



ANNUAL REPORT 2019



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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the country on which we work, the Wadandi/Piblemen people, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture in the region. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Welcome to Nature Conservation's 2018-19 Annual Report. I am proud to have recently taken the reigns of this remarkable organisation and, from the start, have been extremely impressed by the inspirational vision of Nature Conservation, its passionate Board and staff and the engaged network that supports us.

I would like to thank our outgoing Chair, Dr Boyd Wykes for his dedication to the organisation since 2014. Boyd has seen the organisation through its evolution from the Cape to Cape Catchments Group and has been instrumental in the current strategic directions of the organisation. Boyd remains on the Board as Deputy Chair and I am fortunate to be able to seek his expert advice as we move forward.

Once again our staff and volunteers have achieved amazing outcomes in our engagement and conservation programs during the 2018-19 financial year. Our strategic focus on these long term programs is starting to pay dividends for our local environment and we are keen to keep our local focus and not be swayed by changing priorities at State and Federal levels.

I am particularly excited that collaborative management of the Margaret River is proceeding successfully. In partnership with the Shire we have brought responsible agencies, community and our Indigenous custodians to the table and will launch the 'Wooditjup Bilya Protection Strategy – Working together to protect the Margaret River' in November.

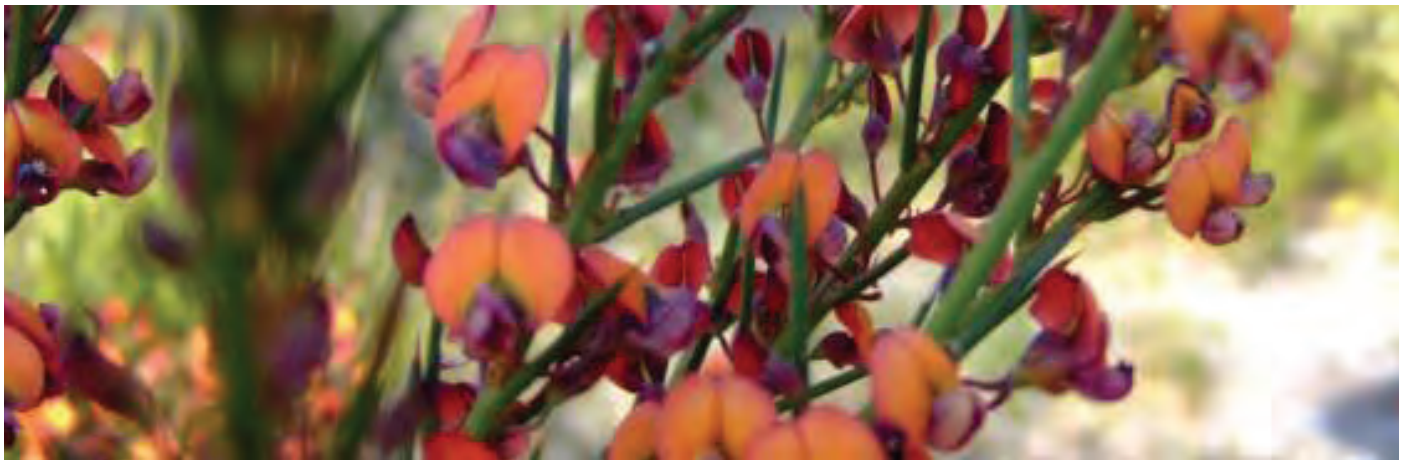
Our success to secure State government support and funding to address arum lily in the region has also been a win during the year. The Arum Lily Blitz campaign is having a significant impact and we are pleased to see the community coming on board to reduce the impact of this toxic menace on our local biodiversity.

Our community engagement programs have also gone from strength to strength over the last year. The Giant Light Steps Alliance is now working to set goals and identify actions to collaboratively protect our environment. It is great to see the key economic sectors of tourism, business and wine coming together for a common cause. Our development of a Community Engagement and Stewardship Strategy will also see many more of our community engaged to play a part in conserving our local environment.

The outcomes that we have achieved this year have all been funded from grants and donations. Unfortunately, in each year it also becomes more difficult to gain funding as more bodies compete. Our very popular environmental education program, Our Patch, is particularly under threat and is seeking sponsors so that it can be rolled out again to schools in 2020.

In closing I wish to acknowledge all our strategic partners who have helped us get the job done during 2018-19. We are extremely grateful to the Shire of Augusta Margaret River, which generously supports our administrative needs and through their Environmental Management Fund supports a number of our key programs. We are also very appreciative of those individuals and businesses who do support our work through donations and fund-raising opportunities.

DR JOHN CRESSWELL
CHAIR BOARD OF MANAGEMENT



2018-19 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Nature Conservation Margaret River Region is proud to report on the following key achievements against its organisational objectives during the 2018-19 financial year. More details of key achievement in each of Nature Conservation's three engagement and five conservation programs is provided in the program pages of our 2018-19 Annual Report.



- A review of Nature Conservation's Strategic Plan 2018-2021 was completed revealing good progress against many organisational and conservation outcomes.
- A strong relationship was re-established with our indigenous custodians during 2018-19. Board and staff engaged with Undalup Association for cultural awareness training to strengthen understanding of cultural issues and protocols and met to discuss activities and discuss collaborative opportunities. Regular communication and 6 monthly catch ups between the two organisations is now proposed to further strengthen the relationship.
- The Giant Light Steps Alliance Charter was signed by all founding members including Nature Conservation, Augusta Margaret River Shire, Margaret River Busselton Tourism Association, Margaret River Chamber of Commerce, Transition Margaret River and the South West Catchments Council leading the way for collaborative work to protect our environment. Workshopping and the preparation of actions plans for each of the member groups will occur over the next year.
- A Community Engagement and Stewardship Strategy was commenced aimed at developing a strategic, operational and promotional framework for Nature Conservation to inspire whole of community engagement in conservation of the environment. By June 2019 two internal workshops had been conducted to discuss aspects of the project. The Strategy is due for completion at the end of 2019.
- The 'Wooditjup Bilya Protection Strategy – Working together to protect the Margaret River' was completed through a collaborative partnership with the Shire of Augusta Margaret River and the many organisations and groups with interests and responsibilities for the river coming together as the Margaret River Collaborative Management Group. The Group has developed an implementation plan and is working successfully to implement key actions from the Strategy. The Strategy will be launched to the community in late 2019 and funding has been sought from the State NRM Program to continue to the collaborative process and implement key actions.
- An Arum Lily Management Plan for the Margaret River region was completed in collaboration with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and a major campaign to address arum lily across the region, funded by the WA Government's State NRM Program commenced. The three year Arum Lily Blitz campaign aims to significantly increase engagement of landowners and managers in controlling arum lily in the region.
- The first year of a 5 year Western Ringtail Possum Conservation Project funded by the National Landcare Program through the South West Catchments Council and supported by the Shire of August Margaret River's Environmental Management Fund was completed. The project has seen a survey of the Margaret River foreshore from town to coast and 124 volunteer citizen science surveys completed, as well as 0.5 hectares of priority Western ringtail possum habitat enhanced with 3674 native seedlings planted by volunteers.
- Nature Conservation invited its members and partners to its Annual General Meeting and Celebration at Fair Harvest Permaculture in December 2018. This social event allowed interested members to learn about Nature Conservation's achievements and showcased local nature photographer and Nature Conservation Board Member Steve Castan's wonderful bird photography.



THE YEAR AHEAD

As we go to press the 2019-20 financial year is well underway and we have moved on to new and challenging activities.

Learn more about our long term visions for each of our engagement and conservation programs on our program pages and read about what's to come in 2019-20 below.

Growing our organisation

- Extend our Board to achieve breadth of skills, age and gender capability. We are pleased to welcome Dr Ann Ward and Pam Townshend as casual members on to our Board and recommend that our membership will support their permanent addition to our Board.
- Build funding support to help stabilise our organisation and grow our conservation and engagement capacity. A new Strategic Development Committee is articulating priorities for regional conservation and means of achieving these through attracting additional funding.
- Strengthen our relationship with our indigenous custodians and the development of genuine collaborations to jointly care for country.
- Extend Nature Conservation's role in addressing the key issues of climate change and fire management.

Engagement Programs

- Support Giant Light Steps alliance to identify targets and commitments for each sector, individually and through collaborations as a means of encouraging and tracking initiatives fostered by this innovative conservation stewardship alliance.
- Complete our Community Engagement and Stewardship Strategy and commence achieving its recommendations. Key gaps identified include need to for greater coordination and support for environmental volunteers and increased landowner engagement to drive conservation action.
- Planning for extension of our 'Our Patch' Environmental Education Program to high school.

Conservation Programs

- Launch the 'Wooditjup Bilya Protection Strategy - Working together to protect the Margaret River' and continue, in partnership with the Augusta Margaret River Shire, facilitating the Collaborative Management Group to achieve management actions.
- Complete a first year of the three year Arum Lily Blitz including close examination of what worked and how we can further engage the community to manage this threat.
- Complete a second year of the five year Western Ringtail Possum Conservation project and expand where possible to increase science and engagement outcomes.
- Expand our Caring for Coast program to inspire community care, support and extend our engagement, including partnership with coastcare groups, local government and State government agencies.



2018-19 FINANCIAL REPORT

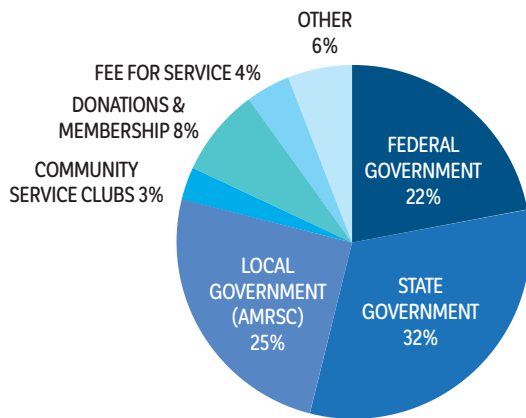
Funding Nature Conservation's administrative needs remained an ongoing challenge during 2018-19. Nature Conservation receives no base support from the State or Federal governments, however is fortunate to have an ongoing generous contribution from the Augusta Margaret River Shire to our administration overheads. A significant, increasing number of individuals and businesses also support our organisation through donations and fund-raising opportunities.

Nature Conservation's Program funding continues to be primarily sourced from local, State and Federal government grants with matching funding through community contributions and time.

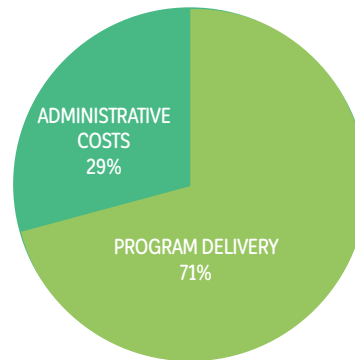
A thank you to all the local business, individuals, organisations and grant programs who provided financial assistance to Nature Conservation during the 2018-19 financial year.

2018-19 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

INCOME \$440,409



EXPENDITURE \$441,118



BREAKDOWN OF 2018-19 INCOME

Membership fees	\$1,111
Donations and Fundraising	\$34,623
Augusta Margaret River Shire	\$110,428
Rotary and Lions Clubs	\$14,000
State NRM Program	\$136,878
Coastwest Grants Program	\$1,418
National Landcare Program – Environment Small Grants	\$49,504
National Landcare Program via SWCC	\$48,764
Water Corporation	\$8,000
Landholder Contributions	\$14,520
Fee For Service Contracts	\$19,220
Miscellaneous Income	\$766
Interest Income	\$1,178
TOTAL INCOME	\$440,410

BREAKDOWN OF 2018-19 EXPENDITURE

Administrative Costs (salaries and oncosts)	\$86,731.31
Administrative Costs (office expenses)	\$32,987.12
Administrative Costs (vehicle expenses)	\$10,133.35
Program Delivery (salaries and oncosts)	\$158,261.51
Program Delivery (operational expenses)	\$153,005.21
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$441,118



NATURE CONSERVATION SUPPORTERS

During 2018-19 Nature Conservation received funding and support from a range of grant programs, organisations, business and individuals. We wish to thank all those who partnered with and supported Nature Conservation and assisted our organisation to achieve environmental outcomes for the Margaret River region.

Strategic Partners

Augusta Margaret River Shire Council
 Birdlife WA and Cape to Cape Bird Group
 City of Busselton
 Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
 Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
 Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
 Edith Cowan University
 Geographe Catchments Council
 Gondwana Link
 Lower Blackwood Land Conservation District Committee
 Margaret River Busselton Tourism Association
 Margaret River Chamber of Commerce
 Margaret River Regional Environment Centre
 Margaret River Wine Association
 Murdoch University Freshwater Fish Group and Fish Health Unit
 South West Catchments Council
 Transition Margaret River
 Yallingup LCDC

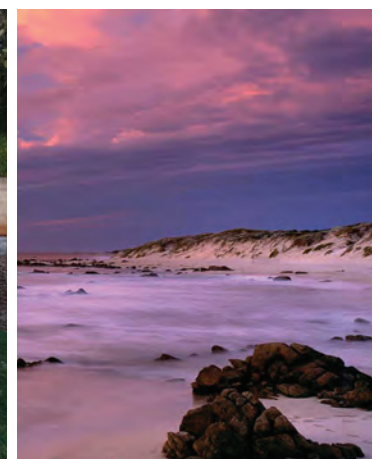
Community and Business Supporters

Brewhouse Margaret River
 Candy Cow Cowaramup
 Cape Mentelle Wines
 Cowaramup Agencies
 Cowaramup Lions Club
 Cullen Wines
 Friends of Reserve Group Volunteers
 Hairy Marron Café
 Nature Conservation Members and Donors
 Nature Conservation Volunteers
 Rotary Club of Margaret River
 Voyager Estate
 'Our Patch' Participating Schools

Grant Programs

Shire of Augusta Margaret River's Environmental Management Fund
 State Government's Natural Resource Management Program
 Federal Government's National Landcare Program

A special thank you also to Christian Fletcher for use of a number of his stunning photographs of the Margaret River region in this document and on www.natureconservation.org.au.





Nature Conservation VISION for the Margaret River region is
‘A healthy and biodiverse natural environment supporting the livelihoods and lifestyles on which our community depends’.



NATURE CONSERVATION’S PROGRAMS

Inspiring a conservation culture

Nature Conservation aims to inspire and encourage a strong community conservation culture that values, supports and engages in nature conservation. Our engagement programs work at various levels within the community targeting a variety of community audiences and aiming to increase whole of community support for protection of the environment in the Margaret River region.

NATURE CONSERVATION’S ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

Giant Light Steps

Championing environmental stewardship with key community stakeholders as a core economic and lifestyle responsibility.

People for Nature

Inspiring community participation in environmental stewardship.

Schools environmental education

Developing ecological awareness and connecting young people to nature



Addressing the key challenges of the region

Nature Conservation aims for the Margaret River region to maintain a range of natural terrestrial, aquatic and coastal ecosystems that are healthy and resilient. Our conservation programs are aimed at making the biggest difference to the key environmental challenges facing the Margaret River region, whilst helping to excite people’s imagination and showing results on the ground.

NATURE CONSERVATION’S CONSERVATION PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

Conserve the Margaret River

Protecting the unique values of the Margaret River

Coordinated weed control

Controlling environmental weeds to protect biodiversity

Managing bushland for wildlife

Building habitat resilience and linkages for fauna

Threatened species protection

Protecting wildlife at risk in the region

Caring for coast

Supporting community efforts to protect coastal ecosystems



GIANT LIGHT STEPS

What we achieved -

- Relationships were strengthened with Giant Light Steps founding members including the Shire of Augusta Margaret River, Margaret River Busselton Tourism Association, Margaret River Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Transition Margaret River, and the South West Catchments Council during 2018-19. Margaret River Wine Association was also engaged as a prospective member of Giant Light Steps.
- Giant Light Steps founding members signed a charter to formalise the conservation stewardship alliance and lead the way for collaborative work to protect our environment. The Charter details motivations for the group including: fulfilling custodial responsibilities for our environment as a legacy to the future; and providing integrity to substantiate the 'clean green' reputation underpinning the social and economic well-being of the region.
- Federal Government Building Better Regions funding was secured to support Giant Light Steps during 2019-20. This funding will allow continued facilitation of the alliance, workshopping of commitments and preparation of action plans for each of the individual member groups as well as the development of collaborative projects.

The way forward

Giant Light Steps has the potential to be a game changer for the future of our region.

\$30,000 annually is needed for Nature Conservation to provide the inspiration and facilitation that will realise this potential through partnership stewardship programs.

Funding Contributions 2018-19

Amount

South West Catchments Council Grant	\$8000 over two years 2017- 2019
Giant Light Steps Alliance Members	\$8000 over two years 2017- 2019



PEOPLE FOR NATURE

What we achieved -

- A network of 882 interested community members were engaged through Nature Conservation Network newsletters, updates and events.
- The Nature Conservation Facebook Page was kept up to date with activities, events and information with Facebook followers increasing to 1264 during 2018-19.
- A registry of 176 Nature Conservation Volunteers was maintained with volunteers engaged in on ground rehabilitation and citizen science volunteer opportunities coordinated by Nature Conservation and other organisations throughout the year.
- Support was continued for 5 Friends of Reserve groups caring for local bushland, foreshore and coastal reserves. 12 on ground conservation activities were undertaken including weeding, planting and brushing activities in reserve areas. A Friends of Reserve Forum conducted in May 2019 in partnership with the Shire of Augusta Margaret River engaged a wider group of friends volunteers from across the region.
- An annual Margaret River Bioblitz was delivered in September 2018 on the foreshore of the Margaret River engaging 75 local residents in foreshore discovery walks, bird watching and possum night stalks with local scientists.
- Nature Conservation once again presented the Environment Excellence Award at the 2018 Telstra Margaret River Business Awards recognising environment leaders in the business community. A Margaret River Chamber of Commerce and Industry Sundowner further engaged our business community in a coastal conservation activity on Gnarabup Headland and showcased business environmental champions.

The way forward

Nature Conservation aspires to provide an expanded calendar of community awareness raising and capacity building events in order to help our community value, respect and care for our environment. An additional \$60,000 annually would be sufficient for us to appoint a dedicated People for Nature Coordinator with an events budget to make this happen.

Funding Contributions 2018-19

Augusta Margaret River Shire's Environmental Management Fund –
Increasing volunteering in the Shire of Augusta Margaret River

Amount

\$27,730



SCHOOLS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

What we achieved -

- 547 school students from 8 local primary schools participated in the 'Our Patch' Environmental Education Program including 43 excursions and 44 in class lessons covering water quality, catchment and landuse, macro invertebrates, indigenous knowledge and Western ringtail possum conservation.
- A Year 6 presentation at the Shire of Augusta Margaret River Council Chambers showcased Year 6 waterway and catchment learning to students, parents, funders and key partners.
- 9 local bushland, coastal and foreshore Adopt a Spot sites were enhanced and cared for by 680 local primary school students and 122 volunteers. During the financial year 15 excursion and 8 in class lessons were delivered with 3770 native seedling planted, significant hand weeding at all sites and three loads of brush laid to control erosion at Gnarabup and Gracetown.
- 262 Year 3 students from across the Margaret River region attended the School's Bioblitz at Mammoth Cave on the 19 October 2018. Students learnt about local birds, biodiversity, cave ecology, megafauna, native mammals, wildlife caring and bushtucker from a range of local scientists and presenters.

The way forward

Expanding our highly recognised 'Our Patch' Environmental Education Program to high school students would provide continued ecological learning for our younger generation throughout their school years.

An additional \$50,000 annually would provide stability and expansion for our current programs and allow us to explore opportunities for a high school program.

Funding Contributions 2018-19

	Amount
Rotary Club of Margaret River	\$10,000
Cowaramup Lions Club	\$4,000
Augusta Margaret River Shire's Environmental Management Fund	\$11,226
Participating Schools	\$12,500
Cullen Wines	\$5,000
Private Donation	\$5,000
State NRM Community Stewardship Grant – Adopt a Spot Program	\$25,000





CONSERVE THE MARGARET RIVER

What we achieved -

- In partnership with the Shire of Augusta Margaret River the Margaret River Collaborative Management Group was facilitated to share information, improve communications and coordinate management of the Margaret River and its catchment. The group represents agencies and organisations with responsibilities and interests in the Margaret River including Nature Conservation, the Shire of Augusta Margaret River, Undalup Association representing indigenous interests, the Department Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, the Department of Planning, Heritage and Lands, Margaret River Regional Environment Centre.
- The 'Wooditjup Bilya Protection Strategy – Working together to protect the Margaret River' was completed in consultation with the Margaret River Collaborative Management Group to guide future management of the Margaret River and its catchment. An implementation plan was also developed and will form a working document for the group to collaboratively take action to protect the ecological health and community values of the river. The Protection Strategy and an Annual Report Card will be launched to the community in late 2019.
- On ground action to improve the condition of foreshores of the Margaret River continued including significant weed control (blackberry control across 53 hectares, arum lily control across 9.5 hectares and other priority weed control across 5 hectares); and revegetation with 3674 native seedlings to enhance habitat for the critically endangered Western ringtail possum.

The way forward

The Margaret River faces increasing pressure from urban development and climate change. In collaboration with our custodians and stakeholders Nature

Conservation is keen to deliver actions identified in the Wooditjup Bilya Protection Strategy to protect the river into the future. An additional \$100,000 annually would allow Nature Conservation to put in place a keep watch water quality monitoring program, continue foreshore restoration programs, raise awareness of river values and threats and drive the collaborative management process.

Funding Contributions 2018-19

Amount

State NRM Community Action Grants – Margaret River Action Plan (Protection Strategy)	\$41,875
Augusta Margaret River Shire's Environmental Management Fund	\$10,000



COORDINATED WEED CONTROL

What we achieved -

- A management plan for arum lily in the Margaret River region was completed in collaboration with the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attraction (DBCA). The plan establishes priorities for mapping and control as well as a coordinated communication strategy to foster involvement of the community.
- Significant State Natural Resource Management Program funding was secured to implement the arum lily management plan over the next 3 years and a communications plan developed for the 2019 arum season.
- Nature Conservation continued to facilitate the Capes Regional Environmental Weed Management Group (CREWG) to assist with coordinating priority control and community awareness raising activities across organisations and tenures.
- 2018-19 weed control programs were once again achieved through a shared funding arrangement involving grant funding from the State Natural Resource Management Program and contributions from the Augusta Margaret River Shire, Water Corporation, and landowners. Control focused on priority species including blackberry, woody weeds and African feather grass along the Margaret River foreshores and strategic arum lily control in Burnside, Kilcarnup, Margaret River, Redgate and Calgardup.



The way forward

Environmental weeds present a major threat to our regional biodiversity.

Nature Conservation's Regional Environmental Weed Strategy identifies key priorities weed species needing to be addressed.

We are fortunate to have current funding to address arum lily, however an additional \$100,000 annually would be sufficient for Nature Conservation to roll out concerted community engagement campaigns and control programs for other species to really make an impact on our regional weed burden.

Funding Contributions 2018-19

Amount

State NRM Community Stewardship Grant – Strategic arum lily management in the Margaret River region	\$340,360 over 3 years 2019-2022
Landowner contributions (50% cost share basis)	\$14,520
Water Corporation contribution to foreshore weed control	\$8,000
Augusta Margaret River Shire contribution to foreshore weed control	\$15,000



MANAGING BUSHLAND FOR WILDLIFE

What we achieved -

- Strategic feral animal control on high conservation value properties and National Park areas was continued in the Cowaramup area with the support of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attraction (DBCA). Activities including:
 - A literature review of best practice fox control was undertaken to add to the body of knowledge guiding continuing strategic feral control trials.
 - A landowner get together to explain the results of the previous year of strategic feral animal control and improvements for 2018-19 activities.
 - Two rounds of fox baiting over 738 hectares.
 - Wildlife monitoring using motion cameras, and sand track monitoring over 590 hectares.
- Landowner web resources for urban and rural landowners were developed for launch to the community through a promotional campaign in the new financial year. The new web resources include Bushland Management and Gardens for Nature Information Sheets aimed at providing landowners with the inspiration, knowledge and confidence to undertake conservation action on their properties.
- 4 Land for Wildlife properties were supported with property planning, advice and financial support for conservation action including revegetation, fox control, weed control and fencing.

The way forward

We estimate 70% of our region is in private landownership so if we are to restore and protect our biodiversity we need a greater number of urban and rural landowners assisting our cause.

\$150,000 annually would allow Nature Conservation to establish a Landowner Stewardship Program to give landowners the inspiration, knowledge, and confidence to get engaged in conservation action.

Funding Contributions 2018-19

	Amount
National Landcare Program - Strategic landowner engagement in the Margaret River region	\$49,504
National Landcare Program via South West Catchments Council – Land for Wildlife Conservation Action	\$34,338



THREATENED SPECIES PROTECTION

What we achieved -

- The first year of a five year Western Ringtail Possum Conservation Project was completed. The project is funded by the National Landcare Program through the South West Catchments Council and supported by the Shire of Augusta Margaret River. Achievements included:
 - A Western ringtail possum survey of the Margaret River foreshore from town to coast to better understand priority habitats and distribution of the species.
 - 124 volunteer citizen science surveys on established transects throughout the region to to better understand priority habitats and distribution of the species.
 - 0.5 hectares of priority Western ringtail possum habitat enhancement with 3674 native seedlings on the banks for the Margaret River.
 - 7 community engagement activities including 4 survey volunteer get togethers, a community possum night stalk, a University of the 3rd age presentation and a display at the Margaret River Agricultural Show.
 - Facilitation of the local Western ringtail possum Steering Group and participation in the broader Recovery Team for the species.
- The Black Cockatoo Conservation Project was continued and resulted in the following achievements:
 - Coordination of local participation in Birdlife WA's 2019 Great Cocky Count including 48 volunteers counting at 36 roosts sites across the region.
 - 1 Great Cocky Count presentation to assist volunteers participating in the Great Cocky Count.
 - Volunteer monitoring of cockatoo movements at various locations across the region.
 - Facilitation of the local Black Cockatoo Steering Group and continued communications with Birdlife WA regarding the conservation of the three black cockatoo species found in the region.
- Participation in the Hairy Marron Recovery Team with responsible government agencies and researchers was continued. Conservation action for the species is currently focusing on the establishment of an insurance population (ark site) and Nature Conservation's involvement in this action is yet to be determined.
- A Rodenticide Steering Group was formed to coordinate a campaign to tackle poisoning of our wildlife by rodenticides. The group in conjunction with ECU researcher Mike Lohr is raising awareness that most of the rodenticides freely available at our retail outlets are killing off a wide range of our nocturnal birds and mammals through primary and secondary poisoning. The group is also gathering data on poisoning through analysis of toxins in the liver of dead wildlife, supporting wildlife carers working with sick and injured nocturnal wildlife.

Funding Contributions 2018-19

Amount

National Landcare Program via South West Catchments Council – Western Ringtail Possum Conservation
 Augusta Margaret River Shire's Environmental Management Fund – Western Ringtail Possum Conservation

\$196,092 (2018- 2022)
 \$22,700

The way forward

Protecting our threatened species is high on our list of priorities. Climate change and population growth is providing increasing threats to our wildlife so we need to work fast to understand how they use our landscape and how we can help.

An additional \$100,000 annually would allow Nature Conservation to expand its citizen science programs and start to implement dedicated conservation action to protect the fauna species most at risk in our region.





CARING FOR COAST

What we achieved -

- Support to coastal Friends of Reserve groups at Gracetown, Gnarabup, Redgate and Augusta was continued with volunteers attending a Friends of Reserves Forum in May 2019. Coastal rehabilitation techniques were discussed and volunteers learnt about indigenous cultural values and protocols in the coastal environment.
- Collaboration with the South West Catchments Council, the Shire of Augusta Margaret River and Friends of Gracetown and Cowaramup Bay continued to achieve coastal rehabilitation outcomes at Gracetown with Nature Conservation coordinating a major planting and brushing activity at Huzzas.
- A coastal rehabilitation activity was conducted on the Gnarabup Headland in conjunction with the members of the Margaret River Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Margaret River Coastal Residents Association including a large brushing and pigface planting activity to control public access and promote natural regeneration.
- Students participating in the Adopt a Spot Program undertook coastal rehabilitation activities including revegetation with native species, brushing, weed control and rubbish clean ups at Gnarabup dunes, Redgate beach and Flinders Bay.
- Tangaroa Blue's Annual WA Beach Clean Up was once again promoted to volunteers and community groups within the Nature Conservation Network.

The way forward

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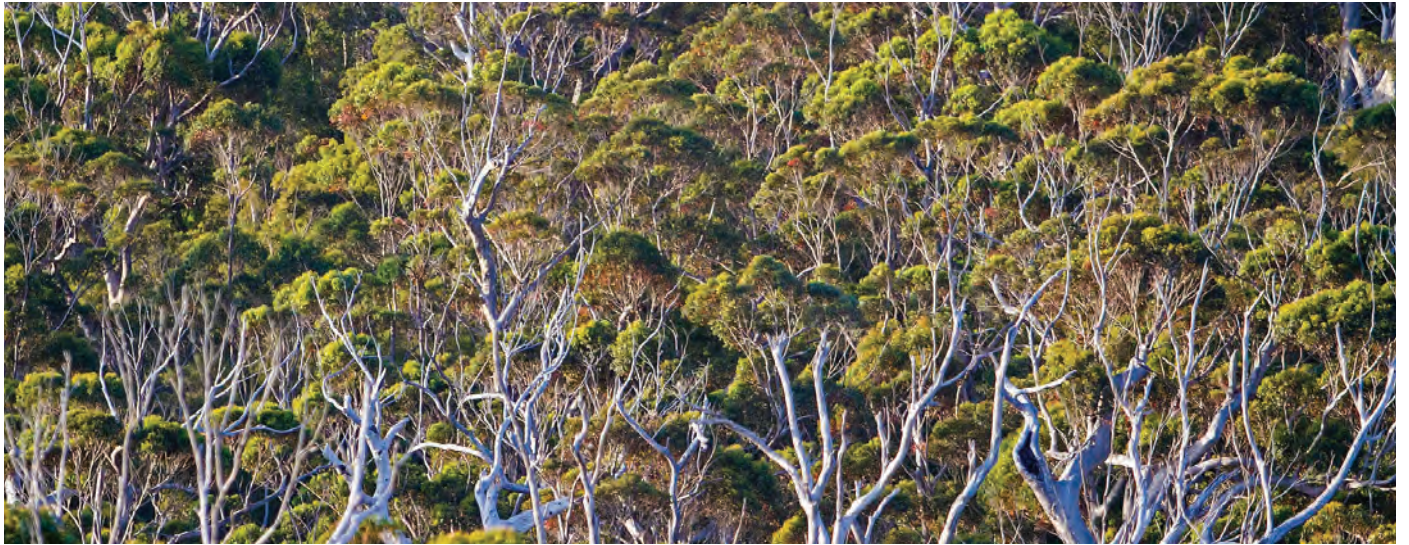
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Funding Contributions 2018-19

No specific funding was available for this program

Amount

Nil



NATURE CONSERVATION BOARD



Dr John Cresswell
CHAIR



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Professor Emerita
Carmen Lawrence



Steve Harrison



Steve Castan



Jarrad Clark



Dr Ann Ward
Casual Appointment



Pam Townshed
Casual Appointment

NATURE CONSERVATION STAFF

Part time staff during 2018/19 equated to 3.2 full time staff and included:

Caroline Hughes	<i>Executive Officer, Strategic Partnerships and Projects</i>
Fran Dohring	<i>Administration and Finance</i>
Genevieve Hanran-Smith	<i>Biodiversity Protection</i>
Drew McKenzie	<i>Biodiversity Protection and Land for Wildlife</i>
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Katie Biggs	<i>Margaret River Protection and Volunteer Support</i>
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Michelle Keppel	<i>'Our Patch' Environmental Education</i>
Tracey Muir	<i>Adopt a Spot Program</i>
Sacha Papalia	<i>Giant Light Steps</i>



In January 2019 John McKinney and Cass Jury were awarded life membership of Nature Conservation for their long term passion and dedication to the organisation.



JOIN WITH NATURE CONSERVATION

We need your help to protect the unique and special natural environment of the Margaret River Region. Visit our website www.natureconservation.org.au to find out how you can help.

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