



Thursday 10 October 2024	
9:30am	<p>Registration</p>
9:30am – 5:15pm	<p>Conservation Finance Intensive</p> <p>Since 2018, ALCA’s annual Conservation Finance Intensive has showcased the cutting edge of global and national conservation finance initiatives and trends, bringing together practitioners from across the private, non-profit and government sectors. The need and importance of these convenings has increased as we approach 2030, the target year by which almost 200 countries have pledged under the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework to conserve 30% of earth’s land and sea.</p> <p>Known for being highly interactive and fun, the Conservation Finance Intensives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horizon scan, explore and share current and emerging opportunities for conservation finance • Build attendees’ capacity to access and scale up finance for nature • Develop a network of conservation finance practitioners across the private, non-profit, and public sectors <p>The 2024 Conservation Finance Intensive features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global nature positive agenda (Marco Lambertini, Convenor of Nature Positive Initiative) • Latest drivers, frameworks and metrics moving the private sector toward the nature positive agenda (EY Pollination) • Catalytic investments supporting on-farm natural capital improvements (Wedgetail Agronomeye Bush Heritage Australia) • Case study: Securing lands for Traditional Owners through revenue from landscape rejuvenation, carbon, and regenerative agriculture (Esperance Tjaltjraak Native Title Aboriginal Corporation Carbon Neutral Odonata Foundation) • ‘Race to Nature Positive’ interactive nature markets game (EY) • Networking drinks <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Stu Adam, CEO & Co-Founder, Agronomeye Alexandra Banks, Partner, Ernst & Young Peter Bednall, CEO, Esperance Tjaltjraak Native Title Aboriginal Corporation (ETNTAC) Anna Bonney, Wellbeing and Junior Ranger Coordinator, Esperance Tjaltjraak Native Title Aboriginal Corporation (ETNTAC) Miguel Castillo, Senior Manager, Climate Change and Sustainability Services, Ernst & Young Phil Ireland, Carbon Neutral Marco Lambertini, Convenor, Nature Positive Initiative Rachel Lowry, Chief Executive Officer, Bush Heritage Australia Lisa Miller, CEO & Founder, Wedgetail Liz Rose, Partner, Climate Change and Sustainability Services, Ernst & Young Matthew Singleton, COO & Head of Advisory, Odonata Guy Williams, Executive Director, Pollination Group Olivia Whitaker, Sustainability Manager, L'ORÉAL Naomi Wilson, Head of Environment and Sustainability, Australian Agricultural Company</p>

	<p>Facilitators: Darren Grover, Head, Regenerative Country, WWF-Australia Marnie Lassen, Nature Conservationist</p>
<p>10am – 1pm</p>	<p>Morning Workshops</p> <p>Workshop 1: Shaping the Narrative for Nature Action The private land conservation sector has a critical role to play in elevating societal understanding of the nature crisis and shaping the national conversation on nature consequences and action. Join communications experts to examine how the public narrative influences politics, policy, business and nature investment, and how we can practically harness our collective communications power to catalyse action for nature.</p> <p>Speakers: Claire O’Rourke, CEO, Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network James Trezise, Director, Biodiversity Council Patrick O’Leary, Chief Executive Officer, Country Needs People</p> <p>Facilitator: Rebecca Huntley</p> <p>Workshop 2: Future Leaders Forum Get Ready to Lead the Change! Are you ready to dive in and make a real impact on our environment? Join us at the Future Leaders Forum, where we’re bringing together passionate young adults like you to brainstorm, innovate, and create solutions for today’s environmental challenges.</p> <p>Why Attend? This isn’t your typical workshop. We’re talking hands-on problem-solving, interactive sessions, and a whole lot of fun. Here’s what’s in store:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive Problem-Solving: Work with other young leaders to tackle real-world environmental issues. We’ll break into small groups, brainstorm ideas, and come up with actionable plans. • Leadership in Action: Learn from the trailblazers who’ve come before you, but also discover how to put your unique spin on leadership. This is your chance to step up and shine. • Real Opportunities: This session is all about turning anxiety into action. By highlighting the incredible opportunities for growth and solutions, we’ll show you how to turn environmental challenges into career-making moments. • Meet the Movers and Shakers: Rub shoulders with philanthropists and funders who are eager to support the next big idea. This could be your shot at getting your groundbreaking project off the ground. <p>What’s in It for You?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspiration and Innovation: Get inspired by the latest in conservation tech, policy changes, and collaborative efforts. Learn how you can be at the forefront of environmental change. • Connections and Collaborations: Network with like-minded peers, seasoned professionals, and potential mentors. Build connections that will last a lifetime and propel your career forward. • Take-Home Action Plans: Leave with concrete action plans and the confidence to implement them. We’re not just talking ideas; we’re talking real, impactful change.

Don't miss out on this chance to be part of a movement that's shaping the future of land conservation. Whether you're just starting out or looking to take your career to the next level, this workshop is designed to empower you with the tools, knowledge, and network to make a difference. Facilitated by Landcare Australia

Speakers:

Sophie Blair, Local Landcare Coordinator, Greater Sydney Landcare

Annette Cavanagh, Chair, Intrepid Landcare

Kurt Jones, Founder & CEO, Co-Exist Australia

Sana Shah, University of Sydney

Workshop 3: Technology & Research Solutions Showcase

Technology and research innovation is critical to driving improvements and efficiencies in managing Australia's biodiversity. At this workshop you will hear from national organisations that are leading the way in delivering exciting new practices and applications for real, on-the-ground land management efficiencies and improvement in monitoring frameworks. Use this network of technical experts and practitioners to explore improvements to your own land management practices, learn about cutting edge approaches to conservation challenges, and share your thoughts on their wider application to help address our biodiversity crisis.

Speakers:

Yezmin Assad, Networking and Telecommunications Specialist (ICT), Australian Wildlife Conservancy

Gareth Catt, Desert Partnerships Manager, Indigenous Desert Alliance

Paul Flemons, Manager of Citizen Science and Expeditions, Australian Museum

Jenny Giles, Director, National Biodiversity DNA Library, CSIRO

Andrew Growcock, Manager Agreements & Technical Services, NSW Biodiversity Conservation

Megan Head, ANU

Damien Kerr, Chief information Technology Officer, Australian Wildlife Conservancy

James Maino, Technical Manager, Thylation

Emma Spencer, Program Manager/Ecologist, WWF-Australia

Michelle Young, Project Director, ANU Sustainable Farms

Jessie Buettel, Forest and Wildlife Ecologist, ANU Sustainable Farms

Workshop 4: Nature Positive Water – Partnering with utilities for impact

Interested in understanding how the water sector can contribute toward our Nature Positive goals in Australia? Keen to hear First Nations perspectives on partnering with water utilities to heal Country? In this workshop, we will explore how water utilities are contributing to a Nature Positive future, along with emerging opportunities to partner with private landholders and community groups to scale action.

We will hear about current initiatives and case studies from the Australian water sector, drawing from the recently released WSA paper – [Nature Positive Water](#), August 2024. We will explore how understanding impacts and dependencies on nature, can support the water sector to provide resilient water and wastewater services for future generations, moving from water managers to water stewards, contributing toward Australia's Nature Positive goals.

The workshop will cover three key themes:

- Partnering with water utilities – First Nations perspectives and opportunities
- Where we are now – water utility case studies with panel and group discussion

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where we can go – exploring partnerships to scale action inspired by global case studies shared by The Nature Conservancy (TNC), <p>We will open with a sector wide overview provided by Water Services Association of Australia, followed by sharing story from First Nations perspectives on the journey so far and future opportunities. This will be followed by panel discussion sharing learnings from current water utility case studies and group discussion. We will round up to focus on future opportunities to scale action. The workshop segments will be inspired by First Nations perspectives, Australian water utility case studies and global case studies from TNC, sharing how Water Funds have enabled pooling of resources between stakeholders to scale action. We welcome First Nations people, water utility professionals, private landholders, government and academic representatives and conservation or community groups to explore how to get rubber on the road for scaling action, delivering benefits to community and nature now and for future generations.</p> <p>Speakers: Chris Brace, Executive General Manager, Service Futures, Melbourne Water Nina Braid, Aboriginal Partnerships Manager, Yarra Valley Water Tim Chaseling, Team Leader Catchment Protection and Land Management, Icon Water Meg Humphrys, Liveable Communities Advisor, Water Services Association of Australia (WSAA) Anna Lucas, Acting General Manager of Service Strategy, Melbourne Water Jason Mingo, Manager Liveable Communities, Water Services Association of Australia (WSAA) Greg Robinson, Head of First Nation Values, Barwon Water Erik Spiro-Larrea, Senior Project Lead, The Nature Conservancy Nicole Saxon, Head of Sustainability and Healthy Country, Barwon Water</p>
1pm – 2pm	Lunch
2pm – 5pm	<p>Afternoon Workshops</p> <p>Workshop 5: Natural Capital and the Landscape Scale This workshop will explore the key concepts and ideas associated with the natural capital assets, accounting and investments that can support nature restoration at a landscape scale. It will look at the basics of building resilience through integrated landscape scale management; explore some of the ways we can assess and account for natural capital at a landscape scale; and unpack why it makes good sense (and cents!) to invest in landscape scale investments. This session will include a range of speakers, as well as a fun and engaging game designed to put people in the picture of place-based land management and why it makes sense. Facilitated by NRM Regions Australia.</p> <p>Speakers: Kate Andrews, CEO, NRM Regions Australia Adam Bester, CEO, Glenelg-Hopkins CMA Karen Fitzherbert, Team Lead Strategy and Partnerships, Natural Capital, Local Land Services Helen Oakman Manager, Market Development, Primary Industries Productivity and Abatement Program (PIPAP)</p> <p>Workshop 6: Community-led Conservation for Big Environmental Outcomes Ready to drive transformational change in environmental conservation? Keen to gain insights from respected voices and indigenous perspectives? Excited to network and collaborate for greater impact? Join experts as they share case studies and their lived experiences. This dynamic workshop includes breakout sessions and opportunities for group sharing, allowing you to explore innovative solutions and strategies in community-led conservation.</p>

	<p>Community-led conservation addresses complex, place-based environmental challenges by leveraging local context and unique regional knowledge. It is critical for delivering social licence and community benefit sharing. This workshop showcases how local initiatives align with broader environmental goals and why we need both bottom-up and top-down strategies. Delegates will share their approaches, challenges, and opportunities specific to community-led conservation, and explore what is needed to accelerate efforts.</p> <p>In this session, you will learn about: Pathways that enable long term thinking; how young people can gain agency and actively participate in private land conservation; succession planning for private landholders, community groups and organisations.</p> <p>Who Should Attend? Young people, community groups, ESG organisations, Landholders, Environmental Consults and Businesses, and Local Government.</p> <p>Speakers: Amos Atkinson, Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation (DJAARA) Robyn Edwards, Partnerships and Grants Manager, Wildlife Unlimited and Biodiversity Legacy Loulou Gebbie, Network and Relationships Manager, Biodiversity Legacy Kate Green, Relationship Manager, Rendere Trust Tegan Hibberson, Healthy Landscape Manager – Victoria, Bush Heritage Australia Jodi Kennedy, General Manager, Community & Culture, Bass Coast Shire Council Sam Marwood, CEO, Odonata Foundation</p> <p>Facilitator: Lizzie Corke, CEO, Conservation Ecology Centre</p> <p>Workshop 7: Reimagining Conservation 2pm – 4:30pm This workshop will bring together First Nations and non-Indigenous practitioners to talk about how we can reimagine land and sea management across Australia, together. The workshop will outline the Reimagining Conservation Forum’s 6 key themes and share examples of how these are practically applied across Australia. Presenters will share key takeaways from the August 2024 Reimagining Conservation Forum. Delegates can consider how these insights can be applied within their own organisational contexts.</p> <p>Speakers: Barry Hunter, CEO, North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAISMA) Erica McCreedy, Chief Operations Officer, North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAISMA)</p>
5:15pm – 6:30pm	<p>First Nations Delegate Event After a day of workshops, First Nations delegates are invited to a pre-dinner gathering to connect and network.</p> <p>Speakers: Charles Trindall, Principal Consultant, Indigenous Lead Facilitation Donna Ingram, Senior Community & Cultural Services Consultant</p> <p>Facilitators: Bruce Hammond, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Manager, South Australia, Bush Heritage Australia Maria Watson-Trudgett, Cultural Consultant/First Nations Strategic Advisor & Aboriginal Artist</p>

6:30pm – 10:30pm	<p>Conference Dinner Network with old friends and new connections and celebrate the work of the private land conservation sector, its partners and supporters over dinner and drinks. Hear remarks from a global keynote speaker and ALCA leadership.</p> <p>Welcome to Country: Aunty Joan Bell, Gadigal Elder</p> <p>Facilitator/Host: Jody Gunn, CEO, Australian Land Conservation Alliance</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Mavis Mullins, Chair, Nga Whenua Rahui</p>
Friday 11 October 2024	
7:00am	Registration
7:15am – 8:45am	<p>Policy Breakfast This sought-after policy breakfast brings policy down to the practical. It's a chance to engage with and inform ALCA's policy agenda and is a one-stop shop for everything you need to know about the state of play across Federal, State and Territory policy issues and what it means for private land conservation in Australia.</p> <p>Speakers: Michael Cornish, Policy Lead, ALCA Tim Hughes, Director, South Endeavour Trust Michael O'Neil, Policy & Government Relations Director, The Nature Conservancy Australia</p>
9:00am – 9:20am	<p>Morning Address</p> <p>Ministerial Address - The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for the Environment and Water</p> <p>Welcome and scene setting – Vic Marles, Chair, Australian Land Conservation Alliance</p> <p>Housekeeping – MC: Dr Ann Jones, Presenter and Producer, ABC Radio</p>
9:25am – 10:25am	<p>Plenary 1: Bringing the Global Nature Positive Summit to you Global and national conservation leaders will reflect on the impact of the world's first Nature Positive Summit and interrogate its contributions to driving action and investment into conservation, restoration and land management.</p> <p>Speakers: Dean Knudson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Climate Change, Energy, The Environment and Water Gary Tabor, Founder and President, Center for Large Landscape Conservation Eliane Ubalijoro, Chief Executive Officer, Centre for International Forestry Research and World Agroforestry (CIFOR ICRAF)</p> <p>Facilitator: Dermot O'Gorman, Chief Executive Officer, WWF-Australia</p>
10:25am – 11:10am	Morning Tea
11:15am – 12:15pm	Concurrent Series 1
Concurrent 1A: Harnessing Markets for Conservation Impact	

Environmental markets, with the right guardrails, are leveraging private sector investment to tackle the climate and biodiversity crises. This session will lift the lid on their progress, nationally and globally, look at the lessons learned from the carbon market, and analyse real-life case studies where markets are driving great outcomes for the environment and the people that manage it.

Speakers:

Gareth Catt, Desert Partnerships Manager, Indigenous Desert Alliance

Cath Gallery, Manager Private Land Conservation, NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust

Michael Rosser, Owner, Argyle Station Pastoral Co

James Schultz, CEO, GreenCollar

Facilitator: Radha Kuppalli, Non-Executive Director, Greening Australia

Concurrent 1B: Investing in First Nations Leadership

First Nations leadership brings perspectives, knowledge and practice that is crucial for safeguarding a healthy and resilient future. In this session we will explore the national and international policy, innovation and practice of First Nations-led land and water management that is delivering outcomes that are good for people and planet.

Speakers:

David Major, Co-founder & Director, Thirriwirri

Stephina Salee, Executive Officer, Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation

Teagan Shields, Research Fellow, Curtin University

Facilitators:

Bruce Hammond, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Manager, South Australia, Bush Heritage Australia

Sam Murray, CEO, Indigenous Desert Alliance

Concurrent 1C: Achieving Targets

There is an emerging suite of pathways, roadmaps and blueprints to help Australia meet its ambitious targets 2 and 3 under the Global Biodiversity Framework, and it's no surprise that Indigenous leadership and conservation on privately managed land have a critical role to play. If you're wondering what's what, and how we're going to get there, this session is for you. Join us to unpack and outline the pathways, roadmaps, actions and resources needed for the effective protection and restoration that we so urgently need.

Speakers:

Emma Carmody, Co-Founder & Director of Legal and Partnerships, Restore Blue

James Fitzsimons, Senior Advisor, Global Protection Strategies, The Nature Conservancy

Tein McDonald, Convenor, Restoration Decade Alliance

Patrick O'Leary, Chief Executive Officer, Country Needs People

Facilitator: Rachel Lowry, CEO, Bush Heritage Australia

12:25pm –
1:25pm

Concurrent Series 2

Concurrent 2A: Nature Now: Good for People, Productivity and Profit

Nature sustains our lifestyles and livelihoods and is a linchpin of our economy. It's increasingly clear that prioritising nature is not only responsible but smart business – and it's time for the rubber to hit the road. Be inspired by business leaders putting nature at the heart of their work about the challenges, opportunities and pathways for private sector engagement and collaboration, why putting nature on the agenda is good for people, productivity and profit.

Speakers:

Allan Cooney, CEO, The North Australian Pastoral Company
Christina Dickinson, Director of Sustainability and ESG, Bupa
Ian Hamm, Chair, Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation
Olivia Whitaker, Sustainability Manager, L'ORÉAL

Facilitator: Judy Slatyer, President and Chair, WWF Australia

Concurrent 2B: Unlocking Landholder Participation

Across the country, thousands of landholders undertake conservation on privately managed land, making crucial contributions to building healthy and resilient landscapes and communities. This session will delve into landholders' success stories and challenges: be inspired by their motivations to protect, manage and restore nature, and hear landholder perspectives on what is actually needed to empower more people and expand participation.

Speakers:

Mark Brettschneider, Land Manager, Gayini, Nari Nari Tribal Council
Angela Hawdon, Strategic Engagements Manager, Farming For The Future
Leith Hawkins, Regional Manager, NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust
Stuart Inchley, Founder, Tarwin River Forest

Facilitator: Corinne Proske, CEO, Trust for Nature

Concurrent 2C: Climate Solutions Through Nature Action

Nature-based solutions could contribute around 30% of the emissions cuts needed to achieve the Paris Agreement's temperature goals, making nature a crucial part of the climate solution – so how do we elevate it as a critical investment pathway? This session will look at the success of nature-based solutions being delivered locally and globally, and the role of policy and investment in making sure they fulfil their potential.

Speakers:

Nick Butcher, Senior Adviser, Wollemi Capital
Heather Campbell, CEO, Greening Australia
Thami Croeser, Research Fellow, RMIT University
Leah Talbot, Research Manager, Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA)

Facilitator: Peter Cochrane, Councillor and Vice President, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

1:25pm –
2:25pm

Lunch

2:35pm –
3:35pm

Plenary 2: Closing the finance gap for nature

Australia has the resources, expertise and imperative to safeguard nature – and our future – and the global influence to lead by example. Join us to examine current investments that recognise the moral and strategic economic imperative of urgently closing the nature finance gap, and explore the challenges and opportunities for the government, private and philanthropic sectors when working together to finance a nature positive future.

Speakers:

Leah Armstrong, Regional Manager Australia, International Funders for Indigenous Peoples
James Bentley, Director Sustainable Lending, NAB
Paul Chatterton, Lead and Founder, Landscape Finance Lab

	<p>Erin Giuliani, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust</p> <p>Facilitator: Stephanie Russo, Executive Director, Pollination Group</p>
3:35pm – 4:05pm	Afternoon Tea
4:10pm – 5:10pm	<p>Plenary 3: Australia on Show Australia's vast landscapes, unique ecosystems, and rich biodiversity offer much to celebrate. Despite the challenges ahead, the protection, management and restoration of biodiversity on privately managed land brings hope and inspiration. Join us for a captivating showcase of projects and partnerships addressing the most pressing conservation challenges of our time.</p> <p>Speakers: Skye Cameron, Regional Ecologist, Australian Wildlife Conservancy Heather Campbell, CEO, Greening Australia Rebecca Spindler, Executive Manager, Science and Conservation, Bush Heritage Australia Jamie Woods, Chair and Kai Hearne, Gayini River Ranger, Nari Nari Tribal Council</p> <p>Facilitator: Dr Ann Jones, Presenter and Producer, ABC Radio</p>
5:10pm – 5:20pm	<p>Conference Close</p> <p>Jody Gunn, CEO, Australian Land Conservation Alliance Dr Ann Jones, Presenter and Producer, ABC Radio</p>
5:30pm – 6:30pm	Post Conference Networking Event