



MACQUARIE ISLAND
CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

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MACQUARIE ISLAND **CONSERVATION FOUNDATION** Ltd

PROTECT precious sub-Antarctic ecosystems

CONNECT people and place

INSPIRE the next generation

SUPPORT conservation action

Visit www.macquarieisland.org to learn more about Macquarie Island, read about the current and future projects we are funding, or to make a donation to support the foundation's important work.

A storm approaches Hasselborough Bay.


OUR VISION

That the natural and heritage values of Macquarie Island remain protected from threats and conserved for current and future generations.

OUR MISSION

To help fund and facilitate science and research programs, as well as provide supplementary support to management initiatives, student projects and outreach activities which will benefit the conservation of Macquarie Island.

The Foundation seeks to provide an ongoing connection to Macquarie Island through news and updates, for those whose imaginations have been captured by this wild place, and to inspire others to value and contribute to the protection of the island and its unique inhabitants.

A photograph of a grey-headed albatross chick sitting on a mossy, grassy slope. The chick is white with a dark beak and is looking towards the camera. The background shows a rugged, mountainous landscape with a bay and a large, dark rock formation in the distance. The foreground is dominated by lush green moss and grasses.

Grey headed albatross chick on Petrel Peak, Windsor Bay.



MACQUARIE ISLAND



LOCATED in the wind and rain-swept latitudes of the furious 50s lies World Heritage listed Macquarie Island, 1500 km south-east of Hobart in the remote Southern Ocean. Fondly known by visitors as the 'Green Sponge' or 'Macca', this tiny speck of land has unique geology and biodiversity. Being thousands of kilometres from the nearest continent, the island is home to an amazing array of plants and animals, some of which are found nowhere else in the world.

Stormy seas off Hasselborough Bay.



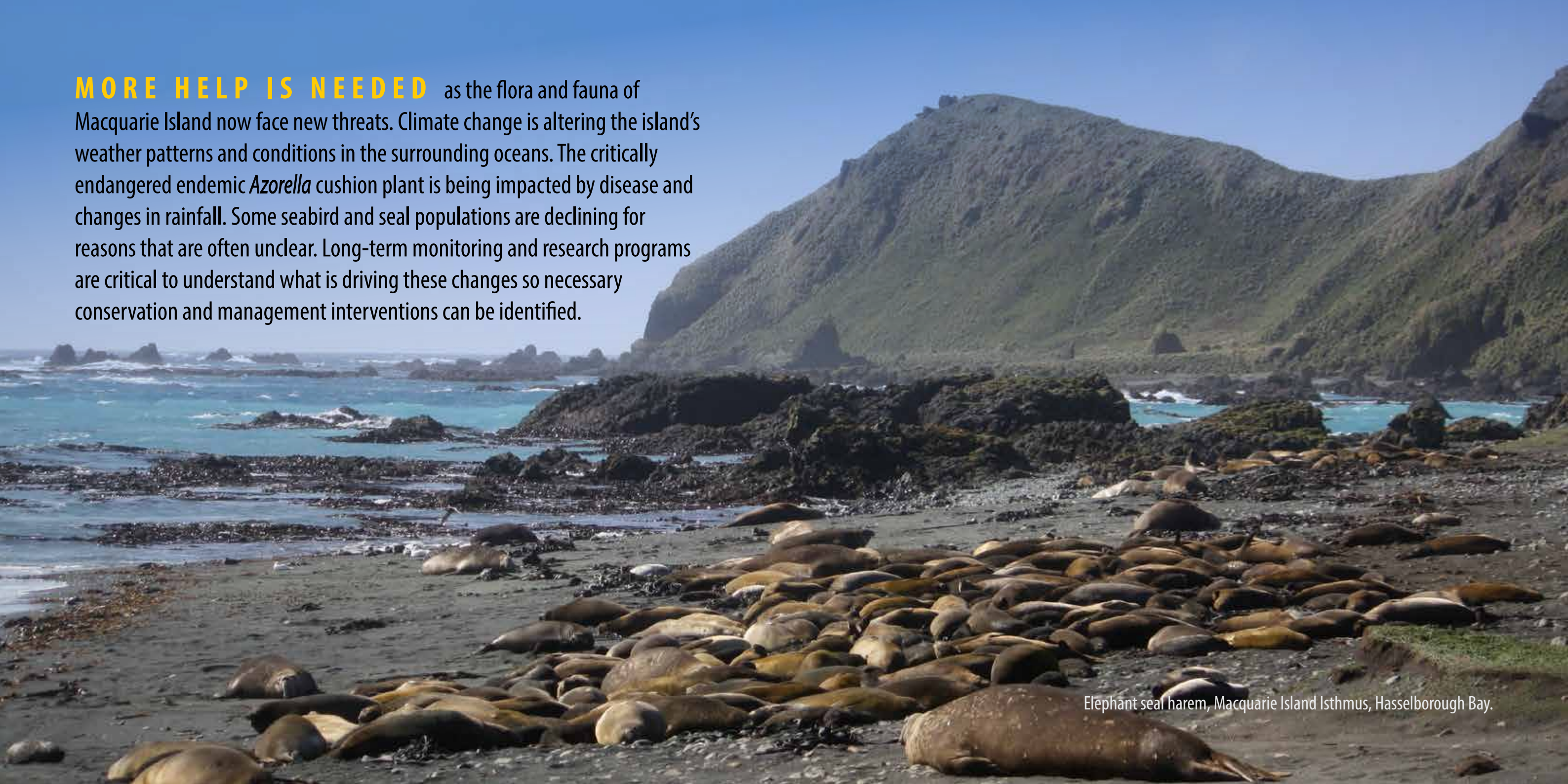
WORLD HERITAGE LISTED Macquarie Island together with nearby Bishop and Clerk, and Judge and Clerk Islets, is one of just two Australian sub-Antarctic island groups. The Macquarie Island Nature Reserve is managed by the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service and includes the main island, islets and the surrounding waters out to three nautical miles. The research station is managed by the Australian Antarctic Division and has operated continuously since 1948.

The island's irreplaceable ecosystems have experienced dramatic changes over time. Seal and penguin populations were decimated for oil and fur in the 1800s. The hunters brought with them invasive predators and grazers that wiped out two native bird species, destroyed the vegetation and eroded the landscape. After an intensive pest eradication project run by the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service, the last of the invasive vertebrates were removed in 2011. Since then, the island's ecosystem has recovered remarkably, and it is once again one of the most unique and spectacular environments on the planet.

Green Gorge (with a king penguin colony on the beach).

MORE HELP IS NEEDED as the flora and fauna of Macquarie Island now face new threats. Climate change is altering the island's weather patterns and conditions in the surrounding oceans. The critically endangered endemic *Azorella* cushion plant is being impacted by disease and changes in rainfall. Some seabird and seal populations are declining for reasons that are often unclear. Long-term monitoring and research programs are critical to understand what is driving these changes so necessary conservation and management interventions can be identified.

Elephant seal harem, Macquarie Island Isthmus, Hasselborough Bay.



THE FOUNDATION

The Macquarie Island Conservation Foundation was formed in 2021 by a small group of people with a passion for the conservation of Macquarie Island. They identified the opportunity to support conservation through philanthropy and to provide a pathway for people to contribute to the conservation of the island. The Foundation is overseen by a Management Committee, in line with its Constitution.

The Macquarie Island Conservation Foundation Management Committee members are:

Dr Julie McInnes

Julie is a wildlife ecologist and has spent 20 years working with seabirds and marine mammals. She has a particular interest in the Southern Ocean and has spent four summers and a winter on Macquarie Island as well as two summers in Antarctica. Julie currently holds a research position at the University of Tasmania and is passionate about species conservation and inspiring the next generation to help protect these fragile ecosystems.



Dr Kris Carlyon

As a wildlife biologist, Kris has worked with a range of Australian wildlife over two decades and has spent several summers on Macquarie Island as a researcher and Wildlife Ranger for the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service. He currently manages the Wildlife Health and Marine Section of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania and is committed to Southern Ocean marine mammal and seabird conservation.



Walking across the plateau,
north of Hurd Point.



Andrea Turbett

Andrea has been on six trips to the island since 2010 and has spent over three years there as Ranger-In-Charge, a continuation of her long-standing interest in the island since a Bachelor of Antarctic Studies (Honours) many years ago. In between Macquarie Island deployments Andrea works at the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service where she continues to be involved in the management of the island.



Dr Ben Arthur

Ben is a marine ecologist and science educator. He has researched marine mammals and seabirds on several sub-Antarctic islands, including Macquarie Island. Ben is passionate about our natural world, how science helps us make sense of it, and inspiring others. He is currently coordinator of marine science engagement programs at the CSIRO Marine National Facility.



William MacAulay

Will has 20 years of experience within financial services, and is currently the General Manager of Unlisted Assets at HESTA managing c. \$17.5 billion in private asset investments. He is a strong advocate for global environmental, sustainability and governance standards and is a Chartered Financial Analyst and a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Will has a strong passion for the outdoors and love of science with a degree in Science/Commerce.



You can contact the Management Committee at info@macquarieisland.org

As an environmental not-for-profit organisation, the Foundation operates according to the following principles:

- A focus on high quality, science-based initiatives that assist with the conservation and management of Macquarie Island
- Initiatives to promote awareness and appreciation of the importance of Macquarie Island and provide ongoing connections to support long-term conservation on the island
- Transparent and accountable decisions and allocation of funds, which are fundamental to the Foundation's core aims and values
- Foundation-facilitated activities that align with the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service's management of the island
- A high calibre Management Committee motivated by their shared interest in and commitment to the Foundation's mission.

Light-mantled albatross, Hurd Point.





Your contribution will help protect, connect, inspire and support.

PROTECT

Our rapidly changing world has consequences for ecosystems everywhere. More and more, conservation and research initiatives are hampered by a backdrop of reduced funding. Despite its remoteness, the sub-Antarctic is not immune to these forces. The Foundation aims to deliver a sustainable funding stream to facilitate conservation and research initiatives through grants and targeted funding of larger projects.

CONNECT

Macquarie Island is only accessible to a small group of people, yet evokes strong feelings of connection for those privileged to set foot on the island's shores and those who have been captivated by photos and stories. The Foundation will provide an avenue for people to stay connected with the island through a website, social media and newsletters. We will have a particular focus on the conservation of the island's natural values.

Pleurophyllum hookeri.

INSPIRE

We want to inspire the community to make Macquarie Island part of their lives. The Foundation will bring this island to the community and to our schools to showcase its rich biodiversity and unique values. We will participate in festivals and school outreach programs, aiming to create a sense of ownership and excitement towards Tasmania's most southern island.

SUPPORT

We seek to provide sustainability for research and conservation management and enable long-term protection for Macquarie Island, but we need your help. Your financial contributions, membership or volunteering in the community, will support these initiatives. Please visit www.macquarieisland.org to learn more about the island, read about the current and future projects we are funding, or to make a donation to support this important work.

Please contact us on info@macquarieisland.org or through the webpage for more information.

Gentoo penguins nesting at Hurd Point.



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The old radio Ham Shack and North Head in the background.

Antarctic fur seal pup, Aerial Cove.