

# 2023 University Research Grant Winners

The Australian Wildlife Society's University Research Grants are offered to honours or postgraduate students at Australian universities conducting research that contributes to the conservation of Australian wildlife (flora or fauna). Ten grants are awarded each year: one \$5,000 scholarship and nine \$3,000 grants.

The Society is proud to have awarded our very first Dr Clive Williams OAM Memorial Wildlife Conservation Scholarship in honour of former Director Dr Clive Williams. The scholarship is awarded to the highest-ranked applicant of all our University Research Grants.

Grants may be used to purchase equipment and consumables, travel expenses related to field research, or attend a conference where the student presents their research.

## The Australian Wildlife Society is delighted to announce the winners for 2023:

### **JACK BILBY (Dr Clive Williams OAM Memorial Wildlife Conservation Scholarship Recipient)**

School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of New South Wales.

**Project Title:** Beating the Heat: How do Bandicoots Respond to Extreme Heat in Burnt and Unburnt Habitat?

### **ANNE IBBOTSON**

School of Biomedical Sciences and Pharmacy, The University of Newcastle.

**Project Title:** The Potential for Stress and Reproductive Hormones to Inform Conservation Decisions for Endangered Amphibians.

### **HANNAH GERKE**

Fenner School of Environment and Society, The Australian National University.

**Project Title:** Measuring Movement Behaviour and Personality of Eastern Brown Snakes in Urban Areas: Snaking our Way Towards Successful Conflict-Driven Translocation.

### **HOLLY FARNAN**

Centre for Tropical Environmental and Sustainability Science, James Cook University.

**Project Title:** Investigating the Effects of Insecticide Exposure and Pathogens on Bee Diversity, Abundance, and Health.

### **NATALIE GRASSI**

School of Environmental and Conservation Sciences, Murdoch University.

**Project Title:** Faunal Assemblages and Ecology at Conservation Connectivity Areas Within a Fragmented Agricultural Landscape.

### **NATARSHA MCPHERSON**

School of Biological Sciences, The University of Adelaide.

**Project Title:** Distribution and Density of the Southern Hairy-Nosed Wombat (*Lasiorchinus latifrons*) under the Influence of Future Climate Change and Invasive Rabbit Competition.

### **OCEANE ATTLAN**

School of Biological Sciences, The University of Western Australia.

**Project Title:** Temperate Marine Ecosystems under Tropicalisation: An Insight of Species Reshuffling and Ecological Function Changes along the Western Australia Coastline.

### **OLIVIA JOHNSON**

Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies, University of Tasmania.

**Project Title:** Safeguarding Threatened Reef Species.

### **PAULA RUIZ**

Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies, University of Tasmania.

**Project Title:** Mechanisms of Stability for Degraded 'Turf-Dominated' Reef States.

### **RAQUEL PARKER**

School of Life and Environmental Sciences, The University of Sydney.

**Project Title:** Using Carcasses to Investigate Ecosystem Processes in Feral Predator-Free Fenced Areas, NSW.