CONSERVATION PARTNERS

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Conservation Partners receives $5.33 million Wright Burt Foundation gift to expand science-led threatened species recovery

The untied gift will let Conservation Partners protect threatened species and their habitats at more locations, as the first step in its ten-year strategy.

Conservation Partners is excited to announce today a significant philanthropic gift of $5.33 million from the Wright Burt Foundation, part of the Foundation's $120 million commitment to conservation efforts across Australia.

The gift will be received in full before the end of 2026 and is not tied to specific programs. That certainty and flexibility will allow Conservation Partners to scale up our proven, science-led work and direct resources where they will have the greatest conservation benefit.

Conservation Partners works with landholders and land managers to protect threatened species while supporting sustainable agriculture. Its practical, evidence-based approach includes habitat restoration, fire management, feral predator control, conservation grazing and acoustic monitoring, currently delivered across Queensland and Victoria. The gift will help the organisation expand its work to new species and landscapes.

The gift will support Conservation Partners to:

- **Enhance our practical work to save threatened species,** building on recovery programs for the Golden-shouldered Parrot at Artemis Station, the Carpentarian Grasswren at Chidna Station, the Night Parrot in Western Queensland, and the Plains Wanderer at Patho Plains in Victoria;
- **Build a larger portfolio of projects,** taking its proven model to additional threatened species and priority landscapes;
- **Bring important habitat into long-term conservation management,** in partnership with landholders create pathways to permanent conservation management in the landscapes we work;
- **Strengthen the science and organisation behind the work,** including investment in research and innovation, and in the people and financial resilience needed to deliver conservation over the long term.

Wright Burt Foundation Director and co-founder Julian Burt said: "Conservation Partners' relentless efforts to revive the Golden Shouldered Parrot are simply admirable."

Conservation Partners CEO Rich Faulkner said: "This gift is a vote of confidence in our science-led, practical conservation, and it comes at a time when Australia's threatened species need more action on the ground. It gives us the certainty to plan over the long term, take on more projects and do the work that threatened species depend on. We are enormously grateful to the Wright Burt Foundation, and we will hold ourselves accountable for turning this generosity into measurable outcomes."

Conservation Partners Co-founder and Chief Conservation Scientist Steve Murphy said: "All of our work is guided by scientific evidence. This new support from the Wright Burt Foundation will allow us to strengthen our current science program, and invest in innovative ways to tackle some of Australia's most serious ecological threats while tracking our results with robust data."

The gift forms part of the Wright Burt Foundation's announcement of more than $120 million in gifts to ten Australian conservation organisations.

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About Conservation Partners Conservation Partners is a national, tenure-blind conservation charity (ACNC-registered, DGR-endorsed) delivering science-led threatened species programs on private and pastoral land.

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