



# Forever Wild

Our Societies | Our Earth | Our Future

YEAR 1  
of 1000

## A SHARED EARTH

Forever Wild Annual Report 2018/2019

Photo: Tobias Baumgaertner. Sunset on the Tropical Wetlands Shared Earth Reserve



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Photo: Rob Larkin, White Ribbon Day on the Tropical Wetlands SER



## What does Forever Wild strive for?

## What we measure

1

Vibrant rural communities and broad societal engagement with our landscapes

- Social wellbeing
- Community engagement
- Community perceptions
- Political support

2

Biologically rich and ecologically stable wilderness ecosystems

- Species diversity
- Population dynamics
- Ecological function
- Habitat integrity

3

Sustainable and multi-generational economic activities within our landscapes

- Direct and indirect economic impact
- Economic investment metrics
- Economic partnership metrics



Photo: Tobias Baumgaertner  
Sunrise on the Tropical Wetlands SER

## Year 1 of 1000... Reflections



Dr. Merilee Frankish

### Community Wellbeing Working Group

This first year we have worked on building our relationships with local indigenous people and groups and generated genuine local interest, enthusiasm, and respect.

We had a wonderful cultural evening in May 2019 which brought together locals to learn about indigenous culture and music. One comment that really touched me was *"It was a very warm and inclusive event, with the most wonderful heartfelt welcome to country I have ever heard or seen"*.

My interest in positive health outcomes for our local people fuels my passion to see the human spirit aspect of Forever Wild develop and grow to its potential.



Dr. Annabelle Olsson

### Director

Forever Wild is an inspired move towards connecting wildlife, landscapes and the people who inhabit them. For my part, having the support to provide gold standard veterinary care for wildlife and be instrumental in moving them from recovery to rehabilitation to successful release all under Forever Wild's umbrella is awesome. We have witnessed first-hand the catastrophic decline of the once common Tasmanian Devil, by Devil Facial Tumour. There was so little known about the normal health parameters in this species prior to the disease outbreak, and this significantly hampered the disease investigation to the point where Tasmanian Devils had almost gone extinct by the time the disease was understood. So the skills we are learning today, the advances we are making in veterinary medicine of our wildlife species and the research data we are able to document are essential to the long-term protection of species of Northern Australia.



Rob Larkin, MCHC

### Community Wellbeing Working Group

Mareeba Community Housing Company (MCHC) and Forever Wild formed a professional relationship in July 2018.

Forever Wild's key concepts of linking the natural and human values of the remaining wilderness to help protect these remarkable landscapes, and to play a key role in human well-being also align with MCHC's community engagement programs. The relationship has helped MCHC provide a holistic service to the homeless and those at risk of homelessness by delivering programs on country aimed at addressing interpersonal challenges such as:

- Historical trauma
- Domestic and family violence
- Long-term unemployment
- Community education and support - both men's and women's groups

As our professional relationship grows there will be future opportunities for community members to identify with the Tropical Wetlands Shared Earth Reserve in ways that are meaningful to them environmentally, spiritually and that assist to address personal challenges.



Tobias Baumgaertner

### Storyteller

Since the first day I've been involved with Forever Wild I've witnessed it grow steadily from a highly ambitious idea into an extraordinary organization with a very strong foundation managed by passionate people. Nothing is as rewarding as when hard work pays off and ideas come to fruition, and I am honoured to be a part of this journey, visually and acoustically documenting Forever Wild's mission and success stories. I am greatly excited about the Forever Wild concept as well as its message to the world and I firmly believe that this is the beginning of something big. A give and take relationship at the highest level, one could almost say a symbiotic relationship between people (society as a whole) and the last remaining wildernesses on this planet, and all that comes with it.



## CEO's Letter

Fiachra Kearney

Unless we innovate, and unless we radically alter the way we approach society's relationship with our planet, we will not succeed in creating a sustainable life for ourselves, our unborn children, or all the magnificent species we share this Earth with. And that simply is not an option.



Our planet is an astounding mix of complex ecological systems, human culture & language, and the shared history of all these elements. Human history and culture are etched into the landscapes that remarkable species inhabit, and as fast as we are also losing our biological diversity and undermining our planetary life-support systems we are also losing ancient languages, knowledge and a diverse set of social values.

2018 marked the birth of a new way to protect some of the last wildernesses on Earth, and all that they mean to humanity. As we seek to protect the planet's fragile ecological systems and our reliance upon them we have offered only limited ways for local communities and their respective societies to 'buy-in'. But what if we can protect landscapes with the full support of communities and the broader society? What if we can re-couple human society with our land without undermining the ecological systems?

To achieve anything in a complex system we must act in a way that takes us outside of our own perspectives and dominant values. We must also think and act at scale. For Forever Wild the term 'scale' refers to spatial, temporal and societal scales.

I say to people in my presentations that we should be able to justifiably argue that our efforts will be here in 100 years. This is sensible.

But then I say we should be able to do the same for 1000 years. This tends to bring mixed reactions,

sometimes an eye roll or head shake. But when put in context, that if we look back 1000 years it does not seem that far off; it seems somehow more realistic. We can look at 1000-year-old portraits and see people who we can imagine at that point in time; we can stand on 1000-year-old walls; we can physically touch a 1000-year-old tree. Let us turn that around and look 1000 years from now to what sort of legacy we want to create. Can we leave something that humans in the far distant future will be able to totally immerse themselves in?

If we don't think like this then what are we really doing? According to the Oxford Dictionary the verb 'to conserve' means to protect something from harm or destruction. Not thinking of and planning for protection many, many lifetimes into the future is not conserving our ecological systems or human histories; it is simply slowing the process of loss.

Hugely ambitious thinking with long-term future outlook is prevalent in business, and space exploration. Why not in the protection of our planet and societies?

I invite you to support us. I hope that you will become part of the legacy that Forever Wild is building. Forever Wild is not one person, not even a small team. It is everyone who engages with us, who gives us support or walks away from our reserves with a powerful reason – whatever that may be – to protect wild landscapes. Forever Wild is a societal organisation. It is a legacy.



Photo: Tobias Baumgaertner. Frilled Lizard on the Tropical Wetlands SER



# 1000 years

## Forever Wild's Model

Create Shared Earth Reserves through purchase and co-management

**Assess the natural, societal and economic assets of a landscape**

**Create vast Shared Earth Reserves through purchase and co-management**

**Develop 3 concurrent operating programs in each landscape**

Apply wide-ranging, science-based conservation management.

Develop an in-depth understanding of community and regional society needs and values.

Map these values against reserve assets and potential to support community and broader societal needs.

Engage the local communities and broader society, enabling people to identify with our reserves in multiple ways. Allow people to create memories and a positive feedback loop to our reserves.

Measure the change in attitude in social and political support for our reserves.

Measure the stabilisation and long-term improvement of ecological and species.

Develop an understanding of the economic needs, key industries and potential revenue streams in our reserve regions.

As a key landholder develop novel partnerships and work with the local and regional communities to develop ecologically non-detrimental activities that lead directly to jobs and revenue to the communities.

Measure the economic impact of our reserves, and the attitude of industry, community and government to Forever Wild.

Conserve and protect



As well as protecting ecological integrity Forever Wild focuses on building multi-tiered social, political and economic integration with our reserves. This is how we will protect our landscapes over time. While Australia still maintains a small human

population and vast open spaces, only 200 years ago so did most of the planet. Our programs are designed to ensure we are meaningful now, and that we remain so 1000 years from now.



# Our 3 Operating Programs



Our foundational program is called Wilderness Landscapes, which is the creation of large Shared Earth Reserves (SERs). These are landscapes large enough to realistically contribute to planetary scale systems and humanity across time. Within each SER we run 3 spearhead programs: The Human Spirit, Wilderness Economies and Wildlife & Evolution. Each of the 3 spearhead programs are tailored within a SER and include a very wide range of activities such as biological conservation activities, low-impact restorative agriculture, and wide-ranging co-designed community activities that support community wellbeing. Combined,

our Wilderness Landscape and the subsequent spearhead programs protects wilderness in all its splendor, with all its inherent natural value. Reserves are also designed to join large existing national parks or privately protected areas, thus creating even larger contiguous wilderness landscapes.

Locally		RELEVANT
Nationally		
Globally		





# WILDERNESS LANDSCAPES

## Foundational Program

*Objective: The creation of vast Shared Earth Reserves*

## IMPACT

This is the core program of Forever Wild; these are the vast wilderness SERs that we are creating to hold in perpetuity for future generations of all species in those landscapes. The actual creation of SERs is based on blended finance, ownership and management models. At its core however our Wilderness Landscapes program specifically aims to protect the social and ecological values across vast tracts of remaining wilderness.

To create and manage such large reserves requires new thinking and models. Our SERS must not remove or stifle economic activity but rather create new or better opportunities, in new and innovative ways. We must consider how to financially manage such large landscapes ecologically, and we must mold our work to the communities in and around the landscape, as well as the broader society. All this is precisely what Forever Wild does, and we have some of the most innovative whole-of-landscape programs under development anywhere in the world.

As a very small endorsement of our work so far, only being 12 months old, the Queensland State Government has granted Forever Wild trusteeship of an additional 200 acres of land adjacent to our Tropical Wetlands SER, for the perpetual management for its social and natural values. Critically, this land now directly connects the 5000 acre Tropical Wetlands SER in a direct corridor to the 25,000 acre Hann Tableland National Park.

### 2019 / 2020 Objectives

Build innovative finance structures to fund the purchase and co-management of SERs in our focal landscapes.

Engage with local, State and Federal Governments to design innovative large landscape management models for biologically, socially and economically sustainable Shared Earth Reserves.

Generate revenue streams for the development of Shared Earth Reserves in two key regions of Australia.

**First reserve acquired, the 5000acre Tropical Wetlands.** Directly bordering the vast wilderness landscape of Cape York in Northern Australia, this small reserve contains exceptional biodiversity, cultural and community values. Nearly one quarter of Australia's birds have been recorded here!

This is our **flagship Shared Earth** landscape where we pilot all our programs and work through the blending of key focal areas - human societies, wildlife and economics

**Acquisition of additional 200 acre** corridor that directly connects the Tropical Wetlands to the 25,000 acre Hann Tableland National Park

Landscape fire management implemented

Grants applied for essential land management equipment

Strong relationships formed with neighbouring landholders

Additional 300 acres containing critical habitat for the endangered Northern Quoll, and incredible early settler historical artefacts, under negotiation

### Outcomes



**5200 acres brought into the Shared Earth Reserve program**



**2 protected areas connected, creating a contiguous 30,200ac protected area**



**Initial identification of community needs, values and potential partnerships**



**Additional 300 acres under negotiation, key biodiversity and historical values identified**



# WILDLIFE & EVOLUTION

## Operating Program

*Objective: Biologically rich and ecologically stable wilderness systems*



We recognize that despite our best efforts to protect the Earth's last wildernesses, human beings have instigated change even where no human has set foot. Invasive species, wildlife disease and disruption to fundamental ecological processes all take their toll on the integrity of wilderness. Forever Wild applies the best science and conservation practice for the in-situ, long-term protection of fauna and flora.

This program has very long-term goals, and to be truly impactful our SERs will be large enough to protect the evolutionary potential of the species that call our landscapes home.

### 2019 / 2020 Objectives

Assess the distribution of key species across two projected Shared Earth Reserves in the Desert Rivers and Western Deserts regions.

Initiate applied conservation management on our Tropical Wetlands SER with the explicit aim of improving habitat and population status of key species.

Monitor the Endangered population of Northern Quoll.

Apply traditional Indigenous fire practices, blended with the best fire management science for invasive plant control.

## IMPACT

### SPECIES & HABITATS

**Habitat for 2 Endangered species** including Australia's rarest bird, the Buff Breasted Button Quail, protected

**1 new species:** an undescribed cricket species has been found on the reserve

**1 species range extension:** a range extension for an invertebrate of >300km from previously known range limit

The initiation of the **Korrorook Wildlife Rehabilitation & Conservation Centre of Northern Australia**, and initial construction of rehabilitation pens with the successful medical care, rehabilitation and release of:

- **2 raptors**
- **6 arboreal mammals including 2 squirrel and 2 sugar gliders**
- **5 macropods**
- **4 waterbirds**
- **A range of reptiles, small birds and other mammals**

**2 reserve wildlife events** for wildlife enthusiasts of all types

### WILDLIFE PROTECTION

- **5 individual charges of trespass**, mostly those seeking to hunt illegally
- **1 charge of illegal hunting**
- **>\$4000 in fines**



### Outcomes



**5500 acres of incredibly diverse habitat actively managed**



**Database created on key wildlife health parameters**



**Decrease in illegal hunting by 80%**



**New scientific knowledge generated**



# THE HUMAN SPIRIT

## Operating Program

*Objective: Vibrant communities living in wilderness landscapes*

Humanity has an unbreakable link with wilderness. It is in our core, and Australia alone has 60,000 years of it. The Australian SERs are part of a landscape that harbors the remnants of the oldest living culture on Earth. Sadly, of an incredible 256 Indigenous languages once spoken in Australia, only 13 remain viable.

Forever Wild preserves wilderness for people as much as for wildlife. We believe this is critically important, as people - despite our mistakes - are as much a part of and interwoven into the fabric of our planet as other species. Wilderness connections, values, memories and identities can be wide and varied, and by ensuring that the ecological integrity is not damaged our SERs support a vast diversity of human interaction - our Human Spirit program seeks to connect the very soul of humanity once again with our Earth.

The Human Spirit program also encompasses Wilderness Arts, an idea to encourage the best of humanity to be shared and enjoyed in the magnificent landscapes - the very places these remarkable human abilities evolved.

### 2019 / 2020 Objectives

Continue to map the needs, values and identities of the local and regional communities around the Tropical wetlands SER.

Build the Community Wellbeing Working Group in this landscape.

Run 5 diverse community events that engage a wide cross-section of the community.

## IMPACT

**484 local people** directly involved in activities on the Reserve. >5% of the community in 1 year

**The Arts**, linking human creativity to wilderness. **2 free community concerts**, entirely funded by Forever Wild and with wide in-kind support from the community that brought local families & individuals together for a day of music, laughter and social connections in a truly beautiful landscape

**1 near-extinct Indigenous language** supported with the documentation of known Muluridji words

**34 Indigenous men** engaged in an Outback-based wellbeing program combatting domestic violence, run by two community specialist partners

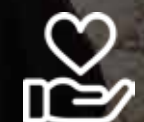
**Strong Women, Strong Families. 28 local women** engaged and supported in an Outback-based wellbeing program, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, run by two community specialist partners

**184 local historical documents** collated with the intention of marking significant sites for multi-generational history preservation on the Tropical Wetlands SER

### Outcomes



**In our first year of operating >5% of the local rural community directly engaged in creating memories, identities and meaningful values on our first Shared Earth Reserve**



**Forever Wild seen as a positive contributor to the community**



# WILDERNESS ECONOMIES

## Operating Program

*Objective: Multi-generational economic revenues in wilderness landscapes*

This program is deliberately separate from The Human Spirit as too often the talk of economics erodes all else that makes us human and keeps us healthy. However we know how critically important strong revenue streams are, and the Wilderness Economies program proactively ensures our SERs are strong, impactful contributors to rural and remote livelihoods. We achieve this through directly supporting non-detrimental economic activities, community needs and local industries, innovative partnerships and government policy.

This program is diverse in nature and employs strong guiding principles for any industry engagement. In year 1 we

examined two important industries in our SER – tourism and pastoralism, and we developed mechanisms to proactively support both on the TW SER. We know that the realities of economic security are paramount to long-term societal well-being, as well as to long-term support for our SERs. We cannot ask a community to support us in-kind, financially or otherwise if we do not give a return.

Many of the outcomes of this program dovetail into The Human Spirit, through providing extraordinary wilderness experiences for people from across the globe. Our pastoral partner also directly engages in habitat management for wildlife.



### 2019 / 2020 Objectives

Develop innovative ideas for Forever Wild to contribute to the economies of future SER landscapes.

Develop comprehensive measures of the impact of our Wilderness Economies programs in the Tropical Wetlands SER.

Engage with industry groups and policy to connect our work more broadly to an ecologically and socially sustainable economy.

## IMPACT

**One local wilderness tour company** given a licence to operate, supporting **2 local jobs and expected to grow to 4-6**. The operation will contribute to supporting service industries, essential for the local rural town

**One local family** of 4 granted a pastoral licence for low-density livestock agriculture. This family practice traditional Australian pastoral practices of horsemanship and mustering, passing the skills to their children and ensuring very limited use of motorised vehicles on the reserve

**Local events supported** including a regional Queensland police bush-conference with police from across the Cape York Wilderness

**Forever Wild offices** established with complete renovation inputting >\$100,000 into the local town economy. One of the few National Charities with headquarter offices outside a major capital

**Positive Community Relationships:** strong relationships formed with local neighbouring landholders

### Outcomes



**Key local industries of tourism and agriculture supported**



**Tangible economic impact for a rural northern Australian community**



**>\$173,000 inputted to the local economy directly and indirectly**



## YEAR 1 ACHIEVEMENTS

Bringing social, economic and conservation investment

In 2018 / 19 we connected with our community and broader society through diverse and meaningful activities, allowing people to value our Shared Earth Reserve in so many ways.



Coming  
Together



Emotional  
health



Community  
Support



Wildlife



Culture



Family



The Arts



Conservation



Language



History



Landscapes



Hope



Wild  
Experiences



Economy  
and Jobs



# Tropical Wetlands

## Shared Earth Reserve

### Queensland



Traditional Indigenous People: Muluridji  
Languages: Muluridji, Kuku Yalanji  
Government Partners: Mareeba Shire Council | QLD State Lands Department

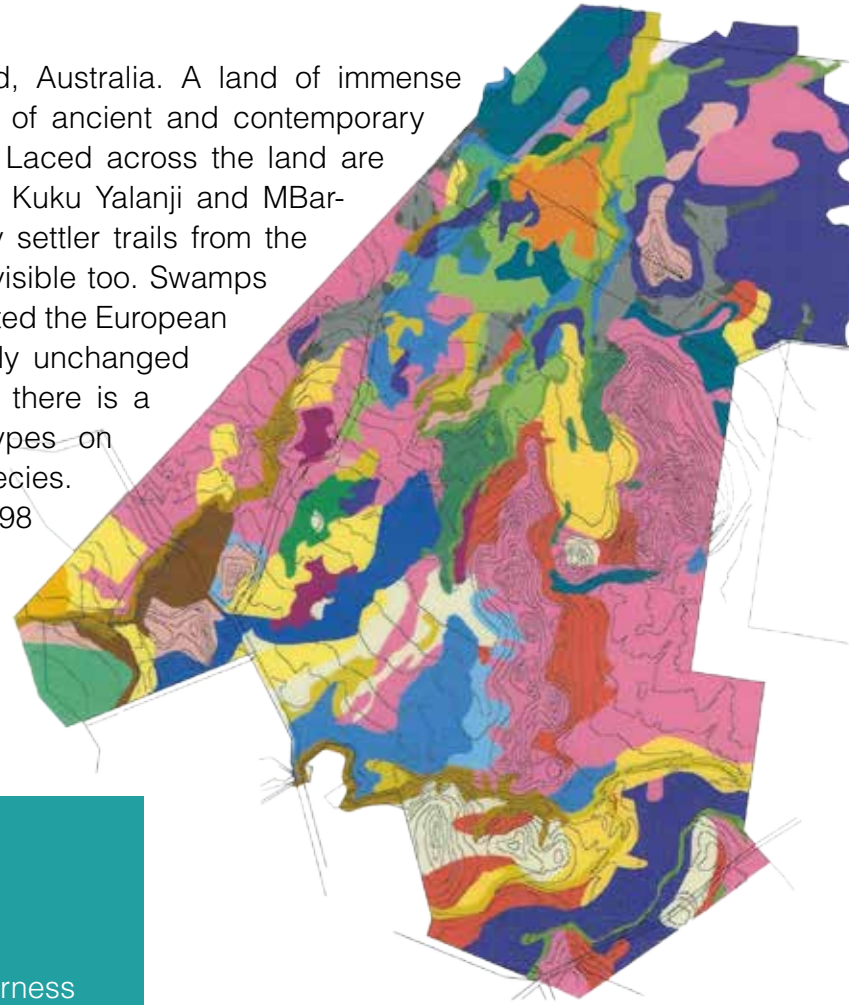


# Tropical Wetlands SER

## Overview

Our first SER is in North Queensland, Australia. A land of immense contrast, the reserve is a diverse mix of ancient and contemporary history, culture, habitats and species. Laced across the land are ancient pathways where the Muluridji, Kuku Yalanji and MBar-Baram people once walked. The early settler trails from the coast to the inland goldfields are still visible too. Swamps and creeks with steep banks that thwarted the European explorer James Mulligan remain largely unchanged with the passing of time. Ecologically there is a tremendous mosaic of vegetation types on the reserve, hosting over 220 bird species. The highest count in a single day was 98 species!

This Tropical Wetlands SER has been acquired as a pilot project for Forever Wild's programs.



## Wilderness Values

### Region & Landscape:

Cape York, classified as intact wilderness

### Wilderness Protection:

Mixed savanna and tropical wetlands

### Human Spirit:

Preservation of Aboriginal and European cultural heritage; Wilderness Arts; access for youth & mental health support; Community Connections; Visits by accredited wildlife groups

### Wildlife:

>220 bird species, high mammal, amphibian and reptile diversity. One of Australia's most important populations of Northern Quoll

### Wilderness Economies:

Pastoralism, low density livestock

Agreement in place with a local wilderness tour operator for ultra-low impact visitation



Photo: Geoff Spanner. Frilled-neck lizard on the Tropical Wetlands SER

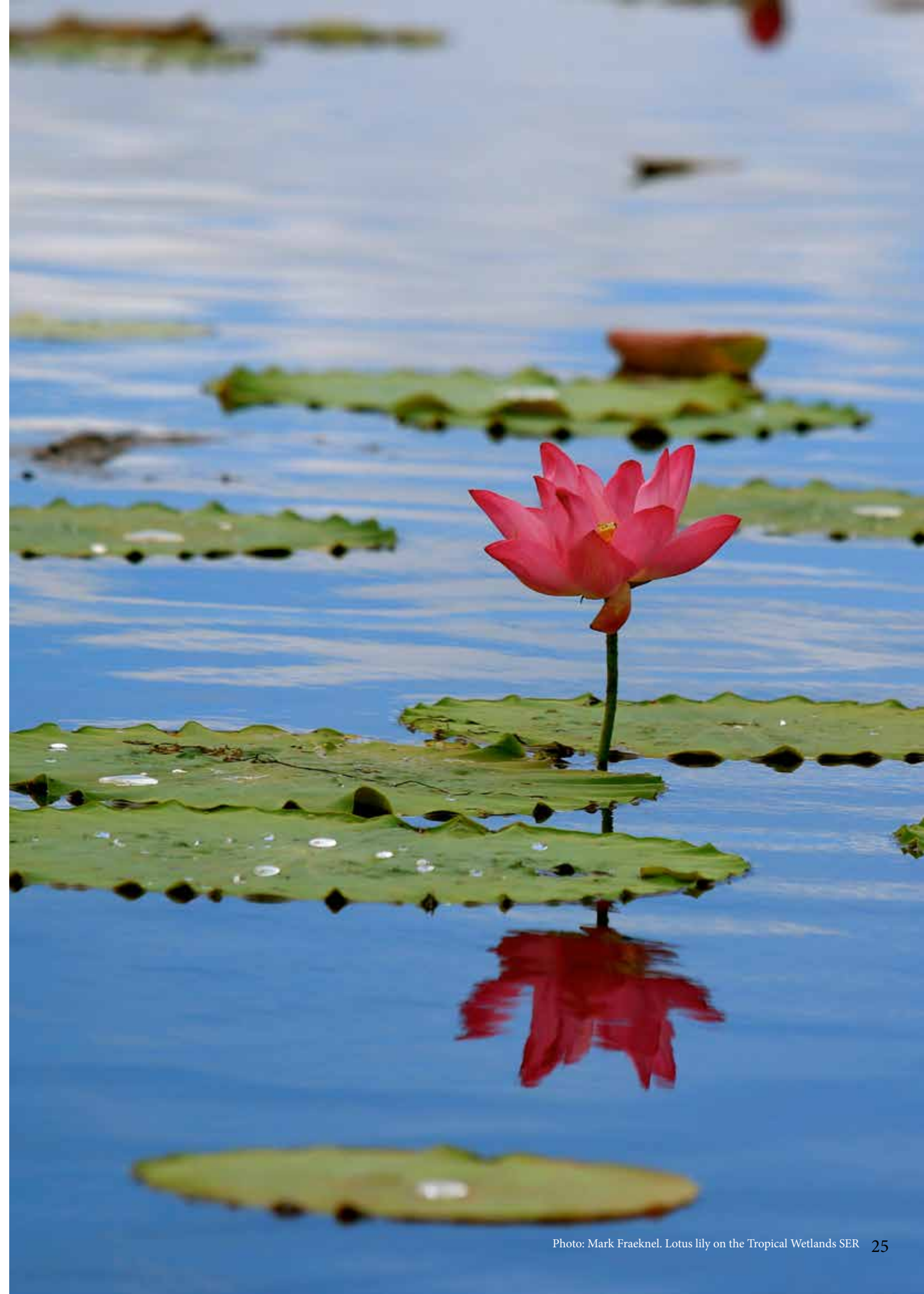


Photo: Mark Fraeknel. Lotus lily on the Tropical Wetlands SER





Photo: Rob Larkin. Indigenous musician David Hudson and participants on the Tropical Wetlands SER

## The TW SER Human Spirit Program

The level of community interest in our work on the Tropical Wetlands Reserve has been staggering. Once we successfully communicated what we seek to do, and began converting those words to meaningful actions, the response from people was wonderful. In only 12 months we have had local community groups raising money for the Reserve; we had local government assist entirely fund the development of a management plan; we have partnered with 2 local community service providers who came to us with amazing ideas around the wellbeing of the community.

Key to this success is the concept we call the Community Wellbeing Working Group (CWWG). These groups are made up of local people from the communities who live in and around our Shared Earth Reserves. This concept is a first for a landscape organisation like ours and has been remarkably popular. It enables the community to be directly involved, to feel that they have a voice, and to work with Forever Wild on understanding the needs, values and dynamics of the community so that we can be a really positive contributor.

We have engaged with the Traditional Muluridgi Owners, as well as the surrounding Yalanji people

and are in very positive discussions regarding mapping and protecting cultural sites, and use of the reserve for a variety of indigenous social programs for young mothers, men's groups, the elderly and youth.

We have collected extensive data documenting the early European exploration and settler history of the reserve, and have mapped original tracks from the 1870's.

In 2018, driven by our TW CWWG, Forever Wild partnered with Mareeba Community Housing Company and Mulungu Aboriginal Corporation Medical Centre and to host an event for community members on the topic of domestic violence. Young men and elders gathered on Forever Wild's Tropical Wetlands SWR to talk, heal and connect, all in a landscape that has stood for thousands of years and a setting that reflects traditional values and local culture.

In words of one young man, "it was my best day for many years."



## Strong Women, Strong Families Co-designed with the community

A day for women living around the Tropical Wetlands SER, simply coming together in a spectacular location to connect with each other, the sense of community and culture. One young participant, Danae Hastie, painted a remarkable picture for the event. The colours chosen represent the Indigenous culture and the strength of women within the family unit. Two different sized hands symbolise the old and the young, the leaves of the tree knowledge passing down the generations; the roots are the foundation of the family.

Watch a beautiful video of the event here:  
<https://vimeo.com/338625295>



## Wildlife & Evolution

An incredible 220 birds have been positively recorded on the Tropical Wetlands SER. This number is remarkable for a 5000 acre reserve and is a large part of why we wanted this landscape in our SER program. Another key factor was that the reserve is close to a vast intact landscape, so the

edge effects and challenges of small reserves are less likely to occur. However, reserve expansion will be an ongoing consideration for this SER to ensure we maintain the stability of ecosystem function.



Photo: Geoff Spanner



Photo: Tobias Baumgaertner

## Korrorook Wildlife Rehabilitation & Conservation Centre of Northern Australia

In late 2018 work began on creating a unique wildlife medical and rehabilitation centre for wilderness species of Northern Australia. Named 'Korrorook' after an Indigenous name for the black-necked stork, the project is led by renowned wildlife veterinarian Dr. Annabelle Olsson and Alexandra Digweed. The project significantly expands on the extensive wildlife medicine that Dr. Olsson has been running for some time across Northern Australia. The main driver for the work are the huge data gaps in most animal species from across Australia. This knowledge is critical for conservation, particularly if we are faced with a situation similar to the facial tumour disease of the Tasmanian Devil.

The main Korrorook wildlife hospital will be in Cairns, and the rehabilitation facility will be located on the Tropical Wetlands SER. Korrarook will focus on rare and threatened species, and animals worked on already include various tree kangaroos, Northern Quoll, squirrel and sugar gliders and several bird species.



Dr. Olsson tending to a tree kangaroo

## Wilderness Economies

The Tropical Wetlands SER has, proportional to size, very good prospects for supporting the local economy. Being a small reserve in a remarkable landscape, the eco-tourism values are exceptional, and several local tour operators draw on an existing tourism market. We anticipate that ongoing, ultra-low impact tourism will be a key component of the reserve over time, with the creation of several direct and indirect jobs.



Photo: Tobias Baumgaertner



Photo: Tobias Baumgaertner



Blending nature and community, at the Conservation Centre on the Tropical Wetlands SER



## SER's in Development

### DESERT RIVERS SER

We are examining landscapes in western Queensland with a view to a long-term Shared Earth Reserve that protects fragile riverine ecosystems, floodplains and the magnificent Outback cultures and economies of the region. This landscape has astounding wilderness values and offers extraordinary potential to retain all those values while concurrently supporting low-impact, high value economic activity. This region is a priority for Forever Wild.

### WESTERN DESERTS SER

The deserts of Western Australia are vast, incredibly diverse and globally important simply because of the scale of land mass they cover. Properly managed, they have the ability to store vast quantities of carbon, protect species not even discovered yet, produce food, fibre and ecosystem services, and provide incredible opportunities for rich and profound experiences to humanity. They are immensely valuable. Yet the voices of concern are growing ever louder as these wilderness landscapes are rapidly degrading, and in mere decades will be beyond repair. The Western Deserts SER is a primary landscape for Forever Wild as we seek to bring large scale funds from philanthropic, agricultural investment and governments to support the communities, livelihoods and landscapes over generations to come.



Photo: Geoff Spanner, Desert River in Queensland



Photo: Geoff Spanner, budgerigars in the Desert Rivers landscape



# OUR PARTNERS & ENGAGEMENTS

## STRATEGIC & GLOBAL



Forever Wild and the IUCN National Committee of The Netherlands will work together to build on the concepts and implementation of large-scale wilderness conservation and associated societal wellbeing. This support is framed around northern and central Australia, as well as other critical global wilderness areas.



Forever Wild has engaged Ernst & Young to assist with developing a Theory of Change and Outcomes Measurement Framework tailored to our needs.

## LOCAL PARTNERS: TROPICAL WETLANDS SER

### Local Government



Forever Wild has a working partnership with Mareeba Shire Council, who offer incredible support to the Tropical Wetlands SER in the form of practical assistance (road fixing) and providing highly experienced staff to assist with legislative obligations. MSC also support Forever Wild on local grant applications under our various program areas.



Mulungu Aboriginal health organisation is a local partner on a number of events, assisting to organise wellbeing events and bringing their in-depth knowledge of regional Indigenous issues to the fore.

### Community Wellbeing



Mareeba Community Housing Committee is a powerful partner on the ground, bringing immense passion and expertise in Indigenous engagement, community wellbeing and informing Forever Wild on local needs and values.



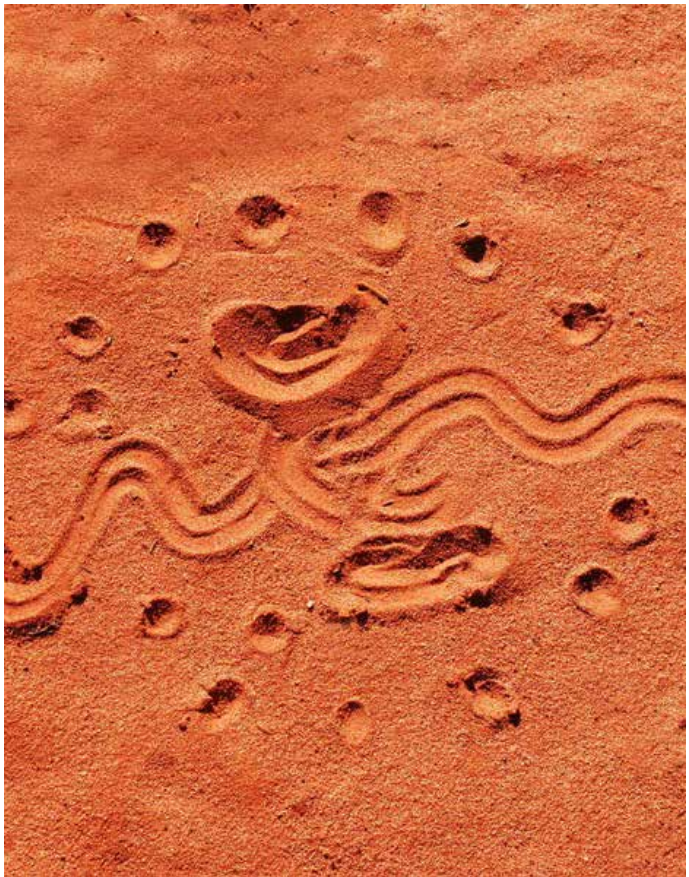
Forever Wild has partnered with the local Rotary District group on understanding community needs, values and networks around our Tropical Wetlands Shared Earth Reserve. Rotary have also been a local financial sponsor and we could not have run successful community support activities without them.

# GOVERNANCE

Forever Wild is fortunate to have a diverse Board bringing strategic insights and real-world knowledge, combined with professional financial management. One key objective for 2019 / 20 is to develop this Board and recruit passionate members with specific areas of expertise and networks.

Forever Wild places a great deal of emphasis on combining strategic management with community-led initiatives and engagement. Our model is unique, powerful and meaningful to the whole of society.

Our Board of Directors lead the charge on organisational governance and broader societal engagement, actively supported with technical and networking input by the Global Council of Advisors. On the ground, Community Wellbeing Working Groups engage directly with the Board and Executive to keep our Shared earth reserves as positive contributors to the local and regional communities.





# FINANCIALS

The financial outline shows the total asset and revenue stream base of Forever Wild over the past 12 months. Assets were absorbed into Forever Wild from the Tropical Wetlands SER and have been assessed at cost and depreciated value according to accounting standards to configure the baseline.

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

TOTAL REALISABLE ASSETS:	\$462,615
TOTAL NON-REALISABLE ASSETS:	\$1,957,036
NET ASSETS:	\$2,419,224
TOTAL LIABILITIES:	\$427
DONATIONS:	\$53,185
TOTAL EQUITY:	\$2,419,224

## OPERATING PROGRAMS

THE HUMAN SPIRIT:	\$15,414
WILDLIFE & EVOLUTION:	\$12,997

## ECONOMICS PROGRAM

WILDERNESS ECONOMIES: (revenue into Reserve Management)	\$3625
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## RESERVE MANAGEMENT

TROPICAL WETLANDS SER:	\$28,843
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Fully audited financial reports are available upon request and online at the Australian Charities & Not-for-profit Commission.



An injured squirrel glider in rehabilitation at Korrorook Wildlife Rehabilitation & Conservation Sanctuary of Northern Australia.



# GET INVOLVED WITH FOREVER WILD

HELP US TO BUILD A LEGACY FOR OUR EARTH AND HUMAN SOCIETY

**In ONE lifetime there could be NO true wilderness remaining.**

Imagine a world in which not just plant and animal species are going extinct, but exploration and discovery as well. A world in which societal values have been irreversibly altered, and one where landscapes that once had the power to nourish, shelter and inspire humankind have vanished. A world where humanity's cultural and evolutionary origins have been **erased** before our very eyes.

Our vision is for vast Shared Earth Reserves (SERs) that are biologically rich and truly meaningful to humanity, protected **now** and **1,000 years** from now by the very communities and societies they nurture. These SERs will protect some of the last remaining wilderness on Earth.

This will be the legacy of all who join this mission - a legacy for humanity and for our Earth. We invite you to help build this legacy.

As a registered environmental charity Forever Wild is funded primarily through tax deductible donations and grants. We can accept fully tax-deductible donations from Australia, the USA and UK. Forever Wild is registered under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission.

## YOU CAN SUPPORT US DIRECTLY



Legacy Giving - join one of our Legacy Giving Circles



Donate to our Community Wellbeing Fund to support remote Australian communities



Gifting a Will



Donate directly online via our website in AUD, USD, GBP or Euro



Donate to our Threatened Species Fund to protect Australia's incredible biological diversity



Support our Endowment & FW Societal Investment Fund for long-term SER management



Stocks & appreciated securities donations



Donations of property or other gifts



Make One-off or Recurrent Donations

## JOIN ONE OF OUR FUTURE EARTH GIVING CIRCLES

Connections - Shared Earth Circles include invites to various exclusive activities on our Shared Earth Reserves.

### SHARED EARTH >\$100,000

Includes membership of Donor Insight Program and exclusive invitations to experience history and culture on our SER, as well as behind the scenes look at the Koorrook wildlife rehabilitation centre.

### LEGACY \$50,000 - \$99,999

Includes membership of Donor Insight Program and behind the scenes look at the Koorrook wildlife rehabilitation centre.

### INSPIRATION \$25,000 - \$49,999

Includes membership of Donor Insight Program.

### EXPLORATION \$10,000 - \$24,999

Eligible for the Donor Insight Program.

### VOYAGER \$5000 - \$9,999

### CONNECTIONS \$1000 - \$4,999

### FRIENDS OF FOREVER WILD <\$1000

## CREATE A WILDERNESS LEGACY TEAM:

Gather a group of family, friends or like-minded individuals to fundraise or generate an annual commitment for Forever Wild.

You can specify which fund you want to donate to. You can even visit our SERs on specific dates, or book an exclusive visit to suit your group - to do so contact our fundraising team at: [admin@foreverwild.com.au](mailto:admin@foreverwild.com.au)

## DONOR INSIGHT PROGRAM:

Our Donor Insight Program is a unique opportunity to gain deep insights into Forever Wild, our reserves and our work. Located on the Tropical Wetlands SER in Northern Australia donors are collected at the nearest international airport and transported to the Shared Wilderness Reserve for 2 nights.

Staying in elegant 'Walkabout' tents deep in the Australian bush on the shores of a magnificent wetland, donors awaken to the magnificence of Northern Australia as few have seen it.

Accompanied by the Forever Wild CEO, the days are filled with activities across our spearhead programs, including Indigenous and Early Settler history & culture, experiencing traditional pastoralism and of course unparalleled wildlife experiences.

Donors who meet the eligibility criteria will be emailed full details and various dates of when the Donor Insight Program is open.

## YOU CAN SUPPORT US INDIRECTLY BY:



Experiencing our wilderness reserves with one of our licenced tour operators



Booking a wilderness event at the Tropical Wetlands SER



Attending our Wilderness Arts or Indigenous Australian's events

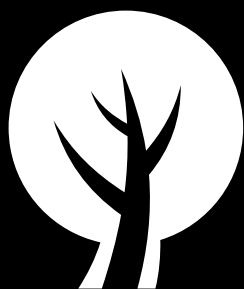
## GET IN CONTACT

Australia: Contact Forever Wild at [enquiries@foreverwild.com.au](mailto:enquiries@foreverwild.com.au)

UK: Contact us for details of our fiscal partner in the UK

USA: Donate directly to our IRS compliant and tax-deductible fund at Social Good, California. The fund accepts monetary donations, real estate and a wide range of other donations. [www.socialgoodfund.org](http://www.socialgoodfund.org)





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