

**Table 1: The Environment Movement: An Evolving Force for Social Change in Australia**

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The era	The focus	Women leaders	Their roles
<b>Prior to Federation:</b> There from the early days	Gentleman naturalists (pastoralists, merchants, professionals)—widely read amateurs contributing to science	Georgiana Molloy (1805–1843) Elizabeth Gould (1804–1841)  Jane Franklin (1791–1875) Ellis Rowan (1847–1922) Amalie Dietrich (1821–1891)  Louisa Anne Meredith (1812–1895) (O’Neill, <i>ADB</i>; Lemon, ‘Meredith’, <i>AWR</i>)  Louisa Atkinson (1834–1872) (Chishom, ‘Atkinson’, <i>ADB</i>; Morrell, ‘Atkinson’, <i>AWR</i>)	Supporting male colleagues in their scientific endeavours  Renegade explorers and scientific adventurers  Lobbied for legislation to protect Tasmania’s wildlife  Presented <i>Nature Notes of the Month</i> in the <i>Illustrated Sydney News</i>
<b>The early 1900s:</b> Escape from suburbia	Bushwalkers seeking solace from the cities. Barely a decade as a male-only domain. Became campaigners for the conservation of favourite areas.	Ethel Lun & two colleagues  Hattie Clark Irene Longman (O’Keeffe, <i>ADB</i>; Heywood, ‘Longman’, <i>AWR</i>)  Marie Byles Dorothy Butler	250km walk – Victorian southern highlands (1909)  Lamington Plateau camp-outs (1921) Parks & Playgrounds Association leader  Early Sydney Bush Walkers, Bouddi (1935) & Blue Mountains National Park campaigners

		Jessie Luckman	Hobart Walking Club (1936)
The 1950s & 1960s: The rise of the 'intellectuals'	Emergence of outdoor recreation clubs—Field Naturalists, National Parks Associations, state-based Conservation Councils as peak bodies.  Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland (1962)  Australian Conservation Foundation (1965)    Little Desert campaign (1968)	Judith Wright (Heywood, 'Wright', <i>AWR</i>), Kathleen McArthur & David Fleay   Penny Figgis  Tricia Caswell  Valerie Honey & Gwynnyth Taylor	Artists, poets & naturalists campaigning for protection of the Great Barrier Reef  Combining science & environmentalism nationally Canberra lobbyist (1982), Vice-President (1985–2005) Only female director (1992–1995)  A turning point in citizen action to conserve natural areas
The 1970s: Lake Pedder, Green Bans, Woodchips	Lake Pedder campaign (1971–1972)  Kelly's Bush Battlers (1971)  Millers Point/Dawes Point/The Rocks Resident Action Group (from early 1970s)  Campaign to Save Native Forests & SW Forests Defence Foundation (1975)  Animal Liberation (1976)	Brenda Hean & others  Kath Lehaney & other middle-class urban residents  Nita McCrae, Shirley Ball & Millicent Chalmers (from 1990s)  Beth Schultz  Christine Townend (Alafaci, 'Townend',	Unsuccessful but fired activist outrage and action against future losses  Organised union bans in defence of urban bushland—catalysed many Resident Action Groups  Ensuring social justice and the environment were considered prior to development approvals.  Protecting Western Australia's south-west forests from woodchipping  A campaign for animal welfare run by Christine

		<i>AWR</i>)	from her home for 15 years
The 1980s: A strong voice, a political player, strange bedfellows	Franklin Dam campaign (1970s–1982)	Karen Alexander	Led Victorian aspects of campaign against damming of Franklin River in SW Tasmanian wilderness—touchstone for a generation of environmental campaigners
	Anti-nuclear/anti-uranium campaign (early 1980s), started in WA	Margaret Robertson, Judy Lambert, Janet Rice, Linda Parlane, Christine Milne	
	Land Release Study Group (early 1980s), WA	Jo Vallentine	Campaign against proposed nuclear power station, Nuclear Disarmament Party Senator (elected 1984, Independent then Greens Senator to 1992)
	Australian Rainforest Conservation Society (1982)	Rosemary Jasper, Brenda Newbey & Heather Pearce	Campaign against alienation of 3 million hectares of public land to marginal agricultural production
	NSW Wilderness Act (1987)	Aila Keto	ARCS formed by Aila & husband Keith to protect the Daintree rainforest in far north Queensland
	Wesley Vale pulp-mill campaign (1988)	Margaret Robertson	Australia’s first wilderness protection legislation
		Christine Milne	National campaign led by Concerned Residents Opposing Pulp-mill Siting; Tasmanian Greens MP (1989–1998), Senator (2004–present)
The 1990s & beyond: Networks, international environmentalism, more forests	Federal Government Ecologically Sustainable Development process (early 1990s)	Jane Elix, Imogen Zethoven, Lyn Goldsworthy	Community representatives in a male-dominated government-driven process
	Decade of Landcare (1990s), leading on to regional Bushcare, Coastcare and Rivercare groups	Jane Elix (Morrell, ‘Elix’, <i>AWR</i>), Colma Keating	Originating in Victoria and Queensland and brought together nationally by Australian



	<p>Catchment Management Groups (1990s to present)</p> <p>Private land acquisition &amp; conservation management (2000s)</p> <p>International science-based environmental NGOs (2000s)</p>	<p>years</p> <p>Verna Simpson (1994–present) &amp; Nicola Beynon</p> <p>Grecian Sandwell (WA), Brigid Dowsett and Judy Henderson (NSW) and other chairs and board members</p> <p>Judy Henderson Philippa Walsh</p> <p>Imogen Zethoven Michelle Grady</p>	<p>Co-founder and Senior campaigner Humane Society International (Aust), combining animal welfare &amp; environment protection. Nicola has since moved to a position as adviser to Greens NSW MP.</p> <p>Bringing together environmental protection, agricultural production and natural resource management</p> <p>Bush Heritage, co-founder Senior conservation manager, Bush Heritage</p> <p>UK-based Pew Trusts</p>
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\*You can learn more about the roles played by many of these women as leaders in the environment movement by visiting [janeelix.wordpress.com/](http://janeelix.wordpress.com/)