

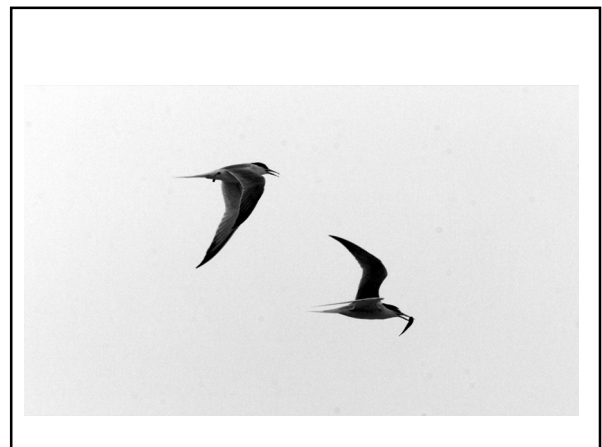
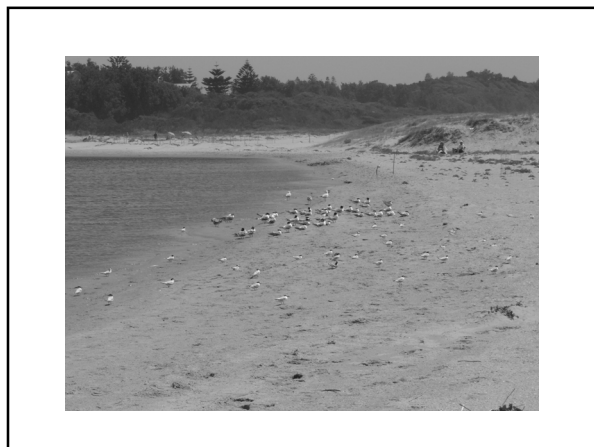
GIVING LITTLE TERNS THEIR BEST CHANCE OF SURVIVAL

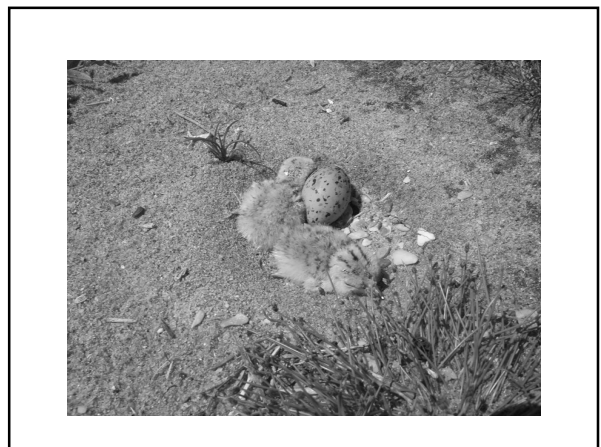
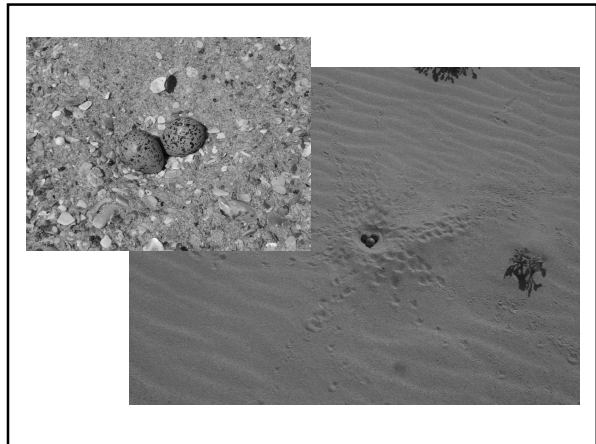
Lake Wollumboola Little Tern Conservation Program



Lessons learned at Lake Wollumboola:

1. The Little Terns' ecology and habitat choices makes them vulnerable
2. The existing threats to the Little Terns
3. Conservation measures have reversed their decline
4. Additional threats have been identified:
5. Human development – solutions are known
6. Climate change - solutions?



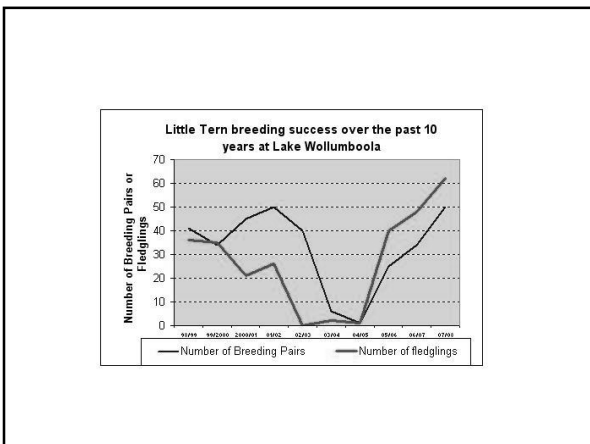




Conservation measures successful in reversing decline.

NSW Coast-wide success:

110 pairs in the mid 1980's
 170 pairs in the mid 1990's,
 500 in 2008.



Lake Wollumboola's success:

Fledglings:

1 in 2004/5
 40 in 2005/6
 48 in 2006/7
 62 in 2007/8 – a record for the South Coast
 (50 pairs, 78 nests, 164 eggs 102 hatchlings,
 1.24 fledglings to each breeding pair)

Features of the Conservation program at Lake Wollumboola

- co-operative partnership between the Shorebird Volunteers, DECC, SCC and the SRCMA.
- suite of conservation measures to reduce threats.
- major on-site role for volunteers.
- community education activities.



