




**2021-22
ANNUAL REPORT**



Nature Conservation would like to acknowledge the Wadandi/Pibulumun Traditional Owners of the land on which we work and pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

I'd like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we work, the Wadandi people of the Noongar nation, and pay my respects to Elders past and present.

2022 has been a very big year for Nature Conservation—a year of both consolidation and growth. Early in the year, we undertook a Strategic Planning Review to provide us with clear direction and to prioritise our work. As part of this review, we looked closely at our organisational values and were empowered by a recognition of our core values as grit, collaboration and passion. At Nature Conservation we deeply care about what we do, we always work hard to collaborate with our many partners, and we have the resilience to persevere through the many difficulties faced when working to protect our natural environment. Anyone who joined us at the river for the Wooditjup Bilya event this year will know that it takes more than a wild storm to deter Nature Conservation and our partners from doing all we can to inspire and educate our community.

On the ground we have had another successful year.

Our Patch has been ably and enthusiastically run for the first time by Peta and Lauren. The wonderful Year 6 event at the HEART, and the Year 3 BioBlitz, held on the Wooditjup Bilya, both shone a light on the success of the program in engaging our young people in caring and learning about our natural environment. Tracey has continued to work with Year 4s, facilitating students to undertake hands-on work to learn more and improve environmental condition at their Adopt a Spots.

This year saw the completion of 2.5 hectares of revegetation undertaken over 5 years on the Wooditjup Bilya. This revegetation effort, managed by Lauren and Lyndsey, has involved hundreds of community volunteers, and is the largest and most concentrated revegetation work so far completed on the river.

The Arum Lily Blitz campaign continues, with Mike competently taking over the reins this year, including managing very significant post-fire arum lily control in Boranup. The Blitz has a further two years of funding secured and as anyone driving around the region this spring will have realised, a concerted push will still be needed for many years to build on the success so far and to realise this ambitious long-term vision.

Nature Conservation has been successful in gaining State NRM funding for a further campaign to control environmental weeds. The campaign, to begin next year, will focus on the control of invasive woody weed species and will again require a massive effort to engage our community and work with our government partners to protect our biodiversity.

For Nature has completed a second successful year under Peta's stewardship, with the program inspiring, educating, and assisting landholders to improve conservation values on their properties. The well-attended workshops and Open Gardens event were very well received, and the new 'Guide to Protecting the Environment on Your Property' was produced this year with funding from Holst Design + Build.

Mandy has continued our work on the coast, engaging with local community groups and the broader community to protect and restore coastal areas under pressure. In parallel we have continued work with Line in the Sand progressing ideas on how we best influence community behaviour in regard to coastal protection.



We launched the popular Sundowner Series this year, and have had two events beautifully organised and run by Jodie. The Sundowners are a forum for information sharing about significant environmental issues in our region and provide an opportunity for the community to hear from experts and contribute to discussion in a relaxed atmosphere. We plan to have four of these events each year.

We are continuing to engage more of the community in our work and increase our membership base, and our excellent on-going communication—delivered with enthusiasm by Trevor—significantly contributes to this increased reach.

One of our crucial roles is as an educator, and next year we will add a marine element to our school education programs. This new program is based on a model that has been successfully rolled out in over 200 schools worldwide with the aim of teaching children about their local marine environment. The Capes region will be the first place in Australia to roll out this iconic program.

One of the challenges of all Not-for-Profit groups is the ongoing funding for our programs. In order to make us more secure, we have commenced a new professional services arm to our work. This involves both an on-ground team and a biodiversity officer who can be engaged for contract work on private and public land. This will provide us with income to support our work, but also enables a consistent, high-quality approach to environmental assessment and management across the region, and provides valuable information to our community. I welcome Cass, Nathan and Jackson to these roles.

This year, we have been lucky to recruit passionate Advisors to our organisation. These three people, Emma Scaife, Peter Adamson, and our very own Genevieve Hanran-Smith have expanded our collaborative skill set significantly. They contribute their time to improving what we do and how well we do it.

We also launched our Ambassador program this year and are very fortunate to have recruited talented artist Leon Pericles and local botanical author and co-founder of the Cape to Cape Track Jane Scott to raise our profile, reach and voice.

Regarding volunteers, we would like to express our gratitude for the huge level of support we receive from our volunteers, who have increased significantly this year. Volunteering takes many different forms from office and administrative support, assisting at events, to helping out with planting and maintenance of revegetation sites or putting in the hours as a citizen scientist. We highly value the work our volunteers do and this significant contribution will for the first time be reflected in our Financial Report.

I would like to pay a special tribute to the very talented and passionate team of staff, board, advisors, and ambassadors, with a special acknowledgement of Drew for his excellent work in the very demanding general manager role. Thank you all for your hard work and all that, together, we have achieved this year.

Lastly, I would like to thank our donors without whom this work could not continue. Thank you to the Shire of Augusta Margaret River, the Western Australian government's State NRM program, Wright Burt Foundation, Line in the Sand, Paskeville Foundation, and the Rotary and Lions Clubs.

In summary, I am very, very proud to report on a great year and am enthusiastic about the opportunities that lie ahead.

DR ANN WARD
CHAIR BOARD OF MANAGEMENT



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

It has been a huge year for Nature Conservation Margaret River Region with our programs, reach, and impact expanding significantly. We are proud of the effort achieved towards our vision and goals, with highlights including:

- The Arum Blitz project has gone from strength to strength, with growing uptake from landholders and agencies ensuring larger areas of control and, significantly, a tangible change in the culture of how arum lilies are viewed. The changing sense of responsibility from land managers to do their bit and undertake control has also been felt.
- We have long been very proud of the work our Adopt a Spot project does in connecting our youth to their local environment and empowering them to become environmental stewards and it was incredibly heartening to see everyone involved in the program recognised when Adopt a Spot was awarded a special commendation at the State Coastal Awards.
- The presentations the Year 6 students made to the community at the culmination of their Our Patch learnings for the year were moving, heartening and inspiring. It is so good seeing this project help give our youth a voice and an opportunity to contribute to the protection of the local environment. This was strengthened with 'encore' presentations to the Shire of Augusta Margaret River Councillors and the National Natural Resource Management conference.
- The amazing Western Ringtail Possum citizen science team powered into their fifth year of data collection and saw the modelling start to emerge out of that. Furthermore, the community engagement as part of this project has really gathered momentum, with a massive community planting taking place with the help of over 100 volunteers.
- The Caring for Coast project broadened its impact this year with new collaborations with the World Surf League and the Margaret River Wine Industry Association and continued work with a range of local groups. It was great to see protection works start at such iconic and heavily impacted sites as Injidup Spa.
- Our 'Sundowner Series' of informative, inspirational and sometimes challenging presentations on key local issues kicked off with a bang with Gondwana Link's Keith Bradby, and a focus on the Wooditjup Bilya. These first two events were very well attended and received glowing feedback and triggered some important conversations within the community.
- The diverse and interesting events and workshops delivered by the 'For Nature' program were incredibly well attended and received amazing feedback from the community. These culminated with the Open Nature Gardens weekend selling out to over 400 attendees! This project has been invaluable in engaging and educating the community.
- Watching our communications go from strength to strength, helping to fuel community engagement and understanding of our projects and key messages was also really heartening to see.





2023 OUTLOOK

We are excited about the outlook for with a number of new initiatives to be launched, opportunities to grow and evolve established programs and broaden the reach and impact of the organisation. The scale of environmental challenges facing our region is significant and we want to ensure we are in a position to play a significant role in responding to those challenges. We feel optimistic about 2023 and plan to focus on the following:

- We are very proud to be expanding our environmental education program with the launch of a Capes Ngari EMA—or Educative Marine Area—project in partnership with EMA Australia. The pilot program will work with the Grade 5 students at Margaret River Primary School across the school year and will be the first of its kind to be run in Australia. The program utilises a framework developed in French Polynesia and run successfully at over 200 locations around the world.
- We are working hard to ensure our Professional Services team grows from strength to strength in 2023 by providing high quality, trusted services to help landowners and land managers understand, plan and implement effective and efficient environmental management on their property. As the program progresses, we look forward to the monitoring element of the program coming to the fore and helping to benchmark and document improvements made through the implementation of management actions.
- We are excited to commence our State NRM-funded Woody Weed Campaign in 2023, with the aim of putting the spotlight on high-priority environmental weeds and empowering landholders to start to tackle this issue through workshops and education programs on identification and control, mapping, and implementing strategic control in partnership with land managers.
- We will continue the Sundowner Series of presentations and discussions on key local issues. With topics like the Leeuwin Naturaliste National Park and the Capes Marine Environment earmarked to kick off 2023, it is sure to continue sparking some important and challenging discussions.
- We look forward to exploring ways to improve and maximise the effectiveness of our existing programs and campaigns to ensure that they make the biggest possible impact towards protecting and restoring the significant environmental values of the Margaret River Region.



“The decisions we make in the next 10 years will determine the future for the next 1,000 years.”

Ilona Szabó de Carvalho, Co-Founder and President, Igarapé Institute



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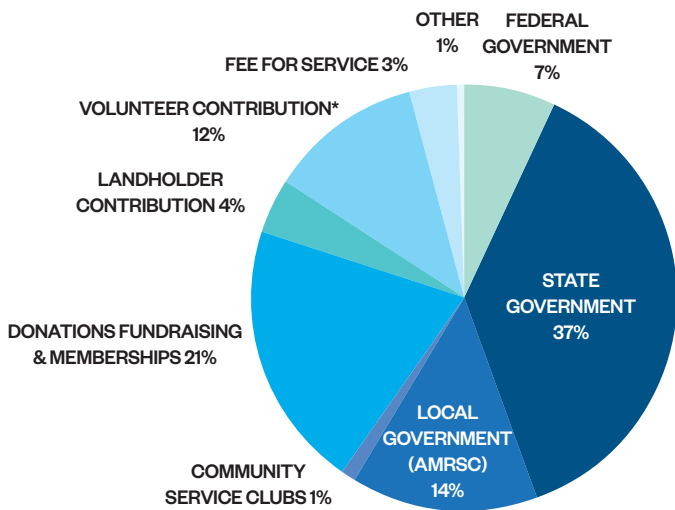
Nature Conservation is very appreciative of the ongoing support from a number of organisations throughout financial year 2022.

This funding and support is absolutely critical to enable not only the key on ground project work but also to allow the organisation to achieve its vision and function as a vehicle for community engagement and biodiversity enhancement in the region.

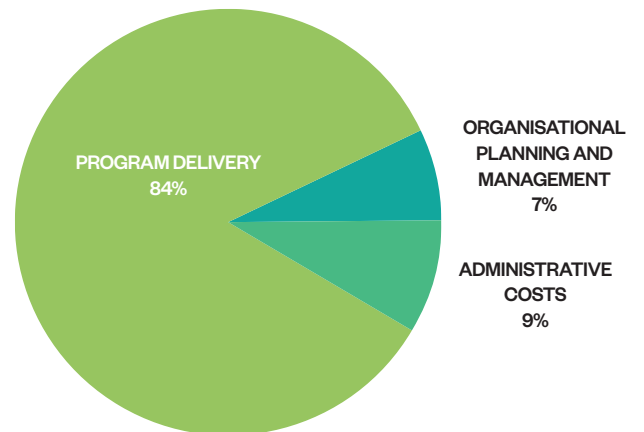
Thank you to all the local business, individuals, organisations and grant programs that provided financial assistance to Nature Conservation during the 2022 financial year.

2021-22 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

INCOME \$923,260



EXPENDITURE \$865,711.34



BREAKDOWN OF 2021-22 INCOME

Federal Government	\$65,528.22
State Government	\$345,669.50
Local Government (AMRS)	\$131,634.18
Community Service Clubs	\$11,000.00
Donations Fundraising & Memberships	\$186,443.35
Landholder Contribution	\$36,913.85
Volunteer Contribution*	\$108,450.00
Fee for Service	\$34,665.50
Other	\$2,955.38
Total Income	\$923,260

BREAKDOWN OF 2021-22 EXPENDITURE

Administrative Costs (Salaries and oncosts)	\$40,355.88
Administrative Costs (Office Expenses)	\$36,235.03
Program delivery (salaries and oncosts)	\$326,402.78
Program delivery (operational expenses)	\$403,604.24
Organisational planning and management	\$59,113.41
Total Expenditure	\$865,711.34

* A conservative estimate of the contribution of volunteer time made by the community and board into the organisation and our projects



NATURE CONSERVATION'S VISION AND PROGRAMS

“Our vision is to work effectively for a healthy and biodiverse natural environment”



Guiding Principles

Acknowledge, engage, support and partner with local cultural custodians

Provide leadership and advocacy on local environment issues

Act with integrity

Collaborate to increase reach, impact and ownership

Focus on long-term and landscape scale difference

Avoid activities that are detrimental to our goals

Commit to monitoring, data collection and sharing



Current Funded Programs include:

Schools Environmental Education:

Adopt a Spot and Our Patch

Strategic Environmental Weed Control:

Arum Blitz and other smaller programs

For Nature Landholder Stewardship and Engagement Program

Caring for Coast

Friends of Reserve Community Engagement

Western Ringtail Possum Conservation

Wooditjup Bilya Protection

Broader organisational commitments include:

- Advocacy and Leadership on local environmental issues
- Environmental education, awareness raising and engagement
- Fostering a culture of stewardship





Schools Environmental Education: OUR PATCH

The 'Our Patch' Environmental Education Program delivered by Nature Conservation increases ecological awareness through engagement with nature and involvement in local conservation issues and programs. The program fosters our future environmental stewards, inspiring children to value, respect and care for nature. 'Our Patch' currently works with Year 3 and Year 6 students across the region.

Highlights from the year included:

- Participation from 428 school students across the two year levels and from 5 local primary schools
- Delivery of a massive 50 excursions and 60 in-class incursion lessons covering water quality, catchment and land use, macro invertebrates, indigenous knowledge, local flora and fauna, and Western Ringtail Possum conservation
- Passionate and professional presentations from the 225 Year 6 students of their learnings from the program were presented to the community in a public event at the Margaret River HEART in September
- Classes were invited to share their learning with a diverse audience:
 - Students from MRPS briefed the Shire Council on hooded plover threats and solutions ahead of their council decision on dog exercise areas on 26th October
 - Students from 4 primary schools (Rapids Landing, Cowaramup, Independent and Montessori) presented their Our Patch projects at the National NRM Conference on 1st November
- Over 200 year 3 students attended the annual BioBlitz event held at Barrett Street Weir on November 24. Specialist presenters ran sessions covering a broad range of areas, including frogs, birds, sustainable fisheries, indigenous culture, and environmental art.



Funding Contributions 2022 (31/12/2022)

AMRSC, School Donations, Lions Club, Rotary, Paskeville

Amount

\$49,171.00



ADOPT A SPOT

Adopt a Spot, our Environmental Education and Stewardship project engaging year four students across the Capes, had a successful year with children learning about a local coastal or riparian reserve near their school. After learning about the cultural values, the ecological values, and threats, the students undertook regeneration activities including planting, tree guarding, and brush laying. The program is about actively engaging children and volunteers in contributing and caring for their local environment; it enables and empowers students to make an on-ground difference.

Adopt a Spot is funded through support from Line in the Sand and the Shire of Augusta Margaret River and was awarded a Special Commendation award in the Education and Engagement section of this year's WA Coastal Awards. The award acknowledged the immersive experience that the program provides the students and the opportunity for the students to not only understand their local environment but to play an active role in caring for and restoring it.

Some key achievements for the year include:

- Engagement with nine primary schools from Augusta to Yallingup
- 440 students engaged across the year
- 33 incursions and excursions undertaken with the schools throughout the year
- 6 Incursions with marine rangers from the Ngari Capes Marine Park
- 8 school excursions spotting local birds with Christine Wilder and volunteers from Birdlife South West WA
- Over 3,700 plants planted at key riparian and coastal sites including laying of brush and follow up watering, weeding, and monitoring
- Sites adopted included Hamelin Bay, Cowaramup Bay, Gnarabup, Redgate, Darch Brook, Margaret River Foreshore, Margaret River Rivermouth, and Yallingup foreshore



Funding Contributions 2022 (31/12/2022)

Line in the Sand, SAMR

Amount

\$41,500



CARING FOR COAST

With continued support from the philanthropic group Line in the Sand and great collaboration with local coast-care groups, DBCA, and the Shire of Augusta Margaret River as well as the appointment of our new Coastal Officer, Mandy Edwards, our Caring for Coast program has gone from strength to strength this year.

Key highlights have included:

- Partnering with five coastal community groups—Yallingup LCDC, Injidup Residents' Association, Margaret River Coastal Residents' Association, Friends of Gracetown/Cowaramup Bay and Friends of the Cape to Cape Track—on strategic coastal protection and restoration projects
- Teaming up with WSL, Great Southern Reef, SHISEIDO, Shire of Augusta Margaret River, and the Margaret River Coastal Residents' Association during the Margaret River Pro in April 2022 for coastal rehabilitation at Gas Bay. Pro surfers, grommets, volunteers and staff planted pigface and laid brush to protect the coastal dunes at Gas Point
- Partnering with the Margaret River Wine Association and the Shire of Augusta Margaret River to design, plant and coordinate a huge event at Rivermouth, with over 60 participants from the wine industry brushing the dunes, planting pigface, and removing weeds. This is an ongoing project with MRWA 'adopting' Rivermouth as a rehabilitation site into the future
- Conducting 7 community working bees on the coast—at Redgate, Injidup Natural Spa, North Point, Gas Bay and Rivermouth—moving and placing mountains of brush, planting over 2000 native plants, and fencing key access ways and dunes
- Continuing to partner with Line in the Sand on the development of a Coastal Code for the region inspired by the Palau Pledge



Funding Contributions 2022 (31/12/2022)

Line in the Sand, SAMR

Amount

\$36,250



STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL WEED CONTROL

In Spring 2021, the Arum Lily Blitz entered its third year with funding from the WA Government’s State NRM Program, supported by additional funding from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation through the Green Jobs Plan. Arum lilies are the worst environmental weed in the region and their control is essential for bush regeneration and habitat protection. The Blitz engages landholders and land managers to work across multiple tenures with the primary aim of protecting native vegetation and natural areas.

The Arum Lily Blitz relies heavily on community support, and volunteers were more active than ever in 2021-22. Yallingup LCDC members contributed over 350 hours treating arum and additional time mapping and prioritising works. Friends of the Cape to Cape Track also contributed nearly 300 hours of control, covering many kilometres of hard-to-reach areas along the track. They play an important role as the eyes and ears of the Track, mapping new infestations and educating walkers about the issue.

Participation reached an all-time high in 2021:

- Over 3,000 hours were invested by landholders in controlling on private land
- 92 landholders shared the cost of arum control by contractors, representing an investment of \$108,256 for arum control on private properties
- Contractors undertook a total of 3,867 hours of control work on private property and in National Parks and reserves

Ongoing monitoring at Point Rd and Moses Rock within the Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park clearly showed that native plant species readily return once arum lilies are removed.

A substantial boost was given to the Blitz by generous donors through a GoFundMe campaign after the bushfires of December 2021, funding additional mapping and control in 2022 within Boranup.

Following the success of Arum Lily Blitz in its first three years, we were successful in securing funding from the State NRM Program late in 2021 for a further three years—a massive boost to the consolidation and expansion of the program.

Other Species

Co-ordinated control was undertaken on a range of other high priority environmental weeds, with the Margaret River foreshore a priority. Valuable funding was provided by the Shire of Augusta Margaret River. Key species included blackberry, Pandora vine, woody weeds (primarily Sydney Golden Wattle, Olive, and Flinders Range wattle), and African feather grass.

Work also commenced on a Sweet Pittosporum project with funding received from State NRM.

Initial works included:

- strategic control on private property surrounding Nguraren Kalleep Reserve
- Mapping populations prior to control
- Community engagement and workshop



Funding Contributions 2021-22

	Amount
State NRM Community Stewardship Grant – Strategic arum lily management in the Margaret River region	\$91,326 3-year project
Arum Weed Control Leeuwin Naturaliste Park – Green Jobs / Department Water and Environmental Regulation	\$50,000 2-year project
GoFundMe and community donors	\$27,149
State NRM Community Stewardship Grant – Sweet Pittosporum	\$35,000
Shire of Augusta Margaret River – MR Foreshore Environmental Weed Management	\$15,000



FRIENDS OF RESERVES

Seven Friends of Reserves groups have been regularly engaged in environmental restoration work through this project. Nine planting days were held, resulting in 2,360 native seedlings planted. Eleven weeding sessions were conducted, resulting in significant removal of priority environmental weeds from important foreshore and reserve areas.

In conjunction with the Woody Weed program, a Sweet Pittosporum I.D. & Removal workshop was attended by 12 volunteers and a substantial number of advanced Sweet Pittosporum trees were removed from the banks of the Margaret River. A Plant & Weed I.D. workshop was conducted by local native plant and orchid guru Jane Scott and bush regenerator Rick Ensley—22 volunteers were in attendance, increasing plant identification skills and weed awareness.

The Friends of Reserves volunteers celebrated a big year with a paddle up the Wooditjup Bilya (Margaret River) together before sharing wins achieved and challenges faced, at the annual Friends Forum event. An excellent opportunity for sharing knowledge and planning the year's activities, 17 members were in attendance and each group consequently selected sites and local plant species for revegetation sessions.

A total of 205 volunteers were engaged and 523 hours were spent on-ground caring for local reserves.

Funding Contributions 2021/2022	Amount
AMRSC -	\$34,338.18



FOR NATURE

The For Nature Landowner Stewardship Program aims to support urban and rural landowners in the Margaret River region. Whether it is a small suburban backyard, a bush block, or a larger rural property, this practical, hands-on program is designed to give landholders the inspiration, knowledge and connections to help conserve and enhance nature. For Nature delivers events, capacity-building workshops, field trips and garden tours. It connects landholders with like-minded people caring for nature in the region. And it keeps landholders informed about funding opportunities, incentives and has equipment available to loan.

Some highlights from the year include:

- 550 people registered with the For Nature Landholder Stewardship program
- 5 workshops were held, with 268 people engaged. These included 2 live native and wildlife garden installations, informative land care workshops covering topics such as revegetation and managing phytophthora dieback, and how to build a frog friendly garden
- A very successful open gardens event held over 2 days in October with over 450 people attending 6 native waterwise gardens
- 26 landholders have received conservation grants to do work including weed control, revegetation, fencing of waterways and remnant vegetation, and dieback assessment and management
- A comprehensive For Nature communications program has been delivered with 8 newsletters and 65 Facebook posts



Funding Contributions 2022

State NRM, Water Corporation, SAMR -

Amount

\$112, 830



CONSERVE WOODITJUP BILYA (MARGARET RIVER)



- This year saw the continued implementation of the State NRM Community Stewardship Grant maintaining ecological health of Wooditjup Bilya (Margaret River). This project worked to help implement priority actions from the Wooditjup Protection Strategy, including a community education program, a 'keep watch' water quality monitoring program, and key actions to protect foreshore condition. The education strategy included a community update and communication elements such as "Weed in the Spotlight", "What Lies Beneath" and foreshore protection messages going out to the community via newspapers, Facebook, community education and schools. The Keep Watch water quality monitoring program—including 12 months of monitoring across six sites—was completed and a report including recommendations for future monitoring was prepared.
- Important on-ground action to protect and improve the condition of the foreshore of the Margaret River continued, with highlights including priority environmental weed control and a community planting day with revegetation of over 1800 native seedlings,
- Wooditjup Bilya Community Connections Event was held at Rotary Park on Sunday 30 October 2022. This successful event focused on celebrating, building understanding and connection to our river. The day included a number of workshops, guided walks, and interpretive stalls from a range of local groups.
- Wooditjup Bilya Collaborative Management Group continued to pursue cross-agency implementation of the protection strategy. 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, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, Water Corporation, and the Margaret River Regional Environment Centre.
- A community Sundowner, including a screening of "Bloodlines—The Story of the River", presentations from Dr Steve Beatty and Genevieve Hanran-Smith and Q and A session, was very well attended and helped inform and raise understanding of the river's values and management needs.
- The completion of the State NRM Community Stewardship project leaves this vital work to protect the river underfunded going into 2023 and addressing this will be a key priority in order to ensure the river receives the management required to protect its exceptional values.

Funding Contributions 2019-20

	Amount
State NRM Community Action Grants	\$35,000
Augusta Margaret River Shire	\$15,000



WESTERN RINGTAIL POSSUM PROJECT

The fourth year of the five-year Western Ringtail Possum Conservation Project was completed. The project, funded by the National Landcare Program through the South West Catchments Council and supported by the Shire of Augusta Margaret River, focuses on citizen science, habitat restoration, and community engagement.

Achievements included:

- **Community events**

- 3 community night stalks
- Successful 'Hello Possums' festival, including a community update on citizen science project, cultural significance of Nguraren, art, drey making, and community education
- Four 'Protecting possums' delivered to local groups
- 'Pets Away Possums Play' campaign being rolled out in conjunction with the Shire of Augusta Margaret River including messaging and stickers distributed to 6 local primary schools alongside a dedicated possum incursion with DBCA
- The Regional Ringtail Tally was completed in April-May 2022. With increasing participation from the community

- **Citizen Science WRP Monitoring**

- 144 surveys conducted along 12 transects from Cowaramup to Augusta
- 459 adults and 97 juveniles were spotted across the year

- **Revegetation**

- An additional 0.5 Ha prime habitat planted upstream of the Kevill Rd/Wooditjup Bilya waterfalls on 26th June. Zac Webb provided a Welcome to Country and talked about the cultural significance of the Nguraren. More than 100 community members attended.

Funding Contributions 2022	Amount
SWCC	\$39,730
AMRSC EMF funding	\$24,650



NATURE CONSERVATION SUPPORTERS

Nature Conservation received funding and support from a broad range of grant programs, organisations, philanthropic groups, business and individuals through 2021 -2022.

As an independent Not for Profit organisation we and our programs are entirely dependent on this support.

We wish to thank all those who partnered with and supported Nature Conservation during the year and helped us to achieve important environmental outcomes for the Margaret River region.

Philanthropic Funding Partners

Line in the Sand

Paskeville Foundation

Wright Burt Foundation

Strategic Partners

Arts Margaret River

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

Friends of the Cape to Cape track

Murdoch University Freshwater Fish Group
and Fish Health Unit

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

Mindful Margaret River

Southwest Catchments Council

Transition Margaret River

Undalup Association

Water Corporation

Yallingup LCDC

Community and Business Supporters

Bendigo Bank

Brewhouse Margaret River

Candy Cow Cowaramup

Cape Mentelle Wines

Cullen Wines

Edgewalkers

FAWNA

Friends of Reserve Group Volunteers

Hairy Marron Café

Holst Design + Build

Nature Conservation Members and Donors

Nature Conservation Volunteers

Rotary Club of Margaret River

Landsmith Collection

Lions Club of Cowaramup

'Our Patch' and Adopt a Spot Participating Schools

Owl Friendly Margaret River Region

Sole Trails Pty Ltd

Sustainable Settlements Pty Ltd

Voyager Estate

Walk into Luxury

Grant Programs

Shire of Augusta Margaret River's Environmental Management Fund

State Government's Natural Resource Management Program

Federal Government's National Landcare Program

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NATURE CONSERVATION BOARD

The Nature Conservation Board are all volunteers who meet on a regular basis and contribute significant time, passion and expertise to the organisation. They are responsible for overseeing the strategic direction of the organisation and are committed to maintaining high standards of governance and accountability.



Dr Ann Ward (Chair)

Ann moved to Margaret River from the Kimberley where she spent 26 years as a Rural GP Obstetrician. Prior to that she was a Flying Doctor in Meekatharra for 3 years. She has a passion for bushwalking in wild areas and has worked in various capacities in the Himalaya, Antarctica, the Arctic and Tonga. She was formerly on the Board of Directors for the RFDS WA Section for 9 years and is a founding member of Gija Total Health Advisory group, supporting Warmun Aboriginal Community. Ann has now made Margaret River home.



Hamish Worsley (Deputy Chair)

Hamish is an economist and actuary who settled in Margaret River with his family in 2014. Raised on a family farm in southern NSW, he has worked and travelled extensively within Australia and internationally. He is a Director at NMG, an international strategy consulting firm. His passion is spending time in nature and the outdoors with his wife and four children.



Crispin Underwood (Treasurer)

Crispin is the founder and Director of an environmental consultancy specialising in environmental engineering and natural resource management. He has had a varied career with private industry, Government, the not-for-profit sector and in farming. Crispin has a holistic approach, which has drawn from his diverse work history, wide ranging travels, and his nature based personal interests.



Michelle McManus (Secretary)

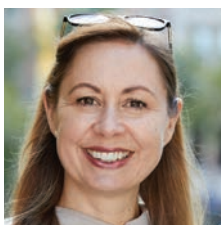
Michelle operates a leading and award-winning regenerative farming business and currently supports Landsmith Collection. Her industry experience includes urban development, mining, infrastructure, rail, and natural gas as well with SME, arts organisations and local and state government. She has a broad range of experience with stakeholder engagement, communications and management focussing on sustainable development, environmental management, and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).



Professor Emerita Carmen Lawrence

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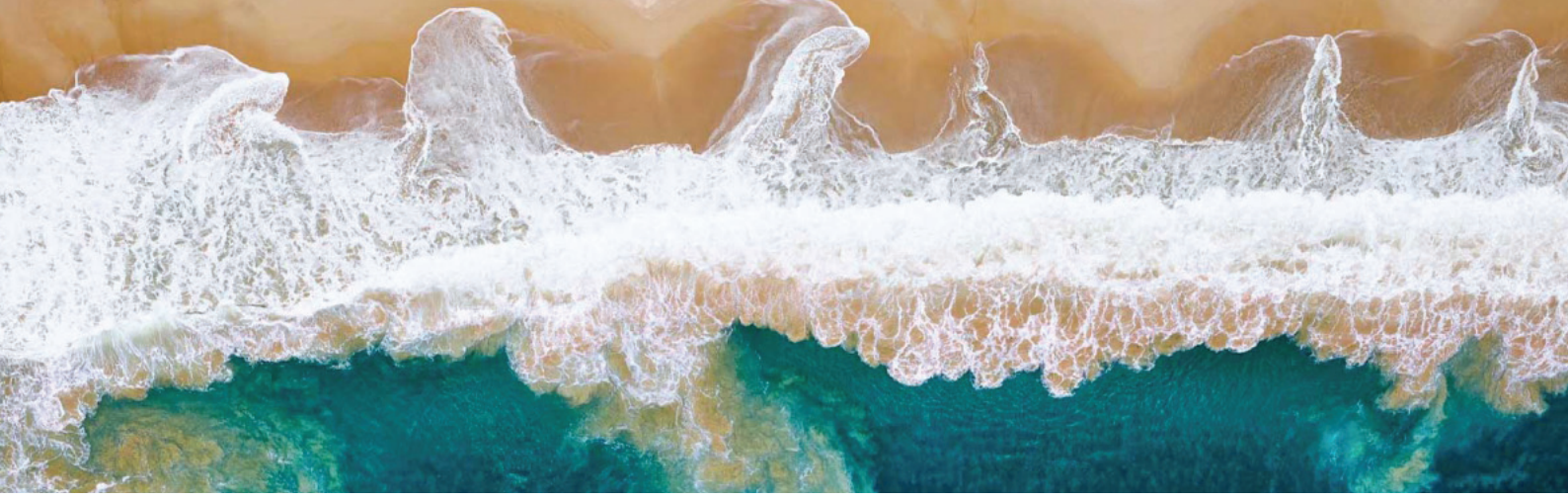
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