

REPORT TO DONORS 2021



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THANK YOU

You are receiving this report as a valued donor to the Wildcare Tasmanian Nature Conservation Fund (TNCF). This report tells the stories of some of the real impacts donations made during 2020-21.

Your giving lays the foundation for what is possible.

Donations to the TNCF enable Wildcare's 60 volunteer groups and our partners to achieve amazing outcomes in caring for Tasmania's wildplaces, heritage and wildlife.

We would like to express our thanks to you. You are an essential part of the Wildcare community. We hope that you feel united with us and liberated about the positive change we are bringing about together.

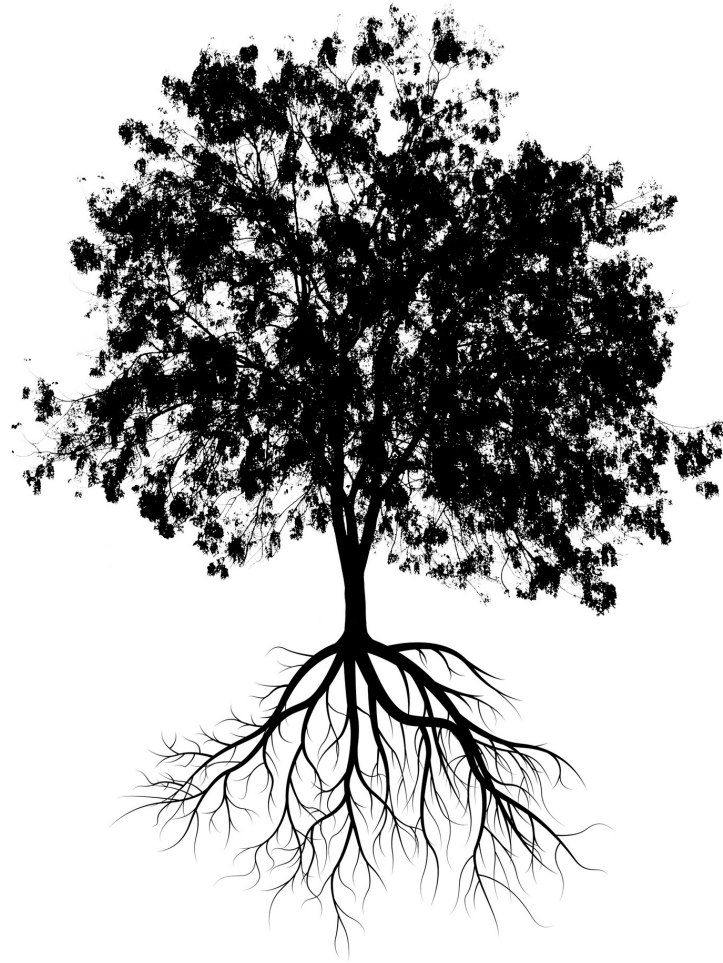


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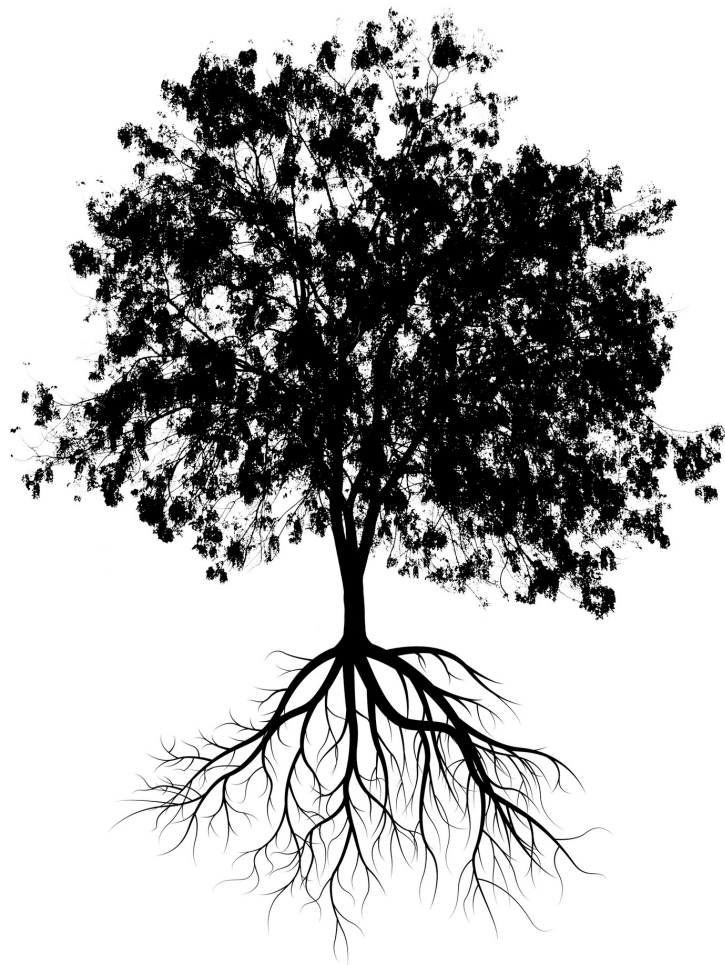
The Wildcare tree of impact

Donors: are the root system, providing the 'nutrients' that power the tree

Members: are the trunk, holding strong together with our 2FTE staff, volunteer Board and Grants Committee to support the action

Volunteer groups: are the branches - vibrant, active communities that breathe life into our world

5 stories from 2020 and 2021



There are so many stories - this is just a selection hand picked to show the diversity...

WILD AND TWISTED SNOW POLE PROJECT

Summary of Cradle Mountain Volunteers Report

The “WILD and Twisted” Snow pole Project was carried out by Wildcare Cradle Mountain Volunteers (WCMV) as part of their adopt-a-track programme at Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park. The job was completed with the help of Tasmania Parks and Wildlife staff.

The aim of the project was to install snow poles along the Twisted Lakes track to protect the sensitive sub-alpine environment and promote visitor safety by directing walkers to the designated track.

Grants enabled by donations to the Wildcare Tasmanian Nature Conservation Fund funded the purchase of 100 fibreglass reinforced plastic poles and steel rods which were prepared with reflective tape. The old snow poles had been cut from King Billy pine sourced from fallen logs. This practice ceased in the 1990's when King Billy Pine became a protected species.

The Wildcare Cradle Mountain Volunteers are appreciative of the funding which enabled the purchase of the new high-visibility snow poles (and that our members did not have to collect and paint tin cans!) [Full report](#) of project and snow-pole heritage at Cradle Mountain.

Grants from donations : \$3750
15 volunteers contributed 160
volunteer hours

Picture at right: Part of the Twisted Lakes track



BONORONG WILDLIFE SANCTUARY ANIMAL WELFARE

Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary operates a rescue and vet hospital service that is critically important in dealing with the unfortunate amount of wildlife injured in Tasmania. The appreciation for this service is evident in the generous donations to the cause through Wildcare's Tasmanian Nature Conservation Fund.

During the past two years, grants from donations have gone to both assisting with staffing costs of the 24 hour rescue service that Bonorong offers and also the upgrade of the veterinary hospital, allowing onsite immediate specialist attention for animals, providing the best chance of rehabilitation. These funds have been even more important to support the work of Bonorong through the pandemic.

Grants from donations : \$156,000

Picture at right: Baby wombat in care at Bonorong. Picture: Sharon Smith



NATIVE VEGETATION RETURNING TO SCHOUTEN ISLAND

Extract from a Friends of Freycinet Report

The December 2020 working bee, 'Schouten Shenanigans' on Schouten Island is a weeding program with our main aim being the removal of gorse. During 7-14 December 2020 we removed 25,000 seedlings plus some mature plants. The week also included spraying of periwinkle which is becoming a major problem on the island. We also patrol the beaches looking for sea spurge and remove rubbish and establish the camp for the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service summer caretaker program.

The environmental benefit is that the native vegetation is gradually reclaiming the area which used to be farmed many decades ago. Where the vegetation has grown taller in an area behind Morey's Hut, which is known as the 'paddock' we are seeing less gorse seedlings each year. Unfortunately, the periwinkle has increased in the lower part of this area and work will need to be done in the future to contain it.

Grant from donations : \$570

Volunteer hours: 448

Picture at right: Schouten Passage
Cover page: Jenny Baulis, President of
Friends of Freycinet Group



FRIENDS OF TASMAN ISLAND'S 33RD WORKING BEE

Extract from a Friends of Tasman Island Report

Now in its 16th year, Wildcare's Friends of Tasman Island, has had 33 10-day working bees on Tasman Island, volunteering in partnership with the Tasmania Parks & Wildlife Service. Over 330 volunteers have participated, working on the island for over 350 days – nearly a year! Quite a feat— thanks to the volunteers who donate their time, energy and skills to make a difference; and also thanks to those who have donated funds to the cause.

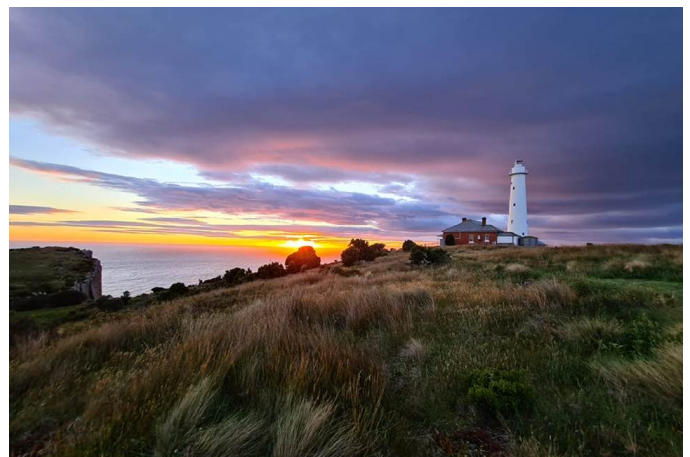
Thanks to a grant from Wildcare's Tasmanian Nature Conservation Fund, we were able to afford the transport for this working bee. This was a wonderful trip as usual, now adding a Field Naturalists bent to all the usual mowing, painting, weeding and restoring buildings. There was a large increase in weeds due to conditions and the cancelled Covid-19 working bee. These were addressed and follow up work will be required in the Spring working bee.

Our natural world is under threat and these isolated islands are wonderful studies in biodiversity and ecology.

Tasman Island is such a special place!
[Full report](#)

Grant from donations: \$5,000
Volunteer hours:
Over 350 days in total over
33 working bees.

Picture at right: Tasman Island
by Erika Shankley



RAPTOR REFUGE AVIARY TAKES FLIGHT

Donations to the Raptors cause in the Wildcare Tasmanian Nature Conservation Fund have helped fund two recent significant projects at Raptor Refuge.

The first project was a large flight aviary for rehabilitating wedge tailed eagles. This has proven a great asset enabling the release of eagles that returned to flight fitness.

The second project was a fire proofing system to protect the extensive aviaries containing rehabilitating birds from wildfires.

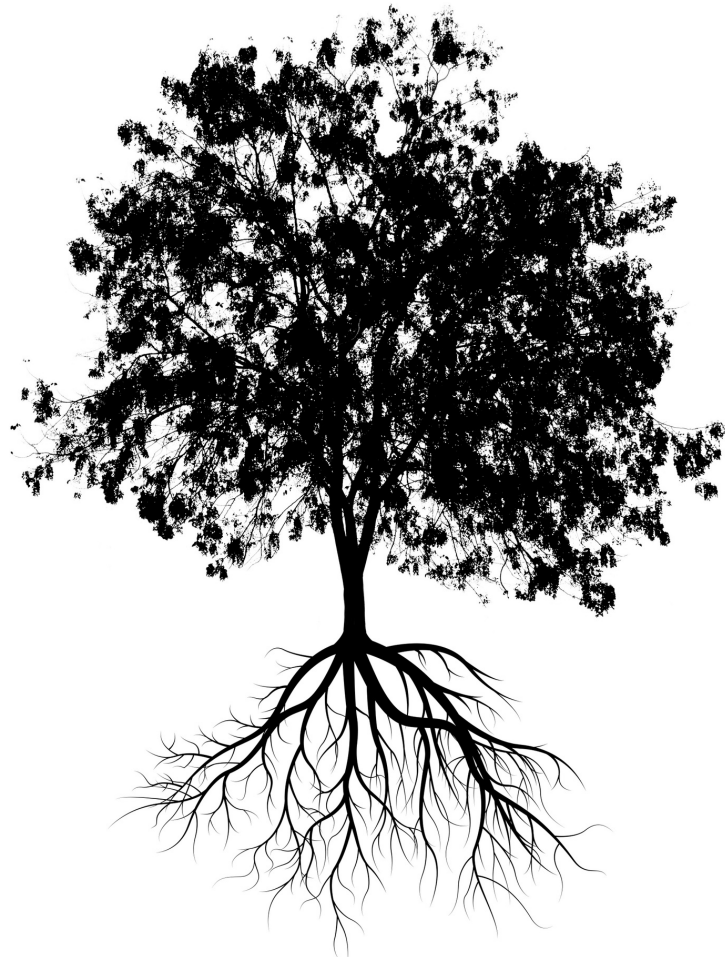
Wildcare Tasmania is pleased to work in partnership with **Raptor Refuge (Kettering Tasmania)**. Some of the beautiful birds Raptor Refuge has cared for are highlighted in this short [video](#)

Grants from donations : \$26,185

Pictures by Craig Webb, Raptor Refuge.



Grants summary 2020 and 2021



2021 GRANTS ISSUED YEAR TO DATE

The first of two Tasmanian Nature Conservation Fund grants rounds in 2021 has just been completed and these project details are hot off the press!

GRANT DETAILS	AMOUNT
Wildlife rescue service Granted to Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary from donations to the Bonorong cause.	\$120,000
Research into Tasmanian Devil Facial Tumour Disease Granted to Menzies Institute from donations to the Tasmanian Devil cause	\$25,000
Mapping and control of weeds and marine debris Granted to Friends of Bruny Island Quarantine Station from donations to the Coastal Conservation cause	\$4,100
Wild bushwalking track maintenance and trail markers Granted to the Friends of the Penguin Cradle Trail from donations to the Wild Bushwalking Tracks cause	\$1,210
Remediation of boggy and eroded sections of Twisted Lake Track at Cradle Mountain Granted to Wildcare Cradle Mountain Volunteers from donations to the Wild Bushwalking Tracks cause	\$35,000

2021 GRANTS ISSUED YEAR TO DATE

GRANT DETAILS	AMOUNT
Remediation of deteriorated bushwalking track on Mt Beattie Granted to Friends of Melaleuca from donations to the Wild Bushwalking Tracks cause	\$16,722
Interpretative signage about local native flora Granted to Wildcare Deslacs from donations to the Nature and World Heritage cause	\$2,000
Tasman Island weeding and wildlife monitoring Granted to Friends of Tasman Island from donations to the Coastal Conservation cause	\$5,000
Swift Parrot protection program at Kelcey Tiers Granted to Friends of Devonport Reserves from donations to the Nature and World Heritage cause	\$9,965
Launch of new Wildcare group - resources Granted to Wildcare's Crag Care from donations to the Nature and World Heritage cause	\$500
TOTAL	\$219,497

GRANTS ISSUED 2020

Over \$240,000 was issued in grants from Wildcare's Tasmanian Nature Conservation Fund (TNCF) during 2020. This was the second year running in which over \$200,000 was released. .

GRANT DETAILS	AMOUNT
Bridge and environmental remediation at Orielton Lagoon. Granted to Sorell Council and Friends of Pitt-Water Orielton Lagoon Wildcare Group from a donation made by Lynmore Holdings Pty Ltd into the Coastal Conservation cause.	\$27,000
Raptor aviary construction. Granted to Raptor Refuge - Kettering, from community donations into the Raptors cause.	\$8,000
Fire-proofing of raptor aviaries. Granted to Raptor Refuge - Kettering, from community donations to the Raptors cause.	\$18,185
Lake Judd track works - South West Tasmania. Granted to the Parks and Wildlife Service from a donation made by Alan and Hilary Wallace into the Wild Bushwalking Tracks cause.	\$70,000
Penguin Cradle-Trail track works. Granted to Friends of Penguin Cradle-Trail Wildcare Group from a donation made by The Patricia Dukes Foundation.	\$16,800
Bonorong animal care. Granted to Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary from community donations into the Bonorong cause.	\$36,000
Penguin education guiding at Stanley. Granted to Parks and Wildlife Service and Friends of Doctor's Rocks Penguins Wildcare Group from community donations into the Nature and World Heritage cause.	\$5,000

GRANTS ISSUED 2020

GRANT DETAILS	AMOUNT
Penguin education guiding at Lillico Beach. Granted to Parks and Wildlife Service and Friends of Lillico Penguins Wildcare Group from community donations into the Nature and World Heritage cause.	\$8089
Tamar Estuary education program for school children. Granted to Parks and Wildlife Service from a donation made by the Low Head Pilot Station Support Group.	\$5,000
Transport to Schouten Island for environmental volunteering. Granted to Friends of Freycinet Wildcare Group from community donations into the Islands and Dragons cause.	\$570
Burrowscope for shearwater research. Granted to Friends of Maatsuyker Island Wildcare Group from community donations to the Islands and Dragons cause and the Nature and World Heritage cause.	\$4,000
Track works at Frenchman's Cap. Granted to Parks and Wildlife Service from a donation made by Dick Smith.	\$43,000
Transport to Tasman Island for environmental volunteering. Granted to Friends of Tasman Island Wildcare Group from community donations into the Nature and World Heritage cause.	<u>\$2,000</u>
TOTAL	\$243,644

WILDCARE TASMANIA AT A GLANCE



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MEMBERS



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DONATION CAUSES



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VOLUNTEER GROUPS



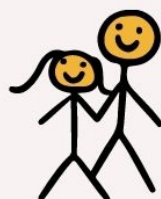
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wild places, wildlife and heritage*



the Wildcare way

Volunteers driving results
Collaborative partnerships
Lean overheads
Donations making a difference

