2022 Max Day Environmental Science Fellowship Awardees

- **Miss Bridget Campbell, Macquarie University:** Warrakan ganma: Bridging Western and Indigenous science to safeguard biocultural diversity
- **Dr Brock Bergseth, James Cook University:** *Bolstering conservation outcomes understanding social and ecological effects of illegal fishing behavioural interventions*

Highly commended applications

- **Mr Timothy Ghaly, Macquarie University:** Who lives inside fungi? Bacterial endosymbionts of plant-associated fungi
- Dr Stephanie Gardner, University of New South Wales: *Quantifying the contribution of benthic invertebrates to global nitrous oxide production*
- Dr Niloofar Karimian, Southern Cross University: Arsenic and antimony co-behaviour in soil under a changing climate: resolving unexplored interactions between microbiology, mineralogy and geochemistry
- **Dr Alice Twomey, University of Queensland:** Enhancing resilience of coasts: nature-based solutions for flood mitigation

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2021 Max Day Environmental Science Fellowship Awardees

- **Dr Laura Brannelly, University of Melbourne:** Using genetic techniques to develop conservation strategies for an endangered frog species
- **Ms Lea Hannah, Western Sydney University:** Harnessing next generation DNA sequencing to explore whether honeybees providing crop pollination services benefit from floral resource plantings

Highly commended applications

- **Dr Luke Jeffrey, Southern Cross University:** Greenhouse gas guzzlers: Are methane consuming microbes active within the bark of endemic Australian wetland trees?
- **Ms Maggie-Anne Harvey, University of Queensland:** *Developing low-impact selenium agromining using Neptunia amplexicaulis*
- **Dr Stephanie Gardner, University of New South Wales:** Deciphering the microbial signature of nitrous oxide producing ascidians

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2020 Max Day Environmental Science Fellowship Awardees

 Dr Emma Camp, University of Technology Sydney: Elemental diagnostics of environmental change on the Great Barrier Reef
Ms Allison Broad, University of Wollongong: Merchant shipping, anchor scour and seafloor biota: a large scale experimental examination of impacts

Highly commended applications

- **Dr Catherine Price, University of Sydney:** When it takes one bite: deceiving herbivores to protect rare and threatened orchids.
- **Ms Emily Scicluna, La Trobe University:** Using personality and cognitive assessment of individuals as a conservation tool for improving reintroduction/translocation success
- **Ms Georgia Sinclair, RMIT University:** Developing biomarkers of environmental exposure to poly- and perfluoroalkyl substances to improve environmental policy and health

• **Dr Tatiana Soares da Costa, La Trobe University:** *Fighting herbicide resistance with vitamin deprivation.*

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2019 Max Day Environmental Science Fellowship Awardees

- **Dr Tim Doherty, Deakin University:** *Ecological consequences of introduced predator removal for a native mesopredator and ecosystem engineer Varanus gouldii*
- **Ms Nicole Foster, University of Adelaide:** *Prioritising for success: Innovative approaches to management of coastal environments*

Highly commended applications

- **Ms Anita Perkins, The Southern Cross University:** Fungi as degraders of kelp detritus: unravelling the role of fungi in coastal carbon cycling and storage
- **Dr José Lahoz-Monfort, The University of Melbourne:** Acoustic monitoring: new technologies and analytical tools for large-scale monitoring of the threatened Sarus crane
- **Dr Alexandra Carthey, Macquarie University:** *Microbially mediated olfactory communication in the Anthropocene: a key to the lockbox of problematic captive breeding for conservation?*

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2018 Max Day Environmental Science Fellowship Awardees

- **Ms Melissa Houghton, University of Queensland:** Invertebrate monitoring and community ecology as a measure of change in island ecosystems to inform conservation decision-making.
- **Mrs Charlie Phelps, Edith Cowan University:** Determining the cumulative effect of putative pathogenic microbes, increased temperature and herbivory on the ecologically important kelp, Ecklonia radiata.

Highly commended applications

- **Dr Tatiana Soares Da Costa, La Trobe University:** *Development of New Herbicide Cocktails for Effective Weed Management*
- **Dr Emma Camp, University of Technology Sydney:** Set-up for survival the holobiont signature facilitating Australia's coral communities in the face of climate change.

Watch the awards videos about the research of <u>Ms Melissa Houghton</u> and <u>Mrs Charlie Phelps</u>.

2017 Max Day Environmental Science Fellowship Awardees

- **Mr Nicholas Leseberg, University of Queensland:** *Ecology and conservation biology of the Night Parrot.*
- Dr Marta Yebra, Australian National University: Flammability warning from space

Highly commended applications

- **Dr Hugo Harrison, James Cook University:** *Connecting reefs in the Anthropocene: Managing Australia's coral reefs for recovery and persistence.*
- **Dr Kerensa McElroy, CSIRO:** The 'DNA footprint' of near extinction: interrogating 100 years of black-throated finch decline by sequencing contemporary and historical specimen.

• Mr Max Worthington, Flinders University: Renewable polymers for agriculture and the environment

Watch the awards videos about the research of Dr Marta Yebra and Dr Hugo Harrison