

Vision

By 2022 Water for Nature will be an independent and agile program that is known and trusted by the community and governments, and that has fostered a community of environmental water practitioners to protect and restore South Australian natural wetlands and floodplains.

Our core purpose

To bring people together for the purpose of delivering environmental water to protect and restore South Australian wetlands and floodplains for the benefit of nature, community wellbeing and local economies.

Themes	Community of Practice	Science & Delivery	Education & Engagement	Investment & Resources
<b>5 Year Priorities</b>	Developing and growing a strong, passionate, independent community of practice that has an increasing capacity to deliver environmental water to wetlands and floodplains.	Continually improving our ability to deliver an increasing volume of environmental water in an effective and responsive manner according to our variable climate and river health.	Increasing the wider community's understanding and belief of the importance of river health to nature, community wellbeing and local economies.	Developing a financially independent Water for Nature program that buys and sells water for the purpose of protecting and restoring our wetlands and floodplains.
<b>What we want to be</b>	Highly sought after facilitators that share our knowledge and support local communities in environmental water delivery.	A well-respected, accountable and agile program that is informed by the best scientific information available.	A program that engages all sectors of the community and shares their stories and ours honestly and openly.	Complimentary to and independent of government water allocations and philanthropic grants so that we can develop and act on long term plans in a variety of locations.
<b>Critical Success factors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A register of engaged and committed volunteers that enjoy contributing to WFN and recognise the benefits it brings.</li> <li>A Citizen Science program focussed on delivering environmental water is offered to the WFN Family through vibrant, interactive and easily accessible activities and tools.</li> <li>We are thought of as discussion leaders and are sought out by political, industry, community groups and government representatives.</li> <li>A reliable and respected service that makes it easier for our partners and the community to deliver environmental water.</li> <li>A relationship with relevant universities that gives university students vital field experience increasing both the state and WFN's scientific capacity.</li> <li>A group of engaged scientists and professionals with a variety of expertise and skills that contribute to improving and enhancing the WFN program.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A can do attitude and a culture of continually learning and improving.</li> <li>A long-term agreement with the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder that recognises our expertise and provides a flexible approach to the WFN program.</li> <li>Transparency in reporting on our activities</li> <li>A multiple-scenario (dry, moderate, wet) environmental watering program that is tailored to each of the water catchments that we work within.</li> <li>An efficient and targeted scientific monitoring program that provides relevant information to increase our knowledge and meet our reporting requirements.</li> <li>Access to a reliable mapping tool and other technological equipment and data.</li> <li>Strong long-term relationships with other state and Australian government agencies.</li> <li>We coordinate our activities with others where it makes sense</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are an Ambassador for the CEWH and the Murray-Darling Basin Plan</li> <li>We capture the stories of the volunteers, landholders and partners we work with to better understand the variety of environmental, social and economic benefits that environmental watering can achieve.</li> <li>We share our stories honestly and openly so that our program and others can learn from our experience.</li> <li>We add value to school, university and government education programs to increase the community's understanding of the need for environmental watering.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A sustainable source of funds to buy and sell water.</li> <li>We provide a fee for service to recover costs and inform other programs in Australia and overseas</li> <li>A program for individuals, business and community organisations to donate water and funds.</li> <li>5 GL in an independent water bank that WFN can buy and sell according to its needs.</li> <li>A group of engaged business and water trade professionals that can contribute to realising an independent WFN program.</li> <li>A robust and transparent decision making process for buying and selling WFN water</li> <li>We provide donors with information on what outcomes their contribution has produced.</li> </ul>
<b>Key Performance Indicators</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Water for Nature Exchange is held annually</li> <li>Four university students assist in ecological monitoring each year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The CEWH agreement is finalised by June 2017</li> <li>A multi-year multiple scenario environmental watering program is finalised by June 2017</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A research project into the social and economic benefits of environmental watering is initiated in 2017-18</li> <li>A WFN education program is developed in 2018-19</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$1,000,000 is raised by 2022</li> <li>The WFN Water Bank holds 5 GL of water by 2022</li> </ul>