

AUSTRALIA
A ROCHA
Conservation and Hope



Annual Report 2022

A Rocha Australia is an environmental organisation engaging in nature conservation and environmental education. Since 2015 we have been providing opportunities for Australians to appreciate nature, engage in practical conservation work, and to better understand the unique calling of followers of Jesus to steward the environment.

We do this together, in community and through partnerships – bringing a voice of hope to the current environmental crises.

We are part of the global A Rocha family. Our name comes from the Portuguese for ‘the Rock’. This is the name that was given to the family’s first ever field study centre, located in the Algarve, Portugal.

A Rocha family vision

A world where nature flourishes as people live equitably and sustainably.

A Rocha family mission

To live out God’s calling to care for creation and equip others to do likewise

Our Commitments

Christian: We follow Jesus Christ, who created the world and calls us to care for it.

Conservation: We protect and restore nature and are committed to local places and people over the long term.

Community: We invest in good relationships through our commitment to God, one another and the wider creation.

Cultural Diversity: We celebrate the insights, perspectives and solutions offered by our diverse cultures.

Collaboration: We seek to work with anyone who shares our vision.



Cover image: Nicole Ferguson shares her passion for the natural world at a *Wildlife* event at Weribee Open Range Zoo, Victoria, in March 2022. *Wildlife* is a partnership project between A Rocha Australia and Scripture Union in Victoria.
Credit: SU Australia

We acknowledge Australia's First Nations peoples and their connections to Country and community. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Traditional Owners have managed Australia's land and water for tens of thousands of years. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters on which we have worked during 2022, namely the

Ngarrindjeri people (Mount Sandy, SA)

Kurna people (Hart Road Wetlands, Aldinga, SA)

Wadawurung, Dja Dja Wurrung, Eastern Maar and *Wotjobaluk* people (Amphitheatre, VIC)

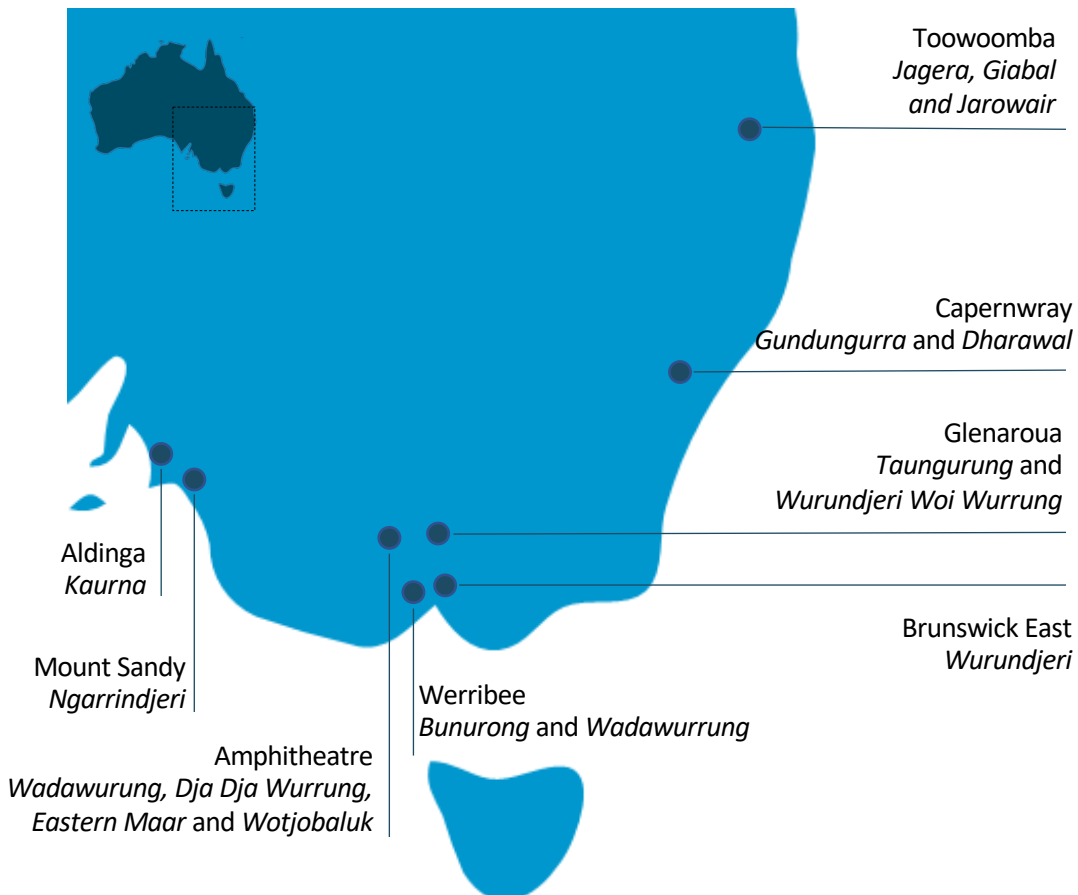
Taungurung and *Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung* people (Glenaroua, VIC)

Bunurong and *Wadawurrung* people (Werribee, VIC)

Wurundjeri people (Brunswick East, VIC)

Jagera, Giabal and *Jarowair* people (Toowoomba region, QLD), and

Gundungurra and *Dharawal* people (Capernwray, NSW).



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What we do



How we do it

- Partnerships with land managers
- Purchase of land
- Coordinated national activities
- Local activities

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- Local activities
- Working with partners
- Speaking at churches, schools, theological colleges
- Hosting and speaking at conference and seminars
- Increased access to creation care resources

Examples

- Partnerships with: Onkaparinga Council, SA; Capernwray Bible School, NSW; Cassinia Environmental, VIC; Friends of Escarpment Park, QLD
- Participating in the Great Global Nurdle Hunt
- Bird surveys contributing to BirdLife Australia's Birddata database

- Speaking at Surrender Roadtrip: 22 (Adelaide); ISCAST Conversations and Panelist at Gippsland Anglicans Climate Action Webinar
- "Wildlife" partnership with Scripture Union Australia in Victoria
- Relationship with Tattachilla Lutheran School, Morling College and Whitley College
- John Stott Global Bird Race

Measuring our impact

- Hectares benefitting from conservation activity
- No. of species monitoring programs
- No. of working bees/people engaged in practical work
- Number of plants planted

- Number of schools /colleges engaged with and events
- Number of conferences speak at
- Numbers attending events
- Number of churches engaged with

Welcome to A Rocha Australia's Annual Report for 2022. In our seventh year we continued to serve in Creation care through supporting our volunteer's amazing work, our five partnerships, growing engagement with churches and Christian organisations, and contribution to the A Rocha Worldwide Family.

In this Annual Report you will read about how our volunteers and partners worked to conserve important ecosystems, recover threatened species and engage Christians in Creation care. This included revegetation around wetlands in South Australia on Indigenous lands at Mount Sandy and Council-managed land at Aldinga; more than 100 standardised bird surveys across four states; removal of invasive weeds to restore habitat for threatened species; Scripture Union day camps; environmental education with schools; and helping Bible colleges and local churches learn more about God's care for his world.

We partnered with Cassinia Environmental, Onkaparinga City Council, Capernwray Australia, Scripture Union Victoria and Friends of Escarpment Parks Toowoomba. As part of the global A Rocha family we contributed to the new A Rocha Worldwide Covenant and Strategic Direction, supported the Eco-Theology Working Group, helped establish a global A Rocha Climate Change programme, and provided input to advocacy briefs for decisions makers involved in global nature and climate forums and processes.

The Board continues to explore opportunities for purchasing or leasing land for conservation and hopefully a field studies centre. This involved discussions with a potential donor and partners, applying site assessment criteria, and site visits to rural and regional areas.

The Board appointed Julia Jardine as Executive Officer, who has previously served the organisation very faithfully on the board including as Secretary. Julia has brought much enthusiasm, expertise and capacity to the role. I really look forward to seeing how she can lead and grow the organisation. If you would like to support her working additional hours beyond her very part-time role, I'd love to hear from you.

We made good progress towards being added to the Register of Environmental Organisations, which will provide deductible gift recipient status when completed, hopefully in 2023.

A Rocha Australia continues to be well governed, financially viable and compliant with relevant laws and standards.

Through the year I was pleased to see new members joining, good participation at the Annual General Meeting, strong interest in The Big Chat conversations for members, and encouraging participation at local events.

We welcome new members, donations, bequests of land and funds to support our conservation and environmental education work, and offers to donate or lease land for long-term conservation projects such as revegetation and protection of high conservation value assets.


If you are interested in serving the Lord in mission in Creation care, I ask you to prayerfully consider nominating to be a director on the Board of A Rocha Australia or offering to lead local activities in your church or community.

I take this opportunity to thank our members, donors and partners for supporting A Rocha Australia. I make special mention of fellow directors for their generous commitment to Creation care and professional management of the organisation, including those who stood down after having served on the Board during the year. In particular Dr Philip Hughes continued to serve very diligently and effectively in the role of Treasurer.

I hope the Annual Report 2022 informs and inspires you.



Stuart Blanch
President



Grey-Crowned Bbler
(*Pomatostomus temporalis temporalis*)

Stuart has very eloquently summarised our impact and activity over the last twelve months, allowing me to focus on some of the encouragements of my first five months as Executive Officer, and what most excites me heading into 2023.

If you're a member of A Rocha Australia or on our mailing list you're part of a growing community of over 550 people supporting practical conservation activity across Australia - a community connected by our belief that God has entrusted us all to care for the world he created and loves.

One thing I've particularly enjoyed during 2022 has been getting to know this community better, having more conversations, and finding out what is important to us. Without exception these conversations set my heart racing, and I hope the encouragement felt is mutual. Although anecdotal, opportunities for hands-on practical conservation activity comes across as of utmost importance, and alongside this is a growing desire amongst our supporters to seek ways to help their local churches engage better with the environment.

This highlights the value of our local partnerships which facilitate on-the-ground conservation activity, be it tree-planting, weeding, or ecological monitoring and flora and fauna surveys. We are committed to supporting these partnerships and to exploring opportunities for new working relationships where joint benefit can be realised. The prospect of us purchasing land and having our own nature reserve would also enable more on the ground conservation activity and research, and is an exciting development!

These conversation have also flagged a need to resource and walk alongside our supporters and local churches as they take steps to engage with the environment. Much can be learned from one another through the sharing of experience and story-telling; and I'm looking forward to hearing more of these stories from across Australia during 2023, and exploring how we can support churches as they seek to worship and glorify God through enjoying and caring for his world.

It has been a great pleasure to prepare this our first Annual Report. There is much to be thankful for, and even more to look forward to in 2023 and future years - and we invite you to partner with us as we grow and enable more people to care for the environment.

Please be praying with us and for us in this, and do contact me if you'd like to explore how you can be more involved going forward.



Julia Jardine
Executive Officer

Oct 2021
100th member joined
ARA

March 2021 First 'Wildlife'
event with Scripture Union,
at Yea Wetlands, Victoria

2021
Activities start with Friends
of Escarpment Parks,
Toowoomba

2021
The Big Chat
member forum launched

Dec 2020
Five-year anniversary
small grant scheme
launched

Oct 2020
New A Rocha Worldwide
Covenant

April 2020
First partnership in SA
established,
Hart Road Wetlands,
Aldinga

July 2019 First Executive Officer
appointed

June 2019
National Conference,
Christ College, Sydney

Oct 2018
Beginning of our
collaboration with
Cassinia Environmental

Apr 2018
ARA assisted at
Lausanne/WEA Creation Care
Consultation for Oceania,
Tahlee NSW

Mar 2017
Our project with Capernwray
Torchbearers Australia began

Sept 2016 - 2021
Partnership with Tahlee
Ministries and the Tahlee
Creation Care Centre

Dec 2015
A Rocha Australia became
an incorporated association
in NSW and a registered
charity

Oct 2015
First National Conference,
Tahlee, NSW

2005-2015 – "Friends of A Rocha" formed and meetings held in Darwin,
Sydney, Adelaide, Melbourne



3,400

people engaged in churches and conferences since 2016



20 

Working bees in 2022

More than

3,000 

trees, shrubs, herbs and grasses planted in 2022

 112 members

Over 1000 

people engaged in environmental education since 2016 (excluding on-line)

Over 218 

hectares benefitting from our involvement in 2022

7 

bird monitoring programs



11 

environmental education and speaking engagement events in 2022

5 

partnerships

4 

threatened bird species monitored or conserved

our impact

Leadership during 2022



Dr Stuart Blanch (NSW)
Board - President



Dr Philip Hughes (VIC)
Board - Treasurer



Jen Schabel (NSW)
*Board - Vice-President
& Communications*



Dr Sally Shaw (SA)
Board - Vice-President



Sarah French (Geneva)
Board - ARI representative



Julia Jardine (VIC)
*Board – Secretary
to end June 2022
Executive officer (0.25 FTE)
from August 2022*

Greg Stone (NSW) concluded his board term in March 2022 and Peter Wilson (NSW) was able to serve on the board for part of 2022 - their contribution and encouragement has been greatly appreciated.

Council of reference

Professor Andrew Bennett
David Williams
Dr Bruce Hooper
Jo Knight
Rev Dr John McLean
Dr John Neldner
Rev John Anderson
Paul Dettmann

Our thanks is extended to all those who served on the board, as staff, or on our council of reference during 2022.

We're making a difference, and together we can do more

As of December 2022 A Rocha Australia has 112 members, continuing our growth. Our members are central to our future – they are our key supporters and can join the leadership team to help shape our future.

The benefits membership provides includes:

- ✓ opportunities to connect with others across Australia, for example through the “Big Chat” member forums;
- ✓ the ability to shape the future of A Rocha Australia through being part of the decision-making body at the Annual General Meeting, including the appointment of new directors;
- ✓ eligibility to join the board and leadership team; and,
- ✓ developing friendships and being part of a community of like-minded Christians.

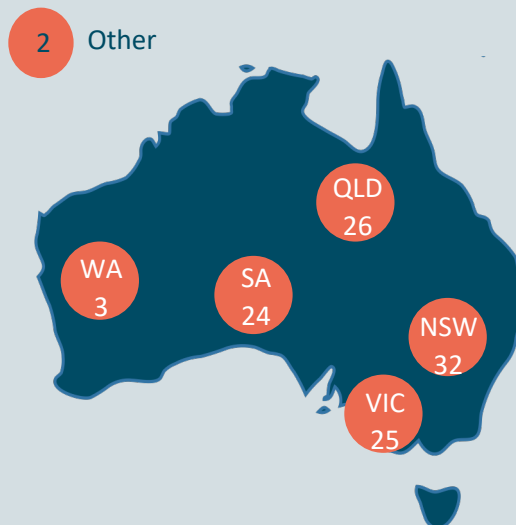
We invite you to join our community by becoming a member.

In addition to members we are in regular contact with a further 450 people.

Together our members and contacts can support A Rocha Australia through:

- ✓ praying for the board and staff, and for the work of A Rocha Australia;
- ✓ contributing to our newsletter (e.g., images, book reviews, poems, interviews);
- ✓ attending events and practical conservation days;
- ✓ volunteering your skills and time; and,
- ✓ giving financially to support the development of new initiatives and projects.

Membership, Dec 2017 - Dec 2022



Hear what some new members have to say:

“We first heard about it [A Rocha] in Ruth Valerio's Foreword to R Berry's book 'John Stott on Creation Care'. I believe John Stott was a member, too. At the time we didn't know there was an A Rocha Australia, so when you contacted us, we were surprised and delighted. The values of A Rocha accord with our own understanding about God, creation and creation care. We've been members of other conservation groups but to be able to join one which openly acknowledges God as Creator and Sustainer is very meaningful”.

Bob and Evelyn McDonald, NSW



Wildlife day camp at Werribee Open Range Zoo, credit SU Australia



Practical conservation



Enabling & resourcing



Research and monitoring



Environmental education

- | Invasive species control at Toowoomba, QLD:
Nielsen park
Duggan Park and
Redwood Park
- | Revegetation work, Mount Sandy, SA
- | Revegetation work, Hart Road Wetlands, SA
- | Tree planting and removal of invasive species, Victoria



Top: Planting trees at Mount Sandy, SA
 Bottom (L): Weeding at Glenaroua, VIC
 Bottom (R): Planting trees at Amphitheatre, VIC, *credit Cassinia Environmental*

- Practical conservation
- Enabling & resourcing
- Research and monitoring
- Environmental education

In 2022 A Rocha Australia volunteers undertook 109 standardized bird surveys in NSW, QLD, SA and VIC for Birdlife Australia's Birdata database (top right photo), including:

Bird surveys at Hart Road wetlands, SA

Bird surveys at Nielsen Park and Duggan Park forest reserves, Toowoomba (bottom photos)

Australasian Bittern (*Botaurus poiciloptilus*) monitoring at Hart Road Wetlands, SA, and Mya Mya, south west VIC

Conducting Birdlife Australia's Birds on Farms surveys on sites across Victoria

Rocha Australia volunteers participated in Cassinia Environmental's Malleefowl (*Leipoa ocellate*) monitoring in NW Victoria (top left photo)

Two locations for the Great Global Nurdle Hunt, NSW, Vic



Top (L): Malleefowl (*Leipoa ocellate*), credit Cassinia Environmental

Top (R): conducting Birds on Farms surveys

Bottom (L): Satin Bowerbird (*Ptilonorhynchus violaceus*) bower, credit Rob Drodribb

Bottom (R): two Tawny Frogmouths (*Podargus strigoides*), credit Rob Drodribb

- Practical conservation Enabling & resourcing
- Research and monitoring Environmental education

- | Presentation to Morling College, Sydney
- | Input into Whitley Theological College, 'Creation' unit, Melbourne
- | Chapel talk to years 7-12, Tatachilla Lutheran College
- | A Rocha Australia members speaking in own churches and initiating creation care groups



- Practical conservation Enabling & resourcing
- Research and monitoring Environmental education

- | Scripture Union day camps, Werribee Open Range Zoo and CERES Community Environment Park, Vic
- | Five teams participating in the International John Stott memorial Birding Day
- | Speaking at the Surrender Roadtrip: 22 (Adelaide)
- | Two presentations at ISCAST Conversations 2022: Creation Care in the Climate-Change Century
- | Panelist at Gippsland Anglicans Climate Action Webinar



Above: Volunteers taking part in the John Stott Birding Day



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Wildlife day camp at Werribee Open Range Zoo, credit SU Australia

Our collaboration with Cassinia Environmental (Cassinia) has provided continued opportunities for members and supporters to join teams undertaking practical conservation work in Victoria and South Australia.

In June and August 2022, A Rocha joined with Cassinia and Ngarrindjeri traditional owners to plant over 2,280 shrubs at Mount Sandy in South Australia's Coorong region. In a region largely cleared for agriculture, the goal is to improve the extent and condition of the Coastal Mallee and Swamp Paperbark vegetation and protect remnant vegetation. These habitats are of very high conservation significance - supporting rare and protected grasses, orchids, and birds.



In August, A Rocha members helped to revegetate an overgrazed landscape at Amphitheatre, and at the western limits of the Great Dividing Range in Pyrenees Shire. The indigenous messmate, red stringybark, yellow box, grey box, and long-leaved box trees planted will link remnant pockets with the Pyrenees Range State Forest to the north of the site.



Top and Bottom: Tree planting at Mount Sandy, SA



In November 2022 A Rocha joined Cassinia at Glenaroua near Seymour in regional Victoria to rid a paddock of South African Weed Orchids (*Disa bracteate*). Despite their beauty these orchids are an emerging threat to native plant populations. They are a highly invasive environmental weed, each producing millions of dust-like seeds enabling its rapid spread. They compete with and exclude smaller native plants such as slender onion-orchid (*Microtis parviflora*), sun orchid (*Thelymitra spp*), chocolate lily (*Arthropodium strictum*) and other wildflowers.

Our collaboration has also enabled A Rocha to join Cassinia's protected species monitoring programs, including surveys for endangered Malleefowl (*Leipoa ocellate*) in north-west Victoria. Cassinia is now part of the Victorian Malleefowl Recovery Group, contributing to one of the largest single species monitoring programs in Australia, which tracks trends in Malleefowl populations to inform future conservation efforts and measure the effectiveness of different management activities seeking to halt and reverse the decline in populations.

A Rocha Australia volunteers also conduct BirdLife Australia's Birds on Farms surveys across some of Cassinia's properties, helping to inform sustainable farm management practices.



Our partnership with the City of Onkaparinga, SA provides opportunities for connection with nature and practical conservation work at Hart Road wetlands, Aldinga Beach, on the traditional lands of the Kurna people. The council designed Aldinga Hart Road wetland to increase the storage capacity of the wetland, allowing for the reuse of stormwater for irrigation and recharge of the aquifer. It now provides habitat for wildlife, with a network of channels, ponds, swamps and patches of planted woodland. Since March 2020, A Rocha volunteers have undertaken weed removal, revegetation with indigenous plant species, and monitoring of biodiversity to help inform future management.

In February 2022 Sally Shaw led a retreat afternoon at the wetlands, and in May 2022 24 volunteers planted 380 indigenous trees, shrubs, flowering plants, groundcover, grasses, sedges, and rushes to help increase biodiversity.

Regular bird surveys continue at the wetlands, with 64 species recorded, with peregrine falcon, Baillon's Crake, Spotless Crake, Crescent Honeyeater, and the migratory Latham's Snipe being of ornithological interest.

We extend our thanks to officers at Onkaparinga Council for their continued commitment to our partnership and for supporting activities at the site; and to the team of ornithologists conducting bird surveys at the site.

Species planted in 2022

- Marsh saltbush (*Atriplex paludosa*)
- Australian pig face (*Carpobrotus rossii*)
- Spiny flatsedge (*Cyperus gymnocaulos*)
- Coast flax-lily (*Daniella bevicaulis*)
- Chaffy Saw-sedge (*Gahnia filum*)
- Clasping goodenia (*Goodenia amplexans*)
- Giant rush (*Juncus pallidus*)
- Weeping pittosporum (*Pittosporum phylliraeoides*)
- Paper flower (*Thomasia ptalocalyx*)
- Black paperbark (*Melaleuca lanceolata*)
- Mallee Box (*Eucalyptus porosa*)



Planting at Hart Road Wetlands, Aldinga, SA

2022 was our second year of partnering with Scripture Union in Victoria to facilitate day 'camps' introducing children and adults to a range of habitats, and together exploring our role in stewarding God's creation. The partnership is known as "Wildlife".

In March, over thirty A Rocha Australia and SU supporters and friends visited the Werribee Open Range Zoo (WORZ), learning about both African and native Australian species, and the important conservation work undertaken by WORZ. A special thank you is extended to two of our members, who planned and facilitated the day, sharing their expert knowledge of the wildlife we encountered.

Later in the year, in October we visited the CERES Community Environment Park in Brunswick East, and thank the voluntary SU camp director for enabling this. Again over thirty people, a large proportion of whom were under the age of eight, spent the day learning about the connectedness of nature, making clay seed balls, planting snow peas in newspaper plant pots, and discovering the community gardens and edible plants that grow at the site. We thought about the different ways of experiencing the world around us – with our heads, hearts and hands, and the transformation that takes place in us as we engage with the natural work alongside others.

We look forward to developing this partnership with SU and the many opportunities it presents for pointing to Jesus and growing disciples.





Throughout 2022 Roger Jaensch (former board member, President, and EO) has continued to coordinate a group of A Rocha volunteers in the Toowoomba area, QLD, many of whom are members of St Bart's Anglican Church.

A Rocha Australia partners with the Friends of the Escarpment Parks Toowoomba Inc. to provide opportunities for the church group to undertake practical habitat management and bird surveys at three of the escarpment parks located at the eastern edge of the city.

All three parks support migratory species listed in the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, the Australian Government's central piece of environmental legislation. Redwood Park and Duggan Park support threatened species, including koala and Powerful Owl. Bushland in Toowoomba is increasingly threatened by weed infestation, pest species (including feral cats, rabbits and cane toads), habitat loss, human disturbance, and increased fire risk from a changing climate.

Activity during 2022 included regular weeding and bird surveys at Duggan Park, weeding at Redwood Park, and quarterly bird surveys at Nielsen Park. Bird survey results are entered into the Birdlife Australia Birddata website contributing to national species monitoring.

On 1 December 2022 Rob Brodribb, President of the Friends of the Escarpment Parks Toowoomba Inc. provided A Rocha Australia members at The Big Chat with an overview of the positive impact that the practical work is having on the protected habitat and the species it supports.

Encouragingly surveys at Nielsen Park, which is surrounded by suburban housing, indicate an increased presence of small bush birds and the return of Eastern Whipbirds. Records show a greater number of small bush birds at Duggan Park, which is better connected to the wider escarpment bushland, with Painted Button- Quail and Wonga Pigeon also recorded.



Left: Female satin bowerbird (*Ptilonorhynchus violaceus*), Nielsen Park, remote camera image
Centre and right: Dry rainforest (semi-evergreen vine-thicket) at Redwood Park infested with exotic creeper and weed-free, credit Roger Jaensch



Capernwray
Australia

Since 2014 A Rocha Australia has been teaching creation care to students at Capernwray Bible School through seminars, workshops, and conferences which explore the Biblical basis for caring for the natural world. This has been put into practice with students participating in practical conservation work across the site and in the neighbouring Cecil Hopkins Nature Reserve, which support the endangered Paddy's River Box (*Eucalyptus macarthurii*). Tree planting began on the site in 2016, with 300 trees having been planted since June 2020. Photographic surveys show the marked difference this is already making to the landscape. We are excited by the opportunities for further conservation activity at the site, and are looking forward to the next phase of work.



Capernwray planting site, October 2016, *credit Greg Stone*



Capernwray planting site, April 2019, *credit Greg Stone*



Capernwray planting site, October 2022

featured projects



A Rocha Australia Member Webinars

Members from across Australia joined together on 1 December for our second 'Big Chat' – our online forum to deepen connection between members and be an encouragement to one another.

We heard highlights from across the states, and in particular of the positive impact a local group in Toowoomba is having on bird populations and diversity in the Escarpment Parklands. We thank Rob Brodribb for this update.



Rob Brodribb

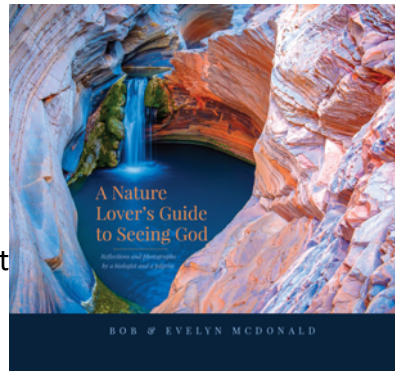
President of Friends of Escarpment Parks, Toowoomba
Retired General Physician yet very nearly embarked upon a career in entomology (insects)
Lifetime passion for ecology and natural places
Motivated by the thrill of making a real impact on local biodiversity



Juvenile Powerful Owl
credit Roger Jaensch

Following this Bob and Evelyn McDonald shared something of their faith journey and the importance of the natural world in this - and how this led to the production of two books celebrating God as encountered through creation.

Evelyn described some of their photographs and reflections with exquisite detail and care – a reminder of the nourishment and reward to be gained from slowing down and *really* paying attention to the intricate beauty of God's world.



Bob and Evelyn McDonald

Bob has a PhD in Biology and is a recognised photographer, avid bushwalker and environmental volunteer
Evelyn shares Bob's love of nature and is passionate about language as a teacher and wordsmith - delighting to share reflections on God and nature
Former students of Sydney Missionary and Bible College with ministries overseas and in Australia
Together they have have published two books glorifying God through reflecting on the beauty of His creation.

Windows on Nature: Reflections on God







We have more Big Chats planned for 2023 – including a forum for sharing how our Churches are caring for creation, and sharing our experience in this area

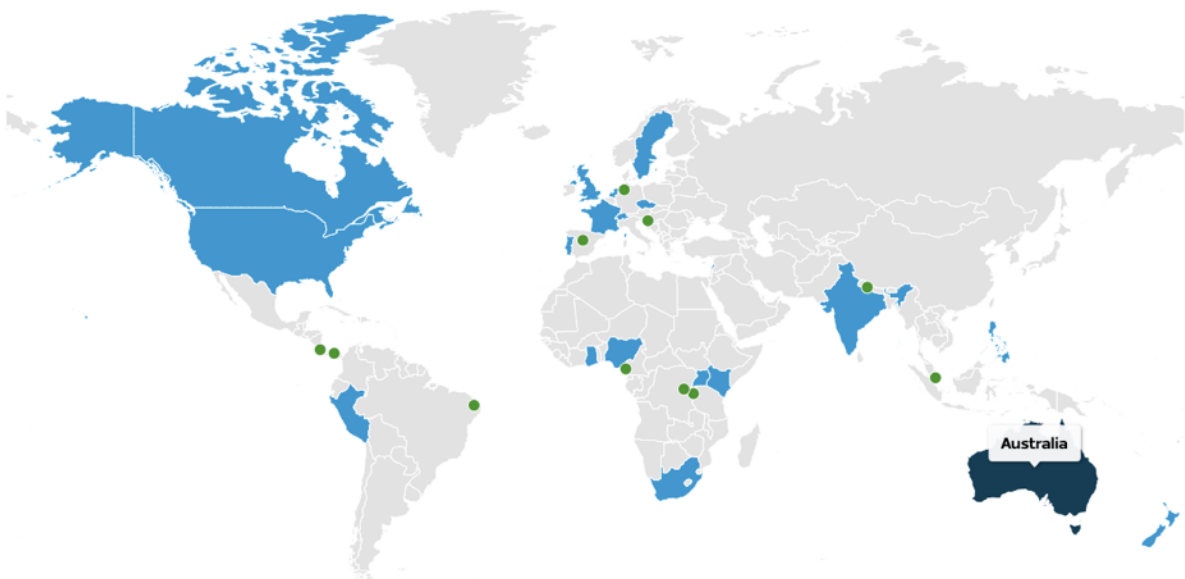
A Rocha works in over 20 countries across six continents, and has a presence in many more through the Friends of A Rocha network.

A Rocha Australia has a special link with the Asia-Pacific family members in India, Philippines, Singapore and New Zealand-Aotearoa.

2022 has seen A Rocha Australia continue to engage with A Rocha colleagues across the world:

-  In June, President, Stuart Blanch, joined others from the global A Rocha family at the triennial Forum in France.
-  Stuart also contributes to global discussions around the strategic direction of the family, and in 2022 initiated a global discussion around the response of A Rocha to climate change and its relevance to biodiversity.
-  Sally Shaw continues to contribute to the Eco-Theology Working Group, bringing to it her theological training and the particular needs of the Antipodean church.
-  The directors contributed to A Rocha position papers for the United Nations Biodiversity Conference (COP15) held in Montreal, Canada, and as part of the A Rocha global family A Rocha Australia was represented by A Rocha international at this conference and also the United Nations Framework Conference on Climate Change Conference (COP 27) held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.

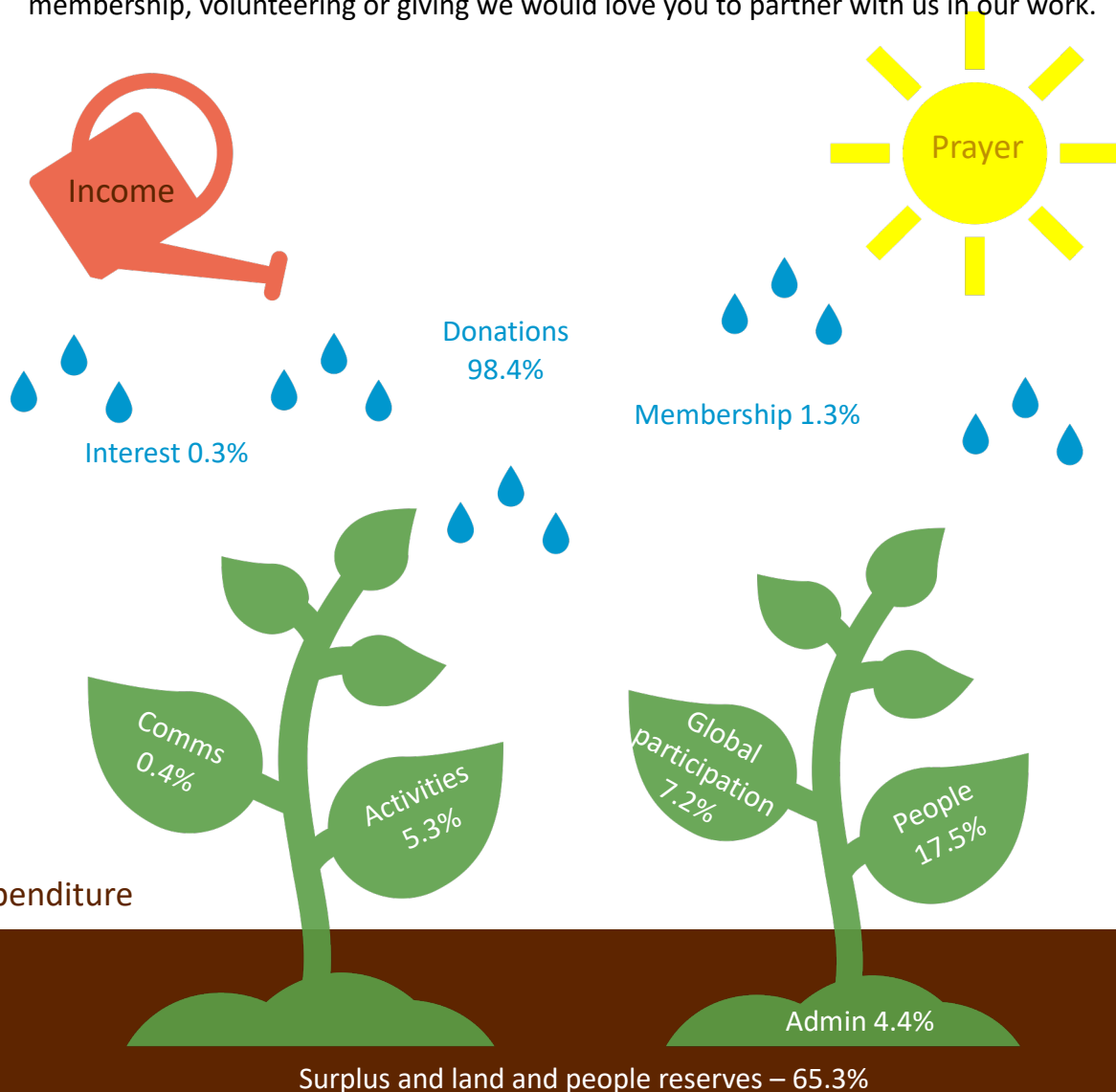
A Rocha Australia members and supporters also participated in international events such as the John Stott Birding Day in May and the Great Global Nurdle Hunt in September. Along with other A Rocha participants around the world their bird surveys and nurdle counts have contributed to worldwide monitoring and research efforts.



The image below shows our income sources, and how this assists us deliver our environmental programs.

- Our income comes largely from donations, the majority of which are one-off gifts. Going forward we would love to see an increase in regular giving to assist with forward planning
- Working in partnership with others has enabled much to be accomplished with little cost to A Rocha Australia in terms of expenses. For example at Hart Road Wetlands, the City of Onkaparinga provides the plants and equipment needed for the conservation work, and this is similar with respect to our partnership with Cassinia Environmental.
- One of our largest costs is people, as all of our activities and partnerships across multiple states need organizing and managing, and require liaison. There are also legal and regulatory requirements to fulfil and without which we couldn't operate
- Our administrative costs include the insurance, registrations, financial and legal support required to operate.

We would love to be doing more, and if you are able to offer support through membership, volunteering or giving we would love you to partner with us in our work.



2022 Financial overview

INCOME	\$
Membership Fees	550
Interest Income	118
Donations	42,824
Total Income	43,492
EXPENDITURE	\$
People - Executive Officer	7,590
International participation	3,145
Conservation activity	2,295
Administration	1,917
Communications	154
Total Expenditure	15,101
Transfer to reserve fund	22,256
Current year surplus after transfer to reserve fund	6,135
Net Assets	147,326
Total reserve fund Dec 2022 for land purchase and Executive Office salary	116,364



Our heart's cry is to see a step change in Christian engagement in nature conservation across Australia. There are numbers of ways you can continue to help to make this happen:

- *Become a member and part of the A Rocha community: see <https://australia.arocha.org/get-involved/membership/>*
- *Make a regular donation so we can undertake more conservation projects:*

Account name	A ROCHA AUSTRALIA INC.
BSB	313-140
Account number	12356990

- *Volunteer your time and skills:*

Do you have skills as a writer, website designer, or a graphic designer? Do you have a love of fundraising or program design and management? We're looking for volunteers in administration, communications, program facilitation, fundraising, accounts and marketing. To discuss this with us contact julia.jardine@arocha.org

And above all, please pray for us.



Major Mitchell's Cockatoos
(*Lophochroa leadbeateri*)

how you can partner with us

With thanks to our collaborators in 2022:



Capernwray
Australia



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