

BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR MEDIA

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- The Australian Rainforest Foundation is a national, not-for-profit organisation working to protect, conserve and nurture Australia's rainforest for future generations
- The Foundation has been working for more than a decade with federal, state and local governments to save our rainforests
- The Foundation purchases key areas of private land for regeneration and to create crucial wildlife corridors for rainforest fauna
- In the past ten years, the Foundation has purchased and regenerated more than 230 hectares of rainforest in high priority conservation areas from private land owners
- Most recently, the organisation has been working to preserve one of the world's oldest and most unique rainforests – the Daintree in far north Queensland
- The Foundation partners with volunteer organisations to assist with skilled tree planting and weed control to rehabilitate reclaimed pockets of damaged forest
- The work is funded by significant grants from the Commonwealth Government, as well as the private sector, and hundreds of individual donors
- Lynne Cosgrove (wife of the former Chief of the Australian Defence Force, General Peter Cosgrove) is Patron of the Foundation
- General Cosgrove actively supports the Foundation in community awareness activities
- Roger Phillips is CEO and licensee of the Foundation's land conservation program
- The Board consists of unpaid, elected Directors as follows:
 - Dr Victoria Gordon (Chair) – Managing Director, EcoBiotics
 - Roger Phillips - CEO Australian Rainforest Foundation
 - David Butler - Game conservationist; founding member Raine Island Corporation
 - John Darling - Intellectual property lawyer
 - Robert Foord - Executive Chairman, Proud Australia group of companies.
 - Warwick Nelson - Managing Director, The Promotional Shop
 - John Blake - Managing Director, Vision Training Australia
 - John McIntyre - Expert in strategic issues in tourism, science and conservation
 - Angus Love - CEO, Direct Sales Division, Direct Group

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