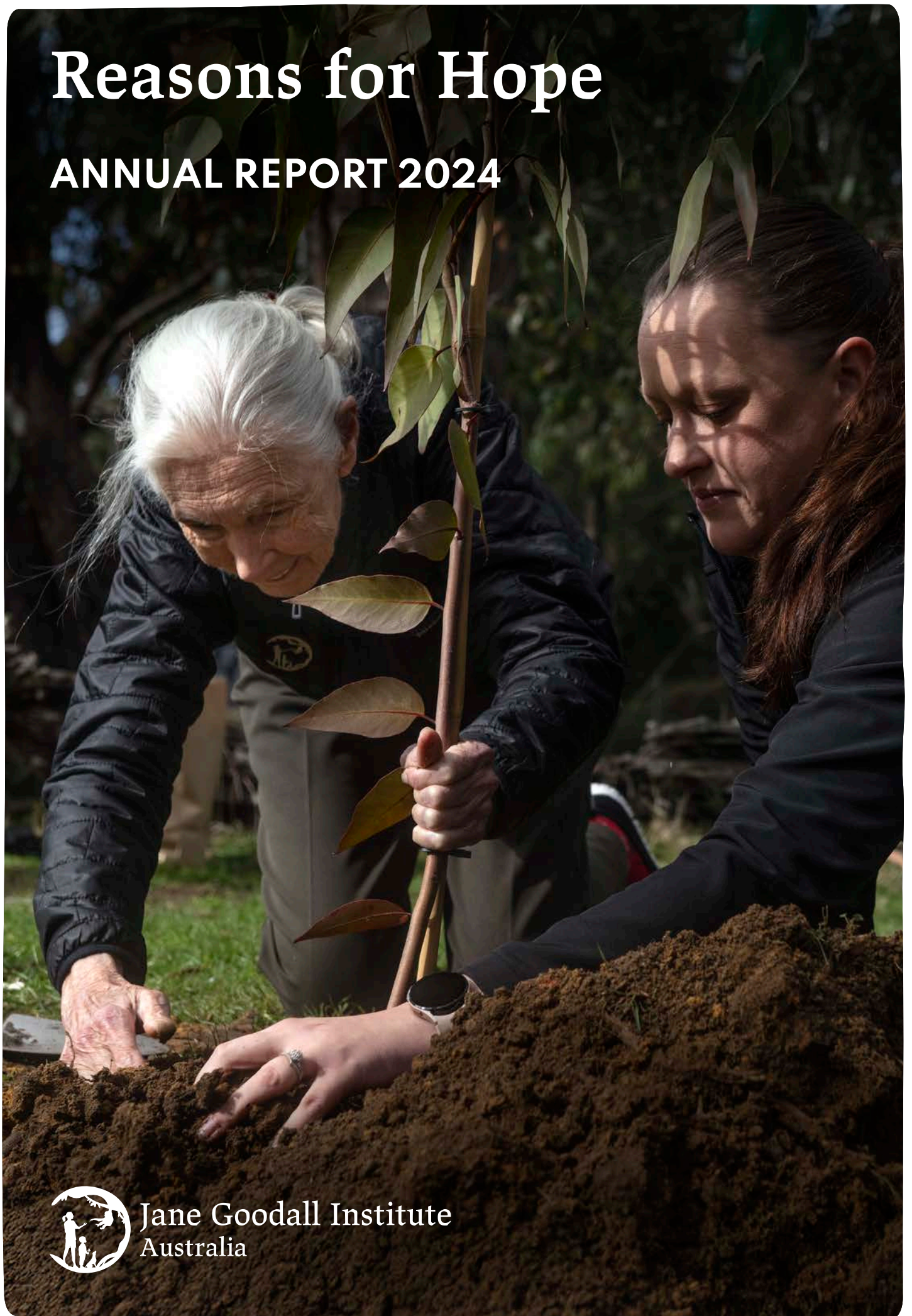


# Reasons for Hope

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Jane Goodall Institute  
Australia

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Cover: Dr. Jane Goodall helps plant a tree in Adelaide during her Reasons for Hope tour. Photo: Adam Oswell  
This page: Jane with children in Melbourne. Photo: Phil Hines



# Chair and CEO Joint Statement

The Jane Goodall Institute Australia (JGIA) acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Australia's First Peoples, and the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land on which we work and live. We are committed to continued engagement, reconciliation, and our learning with Traditional Owners, and we pay our deepest respect to Elders past and present.

As we close another year, we reflect not only on our achievements and challenges but also on the fact that JGIA has navigated the year with great confidence. Without question, the key achievement has been delivering the Australian and New Zealand legs of Dr. Jane Goodall's Reasons for Hope World Tour in May and June, which also celebrated Dr. Goodall's 90th birthday. Planning for this tour began back in August 2023, and for a small organisation, it required an enormous effort from our incredible team of staff and volunteers. We are deeply grateful for their dedication and service.

We launched our new 2023-2026 Strategic Plan in July, and our excellent financial result is due in large part to the hard work and diligence of our head office team in delivering our programs. Of course, none of this would be possible without the funders, donors, partners, and others whose contributions enable us to grow and develop these programs. Their support allows us to create real impact and make a difference in the communities we serve across Africa and Australia. This impact is detailed throughout this 2023-2024 Annual Report.

For our main programs in Africa - Gombe Stream Research Centre, Tchimpounga Chimpanzee Rehabilitation Centre, the Girls' Empowerment Program, and Musee Vivant in Burundi - we are proud to have continued increasing our contributions from Australia. This success is only possible thanks to the generosity of our donors, including the Taronga Conservation Society, Our Chimp Guardians, the Norman Family Office, Sue Conos, Katharine Davis-Rice, Daniela Osiander, and many others. As of the 2023/24 financial year, we have contributed \$940,241 towards our African programs over the past ten years, just shy of the \$1 million target set in 2013/14.

Our key supporters enable us to leverage additional funds and expand our capacity to support critical programs aimed at conserving chimpanzees. At the time of writing this report, we are also expanding our reach in Burundi and into Rwanda, working to connect the chimpanzees of Kibira and Nyungwe National Parks.

This work will be a key part of our strategic plan over the coming years.

Our keystone Resource Box program is now heading into its fourth year of operation. Once completed, we will have produced and delivered almost 12,000 boxes across Australia filled with education books and online lesson plans for teachers, bringing rich content into classrooms and inspiring young students to make a difference. Along with two new programs - ReWild Your School and Embrace the Wild - we now have a suite of programs and resources aimed at transforming the next generation into the environmental leaders of tomorrow.

This work would not be possible without the help and support of some 80 volunteers who support JGIA and enable so much of our impact. Our major Australian Program funders include the Phillips Foundation, the Don Hanson Charitable Trust, the Manaaki Foundation, and the Une Parkinson Foundation.

The ability to continue our important work and achieve impact is due to our commitment to the principle that it takes a community to achieve JGIA's mission.

To all our funders, staff, and volunteers, we extend an enormous thank you for the way you continue to invest your funds, time, and energy into this important work, which underpins Jane Goodall's call to arms for us all: every person matters, and every person makes a difference. We also thank our Board for their service, generosity, and guidance.

We are committed to continuing to strive to deliver impact and JGIA's purpose.



James Forbes  
CEO



Tim Lo Surdo  
Chair



# A Letter from Jane

## Inspire

I write this letter from a place of hope. Hope and determination. It is true that the bad news – political, social and environmental – bombarding us almost daily can be overwhelming. These are grim times as we face terrible declines in species and biodiversity, as well as the devastating impacts of climate change and the global COVID-19 pandemic. Not surprising that some people have all but given up, feel hopeless and helpless as in the face of an approaching tsunami or cyclones. But if we get together to tackle the problems we can, and must succeed in healing some of the harm and at least slow down climate change.

## Nature is resilient

In 1960 when I began working with the chimpanzees in Tanzania's Gombe National Park it was part of the great equatorial forest belt that stretched across Africa. By 1990, when I flew over Gombe I saw that the park was then a small island of remnant forest and all around the hills were bare. And so in 1994 the Jane Goodall Institute initiated an ongoing program working with the local people to help them find ways of living without destroying their environment. Tacare is our method of Community Based Conservation. In 104 villages volunteers are trained to use smart phones, and monitor the health of the village forest reserves, home to most of Tanzania's wild chimpanzees. They understand that preserving the forest is as much for their own future as to save wildlife. There are no bare hills today, and the villagers are our partners in conservation. Tacare is now in 6 other African countries.

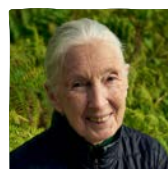
## Young people can be a powerful force

In 1991, we began Roots & Shoots (R&S) when 12 high school students came to discuss local problems with me at my home in Dar es Salaam. Now we have groups in more than 66 countries delivering around 12,000 projects a year reaching almost 1.5 million young people. Over the last year, the Australian Chapter of JGI has continued to make significant strides in spreading a message of hope through action, despite the challenges of the pandemic.

With the support of a number of philanthropic foundations including the Phillips Foundation, Manaaki Foundation, Don Hanson Charitable Foundation and Une Parkinson Foundation, as well as support from companies like the Taronga Conservation Society Australia, Docusign and Artipoppe, Roots & Shoots has been able to reach out to tens of thousands of young Australians inspiring them to make a difference across your vast country. I would also like to pay special tribute to the volunteers at JGI Australia who make much of this work possible. To Bill Waterer OAM, Amy Tran, Andrea Stiglingh, Miranda Braakhuis, Debbie Tanzer, Daniel Reid, Lit Wei Chin, Vineeta Gupta, Kim West, Samantha Gerrie, Suzanne van Alphen, Ellie Zillfleisch, Joanne Carroll, Jessica Vize, Mary Pilkinton, Mahima Kalla, Nila Taylor, Ashleigh Kuznetsoff, Nabilah Chowdhury, Tory West, Rabya Bhatia, Arshini Wanninayake, To Phuong, Eirene Carajias, Rebecca Walters, Molly Brown, Kate Thomas, Rebecca Rawlings, Caitlin Stanley, Rebecca Morris, Wiktor Grochowski, Corinne Bowman, Sandy Lee Jones, Anders Alexander, Jamison Borg, Meg Cummins, Lizzie Doyle, Cassie Howell, Bronte Hudson, Megan Jenssen, Sophia Lark, Samantha Lovett, Elizabeth Punshon, Emerald Tint, Alexanna Gould-Towns, Andrea Stiglingh, Bec Morrow, Rebecca Walters, and Robyn Hittman – thank you for the tireless efforts you and many other volunteers put in to inspire young people to take action.

It is the young people who give me the most hope, with their enthusiasm, commitment and hard work. I am also inspired by the resilience of nature and the amazing innovations of science. We can and we must learn to live in harmony with the natural world. We are part of it and depend upon it for our very existence. Just pause and imagine how much we can accomplish if we all get together and move from discussing problems to taking action to solve them. And I'm proud when I hear that JGI and R&S Australia is doing just that every day.

Thank you for supporting the work of JGI Australia and for your contributions towards a healthy planet for all.



Dr. Jane Goodall

PhD, DBE, Founder, Jane Goodall Institute  
& UN Messenger of Peace



# Thank you to our Partners

We would not be here without the generosity and passion of our partners.

To every volunteer, donor, fundraiser, teacher, student, and to all our corporate, government, and non-government partners that support us to continue Jane's work and spread her messages of hope, we are truly grateful.

You are the reason we are here. We cannot thank you enough.



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Only if we understand, will we care.  
Only if we care, will we help.  
Only if we help shall all be saved.

Dr. Jane Goodall

# Our Strategic Plan

Our 2023-2026 Strategic Plan launched last year. It focuses on powerful collaborations to leverage our intellectual property and expand our effective reach into the Australian education system; and also focuses on innovative solutions that ensure the future of chimpanzees by a clear link to Roots & Shoots.

In addition, we will continue to build employee capacity by growing and supporting staff in the further development of their skills. This will be underpinned by improved business systems and processes to support staff and volunteers; as well as revenue diversification and efficient investment allocation.

In order to fulfil the plan, we have five overarching strategic objectives.

## Our strategic objectives:



Powerful collaborations to leverage our intellectual property, generate revenue, and expand our reach into the Australian education system.



Innovative solutions that secure Jane Goodall's legacy and protect chimpanzees; Australian NGO Cooperation Program funding; and clear link to Roots & Shoots through scholarships.



Support and empower our people to master their craft; and grow internal capacity and capability.



Build improved business systems, technology and processes to support staff and volunteers; as well as impact and benefit to JGIA.



Continue seeking revenue diversification opportunities; and strategic investment allocation.





# What We Do

## Our Purpose:

To inspire hope and action, through education, for a sustainable planet.

## Our Vision:

An Australia where young people are equipped for custodial leadership of our shared environment

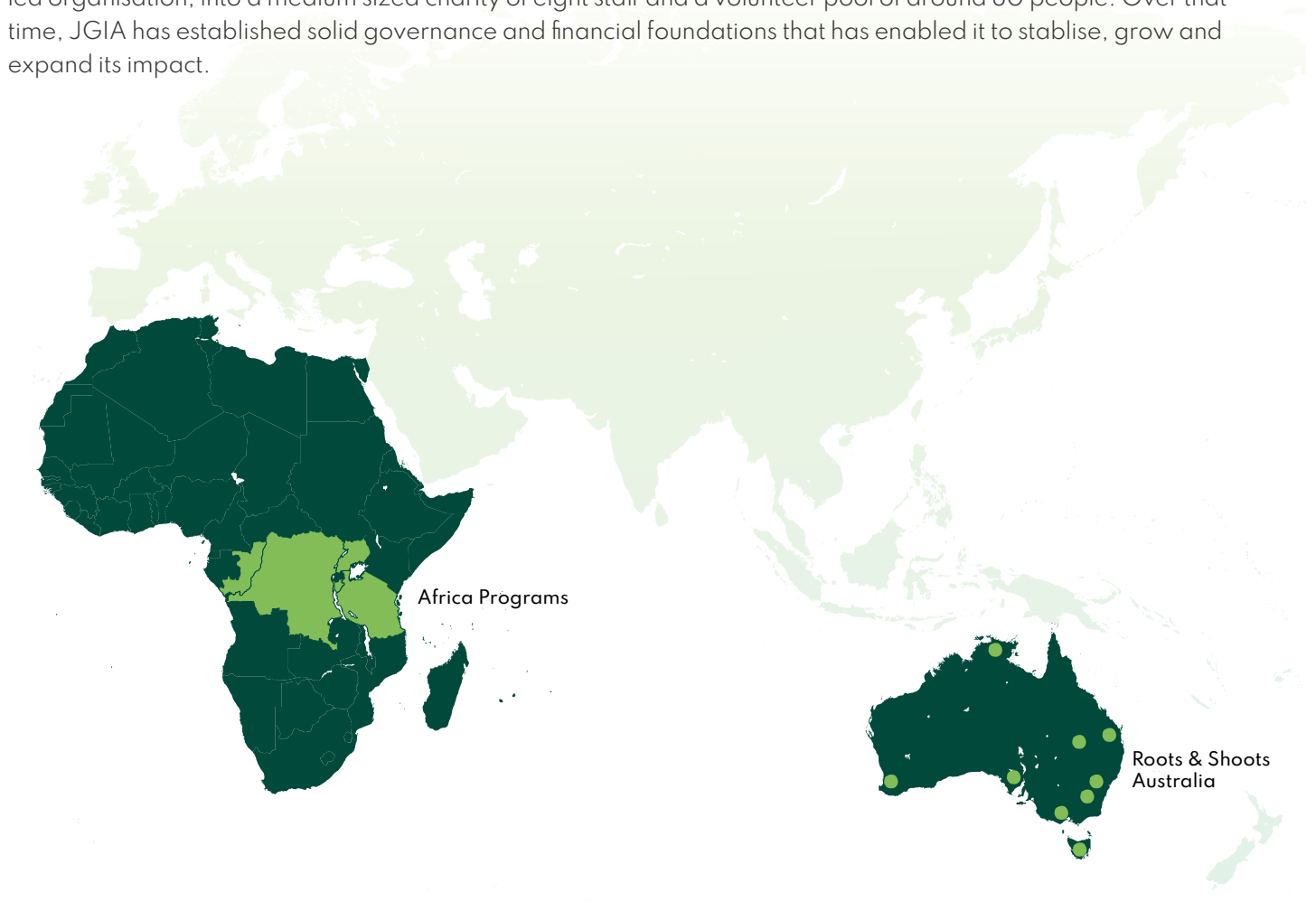
## Our Mission:

We work to educate, empower and inspire young people to take positive action for animals, people and the environment.

At JGIA we have two main program streams that we deliver:

- Our Australian Programs are centred around Roots & Shoots which empowers young Australians and equips them with the tools, motivation and support they need to address the problems that matter most to them. Through education, we create an ever-expanding network of Australians, connected with their global counterparts, who are inspired to be change-making global citizens.
- Our Africa Programs conserve and protect chimpanzees, natural habitat and surrounding communities in Africa. Our community-centred conservation programs include a range of activities from basic needs such as education, health and water sanitation to park rangers who protect animals from poachers. We also support chimpanzee sanctuaries which provide a lifelong home for orphaned animals.

JGIA is one of 27 global chapters of Jane Goodall Institutes. Since 2007, JGIA has grown from a small volunteer led organisation, into a medium sized charity of eight staff and a volunteer pool of around 80 people. Over that time, JGIA has established solid governance and financial foundations that has enabled it to stabilise, grow and expand its impact.



# Jane's Reasons for Hope Australian Tour

In June 2024, Dr. Jane Goodall embarked on her Reasons for Hope tour across Australia and New Zealand, captivating audiences with her inspiring message of hope. Spanning twelve events in major cities — Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, and Sydney — Jane engaged with over 8,000 people in each state, including hundreds of young people from our Roots & Shoots program. Her lectures and media interviews reached even wider audiences, encouraging individuals to take action for conservation.

The success of the tour was made possible through the collaboration of many dedicated individuals and organisations. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our supporters, including Bill Waterer, Keely Boston Budd, and Paul Smith in Western Australia; Chris West and the Cleland Wildlife Park team in South Australia; Sue Conos and the Melbourne Museum team in Victoria; and Mark Richardson and the Taronga Zoo team in New South Wales.

In New Zealand, the tour's success continued with engaging events at Hamilton and Wellington zoos, where students and community members embraced Jane's message.

Having Jane in Australia and New Zealand was a profound and inspiring experience for our audiences. At 90 years of age, her presence served as a powerful reminder of the impact one individual can have on the world, and the enduring relevance of her work. As she continues to advocate for conservation and the interconnectedness of all living beings, her wisdom resonates deeply with both young and old.

Jane's ability to connect with people from diverse backgrounds and instill hope for the future is truly remarkable. Her visit not only honoured her remarkable legacy but also energised and united our communities in a shared commitment to protecting our planet. It was a special opportunity for many to engage with a living legend who has dedicated her life to making a difference.

We would also like to recognise the efforts of the TEG Dainty team — Brad Drummond, Anna Fantham, Elise Pendergast, and Scott Nicholson, who have been instrumental in supporting our journey across the country.

We are also immensely grateful to our JGIA volunteers for their tireless efforts throughout the tour. Most importantly, we thank Jane Goodall for sharing her wisdom and passion with us. Her dedication inspires hope and empowers us to tackle future challenges for our planet.

Reflecting on the tour, we are invigorated by the connections made and the collective commitment to fostering a sustainable future for generations to come.



**Jessica Oliver**  
Fundraising Communications Coordinator









# Roots & Shoots Overview

When I reflect on an exciting year for the Roots & Shoots Australia program, with Dr. Jane's 2024 Australia & New Zealand "Reasons for Hope" Tour and diverse achievements by our national community, I'm filled with gratitude for all the incredible volunteers, families, educators, schools, community groups, zoos and partners that make up our national family.

There is much to celebrate! Our state teams across the country have continued to grow this year, with pilot events held in the Northern Territory, and revitalisation of action in the Australian Capital Territory. In the southeast, Tasmanian team members have travelled to Fiji to collaborate with Pacific nations in ecological research, Victorian teams have undertaken marine seabird conservation projects, New South Wales teams have piloted new zoo partnerships, Western Australia and South Australia have supported a range of exciting new community conservation projects, and Queensland has delivered a suite of brand new koala habitat initiatives.

Meanwhile, national teams like the Partnerships in Understanding Global Pen Pals team have facilitated hundreds of letter exchanges with Roots & Shoots youth in Australia, Sierra Leone, Chile, China, Papua New Guinea and more! The creative Dear World team have designed and published a book that celebrates amazing illustrations from students across the world, and personal letters from global leaders that inspire youth to be change makers and ambassadors of hope. Our Mini Grant program continues to support families, schools and communities across the nation to kickstart local projects

that support animals, plants and the environment, our National Youth Leadership Council members have played an instrumental role in state leadership and conducting Dr. Jane's Tour, and our new Embrace The Wild program with Sydney Zoo has supported youth in Western Sydney to design, implement and deliver a wildlife project of their own!

Finally, it's been deeply encouraging to witness the global connections within our Roots & Shoots community continue to flourish. This year we've celebrated exchange events between Australia and Canadian Indigenous youth and elder communities, connected with brand new Roots & Shoots teams across the Asia Pacific region through the new global initiative NICE (Network of Cultural Exchange), supported the revitalisation of the Jane Goodall Institute New Zealand and celebrated new initiatives launching from the Global Windsor Gathering held in Windsor earlier this year.

I congratulate each and every person in our community for your incredible efforts this year – you constantly fill me with encouragement. Together we are making a vital difference through hope-filled action.

In hope,



**Ben Howes**  
Roots & Shoots Volunteer  
and Program Manager

"The Jane Goodall Institute Australia gave me a platform to use my voice to create positive change for animals, people and the environment.

I was given an opportunity to spread Dr Jane's message and engage in environmental education through campaigns and events. My environmental network in Australia grew thanks to the opportunities I received as an NYLC member and volunteer, and also helped my career as an environmental scientist.

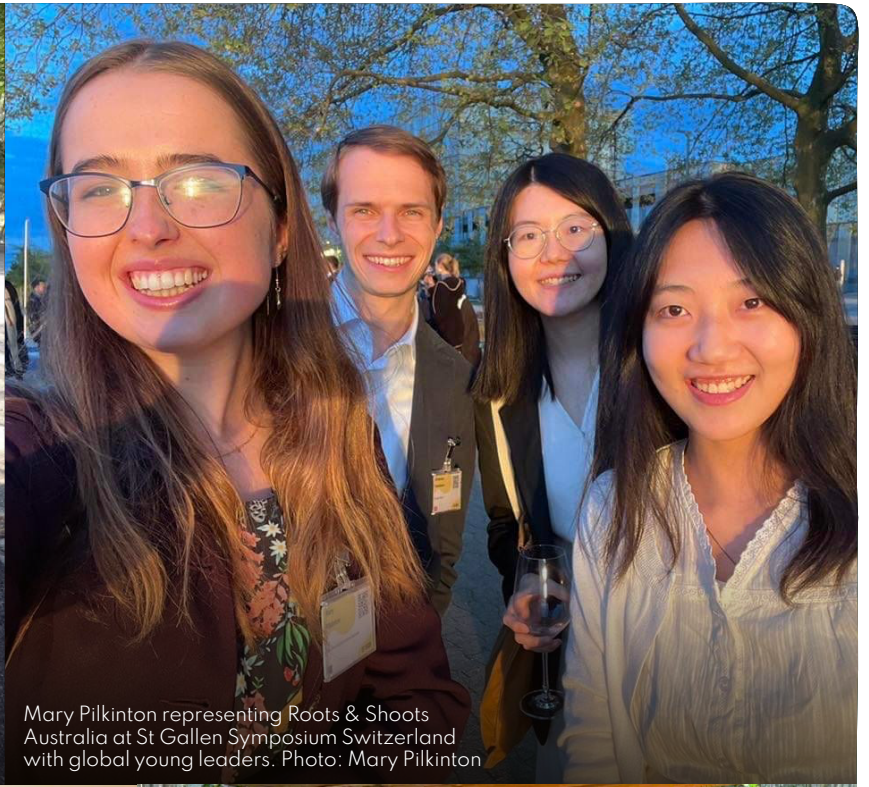
I treasure the connections and friendships I have made across the country through JGIA and Roots & Shoots, and hold them dearly."

Asitha Samarawickrama BEnvS BHSci MSc MTeach





Team Members Ben Howes & Jess Vize assist children at the Platypus Celebration at Eltham College. Photo: Ben Howes



Mary Pilkinton representing Roots & Shoots Australia at St Gallen Symposium Switzerland with global young leaders. Photo: Mary Pilkinton



Asitha Samarawickrama and Jane Goodall in 2017. Photo: Phil Hines



Photo: Ben Howes





# Resource Box

Now in its fourth year, this year's Resource Box for Schools contains another four exciting titles. Over the year we have been working hard to produce the fabulous content for the boxes which will be delivered free to 4,000 schools in October 2024.

JGIA have secured the rights to publish the award winning book *A Hollow is a Home* by Abbie Mitchell. This charming book was originally published by CSIRO in 2019. It introduces primary aged readers to the amazing animal species that require tree hollows as a place to rest, nest and hide.

"Teachers could use it to help children explore the world of hollows, and the creatures who use them, step by step and over time... the book is recommended for its accuracy and wealth of information."

Canberra Bird Notes

*Planet for Life: Action for a Sustainable Planet* by Abbie Mitchell investigates ecosystem services, biodiversity and climate change and inspires readers with solutions that can be taken to nurture our planet. Jam-packed with fabulous pictures, cute graphics and simple examples, it is designed to empower and captivate. This book also comes with comprehensive lesson plans to enrich learning.

"The book is fabulous – so much material, accurate and comprehensive, well done!

Dr Sarah Legge, Charles Darwin University

*Our Marine World: The Diversity and Conservation of Earth's Oceans* by Stewart McPherson and Robert Irving takes a deep dive into the ecology of our world's oceans. We know children will love investigating the diversity of marine environments in this inspiring book.

And finally, *Amazing Archaeology: Our Planet's Most Fascinating History* by Stewart McPherson and Robert Irving investigates castles, temples, ancient settlements, pyramids, and more.

We are extremely grateful to the Phillips Foundation, Don Hanson charitable foundation, Redfern publishing, CSIRO publishing, Woomargama station, and all the other generous contributors who have helped us make these books possible. All titles can be viewed online and/or purchased from [our website](#).



**Abbie Mitchell**  
Resources Manager | Education Programs





Mini Grant winning students from Margate Primary School, Tasmania.



# Mini Grants

This year, the Mini Grants 2024 program focused on 25 grants, supporting our mini-grant teams in completing their projects and preparing presentations for Dr. Jane Goodall's Reasons for Hope World Tour. For the second year, projects were implemented across every state and territory of Australia, including initiatives supporting regional communities and both Indigenous and non-Indigenous projects.

The highlight of this year was seeing so many current and past Mini Grant winners present their projects directly to Dr. Jane Goodall as part of her Reasons for Hope Tour. It was deeply inspiring for communities across the world to hear Roots & Shoots youth describe their own vision, experiences, learning and hopes for the future! Mini Grants projects were on display in Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney. We also welcomed Mini Grant winners from Queensland to present their impact.

The Mini Grants 2024 cohort has featured a diverse variety of different conservation activities that engage children, youth, schools and community environmental groups. Each project is selected against holistic criteria that focus on supporting projects that help care for animals, people and the environment.

Unique highlights this year have included supporting the creation of a sensory garden and Atlas Moth habitat areas in Darwin, Northern Territory, new native food gardens and composting corners in New South Wales, a wildlife camera project initiative and primary school mindfulness garden in Tasmania, a permaculture corner and fruit orchard in Victoria, an interstate Indigenous youth field trip from Galiwin'ku (Elcho Island) to Queensland, and bird conservation programs across Western Australia.

A really special congratulations to this year's Mini Grant winners! Thank you for inspiring us with your hope-filled action and we can't wait to see everything you'll achieve in the new year as part of our Roots & Shoots community.



**Ben Howes**  
Roots & Shoots Volunteer  
and Program Manager



Photo: Phil Hines



Mini Grant 2023 winners Southern Christian College with completed project 'Hydroponics and Healthy Hothouse'. Photo: Natasha de Lacy



Photo: Phil Hines



# Embrace the Wild

This year marked another exciting chapter for the Embrace the Wild program, which continues to empower young people through conservation and sustainability leadership. Nabilah and Ben were fortunate to serve as mentors for the program for the second consecutive year, collaborating with schools across Western Sydney. Hosted at Sydney Zoo, this initiative provides students with hands-on opportunities to explore wildlife conservation and sustainability while fostering their leadership skills.

We are deeply grateful to Sydney Zoo Education Manager, Jessica Menendez, and the dedicated team of Roots & Shoots youth mentors, whose enthusiasm and support make this program possible. This year's cohort of 30 students engaged in a remarkable range of activities, including sustainability-focused workshops and creative DIY projects. Highlights included crafting puzzle box enrichment toys for chimpanzees from upcycled firehose and turning old T-shirts into reusable bags — innovative projects that demonstrate the principles of a circular economy in action.

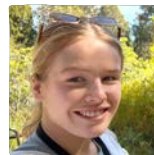
The program covered vital topics such as wildlife conservation, marine plastics, human-wildlife conflict resolution, and sustainability. Students were also treated to behind-the-scenes experiences and wildlife encounters with diverse marine and terrestrial species, enriching their understanding of conservation challenges and solutions.

In addition to the structured sessions, each student received a Mini Grant to design and implement a sustainability project in their local school or community. These projects showcased incredible creativity and dedication, ranging from embroidered sustainable fashion to sewn pouches for rescued baby marsupials and nest boxes for local birdlife.

With another successful year behind us, Embrace the Wild continues to inspire a new generation of changemakers, equipping them with the skills and knowledge to lead the charge in conservation and sustainability.



**Nabilah Chowdhury**  
Embrace the Wild Coordinator



**Ashleigh Kuznetsoff**  
Embrace the Wild Coordinator





# Rewild Your School Workshops

This year, ReWild Your School has continued its remarkable growth, with new facilitators joining our team across Australia. We are excited to welcome Dan Reid (Brisbane), Andrea Stiglingh (Adelaide), and Hannah Gulliver (Perth), who join existing facilitators Ben Howes (Melbourne) and Abbie Mitchell (Sydney). With their support, we now offer this transformative incursion program in five major centres nationwide.

"A program that inspires regeneration with purposeful student-led activities."

— McCauley Community College, Adelaide

A major highlight of the year was the completion of a promotional video, filmed during an inspiring incursion at Albany Creek State School. This video showcases the program's hands-on activities and student engagement and is available for viewing on our ReWild Your School webpage. Alongside this, we have enhanced our suite of resources to deliver an even richer and more engaging experience for participating schools.

"I really want to know more about animals now."

— Student, Albany Creek State School

We are honoured to have received a grant from the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation, enabling us to offer the program complimentary to disadvantaged schools in Victoria, South Australia, and New South Wales over the next financial year. This initiative will be supported by an upcoming media campaign, and we look forward to working with many more schools across Australia in the 2024/2025 period.

In an exciting new partnership with Perth NRM, we have teamed up with Dr. Karrie Nelder (University of Western Australia) at the Forrest Research Foundation to evaluate the program's impact on local conservation efforts, student empowerment, and mental wellbeing. This research will provide valuable insights to support the continued growth and success of the program. We look forward to sharing these findings next year.



**Abbie Mitchell**

Resources Manager | Education Programs







# National Youth Leadership Council

This year, the National Youth Leadership Council (NYLC) focused on reconnecting with our incredible alumni while supporting the 2024 Reasons for Hope tour. Although we didn't introduce a new NYLC cohort, we used this time to celebrate the strength and longevity of the program by bringing together past members.

The enduring impact of the NYLC was evident as alumni, including those from the original cohort in 2016, volunteered to support the tour. Their contributions were invaluable, ensuring the success of various events and demonstrating the leadership and dedication cultivated through the program. These alumni served as passionate ambassadors for Roots & Shoots, embodying its mission to inspire action for animals, people, and the environment.

This year's focus on alumni engagement underscored the NYLC's lasting value — not just as a leadership development program, but as a lifelong community of changemakers. By fostering these connections, we continue to strengthen the network of young leaders who are driving positive change across Australia and beyond.

We are excited to build on this momentum as we prepare to welcome a new cohort and further empower the next generation of youth leaders in the year ahead.



Vineeta Gupta (2020), Rebecca Walters (2020), Mary Pilkinton (2018), Ashleigh Kuzenetsoff (2022), Nabilah Chowdry (2022) and Samantha Gerrie (2022) during the Reasons for Hope tour. Photo: Phil Hines



# Dear World

After many years of hard work, the Dear World™ team celebrated a major milestone with the release of their much-anticipated anthology of real-world stories of hope, written by activists from across the globe. The anthology features contributions from all seven continents, including Antarctica, and showcases projects aligned with all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The book includes a foreword by Dr. Jane Goodall, who reflected, “Each letter lights a little lamp in the darkness, and hundreds of thousands of little lamps will dispel the darkness altogether. This book will lift the spirits of those who have lost hope and support the optimism of those who dare to dream of a better world.” JGIA Board member and Indigenous youth leader Zane Pratt also contributed a powerful preface, further underscoring the book’s message of unity and resilience.

The Dear World™ book was officially launched during Dr. Goodall’s 2024 Reasons for Hope tour at a special Roots & Shoots event held at the Melbourne Museum. Hundreds of Victorian schoolchildren and Roots & Shoots leaders attended the event, celebrating this inspiring milestone. As part of the tour, the team also created an engaging public art exhibit featuring a fairy-light-lit world map. Tour attendees wrote messages of hope for the planet, visually capturing Dr. Goodall’s analogy of little lamps dispelling darkness. Selected messages from this exhibit will soon be shared with the global Jane Goodall Institute community.

Dr. Goodall was presented with a copy of the book during the tour, and the Dear World™ team is exploring ways to incorporate the resource into Dr. Goodall’s ongoing global events and JGI programs. They are also working to bring the book into classrooms as an educational tool to inspire conversations about conservation and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.



[Purchase the book here](#)



[Discover the story behind Dear World™ and meet the team bringing it to life.](#)

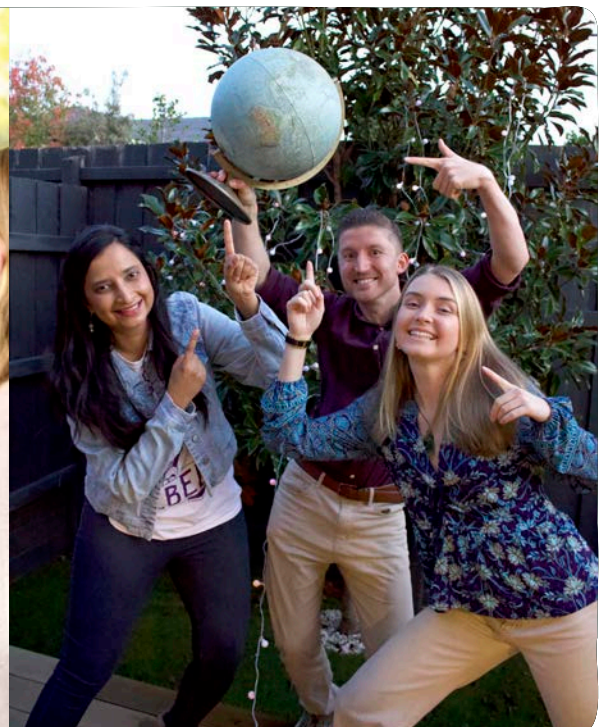


**Dr Mahima Kalla**  
Dear World Coordinator



**Dr Nila Taylor**  
Dear World Coordinator

Photo: Eugene Hyland





# Global Pen Pal Program

Three years after its inception under Dr. Jane Goodall's Partnership in Understanding, the Global Pen Pal Program continues to thrive. Among its earliest participants are Australian Pen Pal Imogen and Ugandan Pen Pal Ireen, who have been exchanging letters since the program began. Through their letters, they've shared stories of daily life, dreams, and stories of their APEs — Animals, People, and Environment. Discussing their APE connects Roots & Shoots students to one another's natural worlds, highlighting the interconnectedness of all life.

This year brought exciting new pairings, including Pen Pals from Sierra Leone exchanging letters with peers in Papua New Guinea and Switzerland. Sydney Zoo participants began writing to Uganda, while Chile and Austria continued their exchanges. These letters often spark wonder, as students describe snow, deserts, or dolphins to those unfamiliar with them, creating a rich cultural exchange.

A highlight of the year was Jane's visit to Australia, where Pen Pals represented the program at Taronga Zoo, Sydney. Their pride shone as they introduced themselves to Jane with confidence and composure, impressing not only Jane but also the gathered media.

As the program enters its fourth year, our dedicated team — Ben Howes, Suzanne Van Alphen, Samantha Gerrie, and Kim West — aims to expand its reach. We hope more Roots & Shoots students will become Pen Pals, exchanging their unique APE stories and inspiring meaningful action.

The program reminds us that  
"from little things, big things grow."



Kim West  
Pen Pal Coordinator



Pen Pals from Papua New Guinea  
with Roots & Shoots coordinator Gemoni.



Photo: Phil Hines



Pen Pals from Papua New Guinea



# Global Alumni Network

The Global Alumni Network is a vibrant community of Roots & Shoots leaders from 27 chapters who meet regularly throughout the year to share knowledge, exchange ideas, and collaborate. Launched two years ago with the combined Youth Councils of Australia, Canada, and the USA, the network now spans several continents. For many alumni, the Roots & Shoots family remains a welcoming and supportive community—like a global extended family—offering a sense of belonging as they navigate the next stages of their lives. Whether stepping into professional careers, advocacy roles, or multilateral organisations, alumni continue to find inspiration and encouragement within the network.

This year, the network grew even stronger by merging with three sister groups: the Network of Intercultural Exchange (NICE), Global Indigenous Group (GIG), and Partnerships in Understanding (PIU). These partnerships make it easier for alumni to connect across time zones and collaborate with members from diverse backgrounds. Participants from countries such as Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Chile, Papua New Guinea, and the USA have shared insights, celebrated achievements, and exchanged ideas, enriching the network's global impact.

Facilitated by Australia, Canada, and Austria, the meetings are dynamic and collaborative. Each session begins with an “all-in” good news story, followed by breakout discussions and smaller network gatherings, before wrapping up with reflections from the group. These interactions continue to foster connections, inspire collaboration, and empower alumni to create meaningful change in their communities and beyond.

We look forward to seeing the fruit of these diverse meetings in the coming year!



[Learn more about our Global Alumni Network and Pen Pal programs](#)



**Samantha Gerrie**  
Global Alumni Network Coordinator



**Ben Howes**  
Roots & Shoots Volunteer  
and Program Manager



Dr. Jane Goodall with members of the Gordon Roots & Shoots group from Michigan USA. Photo: Mary Paris



# Global Indigenous Group

Supported by a network of Indigenous and non-Indigenous leaders across the global JGI community, the Global Indigenous Group (GIG) has continued to grow this year. Co-facilitated by Alison Cuffley (Senior Manager, JGI Canada), Ben Howes (Roots & Shoots Manager, JGI Australia) and several others, we have held several events online focused on different themes impacting Indigenous communities worldwide. Each of the sessions are facilitated by different Indigenous leaders from several regions and continents, including Europe, Asia, North, West and South Africa, North and South America, the South Pacific and Australia.

While many regular attendees share stories and knowledge from their own Indigenous communities, some non-Indigenous attendees also participate to learn how JGI chapters can best partner with Indigenous communities through local community conservation efforts. They explore the importance of Indigenous ways of learning, traditional land management practices, and intercultural communication styles and evaluation methods in fostering holistic, long-lasting collaborations.

Most recently, we welcomed JGIA partner Australia Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) and JGIA Board Director Zane Pratt to a Cross-Cultural Gathering exchange session held between Indigenous youth, leaders and elders from both Canada and Australia. The online conference focused on fostering Indigenous youth leadership, intergenerational community, intercultural exchange, economic independence and sustainable livelihoods through Indigenous business development.

We also celebrated the successful application for two DP World JGI Global grants, enabling the GIG team to continue facilitating network gatherings in the new year.



**Zane Pratt**  
Global Alumni Network Coordinator



**Ben Howes**  
Roots & Shoots Volunteer  
and Program Manager





# Roots & Shoots Community Activation Overview



500 Trees Planted



105 Active Leaders



50 Roots & Shoots  
Projects  
(30 youth-led)



750 Youth Engaged



25 New Volunteers



8 States & Territories that held  
Roots & Shoots activations

# Roots & Shoots Community Activation

## South Australia

In 2024, the South Australia team had the privilege of supporting Dr. Jane Goodall's Reasons for Hope tour in Adelaide. Volunteers played a vital role in Dr. Jane's speaking event at the Adelaide Town Hall, contributing to every element — from the Acknowledgement of Country to merchandise sales and guest welcomes — while sharing the impact of Roots & Shoots with attendees.

The team also participated in a youth seminar, a community lunch event, and a koala tree planting initiative at Cleland Wildlife Park. These events brought together youth from wildlife organisations across South Australia, creating opportunities to share learning, experiences, and knowledge.

We're so grateful to the South Australia team for their incredible contributions, helping to create meaningful and memorable events that showcased the impact of community-driven conservation.



**Andrea Stiglingh**  
Roots & Shoots South Australia  
State Coordinator

## Victoria

It has been such a joy to lead the Victorian community this past year, with countless environmental and community events, including:

- Delivering school sustainability workshops as part of Port Phillip Ecocentre's Annual School Sustainability Festival and the Learning for Sustainability Conference.
- Collaborating with the Maribyrnong Youth Advisory Committee to participate in their Sustainability Youth Forum and appearing as a guest speaker on their new podcast.
- Continuing our partnership with Friends of the Yarra Flats to host a tree planting event, with exciting future projects in the works.
- Protecting vital seabird habitat by removing sea spurge from Mud Island in southern Port Phillip Bay.

We were also proud to see our Victorian State Coordinator, Jessica Vize, representing JGIA at the Global Roots & Shoots Coordinator Conference in the UK, joining senior coordinators and executives from across the network to exchange insights and strategies.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible team members across the state for their outstanding contributions this year. Your dedication and hard work continue to create a positive impact!



**Jessica Vize**  
Roots & Shoots Victoria  
State Coordinator



Photo: Adam Oswell



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# Roots & Shoots Community Activation

## Western Australia

This year, we had the honour of welcoming Dr. Jane Goodall to Perth as part of her *Reasons for Hope Australia & New Zealand Tour*. While much of the year's focus was on the tour, we were thrilled to see several schools actively engaging in impactful programs that culminated in presentations to Jane during her visit.

Our Roots & Shoots volunteers began by supporting Jane at a speaking event at Curtin University, where she launched her national tour. Following this, we participated in a large gathering at Perth Zoo, where student teams from across Western Australia showcased their innovative projects. These projects highlighted students' inspiring creativity, care, and compassion as they worked to protect local species, support their communities, and revitalise their environments. Some of the highlights included long-time Roots & Shoots school John Curtin College of the Arts conducting a Leighton Beach marine clean-up and data collection project for the Australian Marine Debris Database, working the Friends of Cantonments Hill for a planting and weeding event, plant and coordinating a Plastic Free July campaign alongside a National Science Week casual dress day.

Looking ahead, our focus next year will be on strengthening school partnerships through our ReWild Your School program and assisting Western Australian teachers in embracing Jane's student-driven approach. By encouraging small, local projects that inspire hope and action, we aim to continue empowering students to make a difference in their communities.



**Bill Waterer**  
Roots & Shoots National  
& WA State Coordinator

## New South Wales

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the incredible volunteers and partners who have collaborated with us this year to bring Roots & Shoots to life in the New South Wales (NSW) community!

- We strengthened our partnership with Sydney Zoo to co-deliver the Embrace the Wild program with our second cohort. This transformative initiative provides youth from Western Sydney with inspiring, hands-on experiences, empowering them to take meaningful action for local animals and the environment. A special thank you to Sydney Zoo Education Manager, Jessica Menendez, for her invaluable support.
- We supported numerous events as part of Dr. Jane Goodall's *Reasons for Hope* tour, showcasing the incredible work of Roots & Shoots to wider audiences. This included an action-packed community conservation event at Taronga Zoo, Sydney filled with opportunities for youth, school educators, parents and Roots & Shoots leaders to meet Jane and present their impact for a better world. It also provided our volunteers with a chance to meet with Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek, Environmental Minister Penny Sharpe and other key leaders.
- We bid a fond farewell to Lit Wei Chin as they step down from the NSW State Coordinator role and extend our best wishes for their next chapter.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome a new State Coordinator and continue building on the strong momentum of our existing programs while engaging new volunteers inspired by the tour.



**Lit Wei Chin**  
Roots & Shoots NSW  
State Coordinator



Photo: Friends of Cantonment Hill



Photo: Phil Hines

# Roots & Shoots Community Activation

## Tasmania

Roots & Shoots action in Tasmania has been a really dynamic mix over the 2023/2024 period. We have celebrated the completion of diverse Mini Grants projects including the completion of bandicoot corridor projects, Indigenous food gardens and wildlife camera projects. Tasmania State Coordinator Vineeta Gupta represented the State in supporting Jane's tour events across New South Wales. She also represented JGIA Roots & Shoots in Fiji, attending the Dawin200 voyage events. This was an incredible opportunity to visit a tall ship transporting a research team worldwide who are retracing the voyage of Charles Darwin's landmark HMS Beagle voyage of discovery. As part of the botanical and ecological series of events worldwide, there was a variety of research projects to contribute towards. Tasmania State Coordinator Vineeta writes:

"The protectors of native fishing communities, sharks have strong cultural significance in Fiji. As part of the Darwin 200 program, I got the chance to travel to Fiji to explore the connection sharks have to the Fijian community and look at what's being done to protect this endangered animal"

In particular, Vineeta used IUCN's Marine Spatial Planning (MSP), which respects local ownership and qoliqoli fishing rights to establish marine protected areas that balance conservation with sustainable use. While ecotourism brings awareness, MSP ensures long-term protection by regulating fishing and reducing human impact, safeguarding shark populations and the cultural and economic livelihoods of local communities. In turn, this protects keystone species like the Scalloped Hammerheads and Bull Sharks. A win for animals, people and the environment!

Well done Vineeta and as you complete your term as Tasmania State Coordinator, thank you so much for your faithful service and dedication to this role.



**Vineeta Gupta**  
Roots & Shoots Tasmanian  
State Coordinator

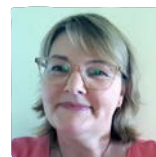
## Queensland

2024 has been a year of change and growth for the Queensland Roots & Shoots team. With Miranda Braakhuis passing the State Coordinator baton to Dan Reid, we also welcomed four new team members who have brought fresh energy and ideas.

Some of our key achievements this year include:

- Partnering with Queensland Koala Crusaders to plant 200 koala trees on a property in Blackbutt, Queensland.
- Delivering a successful ReWild Your School workshop, led by Dan Reid.
- Holding a Roots & Shoots stall on World Environment Day in Toowoomba.
- Hosting a public screening of the movie Jane at the Sunshine Coast University, attended by 30 people.
- Participating in 'Koala Fest' in Crows Nest, Queensland.
- Presenting an information session about Roots & Shoots and koala facts to the Goombungee Landcare Association.

Looking ahead, the Queensland Roots & Shoots team will continue to be a presence and work alongside local organisations and the community to create a better world for animals, people, and the environment.



**Debbie Tanzer**  
Roots & Shoots Darling Downs and South  
West Queensland State Coordinator



**Dan Reid**  
Roots & Shoots Queensland  
State Coordinator





# Roots & Shoots Community Activation

## Northern Territory

Though the Northern Territory Roots and Shoots team remains small, we have had some great success in raising funds and awareness within our community.

2024 has been a year of networking within the community in preparation for a large community event in October 2024. The evening raised around \$3000 for JGIA and showcased our message to a crowd of 287 attendees.

The Northern Territory Roots and Shoots chapter is looking forward to growing our team so that more programs and opportunities become available. Our next endeavour is to connect students through the Pen Pal Program and deliver a series of ReWild Your School programs.



**Joanne Carroll**  
Roots & Shoots Northern Territory  
State Coordinator







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Photo: Asitha Samarawickrama



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Photo: Adam Oswell



Photo: Phil Hines



Photo: Darwin200



# Africa Programs Overview

Through our Africa Programs, we're realising our vision of healthy, stable, viable, and culturally and ecologically diverse populations of chimpanzees living in peaceful coexistence with thriving human communities.

Our community-lead approach to conservation addresses both the underlying causes and manifestation of the threats that are pushing chimpanzees to the

brink. We collaborate with local partners to mobilise the knowledge and resources the communities have identified as being key to them meeting their needs and living more sustainably.



**Natasha Coutts**  
Africa Programs Manager

## Partner Highlight: 3C, Burundi

### *Can you describe 3C's partnership with JGIA?*

Since commencing our partnership in 2021, 3C has received several forms of support from JGIA. This support, both financial and technical, ranges from resource mobilisation and technical support to capacity building for 3C and its staff.

### *What are some of the key impacts this partnership has produced for animals, people, and the environment in Burundi?*

The impact of JGIA's support to 3C is evident across our current and upcoming projects:

- Restoring chimpanzee habitat, reinforcing law enforcement, and improving community livelihoods in and around the Vyanda Forest Nature Reserve
- Strengthening the Burundian Office for Environmental Protection (OBPE)'s technical capacity to improve conditions for the five captive chimpanzees at Musée Vivant, including the employment and training of a staff specialising in chimpanzee health & welfare
- Researching and monitoring of chimpanzees in Kibira National Park
- Using camera traps for the indirect monitoring and management of endangered chimpanzees in southern Burundi.

### *How has the partnership impacted 3C?*

JGIA's support directly strengthens the capacity of 3C's technical staff through the local supervision provided by JGIA's Africa Programs Manager, Natasha Coutts. This direct technical support has supported 3C to be recognised as a conversationalist organisation specialising in chimpanzee conservation, through working hand in hand with local communities.

The collaboration between 3C and JGIA reflects the trust that international organisations (UNDP, UNCDF) place in 3C's efforts toward conserving the Kibira National Park and other protected areas.

### *Can you describe the working relationship between 3C and JGIA?*

Our relationship is based on mutual respect, leading to a win-win situation for all.

### *What are you most excited about when you think about the future of 3C and JGIA's partnership?*

3C and JGIA share the same vision for the conservation of Burundi's chimpanzees and their habitats. To fulfill its commitments toward realizing this vision, 3C seeks to further enhance the capabilities of our technical staff, and collaboration with JGIA plays a vital role in this process. We are excited to continue working with JGIA and look forward to seeing our internal capacity grow.



Photos: 3C

## Tchimpounga Chimpanzee Rehabilitation Center (TCRC)

A second chance for rescued chimpanzees and enhancing the protection of wild chimpanzees in the Tchimpounga Nature Reserve (TNR)

- Protecting wild chimpanzee populations
- Protecting the connectivity, quality, and size of chimpanzee habitats
- Ensuring the welfare of captive chimpanzees



Chimpanzees receiving specialist care



Chimpanzee conservation education billboards erected in communities



Hectares of wild chimpanzee habitat under protection



Hunting camps dismantled in wild chimpanzee habitats



Patrols of wild chimpanzee habitat by ecoguards



Snare traps removed from wild chimpanzee habitats

## Musée Vivant

Improving the welfare of five captive chimpanzees in a severely under-resourced facility

- Ensuring the welfare of captive chimpanzees



Chimpanzees receiving specialist care



New indoor enclosures for captive chimpanzees constructed

## Nyungwe National Park

Enhancing the protection of Rwanda's key chimpanzee conservation site through research, conservation planning, and local capacity building

- Protecting wild chimpanzee populations
- Protecting the connectivity, quality, and size of chimpanzee habitats



Chimpanzee trackers trained in ecological monitoring techniques and data collection methods

## Girls' and Women's Empowerment

Empowering girls and women through education to protect chimpanzees and their habitats

- Improving the resilience of communities by empowering women and girls



Boys educated on female sexual and reproductive health



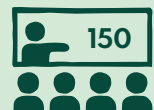
Girls educated on female sexual and reproductive health



Schools participating in community sensitisation on girls' education



Teachers trained on female sexual and reproductive health



Women trained on female sexual and reproductive health



# Support Us

Please consider joining JGIA in our efforts to inspire Australian grassroots action through Roots & Shoots and our education programs, and in Africa, where conservation is critical to stop the decline in great ape populations and forests.

There are many ways you can support our work:



## Donate

Your tax-deductible donation helps prevent the loss of endangered species and supports community action.

[Make a one-off donation](#)



## Make a Monthly Gift

Monthly giving allows you to make a difference every day. This is also the most convenient and cost-effective way to donate.

[Make a monthly gift](#)



## Become a Chimp Guardian

By symbolically adopting an endangered chimpanzee at Tchimpounga you protect wild, orphaned and injured chimps, plus you are helping the victims of illegal hunting and the commercial trade.

[Sponsor a chimpanzee](#)



## Leave a Bequest and be a part of Dr. Jane's Legacy

Help protect chimpanzees and other great apes for the next generation by including JGIA in your will. Making a gift to JGIA as part of your legacy planning will make a lasting difference to our work.

[Leave a gift in your will](#)



## Enter a Corporate or Business Partnership

Your organisation can make a difference by becoming a partner, which not only helps fund our vital programs, but also helps build positive internal and external perceptions of your brand. Your contributions can include cash support via your foundation, pro bono support, workplace giving or even sponsorship that meets your business objectives

[Become a JGIA partner](#)



## Join Roots & Shoots

Education is key and Roots & Shoots inspires young people to connect with others around animals, people and the environment to give them hope for the future.

[Join Roots & Shoots](#)



## Volunteer

We are always on the lookout for skilled volunteers to assist in our operations.

[Donate your time](#)





Photo: Adam Oswell



# Our Operations

The 2023/24 year was dominated by the planning and preparation of Dr. Jane Goodall's Reasons for Hope tour. Planning commenced in September and ran through and beyond the tour itself. A tour committee was established made up of board, staff and volunteers. The committee consisted of Board members Dan Smith and Michelle Shepherd; staff members James Forbes, Marileze Buys, Jessica Oliver, and Ralph Scott; volunteers Bill Waterer OAM, and Miranda Braakhaus and JGI New Zealand Chair, Neil Gilbert.

The committee managed the liaison with our promotional partner, TEG Dainty, which was led by Brad Drummond and Annaliese Fantham who coordinated the venues and ticketing. The committee also planned the design and acquisition of the merchandise including the souvenir program. Speakers and sponsors were also coordinated by the committee and we thank Marie Windstein, Professor Andrew Lowe, Berry Liberman, Jack Manning-Bancroft, Emma Lewisham and Karen Fifield, MNZM for their role as fire-side speakers.

We also thank our sponsors and partners: Emma Lewisham, Museums Victoria and Taronga Conservation Society as Gold Partners; AIME, Small Giants Academy, University of Adelaide, Forrest Research Foundation and Wellington Zoo as Silver Partners; and Cleland Wildlife Park, Cool.Org, FSC, Hamilton Zoo, Qantas and Sustainable ESG as Bronze Partners.

The tour generated a net result of just over \$575,000 which will replenish our reserves and enable us to continue delivering outstanding environmental education programs to young people around Australia via our many programs.

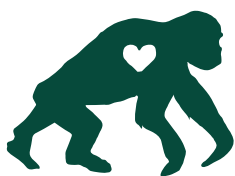
The Resource Box for Schools version three was delivered in late 2023 and planning and preparation of version 4 commenced. ReWild Your School was soft launched in late 2023 and by early 2024 we had 5 schools who had registered for the program. Embrace the Wild continued to expand at Sydney Zoo and Mini Grants rolled out.

For our Africa Programs we made headway developing our plans for expansion in Burundi beyond Musee Vivant towards Kibira National Park and commenced our preparations for a Conservation Action Plan in Rwanda in partnership with African Parks. We also continued developing our plans and preparations for membership to the Australian Council for International Development ahead of possible accreditation to the Australian NGO Cooperation Program that is funded and operated by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

Other achievements for the 2023/2024 financial year included:



1,537 individuals trained on female and sexual health in Africa



Supporting the care of 162 chimpanzees in Africa



60% increase in engagement across JGIA social media



Expanded our footprint in Africa with the addition of two new fieldwork programs in Rwanda and Burundi



R&S is fully national with initiatives in all states and territories



The number of Pen Pal participants grew by 205%



Affiliated with 6 zoos across Australia and New Zealand



Roots & Shoots active volunteers grew by 66%

# Bill Waterer Award 2024

## Mary Pilkinton

The Bill Waterer Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service is proudly awarded this year to Mary Pilkinton. Mary first connected with JGIA during Dr. Jane Goodall's 2014 tour as a youth ambassador at Taronga Zoo and later joined a Roots & Shoots group led by Maya Yaffe. In 2018, she became a member of the National Youth Leadership Council (NYLC), where she played a key role in its growth, developing a strong leadership team and mentoring countless youth.

Beyond her NYLC contributions, Mary represented JGIA in Taiwan in 2023, strengthened global Roots & Shoots connections, and was instrumental in the success of Dr. Jane's Reasons for Hope Australian Tour. She also co-founded the Embrace the Wild program at Sydney Zoo, which has since secured funding to expand nationally with new zoo partnerships underway.

Mary's dedication and leadership have left an enduring impact on the Roots & Shoots community, making her a deserving recipient of this prestigious award.

Mary reflects below on her Roots & Shoots experience:

"Although career development was not the reason I started volunteering with JGIA, my experiences with the organisation have been hugely helpful in connecting me with people who have supported me in my career, and with providing me with valuable experience I can reference in job applications.

I have been able to develop skills in facilitation, coordinating programs, volunteers, and events. I have also developed professional knowledge about the environmental sector and education. The JGIA network more broadly has also allowed me to have a range of experiences, including visiting colleagues in Taiwan and working on projects with them in early 2023.

I am now about to start a new role as a Program Manager at Climate for Change, which I am sure I wouldn't have received without my experience at JGIA, and with the support of JGIA staff and other volunteers. "

Mary Pilkinton

Congratulations Mary! Your award is well deserved, and we thank you for your care, dedication and service to the Roots & Shoots and broader JGIA community for so many years. We're excited to follow your epic future impact!

The Bill Waterer Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service was established in 2021 to recognise Roots & Shoots Australia volunteers who have had a positive, long-lasting impact on the community through their service. Winners selected are those who demonstrate Dr. Jane Goodall's care, compassion and dedication to care for animals, people and our shared environment.

The award is named in honour of Bill Waterer OAM, Roots & Shoots Australia's longest continuously serving volunteer.





# Our 2023-2024 Team

## Our Board

Simon Duffy AM:	Board Chair (Board member until December 2023)
Tim Lo Surdo:	Succeeded Simon Duffy effective 1 June 2023
Michelle Shepherd:	Deputy Chair until December 2023
Emma Pollard:	Company Secretary
Laura Wedmaier:	Treasurer until May 2024
Marsha Beck:	Treasurer from May 2024
Hugh Wareham:	Director
Dan Smith:	Director
Nick Boyle:	Director
Kris Anderson:	Director
Zane Pratt:	2022-2023 Board Observer and Director from December 2023

## Board Observers

Daniella Dickson, Barbara Cole & Zane Pratt

## Staff

James Forbes:	Chief Executive Officer
Marileze Buys:	General Manager   Operations and Programs
Ralph Scott:	Finance Manager
Natasha Coutts:	Africa Programs Manager
Abbie Mitchell:	Resources Manager   Education Programs
Ben Howes:	Roots & Shoots Australia Volunteer and Programs Manager
Jessica Oliver:	Fundraising and Communications Coordinator

## Key Volunteers

Robyn Hittmann:	Administration Coordinator until December 2023
Corinne Bowman:	Administration Coordinator from January 2024
Sean Walsh:	IT and Data Coordinator
Yvette O'Dowd:	Website Content Coordinator
Fiona Wilkie:	Administration Support
Sandy Jones:	Resource Box Coordinator
Anders Alexander:	Graphic Design Support

## State Coordinators

Amy Tran & Bill Waterer (outgoing):

Debbie Tanzer, Miranda Braakhuis & Daniel Reid:

Joanne Carroll:

Jessica Vize:

Lit Wei Chin:

Andrea Stiglingh:

Vineeta Gupta:

Wiktor Grochowski:

WA Roots & Shoots Coordinators

QLD Roots & Shoots Coordinators

NT Roots & Shoots Coordinator

VIC Roots & Shoots Coordinator

NSW Roots & Shoots Coordinator

SA Roots & Shoots Coordinator

Tasmanian Roots & Shoots Coordinator

ACT Roots & Shoots Coordinator

## National Youth Leadership Council

Mary Pilkinton

Rebecca Walters, Bec Morrow, Andrea Stiglingh,  
Vineeta Gupta, Ben Howes

National Coordinator

Co-Coordinators

## National Youth Leaders

Jamison Borg (SA), Miranda Braakhuis (QLD), Meg Cummins (NSW), Lizzie Doyle (SA), Samantha Gerrie (NSW), Cassie Howell (NSW), Bronte Hudson (NSW), Megan Jenssen (SA), Sophia Lark (NSW), Samantha Lovett (NSW), Elizabeth Punshon (VIC), Phuong To (VIC), Jessica Vize (NSW), Suzanne Van Alphen (NSW), Ellie Zillfleisch (ACT)

## Embrace The Wild

Ashleigh Kuznetsoff, Nabilah Chowdhury and Eirene Carajias

Suzanne van Alphen, Emerald Tint, Alexanna Gould-Towns,  
Phuong To, Jessica Vize

Coordinators

Youth Mentors

## Global Pen Pal Coordinators

Kim West, Samantha Gerrie and Suzanne Van Alphen

## Global Alumni Network

Samantha Gerrie, Benjamin Howes

## Dear World Coordinators

Mahima Kalla and Nila Taylor

## Return To Nature Coordinators

Andrea Stiglingh, Bec Morrow, Rebecca Walters  
and Vineeta Gupta

We thank each of our wonderful key volunteers and extend our immense gratitude to the many R&S volunteers and members across Australia who work hard each day to make a difference for animals, people and the environment. Thank you also to those volunteers who so generously gave of their time during Jane's Tour of Australia.





# Our Proud Partners & Generous Sponsors

JGIA is grateful to the individuals, foundations and businesses whose contributions to saving chimpanzees, helping communities and supporting young Australians, is making the world better for all.

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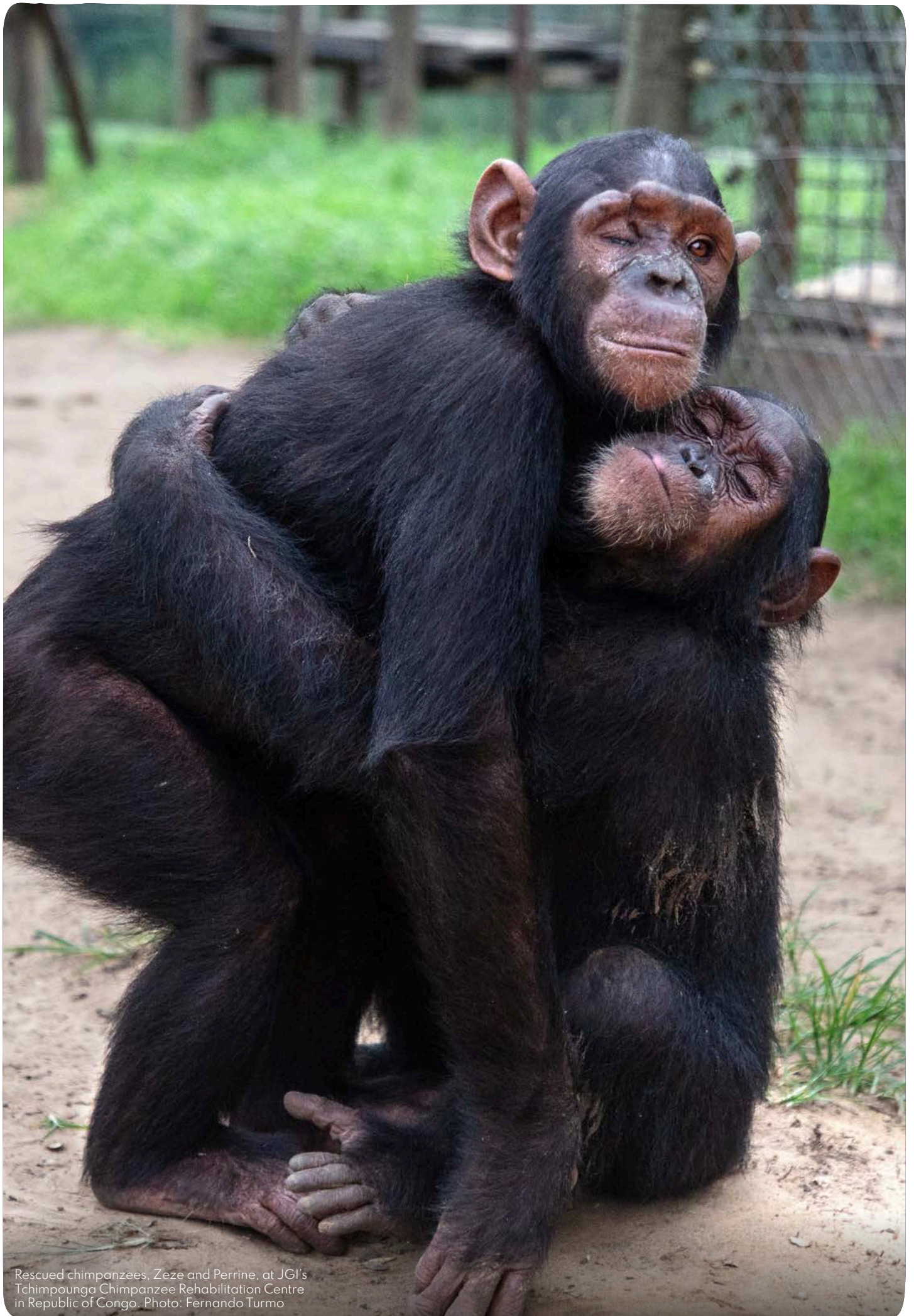
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## Government Grants

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Parks Victoria  
Department of Social Services  
Department of Education, Skills  
& Employment

## JGIA Lifetime Members

Amelia Swan  
Andrew O'Keeffe  
Anna Chung  
Denise Rado  
Leigh Findlay  
Michelle Shepherd  
Nancy Moloney  
Ruth Mitchell  
Sandra Day  
Simon Duffy  
Teresa Crich  
Tony Swales  
Zara Bending



Rescued chimpanzees, Zeze and Perrine, at JGI's Tchimpounga Chimpanzee Rehabilitation Centre in Republic of Congo. Photo: Fernando Turmo





# Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

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# Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited

## Directors' report

30 June 2024

The Directors present their report on Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

### Information on directors

The names of each person who has been a director during the year and to date of the report are:

Dan Smith	Director
Emma Pollard	Director
Hugh Wareham	Director
Kris Anderson	Director (appointed December 2023)
Laura Weidmaier	Director (resigned March 2024)
Marsha Beck	Director (appointed December 2023)
Michelle Sheppard	Director (resigned December 2023)
Nick Boyle	Director
Simon Duffy	Director (resigned October 2023)
Tim Lo Surdo	Director
Zane Pratt	Director (appointed December 2023)

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of the report unless otherwise stated.

### Meetings of directors

	Number eligible to attend	Number attended
Dan Smith	6	6
Emma Pollard	6	5
Hugh Wareham	6	6
Kris Anderson	3	3
Laura Weidmaier	4	2
Marsha Beck	3	3
Michelle Sheppard	3	2
Nick Boyle	6	6
Simon Duffy	2	2
Tim Lo Surdo	6	6
Zane Pratt	3	3



# Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited

## Directors' report

30 June 2024

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### Principal activities

The principal activity of Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited during the financial year was operating as a not for profit, non-government organisation, supporting conservation, education and wildlife research.

No significant changes in the nature of the Company's activity occurred during the financial year.

### Operating results

The surplus/(deficit) of the Company after providing for income tax amounted to \$316,730 (2023: (\$107,273)).

### Review of operations

A review of the operations of the Company during the financial year and the results of those operations show that the Company continued to engage in its principal activities.

### Short-term and long-term objectives

In the shorter term, the Company seeks to be a national, not for profit organisation within the current DGR status. Operating with a small team, the objective is to grow supporter base, undertake robust marketing and increase public engagement through a number of community based programs, with a view to being a strong trusted and authentic voice in community centred conservation and humane education, as well as supporting global institute's Africa programs, and local Australian Roots & Shoots programs.

For the longer term, operating with an increased team, the Company is striving to be a leading, national community centred conservation and education, not for profit organisation. The Company aims are to achieve significant humanitarian and conservation outcomes within both domestic and global environments.

### Strategies

In striving to achieve the objectives, the Company seeks to:

1. Foster a public understanding of the interconnection of people, animals and the environment;
2. Create an ever-expanding network of Australians who are inspired, engaged and empowered to become changes makers in local and global environmental and humanitarian projects;
3. Increase public awareness of and support for the conservation of endangered animals in Australia;
4. Increase public awareness of and support for conservation of Chimpanzees and other Great Apes.

# Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited

## Directors' report

30 June 2024

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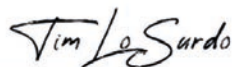
### Key performance measures

The Company measures its own performance through the use of both quantitative and qualitative benchmarks. The benchmarks are used by the Directors to assess the financial sustainability of the Company and whether the Company's short-term and long-term objectives are being achieved. Key performance measures include cash flow, profitability, number of scholarships awarded and the amount of funding provided to beneficiaries.

### Auditor's Independence Declaration

The lead auditor's independence declaration in accordance with section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, for the year ended 30 June 2024 has been received and can be found on page 5 of the financial report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



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**Tim Lo Surdo**

Director

30 October 2024



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## Auditor's independence declaration to the Directors of Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2024, there have been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit;
- no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit; and
- no non-audit services provided that contravene any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



**ALEX HARDY**

Director

30 October 2024

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Sydney

# Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited

## Statement of surplus or deficit and other comprehensive income

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Revenue	4	1,246,095	903,843
Other income		1,375	-
<b>Total revenue and other income</b>		<b>1,247,470</b>	<b>903,843</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Accounting and audit services		(20,890)	(6,150)
Administrative expenses		(8,540)	(6,408)
Advertising expenses		(14,051)	(1,186)
Cost of goods sold		(104)	(2,659)
Donations provided		(118,250)	(133,952)
Employee benefit expenses		(533,626)	(608,170)
Fundraising expenses		(39,212)	(1,004)
Legal expenses		(4,726)	-
Project costs		(105,785)	(201,095)
Other		(9,422)	(6,403)
Technology expenses		(21,776)	(21,845)
Tours and conferences		(43,300)	-
Training and education		(308)	(10,893)
Travel and entertainment		(10,750)	(11,351)
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>(930,740)</b>	<b>(1,011,116)</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) before income taxes</b>		<b>316,730</b>	<b>(107,273)</b>
Income tax	2.a	-	-
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>		<b>316,730</b>	<b>(107,273)</b>
<b>Total comprehensive surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>		<b>316,730</b>	<b>(107,273)</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



# Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited

## Statement of financial position

As at 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	878,558	856,811
Trade and other receivables	6	433,862	40,604
Inventories		17,348	7,208
<b>Total current assets</b>		1,329,768	904,623
<b>Total assets</b>		1,329,768	904,623
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	7	435,437	283,349
Contract liabilities	8	-	55,500
Employee benefits	9	53,880	42,053
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		489,317	380,902
<b>Total liabilities</b>		489,317	380,902
<b>Net assets</b>		840,451	523,721
<b>Equity</b>			
Retained earnings		840,451	523,721
<b>Total equity</b>		840,451	523,721

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited

## Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Retained earnings \$	Total \$
<b>2023</b>		
Opening balance	630,994	630,994
Deficit for the year	(107,273)	(107,273)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>523,721</b>	<b>523,721</b>
	Retained earnings \$	Total \$
<b>2024</b>		
Opening balance	523,721	523,721
Surplus for the year	316,730	316,730
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>840,451</b>	<b>840,451</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



# Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited

## Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Donations and gifts received		630,490	765,270
Receipts from customers and grantors		1,067,472	182,382
Interest received		11,213	5,544
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,569,178)	(918,440)
Funds provided to global projects		(118,250)	(133,952)
<b>Net cash flows from/(used in) operating activities</b>	10	21,747	(99,196)
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		21,747	(99,196)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		856,811	956,007
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year</b>	5	878,558	856,811

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited

## Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2024

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### 1. Basis of preparation

The Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited ("the Company") is incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* as a company limited by guarantee, and is domiciled in New South Wales.

This financial report was authorised for issue by the Board on 30 October 2024.

These general purpose financial statements (simplified disclosures) have been prepared in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations of the Australian Accounting Standards Board. The Company is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

The functional and presentation currency of the Company is Australian dollars.

Material accounting policies information adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies

#### a. Income tax

The Company is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

#### b. Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

The Company has adopted all standards which became effective for the first time at 30 June 2024, the adoption of these standards has not caused any material adjustments to the reported financial position, performance or cash flow of the Company.

### 3. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The Directors make estimates and judgements during the preparation of these financial statements regarding assumptions about current and future events affecting transactions and balances.

These estimates and judgements are based on the best information available at the time of preparing the financial statements, however as additional information is known then the actual results may differ from the estimates.

The significant estimates and judgements made have been described below.



# Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited

## Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2024

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### 3. Critical accounting estimates and judgements (continued)

#### a. Key estimates - revenue recognition

When determining the nature, timing and amount of revenue to be recognised, the following critical estimates and judgements were applied and are considered to be those that have the most significant effect on revenue recognition.

To identify a performance obligation under AASB 15, the promise must be sufficiently specific to be able to determine when the obligation is satisfied. Management exercises judgement to determine whether the promise is sufficiently specific by taking into account any conditions specified in the arrangement, explicit or implicit, regarding the promised goods or services. In making this assessment, management includes the nature/type, cost/value, quantity and the period of transfer related to the goods or services promised.

### 4. Revenue and other income

#### a. Accounting policy

##### i. Revenue from contracts with customers

The core principle of AASB 15 is that revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the Company expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services.

Generally, the timing of the payment for sale of goods and rendering of services corresponds closely to the timing of satisfaction of the performance obligations, however where there is a difference, it will result in the recognition of a receivable, contract asset or contract liability.

None of the revenue streams of the Company have any significant financing terms as there is less than 12 months between receipt of funds and satisfaction of performance obligations.

##### ii. Specific revenue streams

The revenue recognition policies for the principal revenue streams of the Company are:

##### **Sale of goods and merchandise**

Revenue from sale of goods and merchandise is recognised when goods are delivered, and title has passed. Event income is recognised on receipt of funds from ticket sales.

##### **Revenue from Government programs**

Revenue from Government programs including grants and special purpose donations is recognised when the relevant performance obligations are met.

# Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited

## Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2024

### 4. Revenue and other income (continued)

#### a. Accounting policy (continued)

##### ii. Specific revenue streams (continued)

##### General donations and sponsorships

General donations and sponsorships made to the Company are recognised as income on receipt of the donation or sponsorship receipt. The Company applies specific purpose donations and sponsorship in accordance with the terms and wishes of the donors/sponsors.

##### Interest and other revenue

Interest and other revenue are recognised on an accrual basis.

#### b. Revenue

	2024 \$	2023 \$
<b>Donations and sponsorships</b>		
Donations and gifts - Individuals	287,378	191,425
Donations and gifts - Foundations	274,999	420,229
Sponsorships	68,113	153,615
	630,490	765,269
Merchandise sales	8,339	9,993
Events income	559,461	50,238
Government programs	17,885	69,073
Interest income	11,213	5,544
Phone recycling	4,876	826
Other revenue	13,831	2,900
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>1,246,095</b>	<b>903,843</b>

During the 2023/24 financial year, \$45,000 was received from two grantors relating to projects that will be delivered in future years. However, as the related grant agreements did not contain sufficiently specific performance obligations, they have been recorded as income in the current year in accordance with the requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards.

### 5. Cash and cash equivalents

#### a. Accounting policy

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash at bank and term deposits.



# Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited

## Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2024

### 5. Cash and cash equivalents (continued)

#### b. Cash and cash equivalents details

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Cash at bank	633,558	436,811
Term deposits	245,000	420,000
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>878,558</b>	<b>856,811</b>

### 6. Trade and other receivables

#### a. Accounting policy

Trade receivables, which comprise amounts due from sales of merchandise and from services provided to customers, are recognised and carried at original invoice amount less an allowance for any uncollectible amounts. Normal terms of settlement vary from seven to ninety days. The carrying amount of the receivables is deemed to reflect fair value.

An allowance for doubtful debts is made when there is objective evidence that the Company will not be able to collect the debts. Bad debts are written off when identified.

#### b. Trade and other receivables details

Accounts receivable	25,600	-
Sundry debtors	-	9,502
Prepayments	-	3,167
Accrued income	408,262	4,552
GST receivable	-	23,383
<b>Total trade and other receivables</b>	<b>433,862</b>	<b>40,604</b>

### 7. Trade and other payables

#### a. Accounting policy

Trade creditors and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the company prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid. These amounts are usually settled in 30 days. The carrying amount of the creditors and payables is deemed to reflect fair value.

# Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited

## Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2024

### 7. Trade and other payables (continued)

#### b. Trade and other payables details

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Trade payables	-	24,256
GST payable	2,734	-
Accrued expenses	229,744	89,479
Amounts payable to other Jane Goodall Institutes	183,437	56,493
Other payables	10,606	105,089
PAYG withholding payable	8,916	8,032
<b>Total trade and other payables</b>	<b>435,437</b>	<b>283,349</b>

Trade and other payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 30 days. The carrying value of trade and other payables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

### 8. Contract liabilities

#### a. Accounting policy

Contract liabilities arises from income received under an enforceable agreement with sufficiently specific performance obligations. Contract liabilities are transferred to the statement of profit and loss as income as the performance obligations are met.

#### b. Contract liabilities details

The Company has recognised the following contract assets and liabilities from contracts with customers:

Grants received in advance	-	55,500
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### 9. Employee benefits

#### a. Accounting policy

Provision is made for the Company's liability for employee benefits. Those benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs.



# Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited

## Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2024

### 9. Employee benefits (continued)

The Company reviewed the annual leave liability to determine the level of annual leave which is expected to be paid more than 12 months after the end of the reporting period. Whilst this has been considered to be long-term employee benefits for the purpose of measuring the leave under AASB 119, the effect of discounting was not considered to be material.

Employee benefits are presented as current liabilities in the statement of financial position if the Company does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting date regardless of the classification of the liability for measurement purposes under AASB 119.

#### b. Employee benefit details

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Annual leave	53,880	42,053

### 10. Cash flow information

Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:

Surplus/(Deficit)	316,730	(107,273)
<b>Changes in assets and liabilities:</b>		
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	(393,258)	49,354
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(10,140)	1,187
Increase/(decrease) in payables	152,088	20,871
Increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	11,827	3,936
Increase/(decrease) in contract liabilities	(55,500)	(67,271)
<b>Cash inflow/(outflow) from operations</b>	<b>21,747</b>	<b>(99,196)</b>

### 11. Members' guarantee

The Company is registered with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and is a Company limited by guarantee. If the Company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$10 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the Company. At 30 June 2024 the number of members was 79 (2023: 77).

### 12. Contingencies

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company did not have any contingencies at 2024 (2023: None).

### 13. Commitments

The Company did not have any commitments as at 30 June 2024 (2023: None).

# Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited

## Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2024

### 14. Auditor's remuneration

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Remuneration of the auditor for:		
- audit of the financial statements	11,140	9,750

### 15. Financial risk management

The company's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks and accounts receivable and payable.

The carrying amounts for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 139 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

#### Financial assets

Cash and cash equivalents	878,558	856,811
Trade and other receivables	433,862	40,604
	1,312,420	897,415

#### Financial liabilities

Trade and other payables	(435,437)	(283,349)
	(435,437)	(283,349)

### 16. Events occurring after the reporting date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

### 17. Key management personnel remuneration

Any person(s) having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, directly or indirectly, including any Directors (whether executive or otherwise) is considered key management personnel.

The total remuneration paid to key management personnel of the Company is \$368,481 (2023: \$294,675).



# Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited

## Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2024

### 18. Related parties

Other related parties include close family members of key management personnel and entities that are controlled or jointly controlled by those key management personnel individually or collectively with their close family members. Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other persons unless otherwise stated. There were no other related party transactions in 2024 (2023: Nil).

### 19. Information and declarations to be furnished under the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991

During the year Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited raised money in the form of donations, sponsorships, government grants and merchandise sales. Fundraising activities included appeals, Burundi Rescue Chimpanzees and Girls Empowerment. Donations were also received throughout the year from individuals and organisations.

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Aggregate gross income from fundraising	14,203	54,540
Less: total direct cost of fundraising	(12,263)	(8,180)
<b>Net surplus from fundraising</b>	<b>1,940</b>	<b>46,360</b>

### 20. Statutory information

The registered office and principal place of business of the Company is:

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Bradley's Head Road

Mosman, NSW 2088

# Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited

## Directors' declaration

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The Directors of the Company declare that:

1) The financial statements and notes for the year ended 30 June 2024 are in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and:

- comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2022; and
- give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the Company.

2) At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and

3) In respect of Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited:

- the provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the Regulations under that Act and the conditions to the authority have been complied with; and
- the internal controls exercised by Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited are effective in accounting for all income received.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2022*.



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Tim Lo Surdo

Director

30 October 2024



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## Independent audit report to the members of Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

#### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a general purpose financial report (simplified disclosures) of Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited (the Company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of surplus or deficit and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements and the Directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Company is in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

1. giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
2. complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022*.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical

## Independent audit report to the members of Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited

### **Basis for Opinion (continued)**

Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code)* that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Responsibilities of the Directors**

The Directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2022*, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Directors is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Directors are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

## Independent audit report to the members of Jane Goodall Institute Australia Limited

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Company to express an opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Company audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



**ALEX HARDY**

Director

30 October 2024



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