



**CONSERVATION
COUNCIL**

ACT REGION

Executive Director's Annual Report 2019-2020

Conservation Council ACT Region

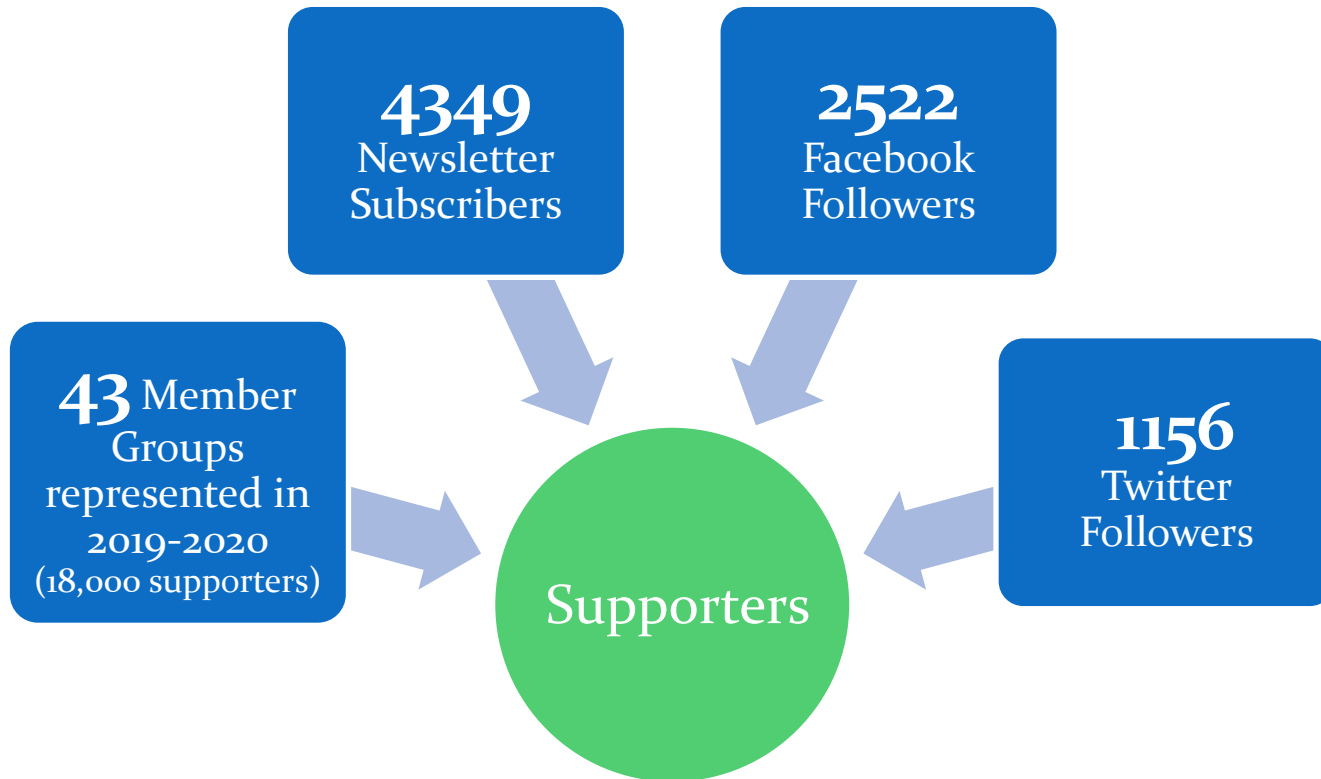
- peak non-government environment organisation for the Canberra Region;
- the community's voice for the environment in the Canberra region since 1981;
- a mission to achieve an ecologically sustainable and zero net carbon society through advocacy, education, research and engagement with community, the private sector and with Government;
- harnesses the collective expertise and experience of its member groups and networks;
- works collaboratively with Government, business and the community to achieve the highest quality environment for Canberra and its region; and
- in 2019-2020 we represented 43 member groups.

Member Groups

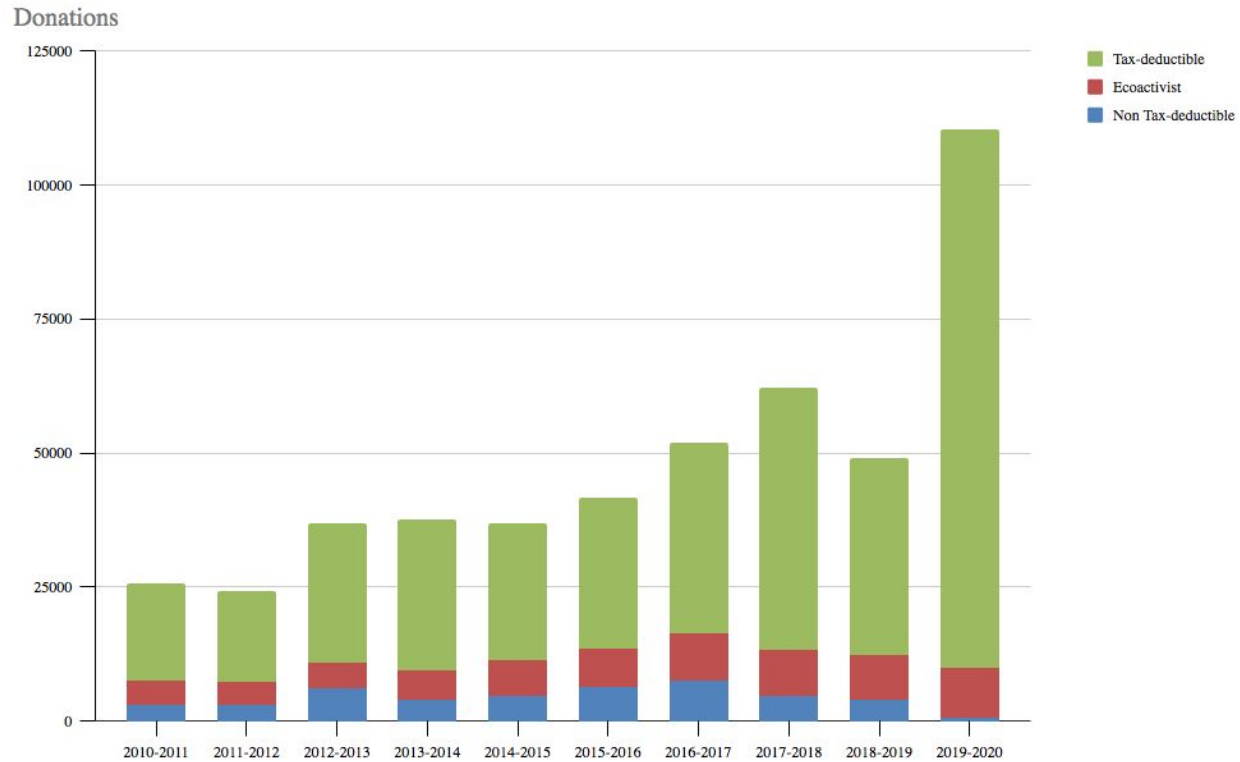
43 financial member groups in 2019-2020

- 350.org Canberra
- ACF Community Canberra
- ACT for Bees
- ACT Herpetological Association
- Australian Association for Environmental Education ACT Chapter
- Australian Electric Vehicle Association, ACT Branch
- Australian Native Plants Society Canberra Region Inc
- Australian Network for Plant Conservation
- Beyond Zero Emissions
- Canberra Bushwalking Club
- Canberra Environment Centre
- Canberra Indian Myna Action Group
- Canberra Ornithologists Group
- Climate Action Canberra
- CPR Inc
- Extinction Rebellion ACT
- Field Naturalists Association of Canberra Inc.
- Food Cooperative Shop Ltd
- Friends of Aranda Bushland
- Friends of Black Mountain
- Friends of Grasslands
- Friends of Jerrabomberra Wetlands
- Friends of the National Arboretum Canberra
- Ginninderra Catchment Group
- Ginninderra Falls Association
- Invasive Species Council Inc
- Kosciuszko Huts Association
- Kosciuszko to Coast
- Living Streets Canberra
- Molonglo Conservation Group
- Mt Taylor Parkcare Group
- National Parks Association of the ACT
- Pedal Power
- Public Transport Association of Canberra
- Red Hill Bush Regeneration Group
- School Strike for Climate
- SEE-Change
- Slow Food Canberra (Canberra Capital and Country Convivium)
- SolarShare Community Energy Ltd
- Southern ACT Catchment Group Inc
- Southern Tablelands Ecosystems Park Inc
- Sustainable Population Australia, ACT Branch
- Upper Murrumbidgee Catchment Network
- Woodlands and Wetlands Trust

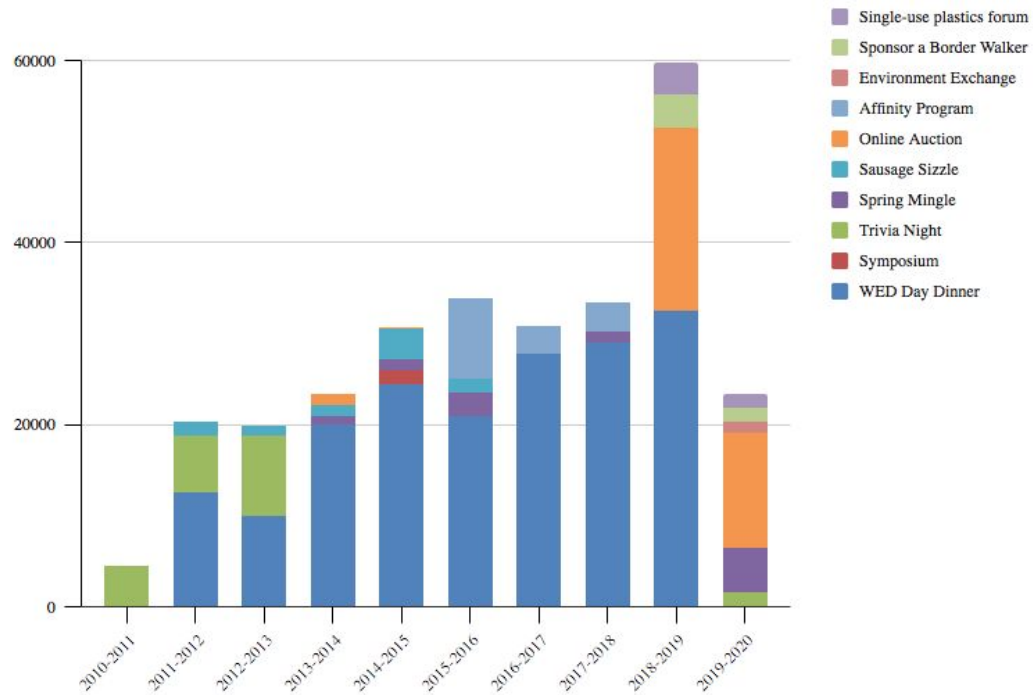
Supporters snapshot



Fundraising- donations

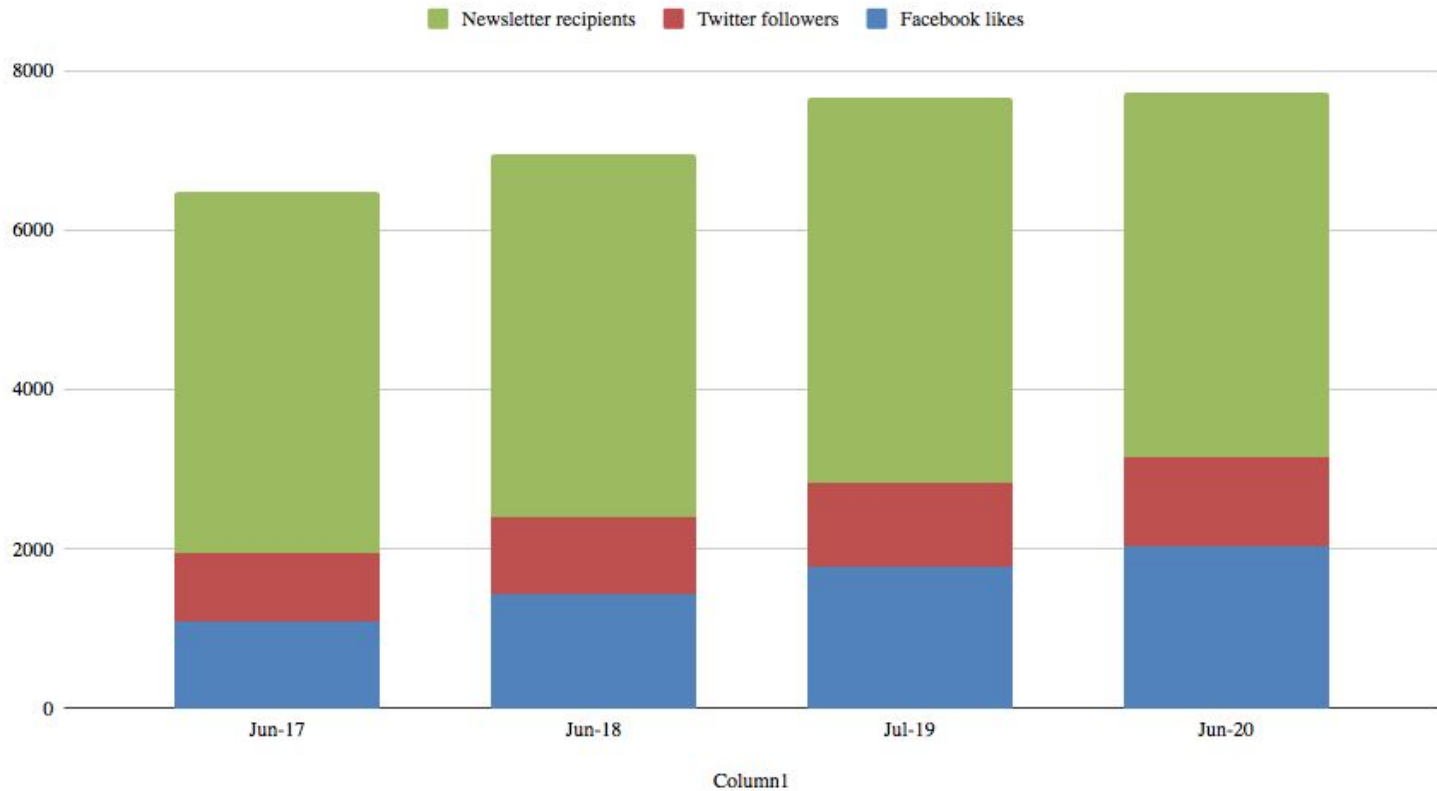


Fundraising- Events



Communications

Facebook likes, Twitter followers and Newsletter recipients



The Conservation Council was in the media on the following topics:

- Global Overshoot Day
- Active Travel Petition
- EEIS, Insulation and Renters
- Human impact on earth
- Single Use Plastics Forum
- Climate change Strategy
- Red gum woodland tree breeding
- Molonglo development review
- Tree Protection Act Review
- Car Free Day
- Environment Award winners
- Coombs Peninsula
- Gas Petition
- Gas rollout to new suburbs
- DV on gas in new suburbs
- Single use plastics and keep cups in COVID
- EPBC and Morrison
- Auction and School Strike contribution

Policy work & events

- **Environment Exchanges:**

- September 2019 Business of Single Use Plastics
- November 2019 Kosciusko Horses
- April 2020 Fire Recovery in Namadgi
- 5 April 2020 Getting off Gas in the ACT - for Lock the Gate
- 30 June 2020 Active Travel in the ACT

Policy work & events

- **Submissions**

- Phasing out Single Use Plastics Discussion Paper
- 2020-2021 ACT Budget Submission
- Draft Sustainable Energy Policy 2020-2025
- Canberra Nature Park Draft Reserve Management Plan
- Review of the Tree Protection Act
- Red Hill Integrated Plan
- DV 373 to Territory Plan - Gas Mandate
- Federal EPBC Act Review
- EVOenergy Draft Gas Network 21 (GN21)
- Acton Waterfront - Phase 2 Boardwalk and Land Reclamation
- DV 369 to Territory Plan - Living Infrastructure

Policy work & events

- **Partnership work:**
 - EPBC Review - work with ACF and Places You Love Alliance.
 - Energy Policy Consortium with ACTCOSS, Better Renting and CARE Financial
 - Plastics Reduction Taskforce
- **Internal policy development process:**
 - Number of policy working group meetings across areas of climate change, transport, waste, planning, water and biodiversity (including Biodiversity Working Group).
 - 20 hours of online policy meeting with member groups and the Board.
 - (Launch of ACT 2020 Election Priorities was in August 2020)

Community Zero Emissions - Make the Switch

CZE Round 3 - Make the Switch
Project - \$25,000 grant

Website finalised & launched
in September 2020

Workshops / events to come
to finalise grant

www.maketheswitch.org.au

Make the
Switch

About this project

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Why switch?

How to switch

Calculate the switch

**Make the switch to save
on your household bills.**

By switching your heating, hot water and cooking from gas to electricity, you can eliminate your gas bill and save your family hundreds of dollars every year. Find out how you can start saving!

How to save money



Stakeholder Meetings

Over 200 meetings with stakeholders, including:

- 43 meeting with Government officials
- 122 external stakeholders including Members of the Legislative Assembly
- 41 meeting with member group representatives

Community Events

Presentations, speeches and stalls:

July 2019	Climate Change - Probus Club
July 2019	Renewables Forum - stall
July 2019	Volunteer Forum - stall
Aug 2019	Keynote speaker at EIANZ National Offsets Conference
Sep 2019	Zero Waste Revolution Festival
Sep 2019	ACTSmart Business Expo
Nov 2019	Southfest - stall
Feb 2020	O week ANU - Environment Issues in the ACT