

## **Cancellation of the 2021 FNSSA Lirabenda Endowment Fund Grant Round**

The Field Naturalists Society of South Australia has made the difficult decision not to run the 2021 LEF Grant round. The 2021 round would normally be accepting applications in December 2020, grants would be assessed early in the new year and result in grants being awarded/recipients notified early February-March.

The decision to cancel is largely due to a wearing out of our small volunteer FNSSA team during this year's COVID-19 crisis. Just like everyone else, as individuals we have had many extra challenges to overcome in our own lives due to COVID conditions and in addition we have had an extra load of FNSSA business to deal with because of COVID, renewal projects already being undertaken this year and various other issues that required our dedication and support. So the decision was taken to pull back this year but in doing so we will therefore be ready and able to run the LEF Grants in 2022.

Thankyou to all concerned for your continued interest in the LEF grants. We wish you the best of luck in continuing your research next year and beyond, and we will be happy to receive your applications in December 2021 for the 2022 round.

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