

the climate centre

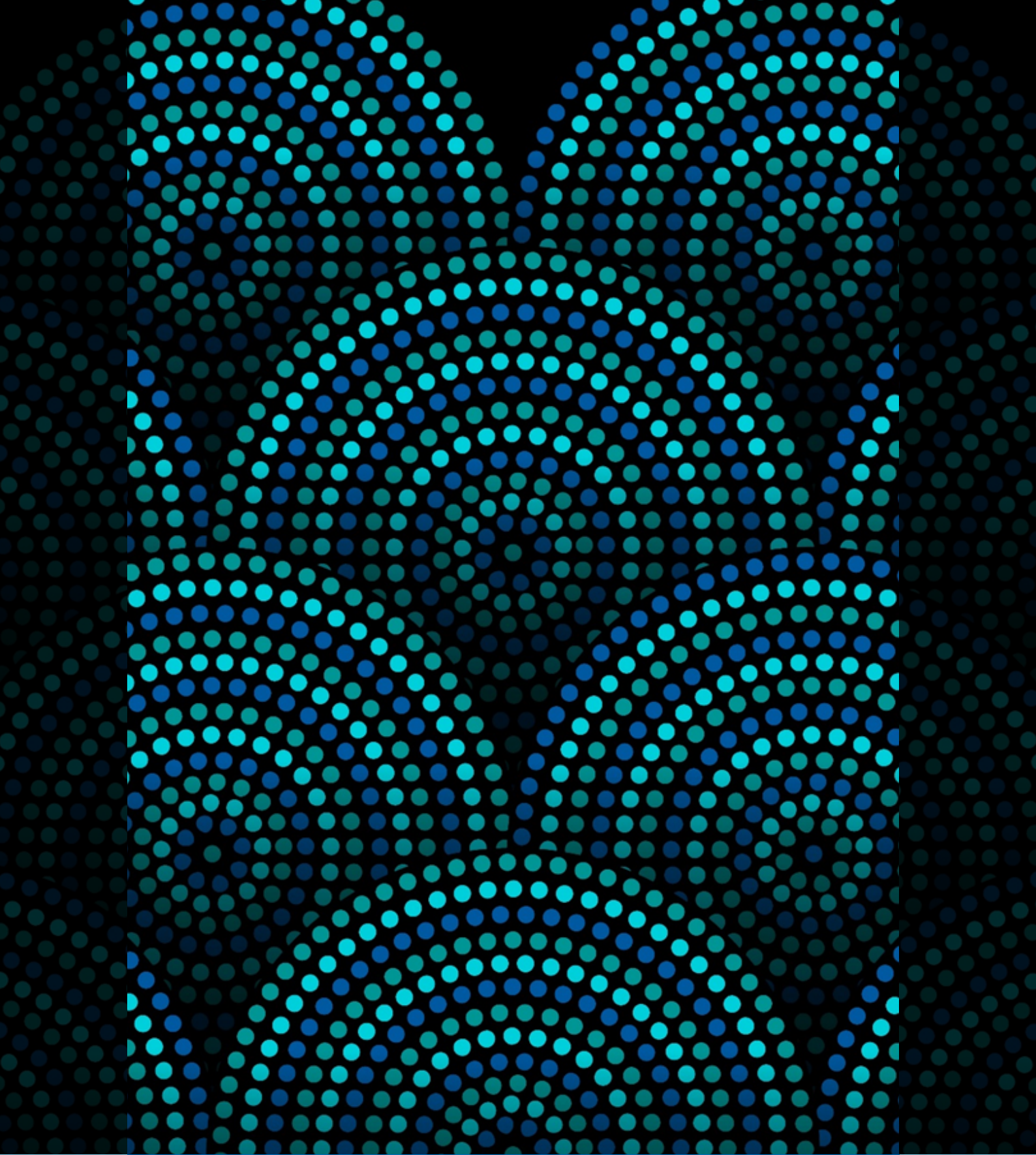


annual report 2025-26



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 2025–26 financial year marked an important year for The Climate Centre. Our organisation expanded its stakeholder network by acquiring membership with the Australian Conservation Foundation and the Conservation Council of Western Australia, and applied for UNFCCC accreditation, a task which it had long sought to undertake. Our volunteer program continued with work on policy analysis, contributing to several public policy submissions ranging from health to food security, and also embarked on the Climate Perspectives project, a newly formed initiative to provide a voice to members of the community and understand how this intersects with climate change and volunteerism. The work was successful, being covered by independent news media, and presented internationally to academics. We also undertook independent research on a variety of important topics, including public health and heatwaves in urban Australia, impacts of climate change on Australian biodiversity hotspots, and research looking at the impacts of climate change on international locations of both terrestrial and marine biodiversity significance.

Moving into 2026-27, our organisation will continue these efforts, including its public engagement such as our podcast: A Climate of Change, and our data analytics report series: the Climate Update. We are committed to our volunteer-driven not-for-profit mission, supported by a passionate and skilled membership. While this model presents challenges, such as high turnover and limited capacity and resources, we believe embracing this approach aligns with a vision for a world where humanity is in balance with nature. 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 2026.

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.

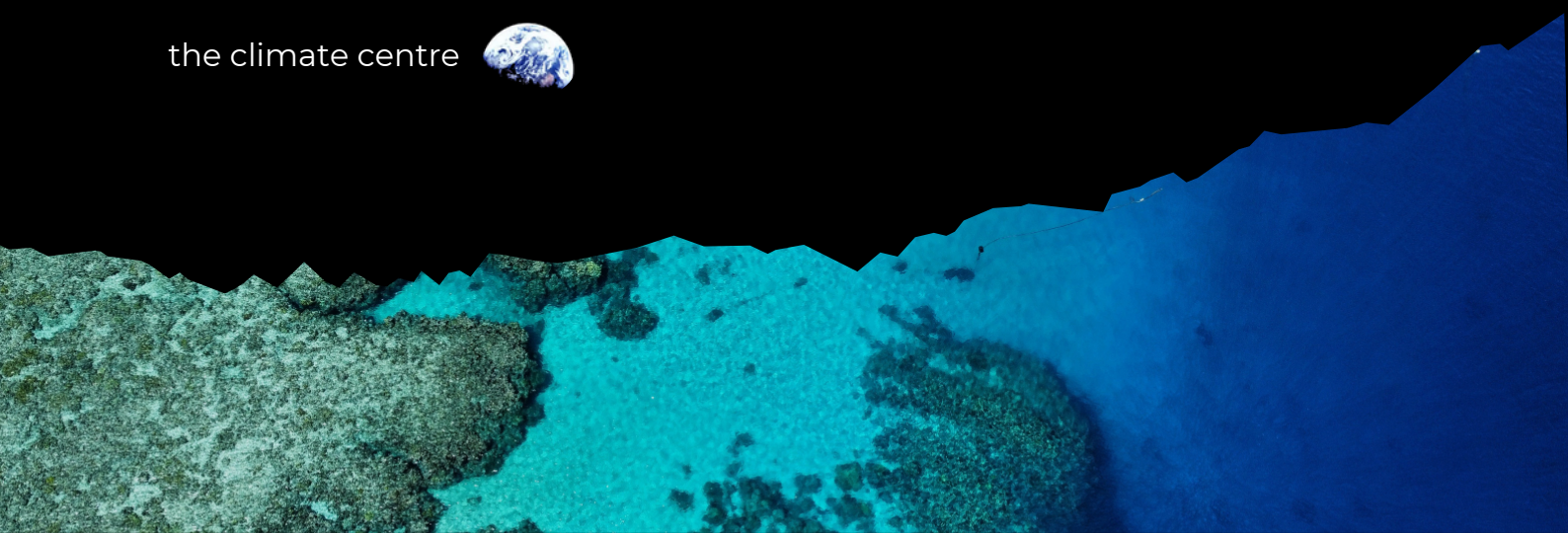
Name: Selina Brouwers

Title: Treasurer

Appointed: 01 June 2025

Retired: -

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Director's Report - General information

The 2025–26 financial year saw The Climate Centre diversify its focus, to include volunteer perspectives and increase independent research in its portfolio of activities. The organisation also secured membership with the Australian Conservation Foundation and the Conservation Council of Western Australia, allowing us to expand our stakeholder network. We applied for accreditation under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) framework. Public engagement continued through our A Climate of Change podcast and the Climate Update series.

We saw the release of the State of Policy report, which had been developed in the previous financial year, and comprised a large scale policy analysis undertaken by our volunteers. We continued providing public policy submissions to both federal and state government, and were invited to provide verbal testimony.

Our volunteers engaged in the Climate Perspectives project, hearing perspectives on different environmental issues and collecting information regarding how this intersected with climate change and volunteerism. We published research on environmental volunteering in Australia, and the work was covered by independent news media.

Research highlights included studies on the intersection between public health and heatwaves in urban Australia, looking at the impacts of climate change on Western Australian biodiversity hotspots, as well as international research looking at both terrestrial and marine areas important for the global natural environment.

Looking ahead to the 2026–27 financial year, we will continue these efforts, while dealing with challenges relating to high turnover of volunteers and limited capacity and resources. Despite these challenges, we remain committed to our mission in supporting climate change understanding and resilience.



Project in focus: Climate Perspectives



The Climate Perspectives project focused on volunteer perspectives and opinions on volunteerism and environmental issues. Volunteers were required to create written pieces on environmental issues, and participate in surveys to gauge feelings, perception, and knowledge about environmental issues. These surveys aimed to increase understanding of volunteerism in an Australian and environmental context, which is lacking. The project was covered in the media by [Independent Australia](#) and our podcast, [A Climate of Change](#).

The project showed that some groups of volunteers simultaneously hold both strong hopefulness and hopelessness about climate change, and that concern translates into concrete actions. It also revealed demographic differences indicating important considerations for how environmental programs engaging with volunteers could be designed. For example, while top reasons for volunteering were values, understanding, and career benefits, younger volunteers emphasised protective, career, and understanding factors, and while older volunteers were more hopeful than their younger counterparts, men volunteered for more social and enhancement factors, and women felt more functionally impaired in response to climate change anxiety than men. While this project provided recommendations and implications for organisational practice, the reality is that organisations engaging with volunteers typically have limited scope to offer changes to volunteer programs, which often struggle to be properly resourced, let alone be tailored to diverse volunteer needs and preferences.



Project in focus: Policy analysis

The Climate Centre engaged in ongoing policy analysis and contributed to Australian federal government submissions. We provided information to the Select Committee on Information Integrity of Climate Change and Energy, with our submission focusing on social media use, and leveraging our expertise on community perspectives and AI technologies. We provided information to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry regarding the National Food Security Strategy, with our submission focusing on increased funding for diversified agriculture, support to vulnerable populations, localising supply chains, plant-based eating, and food waste targets. We provided information to the Community Affairs References Committee regarding the impact of microplastics and other toxics on human health, with a focus on industry-led models, coordinated strategies, and greater regional cooperation. We were invited to provide verbal testimony to the Senate Inquiry into the National Volunteer Scheme, and provided feedback to state government, for example to the New South Wales Government as part of their Net Zero Consultation for 2025.





Project in focus: Research

The Climate Centre engaged in independent research projects relating to a variety of topics, covering climate change in both Australian and international contexts. We investigated how rising heat exposure and emergency healthcare access intersect across metropolitan environments in Australia, focusing on the suburban landscape of Perth. The research findings included that outer northern and northeastern areas face the worst combination of long travel times to emergency rooms and increasing heat, while central suburbs are seeing the steepest rise in days over 30°C. Perth's low-density urban form disadvantages outer residents during heatwaves, which requires new emergency rooms, cooling shelters, and targeted urban planning in the highest-risk northern areas. We also studied historical climate trends and future projections for the Walpole-Nornalup National Park, a Western Australian biodiversity hotspot home to ancient, endemic species. Findings showed warming temperatures, declining rainfall, reduced humidity, and a substantial drop in river flow. These trends pose severe threats to the park's moisture-dependent, fire-adapted ecosystems and specialised refugia species, raising conservation concerns given limited funding and support for the area.

We also undertook international studies of: sea surface temperature trends across French Polynesia's five administrative island groups, finding long-term warming across all island groups; historical climate trends and future projections for Kenya's Maasai Mara, finding that temperatures have risen and are projected to keep rising sharply, while rainfall and cloud cover trends diverged between historical data and future model projections. Analysis from Stratospheric Aerosol Injection modelling indicated the technology will offer limited temperature relief; and, historical climate trends and future projections for Montserrat, finding that models overestimate temperature and underestimate rainfall and cloud cover relative to historical observations, but that severe warming is projected for the future.

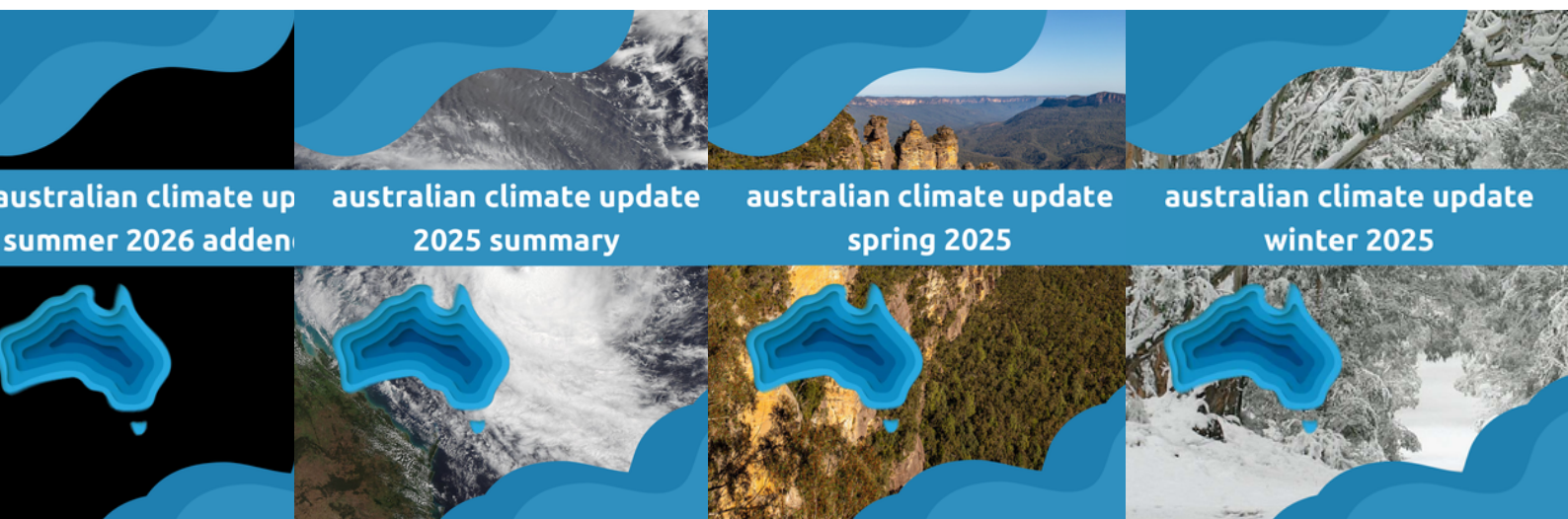


Project in focus: Climate Update

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, as well as Indigenous areas, tourism regions, Commonwealth electoral divisions, and Australian drainage divisions.





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, countries and subnational jurisdictions in the same product.



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, simple, easy-to-understand indicators that reflect the change and impact to these critical environmental spaces. We produced supplemental reports retrospectively for 2023 and 2024, as well as a 2025 summary report.



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.

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. We also provided an opportunity for volunteers working on our Climate Perspectives project to record their written work as an audio file, allowing us to publish it as part of the podcast. 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 2026.

2025

2026

ASSETS:

Cash at Bank - Unrestricted (savings)

\$1.33

\$0.19

EQUITY:

Cumulative Retained Surplus

\$1.33

\$0.19

Statement of income and expenses

For the period 01 July 2025 until 30 June 2026.

2025

2026

REVENUE:

Donations received

\$909.30

\$909.53

EXPENSES:

Volunteer costs

\$100.00

\$51.48

Liability Insurance

\$807.97

\$804.19

Membership Fees

\$0.00

\$55.00

Total expenses

\$907.97

\$910.67

Retained surplus

\$1.33

-\$1.14



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 2025-26 financial year, expenses included DVS (identity verification for volunteers), membership fees and liability insurance. These are expected to continue into the 2026-27 financial year. The Centre holds no liabilities as at 30 June 2026. 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 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 2026 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, if any, 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 17 July 2026

BEN GOODSSELL

*The Climate Centre
Director*

SELINA BROUWERS

*The Climate Centre
Treasurer*

