

Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board Annual highlights 2020-2021



Land



1750kg
Pindone-treated
carrots distributed



626
property visits

Advice provided
to **>2400**
landholders



Removed
333 feral deer
532 goats
806 kangaroos



Resilient agriculture

Improved capacity of primary producers through:

60 soil tests, **67** participants at field days

43 soil workshop participants

19 participants in Bushfire Recovery and Land Management Course

13 Biodiversity Action Plans with vignerons

71 collaborations with agriculture and industry groups



Hills and Fleurieu Offices



Community projects



Land projects



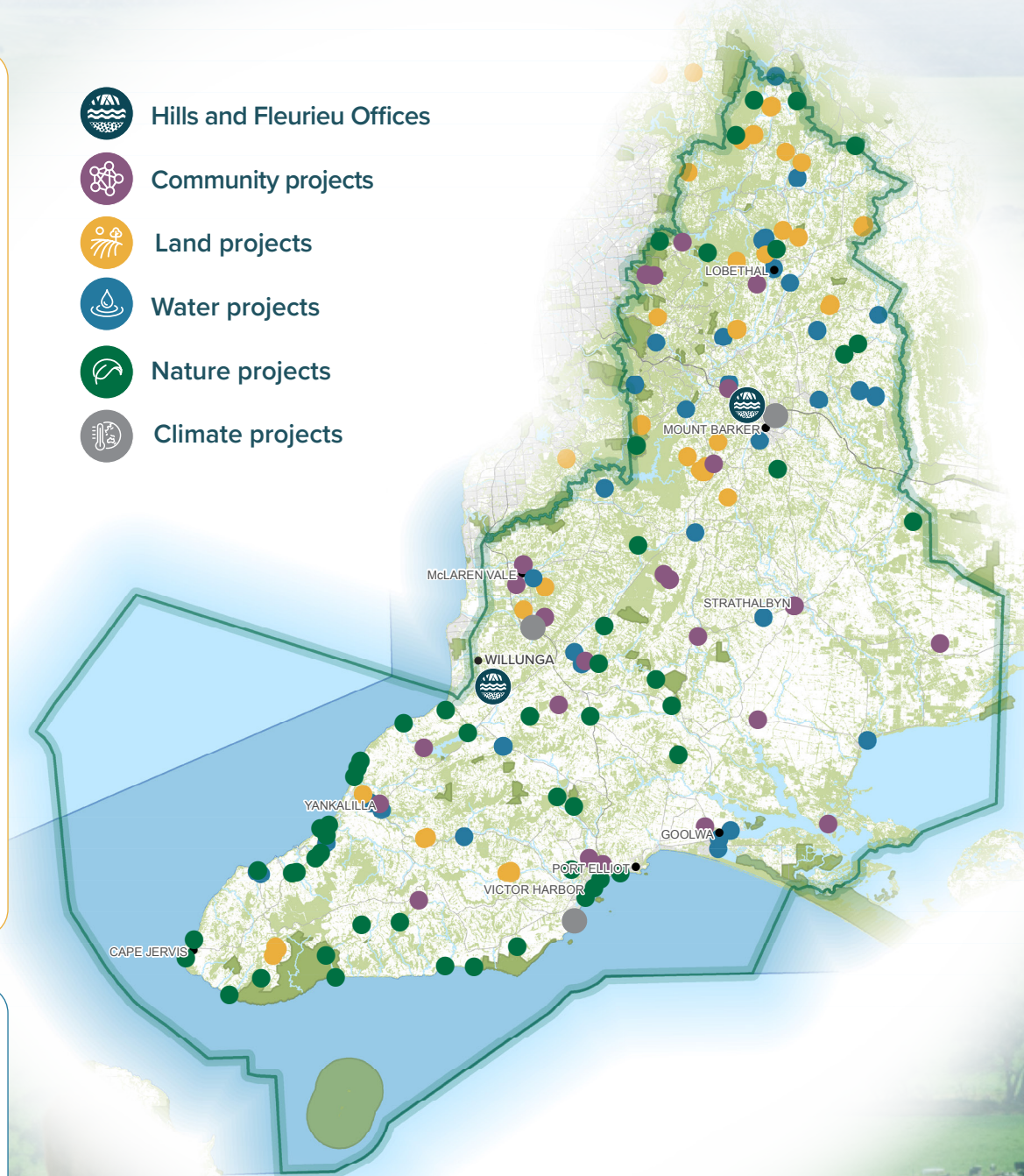
Water projects



Nature projects



Climate projects



Nature



>175,000 tubestock planted + **27kg**
seed directly sown at Deep Creek, Newland Head
and Stipiturus conservation parks for threatened birds

64 volunteers

supporting
hooded plovers'
nest protection
and awareness-raising



15 threatened
flora species have
an established
breeding program



270 cattle guards installed to trial
protection of paddock trees + **2938**
paddock trees planted to provide habitat
for declining woodland birds

Water



Advice provided to
>300 landholders
for Water Affecting
Activities (WAA)



26 WAA
permits
issued

20 stakeholders/
groups engaged in
McLaren Vale Water
Security Planning



21 compliance
investigations
conducted for WAA



WAA permit forms improved,
Assessment Database developed,
and water monitoring conducted



Climate

57 participants
in Climate Smart
Farming Forum



Collaboration with Resilient Hills and
Coasts, Southern Hills LGA, councils, KI
Landscape Board and RDA
Adelaide Hills Fleurieu and
KI



Community



269 Bushfire Recovery Grants to landholders
affected by the Cudlee Creek fire + **28**
Grassroots Grants to individuals and groups

>500
community
members and
stakeholders
engaged in
landscape planning



>11,000 Facebook
followers + 10% increase in
followers in 12 months



Planning
and working
together with
First Nations



71 volunteer
groups
supported and
celebrated

Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board

In its first year of operation the board has worked hard to ensure the region's landscapes and natural resources are managed sustainably.

The board sees itself as a regional facilitator, catalyst and partnership builder. This role involves supporting and aligning the landscape management work being done, fostering local capacity, championing innovation and helping share knowledge between stakeholders.

The board has seven members who are local community representatives, and are assisted by 40 hard-working staff.

Board Members: Andy Lowe, Drew Smith, Chris West, Amy Williams, David Greenhough (Chair), Carol Schofield, Janet Klein.



A new vision and plan

This year, the board was responsible for the important task of preparing a **5-year Landscape Plan** to guide the stewardship and restoration of the region's landscapes. The region faces significant challenges that are set out in the plan.

The board worked hard to integrate the passion, aspirations and ideas of our community into the plan, and to set a bold vision for the region.

We hope the plan will help align everyone's efforts and build stronger partnerships to achieve the plan's priorities.

A heartfelt thanks to the over 500 people who contributed their ideas during the planning process. We look forward to implementing the plan with you over the next five years.



Key funding partnerships

Regional Land Partnerships - Australian Government

The board is proud to partner with the Australian Government to deliver outcomes for the National Landcare Regional Land Partnerships (RLP) program. This year, the board delivered Core Services, such as communications, regional planning, First Nations partnering and the Regional Agricultural Landcare Facilitator, and four projects: Healthy Soils Healthy Landscapes, Back from the Brink, Threatened Orchids Recovery, and Bushfire Recovery for Threatened Species.

\$2.02m

Bushfire Recovery - State and Australian Government

The board and Department of Primary Industries and Regions partnered to deliver the Building Back Better Agriculture and Land Management – Cudlee Creek Bushfire project. Co-funded by the South Australian and Australian Governments through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, this project is working to support:

\$0.47m

- Cudlee Creek land managers in fire recovery through soil, watercourse, and pest plant and animal management activities
- Economic recovery through engagement of local contractors and consultants
- Land managers building and maintaining disaster resilience and preparedness.

The Woodland Birds Resilience project builds on a long-term partnership with Trees for Life, delivering the Paddock Tree Project in the eastern Mt Lofty Ranges. With support from the Australian and South Australian governments, the project has worked this year with producers to improve the resilience of woodland bird populations by planting and protecting scattered native trees on grazing properties in the Cudlee Creek fire scar. Working closely with DEW, a fire planning tool is also being developed to help prioritise locations for prescribed burning to improve habitat quality for key threatened bird species.

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Your levies at work

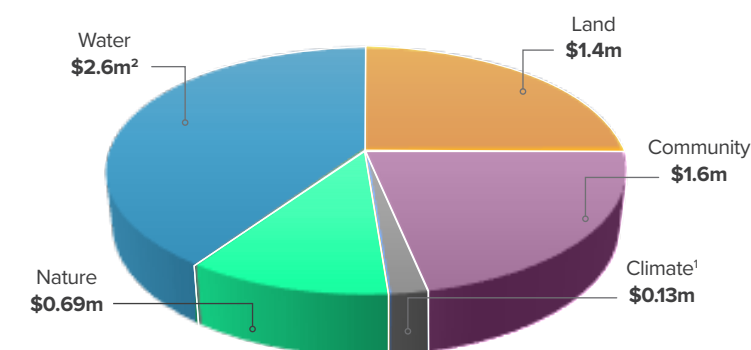
Under the Landscape South Australia Act 2019, the board raises a **landscape levy** and a **water levy** to deliver its obligations and support landholders, industry, and the community to manage our region's landscapes.

The board's **Annual Business Plan** sets out the programs that are invested in by the board. The levies also enable the board to attract additional funding and support to increase the amount of work achieved in our region.

In 2020-2021, key programs for levy spend included:

- supporting landholders to adopt sustainable land management practices (soils, pests, water, biodiversity)
- collaborating to manage emerging weeds, pests and impact-causing native species
- water allocation planning and implementation to support sustainable use of water resources
- involving First Nations, community groups, volunteers and landholders in restoration of landscapes.

2020-2021 Levy investment in 5 priorities



¹ The Business Plan 2020-21 included a targeted project supporting climate resilient agriculture; other climate-adaptation work, including water security planning and regenerative agriculture, are embedded in the budgets of other priorities.

² This includes \$1,404,000 as a contribution towards State water planning and management costs, including water licensing, water monitoring, compliance activities and policy advice to support the management of water resources.

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