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# Impact Report

2022



National Parks  
Conservation  
Trust



# Our Growing Impact 2022

Our support enabled identification of germination cues for 4 subalpine plant species and storage of almost 10,000 seeds in the National Seed Bank.

**10,000**



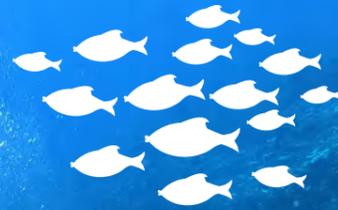
**220**

We funded horticulturalists to nurture 5 bushfire affected subalpine species resulting in propagation of 220 new plants.



**47**

We cultivated 47 new business connections in support of Ocean Discovery and Restoration.



**12**

Established 12 project partnerships across research, philanthropic, First Nations, and corporate sectors.

*"The Junior Ranger program is a perfect fit for our school as it encapsulates the core values that we endorse. The response from our students and the wider community has surpassed our expectations."*

School Principal,  
Christmas Island



**153**

153 students on Christmas Island are learning about biodiversity on the island and developing skills tailored to local employment opportunities in conservation and ecotourism.



We funded 3 new projects to improve conservation and long-term survival of 5 threatened species.

# A couple of highlights

We are immensely proud of the success that the Parks Trust's projects have generated in 2022. Here's a couple of special highlights from the year.

## Christmas Island Junior Ranger Program

Commenced in 2022 with 153 students, the collaborative program developed by the Christmas Island National Park and District High School, is designed to provide the younger members of the island community with a lasting bond to their environment and employment-ready skills uniquely tailored to local opportunities.

Within the Program, the Crab Cadets component for younger students provides an opportunity to explore the environment of the island in a safe and engaging way. The Junior Rangers is the senior program designed for Christmas Island specific learning in the fields of conservation, sustainability, rehabilitation and tourism. Students who successfully complete the Level 1 course in years 9 and 10 will earn two WA Certificate of Education points to contribute to their senior school graduation requirements. Levels 2 and 3 will be offered as electives for year 11 and 12 respectively, and upon completion will further broaden their skills ready for employment opportunities in tourism and natural resource management.



*Christmas Island Red Crab*



*Christmas Island Junior Ranger Program*



*Survive & Thrive: Olearia rhizomatica,*  
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## Survive and Thrive: Fire recovery and climate change resilience for threatened subalpine plant species

Designed to secure plant species in subalpine regions severely impacted by the 2020 bushfires, this project targeted five species that had all or most of their populations burnt. These species are rare and poorly understood with limited or no vegetative material in cultivation or stored seed collections – creating a pressing need to secure the species ensuring they do not disappear in future.

In 2022, material from all five targeted plant species was identified and collected in the field and successfully propagated by project partner, the Australian National Botanic Gardens, resulting in 220 new plants. Collections of 5,000 to 10,000 seeds from four of the plant species were also stored in the National Seed Bank. The result of this action ensures the long-term security of these species as well as the ability to establish new populations or strengthen wild populations if required.

# Thank you

Our sincere thanks to our valued portfolio of donors, funders and collaborative partners who share our vision. Together, we are able to achieve so much more for the future of Australia's natural environment and cultural heritage.

The passion and commitment expressed by our supporters is motivating and heartening.



*'When living in the US I observed the contribution that philanthropy can make to an organisation. I encourage people to think about the role we can all play in caring for our natural world.'*

**Lesley Jackman**  
Ambassador for Everlasting Circle  
and Parks Trust donor



*"The partnership between National Parks Conservation Trust and Christmas Island School is the best kind of collaboration to get things done. This WA Education accredited program will benefit both the students taking part and WA Parks Christmas Island Tourism into the future. I believe the best way to protect the environment is to encourage the participation of younger generations in programs just like this."*

**Andrew G McKenzie**  
Chairman John T Reid Charitable Trusts  
Funding partner of the  
Christmas Island Junior Ranger Program

The National Parks Conservation Trust acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia. We honour their continuing cultures and recognise their enduring connection to land, sea, culture and community, and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

Special thanks to our partner, Parks Australia for their provision of on-ground project delivery, expertise, and operational support helping us realise this important work.

