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Spectacular Whale Shark

Meet the largest fish in the world!

These awe-inspiring giants grow to an average of 10-12 metres, making them the largest species of fish alive today. Each year, from March, sightings are likely to occur on Ningaloo Reef as the coral spawning season begins and food becomes plentiful.

Despite their enormous size and a mouth that can stretch more than 1.5m wide, whale sharks are filter-feeders. They glide slowly through the water, straining tiny organisms from the sea.

Besides their breathtaking scale, the most striking feature of this fish is their stunning array of spots. Just like your finger prints, this pattern is unique to each whale shark, and helps researchers track them.

These magnificent animals are an endangered species, threatened by vessel strikes, bycatch in commercial fisheries and climate-induced habitat changes

Facts & Figures

- COMMON NAME:** Whale shark
- SCIENTIFIC NAME:** *Rhincodon typus*
- FAMILY:** Rhincodontidae
- BODY SIZE:** Typically 10-12m!
- DIET:** Krill, crab and fish larvae, small schooling fish, jellyfish
- LOCATION:** Warm, tropical oceans
- CONSERVATION STATUS:** Endangered
- POPULATION TREND:** Declining

Female whale sharks produce eggs that are internally hatched. When ready, the female gives birth to live young over a period of time. Whale sharks can live for up to 100 years.

AMCS works every day to protect species like the whale shark. Read page 13 to find out how your support is protecting whale sharks in Australia.



Did You Know?

The largest ever accurately measured whale shark was 18.8 metres long. That's almost as long as a bowling lane!

Your heartfelt support ensures that Australia's coasts and ocean remain healthy for future generations.



Humpback whale (Megaptera novaeangliae) breaching near Hervey Bay, QLD.

2025 Highlights

In 2025 we achieved so much together!



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MASSIVE K-S SALTWORKS AT EXMOUTH GULF, NINGALOO

11 NEW MARINE SANCTUARIES 

SECURED THE MOST PROMISING NATURE LAWS REFORMS IN OVER

20 YEARS

3 YEAR LIFELINE EXTENDED PROTECTIONS FOR EASTERN BLUE GROPER IN NSW 

30 % MARINE SANCTUARIES BY 2030 COMMITMENT SECURED FROM AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT 

COMMITMENT FROM WA GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH THE EXMOUTH GULF MARINE PARK, WITH AT LEAST **30% SANCTUARIES** 

IMPROVED SEAFOOD TRANSPARENCY WITH COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELLING LAWS FOR HOSPITALITY 

20km² EXPANSION OF SEAL BAY MARINE SANCTUARY IN SA 

CANCELLED

CARBON DUMP PLANS BY US OIL GIANT ESSO UNDER THE SEAFLOOR OFF VIC COAST 

All of these outcomes, and many more, are made possible with your support.

The Next Five Years

Australia's ocean, coasts and marine life face unprecedented threats.

We stand on the edge of a twin crisis – an extinction crisis that is eroding biodiversity, and a climate emergency that is undermining the health of all ecosystems.

Habitat destruction, pollution, overfishing and coastal development are pushing our blue planet to the brink.

We are at a critical crossroads. And we are ready for the task.

The Australian Marine Conservation Society is the guardian and voice for Australia's ocean, coasts and marine life.

Our next five year focus will be:

- 1** Driving climate action for the ocean
- 2** Protecting threatened species and habitats
- 3** Safeguarding critical places
- 4** Building support for our ocean
- 5** Ensuring a strong, effective organisation

We must build ocean resilience and restore habitats to give our marine life a fighting chance. All of us have a role to play if we are to succeed.

Together we can ensure a thriving ocean for a healthy planet.



Meet Alexia

Alexia Wellbelove is passionate about sharing her love of nature, and the need to protect it.

From a young age Alexia was fascinated by animals and their place in the world, and has been lucky enough to enjoy the oceans and wildlife throughout her lifetime. A zoologist by training, Alexia has been with AMCS since 2022, and now steps into the role of Campaigns Director bringing more than 25 years of environment and marine conservation experience.

This includes more than a decade of work on the reform of Australia's environment laws.

When asked to recall a career highlight, Alexia joyously recalls securing important protections for the Australian sea lion back in 2013.

A moment she celebrated afterwards by watching these amazing animals relax on the shores of Kangaroo Island and play in the sea, knowing that more females are now able to return back to their pups.

Together we're creating lasting improvements for our threatened marine life. Thank you for your support.






Nature Laws Reform

Stronger ocean, reef and coastal protections have been secured thanks to your support.

In late 2025, ocean lovers across Australia celebrated the most promising improvements in environmental protection in over 20 years!

After years of working for reform, revised nature laws passed in federal parliament. Campaigns Director Alexia Wellbelove and CEO Paul Gamblin met with the Federal Environment Minister to present a petition of more than 773,000 signatures in support of strong nature laws.

Together we've secured:

-  Stronger safeguards for critical habitat, including the establishment of a National Environment Protection Agency.
-  Firm foundations for effective National Environmental Standards.
-  Closed loopholes that previously allowed extensive tree clearing in the Great Barrier Reef catchment without assessment.

While AMCS welcomes this progress, the hard-won reforms do not include consideration of climate impacts - essential to safeguarding our threatened species.

It is with your support that AMCS continues the fight to protect our precious marine wildlife - thank you.



Help Protect Species

Help Alexia, protect the precious threatened and endangered animals in Australia's oceans visit amcs.org.au/threatened-species to learn more about our threatened species.

Sea lions (Neophoca cinerea) at Seal Bay, Kangaroo Island, South Australia.

Campaigns Director, Alexia Wellbelove and CEO Paul Gamblin in Canberra.



Putting Ghost Nets to Rest

The Australian Government has announced an extension to the Ghost Nets Initiative!



The announcement comes after months of pressure from AMCS and the wider environmental sector.

The project, run by Parks Australia, helps Indigenous Rangers and supporting organisations to detect and remove ghost nets and other plastic pollution from remote coastlines in northern Australia.

The announcement of \$25.1 million over four years will expand the initiative to other coastal areas around Western Australia, the Torres Strait, and the Arafura Sea.

The project will be focused on detecting, removing, and disposing of ghost nets as well as other ocean pollution.

Until global solutions are achieved, including a strong and binding Global Plastics Treaty, government support for these programs is essential.

Thank you to everyone who helped advocate for continued funding for this critical work.



A Strong Global Plastics Treaty

Sign your name to call on the Australian Government to negotiate a strong Global Plastics Treaty.

Visit amcs.org.au/GlobalPlasticsTreaty

Holding Supermarkets Accountable

With your support, we launched the 2025 Supermarket Plastics Unwrapped Audit Report!

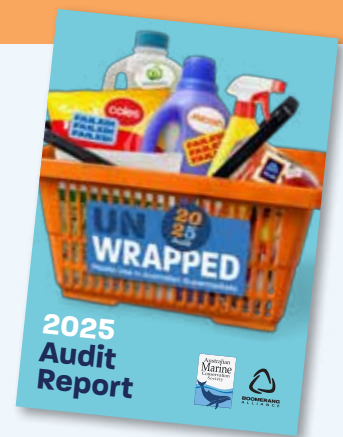
Thank you to the 5,000+ plastics investigators across the country who continue to help us hold supermarkets accountable for their excessive use of disposable plastic packaging.

The Unwrapped Report tracks supermarket progress in reducing disposable plastic packaging. For the third year in a row, all major supermarkets have failed to receive a passing grade.

AMCS attended the annual general meetings of both Coles and Woolworths, and in the presence of key stakeholders and shareholders, we demanded the supermarket giants make public their annual plastic footprint.

The big supermarkets are yet to commit to transparent reporting or packaging reductions.

Your support enables AMCS to advocate for a plastic free healthy ocean.



How does your supermarket rank?

Find out how supermarkets performed this year by visiting amcs.org.au/unwrapped

Ghost nets held by an Indigenous Ranger from the Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation © Sea Shepherd Australia.
INSET: Plastic pollution recovered from Northeast Arnhem Land © Sea Shepherd Australia.

AMCS and Boomerang Alliance celebrate the launch of the 2025 Unwrapped Report



Save Scott Reef

With your support, we continue the fight to save Scott Reef.

Your support funded billboards across Australia's capital cities. From Perth to Melbourne, Sydney to Brisbane - we're spreading the important message: Scott Reef should be a safe place for marine life to thrive, not an industrial fossil fuel zone.



We are so grateful to you for your generous support of this vital marine habitat.

Scott Reef is one of Australia's last untouched marine habitats. It is wild, remote and full of life. But fossil fuel giant Woodside wants to drill nearby, threatening the reef's coral, turtles and whales.

The world is watching. What happens to Scott Reef sends a message internationally about the management of our ocean wonders.



Fund the protection of Scott Reef



This fragile ocean wonder's future depends on us. Help fund future actions, as we continue the fight to stop Woodside's destructive gas project. Visit amcs.org.au/SaveScottReef

Reef Community

AMCS sincerely thanks the ocean-loving community of Cairns.

The unwavering commitment of the community is absolutely essential to ensure the Reef can thrive into the future.

During 2025, this commitment was shown through an incredible amount of work, including include:

-  **3** demonstrations outside decision-maker offices
-  **Hundreds** of signs and stickers distributed
-  **1,000+** letters written to candidates
-  **1,750+** conversations at the front door
-  **650+** hours of volunteering

When communities take action like this, they are heard by local, state and federal politicians - this is how change happens.

What we do today sets a precedent for the future conservation of our ocean here in Australia, and internationally.

By working together we are making waves in ocean conservation.

Thank you volunteers of Cairns!



Fight For Our Reef

It's not too late to save the Reef—but we must act now. Visit FightForOurReef.org to take action, donate or volunteer.



Fight For Our Reef and Windswell volunteers cleanup at Lowe Isles. INSET: Fight For Our Reef at Cairns Parade © CAFNEC

Scott Reef © Nush Freedman Photography
INSET: A mobile billboard in Brisbane © Street Fighter Media

You're protecting our ocean from its greatest threat...

Ellison Reef Film

Experience a new film that reconnects Australia with one of the most influential reefs in our conservation history.

Known as the reef that saved all reefs, the story of this iconic place - and a defining moment in AMCS' history- is now entering a new chapter, sixty years on.

Ellison: The Reef That Saved Them All is a reminder that Australia has a proud history of standing up for the ocean, that committed people can shift the course of events, and that hope is built through action.

And while Ellison Reef is the focus, the solutions it illuminates apply to every reef we stand to lose and those we need to protect. This short film premiere marks a national moment, inviting Australians to reconnect with our conservation origins and recommit to the work ahead.

Thanks to you, our reef-loving community, we were able to make this once in a moment short film to share the special story with the world.

The fight to protect this spectacular habitat is part of the Australian Marine Conservation Society foundation story.

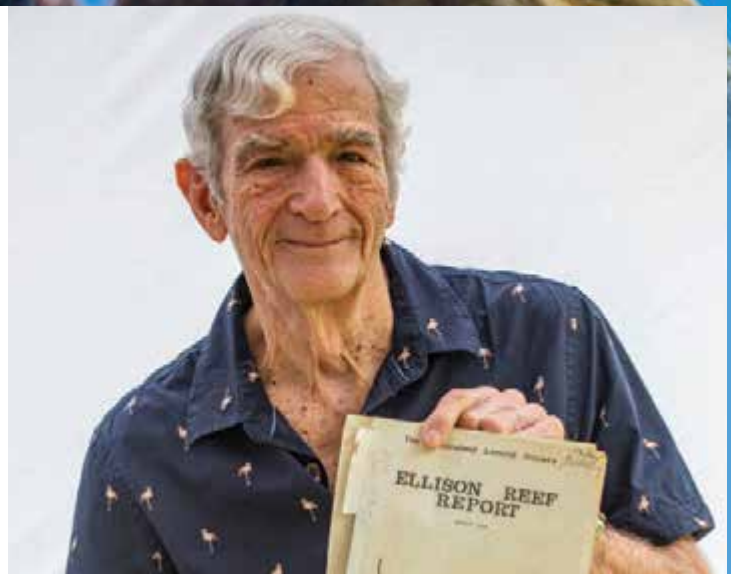
In 1967, Ellison Reef became the unlikely battleground for a proposal to mine the coral. A small group of citizen scientists, artists and local advocates proved the reef was alive and worth saving.

Their effort stopped the mining plan, sparked a national outcry and helped lead to the creation of the Australian Marine Conservation Society and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.



Invitation: Film Screening

We're hitting the road! The short film will be touring Australia. Experience the film in your local community or online with AMCS. Find your local event at amcs.org.au/EllisonReefScreen



AMCS founders who contributed to the historic effort in 1967 visited Ellison Reef in 2012 to celebrate 45 years. INSET: Founding AMCS member Eddie Hegerl with the original Ellison Reef Report.

Ellison Reef © Harriet Spark





GoodFish Seafood Guide

Aussies love seafood and expect our seafood to have a light touch on our ocean.

We understand this love of seafood, but much of Australia's seafood production is still having unacceptable impacts on our ocean. We're here to help Aussie seafood lovers find truly sustainable seafood for a healthy ocean, thriving marine life and fisheries that will still be there for generations to come.

We're taking a closer look at some of the most popular seafood choices, so you know what seafood to Say No to, and what to swap it with.

Wild-caught Barramundi from QLD and NT



Say No: Wild-caught barramundi from Queensland and the Northern Territory are caught using gillnets, which are known to entangle and kill a wide range of threatened marine animals. This includes dolphins, dugongs, turtles and hammerhead sharks, as well as multiple species of critically endangered sawfish.

Better Choice: Australian-farmed barramundi. Most Australian barramundi is farmed in land-based tanks and ponds, and has a very low impact on the surrounding environment.

Note: There are significant concerns around a barramundi farm in Cone Bay, the only ocean-based barramundi farm in Australia. Barramundi from Cone Bay is marketed as Tassal Fresh Aussie Barramundi and we are investigating further.

Tasmanian Salmon



Say No: It's time to say no to Tasmanian-farmed Atlantic salmon for good. This industry is linked to serious and ongoing environmental issues, including mass fish kills, animal welfare concerns and antibiotic use so heavy that local fishers have been warned to stay kilometers away from some sites. Most importantly, salmon farming in Macquarie Harbour poses an unacceptable extinction risk to the Maugean skate – a critically endangered species found nowhere else on Earth.

Better Choice: NZ-farmed King Salmon, Australian landbased-farmed barramundi, or even native Australian salmon.


Imported squid

Say No: That salt and pepper squid may be hiding a bigger story. Most of Australia's frozen and chilled imported squid can't be reliably traced back to its source fishery. Much is imported from China, whose distant-water fishing fleets (industrial fishing operations outside their national jurisdiction) are responsible for the majority of global squid catch. These fleets have been reported to engage in illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, as well as extensive human rights abuses.


Better Choice: Locally caught southern calamari or jig-caught Gould's (arrow squid) from Victoria or South Australia for a more transparent and responsible option this Easter.



Snapper from WA, QLD, NSW and NZ


 **Say No:** “Snapper” is used to describe a wide range of different fish, and after flake, it is one of the most commonly mislabelled seafood products in Australia.

Snapper populations (otherwise known as pink snapper) are unhealthy in New South Wales and Queensland, and parts of Western Australia. In New Zealand, snapper trawling poses a high risk to marine mammals and seabirds but some important reforms are underway. In Western Australia, snapper net fisheries are known to catch endangered Australian sea lions.


 **Better Choice:** Instead, look for Victorian or South Australian snapper, which is a sustainable choice.



Wild-caught prawns from NSW and QLD


 **Say No:** When perusing prawn options, avoid those that were caught with a high risk to protected species. Wild-caught prawns from New South Wales and Queensland come with serious concerns about the capture of threatened and protected species.

If new electronic monitoring is implemented properly, it will be critical step for these prawns becoming a recommended option in the future.

 **Better Choice:** Use the GoodFish Guide to find any of the Green and Amber listed prawn options! Wild-caught king prawns from South Australia’s Spencer Gulf are a better option from Australia’s only Green-listed wild prawn fishery!



Flake


 **Say No:** It’s time we all Give Flake a Break. Flake should only refer to shark meat from gummy or rig sharks, but in reality, shark and ray products have some of the highest mislabelling rates in Australia.


Even when it is genuinely gummy shark, there are serious sustainability concerns. These include the continued catch and legal sale of endangered school sharks, as well as nets posing a high risk to endangered Australian sea lions in Western Australian fisheries.

 **Better Choice:** Try Australian-farmed barramundi, sand whiting from New South Wales, or farmed silver perch – all sustainable choices for your Easter table.



Scallops

 **Say No:** Scallops are best left off your menu this Easter. Most Australian commercial scallops are harvested using high-impact dredging methods. Because scallops live on the seafloor, these fisheries drag large steel cages across the seabed to collect them, causing widespread damage to marine habitats.

 **Better Choice:** Diver-caught scallops from South Australia are the most sustainable scallop choice right now, though saucer scallops from Western Australia are Amber-Listed.



Explore more

Remember to check the AMCS GoodFish guide periodically. Download the GoodFish app to receive notifications about changes to your favourites. Visit goodfish.org.au

Iconic Species Win

Iconic WA marine species promised their best chance to recover in more than a decade!

After close engagement with AMCS and in collaboration with UWA scientists, WA Fisheries Minister Jackie Jarvis has committed to major reforms to fisheries from the Kimberley to the south coast.

Reef fish like blue groper and the endemic dhufish have been severely overfished throughout the region. In recent years, iconic dhufish populations have plummeted by 93% in waters off Perth.

The government has also closed the Pilbara Fish Trawl Fishery. The fishery has long impacted resident bottlenose dolphins and critically endangered green sawfish populations, with estimates of at least 16-33 dolphins killed annually.

This year will be the first in a long time where adult bottlenose dolphins of the region will be able to teach their young to hunt unimpeded by trawl boats.

With your support, we have secured long-lasting refuge for these precious marine species, thank you!



Dive In

You have made so much possible. Find out about the full impacts of this win for our ocean.

Visit amcs.org.au/ReefFish25

Indo-Pacific Bottlenose Dolphin

Meet the Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphin: these highly social and playful marine mammals are a joy to see in the wild.

This dolphin is a familiar and charismatic presence in coastal waters stretching from eastern Africa to Australia.

Highly adaptable, it thrives in shallow seas, bays, and reefs, where it hunts fish and squid using sophisticated echolocation.

These are deeply social animals, living in flexible family groups and communicating through a rich mix of clicks and whistles.

Graceful and curious, the Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphin is a beautiful example of how complex and dynamic life in the ocean is.



Facts & Figures

COMMON NAME: Bottlenose dolphin

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Tursiops aduncus*

FAMILY: Delphinidae

BODY SIZE: 2.6m

DIET: Fish, squid and crustaceans

LOCATION: Warm, shallow coastal waters

CONSERVATION STATUS: Near threatened (IUCN)

POPULATION TREND: Data deficient



Green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) feeding on seagrass. INSET: Ornate sea snake (*Hydrophis ornatus*) © Tomasz Kotouc



Feeding atlantic salmon at a farm in Macquarie Harbour

Cameras Provide Transparency

Together we've won greater transparency from Queensland's trawl fishery, with cameras to be installed on commercial fishing vessels.



Thanks to thousands of submissions from AMCS supporters, the Queensland government has committed to installing electronic monitoring cameras in a high-risk fishery operating in and alongside the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area. Interactions with threatened species like sawfish, turtles and sea snakes in this area have been widely under-reported for decades, with the introduction of cameras years behind schedule. Cameras on boats are needed to provide data on what is being caught, so fishing impacts can be properly managed and threatened species can recover.

Watch Out

Did you know cameras on boats have been trialled and implemented in fisheries worldwide for more than 20 years? Find out why we need cameras on boats and how it works. Visit amcs.org.au/CamerasOnBoats

Skating On Thin Ice

Thousands of ocean lovers called for supermarkets to stop sponsoring the extinction of the Maugean skate.

AMCS's Sharks Campaign Manager Dr Leonardo Guida delivered petitions with more than 7,000 signatures to the CEOs of Coles and Woolworths, urging the supermarket giants to stop selling Atlantic salmon farmed in Macquarie Harbour, Tasmania.

The companies are major buyers of farmed Atlantic salmon - the leading cause of decline of the Maugean skate.

Dr Guida also addressed both companies' annual general meetings, calling on their boards to stop backing the skate's potential extinction.

At the Woolworths' AGM, 34% of shareholders defied the board and voted to end the company's contribution to the skate's decline - a record global vote for a nature-based shareholder resolution in 2025.

Coles has quietly removed the "responsibly sourced" label from its own-brand salmon, which includes product from Macquarie Harbour.

Your support enables us to keep the pressure on in 2026 and give the Maugean skate a fighting chance.

Dear Coles & Woolies

Demand Woolworths and Coles stop selling salmon farmed in Macquarie Harbour. Sign the petition at skipthesalmon.com.au



Meet Adele

Growing up aboard boats, traversing islands and swimming over coral reefs, Adele has cultivated a passion for affecting change - and knows firsthand what's at stake.



Adele Pedder, AMCS's Protected Areas Manager, first joined AMCS as Northern Australia Campaign Manager in 2003.

Adele works every day to safeguard our precious marine wildlife by advocating for the creation, expansion, and management of marine parks and sanctuaries.

When asked about her career highlights, Adele has a long list! For one, Adele led the campaign to secure the Northern Territory's first marine park in over 30 years in Limmen Bight Marine Park.

She was also instrumental in the construction of the Northern Territory's first ever plan to protect coasts with the creation of the Northern Territory Coastal and Marine Management Strategy.

If that wasn't enough - Adele assisted in banning destructive seabed mining in NT waters - the first jurisdiction in Australia to do so.

Adele In Action

Watch Adele's recap from the international meeting in Abu Dhabi. Visit amcs.org.au/iucn




United for Nature

Adele Pedder ensures ocean conservation is an international priority.

Adele attended the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Conservation Congress in Abu Dhabi.

At the congress, leaders of environmental protection from across the world rallied to share the best available science and make key decisions to safeguard wild places.

Wins from the congress include:

-  A motion was passed on protecting endangered hammerhead sharks.
-  Greater protections for seamounts from destructive trawling practices.
-  Protections for the mesopelagic zone.

Additionally, improvements were made in advancing the phase out of fossil fuels and plastic pollution.

It is with thanks to your support that Adele was able to attend the World Conservation Congress and vote to secure greater protections for Australia's oceans.



Adele attends the IUCN World Conservation Congress, INSET.



Sweet Seamount!

CSIRO scientists have recently discovered a coral reef!

An underwater mountain, about 3,000m tall, has been mapped off the coast of Queensland.

The top of the 'collapsed crème caramel' pinnacle is reportedly around 30 metres under the surface. It supports a coral reef that was only discovered by CSIRO scientists recently.

Mellish Seamount lies within the Coral Sea Marine Park, located 930km off the coast of Townsville.

This is a crucial opportunity to boost marine sanctuary protections.

The Australian Government is about to review some marine parks in our offshore waters, including the Coral Sea Marine Park.

But our elected representatives will only improve protection for marine life if they hear strong support from people like you.

Marine sanctuaries are a type of marine park that act like national parks in the ocean, fully protecting marine life.



Strong Sanctuaries

Add your name to back strong marine sanctuaries in the upcoming review of Australia's marine parks network. Visit amcs.org.au/MPReview

A New Marine Park

In a huge announcement, the WA Government has committed to creating a marine park for the whole of Exmouth Gulf.

The Exmouth Gulf Marine Park will comprise at least 30% sanctuary zones, in line with leading global standards.

AMCS CEO Paul Gamblin was a member of the Exmouth Gulf Taskforce, which delivered foundational recommendations to the WA Government in the lead up to the announcement.

AMCS works closely with Nyinggulu Traditional Owners to ensure the new marine park delivers meaningful protection for cultural and natural heritage.

Exmouth Gulf is a marine wonder of global importance. It is a safe haven for critically endangered sawfish species, dugong populations, and one of the largest known nurseries for humpback whales.

Your support has ensured this initial win - and we will continue to protect these incredible species into the future.

Exmouth Gulf faces increasing stress from severe marine heatwaves and a proposed industrial port development. AMCS now calls on the WA Government to act with urgency on their commitments.



Take Action

Let the WA Government know a marine park is no place for an industrial port. Visit amcs.org.au/NoExmouthGulfPort



Meet Nadine

“Connecting people with nature through art and science.”

This is what Nadine Schmoll cites as a deep passion when asked. Nadine is an artist and environmental educator and has been a Sea Guardian for more than half a decade.

Working on Lady Elliot Island in the Great Barrier Reef many years ago, this experience sparked a lifelong journey of listening, observing and learning from the more-than-human world.

Nadine offers great wisdom as an individual wanting to make a difference. *“You don’t have to do everything perfectly to help our oceans. Just choose one thing—something small even—and do it with care and commitment.”*

While also understanding the power of people being connected and organised. Nadine says, *“Our oceans need a strong voice to protect them. Supporting AMCS is one way I can contribute to meaningful, positive change.”*

Nadine’s commitment to protecting our marine life is invaluable, and critical to our conservation work.



Become a Sea Guardian

Take a stand and become a guardian for our oceans as an AMCS Sea Guardian with an affordable monthly gift.

Visit amcs.org.au/SeaGuardians

A SWELL Time

Of sowing and reaping, by Nadine Schmoll. It was our great privilege to collaborate with artist Nadine Schmoll on an installation at the SWELL Sculpture Festival in September of last year.

Of sowing and reaping was a large-scale installation exploring the complexities of agriculture – between human productivity, profit, and our environment.

“I was struck by the scale of sugarcane production in Queensland, and that water pollution – much of it from this industry – is the biggest local threat to our reefs,” says Nadine.

“I wanted to prompt conversations about land management practices and their repercussions on nature, while highlighting better ways forward.”

1,200 kilograms of organic sugarcane bales were generously donated by Rocky Point, a third-generation farming family committed to sustainable practices. The bales were then gifted to a local community garden upon project completion.

We are so grateful to Nadine for connecting our local communities with this important conservation message.





Stepping Up For Our Ocean

We extend our deepest thanks and gratitude to Alistair Riddell who has raised over \$1,500 to protect our ocean!



In 2025, Alistair completed his first ever 50km ultra-trail marathon in the Blue Mountains.

Alistair speaks emphatically about how important the ocean is to his mental health; the awe, inspiration and perspective it offers.

He shares with AMCS beautiful memories of his wedding overlooking the Tyrrhenian Sea in Italy. Closer to home, Alistair has fond childhood memories of the Great Ocean Road.

Alistair reminds us as individuals to take things one step at a time. *"I truly believe that taking small, mindful actions to protect our natural world is something most of us can do."*

"Taking our litter home from the beach, consciously reducing our use of plastics, and of course, supporting organisations like AMCS, are all actions that can add up to significant improvements in our fragile ocean ecosystems."

Thank you so much Alistair.



Join our Blue Crew

For our ocean - see what you can do! If you would like to raise funds to protect our ocean visit amcs.org.au/fundraising-ideas or email community@amcs.org.au

Karen's Future Legacy

"I want my gift to reflect what matters most to me - and that's a healthier, thriving ocean for future generations."

Karen Davis is a Jervis Bay local and Ocean Legacy Circle member with AMCS.

As a keen swimmer and snorkeller living by the sea, Karen has a deep love of our ocean.



"I get to witness firsthand the incredible marine life we are so lucky to have. This fuels my passion to protect our oceans and marine life, as they deserve to be cared for."

"I support the Australian Marine Conservation Society because I like and value the work they do to advocate for stronger protection of marine environments."

We are so grateful to Karen for protecting our ocean and marine wildlife for future generations.



What is Your Ocean Legacy?

How would you like to be remembered? By giving a gift in your Will, you will hand on a wilder, safer, more diverse and beautiful ocean planet for future generations.

Visit amcs.org.au/OceanLegacy

Alistair at the finish line @ sportrograf. INSET: Alistair and others on the trail in the Blue Mountains @ sportrograf

Karen Davis snorkelling



60 YEARS



Coral fish in a reef in the Coral Sea © Steve Parish

Thank you for your support

The Australian Marine Conservation Society is the voice for Australia's ocean wildlife. We have defended Australia's ocean since 1965. Thank you for helping to make Australia's coast and ocean healthy and thriving for future generations.

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The Australian Marine Conservation Society acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of this land and Sea Country, and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge that this land and sea was and always will be Aboriginal land and sea.

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