



Conservation
Council SA

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22

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***Ngadlu Kurna miyurna tampinhi.
Parna yarta mathanya puki-unangku.***

Conservation SA acknowledges that our offices and The Joinery sit on Kurna land.

We offer our respect to the Traditional Owners whose lands and waters we engage with across South Australia.



As the peak body for the environment in SA we play a hugely valuable role for nature and climate.

This is especially true at election time when our purpose and impact are particularly clear.

During these key moments for our state and our country, we coordinate the views of our members and sector, identify and secure policy commitments and then ensure the delivery of these positive changes.

With changes in government at both the state and federal levels, this year has been monumental.

Thanks to our work on the 2022 South Australian state election, we are proud to say we secured significant election commitments that will shape our state's response to nature and climate changes in the coming decade.

And of course, in the meantime, we continue to create positive change across a huge range of areas, from renewable energy to our marine waters, from climate action to protection of our big trees and our Rangelands, from the River Murray to the St Kilda Mangroves.

Pushing for the end of fossil fuels, radioactive waste dumps and single-use plastics, while championing cleaner, smarter and kinder alternatives; we are a force for nature.

Thank you to all our wonderful supporters, members, volunteers and donors – without you we would not be able to do the work we do.

And special thanks to Mark and the Executive Committee for their tireless work to ensure we stay strong and effective now and into the future.

Craig Wilkins
Chief Executive



The past financial year has left Conservation SA strong and well grounded, ready to take advantage of a solid financial and structural position we expect to last for at least the next four years. As a result, I am looking forward to the organisation moving into a period of significant strategic growth.

I believe the opportunity is there to consolidate environmental change. I want to see CCSA grow and flourish and become stronger every year.

I feel we are needed more now than ever before, but to meet that need we must develop our capability to serve our supporters, represent the movement and above all campaign strongly and successfully.

We are looking for increased membership, a greater public profile, a stronger relationship with our member groups, a louder voice in environmental decision making and a more sustainable and embedded role in our democratic processes.

In the past, there have been situations where we have been sidelined, and I would like us to be able to better resist that potential in the future.

I am so honoured to have been given the opportunity to help steer the Conservation Council over the past five years. It has been both truly rewarding and also quite daunting at times.

I would like to thank the staff who have given so much during that period – particularly Craig, who has been tireless in representing us in so many important forums. I would also like to especially thank the 18 Executive Committee members who have also volunteered with me over this period.

I feel confident that I am leaving an organisation that will be able to grow and develop with both success and sustainability at its core.

In short, if our motto is *A Force for Nature*, I hope we can become a stronger force in every way.

So... may the force be with us!

Mark Anderson
President

CLIMATE ACTION

Climate change is the biggest single threat to every living thing on our planet – including humans.

The need for action is acute and growing rapidly.

We have a very small window to accomplish a huge turn-around in our systems, investments and infrastructure. This is an emergency and will require an extraordinary transformation.

The good news: there is much that we can do, and South Australia is well placed to do it.

Every sector of society will be affected and can play a part.

The first step is to stop making climate change worse by sending greenhouse gases into the atmosphere - that means an urgent and just transition away from fossil fuels in SA.



Collaborating on climate action

In 2021-22 we continued to support grassroots movements, advocate for climate action with our decision-makers and progress our own organisational climate action plan.

Since formally declaring a Climate Emergency in late 2020, our Climate Change Committee has been hard at work developing an action plan and analysing our organisation's core emissions.



In October 2021 we were proud to be foundation supporters of the **Festival of Climate Action**, a family-focused weekend in Adelaide that brought together people of all ages to talk, learn and connect with other South Australians who care about climate action.

In late 2021, we collaborated with State Theatre Company South Australia on their epic play **HIBERNATION**.

This groundbreaking production explored the drastic measures humanity may need to take in the face of climate change.



Our CE Craig was part of both the State Theatre Tangent Talks and the post-show panel on climate action, and wrote a powerful piece for the production's program.

Our installation in the Adelaide Festival Centre foyer and resources on the State Theatre website offered theatre-goers inspired by the play a gateway to learn more and get involved in climate action.

This year, Conservation SA continued as an active supporter of the **School Strike 4 Climate movement**.

We provided practical support for movement organisers by offering space to meet, plan and create materials for climate actions at our home the Joinery.



Our team was in full force at the School Strike in October 2021, offering Climate Action Now signs and on-ground support for the SS4C Adelaide march.

In November, we joined a powerful collective of environment and social organisations for the **Together We Can** campaign, a movement raising the voices of everyday Australians calling for climate action now.



At the advocacy level, we facilitated sector discussion and shared information with our key member groups working in the climate space, and our Chief Executive Craig Wilkins provided advice direct to government as a member of the Premier's Climate Change Council.

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CONSERVATION SA PROUDLY SUPPORTS FOSSIL FREE SA AND SCHOOL STRIKE 4 CLIMATE ADELAIDE, AND IS A MEMBER OF THE CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK AUSTRALIA, TOGETHER WE CAN AND THE AUSTRALIAN FOREST AND CLIMATE ALLIANCE.

CAMPAIGN: CLIMATE ACTION NOW

In 2021, Conservation SA took the lead as the South Australian hub of the national Climate Action Now (CAN) campaign.



Climate Action Now is a community-powered campaign designed to clearly demonstrate South Australians' desire for bold action on climate.

The distinctive campaign materials make it easy for people to lobby local politicians by displaying the bright yellow signs in their homes and yards.

2022 Federal Election

With more than 5,000 signs distributed ahead of the 2022 Federal Election, Climate Action Now influenced politicians from all parties to increase their climate ambition and commit to better climate policies.

The key seat of Boothby was a particular focus for climate campaigning.

Our team co-hosted a Candidates' Forum on Climate Action in the marginal federal seat on 1 May 2022 to a packed-out crowd.



CAN at WOMAD

Conservation SA staff and volunteers held a stall at WOMAD in March, distributing signs, selling t-shirts and taking donations to help spread the word on this critical campaign.



School Strike 4 Climate

Once again Conservation SA was on the ground offering support to the South Australian School Strike 4 Climate movement at the October 2021 march.

The SA Climate Action Now campaign was launched at this event, with an overwhelmingly positive response from organisers and community.



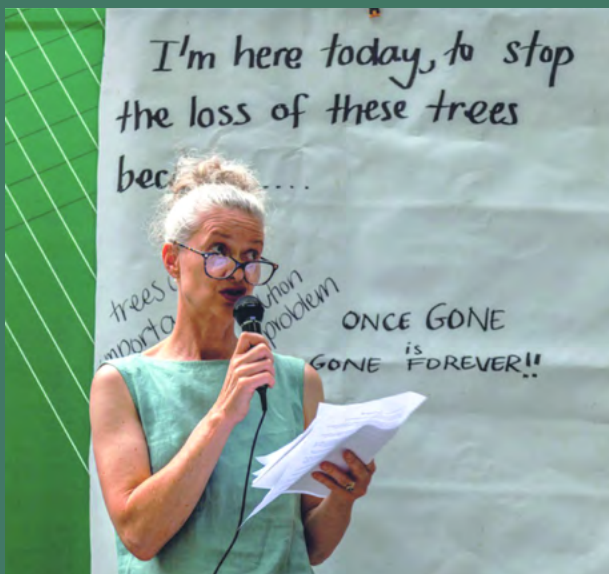
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CAMPAIGN: ADELAIDE'S BIG TREES

Big wins for our trees

Our work to protect our trees continued in 2021-22 with three more hugely influential reports, timely media, and successful community campaigns protecting some of Adelaide's most beloved and significant trees.

Our Outreach team were at the heart of a big win for urban canopy, saving one of Adelaide's iconic Frome Road plane trees, while high level advocacy secured important commitments to match national best practice in tree protection in the 2022 State Election.



Powerful publications

This year saw publication of another three impactful reports on tree canopy in our urban spaces:

Busting Tree Myths (2021)

Our report compiled by Ann Doolette shines a light on misconceptions about our big trees.

This publication busts some of the more common tree myths – all based on scientific evidence – to encourage homeowners and government agencies to preserve our trees.

Comparison of Australia's Tree Laws (2021)

This report assesses what other jurisdictions across Australia's metropolitan cities do to protect their urban forest and establishes best practice, with a particular focus on areas of similar climate, urbanisation and population density.

Comparison of Australia's Capital Cities Tree Laws (2022)

The City of Adelaide has the lowest average rainfall and some of the highest temperatures of any capital city in Australia. This presents a substantial policy and practice challenge to urban greening.

This report is an addition to the *Comparison of Australia's Tree Laws* published in 2021, designed to look specifically at the tree protections in place for Australia's capital cities.

Our thanks go to our wonderful network of community collaborators including Tom Morrison, Ann Doolette and our partners from AILA SA, Nature Conservation Society of SA, National Trust SA, TreeNet and Trees for Life (SA).

River Red Gum Dreaming

On 26 September Conservation SA hosted **Majestic River Red Gum Dreaming** as part of the **2021 Nature Festival**.

A booked-out crowd joined Kaurna and Nurungga man Jack Buckskin and arborist Michael Palamountain to learn about the significance of River Red Gums for the Kaurna people and the fascinating biology of these ancient giants.

TO LEARN MORE AND TO JOIN OUR TREE CAMPAIGN, VISIT **[CONSERVATIONSA.ORG.AU/TREES](https://www.conservation.sa.gov.au/trees)**

PROTECTING NATURE

**SA's unique natural environment
– with many species occurring
nowhere else on the planet – is
an essential part of our identity.**

Protecting our state's environment is becoming increasingly difficult in the face of climate change, population pressures and our modern way of life.

We need to preserve our biodiversity, restore special places that are suffering, and ensure our natural wonders are around for future generations.

In the face of rapid change, we need to think differently about how we go about it.

Inaction is not an option. Nature is part of our heritage, our culture and part of us.



Advocating for nature

Since 2020, Conservation SA has been at the heart of the fight to protect globally significant mangroves and saltmarsh in Adelaide's north.

We are proud members of the St Kilda Mangroves Alliance, a powerful coalition of local, national, and international organisations representing environment, industry, science and community.

Conservation SA has continued to advocate for repair of the area and the immediate removal of salt from the leaking pond next to the mangroves.



This year our team facilitated on-site meetings with the Minister and coordinated a powerful media campaign to shine a light on this critical issue for SA's environment.

We were thrilled to work with Green Adelaide on the successful bid for Adelaide to become the world's second **National Park City**.

With support from consultants Hinterland we delivered innovative consultation on this powerful concept, with a big focus on Kaurna engagement and connecting nature with different parts of the community.



This year Conservation SA has worked closely with the Kangaroo Island Tourism Alliance on a plan to protect **Australian Sea Lions**.

In November 2021 we jointly hosted a Round Table of tourism, conservation, council and government representatives in Kingscote, Kangaroo Island to talk about how we can turn around the decline in the numbers of Australian Sea Lions.

Our multi-decade, award-winning project **Reef Watch** continued in 2021-22 with our popular Reef Rambles and monitoring of our valuable reef and shore systems.

South Australia's Rangelands make up 40% of our state and have enormous ecological value.

In 2021-22 we worked with others in our sector to push back against the former SA Government's plans to downgrade protections for our state's Rangelands.

Our work on the **Revitalising Private Conservation in SA** project has been another key collaboration this financial year.

As a major partner in the delivery of this state-wide project, we have supported landowners and farmers to protect native bush on their land through Heritage Agreements, practical support and advice.



This year Conservation SA again participated in the state **Cuttlefish Working Group**, pushed for the return of fishing protections for these natural wonders.

And in 2021-22 our work to protect Adelaide's trees has taken centre stage (see page 7 for more on this critical campaign).

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HEALTHY RIVERS

From the Murray mouth to the heart of the Darling, Conservation SA is committed to fighting for our rivers.

As the driest state in the driest inhabited continent on earth, we know how precious our rivers, wetlands and other waterways are.

We must get smarter at working out how to share our most precious resource.



An alliance for our greatest rivers

This year, Conservation SA was central to the creation of the Murray Darling Conservation Alliance.

This powerful new strategic partnership draws together the combined advocacy, policy and campaigning might of CCSA, Environment Victoria and the Nature Conservation Council of NSW.

Campaigning for Healthy Rivers

High-profile Murray-Darling champion Kate McBride continued to represent Conservation SA as our Healthy Rivers advocate in 2022.

Kate appeared widely in the media, connected with MPs and river communities, and appeared before Parliamentary Committees.

We continue to push for more water to be returned to the environment as part of the full delivery of the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

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AND THE MURRAY DARLING CONSERVATION ALLIANCE.**

ENERGY TRANSITION

South Australia has an incredibly exciting energy story to tell.

In the space of a few years, we have gone from zero to around 70% of our power from the wind and the sun, and we are only a few short years away from 75%, with 100% renewable energy in a decade well within our reach.

But while we have a bright renewable energy future, we also need to urgently reduce our production of fossil fuels - particularly gas - and stop all exploration for new fossil fuels.

That means no unconventional gas (fracking, underground coal gasification) or drilling for oil in the Great Australian Bight.



As our planet faces a climate emergency we remain vigilant to the threats our state's environment and people face in the pursuit of coal, oil, gas and nuclear waste storage.

No to UCG and nuclear

This year, we progressed our campaign work against fuel exploration like the proposal for **Underground Coal Gasification at Leigh Creek**.

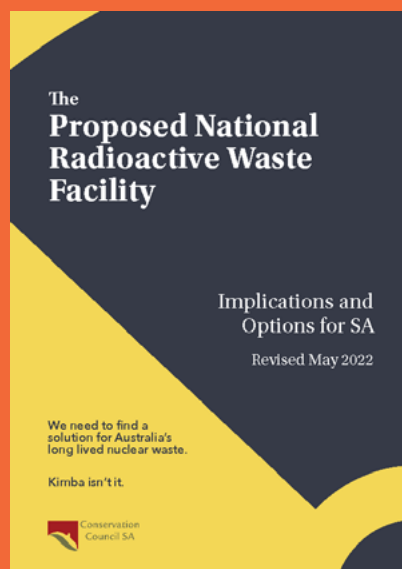
We stand with Adnyamathanha Traditional Owners fighting this unnecessary and damaging proposal.



In 2021-22 we continued to back Barngarla Traditional Owners and local farmers as they oppose the Federal Government's plan to create a **nuclear waste dump at Kimba** on the Eyre Peninsula.

This year we stood with representatives of the Barngarla people as they moved to formally challenge Federal Resource Minister Keith Pitt's decision to progress the Kimba dump.

In the first part of 2022, we wrote and produced *The Proposed National Radioactive Waste Facility: Implications and Options for SA* debunking the case for the Kimba proposal.

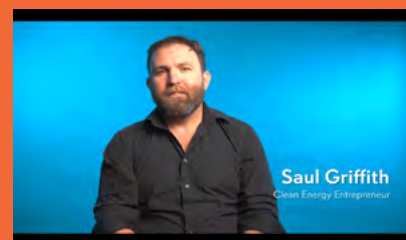


This highly influential report landed on the desks of key candidates ahead of the 2022 Federal Election, offering clarity on this complex issue.

To accompany this powerful report, we held a nuclear-focused online forum for candidates in Grey electorate in the leadup to the election.

The Power Playbook

As part of our work to promote a clean energy future for SA, we created and launched a **renewable energy** storytelling project: the *Power Playbook*.



Initial funding was secured from donors and SA Power Networks, and further support is being sought to progress this inspiring project.

Scan here to view the pilot video:



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CONSERVATION SA IS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT ALLIANCE, NO DUMP ALLIANCE, INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO ABOLISH NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND FOSSIL FREE SA

LIVING SUSTAINABLY

There is so much we can do to tread more lightly on the planet.

It's essential our government sets up South Australians for success by establishing laws and infrastructure that make sustainable choices easier.

Business also has a huge role to play, but we can all reduce our footprint by making small but powerful actions every day.

As a people-powered community organisation with a state-wide impact, Conservation SA is helping lead the way.



Adelaide Sustainability Centre

In 2021-22 the Adelaide Sustainability Centre delivered 32 events to 500+ people from across Greater Adelaide and beyond.

Events included film nights, presentations with guest speakers and workshops focusing on our local environment, gardening, nature connection and skills for sustainable living.



As well as workshops and events, various community groups, school and university classes have attended a scheduled ASC presentation or participated in a self-guided or guided tour of our sustainability demonstration sites and resources.

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Our home in the heart of the city

The Joinery has continued to thrive in the past year, welcoming South Australians to our urban oasis in Adelaide's bustling CBD.

Throughout the year, our Exhibition Space was alive with stunning art from a range of talented local artists.

The Joinery hosted performances and exhibitions during Adelaide Fringe, and offered guided tours as part of the 2021 SA Nature Festival.

A team of dedicated volunteers have revitalised our beautiful Common Ground community garden and brought new life to the space.

We have welcomed a host of new office tenants, and have seen an increase in regular venue hire, hosting a diverse range of activities including acting and improv, First Aid training, community meetings, poetry slams – and so much more!

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THEJOINERY.ORG.AU**

Waste-free SA

In 2021-22 Conservation SA represented on the Single Use Plastics reference group and Container Deposit Scheme reference group, and lobbied for change in SA's approach to single-use plastics.

We also focused our media influence to call for a reduction in face mask waste and awareness of this new threat to our environment.

Sustainable transport

Transport creates the most significant – and fastest-growing – share of SA's carbon emissions.

And no wonder: our city form is dominated by petrol-fuelled cars, with transport spending overwhelmingly focused on building bigger roads.

Yet mobility is central to our health, prosperity and social connection.

This year we continued to push back against the EV road user charge (the EV tax) and freight transport along Cross Road.

And in 2021 we held a transport-focused forum at the Joinery: *Shifting Lanes: How do we change transport and mobility in SA?* where we heard from a range of experts on how we can (and must) change direction on transport and infrastructure.

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**CONSERVATION SA PROUDLY HOSTS ADELAIDE'S COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY HUB
THE JOINERY AND THE AWARD-WINNING ADELAIDE SUSTAINABILITY CENTRE.**

PEAK BODY

**As the Conservation Council
of South Australia, we have a
unique and essential role.**

Powered by around 60 member groups boasting
a combined membership of 90,000+ people, we
truly are a force for nature.



New faces, new leadership

In November 2021, we held our 50th Annual General Meeting at the Joinery.

After updates from our Chief Executive and President, and reports on our work over the past year, we held elections for the CCSA Executive Committee.

After the votes were tallied, we were pleased to welcome the following new board members: Treasurer Dr Kuntal Goswami, Secretary Vanesa Duran, and Members Michael Cornish, Anne Nunn and Tahlia Taylor.

We also welcomed back President Mark Anderson, co-Vice Presidents Julie Holloway and David Bacon, and Member Sue Warneford.



State Budget briefings

Each year, we share a breakdown of the South Australian State Budget for the environment sector, members and community.

In June 2021 we published a useful video explainer on the 2021-22 Budget's implications for nature, climate and energy.

Media and engagement

As the voice for the environment, national and local media regularly approach Conservation SA as the go-to source for expert commentary on environment and sustainability in our state.

Throughout the year, we have been featured on local, national and international TV, radio and print media, with multi-channel coverage of many of our events and campaigns.

Our Chief Executive Craig Wilkins appeared on every major TV news outlet, hosted and guested at events around SA, and published numerous op ed articles in The Advertiser and InDaily.

Conservation SA, our home the Joinery, Reef Watch SA and Adelaide Sustainability Centre engage more than 30,000 people over 11 social media channels on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube and LinkedIn.

Sector advocacy

As the peak body for the environment, Conservation SA advocates for our member groups and the sector as a whole.

This year we coordinated a response to the threat that changes to ACNC Regulations pose to our sector. We continue to oppose any changes that make it harder for charities to participate in environmental advocacy.

Conservation SA facilitates the SA Nature Alliance, while our CE Craig continues as a representative on the Places You Love Alliance national management group.

Places You Love is Australia's largest alliance of conservation-based groups pushing for better nature laws, an national EPA and improved EPBC Act.

We lobbied to change the SA Electoral Act to make it easier for environmental advocates to participate in state elections, and advocated for the Associations Act to improve transparency and accountability for environment organisations without unnecessary administration.

Government Committee representation

Conservation SA is often asked to nominate policy and community experts to join government and industry-led working groups and committees.

Our thanks go to the generous individuals who volunteer hundred of hours each year on behalf of nature and our community.

2022 STATE ELECTION

Our dedicated team was hard at work for nearly a year advocating for our environment in the lead-up to the South Australian State Election.

South Australia: Our Future

Alongside a powerful coalition of environment and climate groups, we developed 71 policy benchmarks allowing people and wildlife to thrive, championing clean energy and stopping polluting companies damaging our climate.

In the lead up to the 19 March 2022 state poll, we released a scorecard which ranked the parties against these benchmarks, enabling South Australians to make informed choices about what the parties promised to do, if elected, when it comes to climate action, ramping up clean energy, and ensuring our communities and natural environment can thrive.

These scorecards were released on 10 March with a state-wide reach across print, online and social media, and made a big splash in the media ahead of election day.

State Election candidate forums

March 2022 saw the team at Conservation SA engage in a flurry of activity, hosting a number of online State Election Forums across the month.

Candidates from Waite, Stuart, Newland, Adelaide and Elder joined Moderators CE Craig Wilkins, Natasha Davis (SA Nature Alliance) and Roger Keyes.

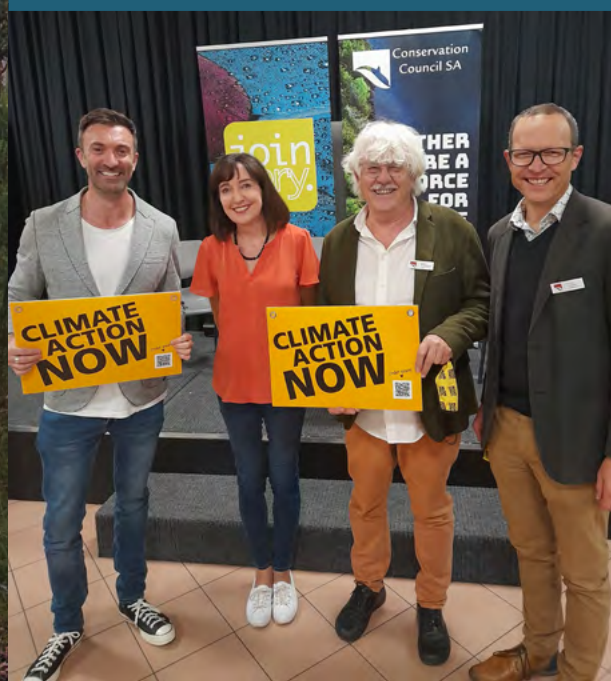
These sessions culminated in a booked-out Nature and Climate Forum held on 10 March at our home the Joinery.

Then-Deputy Opposition Leader and Labor Environment Spokesperson Susan Close and Greens Environment Spokesperson Robert Simms answered audience questions, spoke about their parties' policies and shared their vision for a South Australia that protects our environment.

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Want to vote for nature and climate this State Election?

Here's how the parties compare on climate action, clean energy and nature protection:

| | NATURE | CLIMATE |
|---------|--------|---------|
| LIBERAL | ★☆☆☆☆ | ★☆☆☆☆ |
| LABOR | ★★★★☆ | ★★★☆☆ |
| GREENS | ★★★★★ | ★★★★★ |
| SA BEST | ★★★★☆ | ★★★☆☆ |

Unfortunately, despite many requests, the Liberal Party has only provided a broad statement which focuses on their achievements to date with virtually no commitments or responses to any of our election asks. This has made scoring their position extremely difficult. To see what the parties said in full, visit our website.

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2022 FEDERAL ELECTION

Hot on the heels of the State Election, April and May saw the team at Conservation SA and our campaign partners advocating for our environment in the lead up to the Federal Election.

Together we:

- distributed more than 5,000 Climate Action Now signs in key electorates across SA through online campaigning and volunteer-led public events (see pg 6),
- surveyed Boothby candidates on climate action, nature protection and nuclear waste, and shared their responses across the state
- hosted an Online Forum with candidates from Grey Electorate on the proposed Kimba nuclear waste dump (see pg 13),
- sent our powerful new report *Proposed National Radioactive Waste Facility: Implications and Options for SA* to politicians and candidates, informing them on the issue in the lead-up to the polls,
- co-hosted the Boothby Candidates' Climate Forum and supported the *Snap Action: This is the #ClimateElection* event in Rundle Mall, and
- promoted the Climate Temperature Scorecard through organic and paid advertising across social media, educating and informing voters around SA.

These critical actions – alongside the powerful community movement of Climate Action Now supporters – gave South Australians the essential tools to help them vote for our environment on May 21.

READ ALL ABOUT OUR CLIMATE ACTION NOW CAMPAIGN DURING THE ELECTION AND BEYOND ON PAGE 6.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF CONSERVATION SA

On 26 November 2021, Conservation SA held a 50th Anniversary celebration lunch for founders, legacy board members and key supporters.

President Mark Anderson welcomed guests before former Conservation Council Secretary Anne Reeves gave an impactful talk focusing on the history of Conservation SA and the early days of our establishment.

It was a wonderful afternoon of celebrating, acknowledging and commemorating five decades of dedication to our work as the voice for SA's environment.

We also celebrated with member groups at our 50th annual AGM, where former Director Michelle Grady and founding Secretary Anne Reeves reflected on the past, present and future of Conservation SA.

And throughout the year, the Joinery Exhibition Space was decked out with a retrospective installation on the history of our organisation and a display showcasing activist t-shirts from the past 50 years.





2022 SA ENVIRONMENT AWARDS



SA ENVIRONMENT AWARDS

The who's-who of the environment sector joined Premier Peter Malinauskas at the Art Gallery of South Australia to celebrate our state's nature champions at the 2022 SA Environment Awards.

Following a warm Welcome to Country by Uncle Mickey Kumatpi Marrutya O'Brien, Premier Malinauskas took to the stage to present the 2022 Lifetime Achiever Awards.

Respected Ngarrindjeri Elder and environment champion Major 'Moogy' Sumner AM was inducted into the SA Environment Hall of Fame, alongside dolphin researcher and marine scientist Dr Mike Bossley AM.

Lifelong landscape and native flora champion Margaret Lee was also honoured, as was scientist and biodiversity advocate Dr Richard Willing OAM.

Finally, legendary 'tree lady' Betty Westwood OAM was awarded posthumously for her tireless work revegetating the area around Strathalbyn.

Following the Lifetime Achiever tributes, the first of two new prizes – the Working Together Award – was presented by Michael Robertson, CEO of event sponsor Adelaide Cemeteries.

Amid a formidable line-up of finalists, the prize was awarded to Nature Festival, SA's annual celebration of environment, sustainability and community.

Deputy Premier Dr Susan Close presented the new Innovation Award to Dr Maximilian Mann for his groundbreaking scientific research on a new alternative for recycling e-waste.

The second annual Leif Justham Young Achiever Award was presented to inspiring climate and sustainability campaigner Madeline McShane by Leif's mum, Helen Taylor.

The first major accolade of the night – the Jill Hudson Award for Environmental Protection – was won by campaigner Tom Morrison.

Tom was honoured for his work advocating for Adelaide's trees, changing the public narrative and directly leading to the commitment by the new Malinauskas Government to match Australian best practice in green canopy protection.

Finally, Green Adelaide's prestigious Pelzer Prize was presented as part of the SA Environment Awards for the first time in 2022.

Gardening personality, nature campaigner and community leader Sophie Thomson was presented the major award by Green Adelaide Board Chair Chris Daniels. Sophie was one of a stellar group of finalists, all of whom received special commendations for their work within a South Australian urban environment.

Due to scheduling, the 2022 Awards ceremony fell outside the 2021-22 financial year but is included in this report as a core part of our annual offering.

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AND DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT AND WATER



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With special thanks to event sponsor Adelaide Cemeteries

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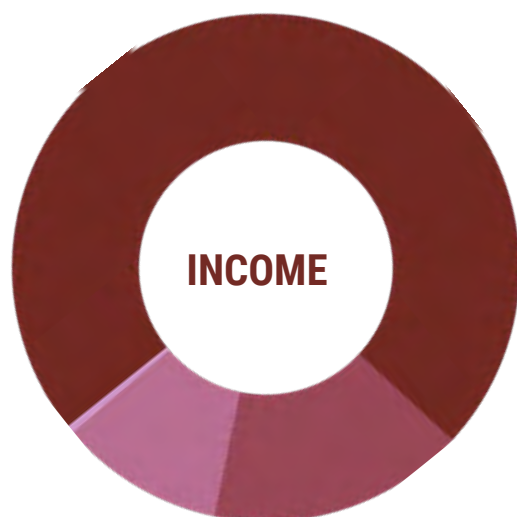
This financial year (2021–22), we finished with a deficit of \$62,092.

This was better than our budgeted deficit of -\$100,000 by approximately \$39,000, mainly driven by the receipt of COVID-19 government grants (\$11,000) and adoption of new accounting standard applicable on our donations and sponsorships.

With the new accounting standards, our donation revenue slightly dropped by \$38,000 compared to last year. This is in addition to \$6,300 being held on the balance sheet for the depreciation of our Joinery solar panels (funded by our generous supporters).

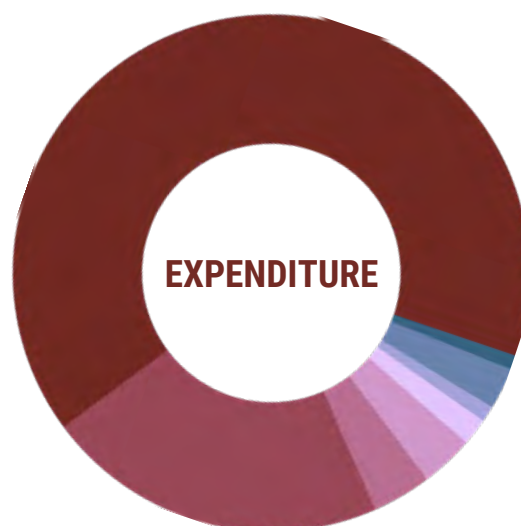
Overall, total revenue decreased by \$5,400 compared to last year. Despite this negative result, project grants and service contracts revenue were up by \$250,000, as operations were back to normal after COVID-19 restrictions which affected service delivery last year.

Our balance sheet remains strong with Net Quick Assets of 1.82, higher than 2020-21 due to the reduction of current liabilities, mainly Trade Payables and Project funds received in advance.



- Project grants and service contracts (72.6%)
- General income (16.4%)
- Public fund (Gift Fund) (10.5%)
- Other non-project income (0.5%)

- Project grants and service contracts (65.2%)
- Employees and consultants (21.4%)
- Other (3.7%)
- General operating (3.3%)
- Property (2.6%)
- Communications (1.7%)
- Financial (1.0%)
- Legal fees (0.9%)



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FUNDRAISING

Growing Conservation SA's financial stability and income generation has been a key strategic goal this year.

In 2021 we created a new Fundraising Manager role whose job is dedicated to increasing our financial strength into the future.

Our plan is to be more financially self-sufficient in the long term. We want to be confident we will exist to protect the environment should other sources of funding cease.

Since commencing in July 2021, Fundraising Manager Martin Carolan has implemented strategies to grow income and boost the number of people financially supporting Conservation SA's work.

One key strategy has been increasing the number of regular monthly donors – called *Network Supporters* – contributing to us.

This steady and regular flow of income is key to our future campaigning and provides us with additional discretionary funds so we can implement campaigns to protect our environment.

We refer to our monthly supporters as *The Network* because our planet is a network of ecosystems all working together to make up this earth we call home.

We are all interconnected with the land, the air and the sea. Without these ecological networks our world as we know it would not exist.

Our *Network* supporters are an integral part of our environmental network.

Conservation SA will continue to promote our *Network* over the coming years. It is built around a simple request: encouraging new donors to support us with a gift of 50 cents a day, or just \$15 a month.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our current *Network* supporters and all our financial donors for their generous support this financial year.

Their generosity is helping us deliver and act on vital environmental projects that are ensuring we have a pristine South Australian environment we all can enjoy.

TO JOIN THE NETWORK, VISIT
[CONSERVATIONSA.ORG.AU/NETWORK](https://conservation.sa.gov.au/network)

OUR PEOPLE

From our hard-working core team to our skilled contractors, from our wonderful volunteers to our experienced Executive Committee, we put our hearts and souls into our work.

With the support of our members, supporters and donors, our small but dedicated team give their all to keep Conservation SA leading the way for our environment.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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| President | Mark Anderson |
| Co-Vice President | Julie Holloway |
| Co-Vice President | David Bacon |
| Treasurer | Dr Kuntal Goswami |
| Secretary | Vanesa Duran |
| Member | Michael Cornish |
| Member | Anne Nunn |
| Member | Tahlia Taylor |
| Member | Sue Warneford |

STAFF TEAM

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| Chief Executive | Craig Wilkins |
| General Manager | Allys Todd (until Dec 21) |
| | Mark Anderson (since Mar 22) |
| Revitalising Private Conservation SA Grants Officer | Alyssa Bates (until Apr 22) |
| Office and Facility Manager | Andi Brown |
| Fundraising Manager | Martin Carolan (since July 21) |
| Administration Assistant (casual) | Lucinda Gray |
| Reef Watch SA Coordinator | Talitha Kaehne (until Feb 22) |
| | Jill Hadden (since Feb 22) |
| Customer Relationship Manager | Kirsty Klose |
| Adelaide Sustainability Centre Coordinator | Paige LeCornu (until Mar 22) |
| | Erin Sautter (since Mar 22) |
| Marketing, Design and Communications | Kate Sutcliffe |
| Outreach Coordinator | Joanna Wells |
| Finance Officer | Toni Zammit |

CONSERVATION SA AND THE JOINERY ARE STAFFED BY A DEDICATED TEAM OF PART-TIME EMPLOYEES WHO WORK TIRELESSLY TO SUPPORT OUR ROLE AS THE VOICE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

WITH THANKS TO
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OUR MEMBERS

Aldgate Valley Landcare Group Inc

Aldinga Bay Coastcare Inc

Anti Nuclear Coalition

Australian Association for Environmental
Education SA

Australian Centre For Sustainable Development
Research & Innovation (ACSURI)

Australian Conservation Foundation

Australian Electric Vehicle Association

Australian Institute of Landscape Architects
(SA Group)

Australian Nuclear Free Alliance

Australian Plants Society (SA Region) Inc

Australian Youth Climate Coalition SA

Bike Adelaide

Birds SA

Brownhill Creek Association Incorporated

CEDAMIA

Cheltenham Park Residents Association Inc

Citizens Own Renewable Energy Network
Australia

Clean Bight Alliance Australia

Community Alliance SA Inc

Eco-Action KI

Economic Reform Australia Incorporated

Extinction Rebellion SA

Field Naturalists Society of SA

Fishers for Conservation

Fossil Free SA

Friends of Gulf St Vincent

Friends of Parks

Friends of the Earth Adelaide Inc

Friends of Willunga Basin

Gawler Environment & Heritage Association Inc

Greening Australia (SA)

Landcare Association of SA Inc

Landscape Partnerships Inc

Limestone Coast Protection Alliance

National Trust of South Australia

Nature Conservation Society of SA

North East Hills Environmental Conservation
Association

Nuclear Operations Watch Port Adelaide

Orienteering SA Inc

Outdoors SA

People for Public Transport

Permaculture Association of SA Inc

Port Adelaide Residents Environment Protection
Group

Rise Up Singing

River, Lakes & Coorong Action Group Inc

SA Genetic Food Information Network Inc

Scientific Expedition Group Inc

St Agnes Bushwalking & Natural History Club

Sustainable Communities SA Inc

Sustainable Population Australia SA Branch

Tennyson Dunes Group

Toyota Landcruiser Club of Australia (SA)

The Wilderness Society (South Australia) Inc

Trees For Life

Vegetarian & Vegan Society (VegSA) Inc

Walking SA

West Mallee Protection Group

Western Adelaide Coastal Residents' Association

Wombats SA

Zoos SA

Together we are a force for nature

The Conservation Council of South Australia is a movement of passionate people who care about our state's incredible natural environment – and we want you to be a part of it.

For 50 years, Conservation SA has been committed to protecting, restoring and conserving our unique and beautiful natural spaces, and promoting a truly sustainable future for our state.

Along with our members and supporters, we are a powerful force for nature.

Join us!



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