

# **Australian Wildlife Society**

**Conserving Australia's Wildlife  
since 1909**

**INFORMATION  
SESSION  
2020**

# Welcome!



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# Purpose

- Are you interested in becoming a member of the Society?
- Do you want to know more about who we are and what we do?
- What are the benefits of membership?



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# About the Society

## Who we are

Australian Wildlife Society (AWS), founded in 1909, is a national not-for-profit wildlife conservation organisation.

## Mission

To conserve Australia's wildlife (flora and fauna) through national environmental education, political lobbying, advocacy, hands-on conservation work and involvement of the community.



# About the Society

## History

- The Swedish Consul-General for Australia, Count Birger Mörner, organised a preliminary discussion on the formation of a new preservation body in the Consulate on 11 May 1909.
- The Hon. F E Winchcombe MLC was the first president of the Society (*image on the right*).
- The Society pioneered the recognition of the need for legal protection for Australia's flora and fauna.



# About the Society



## AWS:

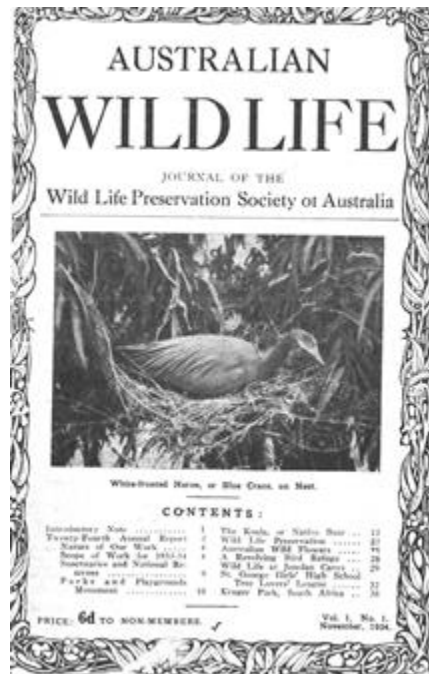
- Is a registered company limited by guarantee with ACNC.
- Holds regular monthly meetings.
- Is funded through membership fees, sponsorship, partnerships and donations.
- Is managed by an elected board of ten volunteer directors (*image at the top*).



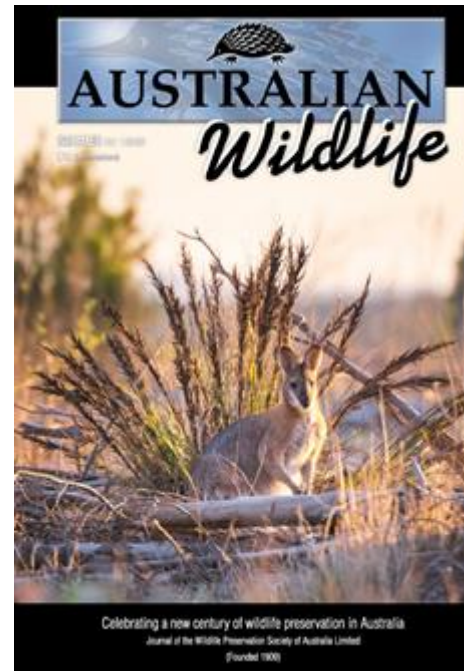


# AWS Projects

The *Australian Wildlife* magazine is the flagship of the Society. We also distribute a monthly e-newsletter.



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# AWS Projects

The Society offers four prestigious awards:

- Serventy Conservation Award
- Wildlife Rehabilitation Award
- Community Wildlife Conservation Award
- Youth Conservation Award



# AWS Projects

The Society offers three types of grants:

- University Research Grants
- University Scholarships
- Conservation Group Grants

## Australian Wildlife Society University Research Grants

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

The Australian Wildlife Society University Research Grants are scholarships offered to honours or postgraduate students at Australian universities. Each year, ten \$1,500 grants are awarded. **Applicants must be a member of the Society**, student membership is free and you can join through our website [www.aws.org.au](http://www.aws.org.au). Please send a copy of your student ID to [info@aws.org.au](mailto:info@aws.org.au)

Grants are available for research projects of direct relevance to the conservation of Australian wildlife - plant or animal. Grants may be used for the purchase of equipment and consumables, travel expenses related to field research, or attendance at conferences at which you are presenting your work. The grant is paid directly to the student.

### PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION FOR A GRANT

Applications should be a maximum of 3-4 pages (12 point font), including a brief CV and should be set out under the headings below (a reference list is not required).

#### APPLICATIONS EXCEEDING FOUR PAGES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

**Introduction:** Briefly introduce the background to your research topic, specify the project's aims, and outline its importance to the conservation of wildlife.

**Methods:** Briefly outline your proposed methodology. We require only sufficient detail to demonstrate that your aims are achievable. Remember that the assessors may not be familiar with your field of research. You must also indicate that you have obtained (or at least applied for) any relevant research licences, permits or approvals (including animal ethics).

**Schedule:** Outline a proposed timeframe for the completion of your project, listing major milestones, including the submission of a final report to the AWS.

**Budget:** Itemise the expenses involved in conducting your research. Any funds already secured from other sources must also be declared. (This will not reduce your chances of success, provided there are necessary items in your budget that are not yet funded).

**Brief CV:** The final page of your application should consist of a short CV, which should demonstrate your ability to produce results of a high standard within a limited timeframe. Also include the details of two referees who can comment on the proposed project, one of whom should be your academic supervisor. A current postal address is to be provided.

Please prepare your application as a single 'Word' document, and submit it as an email attachment to [info@aws.org.au](mailto:info@aws.org.au). For convenience, it would be helpful to name your file according to the format: 'Your Name AWS Grant Year', e.g. 'Joe Bloggs AWS Grant 2020'.

**CLOSING DATE: APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 31ST MAY EACH YEAR.  
APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MAIL IN JULY.**

### CONDITIONS OF SPONSORSHIP

Recipients of Australian Wildlife Society grants will be requested to acknowledge the Society's contribution in all publications and presentations arising from their project. In addition, recipients will be required to submit a brief report on their project to the Society for use in the Society's magazine, *Australian Wildlife*.



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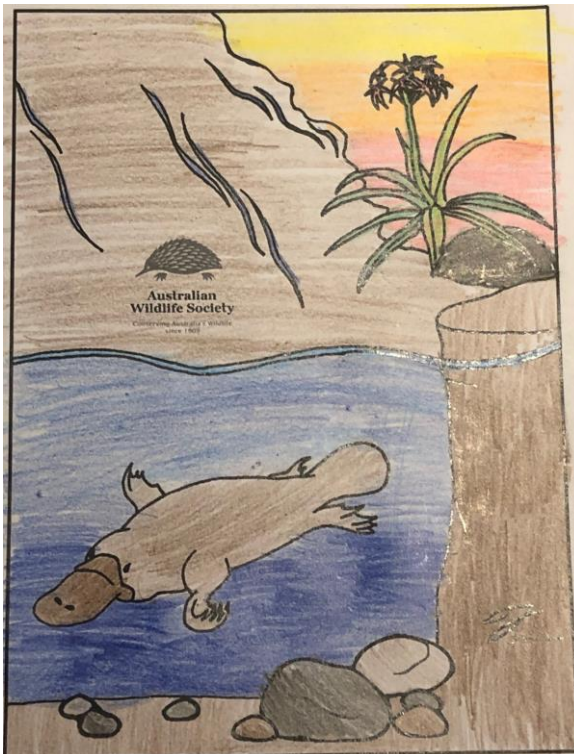
## Threatened Wildlife Photographic Competition



Did you know: the platypus is a monotreme and was listed as 'near-threatened' in 2016 (IUCN Red List 2019).

# AWS Projects

## Colouring-in competition



Name:..... Phone/Email:.....  
State of residence:..... Parents signature:.....





# AWS Projects

## NSW Platypus and Turtle Alliance



Secret Creek Sanctuary



Australian Platypus Conservancy



VICTORIAN ALLIANCE FOR PLATYPUS  
SAFE YABBY TRAPS



Nature Conservation Council  
The voice for nature in NSW



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Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW

Promoting sustainable fishing

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In 2019, the Society accepted a significant sponsorship from Ferrero Australia to help save endangered wildlife.





# AWS Projects

## AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE WEEK

5th - 11th October 2020



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# AWS Projects

The Society's newly established student blog page provides students with the opportunity to publish and promote their work.

## Wildlife Conservation from Students for Students...

Hello and welcome! This Blog is dedicated to students, honours, postgraduate and early career professionals, who are Members' of the Australian Wildlife Society, studying and working in the field of wildlife conservation (flora or fauna). We aim to provide students with the opportunity to publish and promote their work whilst providing new and interesting perspectives for the broader AWS community. Alternate formats such as podcasts and vlogs are also welcome. We are proud to support our student members' and value your contribution to this Blog.



# AWS Projects

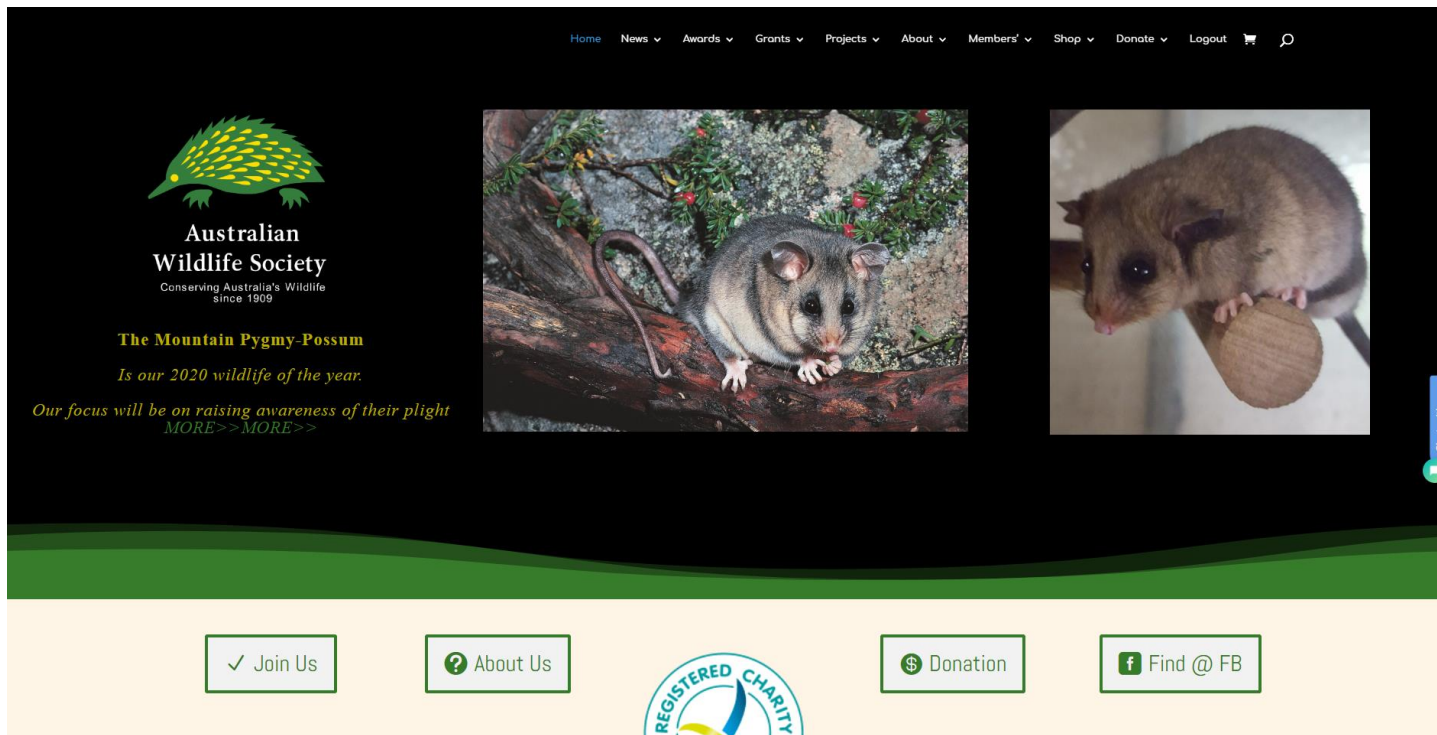
The Society is active on four social media platforms.

We welcome you to join us.



# AWS Projects

The Society constantly updates its website to accurately reflect the work of the Society.



# AWS Membership

The Society offers a variety of membership options, as below.

The Society introduced FREE membership for students in 2019.

You can help preserve Australia's precious wildlife by becoming a member of the Society.



## Membership category (please tick)

- ☐ Student: \$0 (Conditions apply)
- ☐ Individual: \$55
- ☐ Family: \$70
- ☐ Concession (pensioner/student/child): \$50
- ☐ E-mag (emailed as PDF, no hardcopy will be sent): \$30
- ☐ Associate (library, school, conservation groups): \$85
- ☐ Corporate: \$125
- ☐ Life: \$2,000

(Includes postage within Australia. Add \$40 for overseas postage)

## Three year membership (please tick)

- ☐ Individual: \$150
- ☐ Family: \$190
- ☐ Concession (pensioner/student/child): \$135
- ☐ E-mag (emailed as PDF, no hardcopy will be sent): \$81
- ☐ Associate (library, school, conservation groups): \$230
- ☐ Corporate: \$340

(Includes postage within Australia. Add \$60 for overseas postage)

# AWS Membership

Why become a member of the Society:

- Is wildlife conservation a core passion for you?
- Personal satisfaction - knowing that you are contributing to the conservation of Australia's wildlife.
- To feel valued, fulfilled and rewarded - knowing that you have taken action to make a positive change.
- We are possibly the oldest wildlife conservation Society in Australia and the world.
- Your support is invaluable to us.



# AWS Membership

There are many other benefits of membership...



## Magazine

Receive the quarterly issue of *Australian Wildlife* via email and/or post. Keep up-to-date with the collective work being promoted nationally by the Society.



## E-Newsletter

Receive the monthly **newsletter** via email. Keep up-to-date with news from our members and on the work of AWS. You can also become actively involved in the newsletter by sending photos and written articles for inclusion in the newsletter.



## AWS Portal

Access to the **Members' Resource Centre** which will provides you with current information, resources and wildlife photographs.



## Social Media

Be part of and receive the opportunity to **contribute to our social media platforms:** Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, YouTube channel and our Website.



## Right to vote

You have the **right to vote** on important matters at company general meetings (financial members only).



## Other Benefits

**Awards** and **Scholarships**, the opportunity to **network** with others in the field and attend AWS events at **members' rates**.

# AWS Membership

Payment options:

- We invite you to join/renew directly with the Society.
  - Over the phone via credit card;
  - Via electronic funds transfer;
  - Send a cheque or money order via post;
  - Complete a membership form and post it to the Society.





# Recap

## Overview

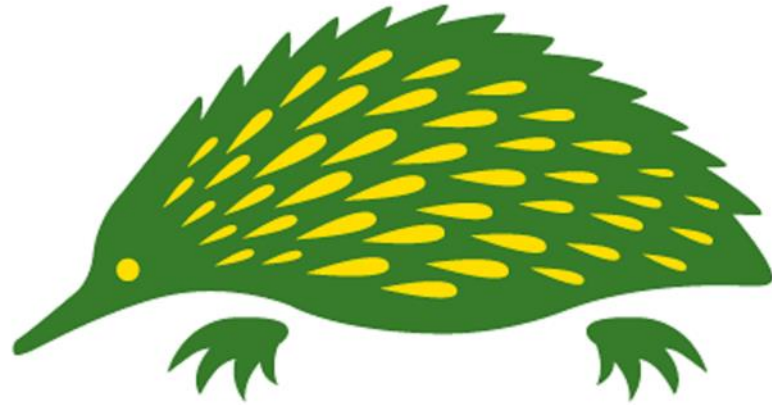
- Our mission is to conserve Australia's wildlife (flora and fauna).
- To conserve Australia's wildlife, we are dedicated and have many projects in place to help us achieve our mission.

## Membership

- You can also help preserve Australia's precious wildlife by becoming a member of the Society.
- The Society offers a variety of membership options and there are many benefits to becoming a member of the Society.



# 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Video



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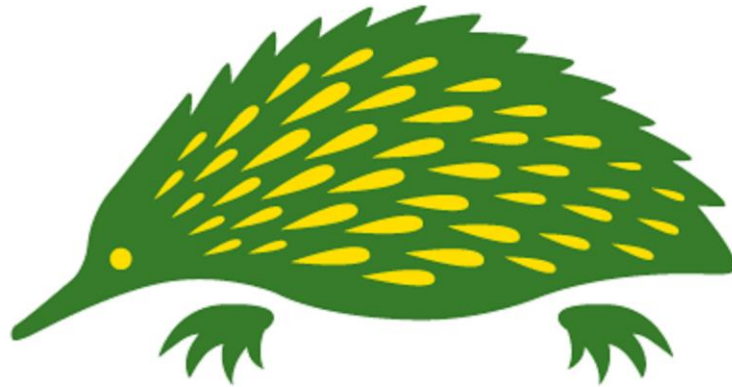
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# Contact details and links



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- Facebook: <https://bit.ly/AWSFBpage>
- Instagram: <https://bit.ly/AWSInstapage>
- YouTube: <https://bit.ly/AWSYouTube>
- Become a member: <https://www.aws.org.au/membership/>



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