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SAVE OUR STRATHBOGIE FOREST

Save Our Strathbogie Forest (SOSF) has launched a Chuffed fundraising campaign to raise money for our legal battle with the Victorian government over the planned burning of forests that contain endangered species.

Our goal is to stop this all-too-common occurrence (below) happening across thousands of hectares of Greater Glider habitat every year. So we are working hard to fund our legal case. Greater Gliders, Powerful Owls, cute little Ringtail Possums and the health of the forest itself are relying on us to change the way forests are managed.

Imagine you're going shopping and instead of buying packets off the shelves, you're loading the trolley with ecosystem services. How much is a single old-growth Manna Gum or Blue Gum worth, let alone a forest of living beings?

If you can afford to spend \$100 at the supermarket every now and then, are you able to do the same for the forest? If 1000 people donate \$100 (just once!), we'll be half-way to our overall target.

I know each of you have your own projects, but can you help us? Please consider donating and please forward this newsletter to several like-minded people in your address book - it's the key to crowd-funding success.

Bertram Lobert President SOSF



Some Super Exciting Events are Coming Up to fundraise and bring forest supporters together.

Dance Parties
Art Exhibitions
Talks

Epicurean Dinner
Music Concerts
Wine Tastings

Keep an eye on our socials for updates

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If you would like to help please feel free to contact us.



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Planned burn Strathbogie State Forest

Keep Greater Gliders Safe From Planned Burns.

Community group Save Our Strathbogie Forest has launched a legal challenge against the State of Victoria to halt several planned burns in the Strathbogie Forest. The Strathbogie Forest in northeast Victoria is a known stronghold for the endangered Greater Glider.

Countless thousands of hollow-bearing trees, essential for Greater Glider survival, are burnt every year in the name of fire management. Central to planned burning is repetition, so after each burn there are fewer hollow-bearing trees left, fewer places for the Gliders to live and breed.

The flames, smoke and heat of these burns also pose an immediate threat to the Gliders' survival. Gliders that are still alive after the burns then face the additional threats of poor nutrition, subsequent tree collapse and degraded habitat.

It is illegal to kill or injure species that are protected under Australia's national environmental law (Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act), yet that is exactly what these planned burns do.

To avoid injury and death to hundreds of Greater Gliders in the Strathbogie Forest, Save Our Strathbogie Forest Inc (SOSF) made numerous requests to the Victorian government to modify or postpone their planned burns, and to refer the burns to the federal environment department, but the government steadfastly refused.

If nothing changes, current planned burns risk the gradual elimination of hollow-dependent wildlife, including endangered species like Greater Gliders, from their remaining forest habitat.

We are taking legal action to make the Victorian government refer planned burns in the Strathbogie Forest to the federal environment department.

If our case is successful, it might reduce or stop planned burns in areas critical to the survival of endangered species like the Greater Glider, not just in the Strathbogies, but likely across Victoria and Australia.



Photo by Helen Repacholi

How you can help?

Save our Strathbogie Forests need your help to fund the legal costs of the court case. Please make a tax deductible donation to our auspicing partner, Lawyers for Forests Inc. As importantly, share this request with friends, family and networks to spread the word. All funds (100%) raised in this Chuffed campaign will go towards payment of legal costs in the proceeding **SAVE OUR STRATHBOGIE FOREST INC v STATE OF VICTORIA** filed in the Federal Court of Australia on 29 June 2023 (File Number: VID432/2023).

This Chuffed campaign is one of the ways we are fundraising to meet the legal costs of the court

case. There will also be events in the next few months - you might want to come along and join the fun!

About us:

Website: <https://strathbogiesustainableforests.wordpress.com>

Chuffed: <https://chuffed.org/project/strathbogieforest-legal-action>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064563465088> (Our Strathbogie Forest)

Instagram: [saveourstrathbogieforest](https://www.instagram.com/saveourstrathbogieforest)

X (formerly known as Twitter): @ourstrathforest

Report - [Impacts of planned burns on the Southern Greater Glider population in the Strathbogie State Forest.](#)

Our SOSF community has stopped native forest logging in our forest and seen it declared an Immediate Protected Area (for Greater Glider conservation). We have also campaigned strongly to support the Traditional Owners, the Taungurung Land and Waters Corporation, to be formally recognised as the stewards and custodians of this forest.

We acknowledge Traditional Owners across Victoria and pay respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.