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# Art world helps owls

IF THE arts world typically exists in either a white or black box, then Bundanon Trust's box is green.

Just as the architecture of the National Gallery or the acoustics of the Sydney Opera House are critical to the very being of the companies that reside there, the landscape of the Shoalhaven River, escarpment and bushland is at the core of Bundanon.

That's why preserving Bundanon, with its unique biodiversity, its role as wildlife sanctuary to 13 threatened animal species, and its inspirational vistas, is important to the arts.

That's why the team at Bundanon Trust work tirelessly to maintain and improve their environment, partnering with Landcare Australia to ensure their efforts are world class.

It's no great surprise then that they received the 2015 IMAGINE award for Sustainability.

And that's why, as inboxes fill with arts crowdfunding campaigns to put on performances, support tours and create new works, you should pause and take a look



**CONSERVATION:** Bundanon are teaming up with Landcare to help preserve the habitat of the powerful owl. You can contribute to the campaign by donating cash at [www.chuffed.org/project/powerful-owl](http://www.chuffed.org/project/powerful-owl).

at Bundanon and Landcare's Powerful Owl campaign.

This campaign could save a species through saving its habitat.

"We chose to focus this campaign on improving the habitat of the Powerful Owl because that's where we can make the most impact," says Bundanon Trust Natural Resources Manager Henry

Goodall, "Habitat loss from clearing for human development has been a major factor in the demise of the Powerful Owl.

Trees need to be hundreds of years old before they become 'hollow bearing' to provide nesting sites for these owls and the animals they feed on."

When given to Australians

by Arthur Boyd in 1993 for the encouragement of the arts in Australia, the environment got equal billing.

Bundanon was established as "a celebration of the importance of the Arts and the Australian landscape in the lives of Australians".

You can contribute to the Powerful Owl crowdfunding campaign by donating cash

or choosing one of the sweet rewards on offer at [www.chuffed.org/project/powerful-owl](http://www.chuffed.org/project/powerful-owl). The powerful owl (*Ninox strenua*) is a species of owl native to south-eastern and eastern Australia and is the largest owl on that continent. It is found in coastal areas and is listed on the Threatened Species list as being a vulnerable species.

## Spooky sea mist is natural event

A HIGH-pressure system over the Tasman Sea was one of the factors that led to the intriguing mist which shrouded parts of the South Coast late last week.

Bureau of Meteorology aviation meteorologist, Jiwon Park, said that such mists were "tricky and mysterious," but the causes were natural and not a harbinger for the arrival of pirate ghost ships.

"We have had a lot of moist air about the Eastern Seaboard over the past several weeks, and the dew point and the sea-surface temperature are close, both around 20 degrees, and this creates sea mist," he said.

"There is as high pressure system over the Tasman Sea, and driving northerly winds, and this leads to upwelling, when cooler water comes up from underneath the the surface. There is an inversion when warm maritime air meets the warmer coastal air about 300 metres above sea level."



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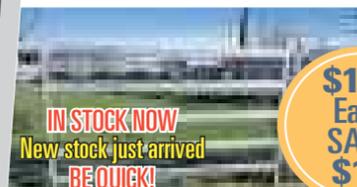
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