



### NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION OF QLD

# MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR OF QUEENSLAND

His Excellency the Honorable Paul de Jersey AC



I was greatly honoured in mid-2018 to accept the request to become Patron of the National Parks
Association of Queensland, thereby rekindling the Association's proud vice-regal connections
commencing in 1930 with the appointment of our State's 14th Governor, Sir John Goodwin, as
founding Patron.

Since that time, the Association has admirably advanced its core mission of promoting the preservation, expansion and good management of national parks and other forms of protected areas in Queensland.

Anyone who has ambled through Queensland's State-defining national parks, swum in their lakes or marvelled at their flora and fauna, so much of it so unique to Queensland, understands the importance of that mission.

As this report so vividly recounts, 2018-19 was another year of growth and advancement for the National Parks Association of Queensland.

I particularly applaud the Association's sustained advocacy and expanded community outreach.

How reassuring that on the eve of its significant 90th anniversary, the Association has increased its membership and supporter base 13 per cent from last year.

This is testament to the enduring relevance of your mission to the people of Queensland.

I applaud the Association's Executive, Councillors, staff, supporters and volunteers for their efforts over the past year, and I look forward to further updates as your proud Patron.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE HONORABLE PAUL DE JERSEY AC

Governor of Queensland Patron of National Parks Association of Queensland NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION OF QLD

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Graeme Bartrim** 



### **Dear Members**

The year was marked by a very hot and dry summer with associated fires. Queensland was flooded in the north and drought stricken in the south. Land managers discussed a need to prepare for more extremes, particularly with regard to fire. On the environment front, the Government successfully stopped the use of single use plastic bags, passed legislation for Special Wildlife Reserves and commenced the introduction of a waste levy. However the debate regarding the Adani Coal Mine continued unabated, and much airtime was given to climate change and the fate of the Great Barrier Reef. The state budget (although there was much good will for a substantial increase) was disappointing when it came to supporting Protected Areas. We appreciate the importance of sound Biodiversity Conservation and Protected Area Strategies, but are very concerned about opportunities being lost.

It continues to be a crowded market place when it comes to conservation NGOs and it remains difficult to differentiate the Association and grow its support.

The Council and staff have been very active. Major steps were taken to improve the Association's financial situation. As difficult as it was, two staff were let go and one of the units at Fortune House was sold. This considerably reduced costs and we now need to focus on enhancing income to balance our budget. It should be noted that almost all of the proceeds from the unit sale will be invested for income, however any other use for the capital will need to be determined by a member vote.

There was some turnover in the Council and Karan Pandey and Colleen Thornton were welcomed. Former Councillors are thanked for the effort and time they put into the Association.

It was pleasing to participate in collaborative advocacy work with other conservation groups regarding greater funding for park acquisition and management. The documents produced have received positive comment and are valued because of the united front being presented.

We lodged a proposal with Government for the Yabba link National Park. This was possible thanks to the support of many volunteers (and the provision of a grant from our Cuthbertson bequest, which was matched by the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service.)

We developed a position statement on ecotourism. This issue remains contentious, and we await a more open and consultative process for such proposals. The Gainsdale proposal for Main Range National Park is yet to receive official approval.

We have made many representations on behalf of the Association to politicians and bureaucrats. We thank those who have given their time and given us a good hearing.

As always the Association has relied upon many generous hours of work given by members and supporters. It has been a pleasure to work with committed councillors and staff. For this you are all thanked.

As for the next 12 months we have progressed: the Association's strategy for 2019-2022, planning for the Association's 90th birthday, persisting with seeking appropriate state funding to ensure our Protected Area Estate is effective for the long term, and planning a seminar on ecotourism.

Thank you again to all who support NPAQ – without you we could not continue our work to promote the preservation, expansion, good management and presentation of National Parks in Queensland.

GRAEME BARTRIM

President

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### NPAQ **ADVOCACY**

### **SUBMISSIONS**

October 2018 QLD Government – Expression of interest for Ecotourism on
Thorsborne Trail, Cooloola Great Walk, and Whitsunday Island Trail

March 2019 QLD Government – Scenic Rim Trail Proposal

April 2019 QLD Government - Environmental offsets framework

QLD Government - Restricting Access at Cape Hillsborough Beach in

Marine National Park for Wallabies at Sunrise Experience

May/June 2019 QLD Government - Wangetti Trail Proposal

2019 June 2019 Wet Tropics Management Authority – Wangetti Trail Proposal

### **ADVOCACY YEAR IN REVIEW**

NPAQ presented a united front with numerous conservation groups/ eNGOs in a Statement to Governments calling for strategic growth of national parks and other protected areas and better funding for management. This unprecedented alignment was recognised throughout the Queensland government and drew considerable attention from Queensland Treasury Corporation, the Queensland Government's central financing authority.

Disappointingly, the last state budget did not allocate significant funding for new national parks and we still await the Queensland Protected Area Strategy. Funding and the strategy are fundamental to meaningfully grow the National Park Estate. NPAQ and five other peak eNGOs responded with the Selling Nature Short Report in June 2019. We now have our sights on the 2020 budget.

The Queensland government is actively looking to allow private development in national parks. In anticipation of a pipeline of new private accommodation proposals, NPAQ prepared a paper on Ecotourism and submitted it to Queensland's environment and tourism ministers, senior government staff and key stakeholders in the tourism industry. Laura Hahn, Conservation Principle presented the paper at the Global Eco Asia-Pacific Tourism Conference in Townsville on 27 November 2018.

Members and supporters have varied views about development in Queensland national parks (e.g. absolutely no public or private accommodation; absolutely no private development; some very strictly controlled private development is okay). At present, the current State approvals process lacks transparency and "commercial in confidence" is often relied upon. NPAQ actively campaigned for a transparent assessment process supporting a community say on any proposed private development in national parks. Members did provide strong support for eco-tourism criteria that we developed through considerable research.

New issues NPAQ has dealt with over the year include:

- Lessee activities at Elanda Point, Great Sandy National Park
- Proposal to restrict the public from an area at Cape Hillsborough Beach in the marine national park for commercial purposes that includes feeding wallabies
- Interest in a mountain biking trail in Moresby Range National Park
- Capricornia Cay National Park campground lease renewal
- Government commitment to fund construction of the Wangetti Trail which includes a bicycle trail through McAllister Range National Park

In addition to the 6 formal submissions, NPAQ sent numerous letters and emails to the environment and tourism ministers, senior Department of Environment and Science staff and cabinet budget decision-makers regarding the Lindeman Resort Expansion, Spicers Retreat's (formerly Gainsdale) Scenic Rim Trail proposal, and the approvals process for development in national parks. NPAQ also prepared a draft policy statement on cycling and national parks.

On a very positive note, new Queensland legislation, supported by NPAQ submissions, was passed on 29 March 2019. This legislation allows the establishment of Special Wildlife Reserves in Queensland, effectively the potential to declare private national parks. NPAQ has continued to make it clear to the government that Special Wildlife Reserves cannot replace investing in Queensland's currently undersized and underfunded National Reals Estate.

NPAQ has sought different ways to expand the National Park Estate. Inspired by Ian Stehbens and his substantive body of research and thanks to many volunteers and eNGO partners, NPAQ submitted a proposal in February 2019 for 20,000 ha of new national park linking two existing national parks inland from the Sunshine Coast. This proposal, submitted to the Environment Minister, has been well received and has initiated a government assessment.

## NPAQ **ACTIVITIES**

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During the 2018-19 financial year, 37 activities were planned. Two were cancelled because of extreme weather conditions and lack of nominations. Of the 287 attendees, 89% were members, 10% non-members and 1% children.

NPAQ relies on the leadership of a group of experienced volunteers to conduct activities. Their ongoing efforts are highly valued and their willingness to share their knowledge is appreciated. The involvement of participants is acknowledged and appreciated by the leaders. Their cheerful and positive input into the activities is also appreciated.



### **Bird Watching**

The "birders" continued to be the most active group, conducting 12 activities, including an extended outing to the Gympie Area. These activities involved 123 attendees. The details of all sightings were submitted regularly to eBird Australia in keeping with the citizens-science objectives of the group.



### Easter Camp

Another popular event, 27 people attended the camp on Farr's property bordering Girraween National Park. While many tracks in the park were closed from a bushfire earlier in the year, alternative activities were enjoyed including a day walk in the neighboring Sundown National Park.



### Social Activities

With 42 attendees, the Twilight Walk was the most popular single event of the year, a testament to its format appealing to members. It provides a great opportunity to renew acquaintances with familiar faces as well as meet new members.



### Vegetation Management Group

To manage weed growth and promote growth of the natural vegetation in the Jolly's Lookout/Boombana area of D'Aguilar National Park, the group held 10 working bees with an average attendance of 5 participants.



## NPAQ ORGANISATION

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### **GOVERNANCE**

Updated Rules were approved at the last AGM, bringing NPAQ into line with current best practice for Incorporated Associations. The new Rules also allow for longer (2 year) terms for office holders to bring more stability into Executive Management of the organisation. The website, Governance Manual, and other documents were updated to reflect these changes.

The Governance Committee conducted a major review of compliance with Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission requirements to ensure that we meet current expectations as a registered charity.

NPAQ has maintained compliance with all requirements and Council this year introduced a Privacy Policy, Anti-Discrimination Policy, and Register of Declared Interests to further our transparency. All new Councillors also receive a Letter of Appointment clearly setting out their responsibilities as part of the governing body of NPAQ. Delegations were reviewed and updated, and oversight was maintained on financial reserves and reporting.

### **STRATEGY**

This was the fifth year of implementing the NPAQ Strategic Plan 2014-2019. Achieving our purpose through advocacy, research, education, communication and collaboration continued on from previous years, with the focus this year on:

- 1) Conservation goals
- 2) Ecotourism
- 3) A balanced budget
- 4) Improved profile

### **MEMBERSHIP**

NPAQ has a member and supporter base of 7,663 – an increase of 13% over last year. The continuing growth of our supporter base indicates that efforts to increase our public profile are effective. Members are the traditional cornerstone of NPAQ and our membership stands at 611 members, an 18% decrease. During 2018-19, we welcomed 41 new members. However, given the age of many of our longer-term members, resignations remained high (134).

### **HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS**

NPAQ acknowledges the exceptional service provided by our Honorary Life Members: Wendy Bell, John Bristow, Brian Egan, Rob Hitchcock (deceased), Ruth Read, Ailsa Rutherford and, Jim Stebbins.

### **STAFF**

In line with strategic and financial goals, our staffing structure ensures that all resources expended achieve the greatest possible outcome, and are maximised in priority areas. Although what is achieved is largely dependent on our staff numbers, the organisation also has a responsibility to manage its budget, and staff numbers were reduced to two during the year, with the goal of eliminating future deficits.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Members and other volunteers undertake a significant proportion of NPAQ's work. Eighty-three volunteers contributed more than 7,000 hours in areas such as: activity leading; conservation work; provision of professional or technical support; promotions; mailouts; assistance with our publications, social media or website management; database support; library, archives, governance or strategic support; advocacy; fundraising; assistance at events, including manning promotional and educational stalls; office support; committee roles; and Council roles. See page 15 for a full list of volunteers.

### **ENGAGEMENT**

The majority of our growth continues to occur through people who desire to engage in ways different to that of traditional membership. This has resulted in a need for a multi-pronged approach to engagement and communication with members and supporters.

Four member meetings were held during the year – September, November, February and May – along with members' afternoon tea and volunteers' thank you lunch. Members and supporters were also invited to provide their feedback on NPAQ's policy regarding ecotourism in national parks.

NPAQ conducted several promotional and educational stalls at events throughout the year. Enhanced promotional material, Kids in National Park booklets and merchandise such as the Kids in National Parks Colouring Book and associated fluffy toys are continuing to expand our pubic appeal.

### **ROMEO LAHEY AWARD**

Members who have maintained 50 years of NPAQ membership are presented with the annual Romeo Lahey Award.

In 2018 three members were honoured:

JUDITH BIEG
ISABELL HARRIS
PETER HARRIS

We humbly thank these members for their incredible long term support of the Association in achieving the objectives for Queensland National Parks.

### NPAQ **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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Revenue raising for the organisation remains challenging. However, over Financial Year 2019 (FY19), Council has acted with an organisational re-structure that will give NPAQ a consolidated base to give it time to ideally achieve sustainable growth.

Over FY19 NPAQ sold one of the units and \$260,000 has been put aside with a condition that the funds can only be used for the purpose of investing or acquiring another office and not to be used for operating expenses. This investment will bring additional dividends over FY20 and further strengthen the financial position of NPAQ.

Whilst a lot has occurred over FY19, there is still more work to be done. Council and staff continue to work tirelessly to address the operating deficit, and the focus now moves towards growing revenues.

NPAQ recorded a net profit of \$196,800 compared to a net loss in FY18 of \$87,915. On a direct comparative operating basis (removing one off Asset sales), the result was a net loss of \$29,702 in FY19 compared with a net operating loss in FY18 of \$127,730.



NPAQ benefited from higher dividends (total \$73,844) than budgeted (\$61,184). It was initially forecasted that the Association would be required to sell more shares to fund an operating deficit. However, thanks to the bequest we were able to avoid selling as many shares as first forecast which in turn returned extra dividends. Dividends were also higher than in FY18 (a great outcome for NPAQ in such difficult times).



In an incredibly generous act the late Norman Traves bequeathed \$50,000 from his estate to National Parks Association of Queensland.



Expenses over FY19 were \$24,000 lower than budgeted, largely due to the organisation reducing 1.5 FTE in staff over the last 6 months of FY19. Expenses in FY19 were \$53,000 lower, was largely driven by the staff reduction mentioned above but also the organisation exited unfavourable historic contracts saving \$6,500 in FY19 further benefit to be received over FY20 as no further payouts required.



Donations of \$25,000 were also \$8000 higher than budgeted and also \$3,600 higher than in FY18.

### **NPAQ FY19 OPERATING RESULTS**

		FY19		FY19 vs FY18	
	Actual	Budget	Variance	FY18 Actual	Varianc
INCOME					
Membership Fees	17,645	15,000	2,645	19,005	(1,360)
Dividends	73,844	61,184	12,660	73,393	452
Interest	1,618	-	1,618	1,128	490
Activities Income	68	3,250	(3,182)	1,359	(1,291)
Donations	25,955	17,500	8,455	22,334	3,621
Fundraising	3,465	7,500	(4,035)	795	2,670
Grants	11,145	-	11,145	15,000	(3,855)
Bequest Income	50,588	650	49,938	7,000	43,588
Advertising	530	1,000	(470)	-	530
Merchandise	845	2,000	(1,155)	1,953	(1,108)
TOTAL INCOME	185, 703	108,084	77,619	141,965	43,738
EXPENSES					
Accounting & Audit	10,669	11,650	(981)	10,837	(169)
Activities	895	2,000	(1,105)	2,436	(1,542)
Finance	746	600	146	583	163
Administration	6,965	8,750	(1,785)	9,662	(2,697)
IT	6,158	9,800	(2,645)	13,625	(6,470)
Contracts	4,186	740	3,446	4,416	(230)
Depreciation	6,051	4,200	1,850	5,370	681
Insurance	5,806	6,200	(394)	6,200	(394)
Legal	-	-	-	-	-
Marketing	9,350	11,400	(2,050)	7,926	1,424
Merchandise	557	1,000	(444)	1,243	(687)
Projects	2,094	3,000	(906)	13,747	(11,653)
Property	19,432	18,800	631	18,020	1,411
Salary & Staffing	142,065	161,274	(19,216)	174,637	(32,579
Travel	432	1,200	(768)	992	(560)
TOTAL EXPENSES	215,405	240,614	(24,220)	269,695	(53,302
Operating Profit	(29,702)	(132,530)	101,839	(127,730)	97,040
Profit/(Loss) Sale Investment	226,502	-	226,502	47,045	179,457
Other Income (expenses)	-	-	-	(7,229)	7,229
NET PROFIT	196,800	(132,530)	328,341	(87,915)	283,726

<sup>\*</sup>Above summary reconciles FY19 audited accounts, however splits out items to reflect operating profits

<sup>\*\*</sup>Format is the same Management accounting format reported to Council on a monthly basis

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Detail above provides comparison analysis however should not be relied upon



### **NPAQ AUDITED FINANICIALS**

PROFIT & LOSS	FY19	FY18
REVENUE		
Membership Contributions	17,645	19,622
Investment Income	76,050	74,527
Profit on sale of investment	6,160	47,045
Profit on sale of fixed assest	220,342	-
Donations & Fundraising	30,795	25,816
Grants	11,145	15,000
Bequests	50,000	7,000
Other Income	68	-
TOTAL REVENUE	412,205	189,010
EXPENSES	412,205	185,010
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BALANCE SHEET	FY19	FY18
ASSETS		
Cash & Cash Equivalent	328,310	48,558
Trade and other receivables	18,432	17,328
Inventories	1,866	1,877
Prepayments - Body Corporate	910	2,020
Other Assets	50	50
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	349,568	69,833
Financial Assets	843,108	862,068
Property, plant and equipment	115,008	170,532
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	958,116	1,032,6
TOTAL ASSETS	1,307,684	1,102,433
LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	38,379	13,879
Deferred Income	10,355	21,500
Provisions	11,333	15,970
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	60,067	51,349
Provisions	1,325	1,592
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,325	1,592
TOTAL LIABILITIES	61,392	52,941
NET ASSETS	1,246,292	1,049,492
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings	1,246,292	1,049,492
TOTAL EQUITY	1,246,292	1,049,492

## NPAQ **COMMUNICATION**

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### COMMUNICATION

Targeted, effective and engaging communication with members and supporters is fundamental to achieving NPAQ's purpose.

Strengthening our public profile, by ensuring messages associated with issues concerning Queensland's protected areas reach a wider audience, is essential for building a sustainable organisation. This year we continued to review and improve our communications, working with the time and budget available.

### Protected

Our magazine, *Protected*, changed this year to a quarterly publication. The magazine provides in-depth articles on national parks and nature conservation issues, and includes reflections on why parks should be valued. In addition to contributions from staff, members and supporters, articles are sourced from experts in their fields, including ecologists and well-known conservationists.

2,142 email subscribers received the magazine, as well as 270 members receiving a printed edition.

### Website

Engagement with the NPAQ website increased with an average of 6,684 website visitors a month, 6,067 of those being unique visitors. Redevelopment of the new website was progressed and it will launch in the coming year.

### Neck of the Woods

Our e-bulletin, *Neck of the Woods,* has continued to be distributed monthly this year by email, to 2,142 email subscribers. Some members without an email address receive a print edition.

The e-bulletin typically includes up-to-date information about issues relating to protected areas, as well as highlighting items of interest in the news, upcoming activities, Association news, and events of interest.

### Social Media

The NPAQ Facebook page provided engagement for members and supporters throughout the year, with page likes growing 22% to 4,465. Our Instagram followers grew 74% during the year, to reach 859. The Twitter account was closed during the year as it was not point adding value with limited resources.

### NPAQ **PEOPLE**

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### **NPAQ PEOPLE**

COUNCIL	POSITION
Graeme Bartrim	President
Yvonne Parsons	Vice President
Jackie Rose'Meyer	Vice President
Neil Williams	Honorary Treasurer
Debra Marwedel	Honorary Secretary
Yvonne Parsons Jackie Rose'Meyer Emma Pethybridge (former)	Asst. Hon. Secretary
David Ball	Councillor
Susanne Cooper	Councillor
Julie Hainsworth	Councillor
Kalam McTaggart	Councillor
Karan Pandey	Councillor
Colleen Thornton	Councillor
Cameron Hudson (Former)	Councillor
Abigail Kerr (Former)	Councillor
Alexsis Wilson (Former)	Councillor

STAFF	POSITION
Laura Hahn	Conservation Principal
Marika Strand	Operations Manager
Glenys Wilkinson	Finance Officer
Reece Pianta (former)	Communications Officer
Jeannie Rice (former)	Project & Officer Administrator

COMMITTEE CONVENORS	COMMITTEE
Frank Freeman	Activities Committee
Laura Hahn	Advocacy Committee
Neil Williams	Finance & Investment Committee
Yvonne Parsons	Marketing Communications & Engagement Committee
David Ball	Governance Committee

### **NPAQ PARTNERS**

Australian Conservation Foundation Gecko Environment Council
Australian Marine Conservation Society Griffith University
Australian Panel of Experts on Environmental Law HOPE Inc (Australia)
Australian Rainforest Conservation Society Invasive Species Council
BirdLife Southern Queensland Koala Action Inc

Cairns & Far North Queensland Environment Centre Mackay Conservation Council
Capricorn Conservation Council North Queensland Conservation Council
Darling Down Environment Council Pew Charitable Trusts

Places You Love

Fraser Island Defenders Organisation Protect the Bush Alliance

Queensland Conservation Council

Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation

Sunshine Coast Environment Council The Wilderness Society

University of Queensland

Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland

WWF - Australia

### **NPAQ AFFILIATES**

**Environmental Defenders Office QLD** 

Birds Queensland Lamington Natural History Association Inc.

Bribie Island Environmental Protection Association Inc.

Moreton Island Protection Committee Inc.

Bunya Mountains Natural History Association Noosa Parks Association
Fraser Island Defenders Organisation Queensland Frog Society Inc

Friends of Stradbroke Island Association Inc.

Stradbroke Island Management Organisation Inc.

Friends of Tamborine National Park

Tamborine Mountain Natural History Association

Green Mountains Natural History Association Inc

NPAQ is a member of the National Parks Australia Council, which has a mission to protect, promote and extend national parks systems within Australia.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Davida Allen Aileen Elliot Michael Shera Angus McElnea David Ball Ivor Ephrams Fiona McGill Peter Stanton Julia Bartrim Penny Figgis Kalam McTaggart Ian Stehbens Sarah Bartrim Frank Freeman Ann Moran Clarissa Tedder Lisa Behan Russell Gardner John Nowill lan Tedder Barry Brackin Sheena Gillman James Tedder Murray Oke **Edward Brackin Bartrim Graeme** Ron Owen Lucy Tedder Leith Brackin Colleen Thornton Julie Hainsworth Karan Pandey Rickko Briantono Peter Hale Jennifer Parker Ann Tracey John Bristow Tyler-Jane Hood Callum Vollmerhause Tony Parsons Geraldine Buchanan Jenna Huckenswager Yvonne Parsons Kurt Vollmerhause Cameron Hudson Oscar Vollmerhause Steve Burgess Ian Peacock Fiona Campbell **David Jones** Rachel Pegler Demi Rose Walter David Cassells Russell Watkinson Lesley Joyce Emma Pethybridge Robert Whyte Simon Cavendish Abigail Kerr Kieren Petty Frazer Cluff **Briony Law** Sandy Pollock Neil Williams Tyler Cluff **Geoff Lowes** Stephen Prowse Warwick Willmont Susanne Cooper Laurelle Lowry Darryl Rae Alexsis Wilson Jocelyn Dixon Len Lowry Jacqueline Rose'Meyer Ian Witheyman Paul Donatiu lan Mackay Ethan Rostedt

Mary Anne Ryan

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Susie Duncan

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Debra Marwedel

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### **BEQUESTS**

We humbly thank the late Norman Traves for his generosity in remembering the Association in his estate.

### **DONORS**

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Bunya Mountains Natural History Association Inc. Jan King Jill Sampson Linda Cartmill Glenda Kirkegard Ken & Lesley Sampson

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Bruce Zimmer

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