

Conservation Council of SA

Member Groups Updates 2009/10



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Xanthorrhoea, Flinders Ranges.

Photo: Kathy Whitta

Dear Friends,

As the peak body for environment and conservation groups in South Australia, the Conservation Council of SA is here to provide a voice for the environment and the numerous individuals and groups who work to protect it.

This booklet showcases some of that work in 2009-10, by both the member groups who make up the Council, and the representatives who ensure conservation is given proper consideration on government committees.

Our members are non-profit conservation groups large and small, engaged in activity ranging from advocacy through to on-ground works to restore degraded ecosystems.

We believe the best conservation outcomes can be achieved by groups working together to share their knowledge, insights and experiences. When conservation groups can engage with other sectors and interest groups, we can achieve even more.

The booklet is a communication tool to increase awareness of the group's activities, services and opportunities – within the movement, government and the wider community.

We hope it facilitates relationships and partnerships that will help everyone increase the reach and effectiveness of their vitally important conservation work.

October 2010

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River Murray

Photo: Les Williams

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www.conservation.sa.org.au

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Eco-Action KI
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Friends of Parks
Friends of the Earth Adelaide
Friends of Willunga Basin
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Greening Australia SA
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Marine Life Society of SA
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Native Fish Australia (SA)
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North East Hills Environment Conservation Association
Orienteering Association of South Australia
People for Public Transport SA
People's Environment Protection Alliance
Permaculture Association of SA
River, Lakes & Coorong Action Group
SA Genetic Food Information Network
Scientific Expedition Group
Soil Association of South Australia
South Australian Herpetology Group
Southern Eco-Alliance
Spencer Gulf Environmental Alliance
St Agnes Bushwalking & Natural History Club
Sustainable Population Australia SA Branch
Toyota Landcruiser Club of Australia (SA)
Urban Ecology Australia
Vegetarian Society of SA
Walking SA
Western Adelaide Coastal Residents' Association
Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society
The Wilderness Society (SA)
Zoos SA

Member Group	Aldinga Bay Coastcare Inc	
Spokesperson	Trevor Woods, Chairman	
Contact Details	PO Box 1221 Aldinga Beach 5173 08 8556 3662 abc@FIVE173.com	
<p>Key role of Member Group:</p> <p>Conserving the natural assets and ecological value of Aldinga Bay, its water catchment and its marine systems.</p>		
<p>The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wastage of stormwater when storage and purifying on land is possible. 2. The state government's policy of granting vehicular access to our beaches. 3. An absence of enactments which would create wildlife and watercourse corridors. 		
<p>Key achievements for 2009-10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successfully planting over 550 indigenous seedlings into the local sand dunes as part of working bees and a community planting day. • Successfully advocating for more appropriate signage to enforce the winter closure of the northern end of Aldinga beach to vehicular access. • Successfully advocating for the completion of access steps to prevent further erosion of the remaining significant sand hills. • Forming a closer working relationship with the City of Onkaparinga's Biodiversity unit for better outcomes. <p>Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educating the public by giving numerous audio-visual presentations to a range of community groups both locally and in the city • Disseminating information gathered from research and consultation of experts via a mixture of media:- letter, newsletter, leaflet, interview and exhibition • Engaging in dialogue with Onkaparinga Council councillors and staff • Petitioning for strongly-held beliefs and successfully changing opinions • Lobbying for improvements to proposed civil projects and policies, e.g., management of the Washpool lagoon; reform of the by-laws • Forming closer bonds with Friends of Aldinga Scrub, Reef Watch, Maslin Beach Coastcare, Birds Australia and the NRM Board 		

Member Group	Animal Liberation	
Spokesperson	Geoff Russell, Committee Member	
Contact Details	0418 805 184 geoffrey.russell@gmail.com	

Key role of Member Group:

The key role of Animal Liberation is to prevent harmful exploitation of animals.

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:

1. Climate change ... changing food choices is the biggest thing an individual can do in their daily life to reduce their carbon footprint. To this end we run vegan cooking classes, and
2. Distribute educational material relating to the impact of food choices on the environment
3. Food choices also impact water use and pollution.

Key achievements for 2009-10:

- Vegan cooking classes have expanded
- We have a new website with updated information
- The recognition by environment groups of the connection between food and climate change and other environmental issues is slowly rising ... we can point to numerous news articles during the previous 12 months which confirm this, but there is still a long way to go

Member Group	Association of South East Field Naturalist Societies	
Spokesperson	Heather Kriesl, President	
Contact Details	08 8762 3962 heathersoffice@aapt.net.au	

Key role of Member Group:

Observing, monitoring and enjoying the Natural environment

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:


1. Water issues.
2. Mundulla yellows.
3. Feral plant and animal control.

Key achievements for 2009-10:

- We monitor and report feral weeds and animals to NRM.
- Do volunteer weed control such as Boneseed pulling, pine tree removal whenever we are out and about.
- One member has spoken about biological control of Bridal Creeper. Several field days for adults and school groups have been held where the making of Spore water for spreading the Rust Fungus onto Bridal creeper has been demonstrated. One of these school activities was in conjunction with the "Weed Warriors" program where Bridal Creeper Leaf hoppers were also released.
- Some members have worked with the "Threatened species" people to monitor some of the threatened Flora and Fauna of the area. Others have also been involved with several bird census activities such as counting shore birds and the South East Red-tailed Black Cockatoo.
- Tracking bats for the Naracoorte Caves National Park was another activity that several members were involved in.
- Two members also taught and helped a staff member to prepare an Herbarium for an area of the Naracoorte Caves National Park.

Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:

The achievements mentioned above are an on-going activity for all of our groups. None of these activities are ever finished.

Member Group	Australian Civic Trust Inc	
Spokesperson	Darian Hiles, Chairman	
Contact Details	GPO Box 1000 Adelaide 5001 0401 122 801 darian_hiles@hotmail.com	
<p>Key role of Member Group: Monitoring and facilitating improvements to the civic environment</p>		
<p>The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lack of appropriate planning 2. Uncontrolled pollution 3. State Government acting against the environment, e.g. in urban sprawl 		
<p>Key achievements for 2009-10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards & Brickbats program • Policy development 		

Member Group	Australian Conservation Foundation	 AUSTRALIAN CONSERVATION FOUNDATION
Spokesperson	Denise Boyd, Campaigns Director	
Media	Josh Meadows, Media Advisor	
Contact Details	Floor 1, 60 Leicester Street Carlton Vic 3053 General 03 9345 1111 Media only 03 9345 1109 Email acf@acfonline.org.au	

Key role of Member Group:

The Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) is committed to inspiring people to achieve a healthy environment for all Australians. For over 40 years we have been a strong voice for the environment, promoting solutions through research, consultation, education and partnerships. We work with the community, business and government to protect, restore and sustain our environment. We are a national, community-based environmental organisation.

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:

1. Restoring the Murray Darling to health
2. Uranium mining standards & Uranium exports
3. Putting a price tag on pollution and making clean energy cheaper

Key achievements for 2009-10:

ACF exposed the appalling consequences of BHP Billiton's planned expansion of the Olympic Dam mine in South Australia.

- ACF welcomed the finding of the Federal Government's Joint Standing Committee on Treaties that Federal Parliament resolves to work towards the abolition of nuclear weapons.
- ACF's Climate campaign efforts continue, with focus now on the Parliamentary multiparty Committee that has been tasked to advise how best Australia can put a price on pollution.
- ACF is expending considerable effort on making sure Murray-Darling Basin Plan permanently addresses the over-extraction of water for irrigation and restores the river to health.
- Following the release of the Henry Review of Australia's tax system, ACF urged the Federal Government to adopt some of its key, clean-economy measures.
- We launched the first Sustainable Cities Index in 2010
- We've worked hard on better protection for our forests, with good progress in Tasmania
- ACF campaigned for the environment in South Australia and contributed to the "2010 State Election Agenda for SA" with leading state environment groups.

Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:

ACF is campaigning nationally to:


- Make sustainability the foundation of national decision-making through policies to stabilise our population at an ecological level by 2050, strengthen our environmental laws and put our environment into the national accounts as key assets.
- Put a price on pollution, unleash the renewable energy boom for Australia, and make sure Australia pays its fair share to help developing countries tackle climate change
- Make our homes, workplaces, cities and towns sustainable and healthy places to live through smart infrastructure use and
- Protect and restore our natural life support systems – our forests, oceans, rivers and wetlands that nurture us, sustain life and underpin our economy
- Secure a sustainable future for Northern Australia by supporting ecologically sustainable and culturally appropriate development that protects the natural and cultural values of the region.


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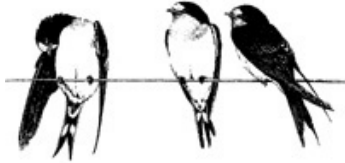
Healthy Rivers: ACF works in collaboration with CCSA on the development and implementation of national water policy in SA, such as implementation of the National Water Initiative and the Water Act 2007 through the Basin Plan. A strong Basin Plan will reset water extraction levels across the MDB to sustainable levels. South Australia will be a major beneficiary, especially in terms of the ecological condition of the largest RAMSAR site in the Southern hemisphere, the Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth wetland complex. Our collaborative efforts include organising public meetings in Adelaide during the 2010 Federal Election. This contributed to bipartisan support for a strong Murray Darling Basin Plan to return the river system to health.

Nuclear Free: ACF's national nuclear free campaign is in part based out of the ACF Adelaide office which is shared with CCSA. We campaign against uranium mining in South Australia, especially the proposed BHP new open pit copper and uranium mine at Roxby Downs. We also campaign to prevent uranium exports and for strict environmental pre-conditions on copper mining and processing on site. Australia's responsibilities should not be compromised to suit BHP Billiton's commercial interests through the company's plan to sell uranium infused bulk copper concentrate to China from the new mine at the Olympic Dam site.

For more information on ACF's campaigns nationally visit the website www.acfonline.org.au

Member Group	Australian Plants Society (SA Region) Inc	
Spokesperson	Michael Anlezark, President	
Contact Details	PO Box 304 Unley 5061 08 8296 1849 info@australianplantssa.asn.au www.australianplantssa.asn.au	
<p>Key role of Member Group: Conservation, cultivation and appreciation of Australian Flora.</p>		
<p>The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Land clearing 2. Spread of weeds 3. Ecological disturbance 		
<p>Key achievements for 2009-10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing education of public re flora • Further weed control and revegetation work in 4 country sites & 1 city and others by local groups in country areas • Propagation and provision to public of Australian plants at sales through country and city sales • Provision of scholarship to Adelaide University for research <p>Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No formal separate campaigns or activities 		

Member Group	Bicycle Institute of South Australia	
Spokesperson	Jeremy Miller	
Contact Details	0438 837 372 chair@bisa.asn.au	
<p>Key role of Member Group:</p> <p>To promote cycling for transport, fitness & recreation in S.A. and to represent all cyclists at local, state and national levels.</p>		
<p>The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sustainable transport - reduction of oil vulnerability & increasing transport equity 2. Safer environment for bicycle users 3. Integration of active transport into SA's transport systems 		
<p>Key achievements for 2009-10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held annual Ride of Silence, raising awareness of cycling safety issues. • Successfully campaigned for inclusion of Green Travel Corridor in Woodville village master plan. This process also raised profile of the City – Outer Harbour GTC. • Engaged dialogue with current Thinker in Residence Fred Wegman. • Won grant to establish Adelaide's first bicycle Co-Op. • Successfully advocated for Glenelg Greenway cycling overpass. • Engaged with all levels of government and across party lines to establish an ongoing and positive dialogue about cycling and community behavioural change. • Sponsored Australian Cycling Conference in January 2010 • Helped facilitate Bikes for Refugees program - to date have recycled over 100 bicycles back into the community • Using PodCasts to engage a wider audience. • Sponsor of the Adelaide Cyclists website. • Affiliated with Cycling SA to strengthen and grow BISA as an organisation • Engaging with secondary and tertiary students working on cycling and transport planning related topics • Engaging with private planning firms involved in developing cycling related infrastructure and urban development strategies • Commenting on local council development plans that include cycling. 		
<p>Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising sustainable transport as an issue in the current Local Government elections. • Commenting on local council development plans that include cycling. • Holding of rides and events promoting everyday use of the bicycle. • Continue process to establish Adelaide's first bicycle Co-Op 		

Member Group	Bird Care & Conservation Society Inc	
Spokesperson	Bob Hall, Secretary	
Contact Details	c/o Conservation Council of SA Level 1, 157 Franklin Street Adelaide 5000 08 8296 2913 (Bob Hall) 0409 984 910 (main BCCS phone) bccs@birdcare.asn.au contact@birdcare.asn. www.birdcare.asn.au	

Key role of Member Group:

Advice on rescuing and caring for sick, injured and orphaned wild birds.

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:

1. Over population
2. Native vegetation destruction
3. Water scarcity

Key achievements for 2009-10:

Active BCCS members receive phone calls and emails seeking assistance with wild birds found by the public and asking for advice on matters to do with wild birds and their welfare.

Referrals come from:

- BCCS website
- animal welfare groups, vets, national parks, councils etc
- White Pages phone book
- community publications
- word of mouth

BCCS supplies:

- 'Fact Sheets' for care of various species of birds down-loadable from the BCCS website or available from the BCCS Secretary.
- BCCS publication 'Handbook Caring for Rescued Birds' which may be ordered through the BCCS website or from the BCCS Secretary.

Member Group	Birds SA (The South Australian Ornithological Association Inc)	
Spokesperson	David Robertson, Committee Member	
Contact Details	08 8278 7866 david.robertson@birdssa.asn.au	

Key role of Member Group:

To represent the interests of the conservation of wild native birds in South Australia as set out in the Aims of Birds SA

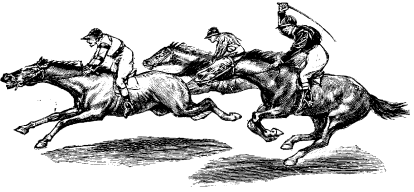
- To promote the conservation of Australian birds and their habitats
- To encourage interest in, and develop knowledge of the birds of South Australia
- To record the results of research in regard to all aspects of bird life
- To maintain a public fund called the “Birds SA Conservation Fund” for the specific purpose of supporting the Association’s environmental objectives.

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:

1. The planned expansion of urban development in the Adelaide region into areas adjacent to and incorporating sensitive bird habitats
2. The expansion of the Olympic Dam Mine to create large areas of habitat potentially lethal to birds.
3. Loss of habitat in South Australia as a result of the lack of environmental flows in the River Murray and the Lower Lakes

Key achievements for 2009-10 and key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken

- Bird SA has provided informed submissions to the various proponents, planning agents and Government instrumentalities on a range of issues as they affect bird habitat.
- Birds SA has sponsored a research activity into the status and conservation of bird species in South Australia
- Members of Birds SA have provided key field information on a National shorebird and migratory wader monitoring activity.

Member Group	Cheltenham Park Residents Association Inc	
Spokesperson	Tevor White, Honorary Secretary	
Contact Details	PO Box 5154 Alberton 5014 08 8356 4074	

Key role of Member Group:

Advocates on behalf of the Cheltenham Community and surrounding areas of the Northwest Adelaide suburbs

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning your group:

1. Open Space
2. Flood Mitigation
3. Sustainable community environ

Key achievements for 2009-10:

The Cheltenham Residents Group was formed in 2004 following years of speculation about SAFC intention to "sell" the Cheltenham Park Racecourse land. At that time the widespread community concern was the possible loss of open space from building development on the fifty hectares of essentially pristine land in an area of deteriorating industrial sites and increasing residential housing from urban consolidation policies.

At the request of the S.A. Land Management Corporation the Cheltenham Residents Group became advocates for the retention of open space in any development proposal. However the mantra has always been that before any proposals are contemplated the issue of stormwater flooding for the Cheltenham area and regions "downstream" need to be solved using the Cheltenham Land as the only likely site possible for such flood mitigation measures.

In the 2009-2010 period, these two goals of open space retention and flood mitigation for community benefit are still paramount and have essentially consumed all of the CPRA's attention and energy.

The most publicized activity was CPRA's Supreme Court action for a Judicial Review of Minister Holloway's Development Plan Amendment for the Cheltenham Park Land and an Appeal of the Courts decision. CPRA lost both cases on the (simplified) grounds that it was not established that the Minister had not taken in to account the flood mitigation of the subject land and if even if he had not done so, the legislation did not provide CPRA any remedy.

Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:

The Association is continuing to advocate the two issues of flood mitigation and protecting the loss of open space through all available avenues.

Member Group	Coastal Ecology Protection Group Inc	
Spokesperson	Judy Packer, Hon secretary	
Contact Details	08 8356 4504 0414 870 912 cepg.inc@internode.on.net www.cepg.org.au	

Key role of Member Group:

To ensure that the dunes from Grange jetty to Bower Road are not destroyed in the name of recreation and development. Our group promotes what the environment needs and this is not necessarily residents "want".

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:

1. Stormwater in the gulf
2. Loss of arable land
3. Water,water,water

Key achievements for 2009-10:

- Replacement of encroachments with local native plants
- Alteration in sand pumping pipeline project
- Continue to lobby Council on the need for proper consultation
- Heritage Trust listing for Tennyson Dunes

Member Group	Eco Action KI Inc	
Spokesperson	Liz Melling, Chairperson	
Contact Details	PO Box 481 Kingscote 5223 www.eco-action.com.au	

Key role of Member Group:

Education and political action re Kangaroo Island natural environment.

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:

1. Climate change
2. Unsustainable tourism proposals
3. Water and Energy

Key achievements for 2009-10:

- Political action involving the Environmental Defenders Office to ensure that environmental factors are considered in the approval process for some recent tourism applications on kangaroo island.
- Eco-Action partnership with Kangaroo Island Community Education in winning and implementing a Sustainable Living Grant from Conservation Council of SA and State Government.
- Eco-Action Scholarship to a K.I. student group 2010.
- Sustainable House Tours 2010 and Sustainable Garden Tours 2010/11.
- Eco-Action Marine Parks on K.I. strategy implemented. Included community film and forum on our unique marine environment and media and advertising about the benefits of marine parks.

Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:

- Submission writing and political campaign against two unsustainable tourism development projects on Kangaroo Island.
- Roadside vegetation management issues with Council
- Development of a website

Member Group	Echidna Care Inc	
Spokesperson	Mike McKelvey, Peggy Rismiller	
Contact Details	PO Box 640 Penneshaw 5222 echidna@kin.net.au	
Key role of Member Group: Conservation, Education		
The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water 2. Habitat impact 3. Environmental miss information 		
Key achievements for 2009-10:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops x23 • Media / documentaries x17/x3 • Publications x5 		
Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing with workshops and training programs across the country 		

Member Group	Economic Reform Australia SA Division	
Spokesperson	Dr J.A. Hermann, SA Secretary, Network Editor	
Contact Details	PO Box 505, Modbury 5092 08 8264 4282 hermann@chariot.net.au	

Key role of Member Group:

ERA advocates and promotes economic measures which will help to bring about a more humane, cooperative and ecologically sustainable society, free from the threat of economic breakdown which has so marred the history of capitalism. In particular ERA advocates economic measures which will serve to preserve the integrity of the environment and the health of the biosphere, and seeks to replace GDP with a broader index of sustainable development within national planning calculations. ERA also sponsors, supports and publicises public meetings during the year by well informed speakers, on topics relevant to our concerns.

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:

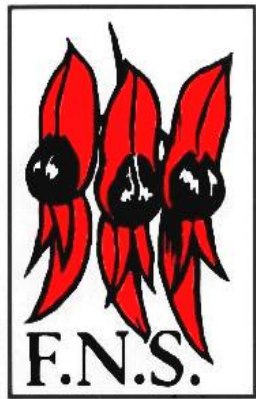
1. The debt-driven nature of both the state economy and the national economy necessarily implies and embodies an economic growth imperative. Without such growth the contemporary model of capitalism would be unworkable. However unbridled economic growth, as measured by gross domestic product, is responsible for depleting the earth's non-renewable resources at an unprecedented and unsustainable rate.
2. Of particular concern is the drift away from practices which would create a just and sustainable society. Fundamental financial reform and fiscal reform are essential prerequisites to the implementation of a range of other economic reforms aimed at tackling the immense social and environmental problems confronting us.
3. We aim to dispel a number of myths surrounding the operation of state and national economies which we believe to be ecologically and socially destructive, for example the oft repeated but erroneous proposition that growth in the population of our state must be associated with growth in its per capita standard of living.

Key achievements for 2009-10:

- Public meetings sponsored/supported by ERA included:
 - Dr Phil Lawn (Senior Lecturer Ecological Economics, Flinders University) Money, the real role of central government spending and taxation, and the humbug on central government deficits.
 - Dr John Coulter (Vice president, Sustainable Population Australia) From an empty to an overfull world.
 - Assoc Prof Steve Keen (Economics & Finance, University Western Sydney) The global financial crisis is far from over.
- Video presentations by Prof William Black and Prof Michael Hudson
- Construction of the new ERA website
- Several ERA press releases, including during the federal election campaign
- Assoc Prof Keen accepted an invitation to be a patron of ERA

Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:

- Financial Reform
- Fiscal Reform
- Sustainable Development

Member Group	Field Naturalists Society SA Inc	
Spokesperson	Gillian Briggs	
Contact Details	GPO Box 1594 Adelaide 5001 0428 188 318 pmatejci@bigpond.net.au (President)	

Key role of Member Group:

To promote the study of, and interest in, natural history and to promote the establishment of reserves for the preservation of our native fauna and flora.

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:

1. Loss of remnant native vegetation and decline of native fauna species due to rise of introduced species, increasing SA population, urban development, infrastructure, diminishing natural resources and loss of ecosystems through fragmentation of habitats.
2. The effect Climate Change will have on South Australia's biodiversity.
3. The potential impacts from likely increased mining and recreational activities in the Protected Area Reserve Systems.

Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:

- To manage four FNSSA heritage-listed reserves and to monitor their biodiversity.
- To provide grants to researchers undertaking research into the biota and natural environment of South Australia via the Lirabenda Endowment Fund.
- To undertake and assist field surveys, excursions and studies to record the biodiversity occurring at South Australian locations through various FNSSA clubs and networks with like-minded non-government organisations.
- To support clubs and affiliated groups including: FNSSA Botany Club, FNSSA Mammal Club, Adelaide Fungal Studies Group, Outback Field Naturalists, Adelaide Junior Naturalists and Junior Field Naturalists SA Inc.
- To provide The SA Naturalist as a journal where scientific papers and information can be published.
- To monitor environmental issues.
- To provide informative website information

Member Group	Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered Species Inc	
Spokesperson	Cheryl Hill, Executive Director	
Contact Details	0401 816 162 cheryl.hill@fame.org.au	

Key role of Member Group:

Protection of endangered Australian species and prevention of further extinctions

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:

1. Biodiversity
2. Habitat protection and restoration
3. Direct protection of vulnerable species at risk

Key achievements for 2009-10:

- Assistance in expanding the population of Western Barred Bandicoots at the Arid Recovery Zone, SA.
- Providing support for the recovery of the endangered Yarra Pygmy Perch in south eastern SA.
- Providing support for the production of a study "Persistence of endangered species" the results of which suggest that where dingos are abundant and socially stable, invasive meso-predators and herbivores decrease and biodiversity and productivity increases.

Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:

- Providing support for the establishment of an insurance population of endangered Tasmanian Devils on mainland Australia.
- Partnership with Mt Rothwell Sanctuary in Victoria for restoration of endangered grassland habitats and associated wildlife, including the Eastern Barred Bandicoot and Brush-tailed Rock Wallaby.
- Providing support for a project to control the impact of cane toads on the southern invasion front.

Member Group	Friends of Parks Inc	
Spokesperson	David Mitchell	
Contact Details	dm_mitchell@bigpond.com	

Key role of Member Group:

Friends of Parks Inc is the independent umbrella body established to protect and represent the interests of the large number of individual Friends of Parks groups and other volunteer groups working to help protect this State's natural and cultural heritage. Most member groups work on individual Reserves or a group of Reserves protected under the National Parks & Wildlife Act or on the cultural heritage at a particular site. A smaller number work on Council and privately owned land.

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:


1. More government funding needed for on-ground conservation works in the Protected Area Reserve System including access to NRM funding.
2. Climate Change and associated issues, such as water scarcity.
3. The potential impacts from likely increased mining and recreational activities in the Protected Area Reserve System.

Key achievements for 2009-10:

- 'Auspicing' our member groups in their applications for Grants for on-ground work and equipment.
- Representing member groups and CCSA on Departmental and other Volunteer committees and writing submissions on strategies and policies.
- Liaising with and being briefed by Senior Departmental managers on the SA Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR's) planned restructure with the incorporation of NRM into its structure.
- Providing an informative website, a Friends of Parks recruitment brochure, and a regular E- newsletter to keep member groups up to date with Board initiatives and to provide an opportunity for member groups to network and exchange information and ideas.
- Working with our member groups to hold an annual Friends of Parks Forum in different regions of the State. This year's successful Forum, with a 'Stony Deserts' theme, was held in Woomera and celebrated community volunteering in protecting and maintaining our State's environmental and heritage assets.

Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken

- Liaising with other environmental NGOs and CCSA and attending meetings with DENR to assist DENR to achieve environmentally and ecologically sustainable strategies and policies for Visitor and Recreational activities in the Protected Area Reserve System and other important areas of biodiversity
- Successfully advocating with DENR for an increase in the Volunteer Support Ranger positions to other Regions in the State.
- Advocating with DENR about the importance of ensuring that the areas where NRM and our member groups are working well are supported in the restructure of DENR.

Member Group	Friends of the Earth Adelaide	 Friends of the Earth www.foe.org.au
Spokesperson	Kathy Whitta, Convenor	
Contact Details	0408 101 939 Kathy.whitta@foe.org.au	

Key role of Member Group:

As one of South Australia's foremost community campaign organizations, Friends of the Earth Adelaide works to address social and environmental justice issues through community action. In addition to campaigners working on earth jurisprudence, climate justice and urban issues, Friends of the Earth Adelaide has two primary campaign collectives. The clean future collective is one of South Australia's primary campaign groups on mining, energy and nuclear issues. The collective is committed to creatively promoting sustainable, socially and ecologically conscious technologies; supporting Indigenous communities adversely affected by the nuclear industry, particularly through uranium mining or nuclear waste dumping; raising public awareness about mining and energy issues; and monitoring the activities of the nuclear industry


Reclaim the Food Chain draws together community members passionate about the politics and practicalities of contemporary food issues. Inspired by the concept of 'food sovereignty', the collective campaigns both on the environmental and social impacts of agriculture, trade and aid policy as well as having a strong emphasis on local, practical food production and community building. In 2010, Reclaim the Food Chain was the key coordinator of the highly successful conference From Plains to Plate: the Future of Food in South Australia, and held its second food film festival, the Feast of Film. We welcome volunteer participation in campaign collectives. Even if you're unable to regularly attend meetings, there are loads of ways you can contribute.

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:

1. Environmental and social impacts of agriculture and food, and the need to build resilient local food systems.
2. Uranium mining and the nuclear fuel cycle
3. Cultural, legal and individual perceptions of nature and relationships with the environment

Key achievements for 2009-10:

- Key coordinator for the South Australian food convergence, From Plains to Plate: the future of food in South Australia
- Foundation member of the Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance
- Completion of an acclaimed documentary "An Urban Orchard", celebrating good food on the Adelaide Plains
- Coordination of the second annual Feast of Film food and farming film festival
- Playing a key role in supporting and building the movement for just and sustainable food and farming in South Australia
- Ongoing public outreach through participation in public events, guest lectures at universities etc.
- The development of a comprehensive submission to the proposed Olympic Dam uranium mine
- Participation in the Australian Nuclear Free Alliance
- The continued development of a Indigenous community volunteer program

Member Group	Friends of Willunga Basin	
Spokesperson	David Gill, Secretary Richard Bennett, Chairperson	
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Key role of Member Group:

The environmental protection and seeking the appropriate planning of Willunga Basin, to protect it from urban sprawl and inappropriate development. To encourage environmental protection on a broader basis

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:

1. Urban sprawl
2. Climate change, food security
3. Water

Key achievements for 2009-10:

- Negotiations as part of Southern Community Coalition with State Govt. re legislative protection of Willunga Basin
- Seaford Heights – lobbying for better outcomes, lodgement of objection to DPA
- Bowering Hill – continued lobbying to protect from urbanisation
- Washpool Lagoon – actions with Council and other interest groups to re-start remediation works
- Initial planning of a walking trail to encircle Willunga Basin – intended to assist in protection and to provide exposure to environmentally important issues.
- Submission to City of Onkaparinga's CORE project (Community owned renewable energy project),
- Lobbying for real Climate Change action – local federal member
- Participation in Gulf Troubled Waters forum
- Submission to Adelaide 30 year plan
- Meetings with Council Staff re environmental issues.

Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:

Continuation of all of the above, especially:

- legislative protection of Willunga Basin
- Washpool Lagoon remediation
- Walking trail – negotiations under way with Council, Government and Walking Federation.
- Climate Change

Member Group	Gawler Environment and Heritage Association	
Spokesperson	Vanessa Freebairn, Secretary	
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<p>Key role of Member Group:</p> <p>GEHA operates as a community group focussed on protection and regeneration of the natural environment in our region, promoting sustainable use of natural resources and promotion of heritage, both Aboriginal and European. GEHA produces a bimonthly Conservation Corner column for <i>The Bunyip</i> and helps with a bimonthly Community Environment Page for <i>The Bunyip</i> in conjunction with the NRM Board & other groups.</p>		
<p>The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Urban expansion into agricultural areas around Gawler especially Gawler East, Concordia, Roseworthy and Two Wells driven by poor economic, population and environmental analysis 2. Lack of adequate planning policies to implement sustainable development and to put in place better public transport, TODs, water saving and recycling and other positive initiatives and stop urban sprawl and the destruction of the character of towns on the fringe of metro Adelaide 3. Lack of impetus for stopping the loss of biodiversity in the State – minimal action and insufficient resources on the goal of restoring 30% native vegetation in agricultural areas and stopping species loss. 		
<p>Key achievements for 2009-10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received funding for a new hothouse and propagation bed to assist with propagating native plants from cuttings and increase the number of indigenous plants available from the GEHA nursery. • Conducted History Walk in Gawler South during History Week. • Completed Reeves Plains Biodiversity report. Native Vegetation Council SEB grant application. • Gawler Rivers project continuing. GEHA/Gawler Council \$3m Commonwealth grant for a major scheme of cycle/walking tracks along 8km of the North and South Paras in Gawler -planning input through community working group, works commenced • GEHA is working on a book on growing local native plant species for the Adelaide plains and hills and maintaining a database of local biodiversity • Ongoing work on a historical database for Gawler. The database will contain historical information from Council assessment records from the 1850s onwards linked to other historical information related to particular properties • Restoration of old stone wall on Lyndoch Rd Gawler east as community training project <p>Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention of vegetation/habitat clearance from sand mining in the Reeves Plains district; • Advocating against unsustainable development at Gawler East, Roseworthy, Concordia 		

Member Group	Greening Australia SA	
Spokesperson	Ms Samantha Catford, Communications Manager	
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Key role of Member Group:

Greening Australia is passionate about protecting and restoring the health, diversity and productivity of our unique Australian landscapes.

Our vision:

A healthy, diverse and productive environment treasured by the whole community.

Our mission:

To engage the community in vegetation management to protect and restore the health, diversity and productivity of our unique Australian landscapes.

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:

1. Biodiversity loss and habitat degradation
2. Lack of water
3. Pest species

Key achievements for 2009-10:

Vegetation Services & Native Plant Nursery

- Specialists in provenance native stock, hard to grow, rare and endangered species.
- Engaged a professional horticultural scientist to manage the business resulting in significantly improved plant health and quality.
- Worked on a number of government funded projects at a local, state and federal level and planted over a million seedlings.
- Produced over 250,000 tube stock at our Pasadena nursery.

Carbon

In partnership with Canopy (ACBI Ltd) we provided planting support to SA's carbon biosequestration projects including emissions offset for the WOMADelaide festival and the River Murray Forest.

Carbon Plantings

National Green Jobs Corps

Greening Australia is one of two providers delivering the National Green Jobs Corps program across South Australia. Funded by the Australian Government, National Green Jobs Corps provides young Australians aged 17-24 yrs with the opportunity to receive accredited 'on-the-job' training and experience.

Publications & Resources

- *Mangroves to Mallee: The Complete Guide to the Vegetation of Temperate South Australia* by Todd Berkinshaw
- *Native Vegetation of the Eyre Peninsula* by Todd Berkinshaw. The production of the book was funded by the Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board and is a field guide to the flora of the region.
- *The Online Native Vegetation Guide for the Northern and Yorke region* is collaboration between the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board and Greening Australia. www.plantguide.org.au

Greening Australia (cont'd)

Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:

WildEyre

The WildEyre project team includes representatives from Greening Australia, The Wilderness Society, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Nature Conservation Society of South Australia and the Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board.

Our strategies include:

- Improved coastal development planning, infrastructure and weed control.
- Revegetation and protection program for the highly threatened Drooping Sheoak Woodlands and to buffer coastal ecosystems.
- Stewardship payments and other incentives to manage high priority remnant vegetation.
- Feral animal (foxes, cats, rabbits) control program.
- Ecological burns program to protect high priority mallee remnants.


Southern Flinders

Partner organisations include Greening Australia, The Wilderness Society, The Nature Conservation Society of South Australia, Australian Wildlife Conservancy, Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board.

Our strategies include:

A program broadly aiming to establish an effective network of managed lands in the Southern Flinders Ranges that:

- are representative of the diversity of habitats and landforms,
- protect & / or restore critical landscape processes and ecological function (fire, hydrology, landscape permeability),
- allow for the long term movement and evolution of native species populations,
- are resilient to long term threats such as Climate Change and
- supports rural farming communities to remain socially vibrant and economically viable.

Member Group	Marine Life Society of South Australia	
Spokesperson	Mr. Philip Hall, President	
Contact Details	08 8270 4463	

Key role of Member Group:

To foster the study of marine life, promote education and public awareness of all life in the sea and to encourage the conservation and protection of South Australia's unique and beautiful marine environment.

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:


1. The protection of the Western Blue groper and the Harlequin fish in SA waters.
2. The runoff of storm-water into the Gulf of St Vincent, which is impacting the sea-grasses and therefore reducing fish habitat, as well as promoting sand movement up the Gulf.
3. Saving O'Sullivan Beach Reef from damage caused by poor dredging practices in the harbour.

Key achievements for 2009-10:

- In the latter stages of producing a pamphlet that will educate divers & fishers on how to recognise the Western Blue Groper and therefore avoid taking it from the ocean.
- Talks to Community groups.
- Publication of the only South Australian marine life calendar, used to educate the community & promote awareness of our unique marine life.
- Provision of a Marine Life photo index for public worldwide use, newly revised.
- Continued program of the 'Jewels Of The Sea' (JOTS) kits for educating school children.
- Participation in the process of the co-management of our Prawn Fisheries.
- In the latter stages of producing a 'Beachwash Guide' that will educate the public on the marine creatures found on local beaches.

Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:

- Lobbying government for the protection of the Western Blue groper and the Harlequin fish.
- Lobbying EPA & government against the destruction of O'Sullivan Beach Reef by poor dredging practices in the area.
- Ongoing support for the introduction of Marine Protected Areas (MPA's).
- Contributed to changes to the DEH 'Ewens Ponds CP Management Plan Amendment 2008'.

Member Group	National Trust of South Australia	
Spokesperson	David Beaumont, President Glenn Williams, Natural Heritage Manager,	
Contact Details	David Beaumont 08 8202 9200 Glenn Williams 08 8202 9216	

Key role of Member Group:

Conservation of SA natural and cultural heritage

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:

Development pressure eroding cultural and natural heritage:


1. Burra Monster Mine Reserve
2. Torrens Island
3. Lower Lakes & Coorong and Murray Darling Basin

Key achievements for 2009-10:

- Heritage @ Risk – State and National listings. Burra Monster Mine Reserve and Lower Lakes & Coorong and Murray Darling Basin from SA on national list.
- Enlisting support both volunteer & funding for the management of nature reserves in the AMLR, SA, MDB and YP NRM regions.

Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:

- Lobby SA government re Burra Monster Mine Reserve and the variation of title application from Phoenix Copper
- Advocacy: Torrens Island
- Advocacy: Lower Lakes & Coorong

Member Group	Native Fish South Australia	
Spokesperson	Dr Michael Hammer	
Contact Details	michael@bold.net.au	

Key role of Member Group: Research and education to facilitate better outcomes for the awareness and protection of native fish and their habitats.

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning your group:

1. Sustainable use of water,
2. Environmental provision of water,
3. Returning water to the environment to maintain healthy river systems.

Key achievements for 2009-10:

The Action Plan for SA Freshwater Fishes was released late in 2009, and now the task begins to build awareness that the report exists, and that there is a wealth of information available on species status, distributional, biology and threats to support research, conservation and management. A series of workshops with Natural Resource Management Board, Department for Environment and local council staff has been held in the Adelaide region, with an expansion to other NRM regions of the state currently in progress.

A captive breeding program for the genetically distinct southern Murray-Darling Basin *Mogurnda adspersa* has been very successful with the first release of captive reared juvenile fish occurring into a restored wetland on the Lower Murray, close to the original wild location (the wild site has been dry since early 2007). The hatcheries are funded through DENR with significant in-kind contribution from our group.

Molecular markers were used to investigate phylogeographic structure in *Nannoperca obscura* identifying strong, geographically defined sub-structure including a major east-west divergence (at the Glenelg River), four diagnosable lineages, and statistically-significant differences between most populations. Accordingly, four Evolutionarily Significant Units (ESUs) are defined and multiple, drainage-scale Management Units (MUs) suggested. Since *Nannoperca obscura* is a relatively poor disperser with no apparent gene flow between most populations, any regional extirpation would see the irreversible loss of genetic diversity. This is problematic, as several populations, most notably a recently discovered ESU in the Murray-Darling Basin, are feared extirpated through a combination of anthropogenic threats and severe drought.

Research has commenced on critically endangered (SA) Australian mudfish. This cryptic and enigmatic species was first documented in SA by a signal specimen from Bool Lagoon in 1974, as a major western outlying population (nearest known populations are in the Otways). A second chance for conservation was revealed with the recording of individuals over recent years in the connected Lower Drain M/Lake George region. The SA Department for Water has funded a research and community monitoring program to better assess the distribution, biology and habitat requirements over this winter and spring, with some exciting finds from the first survey (details to come!).

Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:

We continue to make a presence within the community through assisting public aquarium displays such as at the Zoo, field days and talks highlighting the importance of native fish and healthy waterways.

Member Group	The Natural History Society of South Australia Inc	
Spokesperson	Dr Peter Clements, Public Officer	
Contact Details	08 84494651 0417 881658 clementspw@westnet.com.au	

Key role of Member Group:

Practical conservation by preserving habitat of native flora and fauna through the Society's five wildlife reserves.

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:

1. Loss of habitat of native species.
2. Lack of DEH resources to support our activities. The DEH is very under resourced.
3. Continual need to fight for conservation issues.


Key achievements for 2009-10:

Establishment of new areas of Moorunde Wildlife Reserve acquired in 2008. Programs include erection of new fences, maintenance of existing fences and removal of internal fences; expansion of current rabbit baiting program over the now 6900 hectare reserve; expansion of the weed eradication program over the same area (significant acres of onion weed are present on the newly acquired sections); maintenance of tracks within the reserves.

Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:

Letter writing campaigns on topical and urgent conservation issues are carried out. Eg we have asked the environment minister to cease issuing destruction permits for wombats to landowners.

Similarly a Robe council proposal to put a walking trail around Lake Fellmongery, including parts of Cullen Reserve owned by the Society, was opposed because it would impact adversely on colonies of native species close to the lake.

Member Group	North East Hills Environmental Conservation Assn	
Spokesperson	Jasemin Rose	
Contact Details	RSD 73 Houghton 5131 0407 972 459	

Key role of Member Group:

To promote and protect the biodiversity of the NE Hills (in the Mt Lofty Ranges) and to try to halt the deterioration of native vegetation particularly on roadsides and reserves in that area.

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:

1. Climate Change (particularly reduced water quality and quantity, increasing likelihood of species loss, bushfires and extreme weather events).
2. Weeds
3. Ambiguous/inadequate legislation failing to protect indigenous flora and fauna, which is also suffering through a lack of enforcement of that legislation.

Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken and/or key achievements for 2008-9:

- Continued with weed control on its bush care sites.
- Planted locally indigenous plants.
- Set about increasing co-operation between like minded environmental organizations in the NE Hills.

Member Group	Orienteering Association of SA	
Spokesperson	John Lyon	
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<p>Key role of Member Group: 'To care for the land we share'.</p> <p>To protect the cultural and natural environment of our native (and commercial) forests to allow urban people to enjoy the bush and hence to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become conservationists • Improve their 'heart health' and lifestyle • Challenge those who want to exclude home-sapiens from native forests. 		
<p>The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed BHP-Billiton expansion and the threat to Pt Lowly of a desalination plant (Whyalla Orienteers are active here) • The threat of native vegetation following new CFS guidelines to protect built assets (following Vic fires of 7/2/09) • The Adelaide desalination plant at Hallett Cove • Minimum open space for the greater Adelaide area <p>Key achievements for 2009-10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission to CCSA re BHP Expansion, Pt Lowly and town plans for Roxby Downs (maximum open space) • Submission to Greater Adelaide Draft Plan – OASA says 30% open space with linkages to protect what biodiversity is left (only 15% in the Plan) • OASA has responded to the Belair Park Trail Master Plan emphasising the maintenance of a sound ecological balance there • OASA is represented on the DEH working group to develop a visitor strategy; we seek a balance between the needs of conservation and recreational use • PT Lincoln Orienteers work to maintain the Barbara Deitz Trail at Cape Donnington • Top End Orienteers have advocated against the destruction of the East Point Bush for housing • Adelaide Metro Orienteering Clubs are 'Friends' of Para Wirra and FSA Mt Crawford Forests 'pulling pines', cutting out boneseed and monodenia at Lobethal Bushland Park. 		

Member Group	People for Public Transport SA Inc	
Spokesperson	Margaret Dingle	
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Key role of Member Group:

To defend and extend public transport in South Australia.

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group

1. Greenhouse Emissions
2. Urban planning
3. Trees and biodiversity

Key achievements for 2009-10:

- Three Committee members spoke at hearings of the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee Inquiry into the investment of Commonwealth and State funds in public passenger transport infrastructure and services 23 July and presenting documents after the hearings;
- Made a submission to the Plan for Greater Adelaide;
- Met with Speaker in Residence Fred Hansen on public transport, pedestrian and bicycle issues in conjunction with other groups in October 2009;
- Corresponded with the Minister for Transport TransAdelaide and DTEI executives on various matters, some in response to concerns by members of the public including:
 - Pedestrian crossing facilities at South Road tram bridge
 - Platform safety at suburban railway stations
 - Keeping the Barossa rail corridor available for future rail use and need for services to Roseworthy
 - Public transport in the Sellicks Beach area
 - Future route of O-Bahn extension (not yet determined)
 - Lane closure on South Road during erection of a commercial sign
 - Station announcements (lack of clarity)
- Submission sent to Opposition Transport Summit
- Discussions held re (then) forthcoming meeting with Shadow Minister for Transport
- Workshops attended by a PPT representative include:
- ESC Planning and Development Workshop 8 June (Conservation Council)
- SACOSS Energy Workshop 22 June
- Road safety forums 21 April and 18 May 2010
- Briefing organised for members and other interested people by Public Transport Division of DTEI on changes to routes and timetables September 2009
- Media interviews, letters to Editor. Sent list of desirable improvements to public transport to Advertiser on request for State Election but not published.

Member Group	Permaculture Association of S.A.	
Spokesperson	Chris Day, Chairperson	
Contact Details	0402 222480 edsl@everydaysustainableliving.com	

Key role of Member Group:


- Facilitate Permaculture advocacy, information, learning, and sustainable initiatives in SA
- Promotion, networking, information, and plant, seed and skill sharing.
- Central body for many Permaculture bio regional & related groups.
- Education of public.

The three (3) Key Environmental Issues impacting on South Australia:

1. Unsustainable urban planning, building construction and design. Suburbs and housing for short-term profit rather than building long-term, low-impact community resilience.
2. Mismanagement of our water - needs better capture, storage, re-use & recycling strategies.
3. Reckless over-consumption / Complacency about our impacts. (Poor holistic education & thinking)

Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken and/or key achievements for 2009-10:

- Promotion of Permaculture & sales of appropriate books and information at environmental events (eg WOMAD & the sustainable living expo).
- Attending the Australian Permaculture Convergence in Cairns, and looking to be involved in a national network or peak body in Australia
- Facilitation of workshops all over the state to implement Permaculture systems.
- Continuing activities of bio-regional groups: Working bees, stalls at local fairs, lobbying local government, skill, seed, & abundance sharing, local knowledge & community building.
- Encouraging a sense belonging & responsibility to the local patch of bio-sphere.
- Getting involved in the transition towns movement
- Auspicing permaculture Education Zone PEZ
- Networking all over the world: Permaculture initiatives & opportunities undertaken by various individual members.
- Regular journal and newsletter to our members.
- Quarterly meetings, to encourage, grow and educate members and non members about Permaculture and associated sustainable skills
- Sustainable garden & house design functions.
- Food Forest SA: Offering Permaculture Design Certificate courses, Shorter one day & weekend courses on: Building with Strawbales, Organic Vegetables & Poultry, Composting Toilet and Reedbed Systems, and Fruit and Nut Growing. See: <http://www.foodforest.com.au/>
- Advocacy & facilitation of the 'Transition towns' concept: To respond, positively & creatively, to the challenges, and opportunities, of Peak Oil and Climate Change.
- Presentations & attendance at various conferences & panel discussions on environmental & social issues.

Member Group	River, Lakes and Coorong Action Group Inc	
Spokesperson	Professor Diane Bell, Chairperson	
Contact Details	0427 554 194 dianebl@mac.com	

Key role of Member Group:

- To protect, conserve and enhance the biodiversity of the River Murray, Lakes and Coorong.
- To liaise with appropriate bodies over the management of the River Murray, Lakes Alexandrina and Albert and the Coorong, and their immediate surrounds.
- To educate the Community in River Ecology.


The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:

- Maintaining connectivity of the eco-system with reference to Lakes Alexandrina, Lake Albert, the Coorong, Murray Mouth, River Murray and tributaries
- Addressing over-allocation of MDB waters and developing a diversified suite of options for urban/rural water supply
- Water policy: critique of privatisation and desalination, advocate recycling, storm water harvesting etc

Key achievements for 2009-10:

- Fresh Water Embassy at Clayton Bay opposing regulators that disconnected tributaries from L. Alexandrina – success – regulator partial removal Sept 29, 2010
- Joined with the Save Our Gulfs Embassy to oppose desalination plants on the Gulfs and advocate for diversified suite of options for urban/rural water supply
- Remove bund between L. Albert and L. Alexandrina – success – breached Sept 19, 2010
- Water Election Team (WET) survey for all candidates in March state election and August federal election – all parties completed 60+ question document – results published on line and in Adelaide Advertiser and Independent Weekly
- Website – www.hurrysavetheMurray.com - reaches 30+ countries
- EPBC – community-based submissions on all referrals, EIS and proposals – success Clayton Bay Regulators declared “controlled action”
- Media - members prominent in reporting of key water-related events: policy, floods, local, state, national, international; regular press releases.
- *Our Living Murray* photographic exhibit travelled across the state
- Education: speakers at many events; bus tours; schools, field trips;
- The weir at Pomanda Island (Wellington) will not be built
- The opening of the barrages to sea is on indefinite hold
- Outline key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:
- MDB Plan Guidelines – developing an integrated community-based response: urban and rural policy, connect desalination and over-allocation.

Member Group	SA Genetic Foods Information Network	
Spokesperson	Anna Clements	
Contact Details	0414 939 958	
<p>Key role of Member Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To gather and disseminate information on all aspects of biotechnology, with a particular focus on Genetically Engineered (GE) foods and crops. • To lobby state and federal governments, local councils and food companies on GE issues. SAGFIN acts as an advocate for community concerns and food and environmental safety. 		
<p>The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GE crop risks include environmental contamination by cross-pollination of conventional crops and related weeds resulting in 'super-weeds' and loss of bio-diversity. 2. Increased use of herbicides associated with herbicide resistant crops. 3. Release of GE DNA into soil, possibly damaging soil fertility; potential gene transfer of gene switches to micro-organisms, plants and animals causing unpredictable gene expression. 		
<p>Key achievements for 2009-10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain email list to publicise urgent information and calls to action. • Attending public meetings and forums on GE foods and crops. • Writing submissions to parties as per invitation. Most recent submission was to the Food Labelling Review. • Networking with other organisations regarding GE issues. Organisations include: GeneEthics Network; Institute of Health & Environmental Research, Greenpeace and Reclaim the Food Chain (Friends of the Earth), GE Free Alliance. 		

Member Group	Scientific Expedition Group Inc	
Spokesperson	Dr Richard Willing, President	
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Key role of Member Group:


- To carry out baseline surveys of native flora & fauna in conservation reserves and parks
- Assist students of environmental studies in field survey work
- Continue monitoring of rainfall in Gammon Ranges Nat Park commenced by SEG in 1988
- Continue monitoring native fauna in Minnowarra Heritage Area near Myponga commenced by SEG in 2000.

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:

1. No mining in Arkaroola.
2. Monitoring and preservation of Mallee Fowl in the Murraylands region.
3. Preservation of remnant native vegetation areas

Key achievements for 2009-10:

- Minnowarra – continuation of bi-annual (October 2009 & April 2010) of field surveys of native fauna at this private property south of Myponga
- Gammon Ranges – continuation of the quarterly (Oct 2009, Jan, April & July 2010) field trips to monitor rain gauges set up within the Gammon Ranges National Park and on several nearby pastoral properties. Also monitoring of vegetation within the GRNP.
- Arkaroola – In September 2009 SEG carried out with assistance from DEH & Arkaroola a baseline field survey (12 days) of the southern half of the Arkaroola Wildlife Sanctuary of native flora and fauna. A group of about 35 persons including about 8 environmental scientists performed this work.
- Mallee Fowl survey – In October 2009 a weekend survey of existing and new Mallee Fowl nests was conducted on a private property and the adjacent Bakara Conservation Park.

Member Group	South Australian Herpetology Group Inc	
Spokesperson	Peter Matejcic, President	
Contact Details	7 Marena Drive Brahma Lodge 5109 08 82589875 0400 292 311 pmatejci@bigond.net.au	

Key role of Member Group:

To promote the study of, interest in, and conservation of reptile and frog species. This is through regular meetings, field trips and educational displays, talks and involvement with government and non-government organisations.

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group

1. Loss of remnant native vegetation and decline of native herpetofauna species due to factors such as; the effects by introduced feral species, the increase in SA population and urban development, the increase of infrastructure, diminishing natural resources and loss of ecosystems through fragmentation of habitats.
2. The effect Climate Change will have on South Australia's biodiversity.
3. The potential impacts from likely increased mining and recreational activities in the protected reserves and unprotected area

Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:

- To provide members with a venue to discuss husbandry ideas for the breeding, care and keeping of reptiles and frogs.
- To provide members and the general public with the results of current research into reptile and frog species which help to identify their South Australian distribution and ecological needs.
- To assist field herpetofauna research projects being undertaken by organisations and individuals, such as, monitoring Cunningham's Skink in the Mount Lofty Region, Lake Eyre Dragons in the Lake Frome region and the fauna biodiversity in the Lower South East Carpenter Rocks and Mid-North Mallee regions.
- To undertake and assist field surveys, excursions and studies to record the biodiversity occurring at South Australian locations though networks with like-minded organisations.
- To publish current reptile and frog information through our SA Herpetology Group Newsletter four times as year.
- To monitor environmental issues affecting South Australian herpetofauna.
- To provide informative website information via www.saherpgroup.com

Member Group	Soil Association of SA Inc	
Spokesperson	Wil Heid, President 0414 484 723 Jenny Paterson, Secretary 0418 852 566	
Contact Details	GPO Box 2497 Adelaide 5001 sasa@picknowl.com.au Organic events InfoLine 08 8411 0650	

Key role of Member Group:

- Promotion of need for sustainable or organic soil management.

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:

1. Use of pesticides & weedicides in agriculture
2. GM crops & food
3. Soil degradation

Key achievements for 2009-10:


- Formation of an SA Branch of the Organic Federation of Australia – the SA INDEPENDENT peak body for organics; it is aligned with the Organic Federation of Australia, which is the national INDEPENDENT peak body for organics. This has consumed a considerable amount of time of the voluntary committee and now allows SASA to resume its own program of activities.
- Contribution to the CCSA Blueprint document...
- Submission to the SA State Strategic Plan consultation process for 2010–2020.
- Held SA launch of film: *Food Inc.* introduced by Simon Bryant (of ABC TV's the Cook & the Chef program)
- Dr Phil Duguid talk *Is Your Food Killing You?* (March)
70-80% of health problems that people present to their doctor with could be improved if they ate healthier food. Dr Duguid gave us a list of '12 Food Commandments'.

Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:

- Promotion of need for sustainable soil management.
The full scope of this will become clearer as the OFA(SA) develops.

Volunteers are welcome to assist on our public stalls and at events – these are FUN activities.

Volunteers are also welcome to consider joining the Committee.

Member Group	Spencer Gulf Environmental Alliance	
Spokesperson	Doug Reilly, President	
Contact Details	0427 975 742	

Key role of Member Group:

- A forum for members of groups and individuals, offering mutual support, co-operation and information sharing regarding environmental issues related to Spencer Gulf and environs.
- Coastal habitat protection in certain areas around the Gulf.
- Advocacy and community education of environmental issues around Spencer Gulf.

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:

1. Climate Change
2. Marine Habitat Destruction
3. Coastal Development

Key achievements for 2009-10:

- Old Salt Works Conservation Zone (just north of Port Augusta) coastal habitat protection and recovery involving weed control, limiting off road vehicle access, revegetation, flora and fauna surveys, community education, media campaign.
- Participation in the DEH Upper Spencer Gulf Marine Park Local Advisory Group.
- Continuing research into the flora and fauna of marine, coastal and terrestrial environments of Upper Spencer Gulf

Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:

- Participation in the DEH Upper Spencer Gulf Marine Park Local Advisory Group

Member Group	St Agnes Bushwalking & Natural History Club	
Spokesperson	Heather Bilski, President	
Contact Details	PO Box 193 St Agnes 5097 0421325450	

Key role of Member Group:

To foster an interest in, and encourage participation in, environmentally sustainable bushwalking and camping.

To promote an interest in, and regard for natural history.

To encourage the conservation of the natural environment.

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:

1. Climate change: inadequate action to reduce related and Increasing impacts
2. Unsustainable population increase as proposed by State Government
3. Loss of habitat and other negative impacts on native flora & fauna.

Key achievements for 2009-10:

Maintaining our walking program to the satisfaction of guest walkers and members by holding two walks per week from March to November and other outings and camps. Also finding good, reliable, leaders to lead these walks.

Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:

- Promoting the values and benefits of bushwalking, providing good fellowship, and encouraging members to take on leadership roles.
- Membership issues including seeking new members and supporting existing members.
- Lobbying (through individual members) on the key issues listed above.
- Ongoing involvement in environmental protection of parks and reserves and the appropriate use of trails.

Member Group	Sustainable Population Australia (SA Branch)	
Spokesperson	Peter Martin, President	
Contact Details	08 8178 0287 poitgm@hotmail.com	

Key role of Member Group:

To act as a local nucleus for discussion and debate on the issue of population growth, and in particular to counter the dominant view in business and government that endless population growth is desirable, sustainable and will lead to a better quality of life and an improved natural environment.

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning your group:

1. Unsustainable growth in the consumption of natural resources, including land, water and fossil fuels
2. Loss of biodiversity due to unsustainable past and current economic and population growth
3. A shallow and unjustifiable adherence to the notion of perpetual growth being desirable.

Key achievements for 2009-10:

Several public meetings held on the impact of population growth.

Population Forum held in Adelaide with Vic MP Kelvin Thomson.


Support given to SA candidates for the Stop Population Growth Now Party in 2010 federal election.

SA members strong in national SPA executive, currently holding positions of national President and Vice-President.

For the first time the SA media began to run some items that presented the anti-growth position as worth noting. Letters from members were published. There is a sense that the prevailing view of population growth at all costs was being challenged on several fronts, especially after Gillard rejected Rudd's 'big Australia' position.

Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:

The group is currently planning SA's first conference on population levels to be held in 2011. This will be a conference that will not be merely a front for the real estate industry and associated businesses seeking short-term profit from unsustainable growth. We will look at water, energy, health, transport, biodiversity, land use and space, as well as the purpose and definition of economic growth and its relation to human wellbeing.

Member Group	Toyota Landcruiser Club of Australia (SA) Inc	
Spokesperson	Vince Monterola	
Contact Details	0447 331 300 environ@tlccsa.asn.au	

Key role of Member Group:

Promotes responsible driving as a legitimate recreation and trains members to a high level of competency in vehicle handling

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning your group:


1. Waste Management
2. Native Vegetation
3. Planning and Development

Key achievements for 2009-10:

Nationally accredited driver training is considered vital towards minimising vehicle impact on environmentally sensitive areas of the State. Almost 10% of Club members have qualified as driving assessor/instructors, while a high percentage of members have completed driver training courses. Technical education also plays a major role in reducing potential environmental impacts by having tyres, engines, exhaust systems and other components functioning to a standard that prevents or mitigates ground surface damage, water and air pollution, and disturbance of fauna and flora.

Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:

Many Club members are active in Friends of National Parks Groups around the State, especially in remote and arid regions where their vehicles enable access to project sites. The Environment Officer also arranges for members to participate in community based environmentally focused activities such as clean-ups, propagation of seeds and fencing off sand dunes to prevent vehicle access. The Officer also initiates environmental projects for Club members that have included bulk tree plantings, restoration and maintenance of a heritage site, and eradication of feral plants from areas difficult to access.

Member Group	Urban Ecology Australia Inc	
Spokesperson	Andrew Tidswell, Board Member	
Contact Details	08 8212 6760	

Key role of Member Group:

Raising awareness about urban environmental issues by:

- providing guided tours of Christie Walk for the public and schools
- advocacy to government and other organisations about environmental concerns
- conducting regular forums on environmental and ecological issues
- promoting the GoGet car-sharing scheme

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:

1. Urban sprawl eg Mt Barker development
2. Water security for people and our environment
3. Making the city more environmentally sustainable to deal with climate change and peak oil.


Key achievements for 2009-10:

- Raised awareness about building eco-cities through tours of Christie Walk
- Increased numbers of visitors to Christie Walk
- Writing submissions to governments and council
- Participated in Sustainable House Day
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Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:

- Targeting businesses and local government to bring workplace groups to Christie Walk to learn about eco-city planning and development.
- Discussing city community and sustainability issues with ACC staff with a view to working more closely.

Member Group	Vegetarian and Vegan Society Inc	
Spokesperson	Anne Sanders, Secretary	
Contact Details	PO Box 311 Kent Town 5071 08 82602778 vegsocsa@gmail.com	
Key role of Member Group: Promoting Vegan/vegetarian diet and lifestyle as the most immediate and effective means of protecting the environment		
The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group: 1. Need to restore vegetation to compensate for the large areas cleared to provide pasture and grains to support animal husbandry. 2. Need for careful management of water resources 3. Need to control population growth (and urbanisation) in relationship to the resources needed to sustain it without negatively impacting the environment		
Key achievements for 2009-10: This year has been mainly one of consolidation since the name change in July 2009: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining contact with other allied groups in SA, interstate and overseas with a concern for : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ANIMAL RIGHTS ○ HEALTH AND NUTRITION ○ THE ENVIRONMENT • Distributing the national magazine NATURAL HEALTH AND VEGETARIAN LIFE to our members and retail outlets and our SA newsletter to members and allied groups (inc CCSA). • Organising events for our members and taking part in Vegan Day and National Vegetarian Week events. • Growing our membership by about 9%. Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported campaigns by related groups especially in relation to animal exploitation and misuse of the environment eg • Distributed around 1000 copies of the booklet EATING UP THE WORLD, which spells out graphically the relationship between food choices and environmental destruction. See www.vnv.org.au to download pamphlet or contact VegSA for hard copy. 		

Member Group	Walking SA	
Spokesperson	Refer via Sam Edwards	
Contact Details	PO Box 1094 Pasadena 5042 (Greening Australia Building 5 Fitzgerald Road Pasadena 5042) 08 8276 5090 office@walkingsa.org.au www.walkingsa.org.au	

Key role of Member Group:

- serve the interests of the walking community in South Australia
- encourage walkers to maintain and increase their role in conservation of the environment support track management and legislation to protect the walking track network

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:

- Retention of Road Reserves for flora and fauna
- Retaining Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary as a sanctuary without intrusion by mining
- Land degradation

Key achievements for 2009-10:

Walking SA encourages walkers to 'walk responsibly' by:

- walking with a club (or in a group)
- keeping to trails
- checking fire ban information
- carrying out their litter

Walking SA keeps walkers informed through:

- quarterly newsletter
- website
- displays at various 'outdoor shows' eg caravan and camping exhibition
- hosting annual 'Opening of Walking Season' event

Walking SA and its member clubs take part in conservation activities such as:


- eradication of pest plants eg Mexican wheel cactus in outback areas
- development and maintenance of walking trails across South Australia
- undertaking mapping and surveys eg in national parks for DEH and others
- ongoing consultation with DEH and others on trail usage eg in national parks

Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:

Stop mining in Arkaroola

Retain Woodcutter's Road for flora and fauna

Member Group	Western Adelaide Coastal Residents Association Inc	
Spokesperson	Jim Douglas, President	
Contact Details	O8 83560302 0417 875 232	
<p>Key role of Member Group:</p> <p>To encourage, represent and advocate for residents to build and maintain a healthy, safe, joyous and equitable community.</p> <p>To protect our residential character and cultural heritage.</p> <p>To promote the protection of our biological diversity and the maintenance of Indigenous species.</p> <p>To work co operatively with Governments and other community organisations, groups and peak organisations to protect, enhance and conserve the environment.</p>		
<p>The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sustainability 2. Water Quality and wise use 3. Residential Growth and public infrastructure. 		
<p>Key achievements for 2009-10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of the second stage of the Break Out Creek wetland. • Active role in the 'One Living Planet' strategy of Charles Sturt Council. • Community Engagement workshops bringing 4 community organisations together in the western suburbs to develop a workable engagement 'model' • Council commitment to the Western Suburbs Solar initiative. • Working with two dune care groups to make application for Historic Conservation status for the Tennyson Dunes. • Working with local Primary Schools to raise awareness to the marine environment and sustainability.[Grange Primary awarded State NRM and National Land Care recognition] • Raising awareness on water as a founding member of the Water Action Coalition. • Assisted in the conduct of two Forums raising awareness about Gulf St Vincent. • Submissions to Government on Development and Marine Parks. • Various delegations to Ministers of Government on Water Quality, Residential Growth and Development. 		

Member Group	Whale & Dolphin Conservation Society	
Spokesperson	Dr Mike Bossley	
Contact Details	0417 825 235	
<p>Key role of Member Group: Protection of cetaceans and their habitat.</p>		
<p>The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dolphin bycatch 2. Habitat damage 3. Marine protected areas 		
<p>Key achievements for 2009-10:</p> <p>WDCS funded researcher, Dr Mike Bossley AM, continues his long-term study of the Port River dolphins. In addition Mike is leading a campaign with other NGO's to save the Maui's and Hector's dolphins (New Zealand).</p> <p>Education plays an important role in the long term conservation of the Port River dolphins. WDCS's Award winning school's program, <i>Dolphin Watch</i>, is actively engaging students in marine conservation on Kangaroo Island, Port Pirie and Whyalla. We hope to operate in other schools within SA and nationally in time.</p> <p>WDCS continues to advocate for the conservation and protection of whales and dolphins through the International Whaling Commission, published reports, media statements and other awareness raising and campaign activities</p> <p>WDCS monitors the conservation status of whale and dolphin species, secures habitat protection and supports over 40 field research and conservation projects in 27 countries. WDCS does this by working with the United Nations, island communities, national governments and local conservation organisations.</p>		

Member Group	The Wilderness Society (SA)	
Spokesperson	Peter Owen	
Contact Details	08 8231 6586 0423 550 018 peter.owen@wilderness.org.au	

Key role of Member Group:

To protect, promote and restore wilderness and natural processes across South Australia for the survival and ongoing evolution of life on earth.

The top three (3) South Australian environmental issues concerning the group


1. Biodiversity loss as a consequence of invasive species and loss of habitat
2. Over extraction of surface and ground water
3. Need for better consideration of environmental consequences in the regulation of mining, agriculture and fisheries activities

Key achievements for 2009-10:

- SA Government announced its intention to declare a Wilderness Protection Area over 900,000Ha of the Nullarbor Plain
- Nuyts Archipelago and Investigator Group of Islands declared Wilderness Protection Areas
- Indigenous engagement developing shared environmental and cultural conservation objectives
- Raised community awareness of key environmental challenges through campaigns, actions and media advertising
- Securing wilderness protection over significant areas in cooperation with other environmental agencies
- Application of leading edge science and strategic advocacy in all campaigns

Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:

- Wild Country Program
- River Murray, Lower Lakes and Coorong
- Development of Management Plans (Sanctuary Zones) for SA Marine Parks
- Wilderness protection for the Nullarbor region and Simpson Desert region
- Prevention of mining and other inappropriate activity in areas of high conservation value

Member Group	Zoos SA - Conservation Ark	
Spokesperson	Vicki-Jo Russell, Conservation Policy Coordinator	
Contact Details	Adelaide Zoo Frome Road ADELAIDE 5000 08 8267 3255	

Key achievements for 2009-10:

Kimberley

Conservation Ark received a \$1.1 million grant from the federal government jobs fund to expand work in one of Australia's last wilderness areas – the Kimberley. As well as continuing the survey work, this funding will help create around 45 jobs, control introduced herbivores and train members of the indigenous community around Kalumburu in ecological skills and techniques.

Ecosystem restoration at Monarto

Monarto contains some wonderful stands of remnant mallee, and with the purchase of an extra 500ha next door, Monarto presents a unique opportunity for Zoos SA to show its conservation credentials through ecosystem restoration and research.

Southern hairy-nosed wombats

Surveys of the wombat populations on the Yorke Peninsula have indicated that only 30 tiny wombat colonies remain, and that 23 of these colonies contain fewer than 10 individuals.

Brush-tailed rock-wallabies

The second release of five animals into Moora Moora Creek took place on the 8th of October. The cross-fostering program continues to work well, with 16 pouch young born in captivity so far this year. There are plans for another release in October this year.

Yellow-footed rock-wallabies

Work continues on feral control and monitoring the reintroduced population of yellow-footed rock-wallabies in Aroona Sanctuary. Two new juveniles were trapped in October, and all the adult females caught had pouch young.

Tammar Wallabies

Work continues on monitoring the population of mainland Tammar Wallabies reintroduced into Innes National Park on the Yorke Peninsula.

Warru

The captive warru population at Monarto has started breeding, with 7 young being born so far, and animals have moved into purpose built breeding pens. Work has also begun on a hardening off enclosure, or warru pintji, in the APY lands, in preparation for returning some of these animals back into the wild.

Pelicans at Outer Harbour

There were over 850 nests this year, and Adelaide Zoo volunteers wing tagged 220 pelican chicks, which is the most for several years. For the first time, a Pelican tagged as a hatchling at the Outer Harbour colony was recorded breeding in the colony at the Coorong.

Giant pandas

A major event at Adelaide Zoo, the arrival of Wang Wang and Funi, provides an important opportunity to get many people interested in and aware of conservation activities.

Key campaign or advocacy activities currently being undertaken:

Conservation Ark had two main campaigns running this year. "They're Calling on You" encourages people to recycle their old mobile phones, to reduce demand for materials mined in Chimpanzee and gorilla habitat in Africa.

"Don't Palm Us Off" is aimed at getting palm oil labelled on products, so that consumers can make an informed decision about products they are purchasing.

Conservation Ark staff have also been involved in a number of other projects, including the Frog Atlas, health of bandicoots and conservation of pygmy blue-tongue lizards. There are currently over 60 research and Conservation programs being carried out by Conservation Ark staff and research partners.