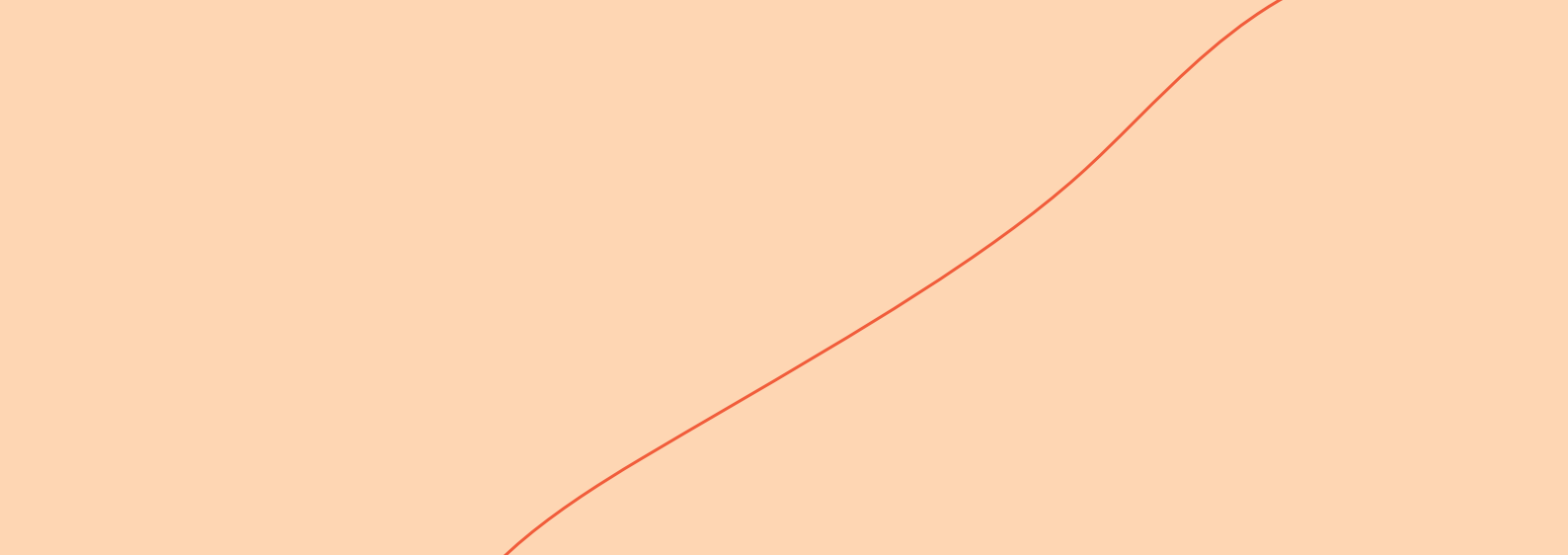


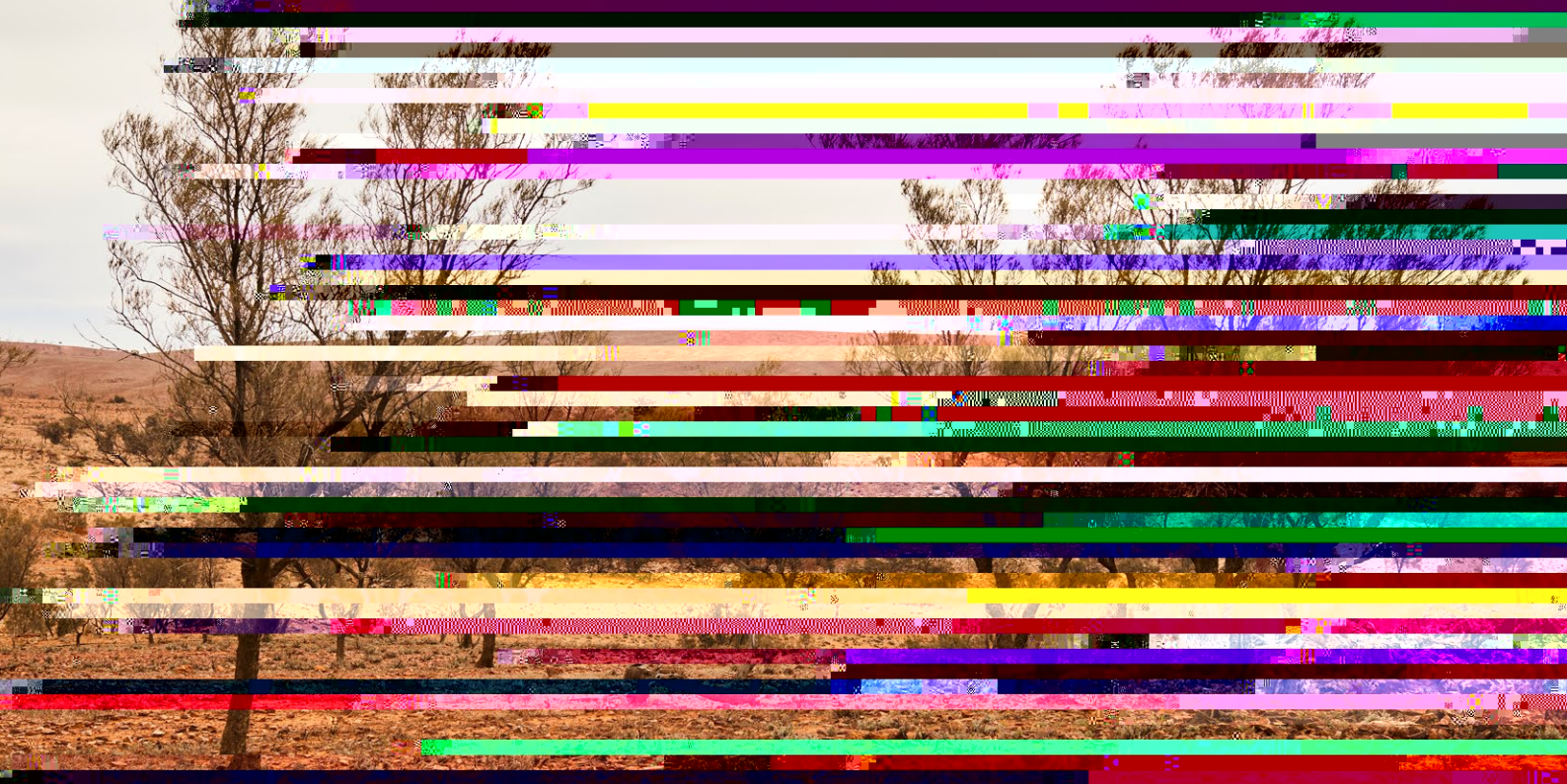


Ochre House: One of the artist's residences at Fowlers Gap (Photo Richard Freeman)

Welcome to Fowlers Gap

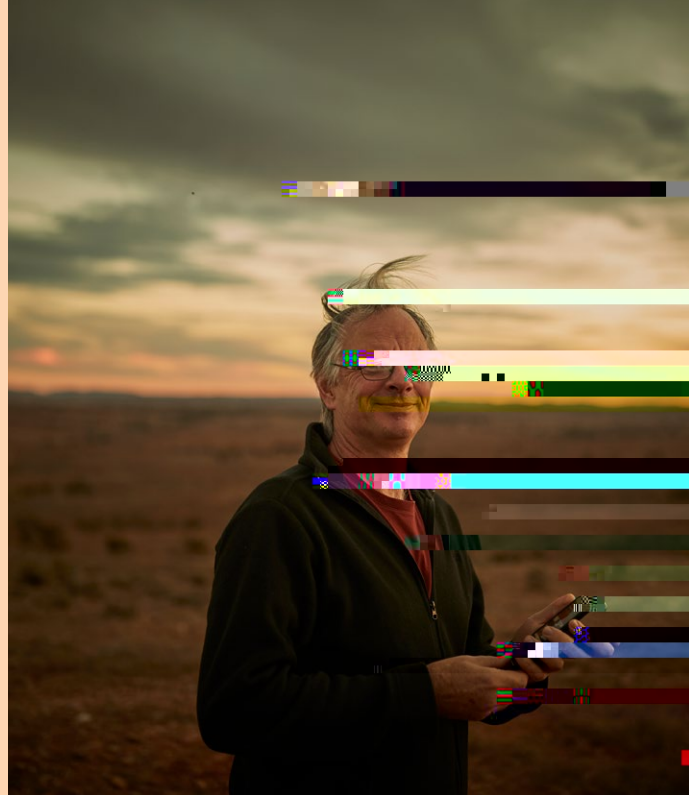
Fowlers Gap Arid Zone Research Station, in the far west corner of NSW, is a gateway for researchers, artists and any curious mind looking to study (or portray) Australia's iconic outback. Now more than ever, with a half-century of research wisdom at Fowlers Gap, we are changing direction on a path of ecosystem restoration and arid zone ecology.





Over 70% of Australia falls within the arid zone, which, due to its harshness, remains less than well understood. Fowler's Gap presents a unique opportunity to study the outback and understand its mysteries from the outside-in.

Zebra finches, one of the iconic research species at Fowlers Gap. Research focusses on their ecology in relation to boom and bust changes in this outback environment (Photographer S. Griffiths).



While the pastoral history at Fowlers Gap is long, its research history is broad and diverse like the geology and ecosystems that underpin it.

Biodiversity and ecology

Fowler's Gap is in the arid zone of Australia. The landscape is composed of hot desert and semi-desert ecotypes, populated with shrubland and other heat-hardened (sclerophyllous) plants such as the river red gums that run along ephemeral creeks.



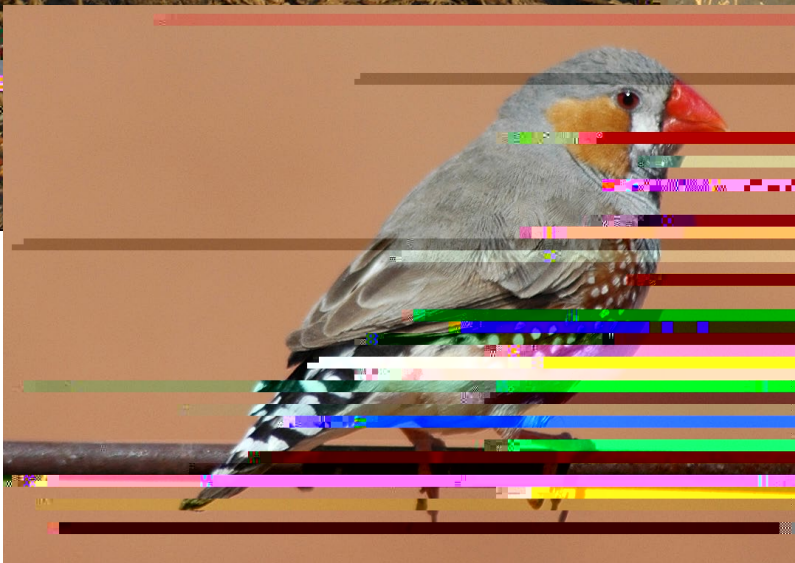
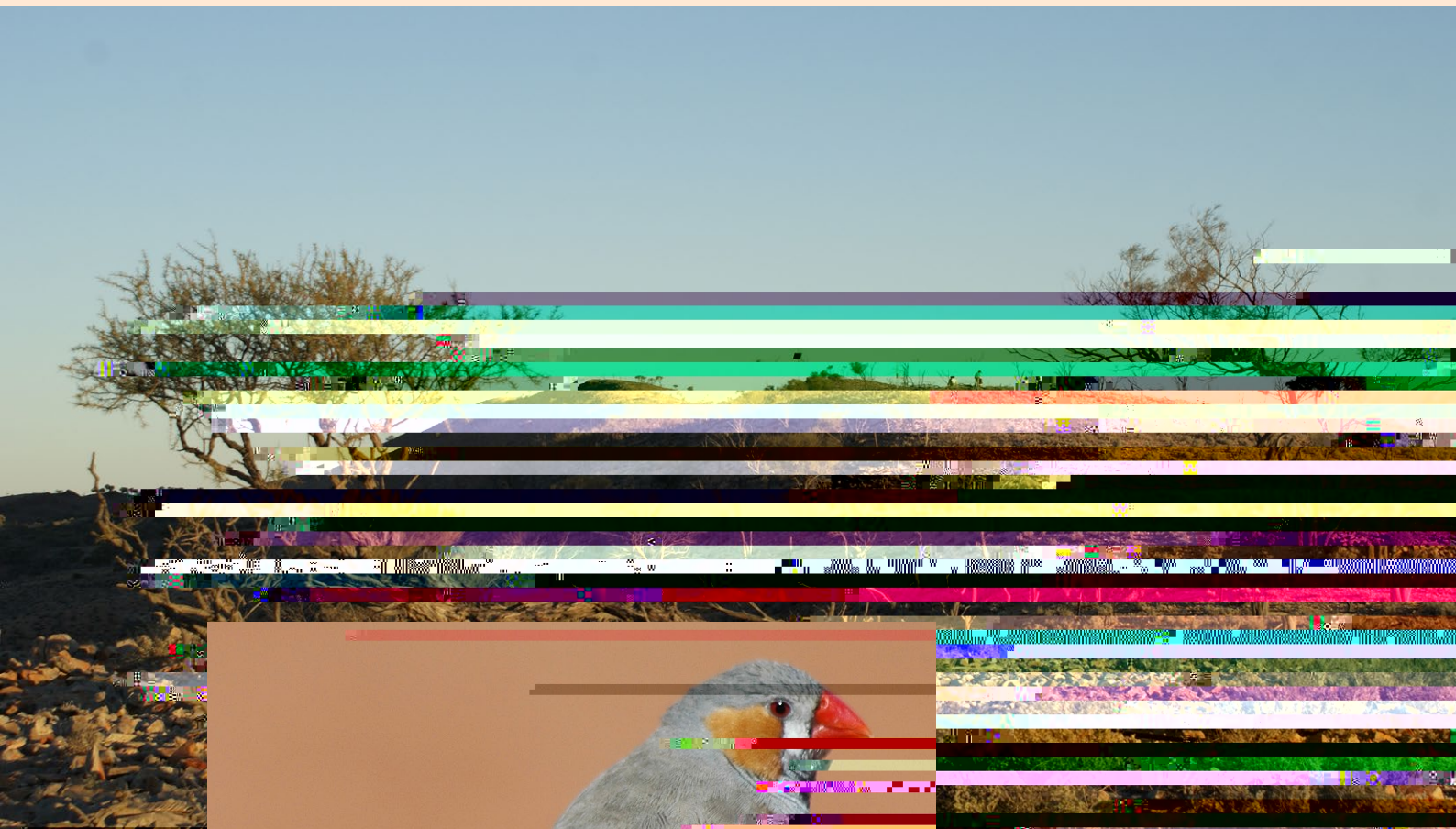
People, connections and partnerships

Over half a century of science has taken place at Fowlers Gap but one element has remained at its heart: the connection of people with the land. Fowlers Gap has always had a diverse visitor base. Most visitors are researchers or students from UNSW, local and international universities, Government Departments and private Institutions. In addition, annually, it hosts field courses and numerous ecotourists, contractors and artists.

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