



Nature
Impact
Collective



Mitchell River Delta, Kerry Trapnell

Joining Forces for Nature

We are a community of philanthropic funders
investing strategically to protect and repair
Australia's magnificent natural environment.

We are committed to:

Growing philanthropic funding for nature – land, sea, freshwater, ecosystems, threatened species.	Giving significant and sustained funding in this critical decade.	Demonstrating effective and collaborative philanthropic funding	Building stronger, more effective environmental NGOs capable of leading transformational change.
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We understand that:

Collaboration makes us stronger as funders and improves outcomes for the organisations we fund.	Trust is essential to the relationship between us as a collective, and to the relationships we develop with environmental NGOs.	Learning is an ongoing cycle as we strive to make good decisions.	Sharing our learnings enables everyone to benefit and grows care for nature
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Time to Act

“We’ve only got one Earth. Our most critical investment is in the planet that we depend on.”

Jim Phillipson, Chair Nature Impact Collective

The Problem

“Freshwater ecosystems are the biome most impacted by people and climate change globally. As the driest inhabited continent on Earth, Australia is acutely vulnerable to changes in freshwater ecosystems as the climate changes. Our challenge is to restore freshwater biodiversity with less water in the south, manage more severe droughts and floods, return ownership and management of water to Indigenous nations, and sustain farms and towns across our continent.” *Professor Jamie Pittock, ANU*

Better Together

Nature Impact Collective is a unique opportunity for funders who value working with like-minded people to leverage their giving.

We pool resources and share information to make better funding decisions. We harness significant funds, enabling environmental organisations to work more effectively and deliver better outcomes for nature.

“Nature Impact Collective has opened our eyes to what we can do collectively to make a big difference. Collective giving, with the focus on flexible funding, was a good philosophical fit for us.”

*Rachel Honnery & Michael Cahill
Pademelon Fund.*

Funds for Nature

We provide flexible funding that empowers organisations to deliver the impact we collectively aim to achieve.

We select organisations doing excellent work and build positive, trusting relationships.

Collective Giving Cycle

Funding Strategy
Our members develop the annual funding strategy, informed by discussions with sector leaders.

Outreach & Engagement
We use our networks to identify and connect with organisations that align with our strategy.

Funding recipient selection
We discuss and agree upon the organisations to be funded and the amount each will receive.

Fund allocation
Members disperse their share of the funding directly to each organisation.

Impact review & reflection
We keep in touch with the funded organisations and monitor the impact of our funding. Our learnings feed directly into the next round of strategy development.

Achieving Impact

We strive to understand our impact through a relationships based approach, valuing engagement with organisations’ leaders and a focused data collection and reporting process.

We share our learnings through our annual Impact Report.

Since commencement in 2024 we have:

- **Grown from three to five members**
- **Supported 12 organisations, from across Australia, with \$3.6m**
- **Focused mainly on freshwater ecosystems.**

Joining Forces

We welcome others to fund in alignment with us, to build momentum and strengthen our collective efforts.

We invest time and resources in researching and selecting great organisations to support – and, with your help, we can increase their impact further.

New membership is approved by current members, and the process starts with a conversation.

“We are delighted with the feedback from our grantees that has provided us with valuable insights on the environment and our philanthropic impact. Measuring impact assists us to remain focused on improvement and successful outcomes.”

*William Crothers
Upotipotpon Foundation*

Our Members

Nature Impact Collective is a member-based organisation made up of philanthropic foundations and trusts committed to the ongoing protection and restoration of nature in Australia. Members commit to allocating \$450,000 annually over multiple years, paying a \$52,500 membership fee, and participating in the collective giving process. Gifts to selected organisations are made directly by the member.

Rendere Environmental Trust

Founded by the Phillipson family from the Gippsland region of Victoria, Rendere is a recognised leader in environmental philanthropy. From their beginnings in restoring and reconnecting properties for nature, the Foundation supports and strengthens environmental organisations throughout Australia with core funding. Rendere was established by Jim following his 40-year career in business and is defined by collaboration - creating lasting change for nature by working together to broaden and deepen support.

Jim Phillipson

NIC Ltd Member & Chair

Upotipotpon Foundation

Upotipotpon Foundation focuses on impactful financial assistance to the Environment, Education, Social Justice and Health. We strongly believe that 2030 is an important benchmark date and we have significantly increased our environmental funding threefold. We are committed to making a positive difference to the environment and measuring our philanthropic efforts. William moved into the world of philanthropy following an extensive career in business and entrepreneurship in Australia and internationally.

Jo and William Crothers

NIC Ltd Member & Director

Gum Tree Foundation

The Gum Tree Foundation is a charitable trust supporting organisations to do good for our planet, and the lives that depend on it. In Australia, the Gum Tree Foundation provides core funding to environmental and First Nations organisations driving change through applied conservation, education, collaboration and advocacy.

Ella Colley

NIC Ltd Member & Director

Pademelon Fund

Pademelon Fund was established in 2022 to make a difference to the state of our natural environment, ecosystems and climate, with a focus on grassroots initiatives and innovative solutions that address critical environmental challenges. Rachel Honnery is an artist with a focus on nature's future and Michael Cahill is a tech leader and entrepreneur, best known for co-founding WiredTiger.

Michael Cahill and Rachel Honnery

NIC Ltd Member

Dawn Wade Foundation

The Dawn Wade Foundation is a three-generation family foundation established in 1985 to work in four key areas: the Geelong community, education, international development and the environment. Darrell is the Co-Founder and Chairman of Intrepid Travel and the Chair of The Intrepid Foundation. Anna has also been with Intrepid since the beginning and is the Foundation Fundraising Co-ordinator.

Darrell and Anna Wade

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We invite like-minded funders to explore opportunities for collaboration or membership with us.

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