

10 YEARS OF PHILANTHROPIC GIVING



CONSERVATION GRANTS

In May 2008 The Garry White Foundation was founded by Garry White and endorsed by the ATO as a charity.

This year, we celebrate ten years of giving through sharing of some successful projects GWF has funded and the great relationships made.

Before Garry passed away in September 2008, he specified **Bush Heritage** as a conservation group he wished to support. Between 2009 and 2013, \$105,000 was gifted to Bush Heritage with a great success being the re-discovery of a species. The Nardoo Hills Reserve in north-central Victoria received funding for management and weed control. After six months of this program roll out, the long presumed to be extinct Robust Greenhood Orchid was discovered on the reserve (last sighted in Maldon in 1941) . 6 plants in total were discovered and now the DSE and Royal Botanical Gardens are researching the orchid to help manage the species and safeguard its future.



Pic: Robust Greenhooded Orchid

GWF has supported Australian Wildlife Conservancy over our 10 year history with \$260,000 of funding.

\$120,000 was granted over three years to support the release of 40 male Bridled Naitail Wallabies – a species which is nationally endangered (in Qld and Vic) and extinct in NSW. These 40 males were bred in and then released from AWC's Scotia reserve feral-free area (a 4,000 ha fenced area) and intensively monitored for three months after their release. Unfortunately only 7 individuals (18%) survived. Although not successful, many lessons were learnt from this ground breaking project (the first of it's kind) and have now been implemented into a Phase two release of 20 males and 10 females.

AWC protects the largest population of this species in the country.

AWC has also received support from GWF for their Tableland project. In partnership with the Yulmbu Community, AWC manages a vast 308,000 hectare sanctuary in remote central Kimberley. The Yulmbu partnership provides a new model for integrating conservation and community development on indigenous land. AWC leases the land from the community and collaboratively works together to meet specific conservation performance targets. The community receives income, employment, assistance with managing cattle herds and improved infrastructure. Over 40 mammals and 207 birds are found on the sanctuary, with 17 listed as threatened.



Pic: Bridled Naitail Wallaby and Joey

Since 2011, GWF has provided \$64,000 in core funding for the **Invasive Species Council**. This small organisation is the main conservation group pressuring governments to do more to control weeds, pests and disease that threaten Australia. Australia has the worst mammal extinction rate in the world, with an estimated 75 million native animals being killed every night by feral cats alone.

"Where would the Invasive Species Council be without the support from the likes of Garry White Foundation. Its consistent contributions have allowed us to get on with the job of stopping new invasive species coming into Australia. As an emerging conservation group working on a neglected issue, the support from the Garry White Foundation has given us the stability and confidence to focus on one of the biggest threats facing the natural environment in Australia – invasive species.

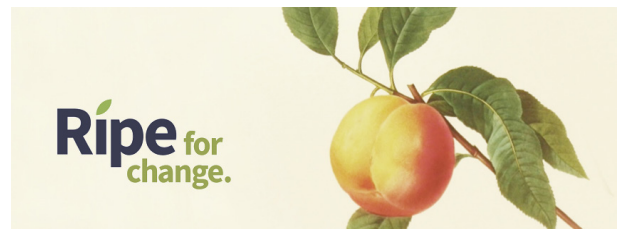
During the time of the foundation's significant support we have achieved a favourable Senate inquiry into environmental biosecurity, secured \$10.5 million for eradicating yellow crazy ants from the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area and \$411 million for the eradication of red fire ants from south east Queensland.

*Thank you Garry White Foundation for your crucial support."
Andrew Cox, CEO, Invasive Species*

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD GRANTS



GWF has supported the food rescue organisation **FareShare** for 10 years with \$620,000 in funding. This money was allocated to head chef, Kellie's wages. In 2017 FareShare kitchen volunteers and chefs made 1.2 million nutritious meals for various charities using 821 tonnes of rescued food as well as 40 tonnes of vegetables grown on FareShare's kitchen garden lands.



In 2017, GWF along with the Morris Family Foundation headed up a new small grants initiative called **Ripe For Change**. The aim of this program is to find strategic ways to support positive change to Victoria's food system, funding initiatives which fall into four outcome areas: Healthy Natural Systems, Viable Enterprises, Health Equity Access and a Galvanised Food Movement. In its first year, the initiative focused on Mornington Peninsula to Casey Cardinia (MPCC) region as a useful first step to better understand the food system within the region. 32 applications were received for the MPCC initiative with 13 successful applicants sharing in \$50,000 worth of grants. This is an ongoing initiative which will become one of GWF's core funding areas to support a positive change in the sustainable food and agriculture space in Victoria.

SUSTAINABILITY GRANTS



ON THE FRONTLINE: CLIMATE CHANGE & RURAL COMMUNITIES



Tree Project is a volunteer organisation leading the way in sustainable re-vegetation through out Victoria.

A newly formed partnership between GWF and **Farmers For Climate Action** began at FCA's inception in 2016. Firstly, through an auspice from **Climate Council Australia**, GWF funded two young farmers to attend the Paris Climate talks to learn and also speak on behalf of Australian farmers. Climate Council has received a total of \$28,000 since 2016 to help launch FCA. This included funding media work to promote and train farmers to become key media voices as well as to produce a report titled *On The Front Line: Climate Change and Rural Communities*. This report revealed that climate change is likely to worsen disadvantages suffered by rural and regional communities, and also highlighted many positive solutions. The report was featured in over 100 media items and can be accessed here: <http://www.climatecouncil.org.au/ruralreport>



EDUCATION COMMUNICATION GRANTS



The **Australian Youth Climate Coalition** has received \$135,000 since 2011 for partial funding of their Climate Leaders Training Program. The program piloted in 2015 with 100 young people trained in a nine-month intensive program and another 300 young people trained through two-day training camps to learn about climate change and how to facilitate action around this important issue. In 2017 the training camp was run again with partial funding from GWF. Many young people who have attended Climate Leaders have gone on to work for government or campaign with other NFP organisations. AYCC is today a movement of over 150,000 young people fighting and educating for a safe climate for future generations.

"Thank you so much to the Garry White Foundation for your support for AYCC's Climate Leaders program, with your support we have trained over 1000 in the last two years." Gemma Borgo-Caratti, National Director, AYCC

The **Australian Marine Conservation Society** has received \$85,000 in GWF funding since 2011. From 2011 to 2014 funding for a Clean Up Our Oceans campaign, was provided to tackle the problem of more than 7 billion tonnes of plastic entering the ocean every year. With guidance from Ben Hodson, an excellent 3 minute video was produced to highlight the problem of plastic in our oceans. The video was selected as part of Flickerfest 2015 and has had more than 26,000 views online. View the video here:

<https://www.marineconservation.org.au/pages/give-frank-a-break.html>

GWF has also funded important public awareness and action around Fight for The Reef campaign. This campaign has included Great Barrier Reef reporting to UNESCO World Heritage committee, advocating against mining expansions in Qld and community engagement and education.



AYCC leaders and volunteers

COMMUNITY WELLBEING GRANTS

Windemere is a community welfare agency working across south-east Victoria. Between 2016/17, GWF granted \$30,000 for a counselling support role as part of Building Respectful Relationships program at Cranbourne Secondary College. The program was delivered to 200 year 8 students from varying socio economic status and culturally diverse backgrounds. The aimed of the program was to create and build positive perspectives and understanding of violence in our community. It enabled students to learn how to be build respectful relationships, discuss issues around sexual harassment, gender based violence and where to go for support.

This pilot program was deemed so successful it will now be implemented across Victorian schools and early childhood services as a part of a Victorian Government initiative to deliver Respectful Relationships state wide.

"With thanks to The Garry White Foundation's generosity, we are able to provide weekly ongoing counselling assistance located at the school for students in the program.

Since being involved in the program, two-thirds of students felt they had changed the way they related towards other people. Additionally, out of the 38% of students who indicated they did not know about sexual harassment prior to the program, almost all indicated they were going to change how they treated people. "
www.windemere.org.au

"This program has been one of the most powerful positive influences on our students... They are displaying greater tolerance towards one another and are more resilient and willing to challenge others who exhibit harmful behaviours."

Martin Cash, Principal - Cranbourne Secondary College

These programs highlight just some of the projects GWF has supported over our first ten years. We are proud to have provided over \$2.5m in funding to 46 various charities working within Australia and abroad who are committed to creating a fair and sustainable future.