

# CVA Revive Our Wetlands

## 2018-19 Annual Report



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## About Revive Our Wetlands










CVA re-launched ROW on World Wetlands Day, 2 February 2017. ROW is one of a suite of Conservation Programs offered by CVA, which also include Wild Futures, One Reef, Green Gym and Re-wilding the Desert.

**Mission:** Engaging communities to conserve wetlands and their catchments for nature and people.

2017-18 is the first full financial year of the program and a good opportunity to review our progress.

## Revive Our Wetlands Projects

In 2017-18, CVA teams engaged the community in 719 project days of community conservation at 55 wetland sites in 36 locations around the country (see Appendix 1).

	3,590 volunteer days		21,540 volunteer hours		\$646,200 in-kind volunteer contribution
	6,826 plants propagated		56ha weeded 1.9 tonnes rubbish removed		19.7ha increased extent of native vegetation cover
	22,675 stems planted		833m fences constructed and repaired		58 surveys conducted

## Project Highlights

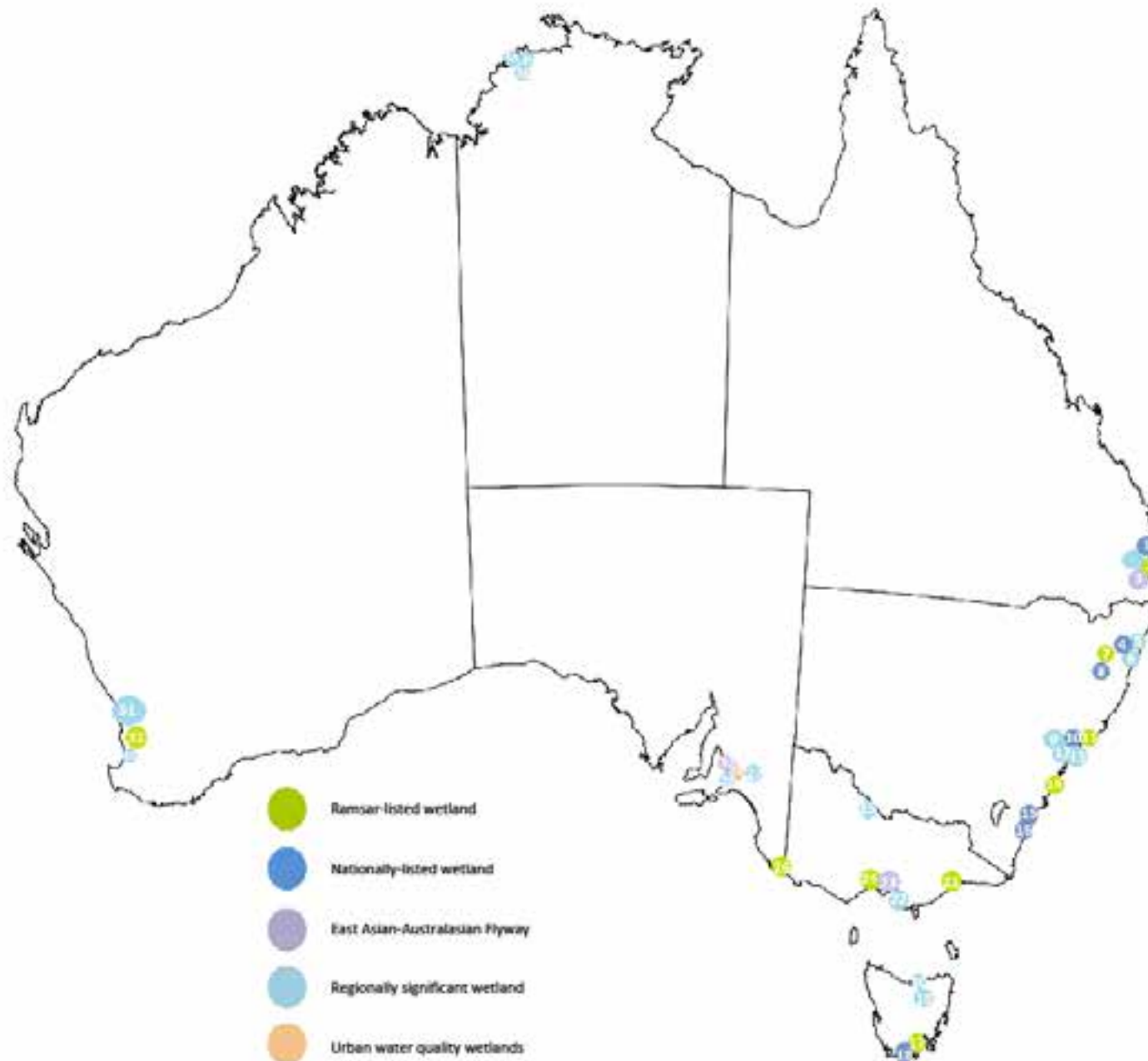
**Community Conservation of Eastern Curlew:** This is a 2-year project with a budget of \$204,590 from the Australian Government's Threatened Species Recovery Fund, of which \$127,500 is going direct to the regions. Five CVA regions are involved: Wollongong, Sydney, Newcastle, Brisbane and Darwin. The project is providing a testing ground for introducing more technical approach to work, including site plans, photo-point monitoring and fauna surveys. In Year 1 we have delivered:

- 5 community education events for 123 participants to learn about shorebirds and how to protect them.
- 12 stakeholder organisations were engaged in these events including NRM Boards, State and local government agencies, academic institutions and community groups.
- 58 project-days of on-ground habitat restoration
- 17 community shorebird surveys at 11 locations, with all data uploaded to the BirdLife Australia's Birdata portal. This data will help inform shorebird policy and protection.

**World Wetlands Day (WWD):** CVA hosted 15 WWD events around the country, engaging 393 participants and 25 stakeholder organisations. These included the NSW State Wetland Forum coordinated by OEH and CVA at Hunter Wetlands Centre. WWD in NSW were fully funded by the NSW Environmental Trust, and in other locations by exiting project funds at wetland sites.

36 Revive Our Wetlands project  
locations around Australia

1. Hays Inlet
2. Moreton Bay Ramsar Site
3. Granard Wetlands
4. Cudgen Nature Reserve
5. Chickiba Wetlands
6. East Ballina Wetlands
7. Little Llangothlin Ramsar site
8. New England Upland Wetlands
9. Karoola Wetlands
10. Hexham Wetlands
11. Hunter Wetlands NP & Ramsar Site
12. City of Newcastle wetlands
13. Lake Macquarie Wetlands:
14. Towra Point Nature Reserve Ramsar site
15. Coomonderry Wetlands
16. Hooka Point Lake Illawarra Shoalhaven Estuary
17. Pitt Water-Oriental Lagoon Ramsar Site
18. Derwent Estuary
19. Tamar Island Wetlands
20. Tamar River Estuary Saltmarsh
21. Gippsland Lakes Ramsar Site
22. Jawbone Flora and Fauna Reserve
23. Port Philip Bay
24. Port Philip Bay Ramsar Site
25. Kerang Lake WWD
26. Piccaninnie Ponds Ramsar site
27. Pailwalla Wetlands, Murray River
28. Adelaide Airport
29. Adelaide constructed wetlands
30. Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary
31. Perth Region Wetlands
32. Forrestdale Lake Ramsar Site
33. Rockingham Lakes Regional Parks
34. Knuckey Lagoon Wildlife Reserve
35. Casuarina Coastal Reserve Tidal Flats
36. McMinns Lagoon



## Our progress towards Revive Our Wetlands targets

### Healthy Wetlands Target

#### 2020 Target

Wetland projects at **20** Ramsar sites and **35** regionally significant wetlands

#### 2018 Result

Wetland projects underway at **9** Ramsar sites and **35** regionally significant wetlands, of which **9** are nationally-listed

In 2017-18, our teams worked at 9 Ramsar-listed wetlands, making good progress towards this target:

- QLD: Moreton Bay Ramsar Site
- TAS: Pitt Water-Orielton Lagoon
- VIC: Gippsland Lakes, Port Philip Bay
- SA: Piccaninnie Ponds
- WA: Forrestdale lake
- NSW: Little Llangothlin Lagoon, Hunter Estuary  
Towra Point Nature Reserve



*Reinstating terrestrial buffer vegetation in the Hunter estuary*

### Shorebird Conservation Target

#### 2020 Target:

**3,000** volunteers engaged in wetland projects at **20** Flyway sites

#### 2018 result:

**1,294** volunteer days on wetland projects at **9** Flyway sites

In 2017-18, our teams worked at 16 project sites within the flyway network sites, making good progress towards this target. Sites included:

- QLD: Hays Inlet, Deception Bay, Bribie Island
- TAS: Pitt Water-Orielton Lagoon
- VIC: Port Philip Bay
- SA: Piccaninnie Ponds
- WA: Forrestdale lake
- NSW: Hunter Estuary, Towra Point

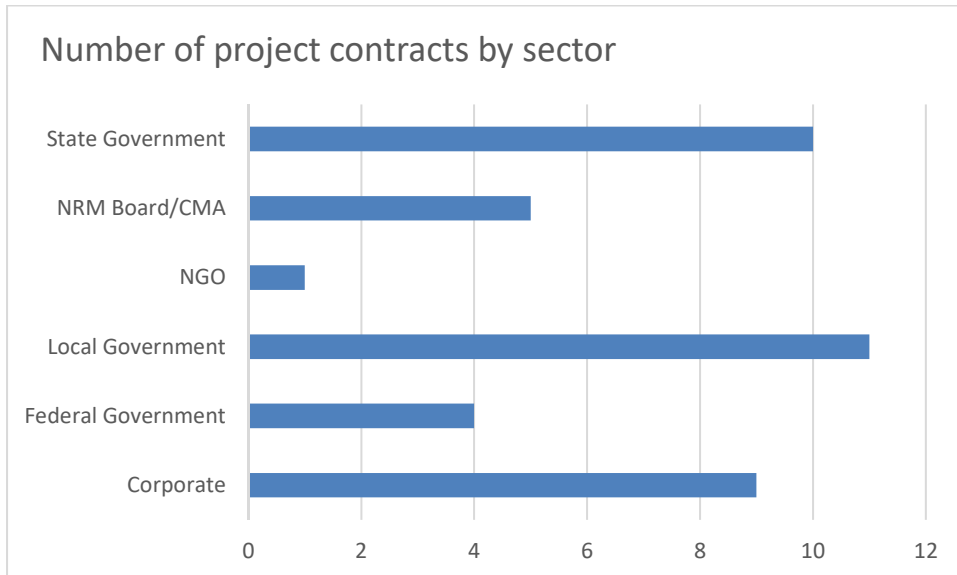


*Community shorebird event at Hunter Estuary*

## Our partnerships

ROW projects were funded by **30** agencies and organisations. The total \$ value of investment in ROW projects through partnerships was \$1,176,324. The number of projects funded by each sector is shown below.

### Funding partners



The amount of investment CVA secured for each State is as follows:

State	ROW Investment
NSW	\$742,780
VIC	\$30,307
QLD	\$58,059
SA	167,825
NT	\$114,903
TAS	\$24,000
WA	38,450
TOTAL	\$1,176,324

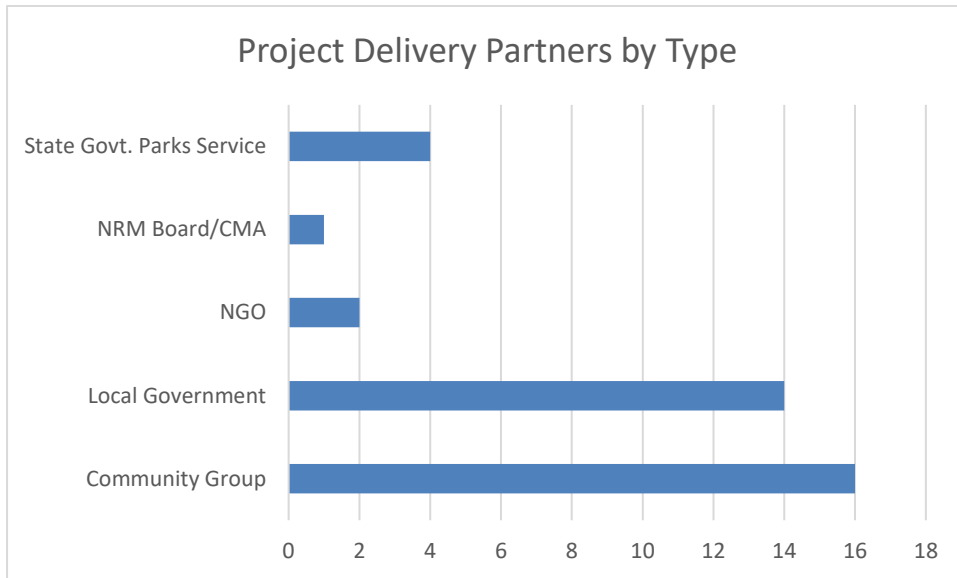


*Yankalilla Council in SA funded this project installing 4950 wetland plants to take up stormwater*

## Project Delivery Partners

As well as funding partners, CVA worked with an additional **35** land management agencies and community groups to implement the projects. This brings the total number of project partners to **65**.

Community Groups are CVA's most significant partner in terms of the number of sites they are involved with. These are primarily Landcare Groups, Friends of Groups and so on.



*Steve Scown from Paiwalla Wetlands Habitat Trust (at rear) is typical of our project delivery partners, many of whom are from Landcare groups. This project was funded by the SA Government*

## Volunteer feedback

### Community Conservation of Eastern Curlew evaluation feedback:

*"I learnt how endangered they [the Eastern Curlew] are and how important our shoreline is to their survival."*

*"My take-home message is don't throw away [rubbish into the environment]. Take action to limit the overall quantity of waste I generate on a daily basis."*

*"It is wonderful to be a part of this project to help protect and preserve these incredible, critically endangered species."*

*"Awesome day, combining action to clean the land and education on how to protect endangered species. Having food provided and pick up were enjoyable bonuses!"*

*"Worthwhile project. Anything that contributes to avoidance of the Eastern Curlew extinction is to be encouraged and applauded."*

*"Easy to join, friendly staff, visible outcomes and education at the front."*

### Magazine Creek Wetlands Open Day evaluation feedback

*"The activity has added to my child's appreciation that his passion for birding has value and consequence beyond the personal; that supporting such initiatives can and will support better resource management."*

*"Well-run, interesting and great to see Council encouraging birding and conservation of the natural environment."*

*"Well organised with extremely knowledgeable guides and participants."*

*"This is a positive event to promote awareness throughout the community."*

### World Wetlands Day photos, 2 February 2018



**Adelaide**



**Newcastle**



**Sydney**

## APPENDIX 1: Revive Our Wetlands project sites and status

State	Office	Project location	Ramsar-listed	Nationally listed	East Asian-Australasian Flyway Network Site	Regionally significant	Urban water quality
QLD	Brisbane	1. Moreton Bay (adjoining Ramsar site) Hays Inlet Nathan Road Wetlands					
		2. <b>Moreton Bay Ramsar Site</b> - Deception Bay, Egret Colony Wetlands, Bribie Island - Woorim Foreshore					
		3. Granard Wetlands					
NSW	Ballina	4. Cudgen Nature Reserve					
	Newcastle	5. Chickiba Wetlands					
		6. East Ballina Wetlands					
		7. <b>Little Llangothlin Ramsar site</b>					
		8. New England Upland Wetlands					
		9. Karoola Wetlands					
		10. Hexham Wetlands					
		11. <b>Hunter Wetlands National Park and Ramsar Site</b>					
		12. City of Newcastle wetlands					
		13. Lake Macquarie Wetlands: Belmont Wetlands State Park Glenrock Lagoon Swansea Channel					
		Sydney	14. <b>Towra Point Nature Reserve Ramsar site</b>				
	Wollongong	15. Coomonderry Wetlands					



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		16. Hooka Point Lake Illawarra Shoalhaven Estuary (Shoalhaven Heads and Comerong Island)					
		17. <b>Pitt Water-Orielton Lagoon Ramsar Site</b> (Midway Point, Miena Park)					
TAS	Hobart Launceston	18. Derwent Estuary (Lauderdale)					
		19. Tamar Island Wetlands					
		20. Tamar River Estuary Saltmarsh					
VIC	Gippsland Melbourne	21. <b>Gippsland Lakes Ramsar Site</b> (Sale Common Nature Conservation Reserve)					
		22. Jawbone Flora and Fauna Reserve					
	Geelong	23. Port Philip Bay (Salt Lagoon St Leonards, Indented Head Wetlands)					
		24. <b>Port Philip Bay Ramsar Site</b> (Point Cook Coastal Park, Cheetham Wetlands; Limeburners Lagoon)					
Bendigo	25. Kerang Lake WWD						
SA	Mount Gambier	26. <b>Piccaninnie Ponds Ramsar site</b>					
		27. Paiwalla Wetlands, Murray River					
		28. Adelaide Airport Vernal Pools Patawalonga Creek					
	Adelaide	29. Adelaide constructed wetlands Magazine Creek Wetlands Greenfields Wetlands Warriparinga Wetlands Reserve WWD					
		30. <b>Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary</b>					
WA	Perth	31. Perth Region Wetlands Baigup Wetlands Bibra Lake Cockburn Wetland Education Centre					

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		Lake Claremont Lake Gwelup Liege Street Wetlands Market Garden Swamp					
		<b>32. Forrestdale Lake Ramsar Site</b>					
		33. Rockingham Lakes Regional Parks					
<b>NT</b>	Darwin	34. Knuckey Lagoon Wildlife Reserve					
		35. Casuarina Coastal Reserve Tidal Flats					
		36. McMinns Lagoon					