants ANZ and the Law Society of SA. Nic is a Councillor of Nature Foundation SA and is a member of the Finance & Governance Committee.



MILLIE NICHOLLS COUNCILLOR

Millie has been a partner in a family farm and involved in environmental work since she completed a Science

degree in 1994. She has been a member of the Native Vegetation Council, the National Parks and Wildlife Council and regional boards in the Northern and Yorke Region. She received the South Australian Individual Landcarer of the Year Award in 2011. Millie is a Councillor and Member of the Ecotourism Committee and Science and Conservation Committee.



CHRIS REED COUNCILLOR

A retired grazier Chris has been a Council member for seven years and has also taken on the

role of Property General Manager. He has developed a model to appoint and oversee the skills based managers of Witchelina and Hiltaba Nature Reserves who work on a rotational basis. He also introduced Ecotourism to the organisation which is now gaining momentum with nature drives and walking trails well established. Recognising the value of volunteers, a successful program of small working bees organised by Chris has undertaken boundary fence renewal and building restoration works. He has engaged and managed contractors to remove over 5500 goats from Hiltaba.



PROFESSOR CHRIS DANIELS COUNCILLOR

Professor Chris Daniels is a Professor of Biology at UniSA and has been

extensively involved in many community, conservation and science committees, groups and societies. Chris is presiding member of the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges NRM Board and chair of the Nature Play SA Board. Chris has published nine books, one DVD and more than 250 scientific and community publications. Chris won the SA Premiers Science Award for Communication (2007) and the Medal for Natural History from the Field Naturalists Society (2010).



PROFESSOR PHIL WEINSTEIN COUNCILLOR

Phil sits on the Science and Conservation Committee of Nature Foundation, helping

to ensure that our investment and research underpin our conservation management needs and community engagement. He is a Professorial Research Fellow in the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Adelaide, and a Research Affiliate of the South Australian Museum. Phil holds dual qualifications in ecology (PhD) and public health medicine (MBBS, FAFPHM). He has lectured zoology at James Cook University, was Professor of Public and Environmental Health at the University of Queensland, and Head of School of Population Health at the University of Western Australia. He is currently President of the Australian Entomological Society.

IMMEDIATE PAST COUNCILLORS



TONY SHARLEY COUNCILLOR

(until March 2018)

Tony Sharley joined Nature Foundation SA in 2015 and chaired the Water

for Nature Committee. Tony's career has included working in stream and wetland ecology, soils and irrigated agriculture, wine and nature tourism, regional tourism and destination marketing. He is the creator of The Great Murray River Walk. Tony has been on a number of Boards and Councils including the RAA, Country Arts SA, Conservation and Hunting Alliance of SA and RiverSmart Australia.



DAVID MOYLE AM COUNCILLOR

(until October 2017)

David Moyle AM occupied senior academic and leadership roles at

Flinders University and has been a leading environmental advocate in SA. He served as Chair of the National Parks and Wildlife Council and Deputy Chair of the Native

Vegetation Council. David is also a past president of Nature Foundation SA and the Nature Conservation Society of SA and has been a Nature Foundation SA Council Member since 1989. David retired from the Nature Foundation SA Council at the October 2017 Annual General Meeting.



DR ROB MORRISON OAM COUNCILLOR

(until October 2017)

Rob is a professorial Fellow at Flinders University. He is

a science and natural history author and broadcaster on television and radio. In 2004 he was awarded the Order of Australia for his services to conservation and science communication. In 2008 he was named the Senior Australian of the Year for South Australia. Rob retired from the Nature Foundation SA Council at the October 2017 Annual General Meeting.

COUNCIL MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE IN 2017-18

Name	Eligible meetings	Meetings attended	Comments
Bob Lott – President	11	11	
Suzanne Ridding – Vice President	11	10	
Susie Herzberg OAM – Honorary Secretary	11	11	
Douglas Ransom – Treasurer	8	8	Elected at 2017 AGM
Jan Ferguson OAM	8	8	Elected at 2017 AGM
Professor Chris Daniels	11	5	
Nicholas Edwards	11	10	
David Moyle	4	4	Term expired following 2017 AGM
Dr Rob Morrison OAM	4	4	Term expired following 2017 AGM
Millie Nicholls	11	10	
Chris Reed	11	10	
Tony Sharley	8	5	Resigned from Council March 2018
Professor Philip Weinstein	8	6	Elected at 2017 AGM

WE THANK OUR PATRONS



Jacky Winter at Hiltaba Nature Reserve
by Subbu Conley



DR BARBARA HARDY AO

Barbara is a co-founder of Nature Foundation SA. She has been working in the

environmental field in a voluntary capacity since the early 1970s. Barbara studied Earth Sciences at Flinders University, following a Science Degree at the University of Adelaide.

Barbara has been a Commissioner of the Australian Heritage Commission, President of Nature Foundation SA, President of the Investigator Science and Technology Centre, and Chairman of the South Australian Landcare Committee.

Barbara was appointed an Order of Australia in 1987, received an Honorary Doctorate from Flinders University in 1993, an Advance Australia Award in 1991, an SA Great Award in 1992, an Institution of Engineers Medal in 1992, an ABC Eureka Award for the Advancement of Science in 1994, and was named South Australian Citizen of the Year in 1996 and South Australian Senior Australian of the Year in 2014.

Barbara is the Patron of the University of South Australia's Barbara Hardy Institute, which was created in 2011 and brings together scientists, engineers and social scientists to work together with a focus on the sustainability of our society.



DICK SMITH AC

Dick, founder of *Australian Geographic* magazine, met Barbara Hardy in

1986 and learned of the (then) National Parks Foundation of SA and our work at Coongie Lakes Wetlands.

We were very pleased when, in June 2011, Dick agreed to become a Patron of Nature Foundation, as we appreciate what an incredibly busy man he is – an entrepreneur, businessman, aviator and political activist.

In 1986 he was awarded Australian of the Year and in 1992 he received the Lindbergh Award, an annual worldwide award given to one individual for lifetime achievement of a balance between technical advancement and environmental preservation.

Dick was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 1999 for his services to the community, charity and business, and was awarded Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) in the 2015 Queen's Birthday Honours List.



REG NELSON

Reg is an exploration geophysicist with more than four decades' experience in the

minerals and petroleum industries.

Reg's contribution has been recognised through honorary Life Membership of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, the Prime Minister's Centenary Medal and the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association's (APPEA) Reg Sprigg Gold Medal.

He is also a trustee of the Arkaroola Research and Education Foundation, set up by Marg and Doug Sprigg to promote environmental awareness and research at Arkaroola.

Reg has wide experience in technical, corporate and government affairs throughout Australia and internationally and was formerly Director of Mineral Development for South Australia.

He was a director of APPEA for eight years and was Chairman of its board from 2004 to 2006. Reg was Managing Director of Beach Energy Limited, a significant ASX 100 Australian-listed oil and gas explorer and producer, from 1995–2015.

HONOUR ROLL

INSPIRATIONAL BENEFACTORS

(Over \$1 million)

Law-Smith, Mrs Elizabeth M

LEADING BENEFACTORS

(Over \$100,000)

Briggs, Mrs Gillian*†

Custance, Mr John*† Mrs Vi*†

Hardy AO, Dr Barbara

James, Mr Kevin*†

Ligertwood, Miss Marion*†

Smith AC, Mr Dick

MAJOR BENEFACTORS

(Over \$10,000)

Angas, Mrs Janet & Mr Alastair†

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Linnert

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OAM

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(Over \$5,000)

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Herzberg, Mrs Susie OAM & Dr Zen

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McGregor, Mr Bruce & Mrs Ann

Mitchell, Mr Tim

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Moyle, Mr David AM

Mutton, Mr Dennis & Mrs Ruth

Nelson, Mr Reg & Mrs Sue

Parker, Mr Richard & Mrs Trish

Piper, Mr Robert AO† &

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Rischbieth, Mrs Judith

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Mrs Susie

Woolcock, Mr Richard & Mrs Leona

Young, Ms Marianne

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(Over \$500)

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Anderson, Mr Chris

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Armour, Ms Heather and Mr Clive†

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Mrs Elaine

Bannon, Mr Greg

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Mrs Michelle

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Mrs Margie

Bonnin, Mrs Avis†

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Carthew, Professor Sue

Clark, Mr Brian

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Harry

Curtis, Ms Lesley

Daenke, Mr John

Dale, Ms Cindy

Daniels, Professor Chris

Dawesley Creek Catchment

Landcare Group

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Davis, The Hon Leigh

Davis, Leo

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Ms Rebecca

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Harnett, Ms Audrey

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Harvey, Mr Richard & Mrs Cecily

Hastings, Ms Alison & Everett,

Mr Anthony

Hausner, Mr Ken

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Hayman, Mr Edward & Mrs MJ

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Jensen, Mr Peter

Jones, Mr Graeme

Joyce, Ms Karen

Judell, Mr Trevor

Kellett, Mrs Margaret & King,

Mr Robert

Kernick, Ms Lorraine

Langsford, Ms Heather & Nimmo,

Mr Nick

Law-Smith, Mrs Eugenie

Leak, Ms Nina

Ledger, Mr David

Lee, Mrs Margaret

Legoe, The Hon Christopher &

Mrs Jenny

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Mr Geoff

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Pearce, Mr Graham & Mrs Glenys

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Peters, Mr Fred & Mrs Fleur

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Renowden, Mrs Marie & Mr John

Richardson, Mr David &

Mrs Margaret

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Roodhouse, Mr Peter

Rowett, Ms Sharon

Rowland, Mr Richard

Rowley, Ms Hilda

*bequests †deceased.

Nature Foundation SA continually strives to keep the list up to date, please notify us if you notice an error.

HONOUR ROLL

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Sadlon, Ms Tania
Sakko, Mr Kerry
Sakko, Ms Rona
Scharfbillig, Dr Rolf
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Shepherd, Mr David & Martha†
Shiell, Mr Mark
Sibly, Mr John AM†
Smith, Mr Gilvray

Squire, Mr Barry and Mrs Celia
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Vasilevskis, Mr Vilis & Mrs Joan
Verco, Mrs Katherine†
Villiers, Ms Kerri
Vincent, Ms Jeanine
Wallace, Dr Allan
Walters, Mr Kenneth

Ward, Mr Brian & Mrs June
Westoby, Professor Mark
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Wotton, The Hon David AM &
Mrs Jill
Wreford, Mr Richard & Mrs Beth
Wyness, Mr David
Young, Professor Mike
Yule, Mrs Pamela
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FELLOWS OF THE FOUNDATION

Mr Clive Armour†
Mrs Avis Bonnin†
Dr Mark Bonnin AM†
Mr Warren Bonython AO†
Mr David Cleland†
Mr Dene Cordes PSM OAM

Mr John Daenke
Dr Barbara Hardy AO
Mr Eric Jackson†
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Mrs Betty Lewis†
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Ms Martha Lott
Dr Rob Morrison OAM
Mr David Moyle AM
Mr Reg Nelson
Mr William (Bill) Nankivell
Mr Julian Reid

Dr Bob Sharrad AM
Mr Allan Holmes
Mr John Sibly AM†
Mr Dick Smith AC

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Mr Robert Gerard AO
Mr Bernd Stoecker†

Mr Nicholas Newland AM
Ms Megan Dyson

Dr Bob Inns

HONORARY RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

Professor David Paton for long-term support of Nature Foundation SA and conservation revegetation advice particularly at Para Woodlands and Cygnet Park.

Dr Anne Jensen for long-term support and ecological research in relation to the Water For Nature Project.

Professor Mike Bull† for long-term support

and biological advice particularly in relation to the Tiliqua Pygmy Bluetongue project.

Professor Pat James for support and advice on geology at Nature Foundation SA properties.

OUR COMMITTEES

Carbon for Nature Committee

Suzanne Ridding (Chair), Nicholas Newland AM, and John Gavin

Ecotourism Committee

Chris Reed (Chair), Bob Lott, Millie Nicholls, Lange and Inara Powell, Maria Reed, Barry Wright and Maureen Wright OAM

Finance & Governance Committee

Nicholas Edwards (Chair until October 2017), Douglas Ransom (Chair from October 2017) Bob Lott, Susie Herzberg OAM,

Friends of Nature Foundation SA Committee

Ric Williams (Chair), Dene Cordes PSM OAM, Dr Barbara Hardy AO, Graeme Oats, Kaz Herbst, Janet Cotton, Graham Henley, Vilis Vasilevskas, Shirley Rowe, Dan Mentzel, Kym McKenny, John and Mandy Carter, Trevor Brettig, Wendy Hayward and Roger and Raelene Schmitke

Fundraising, Marketing & Events Committee

Bob Lott (Chair), Dr Rob Morrison OAM (retired October 2017), Dr Barbara Hardy AO, Nicholas Newland AM, and Bec Hardy

Land Acquisition Committee

David Moyle AM (Chair until October 2017), Bob Lott and Dr Bob Inns

Property Management Committee

Chris Reed (Chair), Bob Lott, David Moyle AM (retired October 2017), Millie Nicholls, Brenton Arnold, and Kaz Herbst OAM

Science & Conservation Committee

Prof Chris Daniels (Chair), Dr Rob Morrison OAM (retired October 2017), Millie Nicholls, and Jody Gates (DEW), Professor Phil Weinstein (from August 2017) and Corey Bradshaw (from August 2017)

Significant Environmental Benefit Development Committee

Bob Lott (Chair), David Moyle AM, Chris Reed, Trevor Whitelaw OAM, and John Gavin

Water For Nature Committee

Tony Sharley (Chair, until March 2018), Bob Lott (Chair from March 2018), David Moyle AM (until October 2017) Phil Cole, Dr Anne Jensen, Steve Clark, Peter Forward, Dan Mollison and Andrew Beal (DEW)

OUR STAFF

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Chief Executive Officer	Hugo Hopton
Conservation Programs Manager	Alex Nankivell
Industry Engagement Manager	Caroline Nefiodovas
Finance and Corporate Manager	Georgie Fiedler
Water For Nature Program Manager	Natalie Stalenberg
Marketing and Communications Manager	Gretta Koch
Office Manager and Events Coordinator	Natasha Harper
Philanthropy Coordinator	Patrick Mentzel
Youth Programs Coordinator	Katie Perry
Office Manager	Anne Clark



L to R: Patrick Mentzel, Caroline Nefiodovas, Natalie Stalenberg, Hugo Hopton, Natasha Harper, Georgie Fiedler, Alex Nankivell. Not pictured: Gretta Koch, Katie Perry, Anne Clark.

NATURE RESERVE ROTATIONAL MANAGERS

Nature Foundation SA is grateful for the dedication, hard work and enthusiasm of the Hiltaba and Witchelina Rotational Managers who host visitors, undertake maintenance and progress nature conservation work at the Nature Reserves on a roster basis.

Chris and Maria Reed
Lange and Inara Powell
Greg Bannon and Janet Thomas
Kevin and Shirley Fahey
Brenton and Nanette Arnold
Phil and Susan Cole
Marina Louter and Scott Kinlock
Dave and Marjory Goodenough
Barry and Maureen OAM Wright
Vic Breeding and Penny Shepley
John and Mary Schulze
Fred and Petra van der Heiden
John Ovenden
Peter and Val Collins
Peter and Bronwyn Forward

PEST MANAGEMENT OFFICER

Paul Drummond (resigned May 2018)

Paul, with his keen eye and deep understanding of the arid lands landscape will be much missed. We wish him well in his new role with EBS consulting.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Jacynta Anderson	Stephen Marlow
Anne Clark	Ingrid Mentzel
Rebecca Clark	Erdem Mustafa
Suranja Fernando	Paul McEvoy
Penny Harper	Emily Pennisi
Steph Horwood	Fiona McQueen
Miaonan Hu	Peter Reed
Jak Kelly	Ann Wurlod
Kinnari Krishnamurti	

COLLEGE OF NATURE CHAMPIONS

Leader: Dr Baden Teague	Patricia Thompson
Reg Nelson	David Cleland
(Patron of Nature Foundation SA)	Valerie Cleland
Susan Nelson	Hon David Wotton AM
Dennis Mutton	Jill Wotton
Ruth Mutton	Hon Dr Don Hopgood AO
Elizabeth Law-Smith	Hon Dr Rev'd Lynn Arnold AO
Dianne Davidson AM	Elaine Arnold
Trevor Whitelaw OAM	Sir Lynton Crosby AO
Jo Whitelaw	Lady Dawn Crosby
Dr David Williams	Robert Champion de Crespigny AC
Helen-Mary Williams	Melanie Champion de Crespigny
Hon Karlene Maywald	Bec Hardy
Dean Maywald	Richard Dolan
Dr Baden Teague	Prof. Rod Wells
Katherine Teague	Lyn Wells
Mary Wilson	Prof. Rob Morrison OAM
Dr Robert Thompson	Penelope Morrison

NATURE FOUNDATION SA INC.

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ABN 24 131 531 874

COUNCIL'S REPORT

The Council members present their report together with the financial report of Nature Foundation SA Inc. "the Association" for the year ended 30 June 2018 and auditor's report thereon.

Council members' names

The names of the Council members in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

Bob Lott (President)
Suzanne Ridding (Vice President)
Susie Herzberg OAM (Honorary Secretary)
Douglas Ransom (Honorary Treasurer)
(appointed 26 October 2017)
Jan Ferguson OAM (appointed 26 October 2017)
Chris Daniels
Nicholas Edwards (Honorary Treasurer until 26 October 2017)
David Moyle AM (resigned 26 October 2017)
Rob Morrison OAM (resigned 26 October 2017)
Millie Nicholls
Chris Reed
Tony Sharley (resigned March 2018)
Philip Weinstein (appointed 26 October 2017)

The Council members have been in office since the start of the year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Results

The surplus of the Association for the year after providing for income tax amounted to \$48,369 (2017: Deficit \$121,636).

Significant changes in state of affairs

There were no significant changes in the Association's state of affairs that occurred during the financial year, other than those referred to elsewhere in this report.

Principal activities

The principal activities of the association during the year were:

1. To raise funds for nature conservation;
2. To enable the long term protection of high conservation value land and improve biodiversity values of degraded land;
3. To initiate and support projects and research which assist the conservation of nature and the natural resources of South Australia; and
4. To raise awareness about the needs of the natural environment in South Australia.

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration in relation to the audit for the financial year is provided with this report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the Council.



Council member: Bob Lott (President)



Council member: Douglas Ransom (Honorary Treasurer)

Dated this 4th day of October 2018



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**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
TO THE MEMBERS OF NATURE FOUNDATION SA INC.**

In relation to the independent audit for the year ended 30 June 2018, to the best of our knowledge and belief there have been no contraventions of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.


A.P. FAULKNER
Principal


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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	Note	2018	2017
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018		\$	\$
Revenue and other income			
Revenue	3	2,829,445	2,454,343
Other income	3	-	58,325
	3	2,829,445	2,512,668
Less: expenses			
Conservation management activities (land)		(574,032)	(569,361)
Conservation management activities (water)		(564,254)	(414,160)
Developing new partnerships		(107,579)	(73,888)
Bushbank expenses		(18,899)	(11,480)
Fundraising activities		(64,203)	(32,674)
Organisational support		(790,816)	(701,747)
Committed Funds	4(a)	(322,903)	(619,586)
Loss on sale of shares		(49,147)	-
Communities, events and education		(289,243)	(211,408)
		(2,781,076)	(2,634,304)
Surplus / (Deficit) before income tax expense	4	48,369	(121,636)
Other comprehensive income			
<i>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit and loss</i>			
Change in fair value of available for sale financial assets, net of tax		320,286	298,354
Gain/ (loss) on disposal recognised in profit or loss		49,147	(25,877)
		369,433	272,477
Other comprehensive income for the year		369,433	272,477
Total comprehensive income		417,802	150,841

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	Note	2018	2017
AS AT 30 JUNE 2018		\$	\$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	1,085,655	1,903,640
Receivables	6	162,718	284,756
Other financial assets	7	6,909,679	6,211,822
Other assets	9	29,879	32,128
Total current assets		8,187,931	8,432,346
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	8	5,694,355	5,733,523
Other assets	9	501,390	316,390
Total non-current assets		6,195,745	6,049,913
Total assets		14,383,676	14,482,259
Current liabilities			
Payables	10	116,553	142,623
Borrowings	11	2,799	-
Provisions	12	104,071	97,110
Other liabilities	13	967,021	1,467,096
Total current liabilities		1,190,444	1,706,829
Total liabilities		1,190,444	1,706,829
Net assets		13,193,232	12,775,430
Members funds			
Reserves	14	6,733,541	6,149,530
Accumulated surplus	15	6,459,691	6,625,900
Total members funds		13,193,232	12,775,430

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018	RESERVES	RETAINED EARNINGS	TOTAL EQUITY
	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at 1 July 2016	5,916,071	6,708,518	12,624,589
Deficit for the year	-	(121,636)	(121,636)
Change in fair value of available for sale financial assets	298,354	-	298,354
Loss on disposal recognised in profit or loss	(25,877)	-	(25,877)
Total comprehensive income for the year	272,477	(121,636)	150,841
Transfer from Para Woodlands Capital Reserve	(39,018)	39,018	-
Balance as at 30 June 2017	6,149,530	6,625,900	12,775,430
Balance as at 1 July 2017	6,149,530	6,625,900	12,775,430
Surplus for the year	-	48,369	48,369
Change in fair value of available for sale financial assets	320,286	-	320,286
Gain on disposal recognised in profit or loss	49,147	-	49,147
Total comprehensive income for the year	369,433	48,369	417,802
Transfer to Para Woodlands Capital Reserve	214,578	(214,578)	-
Balance as at 30 June 2018	6,733,541	6,459,691	13,193,232

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Cash flow from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		2,228,613	2,182,344
Payments to suppliers and employees		(2,841,929)	(2,777,711)
Dividends received		351,434	373,914
Interest received		29,903	40,393
GST received / (paid)		(33,258)	57,648
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	16(b)	(265,237)	(123,412)
Cash flow from investing activities			
Proceeds from sale of land		-	196,154
Proceeds from sale of investment in shares		970,742	915,020
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(227,124)	(110,590)
Payment for investment in shares		(1,299,165)	(1,521,032)
Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities		(555,547)	(520,448)
Reconciliation of cash			
Cash at beginning of the financial year		1,903,640	2,547,500
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held		(820,784)	(643,860)
Cash at end of financial year	16(a)	1,082,856	1,903,640

Nature Foundation SA Inc.
ABN: 24 131 531 874
For the year ended 30 June 2018

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Council has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity on the basis that, in the opinion of the Council, there are unlikely to exist users of the financial report who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy, specifically, all of their information needs. Accordingly, this financial report is a special purpose financial report, which has been prepared for use by the Council and members of the Association.

The financial report covers Nature Foundation SA Inc. as an individual entity. Nature Foundation SA Inc. is a Association, formed and domiciled in Australia. Nature Foundation SA Inc. is a not-for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements. The financial report was approved by the Council as at the date of the Council's report.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the disclosure requirements of:

AASB 101:	Presentation of Financial Statements
AASB 107:	Statement of Cash Flows
AASB 108:	Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
AASB 1054:	Australian Additional Disclosures

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this report:

(a) Basis of preparation of the financial report

Historical Cost Convention

The financial report has been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by revaluations to fair value for certain classes of assets and liabilities as described in the accounting policies.

(b) Contributions – Government Grants and Donations

A non-reciprocal contribution or grant is recognised when the entity obtains control of the contribution or grant and it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the entity, and the amount of the contribution or grant can be measured reliably.

If conditions attached to the contribution or grant that must be satisfied before the entity is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of contribution or income is deferred until those conditions are met.

A non-reciprocal donation is recognised when the right to receive a donation has been established.

When the entity receives grants but is obliged to give directly approximately equal value to the contributor, recognition of grant income will be deferred until the delivery of service.

(c) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and at banks, short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less held at call with financial institutions, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

(d) Financial instruments

Available-for-sale: Available-for-sale financial assets include any financial assets not included in the above categories or are designated as such on initial recognition. Available-for-sale financial assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are taken directly to equity. The cumulative gain or loss is

held in equity until the financial asset is de-recognised, at which time the cumulative gain or loss held in equity is reclassified from equity to profit or loss as a reclassification adjustment.

Non-listed investments for which the fair value cannot be reliably measured, are carried at cost and tested for impairment.

(e) Property, plant and equipment

Each class of plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Plant and equipment: Plant and equipment is measured at cost. Where plant and equipment was acquired at no cost or for a nominal amount, cost is deemed to be the fair value as at the acquisition date.

Depreciation: Land is not depreciated. The depreciable amount of all property, plant and equipment is depreciated over their estimated useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held available for use, consistent with the estimated consumption of the economic benefits embodied in the asset.

Freehold land and buildings are carried at cost.

(f) Land held for resale

Land held for development and resale is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes the cost of acquisition, development, borrowing costs and holding costs until completion of development. Borrowing costs and holding charges incurred after development are expensed. Profits are brought to account on the signing of an unconditional contract of sale.

(g) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

(h) Employee benefits

(i) Short-term employee benefit obligations

Liabilities arising in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and any other employee benefits (other than termination benefits) expected to be settled wholly before twelve months after the end of the annual reporting period are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts based on remuneration rates which are expected to be paid when the liability is settled. The expected cost of short-term employee benefits in the form of compensated absences such as annual leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short-term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables in the statement of financial position.

(ii) Long-term employee benefit obligations

The provision for other long-term employee benefits, including obligations for long service leave and annual leave, which are not expected to be settled wholly before twelve months after the end of the reporting period, are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflow to be made in respect of the services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee turnover, and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on high quality corporate bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid, and that have terms approximating to the terms of the related obligation. For currencies in which there is no deep market in such high quality corporate bonds, the market yields (at the end of

the reporting period) on government bonds denominated in that currency are used. Any remeasurements for changes in assumptions of obligations for other long-term employee benefits are recognised in profit or loss in the periods in which the change occurs.

Other long-term employee benefit obligations are presented as current liabilities in the statement of financial position if the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur. All other long-term employee benefit obligations are presented as non-current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

(i) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and purchased assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

(j) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified and repositioned for consistency with current year disclosures.

NOTE 2: ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE

The AASB has issued a number of new and amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods, some of which are relevant to the Association. The Association has decided not to early adopt any of these new and amended pronouncements. The Association's assessment of the new and amended pronouncements that are relevant to the Association but applicable in future reporting periods is set out below.

AASB 9: Financial Instruments (December 2014), AASB 2014-7: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 (December 2014), AASB 2014-8: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 (December 2014) - Application of AASB 9 (December 2009) and AASB 9 (December 2010) (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2018).

These Standards will replace AASB 139: Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. The key changes that may affect the Association on initial application of AASB 9 and associated amending Standards include:

- > simplifying the general classifications of financial assets into those carried at amortised cost and those carried at fair value;
- > permitting entities to irrevocably elect on initial recognition to present gains and losses on an equity instrument that is not held for trading in other comprehensive income (OCI);
- > simplifying the requirements for embedded derivatives, including removing the requirements to separate and fair value embedded derivatives for financial assets carried at amortised cost;
- > requiring an entity that chooses to measure a financial liability at fair value to present the portion of the change in its fair value due to changes in the entity's own credit risk in OCI, except when it would create an 'accounting mismatch';
- > introducing a new model for hedge accounting that permits greater flexibility in the ability to hedge risk, particularly with respect to non-financial items; and
- > requiring impairment of financial assets carried at amortised cost to be based on an expected loss approach.

Although the Council members anticipate that the adoption of AASB 9 may have an impact on the Association's financial instruments, including hedging activity, it is impracticable at this stage to provide a reasonable estimate of such impact.

AASB 16: Leases (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2019).

AASB 16 will replace AASB 117: Leases and introduces a single lessee accounting model that will require a lessee to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for all leases with a term of more than 12 months, unless the underlying asset is of low value. Right-of-use assets are initially measured at their cost and lease liabilities are initially measured on a present value basis. Subsequent to initial recognition:

- > right-of-use assets are accounted for on a similar basis to non-financial assets, whereby the right-of-use asset is accounted for in accordance with a cost model unless the underlying asset is accounted for on a revaluation basis, in which case if the underlying asset is:
- > investment property, the lessee applies the fair value model in AASB 140: Investment Property to the right-of-use asset; or
- > property, plant or equipment, the lessee can elect to apply the revaluation model in AASB 116: Property, Plant and Equipment to all of the right-of-use assets that relate to that class of property, plant and equipment; and
- > lease liabilities are accounted for on a similar basis as other financial liabilities, whereby interest expense is recognised in respect of the liability and the carrying amount of the liability is reduced to reflect lease payments made.

AASB 16 substantially carries forward the lessor accounting requirements in AASB 117. Accordingly, under AASB 16 a lessor would continue to classify its leases as operating leases or finance leases subject to whether the lease transfers to the lessee substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the underlying asset, and would account for each type of lease in a manner consistent with the current approach under AASB 117.

Although the Council members anticipate that the adoption of AASB 16 may have an impact on the Association's accounting for its operating leases, it is impracticable at this stage to provide a reasonable estimate of such impact.

AASB 1058: Income of Not-for-Profit Entities, AASB 2016-7: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Deferral of AASB 15 for Not-for-Profit Entities and AASB 2016-8: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Australian Implementation Guidance for Not-for-Profit Entities (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2019).

AASB 1058 replaces the income recognition requirements in AASB 1004: Contributions applicable to not-for-profit entities with a model based on the principles of AASB 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers. Consequently, AASB 1058 requires not-for-profit entities to recognise all revenue from contracts with customers when the related performance obligations are satisfied, irrespective of whether the ultimate beneficiary of the goods or services provided by the not-for-profit entity is the grantor of the funds or another entity. An agreement involving a not-for-profit entity would be classified as a contract with a customer if the agreement:

- > creates enforceable rights and obligations between the parties; and
- > includes a promise by the not-for-profit entity to transfer a good or service that is sufficiently specific for the entity to determine when the obligation is satisfied.

For contracts with customers that comprise a donation component, AASB 1058 requires such components to be treated as part of the performance obligation(s) unless the entity can demonstrate that component is not related to the promised goods or services. When an arrangement does not meet the criteria for a contract with a

customer, the inflows are accounted for in accordance with AASB 1058, which requires:

- > the asset received by the not-for-profit entity to be accounted for in accordance with the applicable Australian Accounting Standard; and
- > any difference between the consideration given for the asset and its fair value to be recognised in accordance with its substance (such as a contract liability, a financial instrument and/or a contribution by owners), and any residual amount recognised as income.

AASB 1058 also permits a not-for-profit entity to recognise volunteer services as an asset or expense (as applicable) and any related contributions by owners or revenue as an accounting policy choice, provided that the fair value of the services can be measured reliably. Although the Council members anticipate that the adoption of AASB 1058 and related Standards may have an impact on the Association's reported revenue, it is impracticable at this stage to provide a reasonable estimate of such impact.

NOTE 3: REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME

		2018	2017
		\$	\$
Sales revenue			
Sales income			
Donations		340,100	301,079
Bequests		-	5,000
Commonwealth & State Government assistance		617,102	254,692
Interest & Dividend income		381,337	414,307
Grants		445,235	319,602
Significant Environmental Benefit offset payment		204,000	202,574
Corporate Sponsorship		26,383	97,069
Memberships, events income and other		242,841	228,125
Committed Funds (from the Balance Sheet)	4(a)	572,447	631,895
		2,829,445	2,454,343
Other Income			
Profit on sale of land		-	32,448
Profit on sale of investments		-	25,877
		-	58,325
		2,829,445	2,512,668

NOTE 4: OPERATING PROFIT

Surplus / (Deficit) before income tax has been determined after:		
Depreciation	81,292	81,899
Employee benefits:		
- Short term benefits	955,787	902,071
Note 4(a): Net Movement in Committed Funds		
Committed Funds received	572,447	631,895
Less: Committed Funds expended	(322,903)	(619,586)
	249,544	12,309

NOTE 5: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Cash on hand	501	500
Cash at bank	345,132	727,182
Cash on deposit	740,022	1,175,958
	1,085,655	1,903,640

NOTE 6: RECEIVABLES

Current		
Trade debtors	22,109	128,705
Other receivables	140,609	156,051
	162,718	284,756

NOTE 7: OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

Current		
<i>Available-for-sale financial assets</i>		
Para Woodland Funds	5,430,988	4,999,794
Roy and Marjory Edwards Scholarship Funds	445,784	442,315
Nature Foundation Funds	549,625	542,163
Water Entitlements	266,400	227,550
Perpetual Endowment Funds	216,882	-
Total available-for-sale financial assets at cost	6,909,679	6,211,822

NOTE 8: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Land		
Freehold land		
At cost	5,322,295	5,322,295
Plant and equipment		
Plant and equipment at cost	645,282	627,299
Accumulated depreciation	(393,438)	(341,890)
	251,844	285,409
Motor vehicles at cost	279,592	255,451
Accumulated depreciation	(159,376)	(129,632)
	120,216	125,819
Total plant and equipment	372,060	411,228
Total property, plant and equipment	5,694,355	5,733,523

NOTE 9: OTHER ASSETS

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Current		
Prepayments	29,879	32,128
NON CURRENT		
Land held for sale	501,390	316,390

Land held for sale includes properties purchased by the Bushbank fund, which have high quality native vegetation that is considered to represent South Australia's diverse and valuable natural heritage. The protection of this diversity is achieved by applying a nature conservation covenant and reselling these properties to new owners who are required to conserve and protect this natural environment.

NOTE 10: PAYABLES

<i>Unsecured liabilities</i>		
Trade creditors	35,952	55,909
Sundry creditors and accruals	80,601	86,714
	116,553	142,623

NOTE 11: BORROWINGS

Current		
Bank overdraft	2,799	-

NOTE 12: PROVISIONS

Current		
Employee benefits	104,071	97,110

NOTE 13: OTHER LIABILITIES

Current		
Current accounts		
Nilpena Contribution	47,211	47,211
Orange Bellied Parrot	25,836	25,836
Reserve for Conservation from SEB Funds	354,680	526,012
Perpetual Endowment Fund	-	198,270
Other projects	197,608	165,198
Grant income received in advance	341,686	504,569
	967,021	1,467,096

NOTE 14: RESERVES

Available for sale financial asset reserve	1,263,841	894,408
Other reserves	5,469,700	5,255,122
	6,733,541	6,149,530

The available for sale financial asset reserve is used to record movements in fair values of financial assets classified as available for sale. The other reserve (Capital Reserve) is used to record the cash and other financial assets of which \$5 million of capital funds was provided by an individual donor. The intention is for the investment principal plus CPI to be preserved in perpetuity and that the annual investment earnings will be applied for restoration works on the Para Woodlands Reserve.

NOTE 15: ACCUMULATED SURPLUS / (LOSSES)

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Accumulated surplus at beginning of year	6,625,900	6,708,518
Surplus / (deficit)	48,369	(121,636)
Transfers from / (to) reserves	(214,578)	39,018
	6,459,691	6,625,900

NOTE 16: CASH FLOW INFORMATION*(a) Reconciliation of cash*

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position is as follows:

Cash on hand	501	500
Cash at bank	345,132	727,182
At call deposits with financial institutions	740,022	1,175,958
Bank overdrafts	(2,799)	-
	1,082,856	1,903,640

(b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with profit after income tax

Surplus / (deficit) from ordinary activities	48,369	(121,636)
<i>Adjustments and non-cash items</i>		
Depreciation	81,292	81,899
Net (gain) / loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	(32,448)
Net (gain) / loss on disposal of financial instruments	49,147	(25,877)
<i>Changes in operating assets and liabilities</i>		
(Increase) / decrease in receivables	113,415	(95,357)
(Increase) / decrease in other assets	(67,061)	(1,735)
Increase / (decrease) in grants received in advance	(500,075)	159,197
Increase / (decrease) in payables	(5,909)	(123,955)
Increase / (decrease) in provisions	6,961	23,262
GST movement	8,624	13,238
Cash flows from operating activities	(265,237)	(123,412)

NOTE 17: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS*(a) Transactions with Council Members*

Council member Chris Reed has a contract for provision of services to Nature Foundation for which he received a pecuniary benefit of \$8,250 (\$7,157 in 2017).

Council member Millie Nicholls agisted sheep on the Para Woodlands Reserve and the Foundation made a payment of \$2,928 in 2018 financial year (\$2,992 in 2017).

Council President Bob Lott is a director of two companies which provided services to Nature Foundation and received payments of \$NIL (\$18,948 in 2017).

These transactions are routinely declared to the Council as required by the Association's constitution.

NOTE 18: CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS

(a) Operating lease commitments

Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements:

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Payable		
- not later than one year	27,887	27,259
	27,887	27,259

The property lease commitment is for the Nature Foundation office, The Manse, 32 Holden St, Hindmarsh and is a non-cancellable operating lease with a term of 5 years to 11 June 2016. The lease has been extended to 30 June 2019 with rental fee of \$27,887 per annum (GST inclusive). The rental will be subject to a CPI review on 1 January 2019.

NOTE 19: RESTATEMENT OF PRIOR PERIOD REPORTING

The special purpose financial report for 30 June 2017 contains a retrospective restatement of a line item of revenue and expense for committed funds. The gross committed income and expenses are now disclosed separately in the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income rather than reported as a net amount. The change in treatment requires restating of each of the affected financial statement line items for prior period as follows:

	Previous Amount \$	Adjustment \$	Restated Amount \$
Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income			
Committed Funds income	-	631,895	631,895
Committed Funds expense	-	(619,586)	(619,586)
Net movement in Committed Funds	12,309	12,309	-
Statement of Cash flows			
Receipts from customers	1,550,449	631,895	2,182,344
Payments to suppliers and employees	(2,145,816)	(631,895)	(2,777,711)

This reclassification of prior year amounts has no effect to the "net deficit" and the "net cash used in operating activities" reported for the year ended 30 June 2018.

NOTE 20: EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO REPORTING DATE

There has been no matter or circumstance, which has arisen since 30 June 2018 that has significantly affected or may significantly affect:

- the operations, in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2018, of the Association, or
- the results of those operations, or
- the state of affairs, in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2018, of the Association.

NOTE 21: ASSOCIATION DETAILS

The registered office of the association is:
Nature Foundation SA Inc.
32 Holden St
Hindmarsh SA

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The Council members declare that:

- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
- the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013*.



Council Member: Bob Lott (President)



Council member: Douglas Ransom (Honorary Treasurer)

Dated this 4th day of October 2018

NATURE FOUNDATION SA INC.
ABN 24 131 531 874

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF NATURE FOUNDATION SA INC.**

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Nature Foundation SA Inc., "the Association", which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2018, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in members' funds and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the statement by members of the Council.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Nature Foundation SA Inc., is in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 "ACNC Act", including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2018 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ACNC Act and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants "the Code" that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Nature Foundation SA Inc. to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Emphasis of matter - Restatement of prior year reporting

We draw attention to Note 19 to the financial report which describes the prior year reclassification adjustments as a consequence of restatement of the 2017 financial statements to reflect a classification restatement of income and expenses of committed funds in the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income identified in the financial statements.

Other Information

The Council members are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Council's Report which was obtained as at the date of our audit report, and any additional other information included in the Company's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2018, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

When we read the other information not yet received as identified above, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to the Council members and use our professional judgment to determine the appropriate action to take.

Responsibilities of Management and The Council Members for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the ACNC Act and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Council members are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

NATURE FOUNDATION SA INC.
ABN 24 131 531 874

PITCHER PARTNERS

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF NATURE FOUNDATION SA INC.**

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report (contd.)

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Council members.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Council members' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation. We communicate with the Council members regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We communicate with the Council members regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



A P Faulkner
Principal



PITCHER PARTNERS
Adelaide

Date: 4th October 2018

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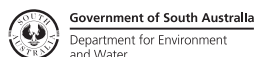
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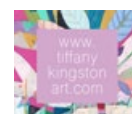
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BE A MEMBER

Join a group of people dedicated to saving, protecting and restoring South Australia's natural landscape and make a difference. We welcome new members, for members are the base from which we can influence and achieve.

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