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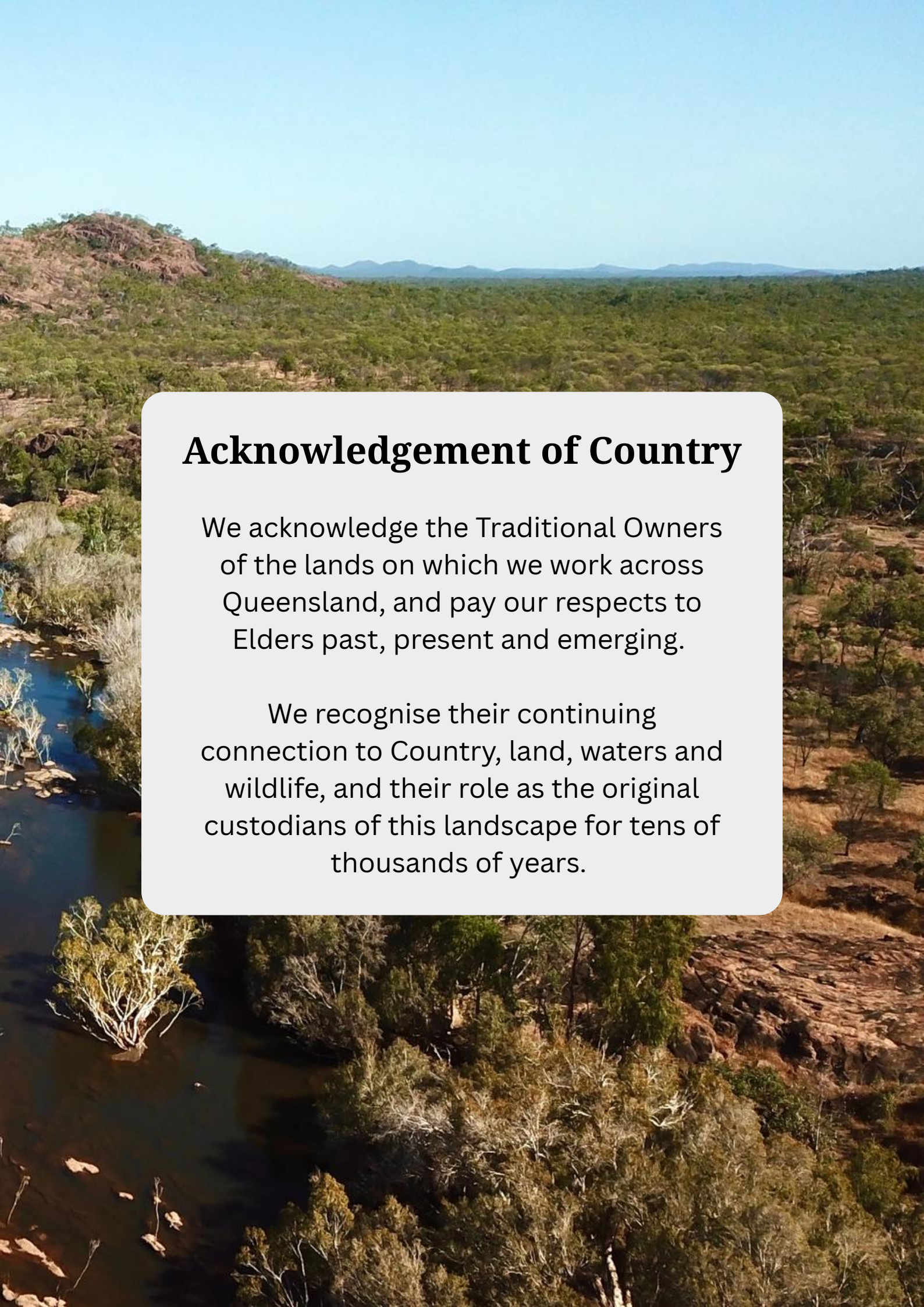
IMPACT REPORT

Protecting Wildlife.
Influencing Choices.
Engaging Communities.

1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026







Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we work across Queensland, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

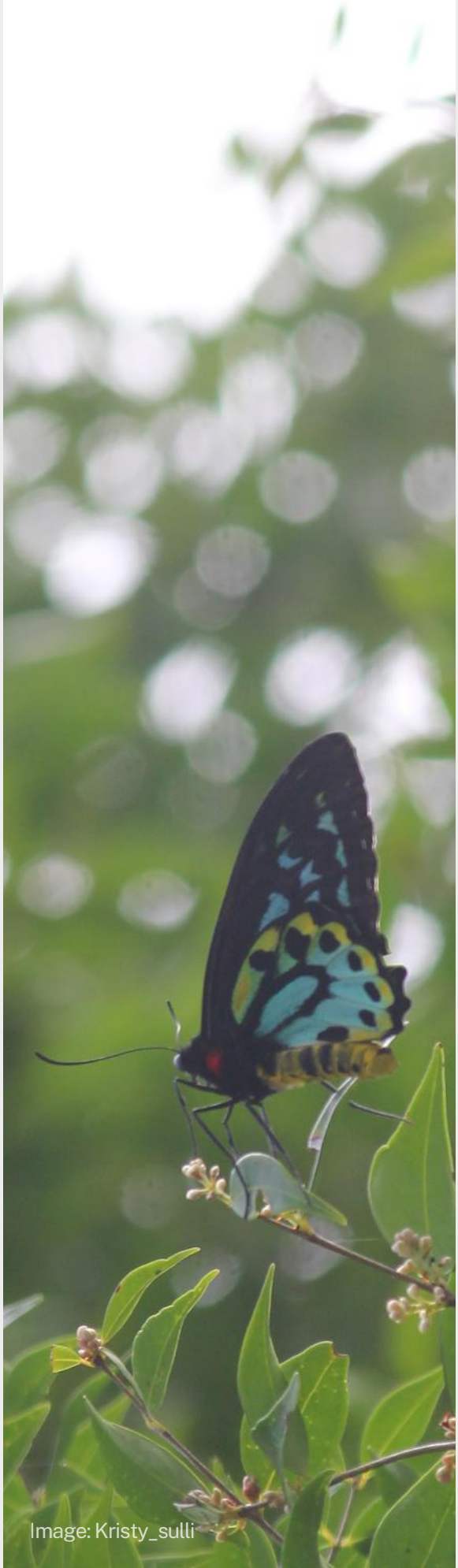
We recognise their continuing connection to Country, land, waters and wildlife, and their role as the original custodians of this landscape for tens of thousands of years.

"Each one of us matters, has a role to play, and makes a difference."

Dr Jane Goodall

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A message from our president



2026 has been a year of significant progress. Across Queensland, our branches, staff, volunteers, partners and supporters strengthened threatened species recovery, community conservation and advocacy for wildlife and habitat. We also advanced important governance reforms to position Wildlife Queensland for the future, while remaining firmly grounded in our conservation purpose.

Emeritus Professor Marc Hockings AO, President

A message from our CEO



A year of growing impact and stronger foundations. We expanded conservation programs, citizen science and advocacy, supported by significant growth in external funding for project work that is increasing the scale and reach of our conservation impact. We also strengthened fundraising, systems and governance, connecting science, community action and advocacy to deliver stronger outcomes for wildlife.

Dr John Tracey, CEO



Image: Greater glider, Josh Bowell/WQ

Year in Review



250+

eDNA survey sites
across the two Resilient Rivers sampling rounds



15,000+ ha

under targeted predator control for brush-tailed rock-wallaby recovery
with the species detected at 13 of 22 surveyed sites



137+

Richmond birdwing vines planted
from the specifically quantified Sherwood Kindergarten and quarry-site plantings alone

>150K

biodiversity observations throughout Queensland by Discover & Protect participants
representing >11k species in Queensland

140

community events and activities statewide
with 1,500+ people engaged directly

>115,000

camera-trap images of wildlife
for migration into state and national datasets



345.9% ↑

increased reach on Instagram
plus Facebook reach 1.3M and engagement up 134.8%



75+

formal submissions, ministerial letters, policy interventions and campaigns
more than a tenfold increase on previous years

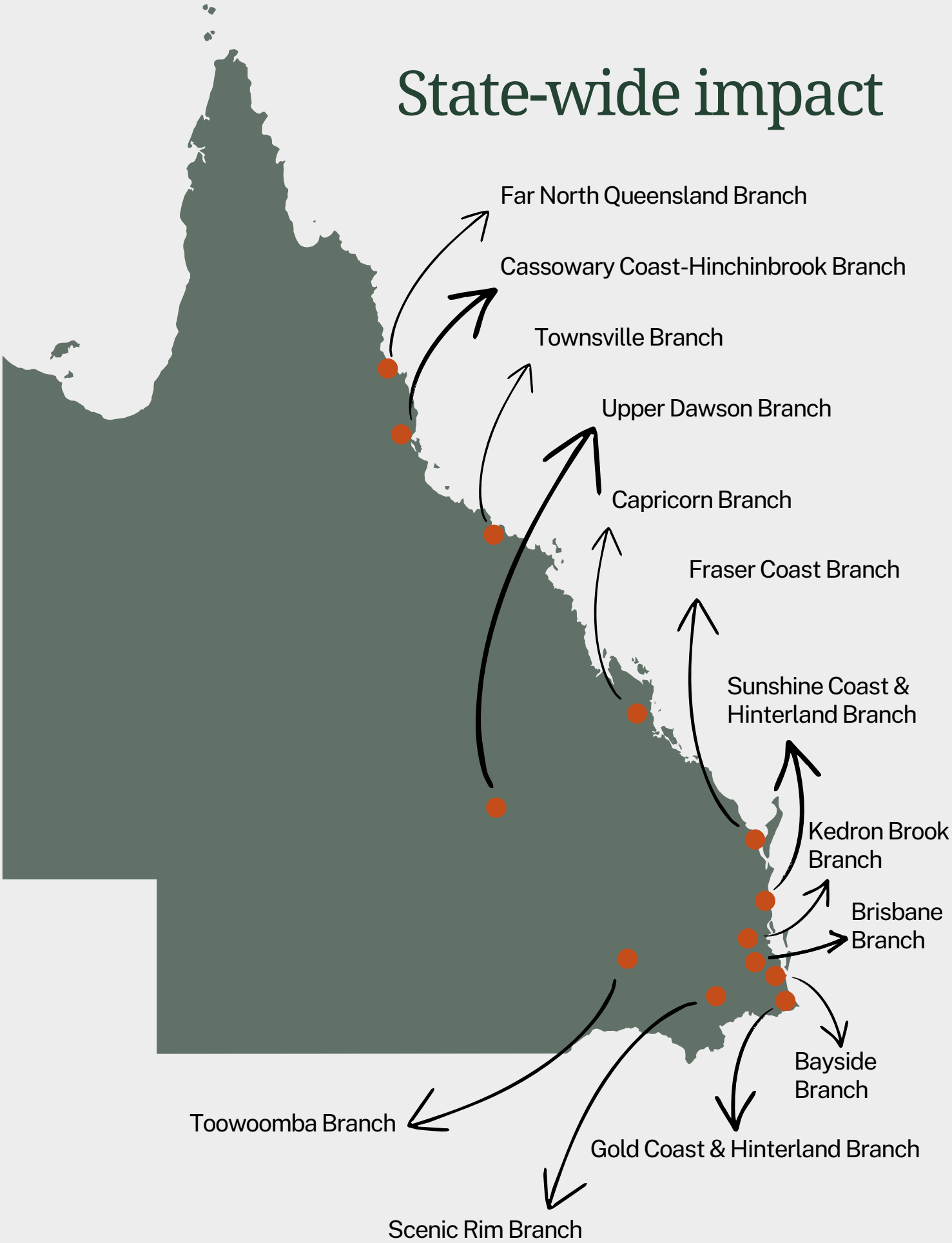
29,400

combined social media followers
across Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn

80% ↑

growth in project income

State-wide impact



Branch highlights

Tropical North

- Cassowary Coast-Hinchinbrook continued mahogany glider conservation through den-box evaluation, camera-trap support, wildlife-friendly fencing, corridor advocacy and public signage, as well as the long-running Pied Imperial Pigeon count.
- Townsville maintained local wildlife outings and joined conservation partners in a Ross River estuary clean-up.

Central Queensland

- Capricorn continued stewardship at Mount Etna Caves National Park, installed nest boxes at Duckponds Lagoon Reserve and maintained a local voice for wildlife affected by development and land-use change.
- Upper Dawson managed organisational change while escalating advocacy against Coal Seam Gas brine pollution in the Dawson River, and continued community engagement through outings, education and catchment partnerships.

Fraser Coast

- Fraser Coast pursued the Torquay Towers appeal and Gatakers Bay hotel licence matter, supported stronger protection for migratory shorebirds, ran seasonal Bioblitzes, monthly wildlife talks and community communications, and maintained representation in local environmental decision-making.

Sunshine Coast and Scenic Rim

- Sunshine Coast & Hinterland combined extensive planning and development advocacy with Faunawatch, Land for Wildlife surveys, wildflower education, restoration and the Greater Sunshine Coast Koala Sanctuary concept.
- Scenic Rim contributed to national environmental standards, Woogaroo Forest advocacy, raptor pesticide concerns, wildlife education and microbat monitoring.

Gold Coast and Hinterland

- Gold Coast & Hinterland maintained sustained advocacy on koala habitat, Dreamworld expansion, the Oxenford Quarry, Coomera Connector, the proposed Springbrook cableway, coastal planning and regional planning, while strengthening public communication through events, newsletters and media.

Brisbane, Bayside and Kedron Brook

- Brisbane expanded locally focused talks and Bioblitz learning.
- Bayside combined greater glider support, foreshore clean-ups and Redlands advocacy.
- Kedron Brook continued creek restoration, monthly bird walks, invasive-species work, frog trials and family wildlife events.

PROTECTING WILDLIFE



Wildlife Queensland continued to expand its science-led conservation portfolio during 2025-26, combining targeted threatened species recovery, biodiversity monitoring, habitat restoration and citizen science with practical conservation led by branches across Queensland. From mahogany glider habitat in the coastal far north and bat habitat at Mount Etna, to shorebirds and turtles on the Fraser Coast, wallum and koala habitat on the Sunshine Coast, creek restoration in Brisbane and threatened species recovery across southern Queensland, the focus remained on improving knowledge, reducing threats and supporting better management decisions for wildlife and habitat.

Image: Platypus, Tamielle Brunt/WQ

Resilient Rivers and PlatypusWatch

Dr Tamielle Brunt

Our freshwater work reached a new scale through the Resilient Rivers South East Queensland multi-species eDNA and Platypus Icon Stewardship project. The first regional sampling round resulted in:

250+ sites **12 LGAs** **660+ taxa**

+ priority species such as platypus and Australian lungfish

A second sampling round in May 2026 covered **275 sites** with additional restoration sites included in Laidley Creek and the Logan River.

The project is creating a regional biodiversity baseline that can help identify ecological hotspots, priority species distributions and restoration outcomes. An interactive map has made results more accessible to communities and decision-makers. Community observational surveys complemented eDNA sampling, including a Canungra Creek survey that recorded **eight platypus sightings** across 18 sites.



Dr Tam eDNA sampling



Dr Tam at platypus planting event

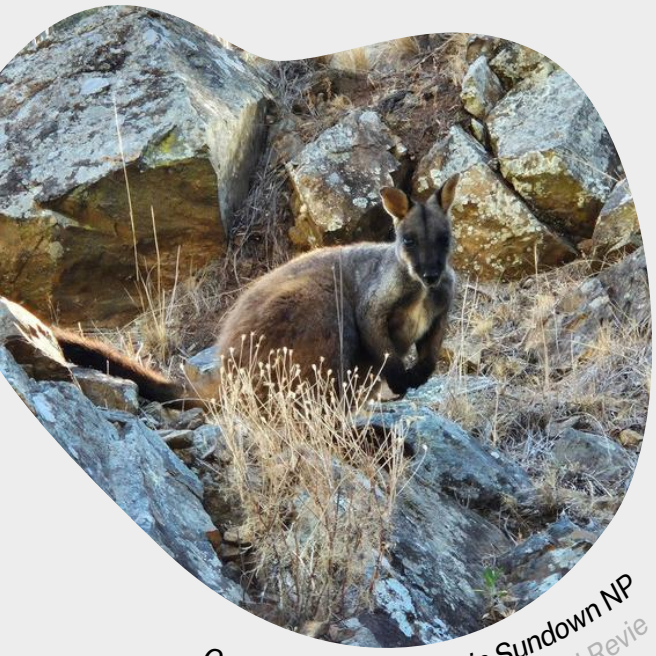
PlatypusWatch also continued targeted council programs. Brisbane City Council's 2025 survey covered **64 sites** across **10 waterways** and confirmed platypus DNA at **26 sites**, with a further **10 equivocal results**. Ipswich and Logan programs continued to build understanding of platypus distribution, aquatic biodiversity and species movement.

Brush-tailed rock-wallaby recovery

Paul Revie, Jessica Guidotti, Ash Taylor, Jesse Wojtala

This project delivered coordinated predator control, population monitoring, habitat management and landscape analysis for brush-tailed rock-wallabies across southern Queensland.

BRUSH-TAILED ROCK-WALLABY CONSERVATION NETWORK
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Confirmed population in Sundown NP © Paul Revie

1. Invasive Predator Control

Predator control was undertaken across more than **15,000 hectares** of priority habitat.

2. Colony Identification

Surveys were conducted throughout the species' range, with brush-tailed rock-wallabies detected at **13 of 22 surveyed sites**.

3. Habitat Restoration

Around **85 hectares** of invasive lantana were treated.

4. Connectivity Analysis

Connectivity analysis examined **506 records** across **115 populations** to identify isolated populations and priorities for future recovery.

5. Monitoring

Monitoring reported **encouraging juvenile survival** at priority sites and a **decline in fox activity**. Broader analysis also highlighted the scale of the recovery challenge, with **43 of 115** known populations assessed as potentially no longer persisting.



Project Officer Maaike surveying priority habitat

This project would not be possible without the generous support of our valued donors, this has enabled fox control, colony monitoring and surveys to continue beyond the original funded project period, including at Glen Rock, Mt Barney and the Lockyer Valley.

Richmond Birdwing Conservation Network

Matt Cecil

We expanded habitat restoration and community participation for the vulnerable Richmond birdwing butterfly.

Birdwing butterfly vines planted

62 at Sherwood Kindergarten through hands-on education activities

75 across Ferny Grove and Glass House quarry sites

Seed collection, propagation and vine distribution continued across South East Queensland.





Birdwing butterfly vine planting at Sherwood Kindergarten



Quarry Life Award Winners

A partnership with Heidelberg Materials Australia established breeding habitat at Wolffdene and Nerang quarry sites. The project was named the Australian winner of the 2025 Quarry Life Award, receiving $7,000, and Heidelberg Materials committed a further $4,000 annually to support expansion.

WQ also secured $24,230 through the Grassroots Environmental Grants program to extend community-based habitat restoration and corridor work.

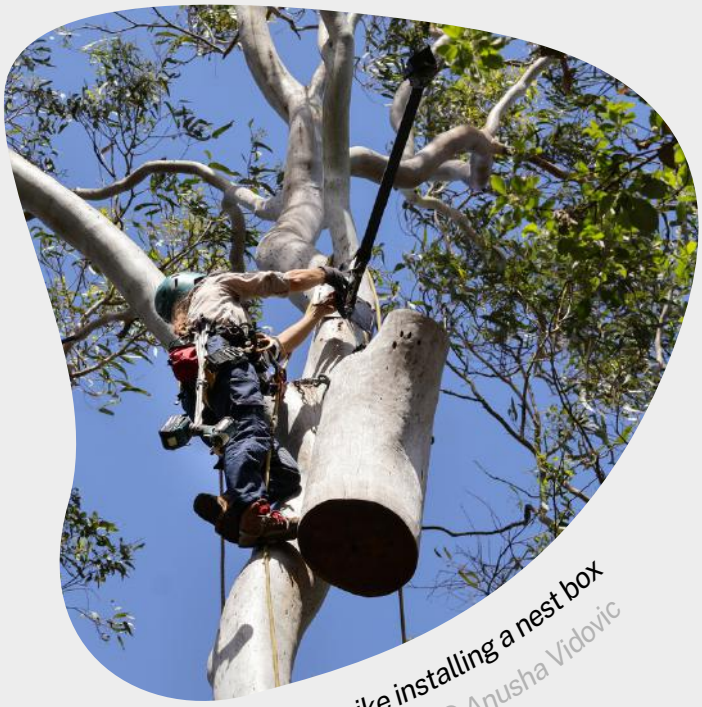
Gliders and tree hollows

Matt Cecil, Maaike Hofman, Josh Bowell, Daryl Dickson, Denise Seabright

The QGN continued research and monitoring for **greater gliders** and **yellow-bellied gliders**. At Nerang National Park and Sheep Station Creek Conservation Park, camera-monitored nest boxes and internal temperature and humidity sensors are helping assess how artificial hollows are used and how box design and placement can be improved.

A WIRES-supported project with Blackbutt Wildlife is adding greater glider nest boxes and monitoring cameras, while acoustic monitoring at Greenbank continued to track yellow-bellied glider presence.

Cassowary Coast-Hinchinbrook and Townsville Branches continued their long-running contribution to mahogany glider recovery with the Queensland Glider Network, Terrain NRM and the Mahogany Glider Recovery Team. Branch activity included long-term den-box evaluation, support for camera-trap surveys and sighting verification, wildlife-friendly fencing information, input on corridor connectivity, updated public signage and advocacy for the coastal woodland habitats on which the species depends.



Project Officer Maaike installing a nest box © Anusha Vidovic



Mahogany glider © Daryl Dickson

During 2026, the team also advanced an **innovative hollow eDNA project**, swabbing nest boxes to test whether DNA can identify the animals using hollows and comparing results against long-term camera monitoring.



EchidnaWatch

Dr Kate Dutton-Regester

Dr Kate secured more than $113,000 in new support across council, philanthropic and research funding streams. Twelve workshops, presentations and field activities were delivered across Ipswich, Logan, Moreton Bay and the Lockyer Valley, reaching **422 recorded participants**. Activities combined ecology and conservation information with citizen science, camera-trap results, field walks and detection-dog demonstrations.



EchidnaWatch workshop with a conservation detection dog Jarrah

© Anusha Vidovic

Discover & Protect and biodiversity monitoring

Wildlife Queensland's Discover & Protect initiative is building a growing community of citizen scientists contributing biodiversity records through iNaturalist, with a particular focus on threatened fauna and improving knowledge of species distributions.

Since 1 May 2025, the 261 participants engaged through Discover and Protect and associated activities, including the DETSI pilot project, Wildlife Queensland Bioblitzes, and some structured fauna surveys have contributed an impressive:

159,801 observations	**11,568** species	**8,221** observations of threatened species in Queensland	**260** threatened species in Queensland

Bioblitzes are a great way to discover what's around you. The Bioblitz at Archerfield Wetlands in May 2026 with Oxley Creek Catchment Association, Griffith University and Transurban is a good example. Almost **100 participants** joined with participants recorded more than **2,000 observations** representing nearly **500 species** through iNaturalist, including squirrel gliders, carpet pythons and white-bellied sea-eagles.



Archerfield Wetlands Bioblitz
© Anusha Vidovic



WQ also completed comprehensive fauna surveys for Redland City Council's Conservation Partnerships Program across high-conservation-value private properties. The work combined camera trapping, acoustic monitoring, spotlighting, amphibian surveys and freshwater eDNA, producing baseline information and property-specific management recommendations.

Grants and partnerships (selected)

Council grants for EchidnaWatch, WIRES support for greater glider nest boxes, Transurban's Discover & Protect, the Richmond birdwing Grassroots Environmental Grant, Heidelberg Materials support, and more.



Rainbow Lorikeets as the top observed species at the Bioblitz
© Annette Foy



INFLUENCING CHOICES

Our Head Office and branches used submissions, meetings, public communication, community coalitions, policy engagement and, in some cases, legal action to represent wildlife and habitat in decisions affecting places across Queensland.

Image: Orphaned flying-fox, Anusha Vidovic/WQ

Advocacy Highlights

- Delivered **75+ formal submissions, letters to ministers, policy interventions and state and branch-led campaigns**, representing more than a tenfold increase on previous years.
- Engaged in **major reforms to resource and environmental laws,** including submissions on national environmental standards, environmental offsets, the Nature Repair Market and Queensland environmental legislation.
- Expanded advocacy on development and infrastructure proposals with significant wildlife and habitat implications, including **Coochin Creek, Dreamworld, the Boral/ Oxenford quarry expansion, Woogaroo Forest, Toondah Harbour, Torquay Towers, Coolum Creek, the Caloundra Transport Corridor Upgrade, Save Our Spit, Ban Beach Bars** and the **Cableway No Way/ Springbrook** cableway campaign.

Capacity and credibility

- **Shaping state policy**

Represented wildlife in Queensland policy discussions on offsets, bioregional planning, dingo management, critical habitat and invasive predators.

- **Advocating for stronger laws**

Pushed nationally for stronger nature laws, better oversight and more threatened species funding, keeping Queensland's priorities on the agenda.

- **Reforming environmental offsets**

Championed offset reforms that put avoiding harm first, protect high-value habitat and deliver lasting conservation outcomes.

Wildlife Queensland and other environmental organisations at the Minister's Environmental Roundtable



Branch-led advocacy

- **Cassowary Coast-Hinchinbrook** contributed to the Draft Far North Queensland Regional Plan and continued advocating for mahogany glider habitat and connectivity.
- **Capricorn** members raised concerns about wildlife impacts associated with land clearing and supported local wildlife carers.
- **Upper Dawson** escalated advocacy against Coal Seam Gas brine contamination in the Dawson River, supported Banana Shire Council's platypus-safe yabby trap signage, and backed biosecurity efforts against invasive Harrisia cactus in the catchment.



- **Fraser Coast** pursued the Torquay Towers appeal, continued the Gatakers Bay hotel licence matter and helped secure seasonal protection for migratory shorebirds in a former dog off-leash area.

Community members protesting a high-rise development that threatened Hervey Bay's marine turtles, migratory shorebirds and near-shore reefs.

- **Sunshine Coast & Hinterland** engaged in the SEQ Koala Conservation Strategy, transport corridor assessments, Coochin Creek development proposals, the Sunshine Coast Waterways Authority Bill and the Greater Sunshine Coast Koala Sanctuary concept.
- **Bayside** continued coalition advocacy on Toondah Harbour, the Birkdale Community Precinct and other Redlands development pressures.
- **Scenic Rim** contributed to national environmental standards, Woogaroo Forest advocacy and work on pesticide risks to raptors.
- **Gold Coast & Hinterland** advocated on Dreamworld expansion, the Oxenford Quarry, Coomera Connector, the proposed Springbrook cableway, beach and coastal planning, koala conservation and the SEQ Regional Plan.



Gold Coast branch speaking up for wildlife and connecting with the community at the Botanical Bazaar

ENGAGING COMMUNITIES

Community participation remained central to our approach. We delivered walks, talks, workshops, field surveys, plantings, Bioblitzes, school activities, clean-ups, wildlife monitoring and public events, giving people practical ways to learn about wildlife, contribute useful data and improve habitat in their own communities.

Image: Bioblitz, Anusha Vidovic/WQ

Citizen science, surveys & BioBlitzes

Statewide programs and local surveys gave people hands-on ways to contribute to conservation research. Amongst others, these included Richmond Birdwing, Discover & Protect, alongside Fraser Coast's seasonal Bioblitzes (40 to 60 participants each), 26 Land for Wildlife fauna surveys on the Sunshine Coast, and Kedron Brook's butterfly surveys and moth and toad nights.

Walk & Talks

Guided outings and expert talks kept members connected with local wildlife. Highlights included Fraser Coast's monthly library talks, Sunshine Coast and Hinterland's Faunawatch and wildflower walks, Kedron Brook's monthly bird walks, and Townsville's whale and firefly outings.



Richmond birdwing butterfly citizen science survey

© Anusha Vidovic



Fraser Coast branch coastal walk

Community events

Special events and long-running traditions brought people together, including the '60 Years of Counting' Pied Imperial Pigeon event, Butterfly Day in Capricorn, family activities at Kedron Brook, and the popular Batty Boat Cruises.

Brisbane Branch talk on plants





Bayside Branch Clean-up Day

Clean-ups and restoration

Practical activities helped care for local habitat. Bayside's Redland Bay foreshore clean-up drew nearly 50 participants, Townsville members joined a Ross River estuary clean-up, and Capricorn supported nest-box installation and Mount Etna rehabilitation.

Education

Cassowary Coast-Hinchinbrook renewed 22 foreshore interpretive signs, creating an outdoor classroom, while branch newsletters and talks continued to share knowledge with members.

Digital growth

345.9% ↑
reach increase

Reach: 233,600
Engagement: 23,100

1.3 MILLION
reach

Engagement: 50,200
up 134.8%

170,000
active website users

Website views: 260,000
Key events: 34,000



- **44k+** LinkedIn reach, with nearly 3,000 engagements
- **29.4k+** combined following across our three social media platforms
- Our greater glider work reached an **international audience** through Animalogic, a Canadian science channel with over 2 million subscribers.

The year included substantial work to strengthen Wildlife Queensland's governance, systems, people capability and financial sustainability. This work was undertaken alongside continued growth in projects, advocacy and public engagement.

ORGANISATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

Image: Yellow-bellied glider, Josh Bowell/WQ

Governance and strategy

- **Strategic focus:** Continued delivery of the 2025–2030 Strategic Plan, with a focus on sustainable growth and fundraising.
- **Governance:** Transition to a Company Limited by Guarantee approved by members, new constitution adopted and initial directors appointed. Code of Ethics and Conduct introduced, and Sustainable Future Working Group established.
- **Systems:** Major progress cleaning up CRM data, with a remediation tracker in place. Improved HR, WHS, contractor and branch administration processes.

People

- Farewelled Peter Ogilvie PSM from the Board after many years of service, including more than a decade as President.
- Recognised Sally Spain for her long-standing leadership, and farewelled Wenda Shurety and Amy Hyslop (Communications/Fundraising) with thanks for their contributions.

Financial snapshot

Fundraising: Christmas and EOFY Appeals, Bequests and Estates, SBS On Demand bequest campaign, and Supporter Morning Tea.

67% ↑

Growth in donations in the last 2 years (to $230k)

$540K +

Received from Estates and Trusts

22% ↑

In supporters planning a gift in their Will

1ST-EVER

Bequest ad on SBS On Demand for 4 months

PROJECT INCOME (2017-2026)

80% growth in project income (from $420K to $754K in 2025–26)



Source: Wildlife Queensland annual financial statements

THANK YOU



Wildlife Queensland's work is possible because thousands of people choose to contribute in different ways: conducting surveys, attending branch meetings, pulling weeds, re-planting native species, sharing wildlife records, writing submissions, volunteering at events, donating, leaving gifts in Wills, providing technical expertise and building partnerships.

We thank every person and organisation who helped protect Queensland's wildlife during the year.

From protecting brush-tailed rock-wallaby populations and restoring Richmond birdwing habitat to improving knowledge of threatened gliders and surveying high-value conservation properties, the team worked tirelessly alongside government agencies, research organisations, community groups, landholders and industry partners. These partnerships extended the reach and impact of Wildlife Queensland's work while building the knowledge and community involvement needed to sustain conservation action over the long term. Through this dedication, the Projects Team, our members, supporters, volunteers and especially our generous donors continue to bring Wildlife Queensland's purpose to life: protecting wildlife, engaging communities and influencing choices to create a better future for Queensland's species and habitats.

Image: Superb fairywren, Anusha Vidovic/WQ

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