



*Nature Conservation  
works within  
the community to protect and  
preserve the natural environment  
of the Margaret River region  
on behalf of present and  
future generations.*



*Everybody needs beauty  
as well as bread, places to  
play in and pray in, where  
Nature may heal and cheer  
and give strength to body  
and soul alike.*

*John Muir*



**Nature Conservation** is a community-based, not-for-profit organisation established in 2002 that works to protect the natural environment of the Margaret River region. It combines the grassroots power of the regional community with sound conservation science and pragmatic policy initiatives to achieve effective and sustainable environmental outcomes.

Formerly called the Cape to Cape Catchments Group the organisation changed its name and made other major strategic changes in 2016-17. These included new appointments to an expanded Board of Directors, amendments to the Constitution and a greater focus on increasing community support for regional conservation activities.

Nature Conservation runs a series of programs critical to the health and biodiversity of the region including;

- **People for nature**  
Inspiring community participation in environmental stewardship
- **Conserving the Margaret River**  
Protecting the unique values of the Margaret River
- **Caring for coast**  
Supporting community efforts to protect coastal ecosystems
- **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
- **Environmental education**  
Developing ecological awareness and connections to nature in young people



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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



### **Dr Boyd Wykes** - Chair.

After completing PhD research at Monash University Boyd pursued a career in environmental science in WA as an academic, educator and environmental manager for the Department of Defence. He retired to Margaret River in 2011 and now contributes his time, passion and expertise to Nature Conservation and Birdlife WA.



### **Stuart Hicks AO** - Deputy Chair.

Currently Chair of South West Development Commission Stuart previously headed various government agencies, including Transperth, Department of Transport, and Department of Marine and Harbours. He also served as a commissioner of the WA Planning Commission, chair of the National Transport Commission and chair of the East Perth Redevelopment Authority



### **Margaret Moir** - Treasurer.

Retired farmer and businesswoman, founding member of Cape to Cape Catchments Group.



### **John McKinney** - Secretary.

Coordinator of Environmental Services at the Shire of Augusta Margaret River.



### **Guy Grant**

Marketing and communication specialist with diverse experience including with various conservation organisations and causes.



### **Steve Harrison**

Currently Operations Group Manager for Margaret River Busselton Tourism Association.



### **Steve Castan**

Businessman, bird photography enthusiast, lawyer, mediator and dispute resolution practitioner, Steve is currently also President of the Margaret River Chamber of Commerce & Industry.



### **Professor Carmen Lawrence**

Former Premier of WA (1990-93), former Member for Fremantle in House of Representatives (1994-2007) and Minister for Health & Human Services (1994-96) now Director of the Centre for the Study of Social Change at University of Western Australia.



## WORKING TO PROTECT NATURE

The outstanding beauty of the natural environment in the Margaret River region underpins the lifestyles and livelihoods of the regional community as well as attracting fast-growing visitor numbers. Yet population growth, climate change, dieback, weeds, feral animals, bushfires and diminishing stream flows continue to pose ever-increasing threats to the environment.

Nature Conservation works within the community to inspire action and empower people to stand up for nature. We are committed to collaborative partnerships, community consultation and coordinated action as a means of achieving effective and sustainable environmental outcomes.

To this end we manage an integrated program of conservation activities critical to the social, economic and environmental well-being of the Margaret River region.

We urgently need your help to continue building a healthy and sustainable future for our community.

Visit [www.natureconservation.org.au](http://www.natureconservation.org.au)  
or ring **(08) 9757 2202** for more information



*We should judge every  
scrap of biodiversity as  
priceless while we learn  
to use it and come to  
understand what it  
means to humanity.*

*Edward O. Wilson*