

AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

BirdLife Australia and Birds SA

PURPOSE of AFFILIATION

To facilitate arrangements for BirdLife Australia and Birds SA, which share common goals, to work together on specific areas where it is mutually beneficial.

BACKGROUND

This Affiliation Agreement is drafted to facilitate cooperation and data exchange with realistic expectations and outcomes.

DEFINITIONS

Affiliated Groups are formally recognised in Clause 22.4 of the Constitution. BirdLife Australia differentiates the role of its branches from other bird organisations as follows, to help to inform decisions about becoming a branch or remaining an affiliate:

Entity	Definition	Relationship
Branch of BirdLife Australia	<p>Branches represent BirdLife Australia at the local/regional level in activities such as surveys, delivering projects, events and advocacy. Benefits include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • integration with BirdLife Australia's membership package (e.g. website); • tax deductible donations (through the Aus Bird Fund); • unified and strong national identity and reputation; • access to conservation, education, research, finance, communications, IT and administrative support; • access to a national network of branches and members to share learning, information and resources; • insurance for public liability, personal accident, travel and professional indemnity; and • financial and legal underwriting of projects and events. 	<p>Collaborative — shared goals, plans, resources, policies and risk; entities actively involved in the organisation's decision-making process.</p>
Non-BirdLife Australia birding organisation (Affiliated Groups)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affiliated Groups are not BirdLife Australia representatives; however, they cooperate on activities under the terms outlined in this Agreement. 	<p>Cooperative — working together on specific areas where it is mutually beneficial.</p>

PRINCIPLES UNDERPINNING THE AGREEMENT

This agreement will be based on the following principles for cooperation:

- regular two-way communication between BirdLife Australia and Birds SA;
- cooperation in matters of national conservation and advocacy, where policies are aligned;
- share data, information and expertise for research and conservation purposes; and
- participate in and, where agreed, deliver field activities and projects in support of BirdLife Australia's programs

SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT

The Parties wish to cooperate across the following activities, subject to the resources available for their implementation:

- share information on activities and maintain a calendar of activities and events, or links, on the BirdLife Australia website;
- share contact details of the Affiliated Group, BirdLife Australia National Office and local branches to encourage regional and national cooperation;
- members of Affiliated Groups are encouraged to become supporters of BirdLife Australia, which includes a free e-newsletter to share national information;
- extend invitations to attend events, where appropriate;
- share bird data for bona fide projects involving bird and/or habitat conservation (subject to data privacy provisions);
- advocate jointly on conservation issues, where there is agreement on policy and outcomes;
- share materials developed for promotional, educational and conservation purposes;
- agree to work together to share a common code of ethics for birding;
- share learning on initiatives such as birdwatching and conservation; and
- recognition as an "Affiliated Group of BirdLife Australia" as articulated under the constitution (note: use of the BirdLife Australia or Affiliated Group logo requires written approval).

PUBLIC LIABILITY COVER

Each body is responsible for its own public liability cover.

Affiliated Groups' activities are not covered by BirdLife Australia's public liability insurance. Public Liability insurance provides cover against legal costs, expenses and liability to pay damages when the organisation or volunteers at *official BirdLife Australia events* are sued by an injured party under common law (e.g. injury or damage caused through negligence). Refer to the terms and conditions of BirdLife Australia's insurance policy (birdlife.org.au).

GOVERNANCE

- a list of Affiliate Group committee members and a copy of the Affiliate's President's report is forwarded annually to BirdLife Australia; and
- BirdLife Australia's annual report is available on its website (birdlife.org.au).

TERM

This Affiliation Agreement will commence on the date it is signed by both Parties and continues for an indefinite period unless terminated by either Party. The agreement can be updated at any time by agreement of both parties.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Each party is required to maintain confidentiality regarding non-public information involving the organisations, programs, staff, volunteers and clients. Information received must not be disclosed unless express permission is given to do so by both parties. Breaches of confidentiality may result in termination of this Agreement.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Intellectual Property of written material, data and graphics (online and hard copy) developed through participation in BirdLife Australia's activities, belongs to BirdLife Australia, subject to the provisions of data-sharing arrangements agreed with Affiliated Groups.

AMBIGUITIES

Any limitation or ambiguities arising from these arrangements shall be resolved by the President of BirdLife Australia and the President of Birds SA, according to the objects and spirit of goodwill underlying the terms of this agreement.

ADDENDUM

Some particular areas of cooperation between BirdLife Australia and Birds SA are outlined in an addendum to this agreement.

ADDENDUM

Background

Birds SA and BirdLife Australia have worked cooperatively and in good faith since the establishment of BirdLife Australia's predecessor organisation, the Australasian Ornithologists' Union in 1901. The South Australian Ornithological Association (Birds SA) is the oldest ornithological association in Australia, established in March 1899. Affiliation between the organisations is a significant national action that will continue to build on the long histories of the two organisations.

The organisations share a high proportion of members common to both in South Australia — estimated at approximately 70% at the time of this agreement. Many members participate in the events and projects of both organisations.

It is acknowledged that Birds SA, as a volunteer-led organisation currently without paid staff, may have limitations on its capability to provide human and other resources, for all potential joint action.

Birds SA and BirdLife Australia agree to work together to achieve the objectives outlined in this agreement. Any future BirdLife Australia proposals to establish an Adelaide-based branch of BirdLife Australia (i.e. BirdLife South Australia) will be discussed with Birds SA to provide opportunity for consultation. If BirdLife Australia continues to set up a branch in SA at a future time, the current Affiliation Agreement will be terminated and a new Agreement negotiated.

Birds SA

Birds SA is an authoritative body representing ornithology in South Australia, has a strong alliance with and undertakes research with the South Australian Museum, operates a Conservation Fund for South Australian-based ornithological projects and university research students, and has contributed data and vetting services to all Australian Birds Atlases.

At the time of signing this Affiliation Agreement, Birds SA is a growing association with approximately 900 members.

Birds SA has a program of regular activities for its members including field trips and campouts, as well as regular publications including the *South Australian Ornithologist* (published since 1914), newsletters and monthly e-news. The organisation fosters interest in birding among young people through its Fledglings program.

BirdLife Australia

BirdLife Australia is the national leader in conservation of Australia's birds and their habitats through science-based research, practical action and independent advice. It is the Australian partner of BirdLife International. BirdLife Australia was formed in 2011 as a result of the merger of the Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union (Birds Australia), founded 1901, with Bird Observation and Conservation Australia (BOCA), founded 1905.

BirdLife Australia relies on a growing network of people across Australia who generously give their time, expertise, voice and financial support, with more than 120,000 registered supporters and more than 12,000 members. A significant part of BirdLife Australia's work is undertaken by volunteers acting either alone, serving on Committees, or as part of the

network of 32 voluntary branches across Australia. A further 17 local and regional groups are associated with BirdLife Australia under Affiliation Agreements.

BirdLife Australia is governed by an elected Board of Directors which meets quarterly, while day-to-day operations are managed by the Chief Executive Officer. The organisation is very lean and relies on a small core team of management and administrative staff.

General:

- Birds SA and BirdLife Australia recognise at the time of signing this agreement that several BirdLife Australia projects are operating in South Australia, and that many Birds SA members volunteer for activities associated with these projects, for example:
 - The ongoing Atlas of Australian Birds
 - Beach-nesting Birds
 - Threatened Mallee Birds Conservation Action Plan
 - Malleefowl Program
 - Bittern project
 - Samphire Coast Icon Project
 - Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo Recovery
 - Key Biodiversity Areas
 - Shorebirds 2020
 - Orange-bellied Parrot Project
- Both Birds SA and BirdLife Australia will promote the affiliation agreement as per the general terms of this Agreement. In addition, when jointly agreed and with approval of both organisations, Birds SA and BirdLife Australia logos may be used together along with specific wording such as: 'Birds SA and BirdLife Australia in cooperation'.
- To facilitate two-way communications, Birds SA will appoint a person as key contact with BirdLife Australia. BirdLife Australia's Network Development Co-ordinator is the main point of contact with Birds SA.
- Birds SA and BirdLife Australia will meet annually to review mutually beneficial objectives and plan joint action on projects, campaigns, education/engagement and conservation events and programs.

Birds SA and BirdLife Australia will focus together on the following priority activities in South Australia commencing during 2018:

- Influencing issues-led conservation and policy maker activities, including:
 - National Conservation Campaigns — where appropriate, Birds SA will support BirdLife Australia's New Environment Laws campaign (Feb – June 2018) and future national campaigns. BirdLife Australia will involve Birds SA in campaign planning communications and updates.
 - BirdLife Australia may assist, advise and facilitate access to experience and information for Birds SA where appropriate, on local SA environmental and conservation issues affecting bird and bird habitat protection.
 - Regional campaigning and advocacy — Duck and Quail Hunting remains an issue in SA and Victoria, the last two mainland states that allow this activity. BirdLife Australia will facilitate an introduction for Birds SA to the BirdLife

Victoria Conservation Committee and support BirdLife South East South Australia to work with Birds SA on this issue.

- Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary — Birds SA and BirdLife Australia will cooperate to facilitate appropriate conservation management advice on issues relating to the management and sustainability of birds and their habitat within the AIBS, which is owned and governed by the SA Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR).
- Other programs, including:
 - State of Australia's Birds (bird monitoring) — Birds SA will host a workshop where BirdLife Australia staff will train Birds SA members in the use of Birdata.
 - Birds SA Rarities and Distribution Sub-committee (SARDS) will continue to offer a vetting service to Birdlife Australia for SA bird records submitted to Birdata.
 - There is currently no agreed national taxonomy and nomenclature for Australian birds. Birds SA looks to BirdLife Australia for leadership on this matter and offers to assist towards such an objective.
 - Key Biodiversity Areas — Birds SA, in collaboration with BirdLife Australia, will host a KBA workshop in SA by introducing the program and exploring the potential and logistics for adopting KBAs in SA.
- Public and community engagement including:
 - Promotion of events such as the Aussie Backyard Bird Count (October). For the ABBC, Birds SA will provide a media contact for Adelaide and SA. BirdLife Australia will provide Birds SA with collateral information and include Birds SA in circulation of ABBC pre-planning communications.
 - Birds SA will continue to run events/programs including a presence at the Laratinga Bird Fair and Sophie's Garden Easter Fair. Relevant BirdLife Australia events will be promoted at the same time.
 - Birds in Backyards — Opportunity for tailored Backyard Birds posters with joint logos will be explored with Birds SA for Adelaide and surrounding councils, including the City of Mitcham Council and Mt Barker District Council, to coincide with the Aussie Backyard Bird Count.
 - A Bird and Habitat Conservation Forum — Birds SA will explore, if feasible, the possibility of establishing a South Australian-based network of like-minded organisations and groups which have a focus on bird and habitat conservation, building critical mass and resources for action and profile for birds and their habitats in SA. BirdLife Australia will facilitate introductions and access to networks in other regions for learning and knowledge sharing.
 - Bird Education Classes and Workshops — Birds SA conducts and facilitates education classes and workshops in SA for furthering education about birds. BirdLife Australia is invited to provide educational materials for these classes where appropriate.