

Environmental Field Trip to Minjerribah

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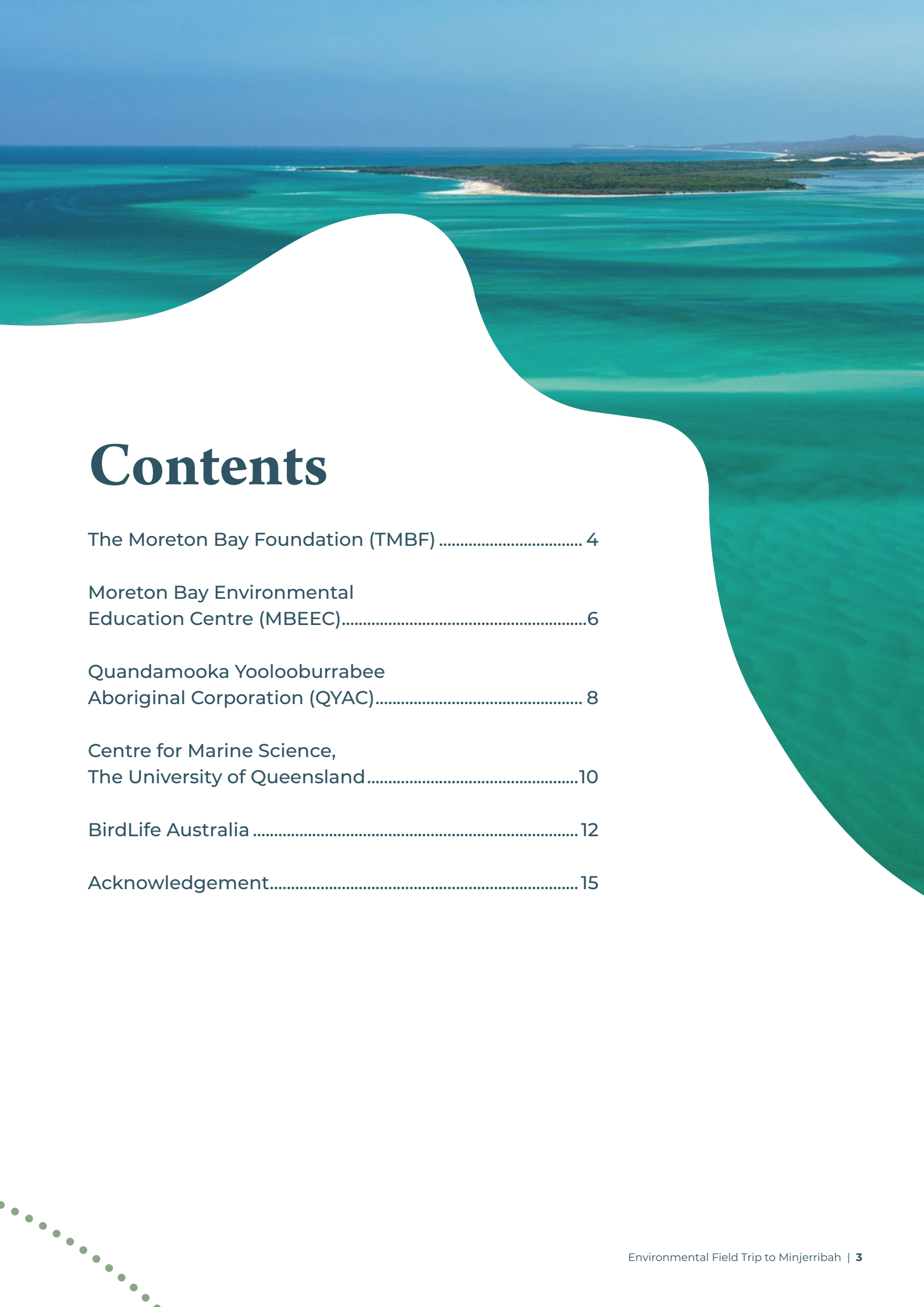
Moreton Bay is a place of extraordinary biodiversity, cultural significance and value to communities, researchers, and future generations. Yet it faces growing pressures from climate change, habitat loss, declining water quality and development. Protecting the Bay requires coordinated, evidence-led action.

This funding prospectus brings together organisations leading environmental education, marine science, conservation, advocacy and community engagement. Through research, habitat restoration, species protection, Traditional Owner engagement and education, these partners deliver practical pathways for impact.

Philanthropic support can accelerate this work, helping to protect and strengthen Moreton Bay and its connected ecosystems for generations to come. We encourage you to explore the funding opportunities presented in this prospectus and to contact the organisations directly if you have any questions or would like further information.



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Connecting people to protect Moreton Bay



THE MORETON BAY FOUNDATION

Moreton Bay is one of Australia's great coastal treasures—a place of extraordinary wildlife, natural beauty and deep cultural significance. The Moreton Bay Foundation was founded with a vision: for the Bay to be celebrated, understood and protected, and to remain healthy and resilient for generations to come.

Our members include four leading Queensland universities: The University of Queensland, Griffith University, Queensland University of Technology and the University of the Sunshine Coast. Drawing on their world-class scientific expertise, we foster collaboration and provide trusted, evidence-based advocacy for the Bay.

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Recent impact

Plotting a course for the Bay's future

Protecting a place as large and complex as Moreton Bay requires a shared plan. We commissioned the *Blueprint for a Sustainable Moreton Bay for People and Nature 2025–2035*—the first comprehensive roadmap for coordinated action across the whole Bay.

Drawing on peer-reviewed research and in consultation with 24 stakeholder organisations and nearly 40 experts, the Blueprint identified over 30 priority actions across nine areas of concern. These findings now guide research, partnerships, engagement and advocacy for the Bay.

Confronting the Bay's biggest threat

Excessive fine sediment clouds Moreton Bay's waters by reducing light levels essential for seagrass and coral health, and by smothering habitats that support fish, turtles, dugongs, shorebirds and other wildlife.

When the Blueprint identified sediment as the Bay's most critical pressure, we responded by commissioning investigations to understand more. *Sedimentation Impacts in Moreton Bay: A Priority Knowledge Synthesis* is a 244-page report that distils decades of research to explain how sediment threatens the Bay's marine life—providing the evidence needed to guide protections and restoration.

Turning evidence into advocacy

It is vital this knowledge reaches the people who are making important decisions that affect the Bay. By providing input to policy, legislative reform and major development proposals, The Moreton Bay Foundation has

become an authoritative, constructive and respected voice for the Bay. Our evidence-based submissions to all levels of government help keep the Bay's environmental and cultural values at the heart of decisions about its future.

Current signature projects

- **Strengthening love for the Bay**

People are more likely to protect what they know and love. Through celebration, education and opportunities to connect with the Bay, we help people understand what makes it special, the pressures it faces and how they can contribute to its future.

- **Safeguarding our coastal treasure**

The health of Moreton Bay begins far upstream. We are connecting Bay communities with landholders, catchment groups and decision-makers to build understanding of how land management, erosion and river restoration affect the Bay—and encourage action that reduces sediment before it reaches the coast.

- **Connecting Bay Leaders**

Through our *Bay Leadership Initiative*, we bring together the people and organisations whose decisions, knowledge and activities shape Moreton Bay. Government agencies, universities, Traditional Owners, councils, industry, businesses, community organisations and Bay users share knowledge, strengthen relationships and work collectively for the Bay's future through our regular collaboration forums.

How to support

Your donation gives Moreton Bay something it urgently needs: a strong, independent voice backed by evidence, and the capacity to bring people together to achieve change.

Your support will help us expand our sediment initiatives upriver, sustain the Bay Leadership Initiative, amplify priority research, strengthen community action and ensure the Bay's values are represented wherever important decisions are made.

By donating to The Moreton Bay Foundation, you help turn knowledge and collaboration into lasting protection for the Bay we all love.

For more information contact fundraising@moretonbayfoundation.org or visit www.moretonbayfoundation.org



Learning, connecting, caring for Country



MORETON BAY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE (MBEEC)

Moreton Bay Environmental Education Centre (MBEEC) is a Queensland Department of Education environmental education centre located in Wynnum, on the shores of Quandamooka Country. We provide engaging, curriculum-connected learning experiences that connect students with the natural, cultural and built environments of Moreton Bay and surrounding areas.

Our programs support students from Prep to Year 12, with learning experiences spanning science, geography, history, sustainability, cultural understanding, and outdoor education. Through hands-on fieldwork, investigation and place-based learning, students are encouraged to become curious, informed, and active stewards of their environment. MBEEC works closely with schools, Traditional Custodians, government agencies, universities, environmental organisations and community partners to provide authentic learning experiences. Our programs make the most of the diverse environments on our doorstep, including mangroves, foreshores, islands, wetlands, marine environments, heritage sites, and the Port of Brisbane.

Recent impact—the past five years

Over the past five years, MBEEC has continued to grow its role as a leader in place-based environmental education, despite the challenges and changing needs experienced by schools.

Connecting students with Country and culture

Our programs embed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives and provide opportunities for students to learn on Quandamooka Country. Partnerships with Quandamooka Cultural Officers and Elders have strengthened students' understanding of culture, Country, connection and caring for place.

Expanding authentic field-based learning

Students have participated in investigations of marine and coastal environments, mangroves, biodiversity, bird habitats, water quality, land use and environmental change. Our floating classroom, Inspiration, has enabled students to undertake learning directly on Moreton Bay and experience the connections between land, water and people.

Strengthening partnerships

MBEEC has developed and maintained strong partnerships with organisations including the Port of Brisbane, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, SeaLink, universities, environmental organisations and community groups. These partnerships bring specialist knowledge, authentic contexts, and current environmental issues into student learning.

Supporting teachers and schools

In addition to student programs, MBEEC has provided professional learning opportunities for teachers, including programs focused on embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives, science education, sustainability and learning on Country.

Building student leadership and environmental responsibility

Programs such as Young Writers, Young Leaders, Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journeys, and senior environmental studies provide opportunities for students to develop leadership, collaboration, fieldwork and problem-solving skills while building a stronger connection to their local environment.



Photo above: St Helena Jetty. Inset: Stradbroke Island Indigenous Tree

Current projects and priorities

MBEEC is continuing to develop programs that respond to the environmental, cultural and educational priorities of our region. In 2027 the Centre will again host a Young Writers Program with award winning author Gregg Dreise, where students become published authors. A science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) challenge investigating the impact of microplastics and ways to minimise this increasing global issue will be conducted with primary school students to enhance increased uptake of STEM.

Curriculum renewal

MBEEC is reviewing and enhancing programs to align with the Australian Curriculum Version 9.0, ensuring that field-based experiences remain relevant, contemporary and strongly connected to classroom learning.

Sustainability and environmental action

Our programs increasingly focus on real-world environmental challenges, including biodiversity, coastal environments, habitat protection, water quality, climate and human impacts. Students are encouraged not only to investigate environmental issues but to consider practical actions and solutions.

Partnerships for authentic learning

We continue to work with community, cultural, government, university and industry partners to create learning experiences that bring contemporary environmental issues and local knowledge into the classroom and field.

Through these initiatives, MBEEC is committed to connecting young people with Country, culture and community – inspiring the next generation to understand, value and care for the environment.

For more information

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Caring for Quandamooka Country

QUANDAMOOKA YOOLOOBURRABEE
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION (QYAC)



The Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) is the registered native title body corporate and cultural heritage body representing the Quandamooka People—the Traditional Owners of Mulgumpin, Minjerribah and the waters and islands of southern Moreton Bay.

Photo above: Munimba-ja Weaving Space. Below: QFest 2025 Smoking Ceremony



For generations, Quandamooka People have cared for this remarkable land and sea Country through knowledge, responsibility and cultural practice. Today, QYAC continues this custodianship by bringing together Quandamooka Knowledge and contemporary environmental science. Our work protects Country while creating employment, training and pathways for Quandamooka people to practise culture and pass knowledge to future generations.

Recent impact

Over the past five years, QYAC and the Quandamooka Rangers have strengthened Traditional Owner-led conservation across Quandamooka Country. Key outcomes include:

- expanding cultural burning, fire management and wildfire preparedness;
- protecting Minjerribah's unique, naturally occurring island koala population;
- managing weeds, feral animals and marine debris;
- restoring dunes, wetlands and other sensitive habitats;
- undertaking wildlife surveys and environmental monitoring;
- protecting cultural heritage places and culturally significant species;
- working in joint management of Minjerribah and Mulgumpin's protected areas; and
- engaging Elders, young people and partners in caring for Country.

This work demonstrates that strong environmental outcomes and the resurgence of Indigenous culture are inseparable.

Current projects

QYAC is seeking partnerships to expand several priority initiatives:

- **Koala conservation**
Combining cultural burning, thermal-imaging drones, artificial intelligence and ranger knowledge to protect Minjerribah's genetically significant koala population.
- **Land and Sea Country restoration**
Healing Country post-mining, including rehabilitating dunes, wetlands, waterways and culturally important habitats.
- **Cultural fire management**
Restoring Quandamooka-led burning practices to reduce severe bushfire risk, support biodiversity and renew culturally significant plants.
- **Threatened species protection**
Improving monitoring, habitat management and recovery programs for vulnerable plants and animals.
- **Marine and coastal stewardship**
Addressing marine debris, erosion, habitat degradation and other pressures affecting Quandamooka Sea Country.
- **Future custodians**
Supporting Junior Ranger activities, intergenerational knowledge transfer, training and employment pathways for Quandamooka young people.
- **World Heritage Listing**
QYAC is progressing its aspiration to have the protected areas recognised on the National Heritage List and subsequently nominated for World Heritage Listing.

How to support

QYAC welcomes philanthropic partnerships that enable Quandamooka People to lead the long-term protection of our Country. Support can fund ranger positions, conservation equipment, ecological research, habitat restoration, cultural burning, threatened-species programs and opportunities for the next generation of Quandamooka custodians.

QYAC is a registered charity with Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. Eligible donations are tax-deductible.

Scan the QR code to donate, discuss a philanthropic partnership or learn more about caring for Quandamooka Country.



Research with impact

CENTRE FOR MARINE SCIENCE, THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

Climate change, coastal development, declining water quality and habitat loss are placing increasing pressure on marine ecosystems and the communities that depend on them.

The University of Queensland's (UQ's) **Centre for Marine Science** (CMS) brings together more than 100 research groups across science, engineering, technology, law and social science to understand these challenges and develop practical solutions.

Our research spans across species and habitats from seahorses and octopuses to shellfish reefs, seagrass meadows, coral reefs and mangrove forests. We also address marine wildlife and fisheries; coastal processes and water quality; remote sensing and engineering; and marine policy and governance.

CMS' position as a global leader in marine research, education and training is strengthened by access to UQ's two internationally renowned marine research

stations at **Moreton Bay** on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island), and **Heron Island** on the southern Great Barrier Reef.

By connecting researchers with Traditional Owners, government, industry and communities, CMS is driving social change and promoting healthy and resilient environments and livelihoods.

Connecting for impact

CMS creates impact by bringing together people, expertise and resources to tackle major marine challenges.

In 2026, our Great Barrier Reef event connected 150+ people across government, research, industry and environmental groups. Internationally, CMS hosted 110+ marine scientists at the West Pacific Marine Biology Network Symposium in 2025, helping secure support for a new International Research Network.

CMS is strengthening partnerships with Traditional Owners through Cultural Awareness Training and Knowledge Exchange workshops, while investing in future marine leaders through the Marine Society UQ and support for emerging researchers.

Through CoralWatch citizen science, youth programmes and ranger training, UQ research reaches communities across Queensland.

Collaborative initiatives

CMS delivers new knowledge, approaches and technologies through place-based initiatives.

At the forefront is the **Healthy Moreton Bay Initiative**—a vision for a thriving and sustainable Moreton Bay by 2032. This multidisciplinary project brings together researchers, Traditional Owners, government, industry and communities to understand the Bay, address threats and develop practical solutions. Early philanthropic investment, including support from the Goodman Foundation, is helping build the research capacity needed to realise this vision.

At Heron Island, **Connecting Communities to the Reef** brings together research, long-term monitoring, education, Traditional Owner engagement and knowledge exchange.

to build an integrated understanding of this ecosystem, and share that knowledge beyond the research community.

To drive innovation and create impact that is positively changing and protecting the world's coasts, oceans and reefs, CMS is strengthening the infrastructure and partnerships that underpin marine discovery.

Our approach represents a shift towards connected, long-term marine research capable of delivering impact at the scale our oceans need.

How you can support

Philanthropy accelerates promising ideas, invests in people and builds the long-term

research capacity needed for healthier oceans. With your support, we can equip the next generation of marine scientists to find solutions to major challenges.

Your support could:

- **Transform Moreton Bay**—support scholarships and research to ensure this extraordinary place is protected, preserved, enjoyed and respected for generations to come.
- **Drive marine solutions**—protect species and restore habitats by supporting research on seahorses, octopuses and other species, or conservation of shellfish reefs, seagrass meadows, mangroves and coral reefs.
- **Connect people with the Great Barrier Reef**—expand monitoring, technology, education and knowledge exchange through Connecting Communities to the Reef at Heron Island.
- **Invest in the next generation**—provide scholarships, fieldwork, research placements and seed funding for emerging marine researchers.
- **Build knowledge for the future**—sustain long-term monitoring, specialist infrastructure and datasets beyond short-term research funding.

Whether supporting a species, a place, a researcher or an ambitious new idea, we welcome the opportunity to work with you to create meaningful, lasting impact.

Whether supporting a species, a place, a researcher or an ambitious new idea, philanthropic contributions can help turn marine science into meaningful and lasting change.

Get in touch to discuss how you can make a difference

Please contact Brenda Tournier, Director Advancement, Faculty of Science at b.tournier@uq.edu.au or 0447 537 384 to discuss your gift or visit marine.uq.edu.au/about/giving

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Saving Australia's threatened birds



BIRDLIFE AUSTRALIA

BirdLife Australia is Australia's leading bird conservation organisation. For more than 125 years we have worked to protect native birds and restore the habitats they need to survive. As a national environmental charity and a trusted authority on bird data, research and conservation action, we work with 400,000 supporters and partners to drive transformational change to save birds and save life.

Australia is in an extinction crisis. One in six native birds is now threatened with extinction and threatened bird populations have declined by an average of 60 per cent since 2000. Habitat destruction, invasive predators and climate change are driving this loss, but well-resourced, science-backed conservation can reverse decline and help species recover.

BirdLife occupies a unique place in Australia's environmental sector by connecting rigorous science with practical on-ground action, advocacy and education. Together with our national community, we are achieving major outcomes for birds and the places they depend on.

Recent achievements include:

- **Reducing the threat from bird-killing rodenticides** In March 2026, the Australian Pesticides And Veterinary Medicines Authority recommended banning the public sale of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides, and major retailers began removing products from shelves. This potential wildlife-protection milestone reflects sustained public pressure and a decade of advocacy by BirdLife Australia and other conservation groups.
- **Protecting internationally significant Moreton Bay wetlands** In April 2024, Walker Corporation withdrew its Toondah Harbour proposal in Queensland's Ramsar-listed Moreton Bay wetlands after a decade of community campaigning led by BirdLife Australia. The outcome showed the power of volunteer data from the National Shorebird Monitoring Program.
- **Helping Hooded Plovers recover** Since the Beach-nesting Birds program began in 2006, BirdLife has halted the decline of Victoria's Hooded Plover population and improved chick survival through targeted action, citizen science and community education.



Credit: Sandy Horne -
Striated Grasswren

- **Restoring wetlands at Mungalla**

Working with the Nywaigi people and partners, we are restoring estuarine conditions at Mungalla in Queensland. Native aquatic plants, birds and fish have returned, and Vulnerable Latham's Snipe are now more than 20 times more abundant in restored wetlands than at nearby control sites.

- **Supporting Australia's H5 bird flu response**

Our scientists are advising governments and land managers on wild bird ecology, movement and congregation sites. This expertise has helped create AviFluMap, a decision-support tool that models bird susceptibility and identifies likely hotspots.

- **Powering conservation through Birdata**

Australia's longest-running wildlife database holds more than 2.5 million records and has informed threatened species listings, the Action Plan for Australian Birds, protected area planning, fire management and conservation action by governments and NGOs.

- **Restoring woodland on private land**

Through Birds on Farms, we are monitoring birds on more than 430 rural properties, engaging landholders and communities, and protecting or restoring over 536 hectares of woodland through habitat plans and stewardship agreements.

- **Rebuilding the Regent Honeyeater population**

In April 2026, staff observed 20 critically endangered Regent Honeyeaters in one morning in the Hunter Valley, a sign of progress after years of targeted work. Since the program began, 547 captive-bred birds have been released to bolster the wild population.

- **Guiding renewable energy away from high-risk bird habitat** In late 2025, BirdLife Australia and BirdLife International launched AVISTEP in Australia, providing planners and the renewable energy sector with maps identifying where birds face greater risk from windfarms, solar facilities and powerline infrastructure.

Our national programs are extensive, practical and collaborative

Across more than 130 threatened species, our work spans policy reform, monitoring, research, threat mitigation, habitat restoration, education and public engagement. We collaborate with landholders, Traditional Owners, local communities, partner organisations and governments so resources are used effectively, and conservation impact is maximised. Our work helps birds thrive while strengthening whole ecosystems.

We invite you to partner with BirdLife Australia

BirdLife's conservation and advocacy work is possible because of donations, memberships and partnerships. Philanthropic support helps deliver critical conservation at scale and build a future where Australia's native birds flourish in healthy, diverse landscapes. To discuss partnering with us please email philanthropy@birdlife.org.au or visit www.birdlife.org.au/donate to donate.



BirdLife Australia is an independent registered charity and endorsed Deductible Gift Recipient. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Together, we can ensure birds and nature are valued, conserved and restored, sustaining a healthy planet for the benefit of all.



Acknowledgement

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Quandamooka people, the Traditional Owners of Minjerribah and its surrounding sea Country. We are grateful for the generosity of the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) and community members in sharing their culture, knowledge and Country with our delegates during this field trip.

This Environmental Field Trip has been organised on behalf of The Goodman Foundation. Our offices are situated on the lands of the Jagera and Turrbal peoples, the Traditional Custodians of Meanjin, the lands on which we meet, work and learn. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to Traditional Owners, Custodians and Elders, both past and present.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of our partner organisations for their generosity, expertise and hard work in bringing this field trip to life.

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