

the climate centre



annual report 2024-25



A commitment to social and environmental equity

The Climate Centre is committed to advocacy for the betterment of the environment, for reducing humanity's negative impact on the climate system, and the socio-cultural damage that has been caused by human activities. By developing sustainable practices, we can move towards a future where the impact of society is to uplift all peoples and living things, and live sustainably on a healthy planet. We reject the cultural norms that have allowed the destruction of the environment and society to take place. We acknowledge the wisdom in us to improve our way of life, and work towards a hopeful future.



Acknowledgement of country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands, waters, and skies on which we work and live. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all First Nations peoples. We recognise that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have cared for country for tens of thousands of years — as stewards of the land, and as a part of it. Caring for the environment requires a deep spiritual connection to place, and we hope that all Australians can embrace similar principles in their lives and take inspiration from the wisdom of Indigenous knowledge and practices. In a time of climate crisis and environmental uncertainty, we acknowledge that embracing these traditions are vital to guide us toward true sustainability.



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Acknowledgements

The Climate Centre relies on a passionate and dedicated volunteer base, without which we would not exist and the work we undertake would not be done. We would like to thank the many individuals who have contributed, do contribute, and will contribute to our work.



word of the director

The 2024–25 financial year marked a transformative chapter for The Climate Centre. Our organisation underwent rebranding, including the establishment of a new website, and along with DGR endorsement and expansion of our volunteer program, it was a year for strengthening our identity as a charitable non-profit. These achievements support our long-term vision to foster global environmental resilience by supporting local communities with relevant, actionable climate information. In the short term, we continue to advance this through outreach, research, and advocacy. Our mission which is to connect research, policy, and communities, was reflected in projects like the Climate Update series, our podcast, and contributions to international conferences and policy submissions. While measuring impact is complex, we are keeping an eye on real-world shifts in policy, corporate commitments, public sentiment, and media engagement to ensure that we shift our focus to what is most impactful during these turbulent times.

Our organisation remains volunteer-driven, supported by a passionate and skilled membership. However, this model presents challenges, including high turnover and limited capacity. Revenue is minimal, and expenses are carefully managed to prioritise program delivery and outreach. In 2025–26, The Climate Centre will continue current projects and launch new initiatives, including applying for UNFCCC accreditation. We remain committed to empowering communities to co-create solutions tailored to their unique environmental challenges. Thank you to our volunteers and supporters, together, we are building a more informed, resilient, and sustainable future.



director's report

The director(s) present their report, together with the financial statements, on the organisation for the reporting year ended 30 June 2025.

Name: Ben Goodsell

Title: Director

Appointed: 14 February 2024

Retired: -

A treasurer has been appointed to advise and assist in the areas of financial reporting; emissions reporting; budgeting and financial performance; organisational risk and internal controls that could have an impact on The Climate Centre's financial statements; and corporate governance compliance. Please find below relevant details on the treasurer.

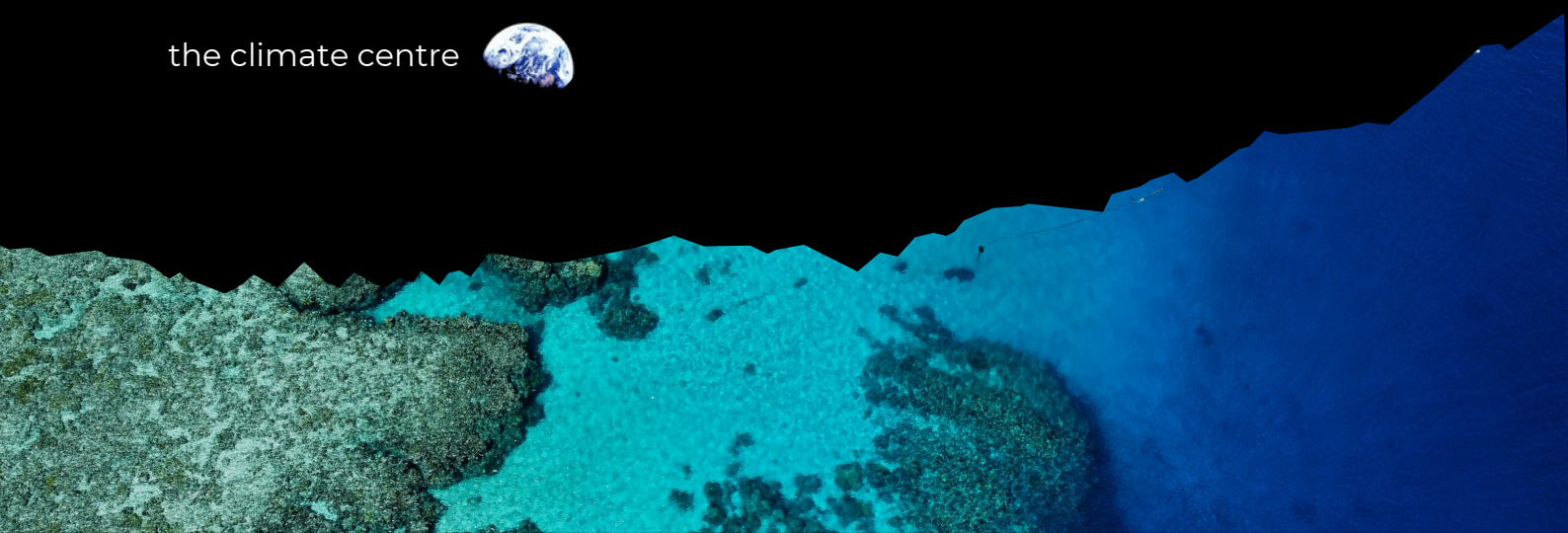
Name: Selina Brouwers

Title: Treasurer

Appointed: 01 June 2025

Retired: -

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Director's Report - General information

The 2024–25 financial year was a significant period for The Climate Centre, marked by a rebrand from the Earth System and Climate Centre, the launch of a new website at a new domain (climate.org.au), and the adoption of refreshed branding. The organisation secured Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status which was endorsed by the Australia Tax Office, we joined the Google Ad Grants program, and received our first donations.

A formal volunteer program was developed, including onboarding materials and legal compliance, enabling broader recruitment through platforms like LinkedIn and Seek Volunteer. Research highlights included studies on marine heatwaves in Western Australia and pumice raft drift in the South Pacific, presented at international conferences. The Centre also expanded its policy analysis program, contributing to federal policy submissions.

Public engagement continued through our *A Climate of Change* podcast and the Climate Update series, which provided data-driven insights relevant to both communities and bioregions. The EarthSearch app was adapted for web use, and The Centre was approved to contribute to the UN Ocean Conference with the Global Ocean Climate Update, which will be released next year.

Despite strengths in expertise and passion, challenges remain due to the volunteer-based structure, including high turnover and limited capacity. Looking ahead to 2025–26 financial year, goals include continuing the podcast, refining policy analysis, launching climate impact surveys, and applying for UNFCCC accreditation. The Centre remains committed to combining research with community engagement to support climate resilience.



Project in focus: Policy analysis



an assessment of Australia's federal government policy as it relates to environmental and sustainability issues

The State of Policy Report is a comprehensive review of Australian Federal government policy as it stands in 2025 with respect to various environmental and sustainability issues. It includes description and analysis of policy along with recommendations for bridging gaps and improving outcomes for the Australian community and environment. It is split across 5 volumes including environmental impact and ecosystem health, the energy transition, economic and industry impacts, public services, and climate justice and geopolitics.

A large team of volunteers, numbering 51 in total, were assembled to conduct the work over a period of approximately 12 months and each write chapters that went into the report with more than 400 pages of material being produced. The full list of topics covered included: terrestrial biodiversity; marine biodiversity; water resource management; coastal erosion; fossil fuel subsidies and rebates; solar power; wind power; hydropower; wave energy; hydrogen; nuclear energy; energy grid optimisation; electric vehicles; carbon capture and storage; the intersection of climate change and cost of living; housing and construction; sustainable packaging; finances and insurances; plant-based agriculture; land use planning including public transport; the intersection of public health and food security and public health and heatwaves; natural disaster management; foreign relations; climate migration and displacement; legal assistance; and, indigenous justice and equity.



Project in focus: Policy analysis

The Climate Centre engages in ongoing policy analysis and contribution to Australian federal government submissions. Examples of work we contributed to included providing a submission to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee regarding the National Volunteer Incentive Scheme (Climate Army) and producing a submission regarding the Preparation of a New Management Plan for Kakadu National Park, a bioregion within Australia known for its high biodiversity and global significance, as indicated by its designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1981, with extensions in 1987 and 1992, and its designation as a Ramsar Wetland in 1980. It is also important for Aboriginal peoples, which have occupied the area continuously for approximately 60,000 years. Our recommendations for both submissions focused primarily on demographic and community groups where we have experience, such as increasing the participation of volunteers, citizen science initiatives, and underrepresented demographic groups of people, such as those who are disabled and young people.



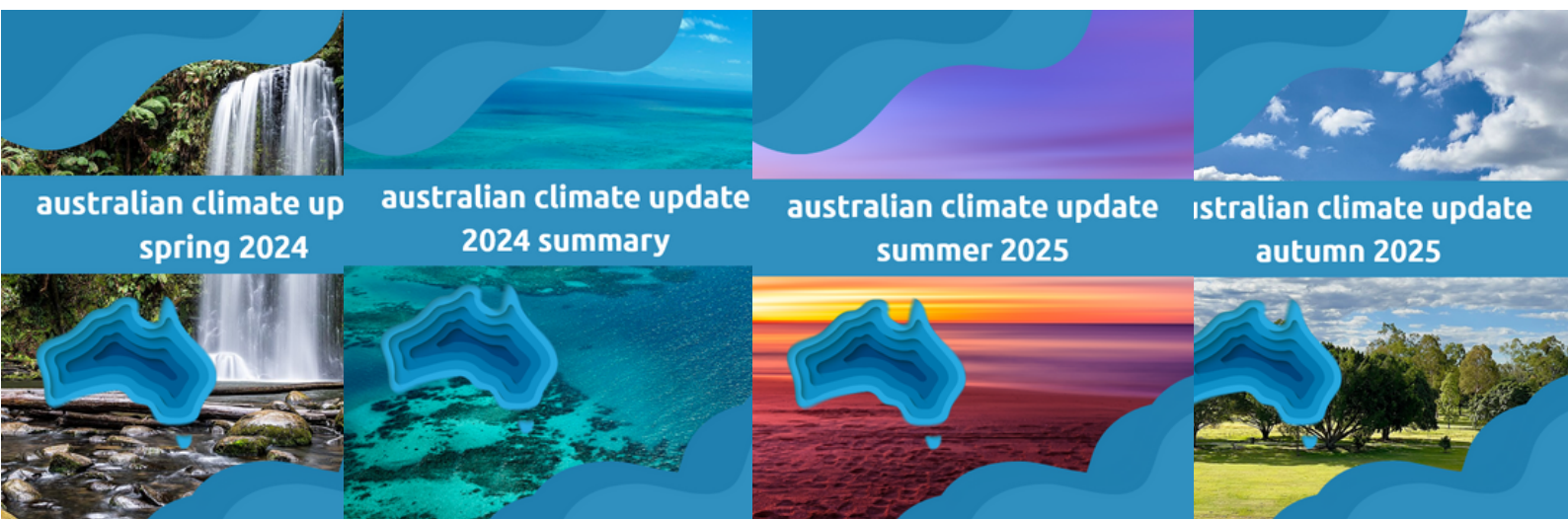


Project in focus: Climate Update

The Climate Update is a series of data analytics projects released on a recurring basis at different geographical scales intended to help contextualise recent physical weather phenomena, such as temperature and rainfall, by comparing them to historical records to help members of the public understand if recent weather can be described as extreme or not.

Australian Climate Update

The Australian Climate Update highlights the most recent changes to air temperatures and rainfall across Australia at multiple geographies. It looks at seasonal average air temperatures and total rainfall both in absolute terms and relative to the 1941 - 1970 average, and also ranks them over the period 1889 to present day. The Australian Climate Update distinguishes itself from other products by being relevant to a large number of smaller scale geographies that are relevant to both communities (567 local government areas) and ecosystems (86 bioregions), and it also produces data at national, state, and greater capital city statistical area geographies. It has been produced since 2024 onwards and is released on a quarterly basis. We will extend this product to include an analysis of geographies relevant to tourism regions in the future.





Project in focus: Climate Update

Global Climate Update

The Global Climate Update highlights the most recent changes to air temperatures both in absolute terms and relative to the 1941 - 1970 average, and also ranks them over the period 1940 to present day. It compares locations across multiple geographies including for continents, regions and countries in the same product. It has been produced since 2024 onwards and is released on a monthly basis. We will extend this product to include an analysis of subnational geographies in the future.



Global Ocean Climate Update

The Global Ocean Climate Update was submitted as an Ocean Commitment to the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs as part of the United Nations Ocean Conference held in Nice, Paris during June 2025. We pledged to develop ocean temperature metrics for the world's 100 largest Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). Similar to our other Climate Update products, our goal is to empower the public, policymakers, and stakeholders with simple, easy-to-understand indicators that reflect the change and impact to these critical environmental spaces.



Project in focus: A Climate of Change

A Climate of Change is a podcast that delves deep into world of climate change through three primary mechanisms: reviewing climate news headlines, discussing research, and engaging in climate reflections. Climate news can often be difficult to find in a single place, with many different online outlets reporting only part of the story. We collect the main climate news headlines from all regions of the globe and present them in a single place in an audio format. We also review the latest climate research, and interview early career researchers on our podcast to understand their perspective on climate change, and the importance and impact of their research.

During the previous financial year we interviewed researchers about a wide variety of areas of interest including: biogeochemistry and the melting of Greenland's glaciers; extreme weather events in South-East Asia and its impact on climate migration and displacement; climate change impacts and perceptions of smallholder farmers in India; atmospheric climate science and the potential application of geoengineering; hydrological research concerning floods, water resource management, and water infrastructure; deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon; water resource management in North Africa; the challenges of reaching net zero in challenging socio-political environments; bushfires and fire management practices; the impact of climate change on ecosystems and people who live in the Andes in Peru; climate change and water hygiene systems and their relationship to local communities in Nepal; and looking at the changes to climate drivers in a potential future net zero world.



A Climate of Change



Project in focus: A Climate of Change

We also acknowledge that living in a changing world can be mentally and emotionally challenging and that eco-anxiety is beginning to impact more and more people. For this reason we also engage in a climate reflection on our podcast. This can be delivered in a meditation style, or it can be delivered as a discussion of historical or current events. Topics for the reflection have included: visualising an ideal future; reflecting on major ecological losses; expressing gratitude for nature; creating a message to future generations; discussing mindful consumption and consumerism; reflecting on recent environmental achievements; listening to nature sounds; reflecting on eco-anxiety; reflection on historical smaller scale occurrences of environmental and ecological collapse; reflecting on recent environmental agreements; discussing Indigenous environmental wisdom; reflecting on philosophical interpretations of the importance and value of the environment; meditating on the link between life and climate over the history of the Earth. The combination of news, research, interviews, and reflections, allow us to enhance awareness, understanding and resilience in the face of the climate crisis.





Financial Statements - General information

The financial statements cover The Climate Centre as an individual entity. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is The Climate Centre's functional and presentation currency. The Climate Centre is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

Statement of financial position

As at 30 June 2025.

ASSETS:	
Cash at Bank - Unrestricted (savings)	\$1.33
EQUITY:	
Retained surplus	\$1.33
Balance	\$0.00

Statement of income and expenses

For the period 01 July 2024 until 30 June 2025.

REVENUE:	
Donations received	\$909.30
EXPENSES:	
Volunteer costs	\$100.00
Liability Insurance	\$807.97
Total expenses	\$907.97
Retained surplus	\$1.33



Notes to the financial statements

The Climate Centre provides notes to their financial statements:

1. Basis of Preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) reporting requirements. The Centre has adopted a cash accounting basis, whereby income is recognized when received and expenses are recognized when paid. This method is appropriate given the Centre's current scale and volunteer-based structure.

2. Accounting Policies

All transactions are recorded on a cash basis. No accruals or adjustments for receivables or payables are included. Revenue and expenses are recognised when cash is received, including donations and grants. For the 2024-25 financial year, expenses included DVS (identity verification for volunteers) and liability insurance. These are expected to continue into the 2025-26 financial year. The Centre holds no liabilities as at 30 June 2025. No fixed assets or depreciation are recorded.

3. Chart of Accounts

The Centre uses account codes based on the ACNC's standard Chart of Accounts to ensure consistency and transparency in financial reporting.

4. Comparative Figures

The 2023-24 financial was not a full financial year for The Climate Centre and no financial activity was recorded. As such, all figures reported for the 2023-24 financial year are zero.

5. Governance and Oversight

The Climate Centre is governed by volunteers. Financial oversight is conducted through internal review and reporting.

financial declaration

The Responsible People declare that in the Responsible People's opinion:

The financial statements and notes on pages 14 and 15 in this report comply with the Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

The financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date.

There are reasonable grounds to believe that the organisation will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022.

Responsible People's declaration
Dated on 8 July 2025

BEN GOODSSELL

*The Climate Centre
Director*

SELINA BROUWERS

*The Climate Centre
Treasurer*

