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Bush Heritage and Arid Recovery join forces to save species

Bush Heritage Australia is pleased to announce that they have formally joined the Board of South Australian-based conservation initiative Arid Recovery, with Chief Executive Gerard O'Neill representing the organisation's membership.

Continuing Bush Heritage's tradition of partnering with other organisations to achieve the best possible conservation outcomes, this collaboration will ensure that species in the arid landscape of South Australia have even greater resources dedicated to their protection.

Some of the key endangered species that Arid Recovery protects are the Greater Bilby, the Burrowing Bettong, the Western Barred Bandicoot, the Greater Sticknest Rat, the Western Quoll and the Plains Mouse, along with many small native mammals and reptiles.

O'Neill said formalising the partnership was a great step towards seeing these important mammals back in the landscape.

"We've been working with Arid Recovery on the ground since 2014, sharing a scientist as part of the South Australian Rangelands Alliance, and were able to see first-hand the fantastic work they were doing," said O'Neill.

"We understand that working smarter and more effectively means faster and more positive results for species, and we look forward to working on some ambitious and exciting projects together as we return the bush to good health."

General Manager of Arid Recovery, Dr. Katherine Tuft, said joining forces was a natural progression for both organisations.

"We're delighted to have Bush Heritage on board, combining our expert knowledge with their scientific

capabilities to increase the volume and scope of work we're doing. We both share a landscape-scale vision for restoring eco-system and habitats, and together, we can achieve amazing things."

Arid Recovery is an independent, not-for-profit conservation initiative that has been restoring Australia's arid lands in South Australia since 1997. Other members of their Board include BHP, South Australia's Department of Environment and Water, and the University of Adelaide. The Arid team run and maintain a world-class arid zone scientific reference site within the 123 km² fenced reserve applying science and management techniques across a wide array of arid lands and seeks to build effective relationships with Traditional Owners and other land-holders.

To find out more about Arid Recovery, visit www.aridrecovery.com.au

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