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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. Deadline for articles is 15th day of the month.

Editorial

Welcome to the November issue of our newsletter! This month covers a variety of topics, discussing both conservation and sustainability. We look at what's happening on Bribie Island and its protection. Springtime is optimal for gardens – have a look at Shady Lanes and the Australian Network for Plant Conservation. Similarly, Landcare Australia shows how to take care of your local environment. Learn how Parks Australia has established and maintained some of the country's most iconic protected areas. There is an article on TED (Technology, Entertainment and Design); read up on this sustainability topic. Finally, meet some of the notable women in the environmental movement.

Kind regards,

Nina Stick, Newsletter Editor – HOPE Inc.

2025 Environmental Observances

November

- 8 **HOPE AGM, followed by 1st Meeting of 2025-2026 Management Team**
- 10 [World Science Day for Peace and Development - International Week | United Nations](#)
- 26 [World Sustainable Transport Day | United Nations](#)

December

- 5 [International Volunteer Day](#)
- 5 [World Soil Day](#)
- 10 [Human Rights Day](#)
- 11 [International Mountain Day](#)

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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Message from the President

Giddy!

What a hot season it has been so far- hot outside and hot in the office! Head office has had a 'changing of the guards' with three new volunteers stepping up into various social media roles - Amber Lin, Shuri Matsomoto and Md Jalis Mahmud Nabil. Welcome to you all! We are still looking for Toowoomba-based volunteers to help our Office Manager with administrative tasks. If you are interested in those, please contact Frank Ondrus.

HOPE Inc has released a podcast interview with our Patron Mr Jerry Coleby-Williams, renowned conservationist, horticulturalist and plant curator. To listen to the interview, feel free to follow this [link](#).

We are continuing our search for university partners to sponsor and support our work. In exchange we are offering student placements in the areas of eco-social work, environmental and/or indigenous studies. Please contact me if you have ideas or suggestions of universities or organisations who might be interested in working with us!

Finally, we have our Annual General Meeting and Ordinary Meeting coming up on Saturday the 8th of November. The meetings commence at 10:00 AM Brisbane time. The ZOOM link is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2448320576?pwd=ay9PUUhDSTBSM2cxV3BNUGdtclEydz09&omn=89716013322>
For those of you attending in person, please RSVP by 5 Nov 2025 to assist with seating and catering arrangements for morning tea and a light lunch.

Happy November everyone.

Anna Kula-Kaczmarek, President - HOPE Inc. | admin@hopeaustralia.org.au

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Queensland articles



Bribie Island, off Queensland's coast, is a precious natural sanctuary teeming with native flora, fauna, wetlands, and marine life. The Bribie Island Environmental Protection Association (BIEPA) stands at the forefront of protecting this unique environment.

A Legacy of Protection

Founded in 1978 by five residents passionate about preserving the island's natural treasures, BIEPA has consistently challenged proposals that threaten the ecosystem—from industrial developments to large-scale urban expansion. They've also made a tangible difference through efforts like securing protection for Buckley's Hole Conservation Park.

What Drives Their Work

BIEPA operates around four core pillars:

1. *Habitat Protection* – Removing invasive weeds and marine debris, advocating for sustainable beach traffic management to reduce disruption to dunes and coastal ecosystems.
2. *Wildlife Warriors* – Safeguarding loggerhead turtles, migratory shorebirds, and other native species through monitoring and partnerships with government agencies.
3. *Community Outreach* – Educating and engaging locals through mission teams, events, and partnerships that strengthen community connection to Bribie's nature.
4. *Sustainable Development Advocacy* – Influencing policy, promoting eco-tourism, and working toward balanced development that prioritises both nature and the community.

Noteworthy Initiatives & Campaigns

Protecting Ocean Beach - BIEPA campaigns against unchecked 4WD use on Ocean Beach, highlighting its impacts on turtles, dunes, wetlands, and visitor safety. They advocate for capped permits, restricted access during turtle nesting, and an educational permit system.

Restoring Native Woodlands - Seizing the upcoming pine plantation harvest as a rare opportunity to reintroduce native forests, they campaign to convert plantation areas into protected national parkland over time.

Environmental Discovery Centre - Proposing a centre that celebrates the island's cultural and environmental heritage, furthering education and nature appreciation. The City of Moreton Bay has funded a pre-feasibility study, thanks in part to BIEPA's advocacy.

Community at the Heart

What truly sets BIEPA apart is its grassroots strength. With nearly 400 members as of late 2024, the organisation prioritises inclusive partnerships—with local residents, Indigenous groups (like Kabi Kabi and Joondoburri), councils, and cultural organisations. Their mission teams allow individuals to contribute in ways that align with their interests and availability.

Why Support BIEPA?

Because protecting Bribie Island means safeguarding a fragile, biodiverse haven that's integral to both local identity and environmental wellbeing. BIEPA embodies a compelling blueprint for meaningful environmental stewardship—rooted in science, culture, and community.

🔗 Interested in taking part? Check out their mission teams, donate, or join a campaign to help Bribie Island's natural world flourish: [BIEPA Bribie Island Environmental Protection Association Queensland](#)

(Written by Perry Bowe - HOPE researcher Qld)

Shady Lanes — Turning Grass Verandas into Living Greenways



What They're All About:

Based in Brisbane, **The Shady Lanes Project** champions a simple yet powerful idea: transform ordinary grassy verges - those strips between footpath and street - into thriving mini-habitats. They envision leafy, shaded corridors full of street trees and low-growing native plants to cool our suburbs, boost biodiversity, and make walking through the neighbourhood a pleasure.

Why It Matters:

- **Nature and Community in One Small Space**

Verge gardens reduce mowing emissions, absorb stormwater, support wildlife, and make streets cooler and more inviting - all without needing extra land.

- **Ease Meets Ecology**

Home gardeners report that native plantings (like westringia and strawflowers) are far lower maintenance than grass - and offer habitat for native bees, fairy wrens, blue-tongue lizards, and other wildlife.

- **Nature That Brings Neighbours Together**

Starting with their own verge, gardeners found that their green efforts sparked neighbourly smiles, conversations, and even inspired others to follow suit. One story, "Gayle's Nature Strip," highlights how planting in stages - with mulch paths for the postie and a mix of groundcovers - has become a community talking point and a living testament that "the environment matters"

Getting Involved:

- **Start Small, Grow Slowly**

Begin with a modest patch - test the ground, gauge reactions, and let your sightlines stay slightly. Many councils support low plantings with simple permits.

- **Garden Your Way, Respectfully**

The project's free "Verge Garden Basics" course teaches how to balance council rules with nature's needs, building mutual trust between residents and authorities.

- **Work In Groups for Bigger Impact**

When neighbourhoods and environmental groups collaborate, they unlock broader change - turning individual gardens into a shared green movement.

Turning a piece of grass into a green connector that brings nature, neighbours, and cool, clean streets together can be a quiet revolution, reminding us that even tiny patches of public footpath can grow into community-wide change.

🔗 Visit their website for helpful tips on how to get started, plant recommendations and links to your local Regional Council regulations: <https://shadylanes.com.au/naturestrips/nature-strips-biodiversity-and-habitat-in-the-burbs/>

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National articles



Australian Network for Plant Conservation (ANPC)

- <https://www.anpc.asn.au/>

Written by Samy Leyton – HOPE researcher NT

Main Aims

The Australian Network for Plant Conservation (ANPC) promotes and develops best practice in native plant conservation across Australia. It connects researchers, land managers, Indigenous knowledge holders, and the community to strengthen plant conservation outcomes.

Major Achievements

Since its formation in 1991, the ANPC has played a critical role in advancing best-practice conservation of Australia's native flora. It has published nationally endorsed guidelines on translocation, seed collection, and ex situ conservation, widely used by governments, botanic gardens, and restoration practitioners. ANPC has hosted 13 national conferences, bringing together researchers, land managers, and Indigenous custodians to exchange knowledge on plant conservation. It has also coordinated training workshops across Australia, supported threatened species recovery plans, and maintained the *Australasian Plant Conservation* journal as a key communication platform in the field.



Current Projects/Campaigns

ANPC is currently leading the revision of plant translocation and seed science guidelines, incorporating new research and on-ground experience from a range of partners. Through its Saving Our Species collaborations, ANPC supports threatened plant recovery across New South Wales, including training programs for conservation practitioners. It also delivers capacity-building workshops on seed biology, ecological restoration, and ex situ techniques, and is actively involved in cross-sector partnerships to embed Indigenous knowledge and co-governance into plant conservation planning. ANPC's regular webinars and newsletters ensure continued engagement and knowledge-sharing across Australia's plant conservation community.

Newsletter Subscription

A free subscription to the ANPC newsletter is available via their website at [ANPC e-news | Australian Network for Plant Conservation](#). Subscribers receive news on events, funding opportunities, and project updates.

CHOICE - Empowering Australians for Greener Homes



CHOICE is Australia's leading independent consumer advocacy group, offering trustworthy product reviews, buying guides, and practical advice across appliances, home improvement, energy, and more.

What CHOICE Offers for Eco-Conscious Householders

1. Expert Reviews of Eco-Friendly Products

CHOICE rigorously tests household goods - from appliances to cleaning products - to help you identify options that are both effective and environmentally responsible. Their analyses help cut through marketing claims and identify products that deliver sustainability without compromising quality or value.

2. Sustainability & Energy-Saving Guides

CHOICE offers a suite of practical articles and tips, including:

- **"Five ways to reduce your household's energy use"** - actionable advice on appliances, heating/cooling, hot water setups, and green power adoption.
- **"Tips for Moving to Cleaner Energy"** - guidance on phasing out gas appliances, switching to renewables, and adopting electric alternatives.
- **"Sustainable Home Renovations"** - strategies for retrofitting with passive design, better insulation, energy-efficient windows, and more.
- **"How to Cook More Sustainably"** - covering eco-conscious decisions around cooking appliances, food prep, and composting practices.

CHOICE also aggregates broader sustainability content, including green living tips, reviews of renewable products, green mortgages, and advice on reducing carbon footprints.

3. Tools for Cleaner Energy Choices

CHOICE helps you compare energy offers and green energy providers, so you can choose options aligned with both budget and carbon reduction goals.

4. Role Modelling Through Their Own Practices

CHOICE leads by example - with internal carbon reduction efforts, emissions monitoring, and partnerships since becoming Climate Active certified (2017-2023). This dedication adds credibility to their environmental advice.

Quick Snapshot: CHOICE's Green Guidance

Focus Area	How CHOICE Helps You Stay Green
Product decisions	Surf through tested, trusted eco-friendly product reviews
Energy efficiency	Tune behaviour and home systems for lower power use and emissions
Clean energy options	Compare and switch to renewable energy providers
Renovation & retrofit	Access sustainable design strategies for long-term savings and comfort
Cooking habits	Learn low-impact ways to buy, prepare, and dispose of food

🔗 See how CHOICE can help you **live more sustainably, without sacrificing performance or affordability:** <https://www.choice.com.au/>

(Written by Perry Bowe - HOPE researcher Qld)



Main Aims

Landcare Australia is a national not-for-profit organisation dedicated to sustainable land and water management, biodiversity protection, and supporting communities to care for their local environment.

Major Achievements

Since 1989, Landcare Australia has supported over 6,000 community groups, empowering volunteers, farmers, and Traditional Owners to lead local environmental action. The movement has restored millions of hectares of degraded land, improved water quality across catchments, and pioneered sustainable agriculture practices, including regenerative grazing and soil carbon initiatives. Landcare was instrumental in responding to the Millennium Drought and 2019–20 bushfires, coordinating community-based recovery efforts. Through Junior Landcare, it has also embedded environmental education in thousands of schools, shaping the next generation of land stewards.

Current Projects/Campaigns

Landcare Australia is currently delivering multiple national programs, including:

- Junior Landcare provides schools and youth groups with grants and curriculum-aligned resources to engage children in biodiversity and sustainability activities.
- Landcare Farming Program, supporting farmers to adopt climate-smart practices and improve soil health and carbon sequestration.
- Bushfire Recovery Grants, enabling communities to rehabilitate landscapes and wildlife habitats impacted by recent fires.
- Corporate Partnerships, such as with Woolworths, Australia Post, and Coca-Cola, fund local environmental restoration and citizen science initiatives.
- Landcare-led Bushfire Recovery, a \$14 million program funded by the Australian Government to support ecological recovery and knowledge exchange between landholders, Indigenous groups, and scientists.



Newsletter Subscription:

The Landcare in Focus e-newsletter is available free via the Landcare Australia website and includes stories, funding opportunities, and resources for volunteers.

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Parks Australia (PA) - <https://parksaustralia.gov.au>

Written by Samy Leyton – HOPE researcher NT



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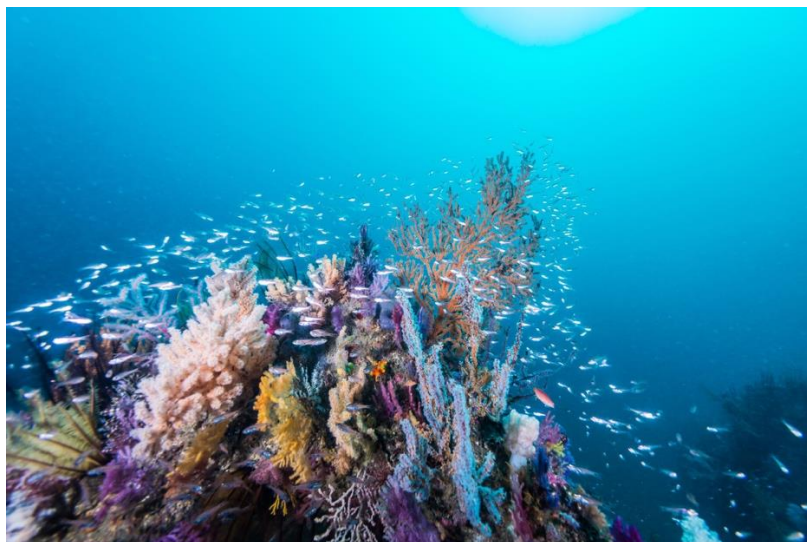
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Major Achievements

Parks Australia has established and maintained some of the country's most iconic protected areas, including Kakadu, Uluru-Kata Tjuta, Booderee, and the Australian National Botanic Gardens. A global leader in joint management, Parks Australia has pioneered governance partnerships with Traditional Owners, recognising Indigenous land rights and embedding cultural knowledge into park management. It led the design and implementation of the **Australian Marine Parks Network**, covering 3.3 million square kilometres—one of the largest marine protected area systems in the world. Parks Australia has also developed nationally significant biodiversity monitoring programs, supported Indigenous ranger initiatives, and delivered award-winning visitor experiences that promote conservation and cultural awareness.

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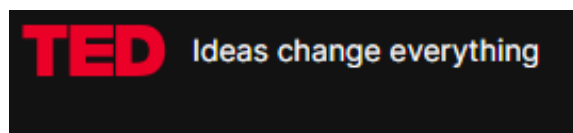
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Updates and newsletters can be accessed via the Parks Australia website, with news on conservation, events, and visitor engagement.

International articles



TED (Technology, Entertainment and Design) - Illuminating Sustainability, One Idea at a Time

TED is a global platform that brings together scientists, innovators, educators, and storytellers to share powerful ideas worth spreading. Their mission is to help people discover and spread ideas that spark conversation, deepen understanding, and drive meaningful change. The site showcases eye-opening, action-driven content on global environmental and sustainability topics.

Why TED Resonates for Environmental Stewardship

Sustainability in Bold, Digestible Stories

- Talks like **“Are we the last generation, or the first sustainable one?”** by Hannah Ritchie use data to reshape how we think about sustainability - and offer hope that meaningful change is within reach.
- Joanna Rockström’s **“Let the environment guide our development”** and Lauren Taylor’s **“The key to sustainable growth is deep innovation”** dive into planetary boundaries and how innovation can drive environmentally positive shifts.

Actionable and Insightful Challenges

- Talks grounded in real life like **“Our sustainability challenges: the why, what, and how”** demystify sustainability and make it feel both urgent and doable, not overwhelming.

Design That Shapes Sustainability Thinking

- TED curates themed playlists like **“10 bold ideas driving a sustainable future”**, pairing creativity with climate, covering solar energy, greener transport, sustainable architecture, and more.
- Collections like **Sustainability and Environment** offer curated talks, animations, briefs, and TED-Ed lessons that centre on sustainable development, climate science, nature and innovation.

Inspiring Learning That Spreads Locally

- TED-Ed lessons bring environmental issues to life with animated clarity, like how overfishing, fast fashion, or renewable energy connect to our daily choices.
- Ideas.TED.com hosts researcher-led articles like “Wonder about the impact of your daily cup of coffee? Here’s the bitter truth” and “Cut your new clothing purchases by 75%” to spark change with actionable insights.

Countdown: A Call to Collective Climate Action

- Through TED’s **Countdown** initiative, visionary talks, animations, and events spotlight five key levers for climate solutions - energy, built environments, transport, food, and nature - to help accelerate global climate efforts.

TED offers more than video content, it transforms complex environmental challenges into relatable, emotional, and motivating stories. Whether you're a curious learner, an advocate, or someone seeking concrete ways to act, it connects you with ideas that are globally rooted, locally relevant, and deeply human.

🔗 Visit the site and be inspired: [Our organization](#) | [About](#) | [TED](#)

(Written by Perry Bowe - HOPE researcher Qld)

Journal of Environmental Management

Written by Jason Dingley, HOPE media officer VIC



The *Journal of Environmental Management* is a peer-reviewed journal dedicated to advancing the understanding and application of environmental management practices.

It is published by Elsevier and available through their Science Direct website via subscription; educational and research institutions provide full access to the journal. For individuals, access to specific papers can be restricted to preview-only access; although a random number can be obtained as a PDF.

To view the journal, access via the following link: [Journal of Environmental Management | ScienceDirect.com by Elsevier](https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/03014797)

The journal is divided into several sections:

- Environmental Assessment and Monitoring
- Pollution Control and Waste Management
- Natural Resources and Ecosystem Management
- Climate Change and Environmental Resilience
- Environmental Policy, Economics and Social Science
- Human-Induced Pollution and Environmental Impact

Examples of the types of research articles published include:

- “Understanding how agroforestry systems biodiversity drives ecosystem services in degraded habitats”
- “Do environmental regulations boost corporate sustainability? A perspective of environmental strategy”
- “Global trends and prospects in research on heavy metal pollution at contaminated sites”
- “Sea-weeding enhances early coral survival on seeding devices, but benefits of seeding diminish after one year”

For more detailed information on publications available from Elsevier, please visit [ScienceDirect.com | Science, health and medical journals, full text articles and books.](https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/03014797)

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!

To find out about volunteering opportunities in your area, please visit:

- Volunteering Australia - <http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/>
 - Volunteering Queensland - <https://www.volunteeringqld.org.au/>
 - Householders' Options to Protect the Environment - <http://www.hopeaustralia.org.au/membership/volunteer-form/>
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Celebrating Women Environmentalists: 10 Trailblazers Fighting for Our Planet

(Written by Shuri Matsumoto - HOPE admin volunteer (Qld))

Women worldwide are leading the charge in protecting nature, tackling climate change, and fighting for environmental justice. From the ocean's depths to the heart of the Amazon, their work is shaping a more sustainable future for all. This month, we highlight **10 incredible women environmentalists** whose dedication and activism make a real difference.

1. [Jane Goodall](#) – Champion for Chimpanzees

Renowned for her groundbreaking research on chimpanzees, **Jane Goodall** revolutionised our understanding of the animal kingdom. Through the **Jane Goodall Institute**, she continues to advocate for wildlife conservation and inspire young environmentalists through **Roots & Shoots**.



2. [Sylvia Earle](#) – Guardian of the Oceans

With over **6,000 hours underwater**, **Sylvia Earle** is a pioneer in marine exploration. Her **Mission Blue initiative** works to establish **marine-protected areas**, ensuring the survival of critical ocean ecosystems.

3. [Wangari Maathai](#) – Defender of Forests & Women's Rights

A Nobel Peace Prize winner, **Wangari Maathai** founded the **Green Belt Movement** in Kenya, planting millions of trees and empowering women to take charge of their environment.



4. [Rachel Carson](#) – The Voice Against Pesticides

Author of *Silent Spring*, **Rachel Carson** exposed the dangers of **DDT and chemical pollution**, sparking the modern environmental movement and leading to the creation of the **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**.

5. [Vandana Shiva](#) – Advocate for Seed & Food Sovereignty

An environmental activist from India, **Vandana Shiva** champions **biodiversity and sustainable agriculture** through **Navdanya**, protecting indigenous seeds and empowering farmers.



6. [Isatou Ceesay](#) – The 'Queen of Recycling'

In The Gambia, **Isatou Ceesay** launched the **One Plastic Bag initiative**, turning plastic waste into reusable products while providing employment for West African women.

7. [May Boeve](#) – Taking on the Fossil Fuel Industry

As co-founder of **350.org**, **May Boeve** fights climate change by pressuring governments to **divest from fossil fuels** and transition to renewable energy.





8. [Marina Silva](#) – Guardian of the Amazon

A fearless environmental activist and politician, **Marina Silva** has **reduced deforestation** in Brazil's Amazon by **59%**, fighting for sustainable development and indigenous rights.

9. [Greta Thunberg](#) – The Voice of a Generation

At just 17, **Greta Thunberg** ignited a global movement with **Fridays for Future**, urging world leaders to take urgent action on climate change.



10. [Vanessa Nakate](#) – Amplifying African Climate Voices

A leading climate activist from Uganda, **Vanessa Nakate** fights against **rising temperatures and deforestation**, ensuring that voices from the Global South are heard in climate discussions.

Join the Movement!

These inspiring women prove that **one person can spark change**. Whether through conservation, activism, or policy change, **we all have a role** in protecting our planet.

*Material for this article has been sourced from the [Greenpop](#) website.

[UNEP - UN Environment Programme](#)

