



Foundation for  
National Parks  
& Wildlife

# 2018 YEAR IN REVIEW



*We protect Australia's natural heritage by  
funding land and water conservation,  
preserving wilderness and wildlife,  
and providing environmental education*

Creating parks, saving species

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# PATRON'S MESSAGE



Australia's National Parks are a wonderful national asset - enjoyed by millions every year and home to this nation's unique habitats, species and culture.

How we look after our parks, how we preserve and promote them - today and in the years ahead - is a great responsibility. All this and much more is so very important to the protection of wilderness and wildlife across Australia.

More than ever the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife is a vital force for conservation, for the protection of native flora and fauna and the preservation of our great natural assets for generations to come.

They do this for all living things, certainly - but also for us. Because every species, including humans, needs a clean and sustainable environment to survive.

I commend the Foundation for its achievements through 2018 and wish the organisation the very best in its future endeavours.

*Peter Cosgrove*



Sir Peter Cosgrove

*His Excellency General the Honourable  
Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retired)*

*Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia  
Patron*







# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



In December 2018 Garry Browne retired after serving as a Director of the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife for nine years, and as President for the past six. I am grateful to the FNPW Board for electing me as the new President.

During his tenure, Garry led FNPW through a period of strategic re-direction and change, resulting in the vibrant organisation we have today. I want to sincerely thank Garry for his service and contribution. Through his leadership we have achieved a lot in the past few years, but there is still much to do.

In his 2017 President's report Garry noted that 2018 was going to be a year of significant change and transformation, as the organisation continues to re-position and grow.

FNPW's total income in 2018 was \$1,825,365, which was \$1.2m lower than the previous year. While this looks like a large decrease, there was a significant one-off donation in 2017 of \$817,952 which accounts for two-thirds of the variance.

Other factors that impacted on our income in 2018 included the NSW Government's decision to transfer responsibility for Private Land Conservation Grants (PLCG) to the Biodiversity Conservation Trust, and Great Eastern Ranges income dropping year on year by \$122,440 as we transition to a new co-funding model for landscape connectivity programs (more on this initiative below).

However, Bequest income for the year increased significantly to \$654,669. I would like to express my deep gratitude to every person that has included a gift to FNPW in their Will and their families. Their generosity will create a significant environmental legacy as we direct the funds to protecting and preserving wildlife and wilderness for future generations.

Corporate partnership income (\$151,100 in 2018) remains a challenge and this funding source is receiving greater focus in 2019.

Notwithstanding these income constraints, I am pleased to report that we were able to maintain funding for conservation projects at around \$1 million, which represents 56% of our annual income.

Total expenditure in 2018 grew by 6% due primarily to the implementation costs of a new customer relationship management system, office relocation expenses and staff re-organisation provisions.

As FNPW moves into its 50th year of creating parks and saving species, we are very excited to be part of the creation of a new National Park in the Flinders Ranges of South Australia. Not only is this a beautiful landscape, but the park contains Ediacaran fossils of the first known animal life on Earth.

Another long-term project is the expansion of our partnership with Saving Our Species in NSW which will see FNPW committing \$600,000 over three years to fund the management of remnant native habitats and the creation of connectivity corridors, enabling threatened species to move about the landscape.

During the past year we updated our risk management process, policies and procedures, and completed a review of the Board Committees. All essential tools as we develop our strategy to deliver, in conjunction with our partners, larger scale, high impact conservation projects across Australia.

In 2018 we welcomed three new Board members: Susie Corlett, Treasurer and Chair of the Finance & Risk Committee, Katherine O'Regan and David Knowles who bring their experience to the Fundraising & Marketing Committee. We also welcomed Helen Schuler as our Board Observer and member of the Finance & Risk Committee.

I would like to thank the Board and all committee members for their commitment, contribution, time and knowledge. Their dedication and invaluable input have been given freely to attend meetings, develop strategy, attend functions and advise the management team.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to all our partners, donors and supporters from right across Australia. We look forward to your continued and active support of the Foundation, and thank you to our CEO Ian Darbyshire and his team for their work and dedication to our cause.

Thank you.

Patrick Medley  
President, FNPW



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

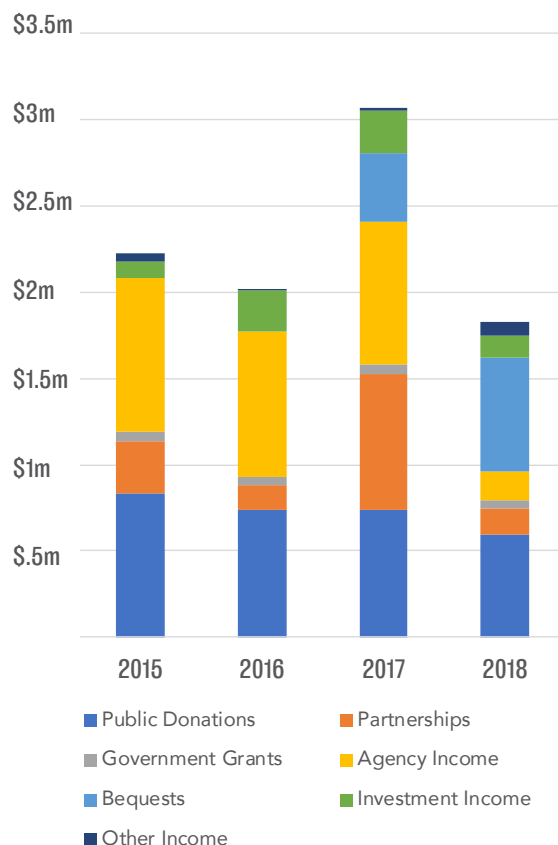


	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>1: OVERVIEW</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Total Income	2,225,751	2,009,940	3,068,729	1,825,365
Conservation project funding	1,844,868	1,122,965	1,049,394	1,024,792
Overheads	763,028	825,822	979,031	1,116,515
Surplus (Deficit)	(382,145)	61,153	1,040,304	(315,942)

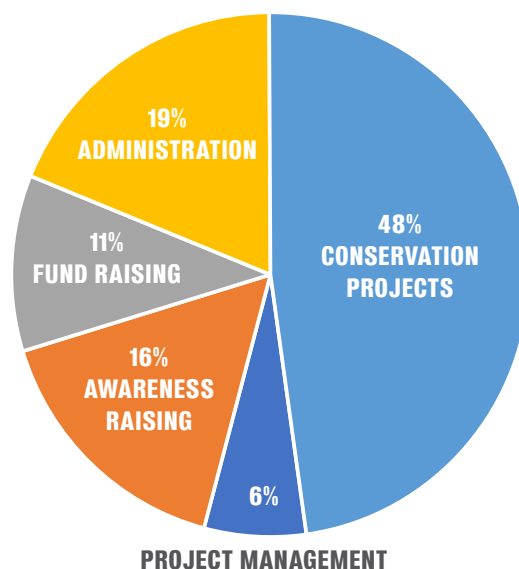
<b>2: INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Public Donations	832,470	737,838	738,818	592,489
Sponsorship	305,810	141,738	788,226	151,100
Government Grants	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Agency Income	892,205	845,117	834,906	168,969
Bequests	-	-	393,610	654,669
Investment Income	100,397	232,632	246,278	134,457
Other Income	44,869	2,615	16,891	73,681
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,225,751</b>	<b>2,009,940</b>	<b>3,068,729</b>	<b>1,825,365</b>

<b>3: EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Cost of Fundraising	219,206	201,284	218,719	216,824
Employment Costs	337,285	374,175	389,151	465,272
Conservation Projects	1,844,868	1,122,965	1,049,394	1,024,792
Marketing & Promotion	96,057	54,424	155,341	150,689
Other	74,053	157,088	176,323	214,584
Rent & Insurance	36,427	38,851	39,497	69,146
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>2,607,896</b>	<b>1,948,787</b>	<b>2,028,425</b>	<b>2,141,307</b>

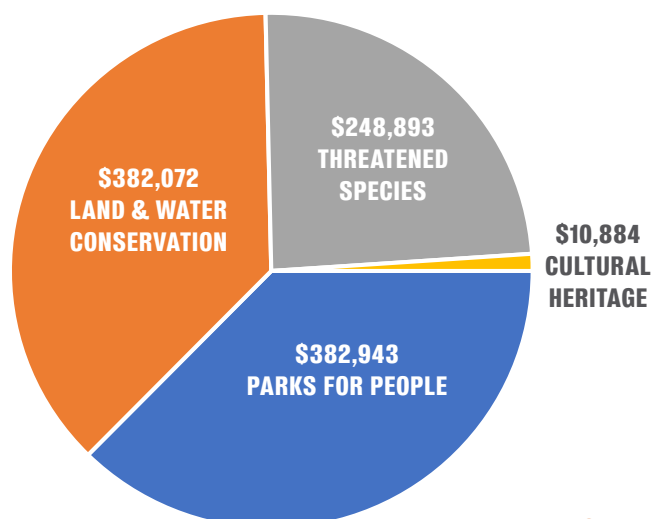
## SOURCE OF INCOME



## EXPENDITURE



## CONSERVATION PROJECTS





**T**hank you. Yes, thank you to all our supporters and partners. Without you we would not have been able to deliver \$1,024,792 to conservation projects in 2018 and committed to the exciting longer-term future projects that we now have underway.

In 2018 we completed \$382,943 of Parks for People projects, ranging from the acquisition of land to add to the Jervis Bay National Park in NSW to the improvement of footpaths, heritage structures and signage in a number of other national parks.

Much of the work carried out in national parks represents fantastic value for money because it is delivered by volunteers under the supervision of parks rangers and other partner organisations.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have delivered fantastic work through the year and in previous years. We look forward to continuing to work with you, as together we deliver a larger number of projects across the country.

We continued funding Private Land Conservation Grants in 2018, although these are now in run-off as the new Biodiversity Conservation Trust takes on accountability for these grants in NSW. In total, \$382,072 was provided for Land and Water Conservation.

We were also pleased to continue supporting the K2W (Kanangra Boyd-to-Wyangala) partnership and have recently announced that, in conjunction with NSW Saving Our Species, FNPW will be funding a three-year project in this region protecting wildlife corridors and improving connectivity.

In the field of Marine Conservation we are delighted to be providing funding for Tangaroa Blue. They will analyse the massive marine debris database to develop waste management plans that will set about reducing the debris that is causing havoc in our oceans and waterways.

\$248,893 was applied to Threatened Species in the past year, including: the acquisition of land for addition to Woomargama National Park, home for 25 threatened or endangered species; captive breeding programs with Aussie Ark, building insurance populations for future re-wilding; and partnering with the Paddy Pallin Foundation to fund research undertaken by the next generation of environmental scientists.

In Environmental Education we continue to make excellent progress raising awareness of Australia's natural and cultural heritage, through our Backyard

Buddies initiative. Backyard Buddies website visitations grew rapidly in 2018, reaching an impressive 837,380 visitors for the year.

Cultural Heritage funding in 2018 focused on restoration, visitor interpretation and shoreline access works at Gogery's Point Heritage Precinct in Sydney.

As part of FNPW's awareness raising in 2018, we put much more emphasis on the engagement of audiences using technology and social media, achieving a 46% growth in Facebook followers for the year and an 86% growth in on-line donations.

An organisational re-structure carried out during the year strengthened our ability to work nationally, improve our awareness raising, and deliver larger, more complex projects. We welcome Emily Brown, Jenny Lewis, and Kylie Piper to the FNPW team.

It is exciting to note that in 2019, with the help of our partners, we will:

- continue expanding the Murray River Turtle Project to prevent the extinction of these ancient animals from Australia's largest river system;
- start linking genetically isolated Bandicoot populations via the Bandicoot super-highway in the Mount Lofty Ranges;
- continue to support Tangaroa Blue as they develop marine debris reduction strategies;
- deliver a re-launched community small grant program and;
- look forward to supporting a new Wildlife Carers initiative in NSW.

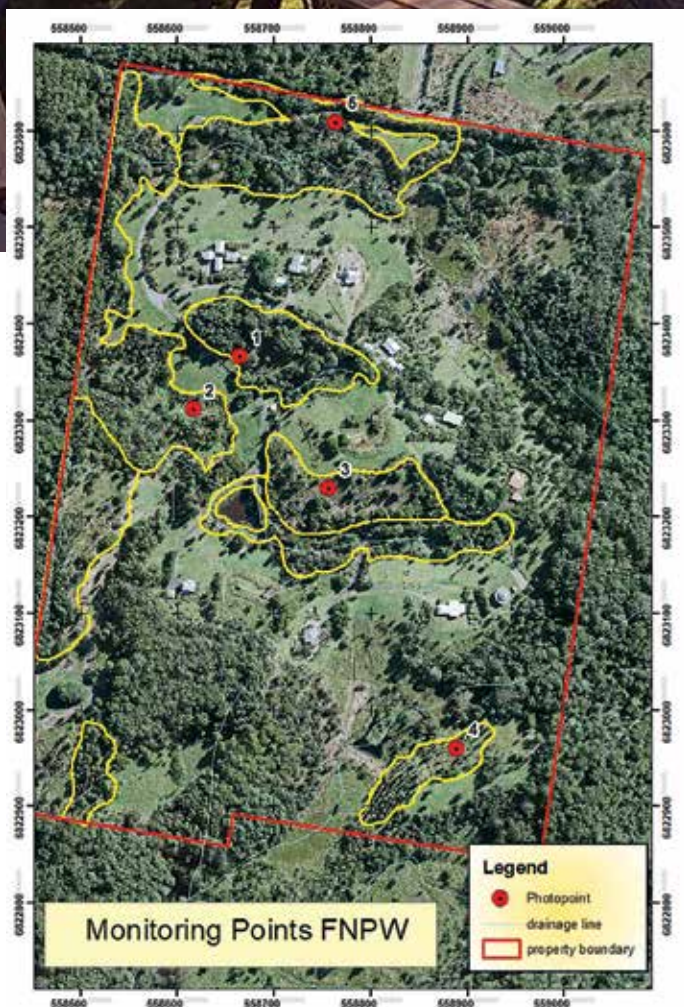
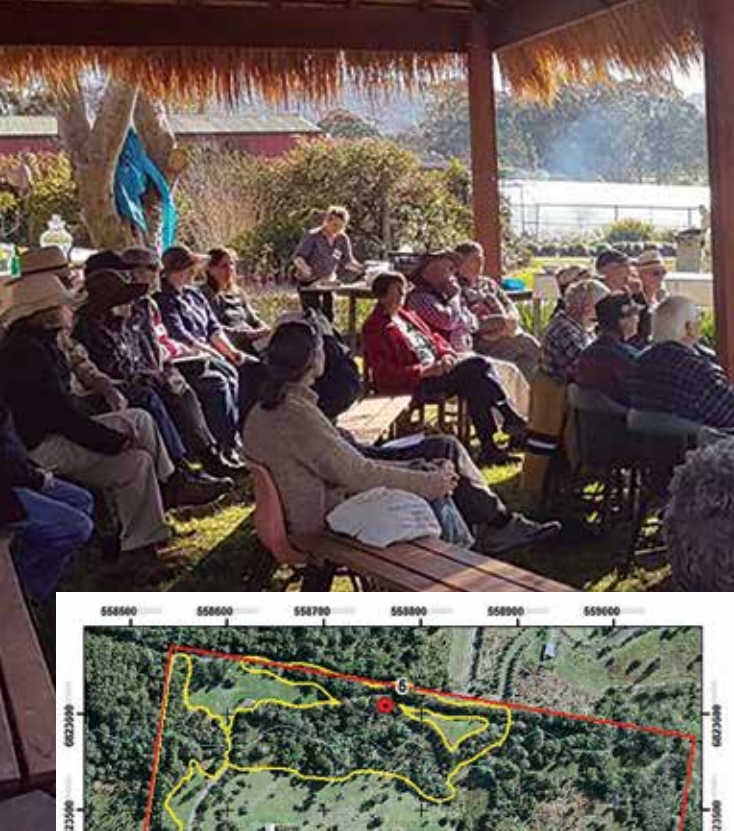
So, I will finish where I began this report, with a thank you to everyone that has made this possible; our supporters, donors, volunteers, service partners, suppliers, staff and Directors.

With your support we will continue to create parks and save species, which is a vital investment for our children and their children.

Ian Darbyshire - CEO, FNPW







## PRiVATE LAND Conservation Grants



Since 2008, FNPW's Private Land Conservation Grants program has been offering grants to owners of properties protected under conservation agreements.

To date, the program has provided 437 grants totalling more than \$2.3 million to support private landholders undertaking conservation works on their own properties.

PLC grants administered by the Foundation for NSW landholders will wind up in 2020 as this program is taken forward by the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust.

Our impact in 2018:



**\$185,657**

granted to private landholders

**66**  
properties  
across NSW



**85**

species of weeds  
identified and  
removed

**9**

weeds of  
national  
significance





## Saving The Eastern Quoll



**E**astern quolls once inhabited most of Southeast Australia from the east coast of South Australia through Victoria and up to the central coast of NSW, but are now extinct on the mainland due primarily to fox predation.



In 2018, FNPW provided funding to enable Aussie Ark to establish an 'insurance population' of Eastern quolls at a predator-free breeding facility in Barrington Tops NSW.

Aussie Ark's Eastern quoll project has been highly successful. Starting with 20 individuals in early 2018, their Eastern quoll population now stands at 63 individuals

including 27 juveniles born in 2018.

And in further exciting news, offspring from the initial breeding population are due to be released back into the wild at Booderee National Park NSW in mid-2019.

This vital project addresses the need to protect our precious threatened wildlife, and will ensure that the Eastern quoll survives for many years into the future.

(The Eastern quoll is smaller than its more common cousin the Spotted-tailed or Tiger quoll and is distinguished by the absence of spots on its tail, only four toes on its hindfoot, and a less bulky head shape).



## Reducing Ocean Debris

**F**NPW's Summer 2017/18 appeal focused on the catastrophic effects that marine debris is having on our ocean and its inhabitants. As a result of the fantastic response to that campaign we were able to provide funding to help fellow conservation charity Tangaroa Blue employ a project officer. Commencing in 2019 they will undertake data analysis that will enable the development of strategies to permanently stop marine debris at its source.



This crucial support from FNPW has allowed Tangaroa Blue to engage on a wide range of issues with communities around Australia including:

1. Developing two local source reduction projects at

Browns Creek and Pennington Creek in the MidCoast NSW LGA;

2. Co-ordination of two Northern Rivers clean-up and data collection activities, raising awareness of the marine debris issue through engagement of an artist in residence who uses recycled materials for art installations;

3. Providing support to the Warrnambool community in Victoria to set up two source reduction projects;

4. Developing a Source Reduction Framework that will be an invaluable resource for communities wanting to find and share information about projects that have reduced or stopped particular waste items from becoming marine debris.





## Connecting To Protect

**B**ioblitzes are intensive biological surveys done over short periods of time to record as many species as possible within a small area. They are usually conducted in collaboration with volunteers and the general public, in a movement dubbed 'citizen science'.

In November 2018, a 2-day Bioblitz was organised by community conservation group K2W at Jenolan Caves in NSW. Over a full weekend of exploration, more than 100 nature enthusiasts recorded a whopping 200+ species.

## SCIENCE GRANTS

**T**he objective of FNPW's Science Grants is to provide financial support for conservation-based research of Australian ecosystems that will ultimately lead to tangible outcomes for conservation and management. The scope of the research is open to threatened or migratory listed species and communities.

In 2018 FNPW awarded science grants to four PhD students as part of the Paddy Pallin Science Grants program. The recipients are:



**Christopher Pocknee**  
University of Queensland  
Saving the endangered Northern bettong with fire.

The science grant program is supported by funding from the Paddy Pallin Foundation and the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife, and is administered by the Royal Zoological Society of NSW.

*Paddy Pallin*  
Foundation



Endangered species found during the Bioblitz included a Spotted-tailed quoll (*Dasyurus maculatus*) and several endangered Brush-tailed rock-wallabies (*Petrogale penicillata*). A Greater glider (*Petauroides volans*) listed as Vulnerable was also sighted.

**K2W is a natural corridor that follows the line of the Abercrombie River between Kanangra-Boyd National Park and Wyangala in NSW.**

K2W's 2018 Bioblitz was supported by FNPW through funding from the NSW Government's Environmental Trust, Bushconnect and the NSW Saving Our Species program.



### Claire Hartley

Australian National University

The impact of large invasive herbivores on alpine and subalpine ecosystems; a case study of an endangered alpine skink.

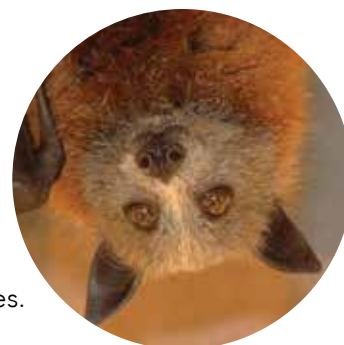


### Casey Taylor

University of Sydney  
Understanding the relative role of urban wildlife in tick ecology.

### Tamika Lynn

Griffith University  
Roosting ecology and requirements of flying-foxes: detailed insights using high resolution spatial mapping techniques.





## PARTNERS & SUPPORTERS



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### BEQUESTS

Philip Barry John Connell  
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Margaret Fisher  
Susan Elizabeth Hutchinson  
Mary Lorraine Jamieson  
Joan Felicia Parnell  
Joan Perrott

## GOVERNANCE



The Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife Board of Directors is responsible for the oversight of FNPW. It does this by ensuring that FNPW has an appropriate corporate governance structure with accountability and control systems in place.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Board will at all times recognise its overriding responsibility to act honestly, fairly, diligently and in accordance with applicable laws and the FNPW Constitution.

The Board has established the following committees to assist it in carrying out its responsibilities;

- Finance & Risk Committee
- Fundraising & Marketing Committee
- Projects Committee
- Nominations Committee

Each Committee has a charter which is approved by the Board. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is invited to attend all committee meetings.

The CEO is responsible for the day-to-day management and administration of FNPW. The Board delegates to the CEO powers, discretions and responsibilities necessary to implement the business plans and strategies approved by the Board.







## Corporate Volunteering - building healthy habitats and happy teams

Corporate Environmental Volunteering in National Parks is a great team building experience that strengthens bonds, ignites team spirit and creates memorable experiences for employees undertaking meaningful activities that benefit our environment.

Depending on the site and the National Parks' management plan, corporate volunteers undertake a variety of tasks such as weed removal, bush regeneration, planting native seedlings, or heritage restoration work.

Funds raised through corporate volunteering are invested back into the National Park hosting the event. Corporate teams come away from their experience with a better understanding of the importance of National Parks and how their activities at home and at work may be affecting fragile ecosystems.

In 2018 FNPW organised volunteer days for



**12** **182**  
**COMPANIES** **STAFF**







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ABN 90 107 744 771

The Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife was incorporated on  
29 June 1970 as a company limited by guarantee.

FNPW is a charity registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission  
and has Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status from the Australian Taxation Office.

As a national entity, FNPW is licensed to fundraise in all Australian States and Territories.

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