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Celebrating
50 years
of growing parks
and saving species*

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What a year it has been for Australia - not only enduring the most horrific bushfires in recent history, but a global pandemic which has disrupted our way of life for years to come.

However, in the face of adversity, we have been overwhelmed by your generous support and donations which have made it possible for us to continue the work that we do, particularly in Healing our land. For this, we thank you for helping us on our mission to grow parks and save species, particularly after the summer we endured this year.

Earlier this year, we celebrated our 50th anniversary with a reception at Admiralty House, hosted by our Patron, the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), along with his wife, Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley. This event acknowledged FNPW's milestone achievements over the past 50 years and was a timely occasion to launch our global emergency appeal 'Healing our land' that will help recover the land affected by the bushfires.



A YEAR OF CHALLENGES, CHANGE AND RESULTS.

Healing our land has allowed us to respond immediately by distributing much needed funds to wildlife rehabilitation groups across Australia, thanks to the generous support of individuals, local and global communities, government bodies and our corporate partners.

It is with pride that we have also received international donations to fund projects such as the regeneration of Kosciuszko National Park, after a third of it was destroyed by the bushfires. Volunteer firefighters from Southern Poland raised over \$150,000 AUD, which was allocated to NSW National Parks for immediate work on erosion control and the recovery of threatened species, including the Broad Toothed Rat and Mountain Pygmy Possum.

Currently, one of the most important projects we have underway is our goal to plant one million trees in Bushfire Recovery Nurseries around Australia over the next five years. The loss of over 12 million hectares of land, and consequently, the habitats of millions of wildlife, led us to make this announcement with international non-profit, One Tree Planted on World Earth Day (22 April). We have since had the support of partners such as French beauty brand, L'Occitane Australia, and importantly, the continuous backing of Australians around the country through our "Plant a Tree for Me" program.

During COVID-19 isolation, Australians also increased their engagement with our educational initiative, Backyard Buddies, which provides information on protecting wildlife and transforming backyards into safe and inviting habitats. Again, despite a very difficult time for us all, thousands

of Australians developed a keen interest in learning more about our species and helping us restore corridors for native animals towards our Big Backyard – the national parks across Australia.

Reflecting on the last 50 years, we have collectively achieved so many valuable milestones that have contributed to the overall biodiversity and expansion of our natural environments across Australia. It is our promise, that moving forward, we will continue to build on this important work for generations to come.



*Ian Darbyshire,
CEO – Foundation for
National Parks & Wildlife*



A word from THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

1970

On 29 June, FNPW is established by Lands Minister of NSW, the Honourable Thomas Lancelot Lewis AO, who later became the state's Premier.

On 31 July, FNPW announces its first acquisition of Mount King Station in NW NSW.

1972

FNPW launches its first donor appeal at Greycliffe House, Sydney Harbour National Park HQ.

1979

FNPW purchases Mallee Cliffs National Park, 58,000 hectares located in SW NSW to protect Malleefowl habitat.

1980

Operation "Cheese lift" to Lord Howe Island provides protein supplement for woodhen population, part of over \$250,000 of funding for the species.

1983

Maroota Historic Site in the Hornsby Local Government Area is reserved to protect Aboriginal art and engravings.

50 Years of GROWING PARKS

2020

FNPW Patron, The Governor General and Mrs Hurley, acknowledge FNPW's 50th Anniversary at Admiralty House.

FNPW launches its Healing our land initiative post-bushfires 2019/20, with a commitment to plant one million trees in Bushfire Recovery Nurseries around Australia over 5 years.

2019

The Wildlife Heroes initiative commences in 2019 to support over 10,000 wildlife rescue and rehabilitation volunteers across Australia.

FNPW, SA Government and the Flinders Ranges Ediacara Foundation purchase 60,000 hectares of Nilpena Station to expand and conserve habitats.

Three co-funded Saving our Species projects commence to support threatened species across NSW.

2018

FNPW purchases 229 hectares of land to extend Woomargama National Park in NSW, home to some 25 endangered or vulnerable species.

This year, the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife recognised its 50th Anniversary; a Gold anniversary which signifies the strength of past, present and future.

It is this strong governance which has been the driving force behind the Foundation's mission of growing parks and saving species. Over half a century, these efforts have led to creating and extending nearly 50 National Parks across Australia, supporting the training of

rangers in Indigenous communities and connecting populations of species to allow them to survive and thrive. On behalf of Australia, we thank the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife for your important work in preserving and protecting our native flora and fauna for generations to come. We wish you all the best for the years to come.

- The Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd)



1993
The Gap Bluff Centre is established as the "flagship" of the Foundation to provide education on wildlife.

1994
Bushfires ravage NSW. FNPW achieves over \$1M funding to support.

1996
The Friends of National Parks community is established, with the support of AGL.

2000
FNPW expands its focus from NSW to Australia-wide.

2001
Wollemi Pine Recovery Program launches to protect species in the wild.

2016
FNPW embarks on a campaign to save the Murray River turtle by contributing funding to the first and largest national river study of turtles.

2015
FNPW's first crowd-funding campaign rallies the community to support Manly's Little Penguins. Cameras, lights and nesting boxes are installed to prevent fox attacks.

2012
The Voluntary Heritage Estates Land Project supports FNPW's mission to acquire heritage sites for the public estate; preserve and celebrate cultural heritage.

2010
The Backyard Buddies microsite launches on FNPW.

2008
The Private Land Conservation Grant Program launches to increase high-value conservation areas on private land.

2005
Green Gully is purchased as a stronghold for the endangered Brush-Tailed Rock Wallabies.

RKS & SAVING SPECIES



< DID YOU KNOW?

Kosciuszko National Park (KNP) is named after 18th century Polish military leader, General Tadeusz Kościuszko. As a sign of solidarity, volunteer firefighters from Poland donated \$150,000 AUD to FNPW to help support NPWS restoration and conservation projects in KNP, after a third was destroyed by the bushfires.

Community Partnerships THAT MADE

This year, FNPW has supported many community groups across Australia with grants to assist in the protection of our native species, habitats, landscapes and cultural heritage, as well as help in the recovery of bushfire affected areas.

Our annual Community Conservation Grants program attracted applications from across Australia. Our three co-funded Saving our Species projects continued in NSW and the final round of funds were delivered to our Private Land Conservation Grantees.

THESE PROJECTS ARE:

Threatened Species Recovery: Habitat Building for Urban Powerful Owls (Birdlife Australia, NSW); Possum Finishing School (FAWNA Inc, WA); Restoring Carnaby's Cockatoo Habitat in the Porongurup Range (Kingfisher Environmental, WA); Petaurus Connections (K2W); Trails for Tails (Border Ranges Alliance); NectarLovers (BirdLife Australia & Holbrook Landcare); and Manly Little Penguin Wardens (NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service - NPWS).

Environmental education: Citizen Scientists Improving Frog Conservation in NSW National Parks (University of Newcastle, NSW).

Land & Water Conservation: Bird Watering Stations for Jirdarup Bushland Precinct (Friends of Jindarup Bushland, WA).

Cultural Heritage: Learning on Country – Respecting our Living & Natural Environment (Ngura Yadurim Children and Family Centre, SA).

We thank all our country's volunteers and applaud the work they are doing to help regenerate and restore Australia's natural habitats and environment. Their continued work has been especially significant throughout a tough year that began with many experiencing bushfires and set restrictions on volunteer activities. The success of many of these projects is a testament to the resilience and passion of the many people and organisations involved.

Australia's bushfires in perspective >

Hectares of national parks and bushland affected by the bushfires

EMERGENCY BUSHFIRE GRANTS

As part of our commitment to Healing our land, FNPW helped fund nine Emergency Bushfire Recovery Grants to support devastated areas in New South Wales and South Australia. These included the restoration of Aboriginal cultural sites; monitoring and research on the effects of climate change; and the impacts of bushfires on plants and wildlife. Thank you to our donors and partners, who have made it possible for us to support so many passionate community groups across Australia.

A DIFFERENCE



< AUSTRALIAN Wildlife

Nearly 3 billion animals died or were displaced during the bushfires.

12,000,000+
(estimated)



2019-2020
Australian
Fires

7,000,000



2019
Siberian
Fires

1,000,000



2019
Amazon
Fires

766,000



2018
California
Fires

A Million trees FOR AUSTRALIA

On World Earth Day (22 April 2020), FNPW, along with global reforestation non-profit, One Tree Planted, announced a five-year project to plant one million trees in Bushfire Recovery Nurseries around Australia. French beauty brand, L'Occitane Australia has also joined the movement, committing generous support towards this project.

This is the first step in significant replanting following the impact of the bushfires on tree species' in gravely affected areas across NSW, ACT, Victoria and South Australia. Seedlings will be established from indigenous tree species and planted in and around bushfire impacted areas across Australia.



REGENERATING
Koala Habitat

Up to **30%** of koala
habitat was destroyed in
the bushfires in NSW alone.

PLANT A TREE FOR ME

Since 2015, FNPW has worked on its initiative "Plant a Tree for Me" in response to the progressively degrading environment. The initiative is a practical and effective way for Australians to invest in conservation by making a donation to help grow native trees, increase biodiversity and provide vital habitat.

DONATION GUIDE

- *\$10 plants and maintains one tree*
- *\$1,000 plants and maintains 100 trees*
- *\$10,000 plants and maintains 1,000 trees*
- *\$200,000 supports a bushfire recovery nursery in priority bushfire-affected areas*



DID YOU KNOW
Glossy Black Cockatoos
NEED YOUR HELP

75% of this endangered species lived within the 210,000 hectares affected by the Kangaroo Island bushfires.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT
Plant a Tree for me

www.plantatreeforme.org.au



Wildlife HEROES

Wildlife Heroes commenced in 2019 to support wildlife rescue and rehabilitation across Australia, thanks to the kind support of our donors, NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service, Australian Government and NSW Government through its Environment Trust.

The program aids over 10,000 wildlife volunteers nationally who respond to emergencies. During the 2019/20 bushfires, it was one of the first programs to get bushfire emergency funds to 20 wildlife groups in need, with many still caring for sick and injured animals to this day. In August 2020, FNPW opened two new grant rounds, making \$800,000 available to wildlife care groups across Australia in need of new or replacement equipment and facilities.

Following the detrimental impact of the bushfires, FNPW, together with wildlife carer not-for-profit, Two Green Threads, launched "Caring for Carers" – a mental health program for wildlife carers, supported by the Australian Government.

The free Caring for Carers program includes online health resources, podcasts and vaccination grants for the wildlife volunteer sector, as well as vets and vet nurses.



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Doug Gimesy

OUR Wildlife CARERS

MARY, TWEED VALLEY WILDLIFE CARER



Mary,
Tweed Valley
Wildlife Carer

Every day, Mary searches for birds in danger, always going above and beyond to rescue them from entanglement and injury. The pelican (pictured) has a fishing hook beak injury and infection caused by ripping as the hook was dragged through the water.

Mary takes the birds to Currumbin Wildlife Hospital where they are anaesthetised, and their wounds are sutured.

PRESIDENT BILL WATERHOUSE, NATIVE ANIMAL RESCUE GROUP

Based in Braidwood, the Native Animal Rescue Group – 24/7 NARG 4846-1900 (NARG)'s property, facilities and most of NARG's wildlife release sites were destroyed during the fires. Thousands of local animals were affected, with two NARG members also seriously injured.

Under the leadership of President, Bill Waterhouse (pictured at Majors Creek Wombat Refuge), NARG are continuing to rescue, support and rehabilitate, with the added support of a Wildlife Heroes Bushfire Emergency Fund grant.



President Bill Waterhouse,
Native Animal Rescue Group



Sue and Wendy,
Bohollow Wildlife Shelter

SUE, BOHOLLOW WILDLIFE SHELTER

Wendy the wombat was taken to Somersby Animal Hospital, very underweight and injured from the Kulnura fires. She had been without her mum for weeks and endured a fox attack.

Wendy is now with wombat carer, Sue Booth from Bohollow Wildlife Shelter and has been buddied up with male wombat, Wilbur. Both are now inseparable!



Backyard
Buddies

FNPW ENVIRO EDUCATION

Backyard BUDDIES



FACT Ladybird Advice

Over 500 species of ladybirds exist in Australia. They are natural controllers of aphids, scale insects and mites, which otherwise damage plants.



This year, Backyard Buddies has increased its following significantly, engaging even more Australians to learn about the plants and wildlife in their own backyard. As FNPW's free educational initiative, Backyard Buddies provides simple tips to help transform backyards into safe habitat havens; ultimately contributing to Australia's green corridors to help support our Big Backyard – Australia's national parks.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT
Your Buddies

www.facebook.com/backyardbuddies



FACT

Sunflower Seeds >



Don't feed native animals sunflower seeds as it can make them very sick, artificially inflate their population, and make them more susceptible to disease.

PREPARE YOUR BACKYARD

In the lead-up to the warmer months, here are five ways you can help wildlife living in your own backyard.

1. *Install a bird bath or position strong shallow containers at varying heights, safe from predators. Change water regularly.*
2. *Plant native trees*
3. *Keep your cat indoors*
4. *Remove unsafe netting from trees*
5. *Contact your local community group to volunteer and become a Wildlife Hero*

BUILD A Ladybird House



With over 500 species of ladybirds in Australia, you can be sure that having ladybird visitors in your garden will keep it healthy.

By building a ladybird house, you can help attract ladybirds to your garden and encourage any existing to stick around. Avoid using chemicals and pesticides in the garden. Instead, attract ladybirds by spreading a concoction of honey, water and brewers yeast throughout your garden.

You will need:

- **A piece of plywood**
- **Logs** (at least 10cm wide)
- **Bamboo canes**
- **Twigs**
- **Screws**
- **Nails**
- **Wire**
- **Power drill**
- **Hand saw**



1. *Screw and wire together the logs to make a frame.*
2. *Cut plywood to the shape of the frame and nail it to the back.*
3. *Cut bamboo canes and logs into pieces - the same depth as the frame.*
4. *Use a drill to make holes (around 5mm in diameter) in the log pieces.*
5. *Stack the bamboo and log pieces into the frame. Push them in as tightly as possible so they don't fall out.*
6. *Fill any gaps with twigs.*
7. *Make a loop from wire to hang it from.*
8. *Hang on a wall, ideally facing into the morning sun. Position it near plants because ladybirds like to eat aphids. If it is low down and near a pond, it may be used by dragonflies and solitary bees too.*

Making a DIFFERENCE



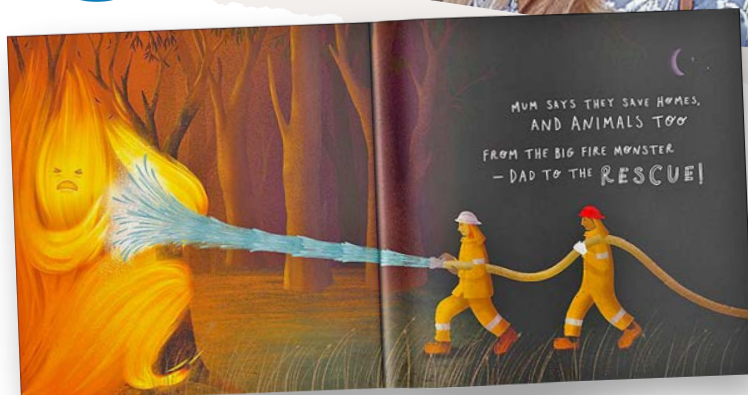
Thank you to our ongoing supporters over the past 50 years. Your generous donations and dedication to FNPW has made a difference and helped us achieve our ongoing mission of "growing parks and saving species" across Australia.

Here are what some of our supporters have achieved and had to say:

MARY-LOUISE WILLIAMS

"My husband and I have had a strong affection for parks and wildlife ever since we lived off-shore on the fringe of Sydney's Ku-ring-gai National Park for some 20 years. In the past eight years, I have been on FNPW's Board and, as Chair of the Projects Committee, have witnessed the growth of programs for national parks and wildlife at

community, state and federal levels. I'm committed to supporting FNPW for many years to come, particularly as we navigate through this challenging period post-bushfires."



SEB AND CARLY MOONE

Seb and Carly Moone released a 32-page book called 'My Dad, the Secret Superhero', to help raise funds for bushfire affected areas. The book pays homage to firefighters, while also championing farmers' roles as volunteer firefighters.

The story follows the adventures of Delilah's Dad, a volunteer firefighter, and highlights the heroic acts performed by Aussie firefighters during the bushfire season.

"Seeing everyone's selfless response to these fires inspired us to find a way to donate our time and skillset to help the people affected by all fires across Australia. So, together, we have written and illustrated a children's book with the aim to fundraise money for those affected by the fires, and shine a light on the secret superheroes who put their lives on the line to defend our country every day."

A crowd-funding campaign raised over \$20,000, with all profits donated to FNPW for environmental and wildlife rehabilitation in fire-affected areas.

The book is available to purchase from Booktopia.

Leave a Legacy: Make a Donation

Your legacy will ensure the protection of our national parks and precious native species for future generations.

DONATE ONLINE: fnpw.org.au

SCAN FORM/E-MAIL: fnpw@fnpw.org.au

CALL NOW: 1800 898 626

MAIL FORM: GPO Box 2666, Sydney NSW 2001

☐ YES I would like to learn more about leaving a gift to FNPW in my Will, please contact me.



YES I would like to make a one-off donation to HEALING OUR LAND and protect our native animals and their environments for future generations.

\$ _____

one-off donation



I would like to become a HABITAT HERO to protect wildlife and their habitat with a monthly donation.

My monthly gift:

☐ \$20 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$30 ☐ \$ _____

I am already a HABITAT HERO and would like to increase my monthly gift by:

☐ \$5 ☐ \$10 ☐ \$15 ☐ \$20 ☐ \$ _____

My details:

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Payment Details:

☐ I enclose my cheque (payable to Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife).

☐ Please send me a Direct Debit monthly donation form.

☐ Please charge my credit card.

Card Number:

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WHO LOVES THIS COUNTRY, ITS UNIQUE WILDLIFE
AND HABITATS AND WANTS TO ENSURE THEY ARE THERE
FOR THEIR CHILDREN AND CHILDREN'S CHILDREN.

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