Greening Australia | canopy | Nindethana | SeedX

Year in Review 2026



The Greening Australia Group sincerely acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across this Country where we live and work. We honour the deep continuing connection First Nations peoples share with the lands and waters, and pay our deepest respects to Elders and Leaders past, present and emerging.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples should be aware that this publication may contain images or names of people who have since passed away.

The Greening Australia Group

Greening Australia

Proudly independent not-for-profit that has been restoring Australia's diverse landscapes and protecting biodiversity for over 40 years, in ways that benefit communities, economies and nature.

canopy

Environmental markets business that produces, sells and provides advice on high integrity nature-based environmental credits (including those generated from Greening Australia's restoration projects).

Nindethana

Greening Australia's native seed business, one of Australia's largest, that sources, processes and sells high-quality seed for restoration projects nationwide.

SeedX

Establishes native seed production areas (SPAs) or 'seed farms' as a practical solution for improving Australia's seed supply, and shares learnings to help build the native seed sector.



COVER IMAGE: THIS YEAR'S COVER FEATURES TWO INCREDIBLE WOMEN BEHIND OUR WORK IN THE GREAT BARRIER REEF CATCHMENTS. SENIOR PROGRAM OFFICER LISA O'MARA (LEFT) IS FACILITATING IMPORTANT WETLAND, RIPARIAN AND BLUE CARBON PROJECTS IN FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND, WORKING WITH LANDHOLDERS, OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANISATIONS AND FIRST NATIONS PARTNERS. ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF WATER DR LYNISE WEARNE (RIGHT) HAS DRIVEN THE REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR REEF AID PROGRAM, WHICH HAS BEEN TAKING ACTION FOR THE REEF FOR A DECADE.

IMAGE OPPOSITE: (L-R) GREENING AUSTRALIA'S CHRIS MACRIS AND JAMES MCGREGOR WITH BOARD MEMBER PAUL ELTON AT OUR APPIN PLANTING IN NSW. SEE PAGE 3 FOR MORE DETAILS.



Our Vision

Healthy and productive landscapes where people and nature thrive.

Our Mission

To rebuild nature by connecting community, economy and environment in ways that benefit all.

Contents

Message from the CEO and Chair	4
Message from the Thriving on Country Committee	5
Our Impact in 2026	6
Our Year at a Glance	7
Our People	8
Year in Review: Seed	**10**
Year in Review: Restoration	**14**
Year in Review: Water	**20**
Year in Review: Communities	**24**
Our Proud Partners and Supporters	28
With Thanks, From Nature	30

Over the past year, our ACT and NSW teams have joined forces for a project creating koala habitat and restoring endangered Cumberland Plain woodland at Appin, south of Sydney, funded under the **NSW Government's Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan**. We've scraped and sown 1.68 hectares of Cumberland Plain grassy groundcover, and are planting trees and shrubs, installing habitat logs, and assisting regeneration. There's a tight research layout designed by the NSW Government's Restoration Science Team, and **Western Sydney University** will monitor the site closely. On a scorching day in February, the Greening Australia Executive team, plus Board Member Paul Elton, swapped laptops for planting gear and helped the team install 2,100 native trees and understorey plants — undeterred by the brown snakes, bull ants and redbacks. A memorable day!



OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair
Stephen Dunne

Board Members
Alex Graham
John Hope
Paul Elton
Radha Kuppalli
Robin Romero
Scott Anderson

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Chief Executive Officer
Heather Campbell

Chief Financial Officer
Steve Boxshall

Executive Director Carbon & Origination
James McGregor

Executive Director Growth
Ben Hine

Executive Director People Safety & Culture
Michelle Jacobs

Executive Director Restoration Operations
Steve O'Donoghue

Executive Director Seed
Peter Young

General Counsel and Company Secretary
Karen Lukins

Message from the CEO and Chair

This year, we continued to deliver inspiring environmental outcomes across Australia, advancing our 2030 Strategy, 'Rebuilding Nature Together'. Through the dedication of our staff, partners, landholders, Traditional Owners and communities, we contributed to restoring landscapes, strengthening biodiversity and building resilience in the face of a changing climate.

Our operational teams worked across more than 80 sites nationwide, from small-scale river restoration to landscape-scale whole-of-property revegetation. In spring, we planted more than 400 hectares at Nyadinang Najung in New South Wales (NSW), thanks to our partnership with Conscious Investment Management (CIM). In autumn, we established a second CIM project, Kulliparu Downs, on South Australia's Eyre Peninsula. Meanwhile, in the Great Barrier Reef catchments, we partnered with Yuwi People and others to reinstate tidal flows to a weed-choked wetland, delivering important environmental and cultural outcomes. As part of our aim to engage communities in caring for nature, we supported thousands of Australians to get involved in urban and regional restoration projects.

Our native seed businesses are supplying high-quality native seed for our increasingly ambitious restoration projects, and for those of others, nationwide. Nindethana expanded its seed storage capacity and launched a new website to improve customer access to our products and expertise, while SeedX successfully completed its second seed harvest. We also delivered the co-designed First Nations seed training program to Traditional Owner Ranger groups in Western Australia (WA), strengthening partnerships and supporting the exchange of knowledge and skills.

While we continued to deliver impact for people and nature, the operating environment remained challenging. Although we did not achieve our planned return to surplus, the result largely reflects the timing of project delivery, as well as broader market conditions such as rising costs, reduced margins, constrained funding opportunities and uncertainty across government, corporate and philanthropic sectors. Despite these challenges, our commitment to delivering lasting environmental outcomes remains unwavering.

We are deeply grateful for those who continue to invest in our mission and share our belief that working together is essential to addressing the interconnected challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss and landscape degradation. None of this work would be possible without the collective efforts of our First Nations partners, government and corporate supporters, philanthropic funders, individual donors, landholders, volunteers, contractors, communities, Board and dedicated staff.

Together, we are rebuilding nature and creating healthier, more resilient landscapes for future generations. We hope you enjoy the stories in this Year in Review and take pride in the impact we've achieved.



HEATHER CAMPBELL
CEO



STEPHEN DUNNE
CHAIR

IMAGE ABOVE: AN INTERSTATE TEAM EFFORT WENT INTO PLANTING 39 HECTARES OF THIS CROPPING AND SHEEP FARM NEAR NARROGIN IN WA (SEE PAGE 16).

Message from the Thriving on Country Committee

This year has been significant for Greening Australia's Thriving on Country Committee. We have been developing deeper connections with Traditional Owners across Australia, listening to and supporting aspirations with 'Caring for Country' and co-designing culturally safe processes to bring lasting benefits for all.

This has included much stronger conversations about the social, cultural and economic opportunities in restoration and carbon activities to ensure Traditional Owners are able to shape projects in ways that create real value for them and their communities. A key example has been early and ongoing engagement with Wolgalu Traditional Owners, leading to the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on Nyadinang Najung (see page 17).

Aspirations of Traditional Owners can differ from place to place, as do appetites for involvement in projects, decision-making and long-term opportunities. This diversity in ambition has helped us tailor our approaches to project development and capacity-building in areas such as land restoration and seed services. Increasingly, the Thriving on Country Committee are being asked for our insight and advocacy to ensure cultural protocols and expectations are meaningfully considered and realised. It has been encouraging to see Greening Australia teams putting forward thorough, solutions-focused approaches for us to examine and endorse. This rapid evolution in both the Committee's role and in Traditional Owner expectations is an excellent sign that Greening Australia is delivering outcomes for the environmental sector.

Now as we near the end of a successful second Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), we've been inspired to move on to a Stretch RAP, to deepen Greening Australia's engagement with First Nations communities and Traditional Owners and to drive long-term outcomes. Taking this next step reflects the great work that has been done to embed 'business as usual' thinking for active reconciliation with our First Nations partners.

Looking ahead, our aim is to continue supporting Greening Australia's growth by checking in with our partners on what is going well and where we can do better to become a partner of choice for First Nations communities. We will also continue to use our influence and advocacy to ensure Traditional Owners are leading decisions about caring for Country, land restoration, carbon, nature, native foods and botanicals.

We thank the Greening Australia Board and Executive for enabling direct and powerful exchanges of knowledge and ideas to increase collective support for First Nations communities across the nation.

OUR THRIVING ON COUNTRY COMMITTEE

A formally recognised committee to the Greening Australia Board, the Thriving on Country Committee provides invaluable advice to the Board and the Executive Team on implementing our Reconciliation Action Plan and Thriving on Country activities.

Chair
Scott Anderson

Committee Members
Dave Mangenner Gough
Dr Elizabeth McEntyre
Karen Jacobs
Kieren Gibbs
Sian Gillam

PROGRESS ON OUR SECOND RAP AND ONGROUND IMPACT

During 2025–26, Greening Australia continued to embed reconciliation into business-as-usual operations while strengthening mutually beneficial, trusted relationships with First Nations peoples and enterprises.

We delivered five cultural learning and reconciliation awareness events for staff, helping build cultural awareness, understanding and capability across our workforce.

We strengthened relationships with 32 First Nations partners and supported capacity building in the restoration and native seed sectors, including through accredited seed collection training for 10 participants from two ranger groups in Western Australia (see page 11), and worked with 25 First Nations contractors to deliver restoration activities.

We procured $1.74 million in goods and services from 71 First Nations suppliers across the year, helping to support economic opportunities for a range of First Nations businesses.

With our second Innovate RAP concluding in October 2026, our focus in the next reporting year will be to build on these foundations to support First Nations leadership and create meaningful opportunities for First Nations peoples and enterprises through the work we do.



THRIVING ON COUNTRY COMMITTEE (L-R): SCOTT ANDERSON, DAVE MANGENNER GOUGH, SIAN GILLAM, DR ELIZABETH MCENTYRE, KIEREN GIBBS, KAREN JACOBS. PHOTO: TOBY PEET.



SIGNING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AT NYADINANG NAJUNG. PHOTO: RICHARD SNASHALL.

Our Impact in 2026

4,396,700
NATIVE PLANTS ESTABLISHED
PREVIOUS YEAR: 3,279,866

5,350
HECTARES OF HABITAT ESTABLISHED
PREVIOUS YEAR: 3,550

864,463
FORECAST CARBON ABATEMENT (TCO2E) FROM REGISTERED PLANTINGS
METRIC CHANGED FROM PREVIOUS YEAR*

6.84
TONNES OF NATIVE SEED SUPPLIED
PREVIOUS YEAR: 8.05

32
LANDHOLDERS ENGAGED IN RESTORATION PROJECTS^
PREVIOUS YEAR: 62

63
FIRST NATIONS PARTNERSHIPS**
PREVIOUS YEAR: 51

13,912
TONNES OF WATER POLLUTANTS PREVENTED FROM REACHING THE GREAT BARRIER REEF
PREVIOUS YEAR: 13,922

*Previously we reported 'tonnes of carbon sequestered per annum', calculated by applying the Full Carbon Accounting Model (FullCAM) to all hectares planted in a given financial year. The new metric uses FullCAM to forecast carbon sequestration from registered carbon plantings established in the financial year, over the crediting period of the plantings.

^Number of landholders with whom we have signed carbon or land access agreements for restoration plantings.

**Includes partnerships (32), contractual relationships (25), and relationships at the exploratory stage (8).

This Year's Figures

The financial year results of the consolidated Greening Australia Group (including Greening Australia, Canopy, Nindethana and SeedX) and of Greening Australia Ltd (GAL) as a standalone entity are shown to provide transparency on the performance of the not-for-profit with and without the overlay of the other businesses.

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

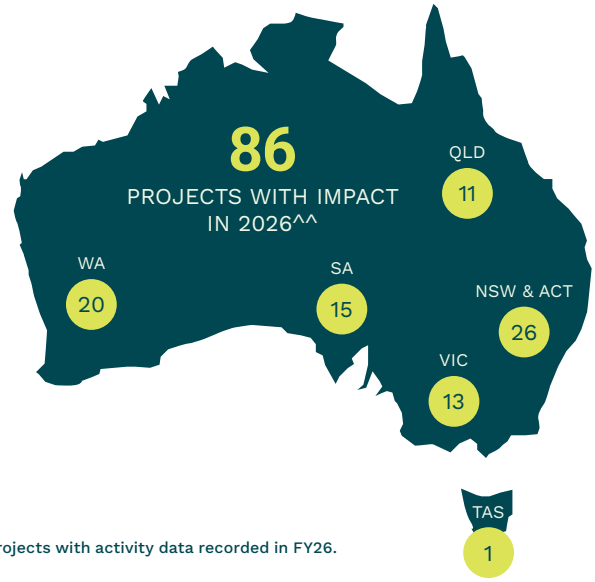
Total Revenue: **$32.7M**

	GROUP	GAL
Business, universities and corporates	63%	60%
State governments	16%	18%
Philanthropy	7%	8%
Australian Government	6%	7%
Local governments	3%	4%
Interest and other sources	5%	3%

WHERE THE MONEY WAS SPENT

Total Expenses: **$36.3M**

	GROUP	GAL
Biodiverse plantings	57%	61%
Organisational management	18%	21%
Native seed supply and infrastructure	12%	4%
Gully and wetland restoration	8%	9%
Seed production area development & research	4%	3%
Fundraising activities	1%	2%



^^Projects with activity data recorded in FY26.

Our Year at a Glance



Q1 July — September 2025

COMMUNITIES

Brought our corporate partners together for a dedicated planting event at Limeburners Lagoon in Victoria (see page 29).

SEED

Hosted seed production practitioners at Jarrega SPA Field Day (page 13).

RESTORATION

Prime planting season for the southern states, including at Nyadinang Najung (page 17) and six sites planted for Nestlé and One Tree Planted (page 14).



Q2 October — December 2025

RESTORATION

Registered three more planting sites as environmental accounts with Accounting for Nature and conducted baseline surveys (page 15).

COMMUNITIES

Reached 300 schools planted through Cooling the Schools (page 27).



RESTORATION

Co-hosted field days with Jasper Valley and Karoola Station landholders (page 18).



WATER

Gap in bund wall opened for Yuwi Blue Carbon project (page 22).

Q3 January — March 2026

RESTORATION

Bushfires impact projects in SA and VIC (page 18).



SEED

Seed training delivered with two First Nations Ranger groups in WA (page 11).

SEED

Second major SeedX harvest (page 12).



Q4 April — June 2026

COMMUNITIES

Co-hosted community planting events at Archerfield Wetlands Parkland (page 25).



WATER

Reached 10 years of taking action for the Great Barrier Reef (page 21).



RESTORATION

Early rains saw some sites in southern Australia being planted, including Pine Plains, VIC and Kulliparu Downs, SA (page 15).

COMMUNITIES

Received $2.3 million from the NSW Government to extend Cooling the Schools (page 27).

Our People

Our impact starts with our people. Across offices, nurseries, seed operations and restoration sites around Australia, our teams bring together technical expertise, local knowledge and a shared commitment to restoring landscapes and supporting communities.

During FY26, we continued to strengthen the capability behind the work of the Greening Australia Group. Our approach to attracting and developing people increasingly focused not only on technical expertise, but also on purpose, values and potential. Building capability from within, creating opportunities for people to grow and bringing new perspectives into the organisation all help us maintain the specialist knowledge and skills needed to deliver environmental impact at scale.

We have also continued to look at how we work, simplifying processes and making better use of technology so our people can spend more time on work that adds value for our partners, communities and the environment.

Safety and wellbeing remain fundamental to how we operate. This year marked the 10th anniversary of our organisation-wide Stand Down for Safety Day, providing an opportunity to reflect on a decade of progress. Over that time, our Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate has reduced from 43 to 10 and our Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate from 24 to 4. Just as importantly, our understanding of safety has continued to evolve beyond systems and compliance to encompass physical, psychological, social and cultural wellbeing.

Today, that culture is reflected in everyday decisions and behaviours across our offices, nurseries, field sites and remote locations. We continue to strengthen it through organisation-wide learning, safety leadership, practical risk management and the willingness of our people to speak up, look out for one another and take personal responsibility for safety and wellbeing.

Our People at a Glance

145
employees

Our national workforce as at 30 June 2026.

27%
of our people

have been with Greening Australia for **10 years or more,** reflecting the depth of experience and specialist knowledge across our organisation.

55.9% FEMALE | **44.1%** MALE

Our workforce gender profile. Currently no employees identify as non-binary.

Safety and Wellbeing at a Glance

88%

of employees feel they can contribute and suggest changes to improve safety performance.

86%

observe colleagues taking positive personal action and accountability for their own health, safety and wellbeing.

10 years

of our organisation-wide **Stand Down for Safety Day,** bringing our people together to pause normal work and focus collectively on safety, wellbeing and continuous improvement.

Creating Opportunities Through Internships

This reporting year, Greening Australia partnered with universities to provide five paid internships supporting meaningful project work across the organisation.

Opportunities extended beyond our traditional operational and science areas into finance, business, marketing, strategy and growth, bringing fresh thinking and capability to the organisation while giving students valuable experience in the environment sector.

We hope to build on this in FY27, creating more opportunities for emerging talent to contribute to our work.

Building Safety Through Respect

DR EDWARD TSEN | TECHNICAL SPECIALIST — SEED SCIENCE, WA

SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

Safety at Greening Australia extends beyond physical risks, systems and procedures. It is also about creating environments where people feel respected, included and safe to contribute.

Haydn Burgess and Dr Edward Tsen both received a Safety Citizen Award in April, with Ed's award recognising his commitment to cultural safety and his genuine care for others.

Ed approaches his work with curiosity and respect, taking the time to ask questions, seek guidance and understand context rather than making assumptions. He listens and learns, adapting his approach to ensure the way he works is culturally appropriate and respectful.

He is also thoughtful about how he engages with others and mindful of different perspectives, helping create an environment where people feel respected and confident to participate.

Ed's example shows that safety is a shared responsibility and that the everyday ways we listen, learn and care for one another are an important part of creating a safe and inclusive workplace.



SAFETY CITIZEN AWARD WINNER, EDWARD TSEN.

The Planning Behind Every Seedling

JIM AND CHRIS PAYNE | NURSERY VOLUNTEERS, ACT

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Jim and Chris both spent their working lives in banking, and never expected retirement would lead them into a nursery. More than two decades later, the couple couldn't imagine it any other way.

Their path to Greening Australia began through volunteering at Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, and Jim helped measure trees at the National Arboretum before it even opened. When they moved to Canberra's north side and started looking for something flexible to do together outdoors, Greening Australia's nursery fit perfectly.

Volunteering offers something different for each of them. Chris is the people person, happiest chatting over morning tea, while Jim is content working away collecting seeds or propagating. What they share is a sense that they're leaving a legacy. The plants they help grow today will contribute to restoring degraded landscapes and habitats across Australia for generations to come.

Along the way, they've picked up an appreciation for the planning behind every seedling: forecasting how many plants are needed, understanding why a 'less advanced' plant often thrives better once put in the ground, and learning the language of botanical names.

Their advice to would-be volunteers is simple: don't assume retirement means you've got nothing to do. "It's good therapy," they say: good for fine motor skills, for the mind, and for making new friends. After 22 years in retirement, Jim and Chris are proof that showing up together, week after week, adds up to something pretty fantastic!

THANK YOU: We'd like to thank all our volunteers around the country who contribute to the fabric of our organisation. We are so grateful for your dedicated and invaluable support.



JIM AND CHRIS PAYNE HAVE GAINED INSIGHTS INTO RESTORATION BY VOLUNTEERING BEHIND THE SCENES.

YEAR IN REVIEW:

Seed



YUED NOONGAR RANGER BURRININY TY EPHRAM FRANK LANGLEY DURING SEED COLLECTION TRAINING.



RANGERS COMPLETING ACCREDITED SEED COLLECTION TRAINING IN WA.



THE SEED STORAGE FACILITY BEING INSTALLED AT BAIRNSDALE.

WA

Co-designed Native Seed Collection Training Moves West

Australia's first nationally accredited native seed collection training program, co-designed with First Nations groups, extended into Western Australia this reporting year, sharing seed skills to help lay the foundations of new First Nations-led enterprises.

Previously, Greening Australia and Nindethana partnered with **Darumbal People Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC, Barada Barna Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC**, and **Muru Mittigar** to co-design and co-deliver a six-month accredited First Nations Native Seed Collection Training program, which 12 participants successfully completed. A big thank you to the **Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Prior Family Foundation** and our many donors and supporters, who enabled us to develop and deliver the training together with our First Nations partners.

In January, we worked with two First Nations groups in the Central Wheatbelt of Western Australia to deliver a compressed version of the training, with five **Yued Noongar rangers** and five **Noongar Boodja rangers** at Wheatbelt NRM participating. Two-thirds of the training took place out on Country, exploring the unique flora of the Wongan Hills region. These groups are looking to develop seed collection businesses and take up opportunities in local restoration.

"I've gathered all this information about plants and seed from different people and landscapes, but it's no good if that information is just stuck in your head. Some of it can't be written down, because it's very practical. So being able to share this practical knowledge with people who are engaged and want to learn, I find that so valuable."

BAYDEN SMITH, SENIOR PROGRAM OFFICER, GREENING AUSTRALIA

Watch a video on the training: youtu.be/fPL9svSXZtA

VIC, SA

Upgrades for Nindethana's Digital and Physical Infrastructure

As a nation, we need supplies of native seed on hand to bridge gaps in availability for restoration projects and to respond to events like fires — and we need the right conditions to keep that seed viable over time.

Thanks to support from the **Commonwealth Bank of Australia,** Nindethana has been growing its national network of temperature-controlled storage facilities. In September 2025, we installed a new seed storage container at Greening Australia's depot in Horsham, Victoria, and in February this year we also extended the seed storage facilities at the depot in Port Lincoln, South Australia.

In addition, after a 15-year absence, a seed storage facility returned to Bairnsdale in March. We now have a temperature-controlled seedbank in Victoria's East Gippsland again, boosting fire-recovery capacity for the region.

In 2026, Nindethana also upgraded its digital infrastructure by launching a new website, opening up online sales of high-quality native seed to customers large and small across Australia. Our staff can now manage large multi-warehouse orders in one place, and our customers have greater visibility of the stock available. Since launch we've increased visitors to the website and sales of seed to nurseries, rehabilitation professionals, councils and home gardeners.

"Nindethana sold seed from 1,597 different species in FY26 — having that diversity of seed is so important for supporting quality restoration."

SAMANTHA CRAIGIE, OPERATIONS MANAGER, NINDETHANA

nindethana.net.au



WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY PHD STUDENT, AWAPA JIRABANJONGJIT, USING FLUORESCENT TAGGING TO TRACK INSECT-MEDIATED POLLEN MOVEMENT AT JARREGA SPA.

NSW, WA

What Universities Are Telling Us About Seed Production

Funded by **The Ian Potter Foundation**, Greening Australia has been working with university research partners to plug knowledge gaps on best practice for establishing native seed production areas (SPAs). The **SeedX** Jarrega SPA in WA and **Nindethana's** Native Seed Centre SPA in Sydney are acting as 'sandboxes' for the universities to conduct research in the field.

This reporting year, **Western Sydney University** conducted research into pollinator services at Jarrega SPA and the Native Seed Centre SPA through camera monitoring, insect inventory surveys, pollen analysis and environmental DNA (eDNA) approaches. Research led by **Macquarie University** continued population genomics, gene flow and seed quality assessment at Jarrega SPA. A key achievement was the genome assembly of core study species, *Maireana brevifolia* and *Calothamnus quadrifidus*, while extended genetic analyses examined provenance survival, genetic diversity and climate adaptation across a further 16 species.

Baseline seed quality assessments at **Curtin University** have now been completed, while machine-learning X-ray analysis has continued to improve automated seed fill detection, viability and seed-weight prediction. High-throughput mechanical scarification has also been experimentally optimised using *Kennedia prostrata* as a model species to improve germination of physically dormant native species. The **University of Queensland** continued research on seed enhancement technologies, focusing on novel delivery systems for the active chemical in smoke, karrikinolide. They have demonstrated improved germination, establishment and seedling root-tip growth across several native species using the new techniques.

In September 2025, environmental science students from **Edith Cowan University** visited Jarrega SPA to establish the foundations of a long-term trait dataset for SPA plants. We plan to combine this initial assessment with long-term monitoring of the same individual plants over their lifespans, providing a valuable living dataset.

Keep in touch with this research:
greeningaustralia.org.au/subscribe-to-spa-research-updates



THE SEEDX TEAM DURING HARVEST AT JARREGA SPA.

WA

A Second Harvest at SeedX Jarrega SPA

Last reporting year, the **SeedX** team harvested seed from nine species at the Jarrega SPA, marking the first commercial harvest from young plants and a sign of things to come. The 2025–26 harvest season delivered even stronger results. A standout success was *Kennedia prostrata*, where effective biological control of native budworm, combined with improved harvesting and processing methods, produced more than 60 kg of seed, approximately 400% above forecast.

Other species also performed strongly, with *Acacia lasiocarpa var. sedifolia* producing over 1 kg of seed, nearly double its target, and *Senna artemisioides ssp. filifolia* yielding 3.7 kg. Harvest and seed extraction methods were also refined for *Hakea prostrata* and *Hakea trifurcata*, improving operational efficiency and supporting future production. The seeds of these large and prickly plants need to be picked in a narrow window of peak ripeness just before the pods open to release seed. Separating seeds from leaves and spines of similar size and mass is also difficult when bulk harvesting, hence the need for some innovative thinking.

Importantly, seed collection data tracking systems are being developed to empower SPA workers and seed collectors for the summer harvest season. This work has been undertaken collaboratively by our Seed Science and Impact teams. These new tools will provide detailed tracking of seed harvests, processing methods, staff time and inventory. This creates a solid foundation of seed traceability for market and allows clear record keeping for continuous process improvement and production forecasting.

For more about SeedX, visit: seedx.au



GREENING AUSTRALIA AND SEEDX STAFF AT THE JARREGA SPA OPEN DAY IN SEPTEMBER.

WA, VIC

Knowledge Sharing to Evolve Australia's Broader Native Seed Sector

As part of our commitment to developing Australia's native seed sector, we invest in projects that build best practice and events which provide a platform for seed practitioners of all kinds to share insights, technologies, and ideas on how to address practical, scientific, legal and policy challenges.

Greening Australia and **SeedX** hosted an open day focused on growing resilience in native seed at the Jarrega SPA in September 2025, with support from the **Shire of Coorow** and the **WA Landcare Network**. The event brought together 65 seed production practitioners to share lessons from the establishment and operation of the SPA. Greening Australia's Dr Melinda Pickup and Dr Edward Tsen presented an overview of the research program and early outcomes, while **Curtin University's** Simone Pedrini and Hugh Coppell presented on the Curtin Native Seed Hub. Attendees also toured the site with Greening Australia and SeedX staff, who showcased experimental plots, monitoring activities, seed production systems and practical lessons learned from seed harvesting and site management.

Nindethana proudly sponsored the Australasian Seed Science Conference held in September 2025 in Horsham, Victoria. Nindethana sponsored the important topic: 'Seed sourcing and end use'. Nindethana also exhibited at the Ag Grow Field Days in Emerald, Central Queensland in June 2026.

Supporting best-practice in the seed sector, Greening Australia's **Florabank** partnership representative Samantha Craigie has been working extensively with **NSW Government** and environmental educators from **Evoke** to develop online training modules for the updated Florabank guidelines this reporting year. Watch this space.



In Memory of Dr Melinda Pickup

In January 2026, we were devastated by the news that our brilliant colleague, Dr Melinda Pickup, had died in a motor vehicle accident.

We will remember Mel as an exceptional scientist, whose professional excellence was matched only by her kindness and generosity. She was dynamic, passionate, a visionary innovator — yet also meticulous, disciplined, and dedicated to scientific rigour. Mel brought science to life. She had a gift for distilling complex ideas into clear, accessible concepts. Her presentations reflected both deep expertise and extensive hands-on experience.

Mel also put so much heart into her amazing impact by collaborating extensively. A dedicated mentor, she championed opportunities for emerging scientists. She supported postdoctoral and undergraduate students through internships and research supervision, providing them with strong career foundations. She encouraged and uplifted colleagues, creating pathways for professional development and meaningful contributions to applied science — all with a genuine spirit of care.

Mel's influence on those around her, and her impact on native seed science, the native seed industry and the broader restoration community, cannot be overstated. She leaves behind a lasting legacy: her passion for science and the environment will continue to shape how we work to protect and restore the landscapes she loved. We are exploring honouring her mentorship of emerging scientists by establishing an annual internship in her name.

Thank you Mel, for all that you shared with us and inspired in us.



PLANTED IN EARLY 2025, AT 14 MONTHS OLD, SOME OF THE TREES AT THIS NESTLÉ-FUNDED SITE IN NSW'S NORTHERN RIVERS ARE ALREADY 4 METRES TALL. WE REVISITED RECENTLY TO PREPARE FOR AN AUDIT.

YEAR IN REVIEW:

Restoration

NATIONAL

From Koala Habitat to National Impact: 2,400 Hectares and Counting

The koala population of Victoria's Strzelecki Ranges is genetically significant, and protecting their gene pool is important for the resilience of this endangered species overall. But the population is in critical need of habitat. In September 2025, we teamed up with the landholders of a productive cattle property on Bunurong Country near Loch to restore Wet and Damp Forest across a series of wet gullies and steep slopes on their land. This revegetation has a dual purpose — it will help provide shelter for the landholders' livestock as well as establishing habitat for Strzelecki Koalas. Thanks to the high rainfall in this area, the trees are growing quickly, so we're hopeful that koalas could start using the site within five years. A big thank you to the **Bass Coast Landcare Bush Crew**, who introduced us to the landholder and teamed up with us on planting.

This site is one of six we finished planting nationally in the second half of 2025 for the **Nestlé** Reforestation Project in Australia, supported by **One Tree Planted** and **Canopy**. That makes 27 sites we've delivered as a partnership since 2022. The first half of 2026 has seen the Greening Australia operational teams monitoring those 27 sites and planning infill plantings where necessary, while also preparing to plant additional sites for the 2026 aggregation Canopy registered in April. Thanks to some early rains, we even began planting three sites in May and June.

As at end of June 2026, we have now planted over 2,400 hectares across Australia through this partnership — roughly equivalent to 1,200 MCGs.

This multi-year partnership has also been a gamechanger for enabling us to experiment with applying the **Accounting for Nature Framework®** and monitoring projects against globally-recognised standards. Last reporting year, we registered four Nestlé-funded sites with Accounting for Nature; in the second half of 2025, we registered another: 'Bramfield' in South Australia (accountingfornature.org/p00006). We also conducted baseline surveys at Bramfield to give us a starting condition against which to measure changes, and undertook repeat bird surveys at Big Sky Birds in NSW and Allambee Reserve in Victoria.

SINCE 2022:

- 27 sites planted across NSW, SA, VIC, WA and QLD
- 2,400 hectares planted
- 5 sites registered with Accounting for Nature



THIS CREW PUSHED THROUGH WET CONDITIONS TO PLANT IN RECORD TIME AT KULLIPARU DOWNS.



GREENING AUSTRALIA'S SIMON BEY WITH A THREE-YEAR-OLD RED GUM AT OUR PROPERTY 'GLANDORE' IN SA.

SA

A New Project Takes Shape at Kulliparu Downs

Last year, investment from **Conscious Investment Management** (CIM) enabled the purchase of 'Kulliparu Downs', a 3,313-hectare property on Nauo and Wirangu Country on the Eyre Peninsula. **Canopy** registered it as an Environmental Planting carbon project with 100-year permanence in November 2025 (ERF206220), and we began preparations for restoration. This included early engagement with **Wirangu and Nauo Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC**, who completed a cultural heritage survey of the site, with discussions about further involvement still underway.

The critically endangered Drooping Sheoak Grassy Woodland on Calcrete community is one of four vegetation communities we're aiming to re-establish at Kulliparu Downs, to expand habitat for Malleefowl, declining woodland birds, and small marsupials including the Little Long-tailed Dunnart. The plan is to establish up to 900,000 native trees and shrubs here across 2026 and 2027, using a combination of direct seeding and hand-planting seedlings.

Nindethana supplied 720 kg of native seed for this season's planting. As of June 2026, local contractors **Habitats SA** and **Garden of Eden** were on track to meet the season's direct seeding target, with more than 75% completed (1,300 km). **Munda Kinect** and Greening Australia had also coordinated logistics for planting over 120,000 seedlings grown by **Bayview Trees.** A 10-person planting crew from **Pinnacle Silviculture** pushed through wet conditions to get them all in, averaging an impressive 18,000 plants per day.

This is the second property secured with CIM. The model is deliberately repeatable: we act as project developer, CIM provides financing linked to the generation and sale of carbon credits, and the land is held under structures designed for custodianship for generations to come. We are looking for where to go next.

NATIONAL

Accounting for Nature and Tracking Environmental Impact

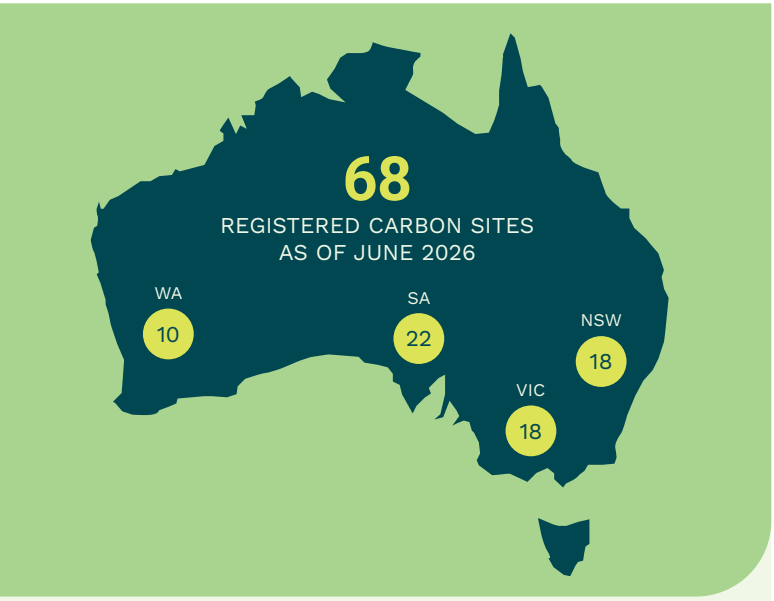
As of June 2026, eight carbon sites delivered by Greening Australia and Canopy have been registered as environmental accounts with **Accounting for Nature** (AfN), a world-leading natural capital accounting standard. The eight sites registered so far span Western Australia to New South Wales, and track indicators such as native vegetation and woodland birds. The AfN Framework gives us robust, verifiable measurements of ecosystem condition that can be tracked through time and compared across regions and ecosystem types.

Three of the eight sites were registered and baselined this reporting year. Two are Greening Australia-owned properties: Glandore in South Australia and Nyadinang Najung in New South Wales, both registered in October 2025 and surveyed in November 2025. The third is Bramfield in South Australia, featured on the previous page.

Because AfN is an independent external standard, investors and partners can have high confidence that our carbon projects deliver real, measurable co-benefits.

"Our funding partners increasingly want proof of impact, and we want to show just as clearly how our biodiverse, community-centred approach delivers genuine outcomes. One way we're doing that is by strategically registering and certifying selected projects with Accounting for Nature, which measures how far restoration sites have progressed toward a reference condition. Restoration sites typically take decades to recover. Tracking ecological condition explicitly and over the long term turns each site into a source of evidence. We can see how recovery is progressing and use what we learn to keep refining our practice."

DR BLAIR PARSONS, DIRECTOR OF IMPACT, GREENING AUSTRALIA



KEY UPDATES:

- Biggest issuance of credits since financial year 2019
- 2.4 million estimated pipeline of Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs)
- 16 total registered projects

NATIONAL

The Power of the Carbon Market to Scale Restoration

Environmental markets are creating opportunities to scale restoration and take action on both climate change and biodiversity loss.

Throughout the reporting year, **Canopy** helped advance these opportunities by promoting the role of carbon and nature repair markets in supporting biodiversity and increasing the value of natural capital on farms.

Our team shared insights at industry forums, NRM workshops and carbon farming conferences across Australia, while also contributing to the ongoing development of market frameworks. This included providing feedback on the draft Integrated Farm and Land Management (IFLM) Method to help establish a pathway for direct measurement of carbon, aiming to reduce reliance on modelling alone.

This year also marked significant growth in our carbon portfolio. We registered 13 new carbon sites, bringing our total registered carbon projects to more than 10,000 hectares of current and planned carbon estimation areas, involving more than 60 landholders.

We also achieved our largest annual issuance of carbon credits since 2019, with more than 38,500 credits issued during this financial year.

Learn more about Canopy: canopy.org.au



GREENING AUSTRALIA PLANTING CREW FROM WA, SA AND VIC AT CARABIN GRAZING.

WA

Tackling Salinity with a Carbon Planting at Carabin Grazing

On Judith Price's cropping and sheep farm near Narrogin, we planted 12,000 trees in 2026 to re-establish native vegetation across 39 hectares of degraded farmland. The plantings were designed alongside Judith to fit a fully operational cropping and sheep enterprise, putting the unproductive, salt-affected country to work while protecting what still grows well. This is an Environmental Planting carbon site, part of an aggregation registered by **Canopy** in 2025, with the landholder to share in the benefits from the project over the next 25 years.

Getting plants established out here isn't easy. Low rainfall and dry summers make direct seeding alone a gamble, and much of the planted ground is battling creeping salinity and can sit underwater in winter. Young germinants handle both far worse than established seedlings, so we paired direct seeding with planting tubestock. Along the riverine paddocks, a single row seeding machine ripped and scalped clean lines through the paddock, stripping out topsoil, spoil and weed seed before dribbling in a native mix of 35 to 40 species — seed supplied by **Nindethana**.

The eucalypts in the mix went in exactly where they belong, from low wet flats to gravelly rises. Some will stand for 300 years or more, though they won't form hollows for cockatoos and possums until they're past 200. It's a long game.

This planting was a little special, too. Staff from our communications and project administration teams came out to help plant, and got a proper taste of what our field teams do every season.



GREENING AUSTRALIA'S IAN RAYNER CONFERRING WITH THE PLANTING CREW AT NYADINANG NAJUNG. PHOTO: RICHARD SNASHALL.

NSW

Welcome to Nyadinang Najung: New Name, New Planting

The property formerly known as '1220 Caddigat Road' now has a Wolgalu name — and a shared commitment to its cultural and ecological restoration.

Among the old Candlebark Gums near the property's entrance stands a scar tree, reflecting the deep connection of Wolgalu People to this land in the Snowy Monaro. Beneath those trees in late 2025, Greening Australia and **Wolgalu Nyadinang Najung Corporation** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), witnessed by **Conscious Investment Management** (CIM) staff and investors, who made securing the land for restoration possible.

The MoU outlines shared goals to restore the land while increasing Wolgalu access and supporting Wolgalu leadership in restoration. It also gave the property a new name: Nyadinang Najung (NYAH-dih-nung NAH-jung), meaning 'river water', in honour of the Murrumbidgee that borders the property.

"Our People have always been connected to this Country, even when we were kept from it. Working together through this MoU means we can bring cultural knowledge back to the land, protect what's here, and teach the next generations."

AUNTY ALICE WILLIAMS, WOLGALU AND WIRADJURI ELDER

For Nyadinang Najung's ecological renewal, **Nindethana** sourced all the seed for the main planting areas, which were grown into seedlings by a local nursery. Beginning in September 2025, close to 150,000 seedlings were hand-planted across 430 hectares of the property. To help us assess changes to ecological condition, we registered Nyadinang Najung as an environmental account with **Accounting for Nature** (see accountingfornature.org/auacc109) and conducted baseline surveys in November.

Our main aims are to re-establish native plants to help support recovery of the critically endangered Monaro Tableland Cool Temperate Grassy Woodland, and to restore habitat for threatened woodland birds such as Hooded Robin and Southern Whiteface. The dominant tree in this woodland community is the Snow Gum, *Eucalyptus pauciflora subsp. pauciflora*. These trees grow slowly and risk being outpaced by climate change, so our Seed Science team established a climate-adapted Snow Gum Seed Production Area on site, part of Dr Melinda Pickup's legacy.

"The Snow Gum seedlings in the SPA not only made it through their first summer, which was particularly harsh, but they are thriving. The Snow Gums face immense challenges but seeing those happy seedlings gave me hope."

ZOE BIRNIE, TECHNICAL SPECIALIST, GREENING AUSTRALIA, FOLLOWING SITE VISIT IN MARCH 2026

This is an Environmental Planting carbon project with 100-year permanence, registered by **Canopy** (ERF195010). The project successfully passed its first independent audit earlier this year, and we expect to receive the first issuance of credits in August.

KEY UPDATES:

- MoU signed with Traditional Owners
- 430 hectares planted
- Climate-adapted Snow Gum Seed Production Area established
- Registered with Accounting for Nature and baseline survey completed
- Passed its first independent carbon audit



RECOVERING BULOKE SAPLING AT PINE PLAINS.



THE CARBON PLANTING AT 'KEIRSTONE' INTEGRATED WITH THE LANDHOLDERS' ROTATIONAL GRAZING SYSTEM, MAKING A GREAT CASE STUDY. PHOTO: THINK MAMMOTH.

SA, VIC

Renewal After Fire: Lessons Learned

In Australia's 2025-26 bushfires, over 436,000 hectares burned and five lives were lost, along with many homes. Some Greening Australia projects were impacted, which is hard, but focusing on how plants respond can give us insights into how to build more resilient landscapes.

PINE PLAINS: Since 2022, we've worked with **Barengi Gadjin Land Council (BGLC)** and **Parks Victoria** to re-establish native vegetation to help restore critically endangered semi-arid woodland at Pine Plains in Wyperfeld National Park. In January, a major fire burned over 50,000 hectares of the national park, including 500 hectares of our revegetation. Post-fire monitoring shows that age matters. Medium-aged remnant trees are resprouting, and four-year-old revegetation has signs of recovery. The most vulnerable were the youngest seedlings from 2024 and 2025 revegetation, and the oldest remnant Buloke and Slender Cypress-Pine trees. This means the focus needs to be on protecting the oldest trees and the very young plantings.

Investing in seed banking is vital for recovery too. Fortunately, with support from **Reforest** for **Flight Centre's 'Planted With Purpose'** program and the **Victorian Government's Nature Fund**, we could draw on seed stocks to replant 117 hectares of the burnt area in May. We've also been awarded a **NAB Foundation** Community Grant to help us re-seed 100 hectares in 2027 with BGLC and Parks Victoria.

RARKANG: Greening Australia has spent decades restoring sheoak woodlands on Fleurieu Peninsula as 'insurance habitat' for the critically endangered Kangaroo Island Glossy Black-Cockatoo. In late 2025, we led the planting of over 50,000 seedlings at the 'Rarkang' property for the **AstraZeneca Forest Initiative**, supported by **One Tree Planted**. In February, the Deep Creek fire burned across 4,500 hectares, impacting 20-year-old revegetation at Fishery Beach, as well as most of our plantings at Rarkang.

Monitoring has shown signs of recovery for some species, including acacias, eucalypts and (surprisingly) sheoaks. Survival has varied hugely, depending on planting technique, fire intensity and plant age. This winter, Greening Australia will replant 14,000 seedlings in the hardest-hit areas. This experience underscores the importance of restoring habitat at scale and across multiple sites to support resilient future habitat and wildlife populations.

NSW

Helping NSW Landholders Make Informed Carbon Decisions

Integrating biodiverse native vegetation into agricultural landscapes can benefit both people and nature, by improving habitat extent and connectivity for native wildlife, especially birds, and providing shade, shelter and productivity benefits for farming enterprises. Greening Australia is being supported by **NSW Government** grants to help landholders make informed decisions about Environmental Planting carbon projects and the role ecological restoration can play in achieving their broader property goals.

This reporting year, as part of a **High Impact Partnership grant**, we co-hosted field days with the landholders of Jasper Valley and Karoola Station, showcasing carbon plantings from 2024. These events brought local landholders, restoration practitioners and local government representatives together on site to see the projects in their current stage and how restoration can be successfully integrated into productive farming landscapes. We also compiled case studies of four distinct established carbon plantings to share with landholders considering carbon farming. Through a **Low Carbon Landscapes grant**, we have also been providing free carbon feasibility assessments for eligible landholders in the Southern Tablelands. These projects are proudly funded by the NSW Government under the Primary Industries Productivity and Abatement Program within the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

Building on the success of this work, we've secured additional funding under the second round of the NSW Government High Impact Partnerships grant program — to support more landholders to access information about the benefits of restoration within agricultural landscapes and under a changing climate for people, productivity and nature.



GREENING AUSTRALIA AND NRM NORTH STAFF AT THE CONNORVILLE PLANTING. PHOTO: NRM NORTH.

TAS

Planting Habitat for Tasmania's Threatened Wildlife

A new collaboration between **NRM North** and Greening Australia is planting 13 hectares at Connorville, a historic property in Tasmania's Northern Midlands. As of June, 10,950 native seedlings have been installed with local contractor **Ecoworks Tasmania**, and the planting is 54% complete.

The restoration project is helping to recover the critically endangered Black Gum Forest ecological community, around 90% of which has been lost through historical clearing. Black Gum Forest habitat supports more than 50 nationally threatened species, including Wedge-tailed Eagles, Eastern Quolls and Tasmanian Devils.

"We know from trail cameras that there's an active population of Tasmanian Devils in the area. It's fantastic to think that in a few years our planting will give them more room to spread out."

DAVE WARNE, RESTORATION SPECIALIST, GREENING AUSTRALIA

A deer-proof fence has been installed to protect the young seedlings, largely funded by the dedicated landholder Roderic O'Connor.

The site occupies a strategic position in the landscape and, as it matures, will strengthen connections between native grasslands and remnant threatened *Melaleuca ericifolia* swamp forest at the head of the valley.

The project is jointly funded by the **Australian Government** through Saving Native Species and the Natural Heritage Trust, delivered by NRM North, with Greening Australia's work here also supported by **The Intrepid Foundation**.

Most of Greening Australia's work involves rebuilding nature together with landholders, driven by our vision of healthy and productive landscapes for both people and nature. Read our FAQs or register for a no-obligation chat about planting with us:
greeningaustralia.org.au/landholders



Chris Jones Environmental Stewardship Award

Congratulations to this year's staff-nominated landholder award winners, **Peter and Ann Henry**, whose property 'Deepwell' is on Ngarrindjeri Country in South Australia's Murray Mallee. In 2024, Greening Australia established an Environmental Planting at Deepwell with funding from AstraZeneca's global AZ Forest Initiative, supported by One Tree Planted and Canopy.

Since purchasing the property in 2008, Peter and Ann have worked hard to protect their soil and restore a healthy cover of native pasture by minimising inputs and carefully managing grazing for their Merino sheep. They also undertook some revegetation to counter wind erosion. Wanting to slow down, leave the land in better condition and create a legacy for future generations including their son Luke, they approached Greening Australia about a carbon planting. They wanted the project to restore valuable mallee woodland habitat, while also demonstrating carbon plantings as a supplementary income stream in a region where the tough farming conditions can affect mental health in the community.

Peter and Ann's careful stewardship means there's a strong foundation of native grasses and forbs across the property, to which canopy and shrub layers are being added. They've brought their thoughtful approach to the carbon planting too. Peter, Ann and Luke collected seed for the project, Luke assisted with direct seeding, and the family has been meticulous with the site's ongoing maintenance. Thank you, Peter and Ann, for being such dedicated caretakers of your land, and for your heart for your community.

YEAR IN REVIEW:

Water



THIS RETIRED CANE FARM, MERE KILOMETRES UPSTREAM FROM THE GREAT BARRIER REEF LAGOON, IS GRADUALLY BEING RESTORED TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY AND IMPROVE HABITAT. PHOTO: FRONTROW FOTO.



MADJAYBANA RANGER ANTHONY SENIOR WITH PLANTINGS AT A CANE FARM BEING RESTORED IN QUEENSLAND'S MULGRAVE CATCHMENT, JUST UPSTREAM FROM THE GREAT BARRIER REEF. PHOTO: FRONTROW FOTO.

QLD

Ten Years of Action to Help the Great Barrier Reef

In 2026 we are celebrating 10 years of our Reef Aid program, which is focused on improving water quality for the health of the Great Barrier Reef, linked to government targets.

Back in early 2016, all eyes were on the Great Barrier Reef. Record temperatures triggered a mass coral bleaching event, the most severe and widespread event on record at the time. Over 90% of individual reefs along the 2,300-km length of the Great Barrier Reef showed some level of bleaching.

We asked ourselves how we could help. The two biggest challenges we saw facing the Reef were climate change and poor water quality. We were already contributing to tackling climate change by sequestering carbon via our large-scale tree-planting activities, so in 2016, we launched Reef Aid to do our bit to tackle water quality. We raised funds to match a $1 million initial investment from the Australian Government to repair eroding gullies to reduce sediment, added wetland rehabilitation projects to reduce nutrient loads and restore habitat, and never looked back.

Saving the Reef is a cause that unites us. Reef Aid has been a particularly remarkable case demonstrating what can be achieved when First Nations people, landholders, governments, philanthropists, businesses, natural resource managers, engineers and scientists all work together to rebuild nature.

"Working with Greening Australia through Reef Aid has made a real difference on the ground for Madjandji Country, from stabilising erosion hotspots to improving water quality and giving our Rangers long-term tools to restore and protect our landscapes. Real restoration only happens over time, with steady investment, trust, and work that respects how Country changes over time rather than short project cycles. For anyone considering a similar partnership, we'd say: walk with Traditional Owners, commit for the long haul, and you'll see outcomes that last far beyond a single project."

MADJANDJI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

SINCE 2016:

- Raised over $35 million in investment from government, philanthropists and businesses
- Broke ground on 43 projects from Rockhampton to Cairns
- Achieved an average 80-90% reduction in sediment leaving our gully projects
- Restored over 40,000 hectares of gullies and wetlands
- Stopped over 86,000 tonnes of sediment from polluting the Reef
- Worked with more than 45 different landholders and First Nations groups
- Won awards for environmental leadership and job creation



YUWI ELDERS AND OTHER YUWI REPRESENTATIVES BREAKING GROUND ON THE COASTAL WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT.

QLD

Turning the Tide for Wetland Habitat

On Yuwi Country, about 115 kilometres south-east of Mackay, Cape Palmerston National Park protects 7,200 hectares of lowland coastal ecosystems including mangroves, dunes, swamps, grasslands and rainforest. Home to one of Australia's rarest rodents, the Water Mouse, the park's undeveloped coastline sits beside the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

But before the area became a national park, a bank (or bund) was built in the 1960s to block tidal saltwater from a wetland and create freshwater ponded pasture for grazing cattle. One of the introduced pasture species, Olive Hymenachne, is now considered among Australia's worst weeds. It forms dense stands that block waterways, exclude native plants and threaten fish habitat. It also spreads easily via fragments and seeds carried by water, animals and vehicles, making it difficult and expensive to control.

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service had wanted to tackle this seven-hectare infestation for more than 20 years. The Yuwi People had wanted this Country restored for much longer. So when **Yuwi Aboriginal Corporation** and Greening Australia secured funding from the **Australian Government's Reef Trust** to co-design the Yuwi Blue Carbon Wetland Restoration Project, the site became a priority.

After sixteen months of modelling, design and approvals involving eleven organisations, an excavator opened a five-metre breach in the bund in November 2025. The first high tide of December sent saltwater through the gap.

Hymenachne cannot tolerate saltwater. By restoring tidal flows, the weed will die back and the wetland will gradually return to mangrove, saltmarsh and supratidal forest. Conditions are already improving for native wildlife, and around six hectares are expected to experience saltwater inundation by 2057.

The project's success extends beyond a single wetland. It has laid the foundations for Yuwi Aboriginal Corporation and Yuwi People to lead future coastal restoration and blue carbon projects across their Country, while strengthening partnerships with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service. For Greening Australia, it has deepened our understanding of genuine co-design and how to support other First Nations groups to develop blue carbon projects.

The Yuwi Blue Carbon Wetland Restoration Project was co-designed by Yuwi Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC and Greening Australia, funded by the Australian Government's Reef Trust, and delivered with the support of Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, **James Cook University, Civil IQ, Koumala Excavation, Douglas Partners, EcoSure, Everick Heritage, BMT** and **Sarina Landcare.**

Watch a video about this project: youtu.be/zPJtwceEvcQ



PARTICIPANTS AT THE FIFTH FCTOA FORUM IN APRIL.

QLD

Update from Fitzroy Catchment Traditional Owners Alliance

The **Fitzroy Catchment Traditional Owners Alliance** (FCTOA) is now in its fourth year of advocating for action, knowledge sharing and collective decision-making on whole-of-Basin issues affecting the largest catchment flowing into the Great Barrier Reef Lagoon. In April 2026, 31 Traditional Owner representatives gathered on Darumbal Country in Rockhampton for the fifth FCTOA forum. The forum strengthened a shared vision for "a basin plan driven by 17 local place-based plans", recognising that effective whole-of-catchment action must be grounded in the priorities, knowledge, and aspirations of Traditional Owners across their respective Countries. FCTOA is working towards formal incorporation, which will also support the development of a unified Traditional Owner authority able to advocate for shared priorities across the Fitzroy Basin. The April forum was made possible through the **Queensland Government's Reef Assist Traditional Owner Grants Program funded through the $34 million Reef Assist program**, with support from Greening Australia as FCTOA's friendly host, and the **North Queensland Drought Hub**.

Watch FCTOA's latest video: youtu.be/DYUoNxH05QM



BAD WEATHER, BOGGY GROUND — THE COMMUNITY SHOWED UP TO PLANT ANYWAY. 5,000 TREES, 7 HECTARES OF WETLAND AND A GROWING TEAM CARING FOR COUNTRY.



WATER AND WILDLIFE IS RETURNING TO THIS WETLAND IN WEST WIMMERA THANKS TO SANDBAGGING THE MANMADE DRAIN.

QLD

Mulgrave Restoration Continues, From Rainforest to Mangroves

This reporting year, a nine-organisation effort — including **Mulgrave Landcare, Mandingalbay Yidinji Aboriginal Corporation,** Greening Australia and local landholders — planted 5,000 trees on a fruit farm south of Cairns to restore riparian rainforest habitat beside Boggy Creek and protect water quality flowing to the Great Barrier Reef. It wasn't easy: bad weather, boggy ground and salty soil all worked against the planting crews — but the community spirit carried the day. The ground was too waterlogged for machinery, so the Mulgrave Landcare team with the assistance of three First Nations groups hand augured every planting hole themselves in preparation for two community tree planting days in February and June. On planting days, the volunteer number expectations were low due to the boggy site conditions, but 77 turned up over the two events, including Indigenous youth from **Bori Muy** and **Silver Lining School Cairns City**. The total of 5,000 trees was reached in June, and they'll grow to improve biodiversity and protect water quality flowing into Trinity Inlet and the Great Barrier Reef. This is one of 7 sites we worked on this reporting year, proudly funded by the **Queensland Government's Natural Resources Recovery Program.**

Also in the Mulgrave, with funding from the **Australian Government's Reef Trust**, Greening Australia has been working on a blue carbon project restoring retired cane land back to functioning wetlands, revegetating cane drainage systems with mangroves and transition species, and reducing sediment and nutrient runoff that would otherwise reach the Great Barrier Reef. To date, more than 7 hectares of wetland have been restored, 13,500 native plants, sedges and mangroves have been planted, and thousands of additional seedlings have been propagated for future planting — mostly all grown through the Mulgrave Landcare nursery in Gordonvale. The **Madjaybana Rangers**, alongside **Mulgrave Landcare**, have been central to onground delivery. The Rangers have undertaken training in drone operations, ATV use, bird identification, crocodile management and snake handling, strengthening local capacity to care for Country.

VIC

From Frog Bogs to Bagging for Brolgas: Hydrology Fixes for Habitat Wins

One evening in January 2026, as the sun set over Gunaikurnai Country in Victoria's Gippsland region, the first call rang out: a Green and Golden Bell Frog, followed by several Growling Grass Frogs. The calls came from the 'frog bogs', ponds we constructed as dry season breeding refuges in 2022, funded by the **Love our Lakes** program. On that one night, our team recorded 35 baby Growling Grass Frogs, and large numbers of tadpoles. A decade ago, surveys suggested just 400 Green and Golden Bell Frogs and 80 Growling Grass Frogs remained in the Gippsland Lakes. Today populations are growing steadily, and the 'frog bogs' are part of that.

Amending hydrology can be a powerful tool for rebuilding habitat and recovering species. This reporting year we've applied that approach to a new partnership with **Yarra Valley Water** and **Zoos Victoria** to undertake restoration and contribute to the recovery of the critically endangered lowland Leadbeater's Possum and Helmeted Honeyeater. At the Upper Yarra Sewage Treatment Plant, earthworks have created a network of wetlands, levees and drains to bring back water flows. The next step will be installing 105 species of plants to create the specific, dense swamp habitat these species need to survive.

But hydrology fixes aren't always that complicated. In western Victoria, we've worked with **Odonata** and landholders since 2019 to restore seasonal wetlands for Brolgas by blocking artificial drains with sandbags to re-establish natural wetting and drying cycles, funded by renewable energies for Brolga Compensation Plans. On a sweltering day in November 2025, for example, the team sandbagged a drain on a West Wimmera property. Water began to pool in June, and frogs and birds are returning. We've now sandbagged eight trial sites to assist in returning water depth and extent to pre-drainage levels to support new Brolga breeding habitat.

"The old way of managing those wet patches wasn't giving us anything back. Since making the changes, we've noticed clearer runoff, stronger native plant growth, and far more birdlife and other wildlife moving through. It feels good to see the land responding."

LANDHOLDER INVOLVED IN RESTORING SEASONAL WETLANDS FOR BROLGAS, WORK COMPLETED IN 2020

YEAR IN REVIEW:

Communities



PLANTING ALONG RIVERBANKS IS MUDDY WORK: A COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AT THE FIELD RIVER PLANTING DAY IN JUNE 2026.



LOCALS GETTING THEIR HANDS DIRTY TO HELP FIELD RIVER AT A PLANTING DAY IN JUNE 2026.

SA, NSW, QLD

‘It Takes a Village’ to Revive Urban Rivers

Greening Australia is working with local government agencies, park services and community groups in three projects funded through the **Australian Government’s Natural Heritage Trust** under the **Urban Rivers and Catchments Program.**

On Kaurna Country in Adelaide’s southern suburbs, our work to help Field River is over 40% complete as of June. This river is an important natural corridor linking Hallett Cove on the coast to the Mount Lofty Ranges, but decades of invasion by weeds like Desert Ash and African Olive turned it into a dark, degraded channel. Working alongside **National Parks & Wildlife Services SA, Green Adelaide, City of Marion** and the local Kaurna community, we aim to restore nine kilometres of creekline through weed removal, natural regeneration, and plantings. It’s incredible to see native species rebound as we let the light in. This reporting year we’ve installed 11,000 plants to support natural regeneration, and hosted planting events to connect local community with the restoration effort.

In NSW, we’ve made great progress removing woody weeds at various sites along the Wingecarribee River with **Wingecarribee Shire Council, NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service, Southern Highlands Landcare Network, Birdlife Southern Highlands** and three private landholders. At our largest site, Wingecarribee Shire Council has transformed a 2-kilometre stretch of the river by clearing a mass of exotic weeds. We planted the first native seedlings of the project there this autumn to begin rebuilding riparian habitat. There’s also been significant work to remove Yellow Flag Iris, a garden escapee that forms dense mats in waterways and is spreading rapidly. And we completed baseline surveys along 16 kilometres of the river (some from a canoe!), so we can monitor progress. Stay tuned, there’s plenty of work still to come to help this important river system.

Further north, at Archerfield Wetlands Parkland in Brisbane, we are helping transform legacy man-made ponds into a more natural system, connected to the Oxley Creek corridor. Led by **Brisbane Sustainability Agency,** the project saw over 43,000 plants installed this financial year, and four planting events got communities involved. At one event, volunteers from our corporate supporters planted more than 3,500 native plants in one day! Nature works fast in Queensland, and it’s rewarding watching the plants reclaim this space.

While each of these projects is unique, all share a common goal: restoring waterways to support thriving ecosystems, and connecting people with nature just beyond their backyard.

Since 2023, Brisbane Sustainability Agency and Greening Australia have been working together on the **Biodiverse Brisbane Initiative**, with a target of planting one million native plants across Brisbane by 2032 — restoring ecosystems, improving water and soil quality, creating shade and connecting green corridors across the suburbs. So far, this target is 15% achieved, at over 151,000 plants installed.



MT BARKER RANGERS DURING PLANTING AT ONE OF THE SITES IN THE GREAT SOUTHERN, WA.

WA

Supporting First Nations Enterprises to Lead Restoration

We worked with **Aboriginal Landcare (ngala boodja), Badgebup Rangers, Impact Services** and **Mt Barker Rangers** to put the finishing touches on 500 hectares of revegetation for biodiversity values at eight sites across Western Australia, funded by the **WA Department of Water and Environmental Regulation**.

To bolster areas that were sparse or needed greater species variety, another 78,000 seedlings were planted this reporting year, with **Nindethana** supplying the seed for 62,000 of these. Previous plantings are establishing well overall and beginning to provide habitat values — for example, at two sites being managed by Aboriginal Landcare (in Canning Vale and Yanchep), some of the three- to four-year-old banksias are flowering and providing seed. Black cockatoo flocks have been sighted at both.

We've had a particular goal of collaborating with First Nations-led organisations and local social enterprises to support job and enterprise development through these projects. For example, as well as working with Impact Services to contract Mt Barker Rangers for plantings this reporting year, we collaborated to build their seed collection capacity for specific species between Mt Barker and Rocky Gully. We're proud that overall, more than 65 people have been employed or received training, and that landcare and ranger groups have gained important experience in seed collection and restoration project management.



PROJECT PARTNERS AT THE MULGRAVE LANDCARE COMMUNITY NURSERY, SEPTEMBER 2025.

QLD

Building the Capacity of Mulgrave Landcare Community Nursery

We've been working with the **Madjandji Aboriginal Corporation** and **Mulgrave Landcare and Catchment Group** to restore eroding riverbanks and improve water quality as part of the **Riparian Restoration Recovery program** since 2024. But did you know that a big part of this project has been supporting the Mulgrave Landcare Community Nursery? Beside the old fire station in Gordonvale, the nursery has been employing staff, hosting volunteers and school groups, and supporting community planting days for the past year, thanks to funding from the **Queensland Government's Natural Resources Recovery program**. The growth of the nursery has boosted production and care for the native seedlings going out to our revegetation sites and has brought tree planting volunteers along too!



THE GREEN TEAM VOLUNTEERS TAKE OUR NURSERY SEEDLINGS OUT INTO NEEDY LANDSCAPES.

ACT

The Community Behind Canberra's Restoration Impact

187 volunteers attended the Canberra nursery in FY26

155K plants propagated by nursery volunteers

Greening Australia's Canberra nursery and co-located **Nindethana** seedbank are important local suppliers for restoration across the ACT and surrounding region. The Greening Australia nursery operations are supported by our committed and skilled volunteers. Well over 1,240 unique volunteers have given their time at the nursery since 2020, propagating, potting on, and pricking out seedlings. The nursery not only supplies seedlings for Greening Australia restoration projects, but also supplies plants to local government, community groups, schools, landholders and — through regular plant sales — to residents who want to support biodiversity.

Beyond the nursery beds, there's also a volunteer-powered **Green Team** that takes the nursery seedlings out into landscapes where they are most needed. For example, over two memorable weeks in May, the Green Team planted 1,000 seedlings across two properties to create new habitat for Glossy Black-Cockatoos, Superb Parrots and other woodland birds. On a third property, 100 student volunteers from **Canberra Grammar School** helped turn a barren paddock into a future Superb Parrot hangout. We've been working with a dedicated teacher to provide students with this annual experience for over 10 years now. All three landholders were extremely grateful. As one put it: "Without your support I'm not sure I would have been able to put any of my ideas into motion."

Greening Australia has a goal of enabling the community to rebuild nature; the Canberra hub is a wonderful example of how the community enables us right back. Truly, that's rebuilding nature together. Thank you to all the volunteers who give time and talents to our organisation.

To get involved, contact:
cbr.nursery@greeningaustralia.org.au

"The major benefits I have gained are a sense of belonging to the community, an opportunity to make new friendships as well as maintaining both my physical and mental wellbeing."

YVONNE, CANBERRA NURSERY VOLUNTEER



DOONSIDE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DURING A COOLING THE SCHOOLS PLANTING SESSION IN OCTOBER 2025.

NSW

150 Schools to Benefit from Expanded Tree Program

A $2.3 million **NSW Government** commitment announced in June 2026 will see Greening Australia delivering its Cooling the Schools program to more than 150 additional schools in NSW over the next four years — and this time, also to schools beyond Greater Sydney.

With support from the NSW Government, since 2020, our Cooling the Schools team has worked with teachers and students to plant more than 70,000 native trees and shrubs across 306 schools in Sydney, involving over 20,000 students and delivering close to 100 cultural education sessions. We are proud of how this program directly connects kids with the landscapes they learn and play in.

Expanding the program to another 150 schools — across the Illawarra-Shoalhaven, Hunter and Central Coast regions and as far north as Newcastle — reflects a simple reality: urban heat is not a Sydney-only issue. We have been hard at work lining up new schools and can't wait to get more students planting trees, shrubs and bush tucker gardens to cool their schoolyards. We've also been looking at ways to increase co-delivery with Aboriginal cultural education providers so that students get the full cultural benefit from these sessions too. Watch this space.

"They're like my little children now, so I want it to thrive...to make sure they're not broken, or damaged."

YEAR 7 STUDENT

Our Proud Partners and Supporters

Investing in What Restores Us

Environmental restoration is one of the few investments that simultaneously helps landscapes, climate, animals and people. Transitioning to a nature-positive future needs all of us working together. Our partners, supporters and customers provide Greening Australia with the resources needed to deliver our vision and mission and undertake the vital work of 'Rebuilding Nature Together'.

Whether they be multinational corporations, Australian businesses, governments, small local businesses, trusts and foundations, or individuals — Greening Australia needs this support to scale our work tackling the challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss. Their investment means together we can achieve greater impact. Here are some key examples of our partners and supporters and the work they support.

AstraZeneca

Since 2020, Greening Australia has planted over 7.6 million trees across 8,800 hectares Australia-wide, supported by **One Tree Planted** and funded by **AstraZeneca**. We have restored native vegetation across 59 diverse sites to tackle biodiversity loss and climate change. In 2026, Greening Australia continued to deliver the program through biodiverse plantings, site maintenance and monitoring to ensure the success of the forest established to date.

CONSCIOUS
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

Conscious Investment Management (CIM) first partnered with Greening Australia in 2024, under a unique financing structure that has so far seen CIM's managed funds finance the restoration of two properties: Nyadinang Najung in NSW and Kulliparu Downs in SA. Both properties were chosen for their potential to connect critical habitat for native species while storing carbon and benefitting local community. Both are registered Environmental Planting carbon projects with 100-year permanence periods, in aggregate aiming to sequester close to 500,000 tonnes of carbon emissions over the next 25 years. Together, these properties represent over 4,000 hectares of land being actively restored and protected. We hope to continue replicating this innovative model in other regions to make a tangible difference to Australian landscapes, backed by CIM's mission-aligned investors.

FLIGHT CENTRE

We've been partnering with social enterprise **Reforest** to deliver trees in Australia for **Flight Centre's 'Planted with Purpose' program**, which has so far funded the planting of over 3 million trees globally, and aims to plant 5 million by 2028. These projects are funded through Flight Centre customers purchasing a 'Captains Pack'. Through this partnership, we have planted with landholders in the Gondwana Link of southwest WA, the semi-arid Victorian Mallee and the rolling green hills of Victoria's Gippsland region, and also worked with local government agencies to restore wetland habitat in south-east Queensland.

Nestlé

In partnership with **One Tree Planted**, Greening Australia and Canopy, the **Nestlé Reforestation Project in Australia** has supported the planting of more than 3.6 million trees since 2022. There are now 27 sites planted by the partnership across New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION FOR OUR GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

Australian, state and local governments are important supporters of Greening Australia's work, contributing a quarter of our total revenue for restoration this reporting year. State governments have been particularly strong allies to us, supporting school programs, wetland restoration, green job programs, carbon projects, knowledge sharing, species recovery and more. It would be a hard task to list all the departments, agencies and initiatives at federal, state and local levels that assisted us in our work — so on behalf of all our teams, we simply say, thank you.

Find out more about partnering with us to create meaningful impact:
greeningaustralia.org.au/our-corporate-partners



Connecting People with Purpose

We offer our partners and supporters the chance to get their hands dirty alongside us by hosting events in (or within driving distance of) a few capital cities each year. We hosted two such events this financial year, where volunteers helped out with activities at our long-running Limeburners Lagoon restoration not far from Melbourne, and with our extensive revegetation work at Archerfield Wetlands Parkland in Brisbane. These highly anticipated events help the organisations supporting the Greening Australia Group to get a look behind the scenes and understand what restoration involves on a very practical level. For some attendees, this is their first time planting or installing a tree guard, and they get to do it alongside people who have been working in environmental restoration for years with lots of stories to share. Many attendees tell us that they gain a sense of satisfaction and purpose from the day, and a greater connection to restoring nature.

OUR CORPORATE PARTNERS CAN GET THEIR HANDS DIRTY ALONGSIDE US AT DEDICATED EVENTS EACH YEAR, LIKE THIS ONE IN BRISBANE'S ARCHERFIELD WETLANDS. PHOTO: WILDROSE MEDIA.



As part of the **Melbourne Stars** cricket club's Team Green sustainability program, the club partnered with Intrepid Travel's not-for-profit arm **The Intrepid Foundation** and Greening Australia to run a **'Boundaries4Bushlands'** promotion throughout their 2025–26 summer of cricket. Every run scored at home games by the Stars' WBBL and BBL teams directly contributed to native tree planting. The funds raised are being directed towards restoring vital native bushland across Victoria, including in the Strzelecki Ranges in Gippsland, an important habitat for the rare and at-risk Strzelecki Koala.

OUR PROJECT WITH NRM NORTH AT CONNORVILLE IN TASMANIA'S MIDLANDS RECEIVED PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT FROM THE INTREPID FOUNDATION. PHOTO: NRM NORTH.



With Thanks, From Nature

Every philanthropic gift to Greening Australia, large or small, makes such a difference. A heartfelt thank you to all those who have supported our work in some way over the last financial year. We are rebuilding nature together, and leaving a long-term legacy in the effort to tackle both biodiversity loss and climate change.

A special shout out to the following companies, trusts, foundations and individuals that contributed significant support to our organisation over the past financial year.

Corporates

Abergeldie Complex Infrastructure
ACCO Brands Australia
Alcoa Foundation
Boeing Australia
Bonneville Environmental Foundation
Brickworks
Caterpillar Foundation
Century Yuasa
Country Road Climate Fund
Downer Group & Staff Giving
Earth by Wanderer BCF (Boating, Camping & Fishing)
Explore! Worldwide
Good2Give
Hesperia Property
Horizon Bank
Ian Patrick & Associates
i=Change & Partners
Intrepid Travel
Keune Haircosmetics
Lockheed Martin
Officeworks
Spotless & Staff Giving
Sukin Australia
Turrisi Properties
WOMADelaide Foundation

Trusts, Foundations and Individuals

Australian Philanthropic Services
Henry Foster
Hook Williams Foundation
Hull Family Charitable Fund
Jaramas Foundation
NAB Foundation
Peter Lemon
Perpetual Philanthropic Services
Prior Family Foundation
The Ian Potter Foundation
The Intrepid Foundation
The Simpson Foundation
The Wood Foundation

Inspired to rebuild nature with us? Your support can make all the difference.

Donate as a business:
greeningaustralia.org.au/business-donation

Donate as an individual:
greeningaustralia.org.au/donate

Greening Australia was established in 1982, the International Year of the Tree, in response to the serious impacts of tree decline on agriculture and the environment across Australia. Today, we are a proudly independent national not for-profit committed to restoring Australia's diverse landscapes and protecting biodiversity in ways that benefit communities, economies, and nature.

Together with our subsidiary companies — Canopy, Nindethana and SeedX — we are dedicated to solving complex environmental problems by delivering end-to-end, high-integrity restoration at scale.

The Year in Review is an annual reflection on our achievements and impact towards creating healthy, productive landscapes where people and nature can thrive.

Get Involved with Greening Australia

Join our mailing list to get our regular updates

Become a member to join us every step of the way

Become a partner and help us create meaningful impact for people and nature

Register your interest in working with us on your land

Donate to support our work restoring Australian landscapes

Connect with us on social media

Contact Us

Greening Australia (National Office)
Wurundjeri Country
Level 3, 349 Collins Street
Melbourne VIC 3000

1300 886 589

greeningaustralia.org.au/contact

canopy.org.au/contact-us

nindethana.net.au/contact

seedx.au/#contact

Greening Australia

ABN 40 002 963 788
GREENING AUSTRALIA IS A DEDUCTIBLE GIFT RECIPIENT (CATEGORY 1).
DONATIONS OF $2 AND ABOVE ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

PUBLISHED NOVEMBER 2026

