

ACS STRATEGIC PLAN

2026-2029



Chair's Foreword

The new ACS Strategic Plan 2026-2029 provides a clear organisational direction for the next four years. Three sections, 'Our Purpose', 'Our Vision' and 'Our Mission', remain the same as in the previous Plan but some re-wording of 'Our Values' has made that section clearer.

An important change is the section on 'Strategic Objectives' which has been streamlined into four key objectives by consolidating the intent of the ten objectives listed in the ACS constitution. These objectives are aligned with ACS actions and priority issues to be tackled between 2026 and 2029.

Emeritus Professor Nick Harvey, ACS Chair

Our Purpose

Promoting [coastal stewardship](#) in Australia.

Vision

A national network of coastal stakeholders (professionals, practitioners, coastal and/or First Nations communities) committed to coastal protection and ongoing stewardship.

Our Mission

To foster the well-being and enhancement of coastal systems in Australia.

Our Values

- To promote knowledge and understanding of the environmental, social and economic value of the Australian coast
- To contribute to international, national, state and local debates on coastal issues so as to foster rational, open decision-making in order to achieve sustainable use of coastal resources and responsible stewardship of coastal assets
- To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and knowledge among people involved in the management, planning and development of the Australian coast

Strategic Objectives

1. To improve broader community awareness of the environmental, cultural and socio-economic values of the Australian coast
2. Provide opportunities for coastal practitioners to share knowledge and information.
3. Build awareness of opportunities for coastal practitioners to inform and influence the protection and management of the Australian coast
4. To distribute ACS funding in accordance with organisational priorities and objectives.