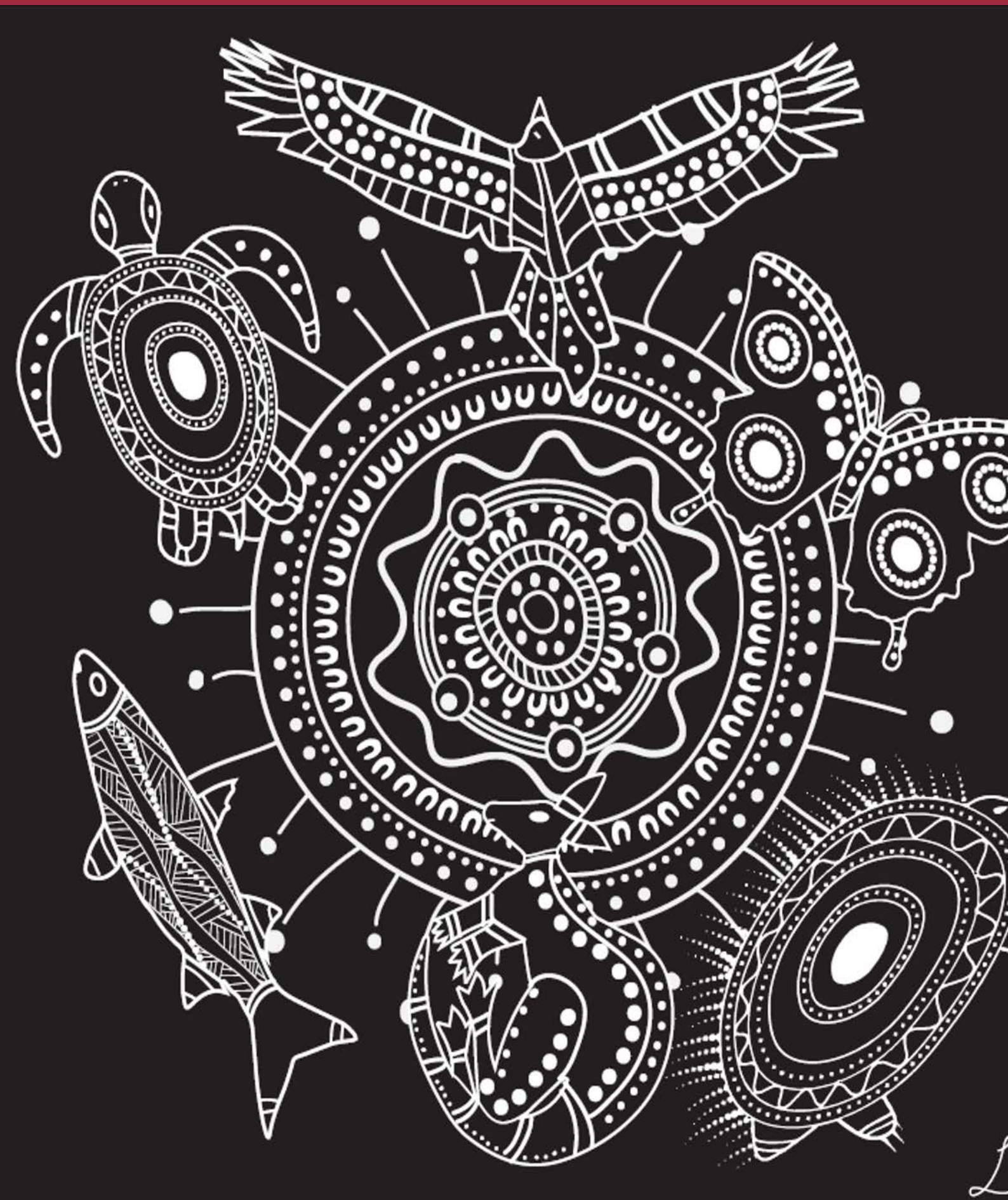
National Trust of Australia (Queensland) 2025/26

ANNUAL REPORT



NATIONAL TRUST
Queensland

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Front Cover: Artists impression of Currumbin Wildlife Institute - opening Spring 2027



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Acknowledgement of Country

National Trust of Australia (Queensland) (The National Trust) respects and honours the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Queensland. The National Trust acknowledges the stories, traditions and living cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the many traditional lands and language groups of Queensland. We thank them for caring for Country, the lands, waters, and wildlife since time immemorial.

PRESIDENT'S SUMMARY REPORT

FY2025/26 has been another positive year for the National Trust of Australia (Queensland), with strong progress made across our conservation, heritage, training and community programs. It has also been a year of continued growth, innovation and investment as we work towards delivering our long-term vision for the organisation.

Throughout the year, the Board worked alongside the Executive Committee to support the delivery of the National Trust's 2023-2027 Strategic Plan and ensure we remain focused on our purpose of protecting and celebrating Queensland's natural and cultural heritage for future generations.

It has been pleasing to see continued momentum across several important initiatives. Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, the National Trust's flagship property, has continued to strengthen its reputation as one of Queensland's leading ecotourism and conservation destinations, while new projects such as the Currumbin Wildlife Institute currently under construction continue to progress and build excitement for what will be achieved for wildlife conservation, research and education in the years ahead.

We have also continued to invest in our heritage properties and collections, ensuring these important places remain protected, accessible and relevant. Across the state, our teams, volunteers and supporters continue to play a vital role in preserving Queensland's unique stories and places.

The Board has focused on ensuring the organisation is well placed for future success through strong governance, responsible decision-making and ongoing review of our policies, systems and strategic priorities. As the National Trust continues to grow, maintaining these strong foundations remains a priority.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank our CEO, Jayme Cuttriss, the Executive Committee, our staff, volunteers and trainees, for their dedication and hard work throughout the year. Their passion, professionalism and commitment are what make the National Trust such a capable and respected organisation.

I would like to acknowledge my fellow Directors for generously contributing their time, expertise and leadership. Their support and direction continue to help guide the National Trust through a period of exciting opportunity and growth.

I would also like to express our sincere appreciation to the National Trust's Joint Patrons, Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, Governor of Queensland, and Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD, for their valued support and encouragement throughout their tenure. Their genuine interest in our conservation and heritage work, including their support for Trust Talks, Queensland Heritage Awards, our regional museum properties, Currumbin Wildlife Hospital and the Currumbin Wildlife Institute, has been greatly appreciated. On behalf of the Board and the wider the National Trust community, I thank them for their distinguished patronage and generous contribution to our organisation.

Finally, thank you to our members, donors, partners, and supporters. Your commitment to the National Trust enables us to continue protecting wildlife, preserving heritage places and creating positive outcomes for communities across Queensland.

As we begin planning for the next phase of the National Trust's strategic journey, I am confident that the National Trust is well positioned for the future. With dedicated people, a clear sense of purpose and strong community support, we have every reason to be optimistic for the years ahead.



By Mark Townend AM

President

National Trust of Australia (Queensland)



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

FY2025/26 has been a remarkable year for the National Trust, with strong progress across conservation, heritage, tourism, education, and community impact. Guided by our 2023-2027 Strategic Plan, we have continued to strengthen the organisation while delivering meaningful outcomes for Queensland's wildlife, heritage places, and communities.

One of the year's key highlights was the first full year of Astra Lumina at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. The light and sound night walk experience has attracted new audiences, expanded our visitor offering, and opened a previously unutilised area of remarkable bushland at the Sanctuary. We also continued investing in visitor experiences, animal habitats, and infrastructure to ensure the Sanctuary remains one of Australia's leading wildlife tourism destinations, recognised in the Best of Queensland program.

Conservation remains at the heart of everything we do. Through the Currumbin Wildlife Hospital, Garima Conservation Reserve, and our broader conservation programs, we continued important wildlife protection, habitat restoration, and species recovery initiatives such as the critically endangered Kroombit Tinkerfrogs and Eastern Bristlebirds. Our Currumbin Wildlife Hospital continues to be recognised as one of the busiest wildlife hospitals in the world, caring for nearly 16,000 wildlife admissions annually. Behind these extraordinary numbers is a highly skilled and compassionate team of veterinarians, veterinary nurses, volunteers and conservation professionals committed to delivering vital care to our wildlife.

A major focus during the year was the continued advancement of the Currumbin Wildlife Institute, the largest and most ambitious project ever undertaken by the National Trust. Designed to be a world-class centre for conservation, wildlife health, research, and education, the Institute will significantly enhance our capacity to respond to emerging threats to wildlife and biodiversity. Partially funded by three levels of Government, our fundraising team are working hard to secure the necessary funding to complete this project ahead of the expected opening in Spring 2027.

This year also saw recognition of the National Trust's commitment to skills development and community impact. Our National Trust Eco Conservation Skills Traineeship (N.E.S.T) Program was recognised with the 2026 Queensland Training Award for Community Training Initiative of the Year, highlighting the positive outcomes being achieved through education, training, and employment pathways. Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary was awarded Silver at 2025 Queensland Tourism Awards for Major Tourism Attraction and won the Southeast Queensland Training Awards for Large Employer of the Year and Community Training Initiative of the Year.

We continued our successful Trust Talks series, participated in the wonderful Australian Heritage Festival with the closing event being the Queensland Heritage Awards, hosted by the National Trust. This special evening was held at the state-listed Tattersall's Club in Brisbane and will become an annual event to highlight and celebrate heritage excellence throughout Queensland.

Across our heritage portfolio, we invested in conservation works, restoration projects and collection management to ensure Queensland's cultural heritage is protected and shared for the future. Ongoing works continued at Cooktown Museum to improve accessibility and visitor experience. Wolston Farmhouse, Royal Bull's Head Inn, and Hou Wang Temple and Museum delivered engaging events and ran a series of open days for guests and locals to visit these special places. A strong focus on community programs brought a diversity of team members to our properties from youth trainees to volunteers.

None of these achievements would have been possible without our dedicated staff, volunteers, trainees, members, donors, sponsors, ambassadors, government partners, and supporters. Your commitment and belief in our mission enable us to achieve outcomes that extend far beyond our organisation.





By Jayme Cuttriss

Chief Executive Officer

National Trust of Australia (Queensland)

THE NATIONAL TRUST AT A GLANCE

Financial Year 2025/26

Over **27,000** Members who enjoy free access to over **1000** places around Australia and overseas

554 Volunteers
418 Staff
305 Trainees

Over **520k visitors** attending events and places

14 places managed across QLD
11 Heritage Listed places

Managed assets valued at **$144M** (as at 30 June 2026)

$5M in construction/building expenditure

32 Heritage appeals managed on behalf of community groups

Historic artefact collection valued at **$7.6M**

Protecting **60 hectares** of bushland and plantations

28,000 participants in student education programs

Flagship Property, the iconic **Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary**

Operates **Currumbin Wildlife Hospital** that treats approx. **16,000** animals per year



Royal Bull's Head Inn - Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers

NOMINATIONS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT



By Glenys Schuntner

Chair, Nominations and Governance Committee

National Trust of Australia (Queensland)

During the year, the Committee focused on succession planning and maintaining best-practice governance standards across the National Trust. The Committee held four formal meetings, together with a number of additional meetings dedicated to Director recruitment and succession planning.

Succession Planning

Recognising the cyclical nature of Board turnover, the Committee developed a strategy to improve continuity while maintaining regular Board renewal. This resulted in a constitutional amendment, endorsed by members at the May 2026 Special General Meeting, providing the Board with greater flexibility to manage Director tenure within defined parameters.

To support this work, the Committee also completed a Board performance review and skills audit. The outcomes are now informing a long-term succession plan designed to reduce future periods of significant Director turnover.

Governance and Policy Reviews

The Committee reviewed a range of governance documents during the year, including key Board policies, charters, election procedures, and Director induction materials. Recommended updates were endorsed by the Board, ensuring the National Trust's governance framework remains current and aligned with best practice.

Director Elections

The Committee oversaw the 2025 Director election process, including candidate shortlisting, interviews, and referee checks. We congratulate Annabelle Simon and Paul Davies on their election to the Board in December 2025. Vero Voting was again engaged to manage the nomination and election process.

Honorary Life Members

Following a review of nominations, the Committee recommended five individuals for Honorary Life Membership, all of whom were approved by the Board and recognised at the 2025 AGM. Congratulations to Arthur Frame AM, Henry Smerdon AM, Dr Bruce Cook OAM, Dr Ian Galloway AM, and Donald Channer.

On behalf of the Committee, I thank my fellow members, Mark Townend and Mellissa Brown, together with Jayme Cuttriss, Ben Graziani, and Donna McNish, for their commitment and valuable contributions throughout the year. The Committee remains dedicated to supporting the National Trust's charitable purpose, governance excellence, and long-term sustainability.

OUR TEAM



By Briony Low

Head of People and Culture

National Trust of Australia (Queensland)

Our people continue to be at the heart of the National Trust's success. Across our workforce of employees, volunteers, trainees, apprentices and community training participants, we remain united by a shared commitment to conservation, education and exceptional guest experiences.

During FY2025/26, we focused on building organisational capability, strengthening workplace culture, and enhancing the employee experience. A key achievement was the continued development of our Emerging Leaders Program, which now includes a nationally recognised Certificate IV in Leadership and Management, creating a clear pathway for developing future leaders from within the National Trust.

Investment in learning and development remained a priority through apprenticeships, traineeships, formal qualifications, leadership programs and technical training. Partnerships with organisations including Axion, MEGT, BUSY at Work and Blueprint further expanded development opportunities across the organisation.

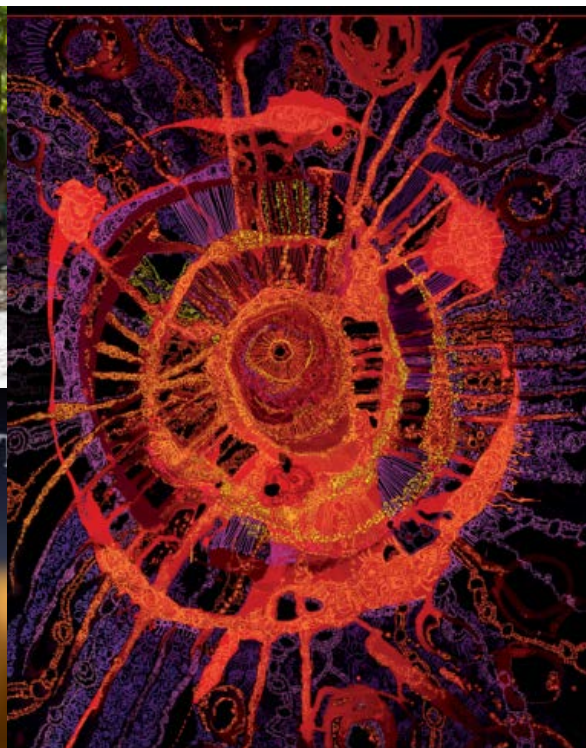
We also made significant progress in integrating our people, payroll, training and workforce management systems, laying the foundations for improved compliance, workforce insights, operational efficiency and employee experience.

Workplace wellbeing and safety remained a strong focus through the expansion of our Safety Champion program, enhanced hazard reporting, psychological safety training, wellbeing initiatives and continued access to onsite psychology services. These initiatives reinforce our commitment to a safe, healthy and supportive workplace.

Through continued investment in our people, systems and culture, the National Trust is building a skilled, resilient and engaged workforce that is well positioned to support our conservation mission and long-term success.

Our commitment to reconciliation also continued to mature, supported by a partnership with Krueger Consultancy Services to guide the next phase of our Reconciliation Action Plan. Through ongoing collaboration with Traditional Custodians, First Nations communities and partners, we are embedding reconciliation into everyday practices across the organisation.









OUR DIVERSE WORK TEAM

554 Volunteers
418 Staff
305 Trainees

131 Full Time
59 Part Time
228 Casual

Our goal is to **Create a Great Workplace** where employees and training participants work together towards collaborative and innovative shared goals. The diversity of our people is one of our greatest strengths, fostering stronger outcomes, deeper connections and a more vibrant organisational culture.

SNAPSHOT - THE NATIONAL TRUST EMPLOYEES

Ages of paid team members
29% 15-25 years old
45% 26-45 years old
16% 46-59 years old
10% 60+ years

Length of Service
75% up to 5 years
12% 5-10 years
13% over 10 years

First Nations and Torres Strait Islanders
3.10% of total paid workforce including trainees

Gender composition of the National Trust paid team members
62% Women
38% Men
<1% non-binary

All statistics as of 30 June 2026.









VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS



By Jane Jamieson

Head of Volunteer Programs and Community Training Partnerships

National Trust of Australia (Queensland)

The National Trust Volunteer Programs and Community Training

The National Trust Volunteer and Community Training Programs continued to grow in both scale and impact during FY2025/26. Across both divisions, 859 participants contributed their time, skills and passion to support wildlife care, conservation, heritage preservation, visitor experiences, fundraising and community engagement initiatives across 31 programs operating at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary and the National Trust heritage properties. The outcomes and successes of these programs have resulted in winning a number of industry awards throughout the year including the Queensland Training Awards. This success reflects our strong focus on targeted recruitment, effective role matching and creating positive participant experiences, embodying our mantra: the National Trust Volunteers – Add Value, Feel Valued.

The National Trust volunteer workforce continues to be highly experienced and engaged. These programs offer significant benefit to both our organisation and to the volunteers themselves in terms of providing skills development and social engagement opportunities. The number of volunteers with over 5 years tenure has increased to 38%, with the outcome being these long-serving volunteers contributing their valuable knowledge and expertise across the organisation.

We extend our sincere thanks to our volunteers whose generosity, dedication and commitment make an invaluable contribution to the National Trust. Their collective efforts help bring our mission to life every day, and we are deeply grateful for the thousands of hours they devote to supporting wildlife, conservation, heritage and community outcomes across Queensland.

The National Trust Community Training programs expanded significantly, increasing by 64% to 305 participants, up from 186 last year. This diverse suite of courses provides workplace support to our teams, plus delivers accredited training and practical experience in fields including tourism, conservation, construction, animal care, exhibited animals, veterinary nursing, horticulture and rail infrastructure. Through partnerships with education and employment providers, the National Trust has hosted First Nations youth, university internship students and employment pathway programs. Together, these initiatives help develop future talent, create employment opportunities and provide meaningful support for the National Trust's conservation, heritage and community objectives.

SNAPSHOT - THE NATIONAL TRUST VOLUNTEERS

Length of Service
62% less than 5 years
19% 5-10 years
19% over 10 years

Gender composition of the National Trust Volunteers
66% Women
33% Men
1% non-binary

Ages of the National Trust Volunteers
12% 15-25 years old
13% 26-45 years old
9% 46-59 years old
41% 60-74 years old
25% 75+ years

National Trust Community Training Programs

305 participants in community training programs

31 community programs









NTAQ WORKFORCE MODEL



Core capability • Expanded capacity • Community pathways















CURRUMBIN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY



By Travis Couch

General Manager

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

The 2025/26 financial year was another successful year for Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, with more than 500,000 guests welcomed through our gates. Strong visitation enhanced commercial offerings and improved customer yield contributed to a positive financial result. International visitation continued its steady recovery, with visitors from 131 countries experiencing the Sanctuary, reinforcing its reputation as one of Queensland's leading tourism attractions.

Throughout the year, we remained focused on delivering exceptional and immersive wildlife experiences across our 27-hectare site. This commitment was recognised with a Silver at the 2025 Queensland Tourism Awards 'Major Tourist Attraction' category, while international travel platform Trip.com named the Sanctuary one of its Most Promising Partners and included it among its Global Top 100 Family-Friendly Attractions.

The Sanctuary also achieved a significant milestone by receiving a perfect score of 100 points in Tourism and Events Queensland's Best of Queensland Experiences Program for the third consecutive year. This outstanding result reflects our continued dedication to guest excellence and places the Sanctuary well above regional industry benchmarks. Guest satisfaction remained exceptionally strong, with a ReviewPro Global Review Index score exceeding 90%, outperforming both the industry benchmark and Gold Coast tourism averages, and reaffirming our commitment to providing world-class wildlife and guest experiences.

Astra Lumina – A Night Walk Amongst the Stars

Astra Lumina continued to enhance the Sanctuary's tourism offering, attracting new audiences and extending visitation beyond daylight hours. Developed in partnership with Moment Factory, the Southern Hemisphere's first permanent Lumina experience welcomed more than 31,500 guests during the year and maintained an impressive Google rating of 4.7 out of 5. Through its unique blend of immersive storytelling, light, sound and natural beauty, Astra Lumina has established itself as a leading after-dark tourism experience and an important contributor to visitation growth.

Investment in Habitats and Visitor Experiences

Connecting our guests with wildlife through meaningful and engaging experiences remains at the heart of Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. Throughout FY2025/26, we continued to invest in animal habitats, guest facilities and the ongoing development of our dedicated animal care team, ensuring exceptional outcomes for both guests and the animals in our care.

During the year, new American alligator and Radiated tortoise habitats were unveiled, providing enhanced environments for these species while creating new opportunities for education and guest engagement. Both habitats feature bespoke interpretive signage designed to inspire a deeper understanding of wildlife conservation and the important role zoos play in protecting threatened species. Our popular keeper presentations also continued to provide memorable and informative experiences for guests across the Sanctuary.

Preparations throughout the year focused on several exciting new guest experiences, including the opening of Quokka Nook, the upcoming Raptor Ridge precinct, an immersive new precinct designed to showcase the remarkable diversity, power and ecological importance of birds of prey and the arrival of a Galápagos tortoise later this year to

join our Tortoise Village. These additions will further strengthen the Sanctuary's visitor offering while providing new opportunities to engage guests with wildlife conservation and environmental education.

As an accredited member of the Zoo and Aquarium Association (ZAA), positive animal welfare remains central to all habitat developments and guest experiences. The expertise and dedication of our wildlife team continue to ensure the highest standards of animal care while creating meaningful wildlife encounters for our guests. Supported by our Board, we look forward to further investment in wildlife experiences, habitat improvements and the introduction of new species in the years ahead.

Conservation Successes

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary continued to make important contributions to threatened species recovery including its Kroombit tinkerfrog and Eastern bristlebird breed-for-release programs. During the year, additional animals were successfully released into the wild, supported by ongoing monitoring and habitat management. These achievements reflect the expertise and dedication of our Conservation team and the valuable support of the Queensland and New South Wales Governments, helping to secure a future for some of Australia's most threatened species.

Encounters, Food, Beverage and Retail

Our Wildlife Encounters team continued to create meaningful opportunities for guests to connect with wildlife, delivering memorable experiences that educate and inspire an appreciation for the conservation of our wildlife and natural environment.

Retail operations evolved throughout the year to meet changing guest expectations, with our flagship stores, Sanctuary Gifts and Spirit of the Outback, offering a diverse range of unique and sustainably sourced products that remain popular with both local and international visitors.

Across our food and beverage and events operations, we continued to enhance menu offerings and service delivery to meet the diverse needs of our guests. The successful integration of the events and food and beverage teams has further strengthened operational flexibility, enabling the delivery of high-quality guest experiences ranging from daily operations to premium evening functions and events.

Weddings and Events

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary's weddings and events business continued to grow throughout FY2025/26, driven by increasing demand for the Sanctuary's distinctive premium venues, including The Homestead, The Pavilion and Lost Valley. The Sanctuary's reputation as one of the Gold Coast's most unique event destinations was once again recognised with the Best Unique Venue Award at the Gold Coast Wedding Industry Awards, marking an outstanding six year success.











CURRUMBIN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY AT A GLANCE

Financial Year 2025/26

Won Silver at **QLD Tourism Awards**
- Major Tourism Attraction

Won SEQ Training Awards **Large Employer of the Year** and **Community Training Initiative of the Year**

Welcomed **500K+** from across the globe

402 Staff
464 Volunteers
265 Trainees

First Night Light and Sound Attraction in Southern Hemisphere
Welcomed 31,500+ guests

Home to over **1,100+** Native and Exotic Animals

2M Gum Boughs required for Koalas per year

Opened New Habitats - **American alligators** and **Radiated tortoises**

Nature-based experience over **20,000 trees** spread across over **27 hectares of land**

Over **26,000 participants** in student education

22 Community Programs

Review Scores - Tripadvisor **4.5/5**
Google my business **4.6/5**
Facebook **92% recommend**

Miniature Heritage Railway operating since 1964

QLD Heritage Listed Property since 2009

Winner Wedding Industry Awards (6 years)

Operates **six eucalyptus plantations**

CONSERVATION PROGRAMS



By Anthony Molyneux

Head of Life Sciences and Conservation Programs

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

The conservation programs undertaken by Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary continued to deliver significant outcomes throughout FY2025/26, reflecting the dedication of our Conservation team and the ongoing commitment of the National Trust Board to invest in innovative and impactful wildlife recovery initiatives. Through strategic partnerships, scientific research, captive breeding, and species recovery programs, the Sanctuary continues to play a leading role in protecting some of Australia's most threatened wildlife species.

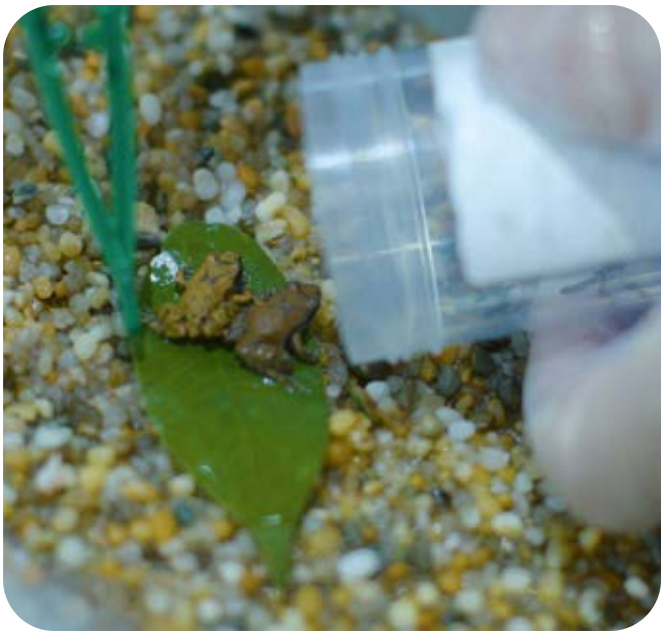
Kroombit Tinkerfrog Recovery Program – *critically endangered*

The Kroombit tinkerfrog breed-for-release program continued at The Frog Lab during FY2025/26, with 22 captive-bred frogs released into Kroombit Tops National Park as part of the program's sixth release. Since commencement, 198 frogs have been returned to the wild and 401 individuals have been successfully reared.

Monitoring efforts were enhanced with wildlife detection dogs Ash and Poa surveying historical habitat areas. The dogs indicated activity in locations where tinkerfrogs had not been detected for more than six years, prompting the installation of additional bio-acoustic monitoring equipment to support ongoing surveys.

Breeding success was lower than expected during the year, with only one successful breeding event recorded. The result is believed to be linked to revised water management parameters introduced to improve breeding outcomes. Husbandry practices are currently being reviewed and adjusted to support improved breeding success in future seasons.









Eastern Bristlebird Breed-for-Release Program – *critically endangered*

The Eastern bristlebird breed-for-release program continued to deliver strong outcomes in FY2025/26, with 22 birds released across two release events in the Border Ranges of northern New South Wales. Since the program began, 139 birds have been bred and 62 released to support the recovery of this nationally threatened species.

Post-release monitoring confirmed two additional wild pairings involving Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary-bred birds, demonstrating successful adaptation and integration into wild populations.

Funding during the year enabled the construction of 11 new holding habitats at National Trust's Garima Conservation Reserve, significantly increasing capacity and strengthening biosecurity protections against threats such as Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). All offspring were relocated to the new facilities in June 2026 as part of the Sanctuary's HPAI preparedness planning.

While the expanded facilities have substantially increased operational demands, the investment provides a strong foundation for future releases and the long-term success of the Eastern bristlebird recovery program.

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary Conservation Detection Dog Program

The Conservation Detection Dog Program continued to expand throughout FY2025/26 following its launch in March 2025. Detection dog Moose continued to support field research and population monitoring by locating koalas and identifying individuals requiring veterinary assessment and treatment.

Beyond his conservation work, Moose played an important education and engagement role, joining school demonstrations and appearing in the Free Flight Bird Show. During the year, he also commenced scent detection training and trials for the Eastern Bristlebird program, with active nest-searching operations beginning in October 2026.



Michael Vella and Detection Dog, Moose



Koala Conservation and Eucalyptus Plantations

Koalas remain one of the most important species supported by Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary's conservation and wildlife health programs. Through a combination of research, habitat restoration, wildlife rehabilitation, education, and community engagement, the Sanctuary continues to play a leading role in safeguarding koala populations across Southeast Queensland. The Sanctuary also provides extensive support for koala rehabilitation and recovery through the Currumbin Wildlife Hospital, which treats injured and diseased koalas and assists in their return to the wild wherever possible. Dedicated rehabilitation facilities, specialist veterinary expertise, and ongoing post-release monitoring ensure koalas receive the highest standard of care throughout their recovery journey.

Supporting these efforts is a significant investment in habitat restoration and koala nutrition. The Sanctuary manages extensive eucalyptus plantations and fodder resources, maintaining more than 35,000 fodder trees and undertaking ongoing revegetation projects to restore and enhance koala habitats. During the year, additional habitat restoration works and plantation programs helped strengthen long-term food security for koalas in care while contributing to broader conservation outcomes.



Animal Collection Growth

Throughout FY2025/26, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary continued to strengthen and diversify its animal collection through the acquisition of several significant native and exotic species. New arrivals included Red panda, American alligators, Radiated tortoises, Yellow-bellied and Feathertail gliders, Ghost bats, Black flying foxes, Red-tailed Black cockatoos, Sulphur-crested cockatoos, Eastern Grey kangaroos, Wombat, Dingoes, reptiles including Tiger snakes, King Brown snakes and Knob-tail geckos, as well as a range of other native bird species.

These additions enhance the Sanctuary's ability to deliver meaningful conservation education, support species management programs, and create engaging wildlife experiences for guests. Particularly exciting was the arrival of four additional American alligators and two young Dingoes (Koa and Kari) who quickly became guest favourites.

The Sanctuary also celebrated a highly successful year of breeding outcomes across a diverse range of native and threatened species. Significant achievements included the hatching of Macleay's fig-parrots, Gouldian finches, Star finches, Double-barred finches, Superb parrots, Princess parrots, White-breasted Ground doves, Bar-shouldered doves, Common bronzewings, Regent honeyeaters and Bush Stone-curlews. Mammal breeding successes included 14 koala joeys, Greater bilbies, Spinifex Hopping mice and Echidna puggles, reflecting the knowledge and dedication of the animal care team.

The successful breeding of several threatened and uncommon species such as the Kroombit tinkerfrogs and Eastern bristlebirds, highlights the expertise of the Sanctuary's wildlife team and their ongoing commitment to securing a future for Australia's unique wildlife.

Zoo and Aquarium Association Accreditation

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary maintained its Zoo and Aquarium Association (ZAA) accreditation during FY2025/26, demonstrating continued excellence in animal welfare, conservation, veterinary care, education and sustainability. This accreditation recognises the Sanctuary's commitment to industry best practice and supports its participation in regional breeding programs, conservation partnerships and threatened species recovery initiatives.







HPAI Preparedness (Bird Flu)

During FY2025/26, Currumbin Wildlife Hospital continued to play an important role in national preparedness efforts for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), working alongside government agencies, industry partners and the Zoo and Aquarium Association (ZAA) to strengthen wildlife disease surveillance and response capability. The Hospital's veterinary expertise, wildlife health monitoring programs and emergency response capacity position it as a key contributor to the protection of Australia's native bird populations and wildlife.

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary strengthened its preparedness through the development of a comprehensive biosecurity response plan in partnership with ZAA. The Sanctuary also secured grant funding to enhance biosecurity measures, contingency planning and the protection of its animal collection and conservation breeding programs.

Garima Conservation Reserve

Situated in the Currumbin Valley, Garima Conservation Reserve continued to play a critical role in the organisation's threatened species recovery efforts during FY2025/26. The reserve supports the Eastern bristlebird breed-for-release program, providing dedicated facilities for the management and preparation of birds destined for release into the wild. During the year, 11 new holding habitats were constructed at Garima, significantly increasing capacity, strengthening biosecurity measures and supporting the long-term growth of the recovery program. New holding aviaries and management protocols were developed to enhance the program's resilience against potential disease threats, including HPAI (Bird Flu), while ensuring the ongoing success of breeding and release efforts for this critically endangered species. The reserve also supported monitoring and conservation efforts for a range of locally significant species, including native endangered Southern Pink Underwing moth populations and other key indicator species that contribute to the ecological diversity of the Currumbin Valley.

Garima also serves as a living conservation and training landscape through the National Trust Eco Conservation Skills Traineeship (N.E.S.T.) Program. Throughout the year, trainees undertook extensive bush regeneration and habitat restoration activities, contributing to weed management, revegetation, habitat enhancement and ongoing land stewardship across the reserve. These activities not only improve habitat quality for native wildlife but also provide participants with valuable hands-on experience in conservation land management and ecological restoration.



Southern Pink Underwing moth - endangered



2025 N.E.S.T. Trainees with Glenda McCully, Horticulture Manager - Garima Conservation Reserve

Sustainability and Environmental Management

During FY2025/26, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary transitioned from sustainability planning to implementation. Guided by sustainability advisor Larissa Rose (GG Enviro) and led internally by Head of Life Sciences and Conservation Programs, Anthony Molyneux, the Sanctuary completed its Sustainability Roadmap 2026-2030, endorsed in 2026.

Aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and World Economic Forum ESG framework, the Roadmap establishes targets across carbon management, energy and water efficiency, waste reduction, education, sustainable procurement, and community partnerships. Supporting frameworks implemented during the year included an updated Environmental Management Plan, a revised Waste Management Plan, refreshed Sustainability Team governance arrangements, and the rollout of a Sustainability Procurement Scorecard.

Ecotourism Certification

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary successfully renewed its Advanced Ecotourism and Respecting Our Culture certifications through Ecotourism Australia's first full recertification audit in five years. The Sanctuary achieved 91% compliance against the Advanced Ecotourism criteria, well above the required standard, with auditors recognising significant improvements in governance and environmental management since the previous audit.



During FY2025/26, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary continued to strengthen its environmental performance through waste reduction, energy efficiency, conservation, and community engagement initiatives. Waste diversion increased to 62%, supported by the installation of on-site composting infrastructure that converts food organics into compost for Sanctuary gardens.

The Sanctuary advanced its carbon reduction efforts through emissions tracking, battery storage expansion, and LED lighting upgrades, while also enhancing environmental governance through new compliance procedures and risk management frameworks.



Strong community partnerships were maintained through environmental events such as Clean Up Australia Day with Currumbin RSL reinforcing the Sanctuary's commitment to both conservation and community impact.

Looking ahead, we will continue embedding sustainability across the organisation, with clear waste and carbon reduction targets and improved reporting of environmental outcomes.

Environmental Services

This past year has seen our amazing bush restoration experts involved in a diverse range of Government and commercial environmental projects.

We have completed multiple stages of bush restoration at Eco Parklands on the Gold Coast owned by the Queensland Government and will continue with further stages of this significant environmental project leading into 2027. Our Environmental Services team have also managed the propagation of thousands of native plants at our nursery at Currumbin for stage plantings at the Coppabella Mine restoration in the Bowen Basin. We will continue with subsequent stages in 2026/27.

We have multiple bush restoration and native plant propagation projects in the pipeline across southeast Queensland, supporting our environmental goals to restore natural habitats.

Time lapse bush restoration Coppabella Mine Bowen Basin



CURRUMBIN WILDLIFE HOSPITAL



By Dr Michael Pyne OAM

Head of Veterinary Sciences and Research Programs

Currumbin Wildlife Hospital

Currumbin Wildlife Hospital continued to play a vital role in wildlife conservation and animal welfare throughout FY2025/26, remaining one of the busiest wildlife hospitals in the world. Each year, the Hospital provides lifesaving treatment and rehabilitation to thousands of native animals affected by vehicle strikes, habitat loss, disease, extreme weather events, domestic animal attacks and other human-related threats.

During the year, the Hospital treated approx. 15,400 wildlife patients representing hundreds of native species from across southeast Queensland and northern New South Wales. This extraordinary workload was managed through the dedication and expertise of our veterinary, nursing, rehabilitation and support teams, together with the invaluable contributions of volunteers, community wildlife carers and conservation partners.

A significant focus during FY2025/26 was preparing for the next chapter in wildlife conservation and research through the development of the Currumbin Wildlife Institute, the largest and most ambitious project ever undertaken by the National Trust. Supported by funding from the Australian Government, Queensland Government and City of Gold Coast, the Institute will create a world-class centre dedicated to wildlife healthcare, conservation science, education and environmental leadership.

The Currumbin Wildlife Institute represents an opportunity to expand the impact of the Currumbin Wildlife Hospital beyond individual animal care. By bringing together veterinary medicine, research, education and conservation innovation, the Institute will strengthen our ability to address the growing challenges facing Australia's wildlife while fostering collaboration between scientists, conservationists, students, government and industry partners. Once completed, the Institute will position the National Trust as a national leader in wildlife conservation and research education.

Throughout the year, the Hospital also continued to contribute to wildlife research and conservation science through partnerships with universities, government agencies and conservation organisations. Clinical and population health data collected through wildlife admissions provides valuable insights into emerging threats facing native species and helps inform conservation strategies, disease surveillance and wildlife management programs.



Currumbin Wildlife Hospital team at work

Currumbin Wildlife Institute "Turning the Sod" Ceremony – April 2026



Dr Michael Pyne OAM, Senator Corinne Mulholland, Minister Laura Gerber, National Trust President Mark Townend AM, National Trust Patrons: Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM and Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD, Mayor, City of Gold Coast Tom Tate.



National Trust Board, Management, Honorary Life Members, Hutchinson Builders, Project Managers and team from the Hospital.



National Trust CEO Jayme Cuttriss, Councillor Gail O'Neill, Dr Michael Pyne OAM, Minister Laura Gerber, Minister Andrew Powell, National Trust President Mark Townend AM, CWS General Manager Travis Couch.

Wildlife ER Showcases Currumbin Wildlife Hospital to the World

During FY2025/26, Currumbin Wildlife Hospital reached an exciting new milestone by becoming the filming location for Season 4 of the internationally acclaimed Wildlife ER documentary series. Over a 10-week production period, cameras captured the Hospital's lifesaving work, providing audiences with a behind-the-scenes look at one of the world's busiest wildlife hospitals.

Produced by WildBear Entertainment for Blue Ant Media, the six-part series is scheduled to premiere in early 2027 across a range of international platforms including Nat Geo, Sky Nature, Love Nature, Fetch TV and Amazon Prime, significantly raising the profile of Currumbin Wildlife Hospital, the Currumbin Wildlife Institute and the National Trust. The partnership will also support fundraising through the Love Nature Gives Back program, providing viewers with opportunities to contribute directly to the Hospital's work.



The series highlights the expertise, dedication and compassion of the Hospital's veterinarians, veterinary nurses, staff and volunteers, while showcasing the organisation's contributions to wildlife conservation, research, education and rehabilitation. With animal welfare remaining the highest priority throughout filming, Wildlife ER is expected to inspire audiences worldwide and further strengthen support for the Hospital's vital mission.

Pictured left: The Hospital team and crew from Wildlife ER

Currumbin Wildlife Hospital's success is made possible through the generosity of donors, supporters and corporate partners whose contributions help ensure wildlife in need receives specialist care when it matters most. As patient numbers continue to increase, this support remains critical to maintaining and expanding our capacity to respond to growing community demand. Of course, the Hospital could not operate without the dedication of our team of veterinary professionals, volunteers, community wildlife carers and conservation partners.

As we look ahead, the Currumbin Wildlife Hospital and the future Currumbin Wildlife Institute will continue to play a leading role in protecting Australia's wildlife. Together, they will create a powerful platform for wildlife treatment, scientific research, conservation action and environmental education, ensuring the National Trust remains at the forefront of wildlife conservation for generations to come.



CURRUMBIN WILDLIFE HOSPITAL AT A GLANCE

Financial Year 2025/26

Opened in 1989 – now one of the busiest wildlife hospitals in the world

Admitted almost **15,400** animals FY25/26

50 Staff
213 Volunteers
24,000 Volunteer hours worked

Provides **FREE community service** for care of all wildlife

400+ Koalas treated FY25/26

Over **87,000** Wildlife Ambulance km's travelled

Reliant on **charity donations** to operate

Located within **Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary**, Gold Coast - QLD

7,500+ Research hours

Koala Chlamydia Vaccine Research

Currumbin Wildlife Hospital continued to play a leading role in one of Australia's most significant wildlife conservation initiatives through its involvement in the pioneering Koala Chlamydia Vaccine Program. As the project reached its final stages during FY2025/26, research outcomes continued to demonstrate encouraging results, with vaccinated koalas showing improved protection against chlamydial disease and its associated impacts on fertility, vision and long-term survival. The findings are contributing valuable knowledge to koala conservation efforts and helping to inform future wildlife management and recovery strategies.

Looking ahead, the future Currumbin Wildlife Institute will provide opportunities to expand this type of collaborative research, supporting the development of new solutions to the complex challenges facing Australia's native wildlife.

Chlamydia Vaccine Research
614 Koalas vaccinated
$7,000 cost to treat per case
3 yr monitoring period
36 Koalas currently tracked
42+ Joeys born
18 Vaccine trials

The National Trust would like to acknowledge our dedicated team of vets, researchers, nurses, volunteers, community wildlife carers and conservation partners for their commitment to caring for native wildlife at Currumbin Wildlife Hospital.

HERITAGE DIVISION



By Noel Langdon

Head of Heritage and Environmental Services

National Trust of Australia (Queensland)

FY2025/26 was a year of significant progress and renewed momentum across our Heritage Division. Guided by our commitment to conserving and celebrating Queensland's cultural heritage, we continued to strengthen community engagement, enhance visitor experiences and invest in the sustainability of our heritage places and collections.

A major highlight of the year was the successful relaunch of the Queensland Heritage Awards, providing an important platform to recognise excellence in heritage conservation, interpretation and community leadership across the state. The Heritage Awards formed part of the well-established Australian Heritage Festival. Community engagement was further strengthened through the annual Trust Christmas Celebration and a series of Trust Talks delivered both in Brisbane and regional Queensland, creating opportunities to connect communities with Queensland's rich and diverse heritage stories.

Planning also commenced on several significant new initiatives designed to expand the National Trust's heritage impact in the years ahead. This included the development of a regional heritage community engagement program and the development of a heritage strategy involving educational industry events.

Across our heritage properties, our teams expanded public programming, educational activities and special events. Volunteer participation also grew, reflecting the dedication and passion of the many individuals who contribute their time and expertise to preserving Queensland's heritage in their region.

During the year, substantial conservation, maintenance and collections management activities were undertaken across the portfolio. These investments helped safeguard significant heritage assets, improve collections stewardship and ensure our places remain accessible and engaging for visitors.

The National Trust also strengthened its digital presence through the implementation of a new website platform, providing improved accessibility, functionality and opportunities for audience engagement. This was complemented by increased media visibility and active participation in discussions relating to heritage policy and advocacy, reinforcing the National Trust's leadership role within Queensland's heritage sector. The National Trust also completed its record digitisation project to protect invaluable heritage archives.

Together, these achievements demonstrate the National Trust's ongoing commitment to preserving, sharing and advocating for Queensland's unique cultural heritage while building strong foundations for future growth and community impact.



New balustrade installed at Cooktown Museum

HERITAGE PORTFOLIO IN REVIEW



Cooktown Museum

Cooktown Museum continued to preserve and celebrate Far North Queensland's rich heritage while enhancing the visitor experience. During FY2025/26, significant conservation and maintenance works were completed, including repairs to the western verandah, replacement of decking and bearers, installation of new structural tie-downs, and external repainting. Accessibility improvements, including upgraded pathways and enhanced entrance access, were also completed, improving safety and accessibility for visitors. Guided by a site assessment from our Heritage Advisor and Heritage Officer, these works will help safeguard this important heritage building and its collections.



Hou Wang Chinese Temple and Museum – Atherton

The Hou Wang Chinese Temple and Museum continued to strengthen its role as a significant cultural and heritage destination within the Atherton Tablelands. During FY2025/26, ongoing maintenance of the historic temple structures, grounds and visitor facilities helped preserve the site's heritage values while ensuring continued public access and enjoyment.

Community engagement remained a strong focus, with the delivery of Regional Trust Talks, the popular Twilight at the Temple event, and a range of educational visits and learning opportunities. Partnerships with the Old Post Office Gallery and local artists further enhanced the site's cultural programming, reinforcing its role as a vibrant hub for heritage, arts and community connection.



Townsville Heritage Centre

The Townsville Heritage Centre continued to be a vibrant hub for heritage, arts and community engagement throughout FY2025/26. The establishment of the Townsville Art Collective expanded opportunities for youth arts and cultural programs, including Creative Generation, school exhibitions and art classes, while supporting the National Trust's heritage and education objectives.

The site hosted a diverse range of activities, including exhibitions, art markets, workshops, monthly open days and private events, ensuring the property remained active and accessible to the community. Conservation works, including a deep clean of Currajong House and external painting, helped preserve the site's heritage values, while the Workers' Cottage continues to provide visitors with a permanent connection to the region's history.



Zara Clark Museum – Charters Towers

The Zara Clark Museum continued to share the rich history of Charters Towers through its extensive collections and the dedication of its volunteer team. During FY2025/26, collection displays were redesigned to improve visitor flow and enhance the experience for tourists, tour groups and school visitors.

Building improvements included ceiling replacement, electrical upgrades, roofing repairs and display enhancements, supporting the long-term preservation of the Museum while creating a more engaging and accessible visitor experience.

Royal Bull's Head Inn – Drayton



The Royal Bull's Head Inn continued to strengthen community connections through a diverse range of heritage experiences, educational activities and events. Conservation works completed during FY2025/26 included the construction of a new retaining wall and drainage system, commencement of preparatory work for an updated Conservation Management Plan, and stabilisation of the historic meat and dairy building.

Community engagement remained strong through the continued partnership with the Clontarf Boys Academy, providing students with practical hospitality and gardening experience in a heritage setting. The Inn also hosted sold-out High Tea events during the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers, six sold-out Paranormal Investigation experiences, regional Trust Talks and guest speaker events. Further recognition was received through a second-place award in the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Garden Competition (Not-for-Profit category), highlighting the site's growing profile within the local community.

Wolston Farmhouse – Wacol



Wolston Farmhouse operates as a heritage attraction and education destination. Strong demand for the site's education programs was complemented by community engagement through open days, tour groups, private functions and participation in Brisbane Open House.

Significant progress was made in collections management through the planning, fit-out and activation of the new Resource Centre and Library, creating improved opportunities for collection storage, conservation and visitor engagement. Conservation and maintenance works included a successful Skilling Queenslanders for Work program, which delivered extensive painting works across the property, as well as inspections and planning for future foundation and wall repairs. The site also hosted the N.E.S.T. Program in partnership with the Queensland Master Painters Association, providing valuable pre-apprenticeship training opportunities. Planning commenced for a new amenities block to support growing visitor demand and the site's continued development as an important heritage and education property.

Brennan & Geraghty's Store Museum - Maryborough



Brennan & Geraghty's Store Museum remained a focus for collection preservation and long-term conservation planning during FY2025/26. Following previous collection assessments and conservation reviews, efforts centred on protecting the property and its significant collection while planning for future restoration works and limited public access.

During the year, a collection assessment report was completed, and items from the collection were relocated to the Wolston Farmhouse Resource Centre to support their long-term preservation and management. The property remains closed to the public while ongoing repair, maintenance and asset planning activities determine future conservation and visitor opportunities.





The Stock Exchange Arcade is an important part of Charter Towers' commercial heritage and is significant to Queensland's history. The National Trust is committed to the long term conservation of this important site. Building assessments have been made around the roof and drainage of the property. A significant roof refurbishment is planned following design and engineering advice.

Lyall's Store remains commercially tenanted, supporting its ongoing care and maintenance, while continuing to be available for external viewing by visitors and the broader community.



Harris House - Toowoomba remained tenanted throughout FY2025/26. While not open to the public, the property continues to be assessed as part of the National Trust's broader asset management planning. During the year, maintenance works included repairs, plastering and painting, routine property upkeep, and ongoing assessment of future conservation and maintenance requirements.

OTHER HERITAGE UPDATES

During FY2025/26, the National Trust expanded its community engagement and advocacy activities, strengthened by the establishment of its new Brisbane office on George Street. The Australian Heritage Festival continued to grow, supported by the launch of a new national festival website and strong participation from communities across Queensland.



AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The popular Trust Talks program attracted audiences across Brisbane and regional Queensland, while the successful return of the Queensland Heritage Awards celebrated excellence in heritage conservation and community leadership. More than 40 projects were nominated from across the state, with the prestigious John Herbert Memorial Award for Most Outstanding Project awarded to Emma Scragg Architect for the Monto Open Doors project. The awards were attended by Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, Governor of Queensland and Patron of the National Trust, and the Honourable Andrew Powell MP, Minister for the Environment and Tourism, and Minister for Science and Innovation.

Queensland Heritage Award Winners - May 2026



Significant Projects 2019–2022

A special Significant Projects 2019–2022 category recognised outstanding work completed during the years the awards were not held.

Winner: Cultural Heritage Services / Sunshine Coast Council, Sunshine Coast – Sunshine Coast Heritage Plan

High Commendation: Urbis, Brisbane – Heritage Lanes



Adaptive Reuse Category

Winner: Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, Townsville – Cape Pallarenda Quarantine Station, Building 11 Adaptive Reuse

High Commendation: Phillips Smith Conwell Architects, Warwick – Warwick Police Facility Upgrade.



First Nations Category

Winner: Stanley River Environmental Education Centre c/o Australian Heritage Specialists Pty Ltd, Brisbane – Bunya to the Bay Project

High Commendation: University of Queensland Anthropology Museum, Brisbane

– Kirrenderri, Heart of the Channel Country Touring Exhibition.



Heritage Reports, Resources and Publications Category

Winner: Dr Lisa Marie Daunt – Constructing Faith in the Antipodes: Modern Church Architecture in Queensland 1945–1977

High Commendation: Brisbane City Council Heritage Policy, Brisbane – Heritage Guides: Painting and Fencing

High Commendation: UQ School of Architecture, Design and Planning – Queensland Architects 1823–1895



Interpretation, Exhibitions, Tours, Collections, Interiors and Objects Category

Winner: Emma Scragg Architect, North Burnett Region – Monto Open Doors

High Commendation: Brisbane City Council Heritage Policy, Brisbane – Brisbane River Heritage Trail



Landscape Category

Winner: Climate Vulnerability Index, Lamington, Springbrook, Mount Barney and Main Range – CVI Gondwana Rainforests – Queensland Section

Built Conservation Category

Winner: Andrew Ladlay Architect, Gympie – Gympie Memorial Bandstand Conservation



High Commendation: DM2 Architecture, Brisbane – University of Queensland Mayne Medical Roof Replacement

High Commendation: Queensland Heritage Restorations, Brisbane – Conserving the Mount Crosby Workers' Dwellings

High Commendation: Nev Paterson & Sons Pty Ltd t/a NPS Commercial Builders, Brisbane – Conservation and Reconstruction of the Welsh Slate Roof, St John's Cathedral Webber House

John Herbert Memorial Award for Most Outstanding Project

Winner: Emma Scragg Architect, North Burnett Region – Monto Open Doors

Presented by: Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, Governor of Queensland and Patron of National Trust, Mark Townend AM, President National Trust and Jayme Cuttriss, CEO National Trust





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Heritage Leadership

During FY2025/26, the National Trust strengthened its leadership role in heritage advocacy through ongoing engagement with Queensland Government agencies, the Destination Brisbane Consortium and other key stakeholders. The Trust actively contributed to discussions on heritage policy reform, lodged submissions on significant heritage matters, and built relationships with senior government and industry representatives to advance heritage outcomes across the state.

The National Trust expanded the heritage team with the appointment of a dedicated Heritage Advisor, to further support heritage conservation initiatives and advocate for the protection of Queensland's cultural heritage.

HERITAGE CONSERVATION APPEALS FY2025/26

Conserving Queensland's heritage places remains central to the National Trust's mission. Through the Heritage Appeals program, the National Trust supports fundraising campaigns that help preserve and restore significant heritage sites across the state, while also assisting community organisations in protecting the places that matter most to them.

Since the 1980s, the National Trust has helped raise millions of dollars for heritage conservation projects, including the restoration of Brisbane City Hall. As a community-based organisation, the National Trust remains committed to advocating for and preserving special places that hold significant environmental, built and cultural heritage in Queensland.

Current Appeals

1. Adelaide House (The Deanery) Appeal, Brisbane
2. Binna Burra Lodge Appeal, Beechmont
3. Brisbane Montpelier and The Green House United Service Club, Brisbane
4. Brisbane Synagogue Appeal – Donation
5. Bulimba Uniting Church Conservation Appeal, Brisbane
6. City Tabernacle Baptist Church Tower Restoration Works
7. City Tabernacle Baptist Organ Appeal, Brisbane
8. Holy Spirit Church Appeal, Brisbane
9. Holy Trinity Church Appeal, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane
10. Moreton Club, 'Bertholme' Appeal, Brisbane
11. Our Lady of Victories Appeal, Bowen Hills
12. St Agatha's Church Appeal, Brisbane
13. St Andrew's Anglican Church Appeal, Vulture St South Brisbane
14. St Andrew's 1884 Walker Organ Pipes Appeal, South Brisbane
15. St Andrew's Anglican Church Hall Appeal, Indooroopilly
16. St Augustine's Hamilton Appeal - Donation
17. St Brigid's Church Appeal, Rosewood
18. St Columba's Catholic Church Appeal, Brisbane
19. St David's Anglican Church Chelmer Heritage Appeal
20. St John's Cathedral Conservation Appeal
21. St Margaret's Anglican Church, Sandgate
22. St Martin's House Appeal, Brisbane
23. St Mary's Catholic Church Appeal, Warwick
24. St Mary's Church, Kangaroo Point Roof Appeal, Brisbane
25. St Matthew's Anglican Church, Sherwood
26. St Monica's War Memorial Cathedral Appeal, Cairns
27. St Patrick's Cathedral Restoration Project Appeal, Toowoomba
28. St Paul's Anglican Church, East Brisbane Appeal
29. St Paul's Cathedral Appeal, Rockhampton
30. St Paul's Presbyterian Spring Hill Appeal
31. St Thomas the Apostle Anglican Church, Toowong
32. Webber House Appeal, Brisbane



The Moreton Club "Bertholme" - Brisbane



Hou Wang Chinese Temple and Museum - Atherton
Celebrating Lunar New Year 2026

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS 2026

NATIONAL TRUST Queensland

Membership Criteria – this person has achieved exceptional commitment to National Trust of Australia (Queensland), demonstrating outstanding achievement that has shaped the organisation significantly. In 2018 the Board refreshed the Honorary Life Member program linked to this new criterion. These life members now join an extensive list of Honorary Life Members going back to 1972 when the original program was first introduced.

Honorary Life Member Awarded in 2026



Adjunct Professor Ken Beagley
Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

Research theme: Health

Research discipline: Cell and Molecular Biosciences

Contribution and Support of the National Trust through Currumbin Wildlife Hospital

Adjunct Professor Ken Beagley has worked alongside Currumbin Wildlife Hospital and senior veterinarian Dr Michael Pyne OAM, combining expertise in immunology, veterinary science, wildlife conservation, and field research. The collaborative program has involved vaccinating and monitoring koalas on the Gold Coast, particularly within the Elanora population, where chlamydial disease has reached critical levels. Early results have demonstrated promising outcomes, including improved disease resistance and the successful birth of healthy joeys from vaccinated populations.

Over the past decade, Adjunct Professor Beagley has led pioneering research into chlamydial disease in koalas, a major threat to wild populations across Queensland and other parts of Australia. Chlamydia can cause blindness, infertility, urinary tract disease, and death, contributing significantly to the decline of koala populations. Adjunct Professor Beagley's research team developed a vaccine designed to protect koalas from the disease and support long-term population recovery.

Currumbin Wildlife Hospital's Koala Chlamydia Vaccine Program, founded on Adjunct Professor Beagley's research, has become one of Australia's most significant wildlife conservation initiatives. The National Trust of Australia (Queensland) notes that Adjunct Professor Beagley led the development of the vaccine, which is now administered to koalas treated and released through the hospital's conservation program. Ongoing studies are testing the delivery of the vaccine as a 1-shot implant to minimise recapture and handling of wild koalas.

The work of Adjunct Professor Beagley and Dr Freya Russell featured on Channel 9 News in April 2026. The koala chlamydia vaccine research, part of a five-year program led by QUT in partnership with Currumbin Wildlife Hospital, is already helping to stabilise and grow the koala population in Elanora on the Gold Coast. An encouraging example of research making a real-world impact. Adjunct Professor Beagley's contribution extends beyond scientific discovery. His work has helped position Currumbin Wildlife Hospital as a leader in wildlife research and conservation, providing a practical and scalable solution to one of the greatest threats facing Australia's iconic koala. His research continues to influence conservation strategies and offers hope for the future survival of koala populations in Southeast Queensland and beyond.

Research areas:

Development of vaccines to prevent chlamydial infections

Traditional vaccine approaches have been unsuccessful in preventing chlamydial infections. We have used novel DNA vaccination and bioinformatics approaches to identify protective chlamydial antigens that are conserved across several chlamydial species. Using combinations of these antigens we can reduce both the duration and magnitude of infection and reduce infection-associated inflammation that is the cause of infertility in animal models of chlamydial infection.

Development of needle-free immunisation methods

Novel approaches to vaccination including topical application to skin (transcutaneous immunisation), intranasal immunisation using drops or sprays and sublingual immunisation where vaccines are applied to the buccal epithelium are being investigated as an alternative to the traditional needle-based vaccines. In animal models these approaches can protect against Chlamydia and Helicobacter infections. Effect of chronic chlamydial infections on inflammation and immunity.

Affect of chronic chlamydial infections on inflammation, immunity and fertility

Chlamydia not only infects epithelial cells but can also infect immune cells such as dendritic cells and macrophages. Infection of these immune cells alters their function in a way that not only allows the Chlamydia to persist in the host but also increases the pro-inflammatory immune responses that cause conditions such as asthma and male infertility in humans and koalas.

The National Trust Honorary Life Members

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1979	Mrs Nancy Gebbie
1979	Mr Geoffrey Pie AM
1979	Dr Alex Griffiths
1972	Mr J H Bath



Honorary Life Members at 2025 Annual General Meeting

OUR SUPPORTERS



By Georgia Lane

Head of Philanthropy

National Trust of Australia (Queensland)

Saving wildlife is a community effort. Every day, the teams at Currumbin Wildlife Hospital and Currumbin Wildlife Conservation work to rescue, rehabilitate and protect Australia's native wildlife and threatened species.

From treating sick, injured and orphaned animals to delivering vital conservation programs that help prevent species extinction, this work is only possible through the generosity of individuals, businesses, foundations, trusts and community groups.

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Bequests and leaving a gift in your Will

The team at Currumbin Wildlife Hospital and the Currumbin Wildlife Conservation team are always grateful and humbled when a generous donor leaves a gift in their Will. While a sad time for family and friends, there is some joy in knowing that the values of their loved one and their care for saving wildlife continue. A gift provided from and estate will be invested in and protecting wildlife by helping to support the mission.

For the team at Currumbin Wildlife Hospital and Currumbin Wildlife Conservation, it is an honour to be supported in such a meaningful and significant way by people who share the same values. A gift left from your estate can make a huge difference, by making the choice to leave a gift in your Will you will help save and protect countless lives so they can thrive in the wild and stop threatened species from becoming extinct.

Thank you for your generosity and in loving memory of:

The late Alan Hider
The late Gwendolyne Silversmith
The late Wilma Erskine
The late Trevor Reiser
The late Barbara Grigg
The late Sheila Cover

If you are interested in leaving a gift in your will, please contact our **Head of Philanthropy, Georgia Lane on 0409 980 474 or glane@cws.org.au**

Our incredible Fundraising team and Volunteers, who all go above and beyond to help support the mission of the National Trust.

GRANT FUNDING RECEIVED FY2025/26



By Sarah Elphinstone

National Trust Grants Manager

National Trust of Australia (Queensland)

The National Trust received notification of the following grants totalling $14,389,848 (exclusive of GST):

- $8,000,000 from the Australian Government's Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program acting through the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning - Currumbin Wildlife Institute
- $4,000,000 from the Queensland Government, Department of Environment Tourism Science and Innovation, Growing Future Tourism - Currumbin Wildlife Institute
- $2,000,000 from Gold Coast City Council - Currumbin Wildlife Institute
- $81,000 from Perpetual Trustees, IMPACT Grant - Education to reduce the suffering of native wildlife. VET education Funding provided – The Jill Chalker Endowment
- $169,574 Zoo and Aquarium Association Australasia (ZAAA), Captive Protected Species Preparedness Grant, High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza H5N1
- $21,000 from Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation, Engaging Science Grant (Queensland STEM Engaging Grants) - Bush Tucker EcoScience garden and education program.
- $500 from Eucalypt Australia, National Eucalypt Day Event Micro Grant - supporting event activities at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.
- $67,774 from Queensland Government, Department of Environment Tourism Science and Innovation (Lift Grant) for Cooktown Museum.
- $50,000 from Queensland Government, Department of Environment Tourism Science and Innovation for Royal Bull's Head Inn Conservation Works

The National Trust received grant funding for Currumbin Wildlife Hospital:

- Queensland Government through the Department of Environment Tourism Science and Innovation in partnership with Southeast QLD Wildlife Hospital Network for wildlife hospital network collaborative funding
- Gold Coast City Council, Community Partnerships Fund – Currumbin Wildlife Hospital annual operations and research programs
- Community Bank Tugun Grant, Community Investment Funding Currumbin Wildlife Hospital Ambulance Fuel
- Community Bank Tugun Foundational Supporter of the Currumbin Wildlife Institute
- Australian Government through Department of Energy, Climate Change, the Environment and Water, Saving Koalas Fund - Health Grants for Koala Preservation through Treatment, Rehabilitation and Applied Research
- WWF-Australia for the Koala Chlamydia Challenge – vaccine research to improve Koala survival and for Koala Chlamydia Vaccine Registration Research Program
- Perpetual Trustees Funding has been provided by: Valerie Stoddart Memorial Endowment for Currumbin Wildlife Hospital to assist the Koalas
- Wildark and managed through the Australian Peters Ice Cream to purchase equipment for the Koala ICU
- WildArk and NUII Ice Cream to Currumbin Wildlife Hospital to continue the crucial work in the hospital, fit out the Koala ICU and Pottsville Rehabilitation Facility

THE NATIONAL TRUST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Jayme Cuttriss

Chief Executive Officer (joined 2016)

Qualifications

Bachelor of Law (Commercial Law)
Bachelor of Arts (Sociology)

Experience and Expertise

Jayme has worked with National Trust since 2016 and is focused on expanding and diversifying commercial divisions of National Trust in Queensland to enable expanded mission-based initiatives including research, and conservation of our built, natural and cultural heritage. She is committed to growing value to communities through education, volunteering and community training programs throughout Queensland.

Jayme has a strong background in Marketing and Sales across Hospitality and Tourism, spending most of her working career in global brands. Jayme is committed to building and attracting talented team members and delivering on the Trust's charitable purpose to promote and advance natural and cultural heritage. She is committed to developing quality and educational guest experiences through the National Trust properties in Queensland.

Jayme has strong involvement with valuable community and industry partners, and is currently the Vice President SWELL Sculpture Festival, and a Member of the Experience Gold Coast Tourism Advisory Committee.



Ben Graziani

Chief Financial Officer / Company Secretary (joined 2014)

Qualifications

Bachelor of Business

Experience and Expertise

Ben became CFO and Company Secretary for National Trust of Australia (Queensland) Limited on 1 July 2014 responsible for overseeing finance, budgets, accounting, insurance, tax, legal, IT, compliance and corporate governance and external/internal auditing. He has a strong background in finance, accounting, tax, corporate governance, and general commercial management. He has diverse commercial experience of more than 30 years across a range of businesses from large public listed entities, mining, property development, not-for-profit and for the past twenty years in Tourism. Ben has been a member of IPA for over 30 years.



Travis Couch

General Manager of Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary and Hospital (joined 2022)

Qualifications

Bachelor of Business

Experience and Expertise

With a career spanning more than 20 years in tourism, sport, and entertainment sectors, Travis has held senior leadership positions at world renowned tourist attractions and major events. Possessing extensive experience in guest experience, strategy, stakeholder relations and community engagement. Travis is committed to leading the talented Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary and Currumbin Wildlife Hospital team through this exciting development phase in its 79-year history.



Jane Jamieson

Head of Volunteer Programs and Community Training Partnerships (joined 2009)

Qualifications
Graduate Diploma (Vocational Education)
Bachelor of Business (Hospitality Management)
Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
CAHRI (Certified Member - Australian HR Institute)

Experience and Expertise

Jane's background in strategic workforce management, previously leading the National Trust Human Resources/ People and Culture, leverages a deep history of management and operations within the Hospitality, Retail, Tourism, Vocational Training and Not-For-Profit sectors. Jane has now pivoted into strengthening the National Trust Volunteer workforce programs and expanding the hosted training workforce activities across the National Trust properties, delivering the mutual benefit of supporting organisational projects and also creating accredited career pathways for participants.



Noel Langdon

Head of Heritage and Environmental Services (joined 2023)

Qualifications
Master of Business Administration (Executive MBA) (Current Study)
Certificate IV- Occupation Health and Safety
Resort Management and Marketing
Hotel Management ATI Technical Institute

Experience and Expertise

Noel has a diverse background in hospitality, tourism, culture, the arts, and urban planning. He has decades of 'hands-on' experience in the Not- for-Profit sector being a Board and founding Board member of multiple industry boards and government committees Noel's career has included ownership of hotels, cafes, restaurants and has managed some of Australia's largest and most iconic tourism businesses. He has provided and continues to provide a wide range of consultancy advice to commercial enterprises and both State and Federal Government agencies.



Briony Low

Head of People and Culture (joined 2023)

Qualifications
Master Business Administration
Bachelor of Media and Communications
Bachelor of Arts (Gender Studies)
Postgraduate Diploma of Journalism
Certificate IV in HR
CAHRI (Certified Member - Australian HR Institute)

Experience and Expertise

Briony is an experienced People and Culture executive with a strong track record leading workforce transformation, organisational development, culture, and employee and industrial relations across tourism, hospitality, retail, and local and state government sectors. She is passionate about building high-performing and inclusive workplaces through people-centred strategies that strengthen capability, engagement, leadership effectiveness and organisational performance.



Jason Thomas

Head of Business Development and Partnerships (joined 2024)

Qualifications
Bachelor of Arts and Sciences
Certificate IV in Human Resources

Experience and Expertise

Before joining the National Trust, Jason held key roles including Destination and Corporate Partnership Director at Tourism and Events Queensland, and Coordinator of Economic Development for the City of Gold Coast.

He also has significant corporate experience, serving as Director of Marketing & Franchising at Airport Con-x-ion -successfully transitioning the business to a franchise model - and as Vice President of Market Development, overseeing domestic and international delivery of products, services, and experiences while securing strategic partnerships.

Jason's passion for the Gold Coast and the tourism industry, coupled with his extensive expertise, make him integral to driving our continued success into the future.

THE NATIONAL TRUST SPECIALISTS



Dr Michael Pyne OAM

Head of Veterinary Sciences and Research Programs (joined 2001)

Qualifications

Bachelor of Veterinary Science

Experience and Expertise

Michael has over 25 years of experience providing veterinary treatment to Australian native wildlife. He is dedicated not only to the care of wildlife, but also to finding solutions to wildlife challenges through research. He was awarded City of Gold Coast "Australia Day Environmental Achievement Award" in 2019. In 2023, Dr Pyne was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for his contributions to Veterinary Sciences.



Anthony Molyneux

Head of Life Sciences and Conservation Projects (joined from 1992 – 1998 and 2015)

Qualifications

Diploma of Leadership and Management
Diploma of Hospitality

Board Positions

Chair of the Zoos and Aquarium Association (ZAA) Wildlife Conservation Committee

Experience and Expertise

Anthony boasts an impressive career spanning over three decades within the zoological industry, having embarked on his journey at Currumbin Bird Sanctuary in 1992. Throughout his extensive career, Anthony has cultivated a passion for environmental stewardship and a profound commitment to connecting people with our native wildlife. Anthony's invaluable contributions are driven by his unwavering enthusiasm for caring for the environment and habitats, as well as his mission to educate the public on the importance of protecting native wildlife from threats of extinction.



Georgia Lane

Head of Philanthropy (joined 2022)

Qualifications

Graduate Certificate of Business (Philanthropy)

Board Positions

Women of Influence
Queensland Environment Day

Experience and Expertise

Georgia has a background in Marketing and Sales, she is the Founder and President of Women of Influence, a Not for Profit started in 2005 for businesswomen to connect, learn and grow. Her experience raising funds at these events set her on a path to study Philanthropy at QUT Business School – The Australian Centre for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies.

Georgia's goal is to help others to use their influence for good, this means supporting the National Trust's charitable causes and connecting people who can help us achieve the National Trust's mission.

THE NATIONAL TRUST **BOARD**



Mark Townend AM

President

(appointed 2 December 2023)

Non-Executive Director

Experience and Expertise

Mark has decades of experience working in local government, commercial and not-for-profit industries, including 20 years as Chief Executive Officer of RSPCA Queensland before joining Spinal Life Australia in October 2019 as Chief Executive Officer.

Mark is skilled in organisational development, process improvements, innovation, strategic planning, and implementation of motivated workplace cultures and has been recognised with a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) and is a recipient of the Prime Minister's Federation Medal for significant services to the community.

Qualifications

- GAICD

Special Responsibilities

Member - National Trust Nominations and Governance Committee

Member - National Trust Audit and Risk Committee,

Trustee - Currumbin Wildlife Hospital Foundation Trust.



Glenys Schuntner

Deputy President

(appointed 2 December 2023)

Non-Executive Director

Experience and Expertise

Glenys is an experienced Board Director based in Townsville, with strong family roots in Brisbane where she was born and completed schooling and her undergraduate university degree.

Bringing extensive experience and skills in leadership, management, trade and investment, government relations and advocacy, tourism development and marketing to her role, Glenys' interest in heritage and conservation protection and promotion for the benefit of local communities and visitors motivated her to become a member of the National Trust and later nominate for a position on the Board.

Glenys' career experience has included: 17 years as the Chief Executive Officer of two not-for-profit organisations in Townsville focusing on economic development and tourism marketing in the north; 11 years in senior international trade and investment roles in Japan, Malaysia and Australia; and 5 years in travel industry and airline roles in Australia and Japan.

Qualifications

- Master of Arts
- Bachelor of Arts
- GAICD

Special Responsibilities

Chair - National Trust Nominations and Governance Committee

THE NATIONAL TRUST BOARD (CONT.)



Mellissa Brown

(appointed 27 November 2021)

Non-Executive Director

Experience and Expertise

Elected to the Board in 2021 Mellissa is a north Queenslander with a passion for our unique and diverse heritage areas. As founding Director of 4 Elements Consulting, she is an accomplished business development leader and project manager offering over 25 years of experience driving revenue through building and maintaining client relationships.

Mellissa's strengths are extensive experience in the environmental industry with proven expertise in consistently penetrating new markets through innovation and sustainable practice. Brings strategic and operational experience in project management and brokerage of large Australian Government and international donor-funded applied research programs and private enterprise to achieve quality outcomes.

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Science (Zoology, Marine Biology), Bachelor of Science (Hons) (1A) in Zoology Certificate IV in Adult Training and Assessment (TAE40110)
- Master Business Administration (Leadership) CQU (in progress),
- Australian Cert III in Dog Behaviour and Training-for Detection Dogs,
- GAICD, Certified Environmental Professional (CEnvP)
- Certified Ecology Specialist (CEcol), Enviro-development Practitioner

Special Responsibilities

Member - National Trust Nominations and Governance Committee



Paul Davies

(appointed 6 December 2025)

Non-Executive Director

Experience and Expertise

With 30 years' experience including executive roles at NRMA Parks and Resorts, Taronga Zoo, Tourism Australia, and Qantas, Paul has extensive expertise in tourism marketing, sustainable operations, and stakeholder engagement across Queensland. He also sits on the Executive team of the NRMA Group and in his role is responsible to the Board of the NRMA for all the strategic, commercial, risk, safety and operational aspects of the Parks and Resorts division. Before joining the NRMA, Paul has held a variety of senior commercial and marketing roles with tourism and travel industry organisations in Australia and internationally.

Paul also has a strong interest and background in conservation and experience in not-for-profit member organisations and recently was a Director of Take 3 for the Sea, a charity focused on reduction of marine plastic pollution.

Qualifications

- Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors
- MBA from Schulich School of Business, Toronto, Canada
- MA in Economics from Cambridge University, UK



Fiona Gardiner PSM

(appointed 7 December 2024)

Non-Executive Director

Experience and Expertise

Fiona is a non-practicing architect and former public servant. She is an Associate Adjunct Professor, casual academic and PhD candidate in Architecture at the University of Queensland.

Fiona spent over 30 years in the Queensland public service and for 13 years was the Director of Heritage in the Department of Environment and Science. She led a multi-disciplinary team responsible for the administration of the Queensland Heritage Act 1992 and strategic heritage projects that advanced the conservation of Queensland's heritage places. Fiona is a Director of Brisbane Open House. In 2019 Fiona was awarded the Public Service Medal for outstanding public service through the management of cultural heritage in Queensland. In 2022 she was awarded the Paula Whitman Leadership in Gender Equity Prize by the Royal Australian Institute of Architects.

Fiona is passionate about Queensland's built heritage and has given many talks about Queensland's heritage and contributed to numerous books and articles on the subject.

Qualifications

- Post Graduate Diploma Conservation Studies (Distinction), University of York (UK),
- Graduate Certificate in Public Sector Management, Bachelor of Architecture (Hons),
- Bachelor of Design Studies

Special Responsibilities

National Trust Representative – Queensland Heritage Council



Stuart Lummis

(appointed 28 November 2020)

Non-Executive Director

Experience and Expertise

Stuart has many years of experience as a Senior Executive and Company Director, with a strong background in the property sector. Stuart has extensive board experience in both large publicly listed groups and not-for-profit organisations. He is also a Director of Bolton Clarke Group, Brisbane Markets Limited, Deaf Connect Limited and Former Chair of the Queensland Heritage Council.

Stuart's other roles include Member of the Property Council of Australia, Retirement Living and Queensland Catholic Education Commission (QCEC) Capital Assistance Assessment Committee. Stuart is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Economics
- Graduate Diploma Project and Construction Management
- Post Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and Investment Finsia, FAICD

Special Responsibilities

Member – National Trust Audit and Risk Committee.

Member - National Trusts of Australia (ACNT) Board

Member – Brisbane Open House Board

THE NATIONAL TRUST BOARD (CONT.)



Carolyn Parker

(appointed 28 November 2020)

Non-Executive Director

Experience and Expertise

Carolyn has over 30 years of commercial experience, with leadership and board roles in numerous industries including retail, tourism, hospitality, community services, social housing and asset management. As a former Senior Executive at David Jones for 20 years, Carolyn controlled administration and finance for $100 million pa revenue businesses and managed human resources for over 500 employees. She has since had 15 years corporate governance experience on numerous board roles, including Chair of Santos Organics, and President of North Byron Business Chamber.

Carolyn's other board roles currently include Deputy Chair of Regional Development Australia, Northern Rivers, Non-Executive Director of Northern Rivers Housing [NRH] and Non-Executive Director of BSR Group. Additionally, Carolyn is Director and Co-Owner of Universal Image Investments Pty Ltd, trading as "Byroness" retail stores.

Her expertise spans risk management, WH&S, financial control, facility management, property development, strategic planning and she is a retail specialist. She is passionate about animal welfare and is a conservation enthusiast.

Qualifications

- Master of Business Administration
- Graduate Diploma in Strategic Leadership
- FAICD
- Certificate IV in Marriage Celebrancy
- Certificate IV WH&S, Restaurant and Caterers Licensee, Retail Quality Certificate

Special Responsibilities

Member – National Trust Audit and Risk Committee

Trustee – Currumbin Wildlife Hospital Foundation Trust



Annabelle Simon

(appointed 6 December 2025)

Non-Executive Director

Experience and Expertise

Annabelle brings over 18 years of board experience with a leading Australian transport company, and more than 25 years as a lawyer – including in-house General Counsel roles in companies in Australia and the UK. As a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) course, she brings strong governance capability, commercial insight, and a balanced approach to compliance and strategy.

With a Commerce degree, Annabelle has deep financial acumen and experience guiding major transactions, in risk management, and regulatory compliance across jurisdictions. She advised one of Australia's largest companies on ASX disclosure obligations, corporate governance laws, and fiduciary duties. She also has extensive experience in contract negotiation, liability issues, and legal risks for boards.

Annabelle is passionate about heritage, architecture, and conservation. In 2023, she opened her private home to the community as part of the Gold Coast Open House program, reflecting a long-standing commitment to heritage appreciation and community engagement.

Annabelle's other current roles include being an elected member of the Bond University Alumni Advisory Board and Bond University Alumni Ordinary Member.

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Laws (Hons)
- Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)
- Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors
- Valedictorian for Graduating Class, Bond University

Special Responsibilities

Member – National Trust Audit and Risk Committee



Garry Vistarini

(appointed 27 November 2021)

Non-Executive Director

Experience and Expertise

Garry has over 40 years' experience as a senior executive in corporate planning and corporate finance in large multi-national corporations and as CFO and general manager in medium sized manufacturers. Garry has a long association with the National Trust with his last 5 years as CFO for National Trust of Australia (Victoria) before joining National Trust of Australia (Queensland) Limited as a Director in 2021.

Garry has a keen interest in Australian history and preserving our built, environmental, and cultural heritage.

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Commerce
- Certified Practicing Accountant

Special Responsibilities

Chair – National Trust Audit and Risk Committee
Chair– Currumbin Wildlife Hospital Foundation Trust

THE NATIONAL TRUST JOINT PATRONS



Special Recognition of Our Patrons

We extend our sincere appreciation to our Joint Patrons, Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, Governor of Queensland, and Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD, for their valued support, encouragement and advocacy over the past five years. Their commitment to the National Trust of Australia (Queensland) has been greatly appreciated and has helped strengthen our efforts to conserve and celebrate Queensland's natural, cultural and built heritage.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FY2025/26

Financial Performance (Operational)

Year Ended 30 June 2026 ($'000)	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Income					
Admissions	17,667	16,486	15,755	12,147	5,711
Merchandise and Photography sales	9,673	8,709	8,132	5,432	2,382
Food and Beverage sales	5,123	5,371	5,189	4,348	2,673
Memberships	1,724	1,628	1,629	1,413	970
Sponsorships	278	253	167	209	131
Grants	4,211	3,116	4,592	4,915	7,806
Donations/bequests	2,585	2,038	1,277	838	964
Distributions from CWHF	214	361	213	1,427	556
Rent income	445	429	459	397	449
Car parking fees	480	496	447	387	259
Other operating income	1,896	2,120	791	1,523	749
TOTAL INCOME	44,296	41,009	38,651	33,036	22,650
Expenditure					
Cost of Sales	4,237	3,921	3,907	3,213	1,715
Employee expenses	23,108	21,801	18,949	15,652	12,543
Advertising and marketing expenses	922	792	635	537	468
Repairs and Maintenance	2,513	2,716	2,646	2,708	2,115
Council rates and water charges	476	472	513	477	428
Insurance premiums	534	620	464	357	312
Board and Committee remuneration	164	139	141	145	156
Other expenses	5,652	4,992	4,640	3,564	2,822
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	37,606	35,455	31,895	26,654	20,560
Net Operating Profit Before Depreciation and Non-Operating Items	**6,691**	**5,554**	**6,756**	**6,382**	**2,090**
Non Operating/Non Cash Items					
Depreciation expense and loss on disposal of assets	(3,952)	(3,098)	(2,351)	(2,341)	(1,967)
Finance borrowing costs	(243)	(277)	(248)	(81)	(9)
Gain on revaluation of investment properties	445	177	236	221	192
TOTAL NON OPERATING / NON CASH ITEMS	(3,750)	(3,198)	(2,363)	(2,201)	(1,784)
Net profit for the year (per audited accounts)	**2,941**	**2,356**	**4,392**	**4,181**	**306**

Financial Sustainability

As at 30 June 2026 ($'000)	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Current Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	4,140	499	2,871	5,855	6,328
Trade and other receivables	550	1,663	1,031	1,343	1,016
Financial assets - term deposits	4,000	76	74	2,020	2,000
Inventories	859	940	884	688	513
Other assets	742	709	687	540	500
Other financial assets - external appeals	1,501	1,094	1,343	913	1,186
Non-Current Assets held for sale	-	-	911	-	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	11,791	4,983	7,802	11,359	11,545
Non-Current Assets					
Financial assets - Managed Investment Fund	7,625	7,031	6,612	4,116	-
Property, plant and equipment	118,665	111,888	102,350	91,898	79,915
Investment property	5,503	5,057	4,880	4,644	6,402
Right of use assets	209	42	48	1	8
Intangible assets	29	117	205	-	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	132,032	124,136	114,096	100,660	86,325
TOTAL ASSETS	143,823	129,119	121,898	112,018	97,869
Current Liabilities					
Trade and other payables	3,742	3,634	3,155	2,598	1,569
Borrowings	509	603	641	460	346
Contract liabilities	6,636	1,664	1,853	2,480	1,618
Employee Benefits	1,621	1,416	1,688	1,630	1,247
Other - external appeals	1,500	1,094	1,343	913	1,186
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	14,009	8,411	8,680	8,079	5,965
Non-Current Liabilities					
Borrowings	2,840	2,917	3,229	1,392	113
Employee Benefits	331	372	303	358	302
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	3,171	3,289	3,532	1,750	415
TOTAL LIABILITIES	17,180	11,700	12,212	9,830	6,380
Net Assets	**126,642**	**117,419**	**109,686**	**102,189**	**91,489**
Equity					
Reserves	80,703	74,421	69,044	65,205	58,687
Accumulated surplus	45,939	42,998	40,642	36,984	32,803
TOTAL EQUITY	**126,642**	**117,419**	**109,686**	**102,189**	**91,489**



Astra Lumina - light and sound night experience at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

ABOUT US

Our Charitable Purpose

To promote and advance the conservation, protection and understanding of Australia's natural and cultural heritage, including the heritage of Australia's First Peoples, for public benefit and education

Our Mission

To conserve and advance our natural and cultural heritage for future generations

Our Vision

To be leaders in Conservation and Heritage

Our Organisational Values

At National Trust in Queensland, we are committed to being:

- *Authentic*
- *Responsible*
- *Respectful*
- *Trusted*
- *Innovative*

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