

# IMPACT REPORT 2021

Projects That Make a Difference



Foundation for  
National Parks  
& Wildlife

# LETTER FROM PATRICK

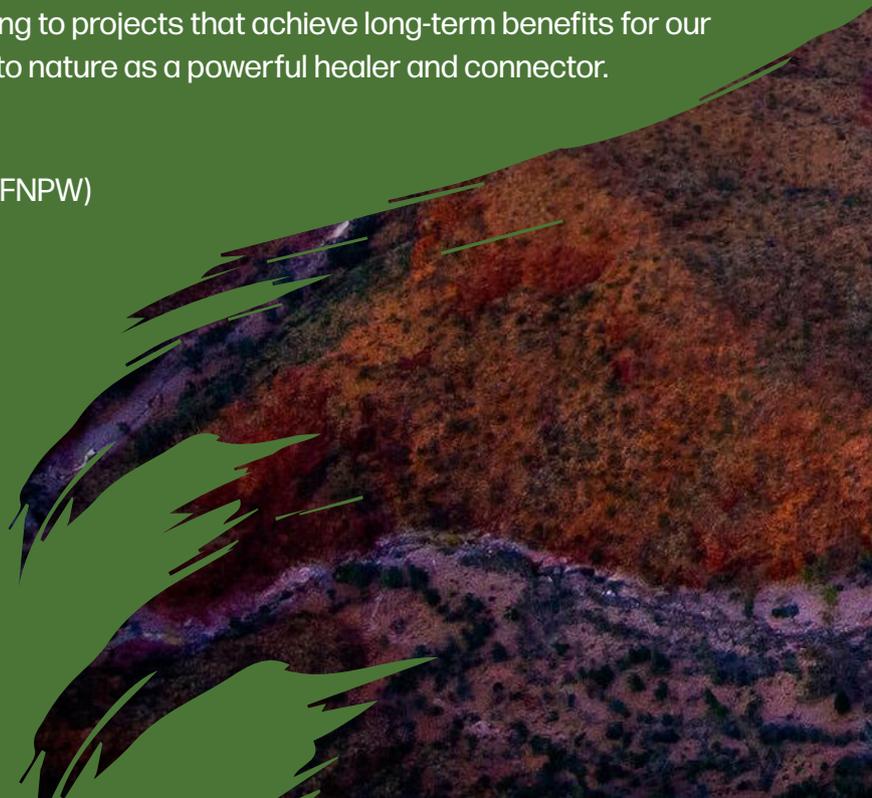
In 2021, the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife (FNPW) reaffirmed the five strategic pillars that underpin our impact-driven projects; growing Australia's national parks, protecting our native flora and fauna, preserving our cultural heritage, emergency response, and educating and inspiring. Collectively, they steer our commitment to safeguard the environment for future generations and firmly align to our chosen United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

The need for impact has never been greater or more urgent. Australia has the world's second largest number of unique flora and fauna species yet one of the highest rates of extinction in the world. As the charity partner of national parks and wildlife services across Australia, FNPW continues to be a part of the solution by helping to deliver programs that rehabilitate, protect and grow our natural world.

Thanks to the generosity of partners and donors, we were able to further invest in sustainability initiatives with purpose around the country last year, including ongoing bushfire recovery work. As the facilitator of these programs, we channel funding to projects that achieve long-term benefits for our native species and local communities, looking to nature as a powerful healer and connector.

**Patrick Medley**

Foundation Chair for National Parks & Wildlife (FNPW)

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The Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife (FNPW) is the charity partner of Australia's national parks. FNPW exists to safeguard natural Australia for future generations, by protecting, restoring and championing sustainable natural ecosystems in Australia. Established a little over 50 years ago, we partner with federal, state and territory governments as well as Corporate Australia, rebuilding parks and wildlife populations and supporting environmental communities, to safeguard natural Australia for future generations to enjoy.



Save Species



Heal Our Land



Grow Parks



# OUR GOALS

To achieve maximum environmental impact the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife is aligned with state, national and international frameworks for environmental protection and distributes funding in accordance with these priorities.

In 2015 the United Nations adopted a set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These goals are the blueprint to achieve a more sustainable future for all and a globally recognised way of measuring impact. With a focus on saving species, growing parks and healing our land, the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife (FNPW) has aligned to six specific SDGs, which help to direct our investment to areas that maximise environmental impact.

Our goals align to the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals.



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**3** GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



Ensuring healthy lives and promoting the well-being of all people, at all ages

**4** LIFE BELOW WATER



Careful management of this essential resource is key to a sustainable future

**4** QUALITY EDUCATION



The foundation to improving people's lives and sustainable development

**5** LIFE ON LAND



Sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, halt biodiversity loss

**13** CLIMATE ACTION



The global challenge that affects everyone, everywhere

**17** PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



Revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development

200K+  
TREES

Planted  
as part of  
bushfire  
recovery

94

Initiatives  
aligned to our  
3 core goals

# OUR IMPACT

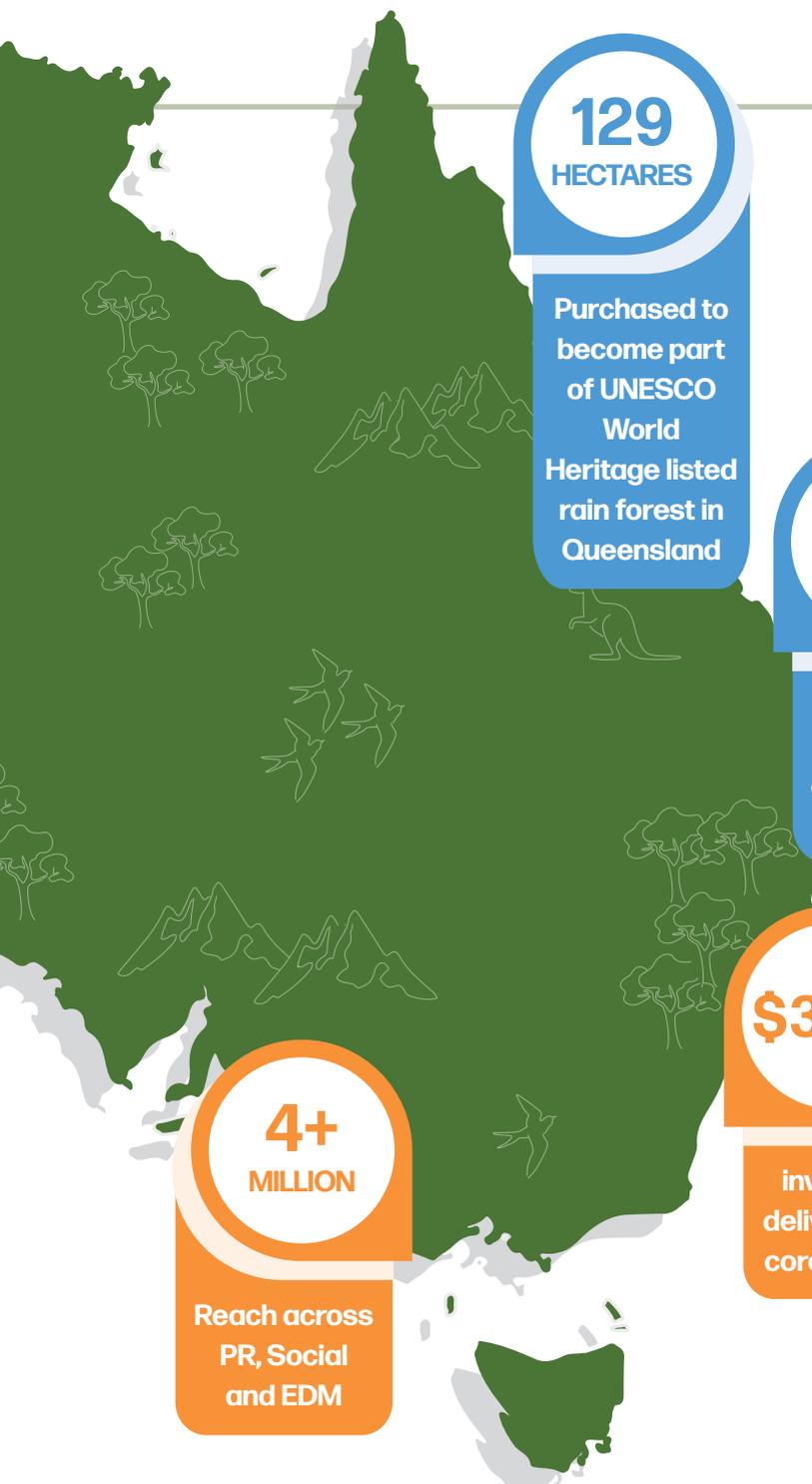
With 52 years of connections, FNPW collaborates with local communities, scientists, government, donors, disaster relief teams, volunteers and NGOs **to maximise environmental impact.**

\$60M

Invested  
since 2000

\$10M

Work  
continues  
with the \$10M  
Southern  
Flinders  
Ranges largest  
expansion of  
national parks  
in history of  
South  
Australia



**129**  
HECTARES

Purchased to become part of UNESCO World Heritage listed rain forest in Queensland

**49**

Local community organisations supported

**\$3.8M**

invested in delivering our core purpose

**4+**  
MILLION

Reach across PR, Social and EDM

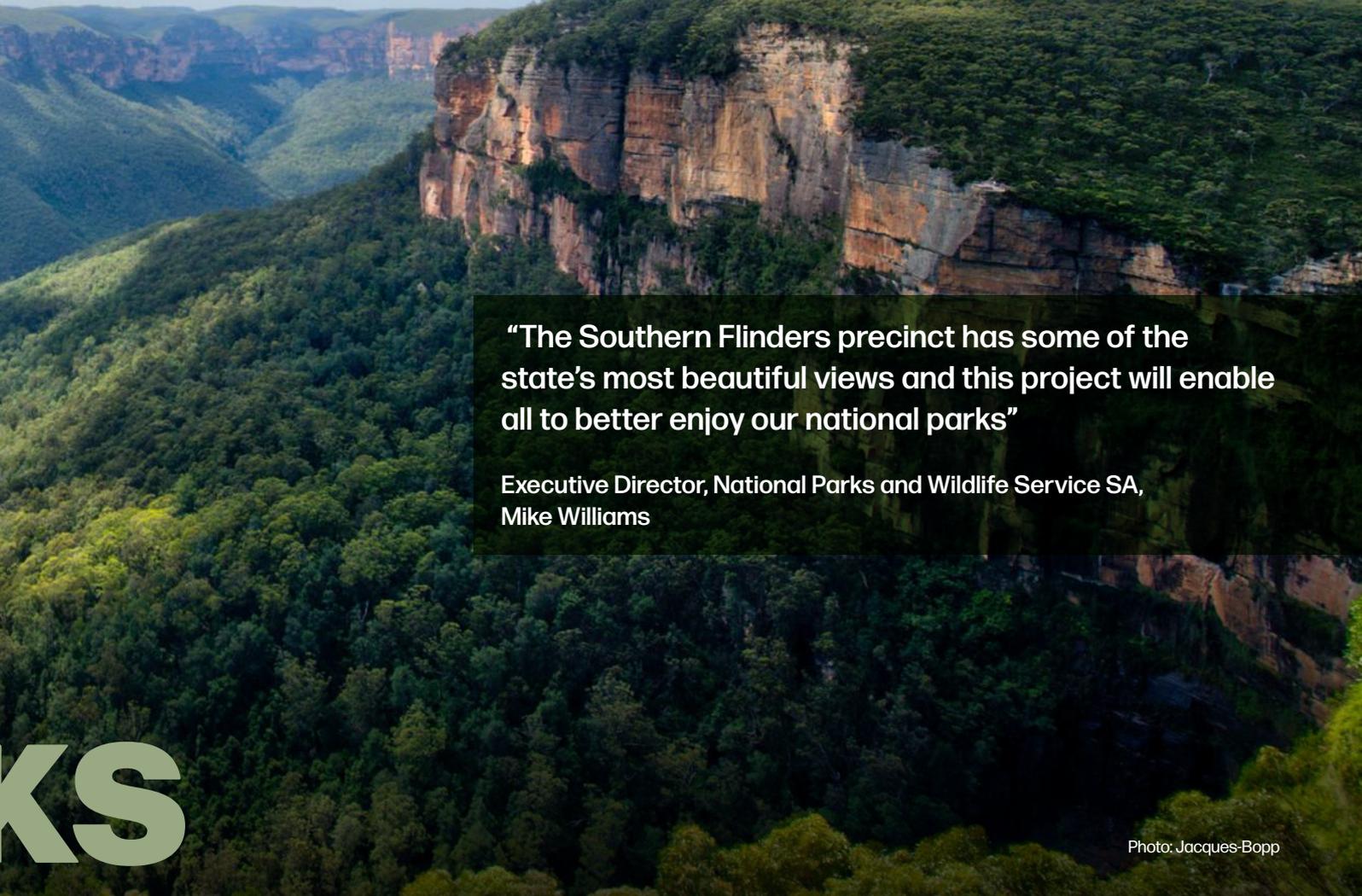




# GROWING PARKS

The new Wapma Thurma - Southern Flinders Ranges National Park brings together the Telowie Gorge, Wirraba Range, Spaniards Gully Conservation Parks and a discrete portion of the Mount Remarkable National Park, co-managed with the Nukunu traditional owners. Increasing their environmental protection with national park status that will conserve ecosystems, habitats, plants and animals, unique land formations, and culturally significant places.

It forms part of the \$10 million Remarkable Southern Flinders Project, creating a world-class adventure tourism destination in South Australia including bike trails, hiking and tourist facilities, encouraging more people to experience Australia's natural landscape for generations to come.



“The Southern Flinders precinct has some of the state’s most beautiful views and this project will enable all to better enjoy our national parks”

Executive Director, National Parks and Wildlife Service SA,  
Mike Williams

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Photo: Jacques-Bopp



**1,672 ha** national park created and protected in perpetuity



**\$10M** invested



Creates a **world-class adventure** tourism destination in SA for future generations



**3** conservation parks have had their environmental protection level increased

HEALING OUR LAND

# BUSHFIRE RECOVERY

**“We are very thankful to the FNPW for its support and look forward to helping to bring more native species back to our region following the bushfires of 2019/20.”**

*Chair of Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Council, Jane Ambrose*





Working with One Tree Planted and L'OCCITANE, the FNPW Bushfire Recovery project supports the regeneration of our lands in disaster affected areas with indigenous tree growing and planting, creating new homes for native species and supporting biodiversity.

With an aim to grow and plant one million trees in bushfire affected areas by 2025, this initiative restores nature to its origins and offers future benefits including mitigating the severity of floods by using planting to reduce landslides, reducing riverbank erosion and maximising the flow of water through our lands and out to sea.

In 2021, FNPW provided grant funding to another four bushfire recovery nursery locations in New South Wales and South Australia to expand the capacity of the tree nurseries, which now total 12 across four states.

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



**250,000** native trees grown



**Supports** flood and fire resilience



**200,000** trees being planted



**1000** hectares of land regenerated to support local biodiversity



**SAVING SPECIES**

**WILDLIFE HERO**

With the support of the Australian Government, and the NSW Government through its Environmental Trust, FNPW's Wildlife Heroes program aims to assist the 10,000+ volunteer wildlife rehabilitators and vets across the country, providing resources, training and funding to increase the preparedness of the sector for future wildlife emergencies.

In 2021, the Wildlife Friendly Vets campaign was launched to support veterinary clinics with an interest in the treatment of the 355,000+ native animals that need help each year.



“This clinic will allow our volunteers and veterinary professionals to provide treatment to wildlife in the event of a large-scale emergency and as part of our daily operations caring for injured wildlife.”

Lindy Butcher, ACT Wildlife

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## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



Almost **\$1 million** funding for projects that form a critical part of environmental disaster response



Supporting the **355,000+** animals that need help each year



**312** vets certified to treat native animals

# COMMUNITY CONSERVATION GRANTS

**“This project is an exciting next step in Ranger co-led bilby management in the Kimberley.”**

*Dr Malcolm Lindsay, program manager, Environs Kimberley*





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Each year, FNPW supports a community grants round to deliver funds to small groups and immediate response projects for threatened species and conservation works across Australia.

Grants are available for both field projects and education programs, such as Environs Kimberley, which has been supporting Aboriginal Rangers in the Kimberley, WA, with bilby conservation work.

The rangers from the Fitzroy Crossing region are documenting bilbies and managing their threats by increasing the knowledge of key bilby populations through ecological surveys, carrying out right-way fire management and increasing the transfer of bilby cultural and scientific knowledge to the community through signage and school engagement.

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



**\$750K** supporting community conservation initiatives



Including **nine** local conservation programs across five states



# BACKYARD BUDDIES

A free education initiative from FNPW, Backyard Buddies provides simple tips to help individuals transform their backyard into a safe and inviting habitat for wildlife. Covering native plants and animals that share our urban areas, waterways, gardens and parks, the dedicated website and social channels help people to think about green corridors and support the 'Big Backyard' - national parks across Australia.



“In cities and suburban areas, backyard habitat provides an important sanctuary for native animals, particularly when habitat in surrounding areas is damaged or lost. Backyard Buddies enjoys the support of many schools, councils, catchment management authorities, and community members across Australia.”

Ian Darbyshire, CEO, Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife

# DDIES

Photo: Samantha Chatfield

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



More than **2 million visitors** to FNPW and Backyard Buddies online education content in 2021



**Assisting** school aged children, parents, teachers and educators across the country

# SAVING OUR SPECIES

**“We now have long-term bird monitoring sites surveyed by passionate landholders and volunteer birdwatchers across 50 properties in the area. The data sets we receive will benefit future planning to better protect seasonally dispersive woodland birds like Black-chinned Honeyeaters, Dusky Woodswallows and the Little Lorikeet.”**

*Ben Humphries, BirdLife Australia*





FNPW continues to be the largest supporter of Saving our Species co-funded projects, the NSW Government's flagship threatened species conservation program.

The Nectar Lovers project is working with landholders and local communities in Southern NSW to enhance woodland bird populations, diversity and habitats within a landscape that continues to be agriculturally productive and profitable.

To achieve this, participants are provided with opportunities to be involved in a range of activities including the development of tailored habitat plans, regular bird monitoring surveys and site visits, training workshops and educational events, and access to partnerships and subsidies for on-ground works.

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



**More** individuals trained in 'citizen science'



**50** farms with ongoing bird monitoring



**Surveyed 4** times per year



**Landholders** actively involved in long-term habitat protection and restoration adopting bird-friendly management approaches



# WARDDEKEN MAYH (SPECIES) RECOVERY PRO

FNPW continues to support Indigenous ranger programs, including the Warddeken Daluk (Women's) Ranger Program in the Northern Territory, focusing on the Mayh (animals) Recovery Project. The rangers are fine-tuning the way they manage their Indigenous Protected Area (IPA), to protect and enhance threatened and culturally important native species.

By better understanding which Mayh remain in the landscape, including where and why, rangers can adapt land management actions to conserve populations and the habitats they rely on.

With support from FNPW, rangers implemented their first threatened species density grid at Barradj - a place where the endangered and culturally important djabbo (Northern Quoll) had previously been recorded. The research helped to determine the density of both djabbo and their key threat, feral cats, for the first time in the Warddeken IPA



“This important program is improving understanding of the distribution of threatened species populations for further targeted management, under the direction of traditional owners and with meaningful employment for Warddeken rangers.”

Stacey Irving, CEO, Karrkad Kanjdji Trust

# PROJECT

Photo: Donal Sullivan

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



**100** cameras spaced approximately 400m apart over an area of 30km<sup>2</sup> were monitored in 2021



**150,000** animal images recorded, increasing landowner knowledge of the species on their clan estates through tailored reports.



**45** Warddeken rangers employed\* with skilled and meaningful occupations

*\*majority daluk (on a casual basis)*

# MOUNTAIN PYG POSSUM

**“The breeding facility will give the mountain pygmy-possum its first real chance of surviving climate change.”The facility will provide the bridge to help them transition back into those far more comfortable environments and survive the lethal changes coming to the alpine zone”**

*Trevor Evans, owner of Secret Creek Sanctuary*

Photo: Andrew Mercer





# MPY

Mountain Pygmy Possums are the only true hibernating alpine marsupial of Australia. Currently living in the Snowy Mountains, they have become critically endangered due to habitat loss, fragmented subpopulations, bushfires, decline of their primary food source of Bogong moths, impacts of climate change and predation from feral cats and foxes. FNPW is supporting the construction of the Mountain Pygmy Possum breeding centre at the Secret Creek Sanctuary in New South Wales, which will allow for an insurance population on site.

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



**\$130k** invested to help increase genetic diversity and widen its environmental range through experimental acclimatisation for release into modern lowland, cool wet forest environments.



**14** critically endangered pygmy possums were released in May 2022



# EMERGENCY DISAS

From fires to floods, FNPW implements acute response programs that help local communities mobilise and support wildlife in crisis. Launched in 2019, the Wildlife Heroes project acknowledges the work of wildlife volunteers as first responders in emergency situations. With skills, experience and dedication comparable to volunteer firefighters or surf lifesavers, they work around the clock answering hotlines, attending emergencies and rehabilitating sick, injured and orphaned animals. Support from FNPW then moves from emergency response into longer term activities that will assist the wildlife sector in preparing for future wildlife emergencies.

# ASTER RESPONSE



**21 large asset grants** across 6 states, including wildlife ambulances, first aid clinics and enclosures



**4500+** community volunteers involved in projects



Almost **5000** wildlife volunteers assisted nationwide



**\$1m+** distributed to wildlife groups to date



Funds dispersed in **three days**



# Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife

Established in 1970

FNPW is the charity partner of Australia's national parks. We are a non-government organisation on a mission to safeguard wilderness and wildlife for future generations.

We would like to thank our major partners One Tree Planted and L'Occitane and each of the state and Federal governments.

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