



THE CONSERVATION COUNCIL OF WA

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Our purpose is to ensure the protection and restoration of WA's natural environment

CCWA respectfully acknowledges the Whadjuk
People of the Noongar nation, along with the
Traditional Owners of all Countries where it works.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present.

CCWA seeks to always walk alongside our Aboriginal
partners, recognising their continued connection
through land, sea, culture and community.

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FOREWORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Conservation Council of WA (CCWA) has been at the forefront of efforts to protect the unique biodiversity of the state for over 50 years. As the peak body for the environment in W.A., our role is to understand and communicate on the pressing conservation, biodiversity and climate issues we currently face.

Our staff, volunteers, and member groups have a proud history of impactful campaigning to achieve the lasting change we need to protect Western Australia's unique and stunning environment.

As the climate emergency deepens, and renewable energy solutions become more urgent, CCWA is focused on building a strong community of Western Australians who demand a different future for our state.

We continue to increase our capacity to support and empower the aspirations of the state's Traditional Owners, and proudly welcomed the creation of CCWA's inaugural Indigenous Advisory Board this year.

After 20 years at City West Lotteries House in West Perth, In March this year CCWA moved into a new premises, Meerilinga House, an architecturally inspiring heritage-listed office in West Perth built in 1897.

We urge you to join CCWA in our journey during this transformative time for our state, country, and planet. The issues have never been more pressing but the opportunities to achieve a lasting impact have never been greater. CCWA is committed to being brave and curious, continuing to innovate and to reflect on our endeavours to continue achieving meaningful outcomes for the natural environment.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sophie McNeill

Tim Barling

Felicity Bairstow

Katherine Helps

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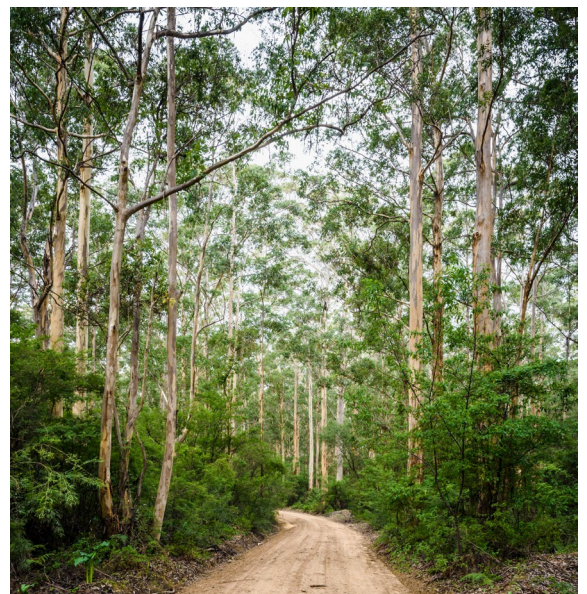
Tim Clifford

James Eggleston

Lillian Ryan

Jason Parish

Our vision is a flourishing natural environment and safe climate valued by everyone.



OUR STAFF

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Executive Director

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Programs Director

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Communications & Engagement Officer

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Events & Partnerships Coordinator

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Membership Coordinator

Dylan Storer

Bookkeeper

Wendy Low

PROGRAMS TEAM

CITIZEN SCIENCE PROGRAM

Citizen Science Program Managers

Dr Claire Greenwell (Jul-Nov 2022)
Kelly Sheldrick (from May 2023)

Our work would not be possible without the commitment and dedication of our staff and many volunteers. We are so grateful for your effort and tireless service towards the work we do together.

FOSSIL FUELS PROGRAM

Fossil Fuels Program Manager

Anna Chapman

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Better Climate Program Manager

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Vivienne Glance

Clean State Senior Media Advisor

Cheryl Balfour

NUCLEAR FREE PROGRAM

Nuclear Free Program Manager

Mia Pepper

INDIGENOUS ADVISORY BOARD

This year, CCWA introduced the Indigenous Advisory Board — a groundbreaking initiative for our sector.

The Indigenous Advisory Board will guide CCWA to increase Indigenous participation and representation in addressing Western Australia’s environmental and conservation issues. They will also provide guidance to CCWA on working practices, decision-making, and cultural competency.



Objectives include enhancing CCWA capacity to support Indigenous communities in W.A. Along with improving CCWA’s ability to offer co-designed services to Indigenous member groups, while offering the support to reflect and develop a multicultural approach to managing W.A.’s environment.

CCWA values Indigenous relationships with Country, and we will work together to form a collaborative two-way learning approach. The four-member board includes Indigenous leaders from across Western Australia.

The CCWA Indigenous Advisory Board provides insight to the organisation on increasing Indigenous participation and representation in addressing environmental and conservation issues facing W.A.

CCWA PROGRAMS

Western Australia is a global biodiversity hub with 8 out of Australia's 12 biodiversity hotspots. Our South West region is acknowledged as among the world's 34 biodiversity hotspots, with numerous species unique to W.A., found nowhere else on Earth.

Preserving W.A.'s unparalleled natural diversity is paramount. From the Nullarbor to South West forests, the Indian Ocean coastlines to the rugged Kimberley wilderness, few places rival our state's diverse and dramatic landscapes. Yet, these unique environments and their inhabitants face escalating threats—land clearing, habitat loss, destructive mining, fossil fuel pollution, and the impacts of a changing climate.

In W.A., our actions reverberate globally. CCWA is steadfast in leading transformative change. This commitment fuels our focus on two pivotal themes: Conservation and Climate. Together, we strive to safeguard the extraordinary ecosystems that make Western Australia a natural wonder on the world stage by addressing environmental and conservation issues facing our state.



CITIZEN SCIENCE

CCWA's Citizen Science Program gives communities across W.A. the opportunity to get hands-on experience in a wide range of conservation projects by participating and collaborating in scientific research with the aim to increase scientific knowledge.

From projects to help restore populations of native sea birds, to habitat restoration and monitoring of W.A.'s bats, our conservation projects have taken us to all four corners of this great state. We are extremely grateful to work closely with scientists, graduates, students, community groups and other non-government organisations. Together we achieve amazing things for W.A.'s native species and biodiversity.

Our Citizen Science program aims to improve our understanding of the natural world, monitor how it changes in response to environmental impacts, and empower communities in decision-making about their local nature by giving them the skills, resources, and opportunity to better connect with nature.



In 2022/23 our Citizen Science Program saw a change in program management, as sadly Dr Claire Greenwell and Dr Nic Dunlop left the organisation in November 2022. Existing projects continued and were successfully concluded in 2023 with the help from many enthusiastic volunteers. These projects included:

- NACC Black Cockatoo project, where slashing and mulching trials took place at Seaview Park to formally assess the efficacy of slashing and mulching of the tall heathland as an alternative to controlled burns.
- NACC Malleefowl project, where surveying and benchmarking the bird communities of the Canna Reserve (an area now used for carbon sequestration) took place.
- NACC Turquoise Islands Seabird Survey
- NACC Fairy Tern conservation strategy for the Mid-West & Houtman Abrolhos

Kelly Sheldrick then joined as the new Citizen Science Program Manager in June 2023, who jumped right in by supporting Green Skills with their fauna monitoring in Balijup Sanctuary, a property forming part of the Gondwana Link in WA's southwest region. The Citizen Science Program then continued to develop to include several citizen science pilot projects (Dusk Watch and an eDNA Biodiversity Monitoring), as well as gaining support for the new WA Bat Monitoring Program and of course, Penguin Island's Little Penguin Project.



LITTLE PENGUIN PROJECT

In September 2022, a Climate Adaption Strategy for the Little Penguin (*Edyptula Minor*) was prepared and published by CCWA’s Citizen Science Program and W.A. scientists. The strategy examined the impacts of climate change on Penguin Island’s dwindling penguin population. It also proposed a number of potential interventions that may help to mitigate these effects.

In 2022 CCWA was awarded a State NRM grant to work with leading penguin and seabird experts to implement some of these interventions. Then at the start of 2023 Part Time Rangers (PTR) partnered with CCWA to launch a paid school partnership, which funded the little penguin nest box trials which occurred

earlier this year and helped determine which nest box design would be the best for a warming climate. penguin nest box trials which occurred earlier this year and helped determine which nest box design would be the best for a warming climate.

Dr Erin Clitheroe has done a fantastic job of working on this project. The State NRM grant has enabled us to give a community seabird seminar in June 2022 to raise awareness of the plight of the little penguins and has also enabled us to carry out heat mapping of the island and vegetation surveys, and soon deployments of the new nest boxes, and installation of misting and cooling station on the island.



BAT MONITORING

The W.A. Bat Monitoring Program was established with the aim of increasing our scientific understanding of W.A. bats. The main aims are to establish bat species distribution and monitor how it changes, and identify and collect information on different species bat roosts. This information will help inform us on the protection of important roosting sites and in the creation of effective artificial roosts for all species, which sadly will likely be needed with the extensive loss of roosting habitat that has and continues to occur.

Due to the broadscale long term nature of this program citizen scientists are vital for its success and we’re considerably grateful to those individuals, groups and organisations that have played a part in this program so far — thank you!

This broadscale collaboration also offers great opportunity to champion bats, raise awareness of the important role they play in ecosystem and change the negative perspective many people still have of them, a reputation which has contributed to the lack of conservation and research priority placed on these animals.



KELLY SHELDRIK - CITIZEN SCIENCE PROGRAM MANAGER

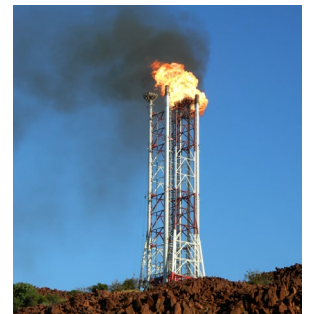
FOSSIL FUELS

Stopping the biggest new gas projects from going ahead is one of the most effective ways we can collectively address climate change and protect the unique W.A. environment.

Over the past 12 months, we have worked on multiple fronts to strengthen climate policies and legislation to protect our state and support our vision to move Western Australia beyond gas by building local community power and supporting the W.A. climate movement.

The Fossil Fuels program expanded from a team of two to five as we continued to work on multiple fronts to stop the expansion of gas in Western Australia — the biggest contributor to emissions in our state. Overall, the team hosted 11 phone banking sessions, eight briefings, eight workshops, two training sessions, one action, and eight other events.

Our work focused on targeting strategic electorates, offering multiple training workshops to help supporters meet with their MPs to discuss W.A.'s big gas problem and the climate solutions they want to see in their state. These sessions resulted in five MP meetings in 2022/23 and a further 22 meetings by early November 2023. Other workshops targeted key intervention points in an effort to stop the expansion of the gas industry, with sessions on how to write an appeal on the Northwest Shelf extension, and how to write submissions on the EPA Greenhouse Gas Guidelines.



We were successful in achieving a record-breaking number of appeals against the North West Shelf Extension – over 759 appeals, compared to the previous record of 170. This is testament to our team's focus on building strong community support and increasing mobilisation capacity.

A pivotal moment was an action held on the day of the Woodside AGM (28th April) highlighting the message “the more Woodside pollutes, the more Woodside profits”. We organised a mobile video billboard, showing Woodside's pollution and profit statistics from 2022, targeted several high-profile locations throughout Perth, attracting widespread media attention. The team, along with volunteers attended Woodside's AGM ensuring climate issues dominated the discussion.

Overall, the teams' hard work resulted in a total of 659 hits of favourable media coverage, including 347 mentions in online media, 22 mentions in print, 88 mentions on the radio, and 19 appearances on TV news outlets.



A key part of 2022-23 was planning for the launch of Go Beyond Gas held in July 2023. Attendees were left with standing room only at the launch with over 100 people from across the state coming to join the community movement of groups and individuals working together to solve W.A.'s big gas problem. Hard work paid off with a sell-out launch event, along with a website attracting scores of supporters.

The Go Beyond Gas campaign is made up of a diverse network of grassroots groups and local communities campaigning for bold climate action in W.A. We have local action teams in Perth, Fremantle, Joondalup and Armadale collectively working to:

- 1) **Keep gas in the ground.**
- 2) **Secure strong climate legislation for W.A.**
- 3) **Plan for W.A. to go beyond gas to become a renewable energy superpower.**



ANNA CHAPMAN - FOSSIL FUELS PROGRAM MANAGER

BETTER CLIMATE

Better Climate was established by the Conservation Council of WA (CCWA) to build broad public and stakeholder support for stronger climate action in Western Australia. Better Climate seeks to promote action on climate change as a positive for jobs and the economy, with exciting opportunities for Western Australian businesses, families, and communities. We believe that we can build a Western Australia that we can all be proud of — a prosperous, renewable energy superpower that is leading the world in decarbonisation.



With some of the best solar, wind and critical mineral resources in the world, W.A. can be a world leader in exporting renewable energy, critical minerals required for renewable energy, and zero-emissions products.

Better Climate aims to build consensus for climate action across all political and stakeholder groups and looks to develop a powerful non-political community-led movement to support climate action.

The team works in tandem with the Fossil Fuels Program to advocate for stronger climate solution ambitions from Federal and State Governments. A new team was hired to deliver this program with two Community Organisers commencing in April and the Program Manager joining in the first week of June.

Working to a new strategy, Better Climate has been working hard to engage climate allies, stakeholders, and political influencers across the State.

The team is currently working on decarbonisation report which will be used as a campaign resource filled with policy recommendations, funding commitments and examples of the kind of projects W.A. needs to become a renewable energy superpower and to reduce our fossil fuel exports.

In the short few months since inception, the team has consulted over 30 climate organisations for their input, over 20 stakeholders within the education, energy, manufacturing, recycling, land management industries and is currently now chairing a roundtable with Greenpeace and thirteen different unions which represent workers in the Hydrocarbon Industry, mining, manufacturing, construction and other industries that workers will be effected and benefiting from a transition to make W.A. a renewable energy superpower.

The team have also met with over 27 Members of Parliament, including Minister for Resources, Madeleine King, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Stephen Dawson, Minister for Regional Development, Don Punch, Minister for Environment, Reece Whitby, and Senator Louise Pratt. Our team has also met with the offices of Premier Roger Cook and Environment Minister Reece Whitby.

The Better Climate team are ensuring regional voices will be heard and a part of the conversation by venturing out into the regions like Peel, the Great Southern, Mid-West and the Pilbara, setting up active groups in Geraldton and Karratha who will actively campaign for the Better Climate team in 2024.



Better Climate is the Conservation Council of W.A.'s climate solutions program, focused on delivering the solutions needed to build a cutting-edge and globally-competitive renewable energy market in W.A.



**JAYDE ROWLANDS - BETTER CLIMATE PROGRAM
MANAGER**

NUCLEAR FREE WA

The nuclear free campaign at CCWA underwent some big changes and marked some big milestones in the 2022-2023 calendar. The Nuclear Free campaign joined CCWA in 2008 and has built a fantastic legacy of alliance building with First Nations communities, faith, health, and union organisations aligned on the shared goal of a nuclear free W.A. Over the year we:

- Hosted the W.A. launch of the book by Prof. Ian Lowe AO “Long Half Life”
- Met with Ministers and key political allies on our core campaign ask to withdraw expired approvals for the Yeelirie, Wiluna and Kintyre uranium projects.
- Collaborated with national and international organisations on nuclear power and climate issues, on nuclear weapons and growing support for the Treaty of the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and in response to national nuclear waste issues
- Engaged in company annual general meetings, voicing our opposition to uranium mining
- Worked with Upurli Upurli Traditional Owners in responding to the Deep Yellow take-over of Vimy resources - the companies behind plans to mine uranium at Mulga Rock
- Worked with Tjiwarl Traditional Owners to publish the book ‘Yeelirie 50 years of resistance’ compiling decades of stories, actions, and developments that have prevented uranium mining at Yeelirie.
- Supported the establishment of the independent organisation Nuclear Free WA who now have coverage of nuclear issues in W.A. and are one of CCWA’s newest member groups.

The ongoing resistance and alliance to keep W.A. nuclear free is strong and ongoing through Nuclear Free WA. to find out more about Nuclear Free WA - head to www.nuclearfreewa.com

CCWA would like to extend special thanks to Mia Pepper for her hard work and dedication over the many years and for her continued determination towards keeping W.A. Nuclear Free.

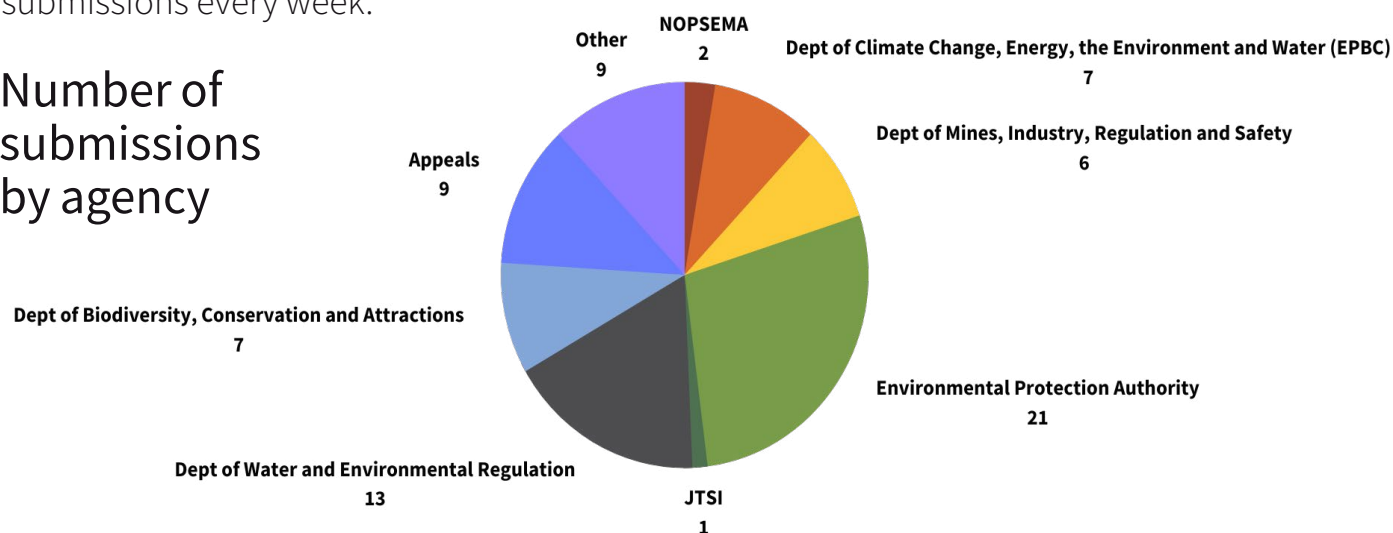


POLICY & RESEARCH

The Policy and Research team is responsible for the provision of robust and technically sound responses to regulatory processes (environmental assessments); tracking policy developments and regulatory changes as related to the environment and climate in W.A.; providing ad-hoc policy and technical advice to support advocacy, communicating, and engaging efforts; working closely with volunteers and member groups; and consulting with regulatory agencies, the Environmental Defender's Office and industry bodies on environmental matters.

This year the Policy and Research team widened the scope of its consultations to include a range of federal and state government agencies and lodged submissions across (but not limited to) agriculture; mining; oil and gas; waste management; urban development; and hydrogen production. The key themes in the submissions included the protection of biodiversity and conservation significant species; the protection of surface and ground water; the protection of the marine environment; the reduction of greenhouse gas and other air emissions; the reduction of cumulative impacts; and regulatory reform to establish better protections for the environment. On average, The Policy and Research team lodges 1-2 submissions every week.

Number of submissions by agency



The Policy and Research team assists CCWA member groups in several ways:

- We provide expertise and advice on a wide range of environmental activities and community members.
- Our submissions and other consultative work with government agencies positions CCWA and its member groups as important stakeholders.
- We lodge submissions on development proposals important to members.
- We assist member groups with their own submissions by advising on the regulatory process and content of submissions.
- We support member groups through the environmental appeals process.
- We provide content to inform legal actions, campaigns and media.

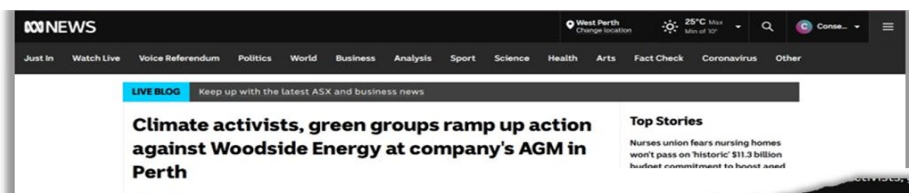


KELLY DUCKWORTH - POLICY & RESEARCH MANAGER

MEDIA

The Conservation Council of WA is one of Australia's authorities on conservation, environment, and climate change. Our team is a voice for the environment and they respond to issues, emerging trends, and government policies. With extensive experience, the team delivers informed and compelling stories for state, national, and international news across various media platforms.

In the 2022/2023 Financial Year, CCWA proudly garnered coverage in 927 pieces, underscoring our robust presence as W.A.'s Peak Environmental body. This highlights our commitment to shaping the narrative and driving awareness on crucial environmental matters.



The Conservation Council of WA hired a truck to drive around the CBD on the day of the meeting, comparing Woodside's emissions to its profits. (ABC News: Keane Bourke)

'It's not the full picture': Conservation Council

The tensions all centre on whether Woodside is doing enough to play its part in addressing climate change.

One focus for critics is that the company's emissions reduction targets only apply to scope one and two emissions, which are either directly emitted by Woodside or result from its energy consumption.

[People like the Conservation Council of WA's fossil fuels program manager, Anna Chapman, want the company to also set goals to reduce its scope three emissions, which are those that come from its products being used.](#)

['It's not the full picture unless you count scope three, because what we're tackling is we need to reduce global emissions,' she said.](#)



WA Today — 15 August 2023

WA seeks bigger voice in Canberra with new 'embassy'

Conservation Council WA executive director Joe Heffernan cautioned the government about the office serving as another vehicle for the oil and gas lobby to access federal decision-makers.

"Those interests are already overrepresented and have far too great a share of airtime in Canberra, a WA Embassy should be designed to also act as a vehicle for civil society in our state to make themselves heard at a federal level," he said.

ABC News — 17 April 2023

Western Australia's biggest emitters increased carbon output 5 per cent year on year

Conservation Council of Western Australia (CCWA) executive director Joe Heffernan said WA having two of the three-highest safeguard emitters nationally, in Gorgon and the North West Shelf, was an embarrassment.

"Seeing Gorgon at the top of the list, yet again, is particularly galling when you consider that \$60 million in taxpayer's money has been poured into carbon capture and storage technology at the site. That technology has failed time and time again while Chevron's profits, and emissions, have continued to pile up," he said.

ABC News — 13 April 2023

New WA greenhouse gas guidelines labelled too weak by conservationists, too stringent by mining, energy companies

But Conservation Council of WA (CCWA) fossil fuels program manager, Anna Chapman, said it had been hoping for a stronger environmental stance by the EPA.

She said the EPA could have reduced the threshold for carbon reductions from emitters of 100,000 tonnes to 25,000 tonnes, to be in-line with the European Union's emission trading scheme.

"The new guideline doesn't appear to align with limiting warming to 1.5 degrees," Ms Chapman said.

"From our perspective, any approvals of new or expanded gas projects in WA put our state and federal emissions targets at risk ... emissions need to be cut now."

Canberra Times — 24 January 2023

WA to legislate 2050 net-zero emissions

Environmentalists have welcomed the plan but questioned why interim reduction targets have not yet been outlined for the broader economy.

"A net-zero 2050 target is a good starting point but the key to this new legislation will be setting adequate five-yearly interim emissions targets," the Conservation Council of WA's Maggie Wood said on Tuesday.

"Polluters must be compelled to make meaningful cuts to their emissions as quickly as possible if we are to avoid the worst extremes of climate change.

"The amount of progress we make in this decade will be crucial."

ABC News — 28 February 2023

Woodside accused of not taking carbon emission responsibilities seriously in new climate report

The Conservation Council of WA was similarly critical.

"Woodside is using this opportunity to justify the continued production and use of oil and gas at a time where there is international consensus on the need to rapidly decarbonise," the council's programs director Maggie Wood said.

Sydney Morning Herald — 27 May 2022

A clear plan? Reversing decline in WA's native vegetation easier said than done

Conservation Council of WA programs director Maggie Wood called the policy a missed opportunity to tackle the growing problems facing WA's most important natural ecosystems.

"The state government has known for decades that the way we manage native vegetation is woefully inadequate and this policy does not provide any detail around how we are going to deal with this problem," she said.

"Collectively, environment and conservation groups from across WA have poured hundreds of hours into the development of this policy, through consultation with three consecutive environment ministers and the department. What we have ended up with after all this consultation is a policy which is woefully short on detail - particularly around the practical steps to halt clearances of native vegetation - and comes as a massive disappointment."

EVENTS



CCWA continued its tradition of hosting a diverse range of public events to bolster our campaigns, amplify our mission, and educate the community. This included the 2023 Annual Conference, 2023 Conservation Awards, and the 2023 Environment Matters series. Our efforts drew an impressive 708 attendees to these events, not including program-specific events.



ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

CCWA's Environment Matters (EM) series is one of our longest running forums. This is an outreach and education program that's held on a quarterly basis. It brings the community together to explore different conservation and sustainability themes and issues. The forums provide an opportunity for smaller grassroots groups to showcase the incredible work being done across the state.

Four of our popular Environment Matters forums were held during the year. These events brought together experts and stakeholders from government, industry, and community to discuss environmental issues and challenges in a forum where members of the public could participate and contribute to the conversation. Topics from the year covered included:

- Circular Economy
- Native Sandalwood
- The Fairy Tern Network
- Food and Farming

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

CCWA's Annual Conference is our biggest event of the year, providing an annual networking forum for organisations, member groups, and individuals involved in the environmental and conservation sector.

Our conference delivers a unique and inspiring program of capacity building and skills development opportunities in response to current and anticipated needs in the community conservation sector. By providing access to quality keynotes, engaging session speakers, inspirational success stories and hands-on workshops we facilitate meaningful conversation on environmental and conservation topics.

The CCWA 2022 Conference: Stronger Together - Collaboration for Conservation and Climate was held on September 2 at the Bendat Parent and Community Centre.

CONSERVATION AWARDS

Our annual awards celebrate the incredible volunteer achievements of community conservation groups and individuals throughout the year. In 2022, the prestigious Bessie Rischbieth Conservation Award went to Geoff Evans who has, over many years, shown an incredible commitment to the W.A. environment challenging both government and non-government decision makers. Geoff has been involved with the Denmark Environment Centre, since 1994. During his tenure as Convener, the DEC provided an inspiration to many and was a positive influence on community environmental values through wide-ranging initiatives.

Huge congratulations to all of the 2022 award recipients as detailed below:

Bessie Rischbieth Conservation Award - Geoff Evans

Dr Nic Dunlop Conservation Science Award – Bruce Ivers

Sustainable Entrepreneurship Award – Joanne Bussel

Outstanding Volunteer Award - Kelly Ann Howlett

The Young Environmentalist Award – Dylan Storer *now proudly CCWA's Membership Coordinator!*

The Len Howard Community Group Award - Denmark Environment Centre

The John Oldham Conservation Employee Award – Donna Chapman

Conservation Council of WA Honours list - Paddy Cullen & Anthony Collins

The Conservation Council of WA has acted as the trustee of the W.A. Community Conservation Awards, and since 1994, has awarded the state's highest award for conservation - the Bessie Rischbieth Conservation Award.

EVENING WITH THE MINISTER

In June 2023, we held our inaugural Australia-wide online event with the National Environment Minister, Tanya Plibersek. Together, with our fellow State Conservation Councils we had over 3000 RSVPs for this event and a huge turnout on the night, which was truly heartening to see. We hope to host similar online events moving forwards.

CCWA MEMBERSHIP

80+

member groups across W.A.

CCWA proudly represents more than 80 community environmental organisations across Western Australia, all dedicated to nature conservation and environmental protection. Together, we work towards protecting the natural environment for future generations.

In the 2022/2023 Financial Year, our Executive Director personally visited more than half of our member groups, fostering positive engagements appreciated by the groups. We also welcomed Dylan Storer as CCWA’s Membership Coordinator in May 2023, reinforcing our commitment to supporting and engaging with our members throughout the year.

CCWA’s membership program is diverse and below you can see the breakdown of our regional member distribution:

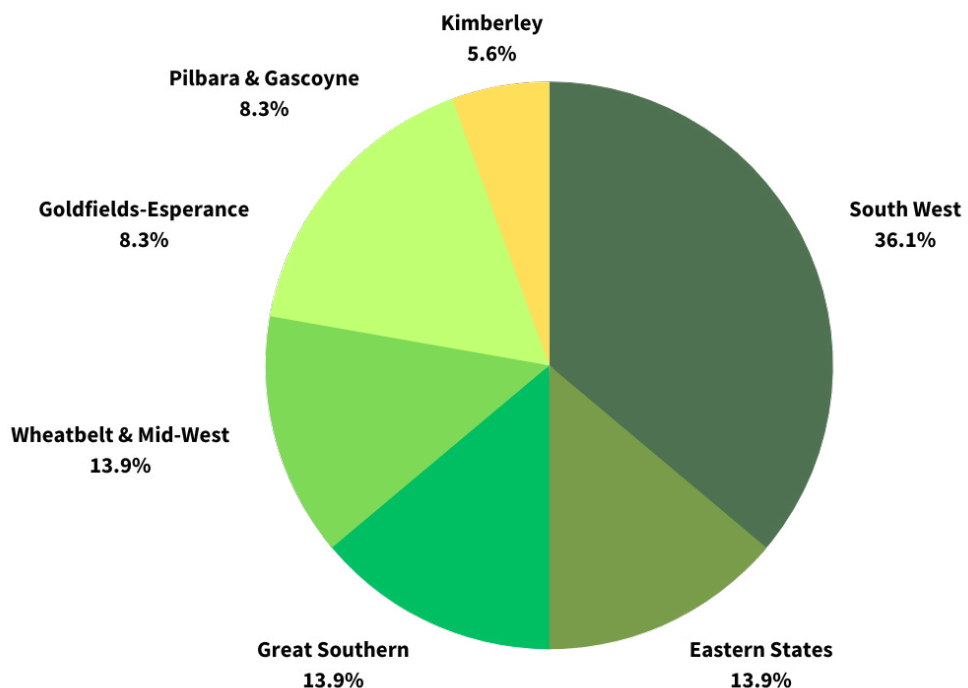
1985

the year our longest-established member group joined CCWA

31

members outside of the Perth metro area - from the Pilbara to the Porongurup Range

Regional member distribution



Our diverse membership program offers benefits, including:

Amplified Voice

As the state's peak environment body, CCWA serves as the primary contact for independent commentary on environmental issues, providing a platform to collectively advocate for our member groups.



Network Building

Member groups connect and collaborate through CCWA, sharing knowledge, resources, and best practices to build a sense of community among environmental advocates.

Public Awareness

CCWA promotes and shares member groups' environmental concerns across our extensive network, increasing public awareness, attracting volunteers, supporters, and media attention.

Advocacy and Lobbying

CCWA engages in advocacy and lobbying efforts, assisting member groups with legislative and policy-related queries to advocate effectively for the protection of ecosystems and species in Western Australia.

Capacity Building

CCWA offers training sessions, workshops, and educational resources to enhance the operational efficiency of member groups, empowering them to pursue their environmental missions more effectively.

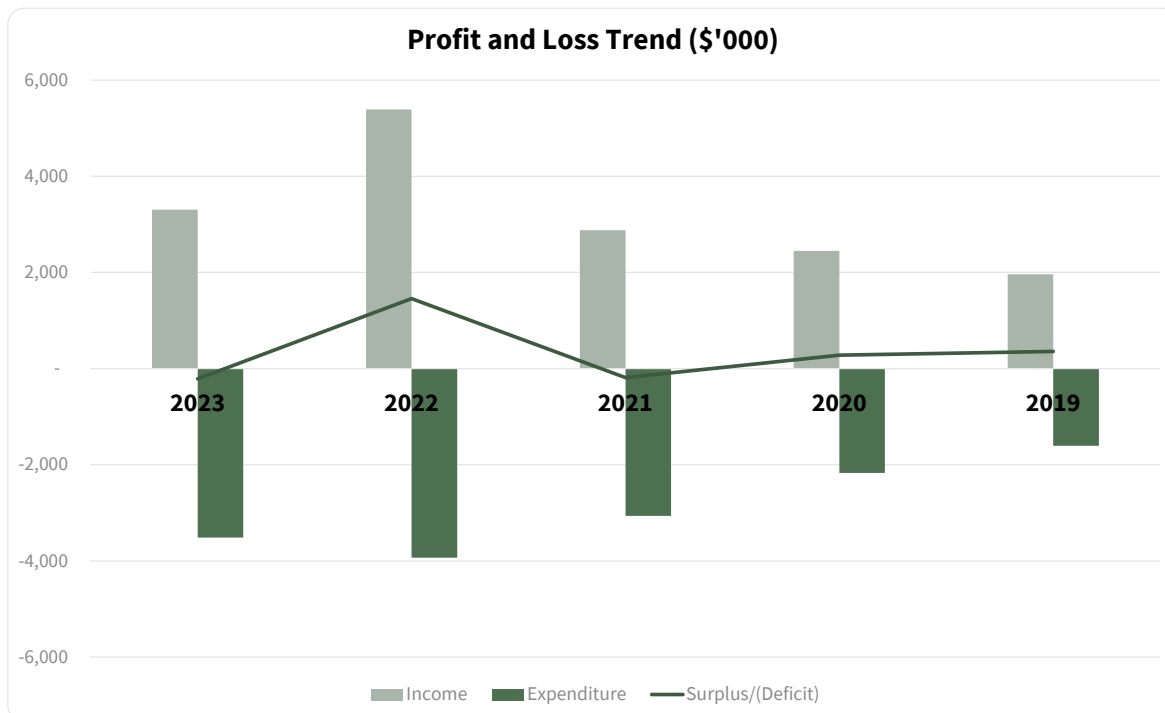


CCWA serves as a unifying force, providing a platform for collaboration, access to resources, expertise, and advocacy power. These benefits strengthen the collective impact of environmental organisations in Western Australia, leading to more significant outcomes for nature in our state.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

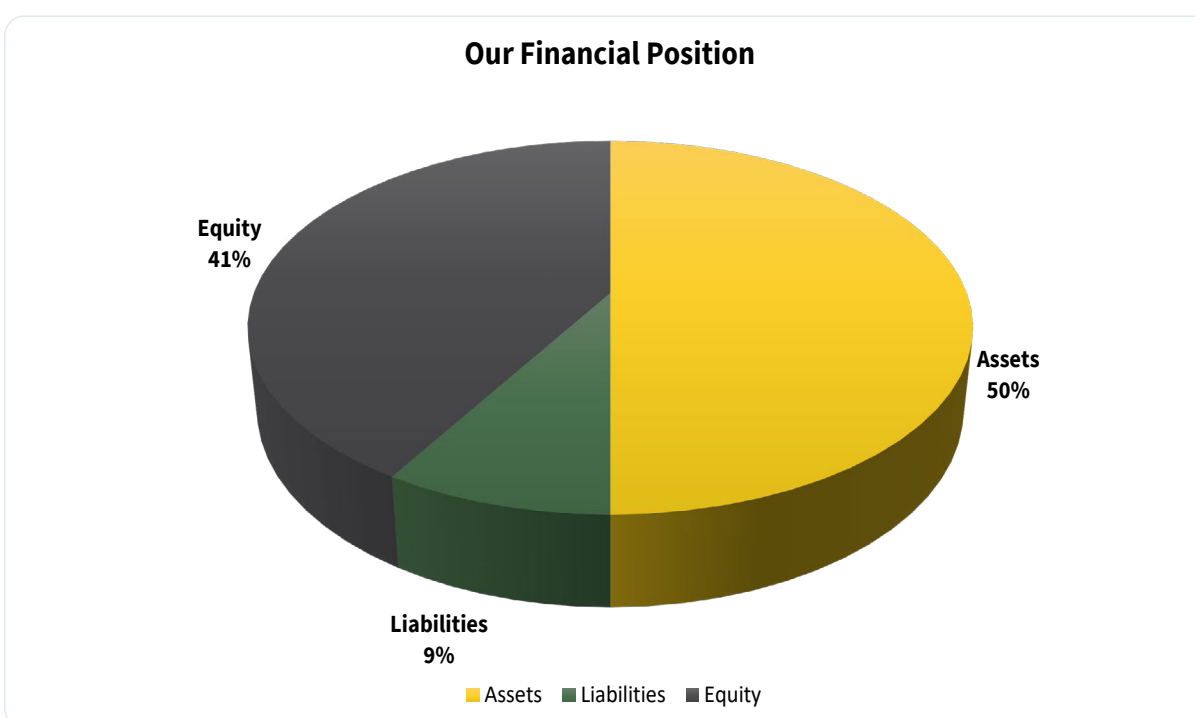
For the financial year ending 30 June 2023, the Conservation Council of Western Australia encountered a marginal deficit of (\$212,000). The result was after taking into account income of \$3.304 million (2022 - \$5.389 million), and total expenditure of \$3.516 million (2022 - \$3.933 million).

| STATEMENT OF PROFIT & LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME | 2022 \$'000 | 2023 \$'000 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| INCOME | | |
| Fundraising | 1,782 | 3,911 |
| Grants | 1,470 | 1,431 |
| Other income | 52 | 47 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 3,304 | 5,389 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Workforce | 1,977 | 2,243 |
| Operations & campaigns | 1,072 | 1,316 |
| Other expenditure | 447 | 374 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 3,516 | 3,933 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | (\$212) | \$1,456 |



As at 30 June 2023, the Conservation Council of Western Australia’s financial position currently has total assets of \$4,676 million, off-set by liabilities of (\$806,000) leaving net assets of \$3.870 million. The Association remains in a good financial position as it has sufficient assets to meet its liability obligations as and when it falls due.

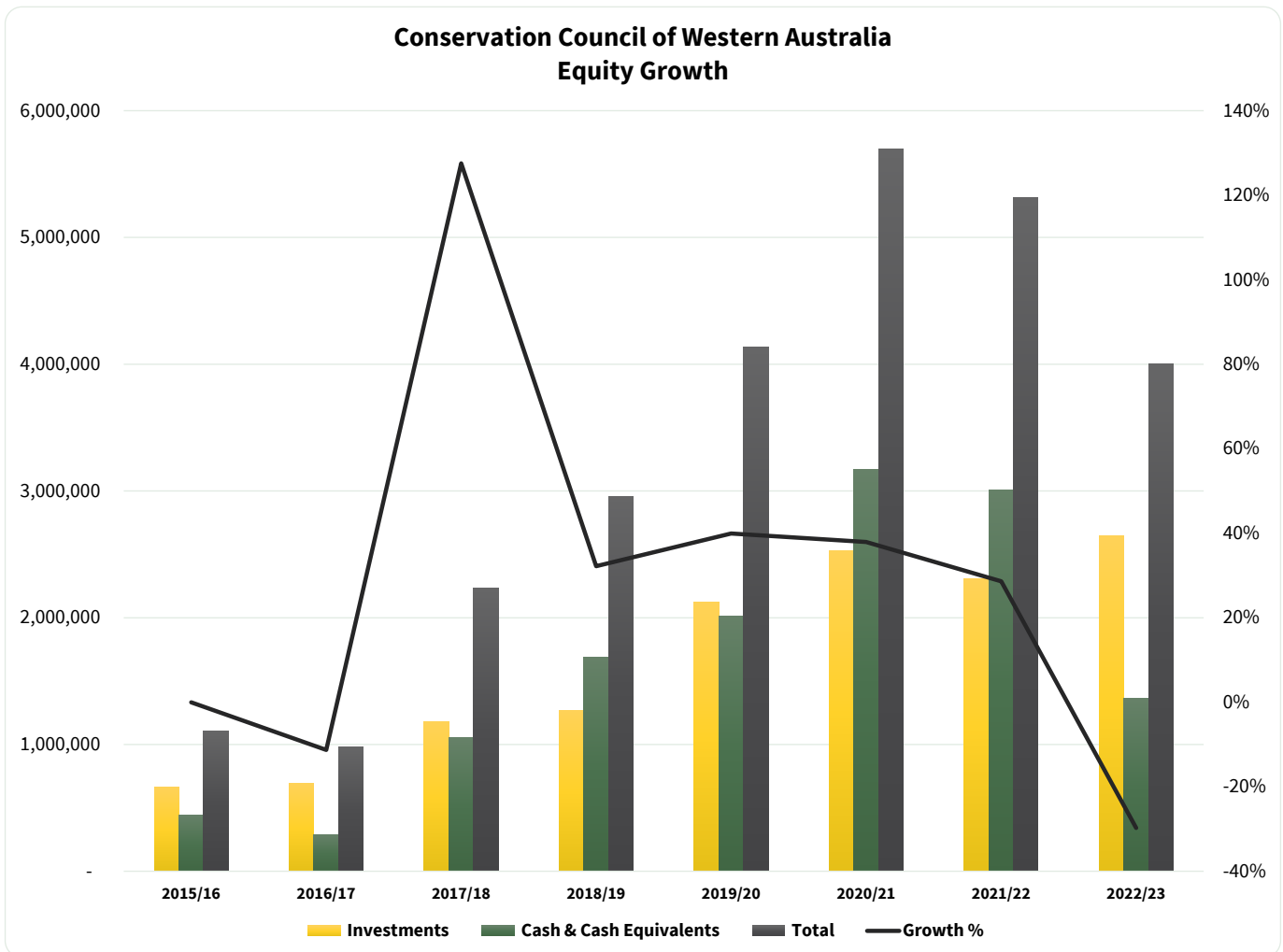
| STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION | 2022 | 2023 |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets | 4,162 | 5,381 |
| Non-current assets | 514 | 35 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 4,676 | 5,415 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Current liabilities | 368 | 1,535 |
| Non-current liabilities | 438 | 14 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 806 | 1,549 |
| EQUITY | | |
| Retained earnings | 3,867 | 4,090 |
| Reserves | (8) | (223) |
| TOTAL EQUITY | 3,870 | 3,867 |



Continued FINANCIAL STATEMENT

In terms of investments which is constantly monitored by the Trustees of the Conservation Trust of WA, there has been a fluctuation in returns on asset allocations.

As noted above in reserves, the asset portfolio performance has improved from the previous year with a loss in value of (\$223,000) now down to (\$8,000) this financial year which is a significant positive turnaround of \$215,000.





IMPACT STATEMENT



At CCWA, we represent the whole community of Western Australia and are generously funded by individuals, trusts, foundations, and like-minded organisations that care strongly about preserving our beautiful state for future generations to experience.

We are immensely grateful for philanthropic support that drives meaningful and lasting positive change in the realms of nature and climate, enabling our team to maximise our impact and achieve greater outcomes for W.A.'s unique and biodiverse environment.

Australia is a land of natural beauty and holds global biodiversity significance, & 8 of the 12 Australian biodiversity hotspots are found here in W.A.

We are proud of our natural heritage, but we need to do **more** to protect it. Our remarkable landscapes, and the species which call them home, are under ever increasing threats from land clearing, habitat loss, destructive mining, pollution from fossil fuels and a changing climate.

We know that what we do in W.A. today will impact the world. CCWA has been a voice for nature since 1967 - your support will help us to continue ensuring our voice is heard, influencing positive change so we can all celebrate a rich environment that is protected, sustained, and respected.

Whether it's funding specialist equipment to carry out important Citizen Science projects, activating a dedicated team to drive real change or hiring the very best talent so we have the right people in place to get the job done - your contribution has transformative potential and illuminates a path toward a future where nature and climate thrive, and our vision of a flourishing natural environment and a safe climate valued by everyone becomes a reality.

On behalf of the entire CCWA team -
thank you!



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