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## HOPE E-news Bulletin 2025 #11 --- November 2025

The following items have been gathered from various e: newsletters received by HOPE in recent times; and/or prepared specifically by HOPE members and supporters. If you have any news to contribute, please forward to [office@hopeaustralia.org.au](mailto:office@hopeaustralia.org.au). Deadline for articles is 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month.

### Editorial

Welcome to the December issue of the newsletter!

First articles to look at are profile pieces on Andrew Gaines and Saul Griffiths. These are followed by several 'snapshot' articles on national agencies including Wildlife Heroes, Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA), My Nature Block and Carbon Positive Australia (CPA). Then we read about Environmental Education Centres (EECs) which are helping students, teachers, and communities connect with nature. And finally, keep track of environmental campaigns with the online Environmental Movement Research Hub.

Kind regards,

Nina Stick, Newsletter Editor – HOPE Inc.

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### 2025 Environmental Observances

December

5 [International Volunteer Day](#)

5 [World Soil Day](#)

10 [Human Rights Day](#)

11 [International Mountain Day](#)

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More detailed information on 'environmental observances' may be found at:

- [International Days and Weeks | United Nations](#)
- [International Years | United Nations](#)
- [International Decades | United Nations](#)

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**Your financial support is sought! – <https://www.hopeaustralia.org.au/donations/>**

We invite members and supporters to consider making an annual financial contribution to help cover our operating costs of approximately \$20,500 p.a.

Currently, our income is derived from project grants, fund-raising, corporate sponsorship and donations, but falls well short of our requirements.

Your financial support, by way of an annual pledge or donation, will considerably help us to achieve better financial viability.

Of course, if you 'cash in your containers', why not donate those monies to **HOPE Inc** | Member number: C11107170.

**Please help us to continue our efforts in advocating for responsible stewardship of the environment and supports adopting sustainable long-term solutions to the manifold environmental problems facing hurdles.**

## Message from the President

Good morning,

*In 2026 I have the pleasure of continuing my role as President. So, for my last message to you in 2025 I would like to reiterate my President's report delivered at our Annual General Meeting in November.*

*This year we have sought advice from two social media consultants on our messaging strategy, voice and means of communication. A big thank you to Karan for your advice and work on our laptop funding campaign! There has been some turnaround in our social media team. I want to thank Charmaine for her many years of hard work in this space. Thank you very much to our new volunteers who have helped in our social media space. This is integral to sharing HOPE's message, work and resources with the public. Going forward we will be reviewing our most successful social media messages to help build our communication 'pillars' for a more cohesive messaging strategy.*

*We have sought advice and feedback on ways to improve our website for ease of accessibility and resource sharing. Thank you Yaoyao for diligently chipping away at this mammoth task with the resources at hand. In the long term our plan is to acquire funding to modernize our website, in the meantime we will continue to optimize our existing website and track the impact of these changes.*

*The Logan Eco Action Festival (LEAF) event this year helped us raise some funds for our everyday expenses and spread the message of HOPE. Much of the funding was received from the raffle and sale of SE QLD Weeds booklet. I look forward to attending the 2026 event with a new stall set up, resources and raffle. HOPE will continue to look for more public-facing events to share our message and attract new volunteers. This year we attempted many ways of attracting funding - applying for community grants, public fundraising campaigns online as well as sending sponsorship requests to partners, universities and organisations. While our efforts have not been hugely successful, we will continue to explore ways to attract funding for long-term sustainability.*

*This year was made possible by the extraordinary work and efforts of our volunteers. Thank you to Frank for recruiting so many new and talented faces to help spread our message, as well as everything you do behind the scenes to keep HOPE running! Our volunteers have written many special feature articles, newsletter articles, media releases, signed petitions, critiqued various national and state legislation, national and international environmental issues. This is all evidenced in our full Focus Tracker (available online). And, of course thank you Nina, our newsletter editor, for compiling all this work! Another successful project has been the "Imagining 2024 – Pathways to Flourishing Futures" Podcast series and interview with our patron Jerry Coleby-Williams by Andrew Nicholson. Thank you, Andrew, for an amazing and informative series!*

*In the year ahead we will continue to look for sustainable sources of funding for our operational costs, equipment, website upgrade and proposed projects. I am confident that by tracking and analysing our website and social media analytics we are on track to optimize and strengthen our messaging to reach a greater audience. I am also grateful for the enthusiasm, hard work and talents of our volunteers who continue to produce high quality work analysing the environmental problems we face today so that we can make informed decisions and change our future for the better.*

*Happy holidays everyone!*

*Anna Kula-Kaczmarek, President - HOPE Inc. | [admin@hopeaustralia.org.au](mailto:admin@hopeaustralia.org.au)*

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Here's an article about us!



## Householders' Options to Protect the Environment (HOPE) Inc.

### -A Grassroots Movement with a Global Vision

As environmental challenges grow worldwide, one Australian organization continues to show that meaningful change begins at home. Head-quartered in Toowoomba, Queensland, **Householders' Options to Protect the Environment (HOPE) Inc.** is a volunteer-run, not-for-profit network helping Australians live sustainably and inspiring action beyond their communities.

Founded on the principle **"Think Globally – Act Locally,"** HOPE empowers individuals, families, schools, and communities to take everyday steps that protect the planet. From reducing energy use and waste to conserving biodiversity, HOPE promotes small actions that make a big difference through a simple goal, a just and sustainable society that values both people and the environment.

**What HOPE Stands For:** HOPE believes everyone has a role in caring for the planet. It encourages members and supporters to: Use energy and resources wisely; create as little waste and pollution as possible; choose renewable, natural, and locally made products, and support responsible land management and conservation. Through education, partnerships, and advocacy, HOPE provides practical ways to live more sustainably from recycling and composting to water conservation and eco-friendly living.

**Achievements and Highlights:** For more than **30 years**, HOPE has been a consistent voice for sustainability across Australia. In **2025**, HOPE volunteers produced a range of articles, policy submissions, and educational materials covering topics such as **Landcare, environmental legislation, and urban planning**. Members also represented HOPE at the **Logan Eco Action Festival**, engaging communities and raising funds for future initiatives.

HOPE supports **citizen science, permaculture, and community gardening**, reinforcing the idea that sustainability grows from shared responsibility. The organization also advocates for stronger environmental policies and better support for community initiatives that protect nature and improve quality of life.

**How to Get Involved:** Membership in HOPE is **free**, and everyone is welcome. Donations and volunteer efforts keep its advocacy, education, and publications alive.

Ways to take part:

- **Join HOPE:** Sign up to receive newsletters and updates on environmental issues - [Membership Form - Householders' Options to Protect the Environment Inc.](#)
- **Volunteer:** Contribute your time or skills in writing, research, or event coordination - [Volunteer Form - Householders' Options to Protect the Environment Inc.](#)
- **Donate:** Support HOPE's outreach and education programs - [Donations - Householders' Options to Protect the Environment Inc.](#)

**Stay connected:** Follow HOPE on [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [LinkedIn](#)

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*(Written by Gloria Mutesi – HOPE researcher (Int – Uganda))*



## National articles

### Andrew Gaines is inspiring the transition to sustainability, one conversation at a time

Written by Josie Jarvis, HOPE Media Officer NSW

*"The challenge of our time is to mobilize thoughtful public engagement in creating a compassionate ecologically sustainable world." --- Andrew Gaines*

#### Who is Andrew Gaines?

Andrew Gaines is a dedicated environmental and social activist based in New South Wales, Australia. For the past 15+ years, he has championed compassionate social change as a pathway toward an ecologically sustainable future.

History demonstrates an innate intersection between culture and the environment. Not only do we as a society respond to environmental issues, but we also shape the very conditions that cause them. With a background in Psychotherapy, Gaines understands this link and strongly advocates for cultural engagement as a critical strategy.

#### Key points of Gaines' advocacy

- Humanity is on a path toward ecological breakdown and increasing global conflict.
- Shifting this trajectory requires public ignition of social and cultural change.
- Empowerment for change begins at the individual level.

#### Gaines' advocacy in action

Here are some of Gaines' most impactful efforts towards his goal of achieving an ecologically sustainable world through life-affirming transition:

##### Instigator of [Inspiring Transition](#)

- Promoted by [Be the Change Australia](#), Inspiring Transition aims to inspire life-affirming culture in the face of the ecological crisis by focusing on the key change agent of people.
- The initiative empowers individuals with communication tools to become Evolutionary Catalysts of cultural change. Resources such as [Escalating Disasters](#) and [Kitchen Table Conversations](#) equip individuals to initiate meaningful discussions around topics such as climate change and the risk of global conflict within their social circles.

##### Member of the [Stable Planet Alliance](#)

- Stable Planet Alliance is a global coalition of groups and individuals working toward an ecologically sustainable world by changing mindsets and promoting a compassionate approach.
- The movement sponsors an upcoming 6-week course, called 'Catalyzing Healthy Cultural Transformation' Course. Starting 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and run by the [Charter of Compassion](#) with Gaines as a facilitator, the course's mission is to "spark a global commitment to do everything necessary — within the realm of care — to pull out of our ecological nosedive and build a just, compassionate, and sustainable world."

##### Contributor to online dialogues

- **Articles:** Gaines frequently shares through-provoking content designed to spark conversation and inform action.
  - Recent contributions include "[How We Can Align to Create A Viable Society](#)" and "[Restoring the Earth's natural cooling system](#)".
- **TEDxUniMelb talk:** "[Transitioning to a life-affirming culture](#)"
  - A call to action that reminds listeners of their own potential to shift global consciousness from despair to life-affirming purpose in the face of climate change.

#### Want to be part of the change?

- [Become an Evolutionary Catalyst](#)
- Follow Andrew Gaines on [Linked In](#) or [Medium](#) for regular content
- Join the movements at [Inspiring Transition](#) and [Stable Planet Alliance](#)
- Register for the upcoming '[Catalyzing Healthy Cultural Transformation](#)' Course

*"Every thought, every voice, every conversation makes a difference."*

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**Meet Saul Griffith — the award-winning inventor and clean energy advocate proving that bold ideas and practical solutions can power a sustainable future.**

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Clayton Boyd

Australian-born Saul Griffith is an inventor, engineer, scientist, and award-winning author whose work is helping shape a cleaner and more sustainable future. With a background in materials science and engineering from MIT, Griffith has dedicated much of his career to reimagining how we generate and use energy.

He is the founder of several innovative companies, including *Otherlab*, focused on breakthrough energy technologies, and *Rewiring Australia*, a movement dedicated to accelerating the shift towards electrification to reduce carbon emissions. His practical and optimistic approach to climate solutions emphasizes that the tools to tackle climate change already exist—we simply need the willpower and policies to deploy them.

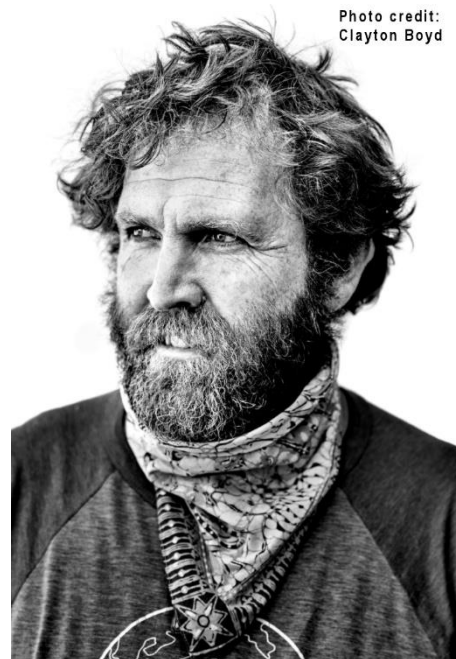
A winner of the prestigious **MacArthur “Genius” Fellowship**, Griffith is also the bestselling author of *Electrify* and *The Big Switch*. In these books, he maps out how communities — from individual households to entire nations — can shift away from fossil fuels. Known for making complex science simple and inspiring, he shows that climate solutions are not just urgent, but achievable.

From groundbreaking inventions to grassroots advocacy, Griffith’s work proves that innovation and collaboration can drive the clean-energy transition. His vision is one of optimism: that with determination and the right policies, we can rewire our future for good.

👉 **Want to learn more?**

1. *His own website* — <https://www.saulgriffith.com> — for his publications, recent works, etc.
2. *Rewiring Australia* site — <https://www.rewiringaustralia.org> for updates on his current advocacy and local pilot programs.

(Written by Sue Elliott – HOPE researcher Qld)



**ELECTRIFY 2545**  
**community pilot**







## Wildlife Heroes – Supporting Australia’s Frontline Wildlife Carers

Written by Fidelia Fidelia, HOPE researcher WA



Across Australia, thousands of volunteers devote their time, energy, and compassion to rescuing, rehabilitating, and releasing native wildlife. These unsung heroes are the beating heart of conservation — and *Wildlife Heroes*, an initiative of the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife (FNPW), exists to ensure they have the support they need.

Since its launch in 2019, *Wildlife Heroes* has empowered wildlife carers and rescue organisations nationwide with training, funding, and practical resources. Backed by the Australian Government and local partners, the program was established in response to the urgent need to strengthen Australia’s volunteer wildlife care sector — particularly after the devastating 2019–20 bushfires.

Through grants and professional development opportunities, *Wildlife Heroes* helps carers upgrade facilities, access veterinary supplies, and attend specialised training to improve animal welfare outcomes. From wildlife hospitals to backyard aviaries, every improvement enhances the recovery of injured animals and the resilience of those who care for them.

Recognising that wildlife rescue can be emotionally demanding, the *Wildlife Heroes Mental Health Project* offers confidential counselling, wellbeing resources, and mental health workshops to support carers experiencing burnout, trauma, or compassion fatigue.

Education and community engagement are also central to the program. Through storytelling, webinars, and local partnerships, *Wildlife Heroes* celebrates the dedication of carers, inspires new volunteers, and fosters a deeper appreciation for wildlife conservation across Australia.

To date, *Wildlife Heroes* has distributed more than \$3 million in grants and resources to wildlife care groups, delivered mental health workshops and resources to hundreds of carers, and established national training and mentoring programs to strengthen rescue and rehabilitation standards. The initiative has also supported wildlife response networks during bushfires, floods, and extreme heat events.

Today, *Wildlife Heroes* continues to expand national campaigns that build carers’ capacity, connection, and wellbeing. Australians can get involved by volunteering, donating, or simply spreading awareness of their work. Whether you live in the city or the bush, there’s a role for everyone in caring for our native wildlife.

Because when we care for wildlife, we care for our planet. Every animal saved brings us closer to a more compassionate and sustainable Australia — one where people and wildlife can thrive together.

🔗 Learn more, volunteer, or donate: [www.wildlifeheroes.org.au](http://www.wildlifeheroes.org.au)

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## Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) – Hands-On Action for Nature

Written by Fidelia, HOPE researcher WA



Across Australia, communities are coming together to restore landscapes, protect threatened species, and strengthen their connection to the natural world. At the heart of this movement is *Conservation Volunteers Australia* (CVA) — a leading not-for-profit organisation that turns environmental passion into practical action.

Founded in 1982, CVA has mobilised hundreds of thousands of volunteers to tackle some of Australia's most pressing environmental challenges. From tree planting and habitat restoration to coastal clean-ups and citizen science, their hands-on approach empowers people of all ages and backgrounds to make a measurable difference — one project at a time.

CVA's philosophy is simple: when people connect with nature, they care for it. Through volunteering programs, corporate partnerships, and community initiatives, they create opportunities for Australians to step outdoors and become active stewards of the land. Whether it's a one-day team-building event or a long-term conservation placement, every action contributes to healthier ecosystems and more resilient communities.

Over the years, CVA has engaged more than three million volunteer days across every state and territory, restored over 30,000 hectares of habitat, and supported more than 250 threatened species through direct conservation programs. Working in partnership with local councils, Traditional Owners, and businesses, they have delivered lasting environmental outcomes that benefit both people and wildlife.

Signature initiatives such as *Revive Our Wetlands* rejuvenate vital wetland ecosystems that support biodiversity and natural flood protection, while *Green Army Legacy Projects* provide pathways for young Australians to gain skills and experience in environmental restoration. Their *Corporate Volunteering for Nature* program connects businesses with meaningful conservation experiences, and *Wild Futures* focuses on protecting endangered species like the Mallee fowl, Eastern Barred Bandicoot, and Swift Parrot through habitat protection and monitoring.

As climate change continues to intensify threats to Australia's natural heritage, CVA's work has never been more important. Through large-scale revegetation, carbon offset programs, and community engagement, they are building landscapes that are more resilient to drought, fire, and erosion — while empowering Australians to take collective climate action.

Today, CVA's focus includes coastal restoration, urban greening, and Indigenous partnership projects that integrate traditional ecological knowledge with modern conservation practices. Volunteers can take part in day activities, citizen science projects, or professional internships that provide pathways into environmental careers.

Because caring for the planet starts with caring for the places we live. *Conservation Volunteers Australia* proves that small actions — when multiplied across thousands of hands — can create lasting, landscape-scale change.

🔗 Get involved or find a project near you: [www.conservationvolunteers.com.au](http://www.conservationvolunteers.com.au)

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## My Nature Block – Growing a Greener Future, One Backyard at a Time

Written by Fidelia Fidelia, HOPE researcher WA



Imagine if every backyard, balcony, and school garden across Australia became a mini sanctuary for wildlife. That's the vision behind *My Nature Block*, an inspiring initiative helping Australians reconnect with nature, restore biodiversity, and take meaningful climate action — right from their own homes.

Created by the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife (FNPW), *My Nature Block* encourages people to transform their private green spaces into thriving habitats that support birds, pollinators, and other native species. The concept is simple yet powerful: when everyone plays a small part, together we can create an enormous network of

connected, healthy ecosystems.

At its heart, *My Nature Block* is about turning care into action. Whether it's growing native plants, reducing waste, or creating a bee-friendly garden, every contribution counts toward Australia's broader biodiversity goals. The program's interactive online platform makes it easy for participants to register their "block," learn about local species, and measure their environmental impact over time.

By empowering everyday Australians to participate in nature restoration, *My Nature Block* bridges the gap between individual and collective action. The initiative supports the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, aligning local community efforts with global sustainability goals. Participants are encouraged to map their green spaces, share photos, and connect with a growing network of fellow nature champions. Schools, community gardens, and workplaces are also joining in, making it a truly inclusive movement that spans generations.

Since its launch, *My Nature Block* has engaged thousands of Australians across metropolitan and regional areas, helping to create and register hundreds of wildlife-friendly gardens across the country. Working with local councils and schools, the initiative integrates habitat restoration into daily life, providing online resources, toolkits, and planting guides tailored to different regions and climates.

Australia is home to some of the world's most unique biodiversity, yet many native species are under threat due to habitat loss, pollution, and climate change. By transforming small patches of land into safe havens, *My Nature Block* empowers people to be part of the solution — one plant, one tree, one nest box at a time.

Whether you live in a high-rise apartment or on a rural property, there's a way to get involved. The website offers practical guidance on composting, native gardening, water-wise landscaping, and wildlife-safe fencing. Simply register your block, log your activities, and join a national movement that's bringing back nature — block by block.

Because real environmental change starts at home. *My Nature Block* reminds us that every green space counts and that small, hopeful actions — when multiplied — can shape a greener, more sustainable Australia for generations to come.

🔗 Join the movement or register your block: [www.mynatureblock.org.au](https://www.mynatureblock.org.au)

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## Carbon Positive Australia (CPA) – Restoring Land, Inspiring Climate Action

*Written by Fidelia Fidelia, HOPE researcher WA*



For more than two decades, *Carbon Positive Australia (CPA)* has been helping Australians take meaningful climate action by restoring degraded land, planting native trees, and empowering individuals and businesses to reduce and offset their carbon footprints.

Founded in 2001, this Western Australia-based charity works closely with local communities, Traditional Owners, and landholders to repair ecosystems across the nation. Their mission is simple yet profound: to connect people with practical climate solutions that regenerate both land and life.

Through its *Carbon Positive Planting Projects*, CPA has already restored thousands of hectares of degraded farmland by planting millions of native trees and shrubs. These projects don't just capture carbon — they bring landscapes back to life, improving soil health, boosting biodiversity, and creating vital habitat for native wildlife. By focusing on native revegetation and using locally sourced seeds, CPA ensures each project supports regional ecosystems and strengthens resilience against drought and climate extremes.

Beyond large-scale restoration, *Carbon Positive Australia* empowers everyday Australians to be part of the solution. Their online *Carbon Calculator* helps individuals, households, and businesses measure, understand, and offset their emissions through verified Australian tree-planting projects. Education programs further inspire people to make climate-conscious choices in energy use, transport, and lifestyle — encouraging small daily actions that collectively create lasting change.

Over the years, CPA has restored more than 6,000 hectares of land across Western and South Australia, planted over 7.4 million trees and shrubs, and captured more than 650,000 tonnes of carbon. They also developed Australia's first publicly available online carbon calculator in 2001, setting a precedent for transparency and accountability in carbon offsetting. Partnering with Traditional Owners and local farmers, they continue to integrate revegetation with cultural and agricultural outcomes, strengthening community connection to Country.

Innovation remains at the heart of CPA's work. Using satellite imagery and on-ground monitoring, the organisation tracks carbon and biodiversity outcomes to ensure every contribution delivers measurable, lasting impact. Their transparency builds trust — showing supporters exactly how their actions are helping to restore Australia's landscapes.

Current campaigns such as *Plant a Tree for Me* invite individuals to contribute directly to native tree planting, while *Restore Australia* focuses on regenerating bushland and farmland affected by drought and fire. Through *Corporate Partnerships*, businesses are joining the effort to offset emissions and invest in a regenerative future.

Because climate action doesn't have to be complicated — it can begin with something as simple as planting a tree. *Carbon Positive Australia* reminds us that hope grows from the ground up, and that every seed planted today nurtures a more sustainable tomorrow.

🔗 Calculate, offset, or donate today: [www.carbonpositiveaustralia.org.au](https://www.carbonpositiveaustralia.org.au)

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## Environmental Education Centres Across Australia

### --- Helping Australians learn, connect and act for sustainability

Education is one of the most powerful tools for shaping our approach to the environment. Across Australia, Environmental Education Centres (EECs) are helping students, teachers, and communities connect with nature, deepen their environmental literacy, and take action for a more sustainable future.

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#### 🇦🇺 Queensland – Leading the Way

Queensland has 25 Outdoor and Environmental Education Centres (OEECs) spread across the state.

- **Programs for schools and communities** – hands-on activities that link directly to the curriculum.
- **Focus areas** include ecosystems, biodiversity, waste reduction, renewable energy, and sustainable living.
- **Professional development** is also offered to teachers, ensuring environmental literacy is embedded in classrooms.

##### 🔗 Explore Queensland OEECs

These centres are an invaluable resource for young people and the broader community, offering immersive outdoor experiences that connect individuals with nature.

#### 🇺🇸 Examples from Around the States

##### **Northern Territory – AAEE NT Chapter**

- Supports educators with resources, training and professional development.
- Works to strengthen Education for Sustainability in both remote and urban areas.

##### **Australian Capital Territory – Canberra Environment Centre**

- A community-based centre offering workshops, events, and resources on sustainable living.
- Program areas: composting, active travel, reuse & repair, local ecosystems.

##### **South Australia – Nature Education Centre**

- Non-profit hands-on learning hub.
- Offers school visits, interactive talks, animal loan kits and natural specimens.

##### **Victoria – Environment Education Victoria (EEV)**

- Focuses on climate education, systems thinking, and youth engagement.
- Supports teachers, students, and communities with resources, professional learning, and programs.



##### **Western Australia – AAEWA (WA Chapter of the Australian Association for Environmental Education)**

- Works with educators, schools, and communities to promote environmental education.
- Programs include early childhood initiatives, waste education, and sustainability in schools.

##### **Tasmania – Sustainability Learning Centre (UTAS)**

- Provides environmental learning programs for students and the community.
- Themes include biodiversity, energy, water, land management, and sustainability.
- The building itself is a model of green design, constructed with 98% recycled materials.

#### 🔗 Common Aims of EECs

Across Australia, Environmental Education Centres share key goals:

- **Hands-on, place-based learning** – engaging directly with ecosystems.
- **Curriculum alignment** – supporting teachers and students with tailored resources.
- **Environmental citizenship** – fostering responsibility for sustainability and biodiversity.
- **Community engagement** – connecting with local culture, Indigenous knowledge, and volunteer networks.
- **Sustainability in practice** – modelling renewable energy, recycling, native gardens and eco-design.

*(Written by Shuri Matsumoto, HOPE admin assistant Qld)*

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## International article

### The Environmental Movement Research Hub: A Living Archive of Activism, Past and Future

Where do we keep the history of environmental activism? For decades, iconic campaigns like the Franklin River blockade have captured the public imagination. But for every campaign we remember, there are hundreds more that are forgotten. These are the small, local, volunteer-led efforts that shaped communities and ecosystems but left little trace behind. [www.theenvironmentalmovement.org](http://www.theenvironmentalmovement.org) exists to change that.

This project is designed to be both a **history and a future** of environmental activism. It aims to preserve what has been done, help us learn from it, and guide more effective advocacy in the years to come. It is a living archive that celebrates our collective achievements while recognising the complex and often overlooked work of environmental action across Australia and the Pacific.

The website invites anyone to **add groups and campaigns**, whether it was a national protest or a school environmental club. If it was environmental and meaningful to those involved, it deserves to be remembered. Drawing on community flyers, newspaper reports, lost websites and academic studies, the site paints a broader and more accurate picture of the movement than traditional records allow.

The next phase of the project includes a new **“how to” section**, which will offer concise and evidence-based tools for effective environmental action. Whether you are planning a campaign, running a local event or responding to a crisis, this section will share practical advice rooted in past experience. It will also include a **campaign repository**, where new and ongoing efforts can be tracked over time. By doing this, we can begin to spot patterns and understand what tends to work, what does not, and why.

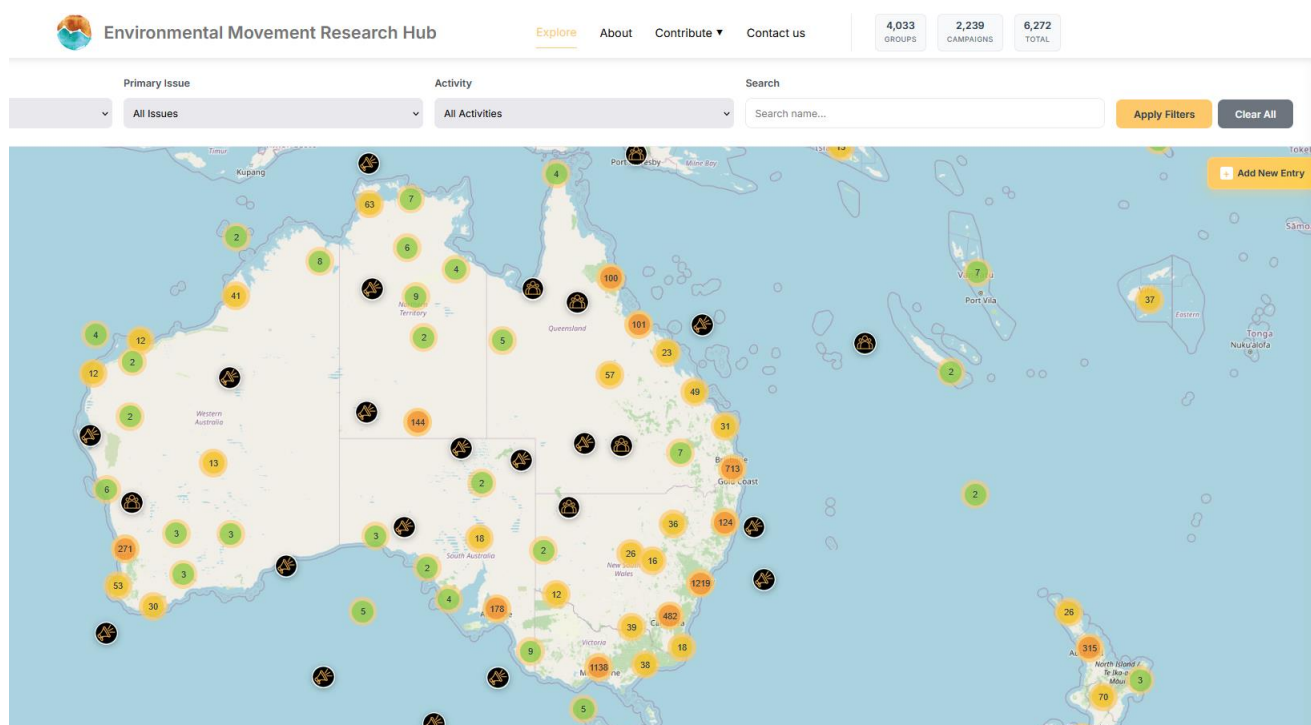


Figure 1: The front page of [www.theenvironmentalmovement.org](http://www.theenvironmentalmovement.org)

As we map out the history of activism, we also need to understand the forces that work against it. A **companion project** at [www.influencetracker.org](http://www.influencetracker.org) explores how networks of corporate and political influence can form powerful barriers to change. This site helps make visible the often-hidden ties between lobbyists, politicians, industries and other players who shape the policy environment. Together, these two platforms offer a clearer view of both the struggles and the systems that shape environmental advocacy.

## Network Map

This visualisation shows how your selected entity connects to other organisations and individuals in our database. Larger nodes indicate entries with more connections. Hover over any connection line to see relationship details.

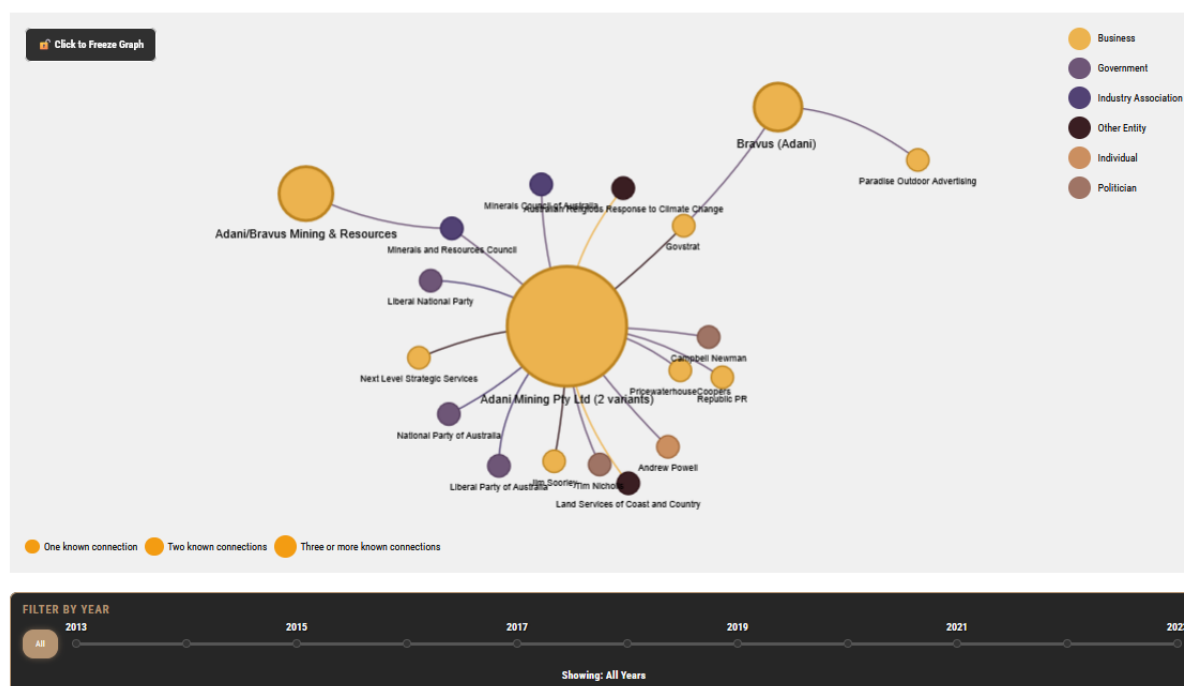


Figure 2: The network on connections currently known on [www.influencetracker.org](http://www.influencetracker.org)

Importantly, the archive allows activists to define their own work. There are no rigid categories about what counts as a “group” or “campaign.” If people describe their work as environmental, or their action as a campaign, then it belongs here. This inclusive approach reflects the diversity and dynamism of the movement itself.

We would love your help. You can contribute by adding a group or campaign that you have been part of or know about. You can also **volunteer to help build the site**, whether by searching archives, entering data, helping with design or sharing stories from your community. Every contribution helps preserve our history and strengthen our future.

Because remembering is not enough. If we are to alleviate the environmental crisis in the time we still have left, we must learn from the full breadth of our past and build a stronger, smarter movement for the road ahead.

## The Benefits of Volunteering

Volunteering is of great benefit to the community; it also benefits you personally in a range of ways:

- ☐ **Gain work experience and develop new skills** – Boost your career prospects. Update your resume with a whole new skill set.
- ☐ **Make new friendships and connections** – Meet like-minded people. Create professional networks.
- ☐ **Enjoy new social & cultural experiences** – be immersed in all kinds of environments, people and causes.
- ☐ **Be a part of your community** – Discover, connect, make an impact and have fun.
- ☐ **Enjoy better physical and mental health** – Studies show volunteering makes us healthier and happier.
- ☐ **Develop personally and build confidence** – Expand yourself. Enjoy a sense of achievement and fulfilment.
- ☐ **Act on your values** – Try something new. Follow your passions and interests.
- ☐ **Step out of your comfort zone** – Challenge yourself in a supportive environment.
- ☐ **Stand up for what matters** – Be inspired and be an inspiration.
- ☐ **Make a difference** – The feel-good factor of supporting Queensland communities.

**Enjoy the benefits of being a volunteer today!**