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# NATURE FOUNDATION SA

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ANNUAL REPORT

# OUR FOOTPRINT











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# GROWTH & COMMITMENT

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



### THE FOUNDATION HAS DEVELOPED INTO AN EVEN STRONGER ENTITY THAN IT WAS LAST YEAR.

As new opportunities have presented themselves to the Council such as the comprehensive Grant Writing Effort and projects which had been nurtured over some number of years 'taking off' such as our highly successful Water For Nature initiative.

When I joined the Foundation there seemed to be a great desire to grow the influence and recognition of its work and for it to become a more business oriented entity, as this continues to happen the Foundation must decide if this 'head of Steam' which it now enjoys is it where the Membership wishes it to go or should the Foundation take time to consolidate its position?

Some of those who have experienced this growth first hand and indeed encouraged and worked tirelessly to grow the Foundation to the place of pre-eminence it now enjoys are starting to think it has grown to a point where the need to employ more staff and raise more funds is too daunting. I, and others, don't think this but it will be the great debate of this coming year.

The Environment needs us and we have to do whatever is possible to help it but it will take a bigger commitment from the members and supporters or we will lose the initiative that we have created over the life of the Foundation.

### FINANCIAL SITUATION JUNE 2012

At Budget time 2012 we were concerned about the amount of General Revenue we were creating. Our Fundraising was not faring as well as in previous years, many NGOs were concerned about fundraising activities, we had not received any major Bequests for some time plus we had properties in Bushbank which had not sold. It was seen as flow-on effects of the global financial situation. The Foundation was comfortable in that it had substantial reserves in place but we were just starting to worry a little. And then things just almost exploded. The Foundation received some wonderful Bequests from long-standing supporters, the Great Grant Writing Effort

which involved ALL staff started to show success and in fact realized over \$250,000 in cash and in-kind (Most of which was tied to projects), nearly \$500,000 in new SEB income (again tied funds of course) was forthcoming, we sold a Bushbank property and we conducted some very successful goat musters. So we were back forging ahead again.

### TERRESTRIAL MATTERS

The contract to purchase nearly 20% of the Fleurieu Swamplands on the Finnis River was signed - we are waiting for a new title to be drawn up incorporating the new boundaries.

We worked with DEWNR and BirdsSA to purchase nearly 50% of the highly significant ephemeral wetlands Buckland Park Lake which will be owned by DEWNR.

And through the wonderful generosity of our gracious supporter Elizabeth Law-Smith we purchased a further 100 ha of land to incorporate into the Barossa Block at Para Woodlands.

We conducted a field day at Tiliqua out east of the Burra, assisted the planting activities at Cygnet River and Para Woodlands and most importantly conducted further scientific, general maintenance and development work on our 2 major properties Witchelina and Hiltaba via our highly successful Grand Working Bees at each during the year.

### WATER FOR NATURE INITIATIVE

What a great success this initiative now is, from its small beginnings with support from, then Minister, Karlene Maywald to what it is today. We have enjoyed tremendous support from a number of people and organizations who believed in our dream that private wetlands which were not scheduled to receive a watering during the recent drought could be watered if we acted. We did and now we are one of the most significant players in the efforts in redressing damaged areas along the Murray and Lower Lakes, working in great harmony with DEWNR and the Federal Environment Department.

Our first major watering took place at Lock 4 Bookpurnong Landing in February with the Commonwealth Environment Water Holder turning on the pumps. Dozens of other wetlands will be helped next year. This has the potential to become as important an initiative for the Foundation as any other section of our programme.

### CEO RESIGNATION

The Foundation was disappointed to receive the resignation of Andrew Reilly our previous CEO 2 years into his contract. Andrew left to pursue a career opportunity and we wished him well. During his term many excellent initiatives and programmes were developed and he left the Foundation in a much better situation than when he arrived.

The Council spent a lot of effort to find a replacement and were fortunate to secure the services of our new CEO Ian Atkinson. Ian brings

with him particular knowledge of the world of water and has had a large effect on the Water for Nature committee already in his short time with us.

### COLLEGE OF NATURE CHAMPIONS

After some difficulties getting a group of high achievers together, I was heartened by the outcomes put in to make this programme happen. I must thank Councillor Susie Herzberg who has been so helpful to me in this process.

The College of Nature Champions is a collective of influential Business and Community leaders who each in their own way have supported improvement to our Environment and who have agreed to allow the Foundation to name them in our various efforts to gain support and financial backing in the matter of fundraising, gaining recognition and having influence to continue the growth of the Foundation. **The full list of College of Nature Champion Members is on page 16.**

### THANKYOU

There are so many people and groups which deserve recognition for their support during the year – space does not allow the option to name all of these wonderful people, but the list includes the following

Allan Holmes and the staff of DEWNR, the CEWH and Federal Environment department, all of our wonderful selfless Members, Supporters and Donors without whom the Foundation would be so much the poorer. John Sibly and the Friends of Nature Foundation SA, our amazing, inventive Witchelina Property Managers and Hiltaba caretaker, the Mt Lofty Rangers 4WD Club and the Marree Pub.

The CEO and his staff do incredible work for the Foundation and we appreciate every effort they make to help the Foundation to grow.

Our Committee structure relies heavily on the input of its Non-Councillor members, we thank them all and of course the powerful Committee structure is so successful because of the commitment of the Council member Chairs of those committees. There are those who argue that Councillors should attend Council meetings and deliberate on the documentation supplied for the meeting – this Foundation would achieve only 50-60% of what it achieves if it was not for the 'Working Councillors' it is so lucky to have.

I personally pay tribute to the efforts of your Foundation's magnificent Council - Thank you Councillors and congratulations on your successful 2012/2013.



Bob Lott  
President



# CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERSPECTIVE



**NATURE FOUNDATION SA HAS AN AMBITION TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND CREATE A LONG TERM ENVIRONMENTAL LEGACY FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA. OUR CHALLENGE IS TO BALANCE THIS AMBITION WITH OUR RESOURCES IN AN EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE WAY.**

Nature Foundation SA's small team (based in here in Hindmarsh, out on Hiltaba and at Witchelina) works with the NFSA Council and Committees, and with volunteers to deliver great outcomes. I think it's fair to say that our ambition is matched with equal measures of hard work, passion, tenacity and a determination to make a long term difference.

One thing that has become markedly more challenging in recent years has been meeting fundraising targets - NFSA is a charity and successful fundraising is critical to fund our operations. We have been quite successful in attracting grant funds of various kinds but these cannot replace the core needs met by your donations and sponsorship dollars.

It's very evident that the corporate world is still battling post the GFC, and unfortunately this sometimes leads to a reduction in sponsorship dollars, and in-kind contributions. Many individuals, especially self funded retirees, have also faced similar financial difficulties in recent years and this impacts on their donations.

We understand that many members are bombarded with fundraising requests and, without asking you to give more charity dollars, I'd like to suggest there are two simple things that you can do to show your support.

1 Charity of Choice - If you believe that what we are doing is making a difference then make Nature Foundation SA your charity of choice.

2 Spread the Word - Tell your friends and family about us, pass on a newsletter, pass on Facebook posts, or better yet get them along to one of our great events.

With respect to conservation outcomes, the monitoring programs we have in place are showing significant evidence of environmental gains. A heartening example is at Hiltaba Nature Reserve where the Yellow-footed rock wallaby (featured on our logo) is at extreme risk. Our conservation efforts are focussed on destocking, reducing predation by foxes, and cutting competition for food & water from feral goats. We're very excited that monitoring has shown the population is increasing, with two young adults and two females with pouch young found recently.

At the other end of the state, we saw the formal launch (at Clark's Floodplain near Loxton in February) of our *Water for Nature* environmental watering partnership with the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office. Since watering commenced in February 2013 the monitoring program has seen strong recovery of the Black Box trees - 95% of seedlings counted in January have survived, and many older trees are showing strong new shoot growth.

Critical to this program and others has been access to infrastructure, developing a stronger regional base, and growing partner networks. Nature Foundation SA is the sum of many parts. For those who have played a part in our success we thank you. And for those interested in becoming involved we invite your support in helping us to Save, Protect and Restore South Australia's amazing natural biodiversity.

Lastly I would like to acknowledge my predecessor Andrew Reilly (who left Nature Foundation SA in December 2012) who worked on much of what is recorded here during his time at NFSA.

Ian Atkinson  
Chief Executive Officer

## AT A GLANCE HIGHLIGHTS OF 2012-2013

22

Research projects and research scholarships granted a total of \$101,889

5

Nature reserves with a total area of 500,000 hectares

16,286

Seedlings planted at Cygnet Park (KI) and 11,500 and Para Woodlands

100

Volunteers helped with Grand Working Bees at Witchelina and Hiltaba

20

% increase in Appeal funding to previous year

536

Walkers attended the Walk for Nature raising over \$30,000

50

Gigalitres (50 Billion litres) of Commonwealth environmental water allocated (1 gigalitre is equivalent to one square kilometre x 1 metre deep in water)

60

Megalitres (million litres) of Commonwealth environmental water delivered at Clark's Floodplain

95

% of Black Box seedling survival and 12% increase in seedling germination at Clark's Floodplain



# OUR LAND

## PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



WITCHELINA

Thick-billed Grasswren (EBS Ecology)

It has been another busy year at **Witchelina Nature Reserve** with NFSA's rotational managers making solid progress implementing the Property Management Plan. Reducing total grazing pressure and predation pressure are the highest priorities and 2600 goats have been removed from the property.

A recent aerial survey did not detect any goats which is a very encouraging sign supported by diminishing grazing browse lines to palatable species such as Bullock Bush (*Alectryon oleifolius*) indicating a release from goat pressure.

This financial year, 2700 (1080) baits have been distributed across Witchelina primarily targeting wild dogs as part of the **SA Arid Lands** Natural Resources Management Board's **Biteback** program. This baiting program has also had a significant impact on reducing fox numbers resulting in an increased presence of ground dwelling birds with chicks.



HILTABA

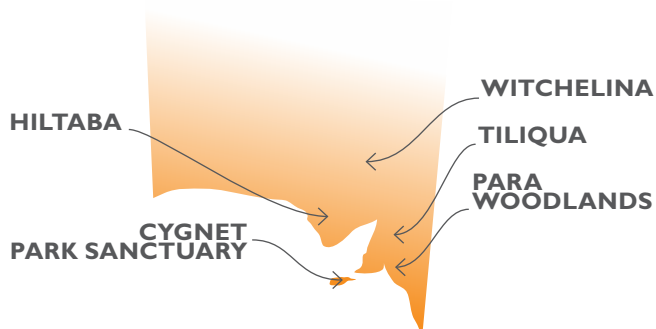
Peninsula dragon lizard (Greg Johnston)

Since purchasing **Hiltaba Nature Reserve** in April 2012, conservation management at Hiltaba has been gaining momentum. Our caretakers Dave and Marjory Goodenough have settled in and have been capably handling the day to day management of the Nature Reserve.

Reducing total grazing pressure and predation pressure are the highest priorities. 6500 goats have been removed from the property creating a significant reduction in grazing pressure. With support from the DEWNR's **Bounceback** program almost 9,500 fox (1080) baits and 300 wild dog baits have been distributed over the property both aerially and by ground. This intensive baiting effort has been undertaken to reduce predation pressure on the struggling Yellow-footed Rock Wallaby population at Mt Friday.

## PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chris Reed (Chair), Bob Lott, David Moyle AM, Dr Bob Sharrad AM, Brenton Arnold, Dr Travis How, Kaz Herbst







## TILIQUA

Adult and Juvenile Pgymy Bluetongue Lizards (Julie Schofield)

**Tiliqua Nature Reserve** has the largest known colony of Pygmy Bluetongue Lizards (*Tiliqua adelaidensis*) and has seen the completion of the first spring/summer field season of a five year research project. The research goals are to prepare a set of simplified methodologies for monitoring Pygmy Bluetongue Lizard populations; to refine specific management recommendations for the lizards; and to increase the involvement of local communities.

The 'Tiliqua Lizard Crawl' was held on National Threatened Species Day in September and offered a 'citizen science' opportunity for the public.

Project partners include the **Flinders University, SA Museum, Zoos SA, Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, Northern & Yorke Natural Resources Management Board** and **The SA Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board**.



## PARA WOODLANDS

Para Woodlands (Georgie Fiedler)

**Para Woodlands** is a long-term restoration project on land jointly owned by Nature Foundation SA and the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources.

Over 400 trees, 2,500 irongrass, Lomandra and 8,000 native grasses of various species were planted in June 2013 with the goal of reconstructing habitats using both a 'top down' (start with the canopy) and 'bottom-up' (start with the ground cover) approach. Thanks to the dedicated DEWNR staff who undertake most of this work – which is funded by donations from Mrs Elizabeth-Law Smith.



## CYGNET PARK SANCTUARY

Glossy Black Cockatoo pair (Eleanor Sobey)

**Cygnnet Park Sanctuary** on Kangaroo Island offers increased habitat and biodiversity for native threatened species and plant communities. NFSA are one-third owners of this property and it has seen successful use of innovative restoration technologies.

The Kangaroo Island Planting Festival organized by DEWNR in mid 2012 resulted in 52,000 seedlings planted including the Drooping Sheoak (*Allocasuarina verticillata*) which are planted as food trees for the Glossy Black Cockatoo.



# BENEFITS FLOWING

## WATER FOR NATURE COMMITTEE

IN OCTOBER 2012 NATURE FOUNDATION SA BECAME THE FIRST NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATION TO BE ENTRUSTED WITH MANAGEMENT OF COMMONWEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL WATER. 50 GIGALITRES OF COMMONWEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HAS BEEN ALLOCATED OVER 5 YEARS TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF SA MURRAY RIVER WETLANDS AND FLOODPLAINS ON PRIVATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LANDS.

Mr David Papps, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder, formally launched the first flow of Commonwealth environmental water at Clark's Floodplain near Berri in the Riverland in February 2013. The partnership will see Water for Nature (an initiative of Nature Foundation SA) deliver environmental water to smaller local wetland and floodplain sites within the catchment to improve habitat resilience, providing refuge for endangered and threatened species.

The Clark's Floodplain site includes severely stressed *Eucalyptus Largiflorens* (Black Box) woodlands which have been impacted by lack of water and salinity. The watering objective is to provide recruitment opportunities and improve the health of Black Box tree stands as well as protecting and maintaining all vegetation layers (shrub communities, groundcover and tree layers) by building moisture reserves and reducing the impact of salinity.

To date 60 megalitres (million litres) of Commonwealth environmental water has been delivered via pump and sprinkler irrigation and the monitoring results are very positive. Trees are looking much healthier with new tip growth (even from very old trees that were thought to have perished); there is an increase in vegetation diversity, improved health of lignum and excellent survival and growth with 95% of Black Box seedling survival and 12% increase in seedling germination at Clark's Floodplain.

Mother Nature is tenacious and it's heartening that, with a little bit of help, this floodplain

### WATER FOR NATURE COMMITTEE

Greg Toop (Chair), Bob Lott, David Moyle AM, Phil Cole, Dr Anne Jensen, Steve Clark, Peter Forward, Dan Mollison, Andrew Beal

### WATER FOR NATURE TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)

Professor Mike Young, Deb Nias, Mark Siebentritt, Keith Walker

is coming back from the brink. This is an important project that will restore River Murray habitat critical to the Yellow Rosella, found only in the Black Box and Red Gum woodlands of the Riverland, and the Regent Parrot.

Clark's Floodplain watering will continue in 2013-14 targeting a larger area of Black Box woodland, and lignum on the floodplain.

Nature Foundation SA thanks our key stakeholders at Clark's Floodplain; SA Water, Loxton Bookpurnong Local Action Planning Group, Bookpurnong Lock 4 Environmental Association, Berri SES and Clark's Floodplain land owner Steve Clark. The support of these key partners has been critical to the success of this project.

NFSA has also partnered with Riverland West Landcare to help sustain young Black Box and Red Gum seedlings at Ramco lagoon with 1.5ML delivered in May using sprinkler irrigation.



Commonwealth environmental water quenching the thirst of Black Box woodland at Clark's Floodplain





*This image and left: Positive outcomes of environmental watering at Clark's Floodplain*



*Stressed Black Box Woodland adjacent to watered area*



*Black Box Woodland after environmental water delivery*



*Before and after shots of environmental watering. Photo: Hiyoba Ghirmay*



# CARETAKERS

## LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE

**THE LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE OVERSEES TWO OF THE FOUNDATION'S PROGRAMS, BUSHBANKSA AND NATURE GAINS. THE NATURE GAINS PROGRAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSESSING THE FEASIBILITY OF NEW PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AND PROJECTS, AND DEVELOPING THIRD PARTY SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS (SEBS) WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE ON-GROUND RESTORATION OF NATIVE VEGETATION.**

Four key areas were looked at as part of the conservation values alignment; funding sources for purchase and management, NFSA principles and objectives, and income, cost and complexity were assessed and ranked in order of importance. As at the end of the 2012-13 period a contract was drawn to purchase land at Finnis River comprising of a large section of Fleurieu Peninsula Swamp listed as

a critically endangered ecological community. Nature Foundation SA contributed to the purchase of Buckland Park Lake from our Land Purchase Fund with DEWNR and Birds SA. DEWNR will hold this highly significant ephemeral wetlands in perpetuity to be used as a conservation reserve either as part of the Port Gawler Conservation Reserve or in similar protected open space.

The *Native Vegetation Act* sets down third party offsets and credits through the SEB Grants and amendments. Nature Foundation SA submitted a response to the Native Vegetation Council regarding the draft miscellaneous amendments bill which was pending at the end of the 2012-13 financial.

Bushbank is a revolving fund that buys, protects and then on-sells areas of significant vegetation. Land parcels are carefully selected and given

Heritage Agreements before they go to their new owners. Net proceeds are returned to BushbankSA to fund further purchases.

Bushbank has purchased 14 properties, created 29 new lots with unique titles and revolved 18 of the new 19 new lots since its inception. In the 2012-13 financial year the program sold two lots; one in Beetaloo Valley and the other at Yandiah and there was one new property purchase at Ridley. The Beetaloo Valley property has open Blue Gum Forest providing excellent habitat for numerous regionally threatened species. The Yandiah property protects critically endangered peppermint box woodlands.

### LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE

David Moyle AM (Chair), Bob Lott, Greg Toop, Dr Bob Inns, Dr Kym Nicolson, Bob Laws, Brenton Grear





# RECOGNISING VALUE

## FUNDRAISING & MARKETING COMMITTEE

**THE FUNDRAISING AND MARKETING COMMITTEE WORKS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR NATURE CONSERVATION AND TO RAISE AWARENESS OF BOTH NATURE FOUNDATION SA AND THE NEEDS OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**

Although fundraising dollars have been harder to come by, the Foundation is grateful to have received support from Corporates, Government, Private Ancillary Funds, Members and General Donations. The funding secured has been vital to delivering the conservation programs and research undertaken for this financial year.

Nature Foundation SA has coordinated Fundraising Appeals to support Hiltaba Nature Reserve, Woodland Birds of the River Murray River and Vital Works. The revenue raised rose by over 20% from the previous year which has turned around a significant decline in appeal funds over the last 5 years. This much appreciated support provides a boost to our research and operations budgets.

Nature Foundation SA's membership was a total of 481 people which was unfortunately down 10% on the previous year. The Foundation continues to promote the benefits of membership and works to secure both retention (through membership renewals) and new membership. We ask supporters to please help us to 'Spread the Word' by passing on information about the Foundation and

encouraging friends and family to get involved.

Staff at the Foundation have focussed on funding opportunities from Private Ancillary Funds and Government Grant Opportunities during this year and we are very grateful for the funding and in-kind contributions secured. The Foundation received a new Mazda BT-50 4WD vehicle from the Mazda Foundation which has allowed greater access to our properties for conservation purposes. The Norman Wettenhall Foundation provided a grant to subsidise costs associated with conducting flora & fauna surveys at Hiltaba by the Scientific Expedition Group (SEG).

Generous support was received from SA Water, SMEC Foundation, Harcourts Foundation, Sinclair Knight Merz, and West End Community Fund towards our Water for Nature Program in the form of cash, loan of equipment and professional services.

The Foundation has received continued support from the State Government through the Department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources, Adelaide & Mount Lofty Ranges NRM, Northern & Yorke NRM and the SA Murray-Darling Basin NRM, SA Water and SA Health. Direct sponsorship has helped meet event costs associated with Tiliqua Lizard Crawl & Walk for Nature.

The Significant Environmental Benefits (SEB) grants assist with native vegetation rehabilitation and have included contributions

### FUNDRAISING AND MARKETING COMMITTEE

Bob Lott (Chair), Dr Rob Morrison OAM,  
Dr Barbara Hardy AO, Nicholas Newland AM,  
Megan Rusk

from Beach Energy, Santos, Senex, Arrium, Epic Energy, Heathgate and Quasar. Additionally, we are most grateful for the continued sponsorship support from Beach Energy.

Our second Walk for Nature in October 2012 was a resounding success with 536 people joining us on the 3km 6km and new 12km option for the walk, all starting at Bridgewater Oval and meandering along the Heysen Trail through the stunning Mount Lofty Ranges. We had a total of 19 generous sponsors who contributed cash or in-kind products or services to help deliver the walk to our supporters. All participants were encouraged to raise funds through their networks in support of their walk which helped us to reach our fundraising target of over \$30,000.

The Christmas Cocktail Party at Carrick Hill saw 80 friends and supporters enjoy a beautiful afternoon of jazz music and cocktail food. Fundraising activities including a raffle and silent auction where guests could bid on a range of items including paintings, prints, photographs, books, tickets to shows, walking trips and accommodation. We are most grateful for the sponsorship support of this event and the generosity of those who donated auction items.

The Foundation is a charity and to remain viable we need to be vigilant to fundraising opportunities. We are extremely grateful for all those who have supported us this year.



Christmas Cocktail Party at Carrick Hill. Photo: Leo Davis



Walk for Nature. Photo: Nigel Parsons



# CASE STUDIES

## KEY CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENTS

### TAWNY DRAGON COLOUR MORPHS



Male tawny dragon, displaying bright throat colouration at Telowie Gorge Conservation Park SA. Photo: Claire McLean

PHD STUDENT CLAIRE MCLEAN FILED HER REPORT FROM HER AUGUST 2012 NFSA SCHOLARSHIP GRANT FUNDING ON GEOGRAPHIC VARIATION OF COLOUR MORPHS IN TAWNY DRAGON LIZARDS: POTENTIAL CAUSES AND ROLE IN BIODIVERSITY.

Colour variation within species may generate biodiversity. Male tawny dragon lizards show striking variation in the colour of their throats, which can be orange, yellow, grey or blue. Within populations, multiple colour morphs coexist and different populations differ in the frequency, number and type of these morphs. Claire investigated how this colour variation, both within and among populations, can play a role in the formation of new species. By studying tawny dragon coloration and its underlying genetics she aimed to determine whether populations that differ in colour morph composition are in the process of becoming separate species.

Claire extensively surveyed across the entire distribution of the tawny dragon, *Ctenophorus decresii*, to investigate colour variation and collect tissue samples. Genetic work revealed two lineages within the species, a 'northern' lineage which occurs throughout the Flinders

Ranges and east of the Flinders Ranges across to the New South Wales border; and a 'southern' lineage found throughout the Mt Lofty Ranges, Fleurieu Peninsula, and on Kangaroo Island. Despite coming into contact in the Barossa Region, interbreeding appears to be restricted between the two lineages and she did not find any individuals with intermediate colouration. Consequently, 'northern' and 'southern' tawny dragon lizards may be in the process of becoming separate species.

Claire said, "The most exciting thing about this work was that I was able to investigate important biological questions, like what processes generate new species, while travelling to some of the more beautiful parts of Australia and studying a great little animal."

### INSECT POLLINATOR COMMUNITIES



Native bee on a *Thomasia petalocalyx* flower. Flower morphology suggests *Thomasia petalocalyx* requires 'buzz' pollination. This form of pollination requires specialty pollinators and cannot be performed by Honey Bees (*Apis mellifera*). Photo: John Butler

IN EARLY 2013 JOHN BUTLER SUBMITTED HIS NFSA RESEARCH GRANT REPORT

'ASSESSMENT OF POLLINATION RATES AND COLONIZATION OF REVEGETATION AREAS OF CYGNET PARK' PART OF A LARGER 3 YEAR PROJECT TOWARDS HIS PHD.

The project aims to assess the development of insect pollinator communities in revegetation of ages 1-4 years and compare them to a remnant reference site. The study site is Cygnet Park, Kangaroo Island, which was revegetated in 2008, 2010 & 2011 as part of the annual Kangaroo Island Planting Festival. Insects are the most common vector for pollination, pollinating approximately 70% of plant species. This information will then be used to create pollination networks for each revegetation site and in conjunction with measures of seed

production, assess the functional success of the revegetation.

Asked what's the most exciting thing about this work John said, "For me, the most exciting thing about this work is to see that the extensive planning and hard work that has gone into the highly diverse revegetation at Cygnet Park Sanctuary seems to be paying off. The plant and pollinator communities look like they are on the right trajectory to create a self-sustaining and resilient ecosystem. This shows that when done properly, it is possible for revegetation to create functional ecosystems with similar characteristics to remnants sites."

### HELPING HANDS...



KAZ HERBST IS A NFSA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER AND FRIENDS OF NFSA MEMBER.

Kaz is also a member of the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia's Conservation and Wildlife Management Branch (SA) (SSAA CWMBSA), a group that have been providing NFSA with outstanding support at Witchelina

Alex Nankivell (NFSA Conservation Programs Manager) third from left with the Conservation and Wildlife Management Team at Witchelina

Nature Reserve. To date, the group has contributed over 3000 hours to repairing infrastructure and coordinating feral animal control.

SSAA CWMBSA supports conservation and offers its services for wildlife management, including monitoring, collection of specimens and any other empirical data required. Kaz said that they regard NFSA and Witchelina as additions to all the other conservation groups, sanctuaries, reserves and national



parks they have been assisting for the past twenty two years.

Kaz said that Witchelina presented two special features "relatively open arid plain on a scale that was new to us, and land and infrastructure in 'challenging' abandoned condition which would respond to effort put in."

The groups work first focused on feral goat control, UHF communication was established

and water tanks brought in from outlying areas. Work then began clearing the worst of the rubbish, clearing septic tanks, rewiring and making buildings habitable, electrically safe and serviced from (somewhat old and temperamental) generators and establishing the beginning of a rainwater collection system. All this time the group gathered information about Witchelina to feed back to NFSA.

Witchelina has benefitted greatly from all this

hard work. Buildings that were in a state of neglect now offer 'home away from home' facilities. A current project is restoration of the Mt Nor'West Homestead which is sorely in need of some attention.

NFSA would like to thank everyone involved with SSAA CWMBSA and their practical and much valued contribution to the work of Nature Foundation SA.

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



*Community volunteers attending Bird ID training at Clark's Floodplain*



*Bird watcher Helga Kieskamp, local resident and volunteer at Clark's Floodplain*

**'LOCALISM IN ACTION' DESCRIBES THE HIGH COMMUNITY BUY IN OF OUR WATER FOR NATURE PROJECTS. NATURE FOUNDATION SA, THROUGH ITS WATER FOR NATURE INITIATIVE, WORKS TO GIVE BACK TO THE RIVER**

**MURRAY COMMUNITY TO INCREASE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS FOR THE BROADER ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT.**

In September, 2012 NFSA organized a bird workshop in Loxton for local residents and

volunteers to develop skills to monitor birdlife in the floodplains/wetlands. Dr Greg Johnston, NFSA Conservation Ecologist, provided a talk on Pelicans to the Loxton Primary School which was followed by a trip to Lock 4 for a practical water bird identification exercise.

Hiyoba Ghirmay, NFSA Conservation Programs Officer said it was wonderful to meet such enthusiastic community members committed to restoring the Murray River environment back to health. She said that a sense of ownership of the river and knowledge and insights in the biodiversity and connected habitats is very powerful motivation for change. One of the participants said "We want to pass this special environment on to the next generation in better state than we received it..."

## HILTABA SURVEY



*SEG participants*

**IN APRIL THE SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION GROUP SET-UP A VITAL PART OF THE FOUNDATION'S ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM ON HILTABA RESERVE.**

Mammals, reptiles, invertebrates and vegetation were documented using standard survey techniques at sixteen sites spread across the reserve. Half of the sites were close to water points where past grazing by sheep has degraded native vegetation. The other half of the sites were placed approximately three kilometres from the water points where the grazed sites were situated. Three kilometres is the distance beyond which the impact of

grazing by sheep is minimal. This paired-sites design will allow comparison of places that had historically heavily and lightly grazed so we can measure the success of removing stock from Hiltaba for conservation.

The results of this baseline monitoring survey showed that different species lived in grazed and ungrazed sites, and that there were more weeds on grazed sites. Critically, the slender-billed thornbill were only found at ungrazed sites. These small birds are vulnerable to extinction because their preferred bluebush-saltbush habitat has been altered by grazing. As the Foundation's management of Hiltaba for conservation succeeds, we would expect to see



*Heavy grazed site near water source. Photo: Peter Matejcic*



*Less grazed site with healthy population of bluebush, saltbush, lichens and moss on soil surface. Photo: Peter Matejcic*

the plants and animals on the grazed sites to become more similar to those on the ungrazed sites. This would show that the removal of stock from Hiltaba has allowed areas badly affected by grazing to recover. Being a semi-arid area, recovery is likely to be slow. The exercise will be repeated in three years to measure the success of our management for conservation.



# WHY WE GIVE GRANTS

## RESEARCH, PROJECTS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

### DR BOB SHARRAD AM – RESEARCH, PROJECTS AND EDUCATION CHAIR

Twice each year our Research, Projects and Education (RPE) Committee meets to sort through a pile of applications for funds. The applicants include experienced researchers, postgraduate students, educators and community groups. Nearly all have important and sensible projects but of course our budget is always well short of the total amount required so difficult decisions have to be made and some good work can't be supported.

The fact that we are inundated with requests for financial help partly illustrates why we make

these conservation grants available – they are needed! We live in a huge state (bigger than Texas) comparatively recently opened up to scientific exploration. Our population is small and there is so much basic work to be done with limited funds. A small Nature Foundation grant can mean that SARDI researchers can make a trip to count seal numbers on an off shore island or enable DNA testing to be done by Museum or University workers to see if an organism is a species new to science.

The RPE committee has additional reasons for carefully allocating donors' funds. A major emphasis over the years (in fact decades) has been to promote the training of future

scientists and citizens. This is perhaps the most pleasing aspect of our work and each year we provide 'grand start' scholarships to postgraduate students and help foster environmental awareness in school children via the Oliphant Science Awards.

### RESEARCH, PROJECTS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dr Bob Sharrad AM (Chair), Dr Rob Morrison OAM, Dr David Hansman, Susie Herzberg, Colin Harris PSM, Peter Copley

### RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS 2012-2013

UNIVERSITY	STUDENT	DEGREE	GRANT TYPE	TITLE
Flinders University	Sherryn Ciavaglia	PhD	Scholarship	Resolution of South Australian Carpet Python systematics to inform conservation management and enable the development of forensic genetic techniques to aid prosecutions involving Carpet Pythons and highlight poaching 'hotspots'
Flinders University	Sarah Pearson	PhD	Scholarship	Disease resistance and sociality: An investigation of immune genes, social networks, and parasitism in a group living lizard
University of Melbourne	Claire McLean	PhD	Scholarship	Geographic variation of colour morphs in tawny dragon lizards: potential causes and role in biodiversity.
Murdoch University	Dr Jerome Kalvas	Masters	schl/Project	A Survey of the presence of the amphibian chytrid fungus <i>Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis</i> (Bd) in frog populations of the Adelaide bioregion of South Australia.
University of Adelaide	Ms Chelsea Graham	Honours	Scholarship	Thyroid gland structure and function in South Australian koalas ( <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i> )
University of Melbourne	Madeleine Yewers	PhD	Scholarship	How are multiple discrete colour forms maintained in the Tawny dragon lizard?
University of Adelaide	Casey O'Brien	PhD	Scholarship	Developing non-lethal management techniques, to mitigate conflicts between Southern hairy-nosed wombats ( <i>Lasiorninus latifrons</i> ) and the agricultural sector'
Flinders University	Brendon Meulders	PhD	Scholarship	Persistence Potential of Birds in Fire-prone Landscapes
Flinders University	Mr Shaun Adams	Honours	Scholarship	Implications of isolation, climate change and altered fire regime on Kangaroo Island fauna over the past 10,000 years
University of Adelaide	Ms Nastaran Mazloumi	PhD	Scholarship	Swimming speed and oxygen consumption of adult King George Whiting: influence of environmental parameters.
University of Adelaide	Mr Robert Cirocco	PhD	Scholarship	'The effect of <i>Cassytha pubescens</i> on <i>Ulex europaeus</i> along an environmental stress gradient in the Mt Lofty Ranges of South Australia'
Flinders University	Ms Jessica Clayton	PhD	Scholarship	Ecology of Lycosid and Mygalomorph Spiders in Burra, South Australia, and the implications for the conservation of pygmy bluetongue lizards ( <i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i> )
University of Adelaide	Mr Thomas Hunt	PhD	Scholarship	Why do birds need floodplain woodlands? The role of Black Box in the ecology of woodland birds
Flinders University	Nikki Zanardo	PhD	Scholarship	Ecology and Social structure of the endemic southern Australian bottlenose dolphin ( <i>Tursiops australia</i> ) in Adelaide's metropolitan waters





2012 Research Projects – Forecasting the future of seagrass ecosystems under global and local impacts (Chloe McSkimming) and Habitat use of the western barred bandicoot (*Perameles bouganville*) at Arid Recovery Reserve (Melissa Jensen).

#### RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS 2012-2013 *continued*

UNIVERSITY	STUDENT	DEGREE	GRANT TYPE	TITLE
Flinders University	Ms Jessica Hacking	PhD	Scholarship	Disease resistance and sexual selection in the tawny dragon: Utilising disease resistance genes in the study of conservation biology and evolutionary theory
Flinders University	Ryan Baring	PhD	Scholarship	An investigation of the role that floating macrophytes play as a food resource for invertebrates and fish fauna in the surf zone of sandy beaches
Deakin University	Eliza Larson	PhD	Scholarship	Climate change, temperature extremes and avian reproduction: an experimental study on rosellas.

TOTAL RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED \$44,089.00

#### ROY & MARJORY EDWARDS SCHOLARSHIP GRANT 2012-2013

UNIVERSITY	STUDENT	DEGREE	GRANT TYPE	TITLE
Flinders University	Torben Nielsen	PhD	R&M Edwards	The impact of sheep grazing on the endangered Pygmy Bluetongue Lizard

TOTAL R&M EDWARDS GRANT AWARDED \$36,000.00

#### MYSTERIES OF LAKE EYRE GRANTS 2012-2013

ORGANISATION	APPLICANT	TITLE
Friends of Shorebirds SE Inc.	Maureen Christie	Lake Eyre Banded Stilt
Flinders University	Dr Molly Whalen/ Assoc Prof Duncan Mackay	Systematics and conservation biology of a halophytic plant group in the Lake Eyre Basin in South Australia

TOTAL MYSTERIES OF LAKE EYRE GRANTS AWARDED \$17,500.00

#### COMMUNITY GRANTS 2012-2013

APPLICANT	TOTAL AWARDED	TITLE
Friends of Parks	\$2800	For the most outstanding junior, primary and secondary entry with a nature conservation theme
Oliphant Science Awards	\$1500	Annual Awards and Annual Forum



# OUR PEOPLE

## COUNCIL, COMMITTEES AND STAFF

<b>Patron &amp; Donor Liaison</b>	Barbara Hardy AO
<b>Patron</b>	Dick Smith AO

### COUNCIL

<b>President</b>	Bob Lott
<b>Vice President</b>	David Moyle AM
<b>Honorary Treasurer</b>	Nicholas Edwards (from May 2013)
	Stephen Warren (until April 2013)
<b>Honorary Secretary</b>	Susie Herzberg
<b>Executive Councillors</b>	Chris Reed
	Dr Bob Sharrad AM
<b>Councillors</b>	Dr Rob Morrison OAM
	Dr David Hansman
	Greg Toop

### STAFF

<b>Chief Executive</b>	Ian Atkinson (from February 2013)
	Andrew Reilly (until December 2012)
<b>Conservation Programs Manager</b>	Alex Nankivell
<b>Conservation Ecologist</b>	Dr Greg Johnston
<b>Conservation Programs Officer</b>	Hiyoba Ghirmay
<b>Fundraising &amp; Marketing Manager</b>	Patrick Mentzel
<b>Communications Manager</b>	Lisa Gellie (from December 2012)
<b>Communications Manager</b>	Emily Rice (until October 2012)
<b>Administration &amp; Marketing Coordinator</b>	Natasha Harper
<b>Accountant</b>	Georgie Fiedler

### WITCHELINA ROTATIONAL MANAGERS

Chris and Maria Reed
Barry and Maureen Wright
Greg and Janet Bannon
Vic Breeding and Penny Shepley
Kevin & Shirley Fahey
John Schultz
Paul Drummond
Brenton Arnold

### HILTABA CARETAKERS

Dave and Marjorie Goodenough
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## HINDMARSH HEAD OFFICE STAFF



Left to right: Hiyoba Ghirmay, Alex Nankivell, Georgie Fiedler, Lisa Gellie, Natasha Harper, Patrick Mentzel, Ian Atkinson and Greg Johnston.  
Photo: Leo Davis

### WATER FOR NATURE COMMITTEE

Greg Toop (Chair), Bob Lott, David Moyle AM, Phil Cole, Dr Anne Jensen, Steve Clark, Peter Forward, Dan Mollison, Andrew Beal

### WATER FOR NATURE TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)

Professor Mike Young, Deb Nias, Mark Siebentritt, Keith Walker



## EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS

### PRESIDENT



**Bob Lott** is an owner and Director of Venue\*Tix, Weslo Staff, Thebarton Theatre and Quorn Quandongs. He is also a biochemist, producer and manager of major events and a theatrical entrepreneur. Bob has served on numerous boards and councils, including the Festival of Arts, the Royal Show, Thebarton Theatre and Holden Street Theatre and was Deputy Chairman of the Jubilee 150 Board. He is an enthusiastic environmentalist and supporter of indigenous artists. He has been a Nature Foundation SA Councillor since December 2003 and President from October 2010.

### VICE-PRESIDENT



**David Moyle AM** has occupied senior academic and leadership roles at Flinders University and has been a leading environmental advocate in SA. He has served extensively on statutory committees including Chair of the National Parks and Wildlife Council and Deputy Chair of the Native Vegetation Council. He is currently a Commissioner of the Environment, Resources and Development Court and recently retired as a lecturer in the School of Natural and Built Environments at UniSA. David is also a past President of Nature Foundation SA and the Nature Conservation Society of SA. He has been a Nature Foundation SA Councillor since August 1989.

### HONORARY TREASURER



**Nicholas Edwards** is a lawyer, chartered accountant, director and shareholder of Hood Sweeney, a professional services firm based in Adelaide. He began his career in Melbourne at Coopers & Lybrand before moving to a role as an investment manager with ANZ Private Bank and work in Sydney as a corporate tax consultant. Nic returned to Adelaide in 2010 to be closer to his wider family. He enjoys spending time with his family (two young children), cooking, gardening,

and travelling and watching the Adelaide Crows win. Nic has an enthusiasm for the environment and joined the NFSA in May 2013

### HONORARY SECRETARY



**Susie Herzberg** has worked as an urban, environmental and strategic planner in private practice, with Government and as a lecturer at the University of Adelaide. Susie is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and has served on numerous boards including the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium, (which she chaired) and SA Housing Trust. Susie is currently Managing Partner of Manyara Vineyard and on the Board of the Playford Memorial Trust and of several private companies. Susie has been a Councillor of NFSA since 2006.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR



**Chris Reed** has had a long-term passion for the land and environment. He is a fourth generation farmer from Burra and still runs a farm that has been in his family since 1866. On leaving school, he became a professional wool classer, and worked in many pastoral sheds across Australia. After ten years in local government, he became involved in landcare through the Eastern Districts Soil Board. After two terms as Presiding Member of the SA Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board, he joined Nature Foundation in February 2011.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR



**Dr Robert (Bob) Sharrad AM** is a semi-retired field biologist and teacher, currently lecturing in Ecology at Flinders University. A significant proportion of his time has been spent studying and teaching about wildlife in the field, often in remote sites in Australia and overseas. Bob has been an active participant in a number of scientific and conservation groups and committees and has been a Nature Foundation SA Councillor since

1989 and is a past president of the Foundation. Currently he is Chair of the Arbory Park Outdoor School Council.

### COUNCILLOR



**Dr David Hansman** is a semi-retired pathologist who was Director of Microbiology at the Women's and Children's Hospital for more than 25 years. He has had a lifetime interest in, and concern for, the natural environment. He has belonged to and supported numerous national and state conservation groups and has been an enthusiastic supporter of the acquisition and maintenance of nature reserves in Australia and overseas. He has been a Nature Foundation SA Councillor since 2003.

### COUNCILLOR



**Dr Rob Morrison OAM** is a Professorial Fellow at Flinders University where he used to teach in Zoology, Animal Behaviour, Field Studies and Human Biology. Rob has written dozens of articles and 32 books on science and natural history, and is co-author of 13 more. A science and environment broadcaster for forty years on television and radio he has won many national and international awards. Rob is a member or chair of the boards of many scientific and conservation bodies, and in 2004 was awarded The Order of Australia for his Services to Conservation and Science Communication. He has been a Nature Foundation SA Councillor since 1995.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR



**Greg Toop** is no stranger to the NFSA (having previously been a member of NFSA Council and committees). Greg brings a wealth of experience in real estate and knowledge of land and water issues – his expertise is invaluable to the Foundation land and water programs. Greg is the Director of E-Real Estate and is the Managing Director of Coorong Cove Pty Ltd.

### LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE

David Moyle AM (Chair), Bob Lott, Greg Toop, Dr Bob Inns, Dr Kym Nicolson, Bob Laws, Brenton Gear

### FUNDRAISING AND MARKETING COMMITTEE

Bob Lott (Chair), Dr Rob Morrison OAM, Dr Barbara Hardy AO, Nicholas Newland AM, Megan Rusk

### PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chris Reed (Chair), Bob Lott, David Moyle AM, Dr Bob Sharrad AM, Brenton Arnold, Dr Travis How, Kaz Herbst

### FINANCE, GOVERNANCE & LEGAL

Nicholas Edwards (Chair) (from May 2013), Steven Warren (Chair up to April 2013), Susie Herzberg, Bob Lott

### RESEARCH, PROJECTS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dr Bob Sharrad AM (Chair), Dr Rob Morrison OAM, Dr David Hansman, Susie Herzberg, Colin Harris PSM, Peter Copley

### FRIENDS OF NATURE FOUNDATION SA COMMITTEE

John Sibly (Chair), Dene Cordes (Deputy), Ric Williams, Graeme Oats, Kaz Herbst, Jenny Steele Scott, Janet Cotton, Graham Henley, Vilis Vasilevskas, Mandy Wallace, Shirley Rowe



# OUR AMBASSADORS

## PATRON & DONOR LIAISON

**Dr Barbara Hardy AO** has been working in the environmental field in a voluntary capacity since the early 1970s. During this time she spent five years at the Flinders University of South Australia studying the Earth Sciences (1974-79), following a Science Degree at The University of Adelaide in 1947 (majoring in Chemistry). She has been a Commissioner of the Australian Heritage Commission, President of the National Parks Foundation of South Australia (now Nature Foundation SA), Founding President of the Investigator Science and Technology Centre, Chairman of the South Australian Landcare Committee and a member of the Bookmark Biosphere Trust, amongst a number of other roles.

Barbara Hardy was appointed an Officer of the General Division of the Order of Australia (AO) in 1987, an Honorary Doctorate from Flinders University in 1993, as well as an Advance Australia Award 1991, SA Great Award 1992, Institution of Engineers Medal 1992, ABC Eureka Award for the Advancement of Science 1994, and was named South Australian Citizen of the Year in 1996. She is now a Companion of the Engineers Australia and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Energy. From 2001 until 2007, she was the Member from Australia in the Asia-Pacific Forum for Environment and Development (APFED), a major international project initiated

and funded by the Japanese Ministry for Environment.

Barbara Hardy's principal interests are in ecologically sustainable development, biodiversity conservation, environmental valuation, renewable energy production and use, and in business and industrial matters, especially as they affect the environment within which we all live. The work of NFSA has benefited from Barbara's untiring commitment for thirty years and we are very pleased that she chose to become our Patron in June 2011. Barbara was instrumental in writing the 30 year history of the Foundation which we celebrated with her in October.

## PATRON

**Dick Smith AO**, founder of Australian Geographic magazine, met Barbara Hardy in 1986 and learned of the existence of the (then) National Parks Foundation of SA and our work at Coongie Lakes Wetlands. The Foundation was honoured to have Dick attend the Barbara Hardy AO Testimonial Dinner in October 2009, when he challenged the corporate community to match his donation to the Barbara Hardy Fund for Nature. We were very pleased when, in June 2011, Dick agreed to become our Patron, as we appreciate what an incredibly busy man he is - an Australian entrepreneur, businessman, aviator, and political activist.



*Patron Dick Smith AO and Dr Barbara Hardy AO*

## FELLOWS OF THE FOUNDATION

Clive Armour \*  
Elizabeth Law-Smith  
Avis Bonnin  
Betty Lewis  
Dr Mark Bonnin AM  
Bob Lewis  
Warren Bonython AO  
David Moyle AM  
David Cleland  
William (Bill) Nankivell  
John Daenke  
Julian Reid  
Barbara Hardy AO  
Dr Robert Sharrad AM  
Eric Jackson \*  
Dick Smith AO  
Reg Nelson

\* deceased

## HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

Robert Gerard AO

## COLLEGE OF NATURE CHAMPIONS

Reg Nelson – Managing Director Beach Energy, Fellow NFSA  
Hon. Karlene Maywald – Chair National Water Commission  
Dennis Mutton – Company Director and Chair Native Vegetation Council (ret)  
Elizabeth Law-Smith – Philanthropist  
Dianne Davidson – Deputy Vice Chancellor University of Adelaide, Member MDBA  
Trevor Whitelaw – Senior Stakeholder Advisor SANTOS (ret)  
Peter Michell – Managing Director Michell Wools  
Keith Langley – Associate Director Macquarie Private Wealth  
Dr David Williams – Retired Surgeon  
Yvonne Sneddon – Company Director, Chair Mt Lofty Ranges NRM Board (ret).



# VOLUNTEERS IN FOCUS

**WE RELY ON THE SUPPORT OF VOLUNTEERS IN ALMOST EVERY FACET OF OUR OPERATIONS. FROM HELPING OUT IN THE OFFICE, TO ASSISTING WITH EVENTS, TO BEING OUT IN THE FIELD ENGAGING IN 'CITIZEN SCIENCE' RESEARCH WORK. COMMITTED AND PASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS CONTINUE TO MAKE AN INCREDIBLY SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE FOUNDATION.**

During our Grand Working Bees at Witchelina and Hiltaba over 100 volunteers helped with general maintenance and conservation work. The Mt Lofty Rangers 4WD Club has contributed hundreds of hours to restore Pug Hill Hut at Witchelina and the Conservation and Wildlife Management Branch of the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia have

contributed over 3000 hours to help repair infrastructure and conduct feral animal control.

Critical baseline study of fauna at Hiltaba Nature Reserve was conducted by Scientific Expedition Group volunteers in April 2013.

The Foundation is grateful for the support of volunteers at our Planting Festivals on Kangaroo Island and Para Woodlands and to the 50 people who attended the Tiliqua Lizard Crawl in September. Walk for Nature was supported with over 30 volunteers who helped in many ways throughout the walk.

Water for Nature at Clark's Floodplain has had invaluable assistance from the Loxton to Bookpurnong Local Action Planning Group and the Bookpurnong Lock 4 Environmental

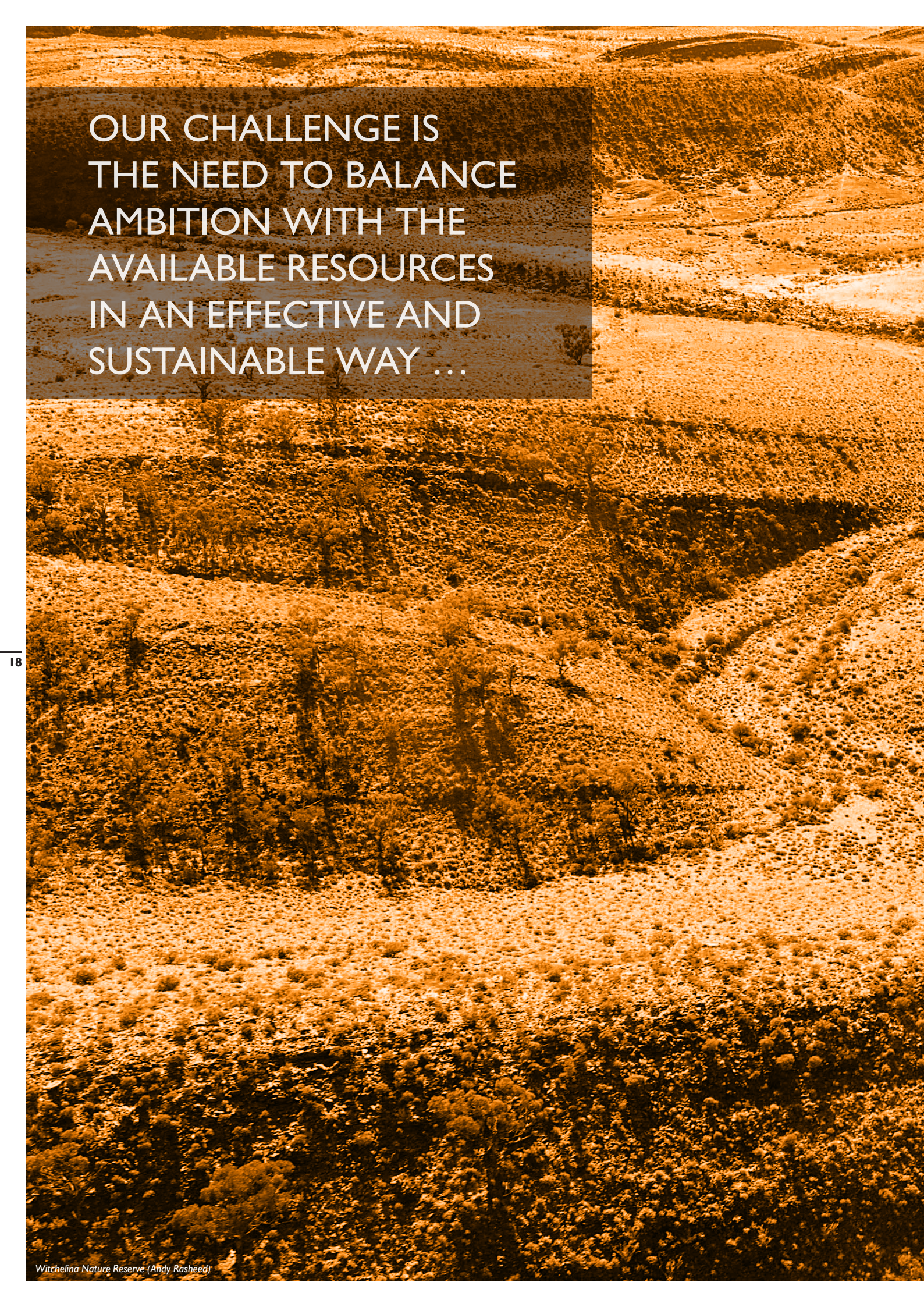
Association who assisted with logistics of sprinkler irrigation and the SES Berri volunteers who filled 500 sandbags.

We take this opportunity to thank all of you and encourage anyone who has an interest in what we are doing to considering volunteering with Nature Foundation SA.

The Friends of Nature Foundation SA under the leadership of John Sibby have been great supporters over numerous years and are involved with events, Grand Working Bees and assistance in the office. We appreciate their ongoing support and recognise how vital they are to the Foundation.





An aerial photograph of a dry, hilly landscape with sparse vegetation. The terrain is characterized by rolling hills and valleys, with patches of low-lying shrubs and trees. The overall color palette is warm, dominated by shades of orange, brown, and tan, suggesting a dry or autumnal environment. A semi-transparent dark rectangular box is positioned in the upper left quadrant, containing white text.

OUR CHALLENGE IS  
THE NEED TO BALANCE  
AMBITION WITH THE  
AVAILABLE RESOURCES  
IN AN EFFECTIVE AND  
SUSTAINABLE WAY ...





NATURE FOUNDATION SA INC.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

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ABN 24 131 531 874

**FINANCE, GOVERNANCE AND LEGAL COMMITTEE**

Nicholas Edwards (Chair) (from May 2013), Stephen Warren (Chair up to April 2013), Susie Herzberg, Bob Lott



## COUNCIL'S REPORT

30 June 2013

Your council members submit the financial report of the Foundation for the financial year ended 30 June 2013.

### I. General information

#### Council members

The names of the Council members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Bob Lott  
David Moyle AM  
Susie Herzberg  
Stephen Warren (resigned 30 April 2013)  
Bob Sharrad AM  
David Hansman  
Nicholas Edwards (commenced 20 May 2013)  
Rob Morrison OAM  
Chris Reed  
Greg Toop (commenced 3 Dec 2012)

#### Principal Activities

The principal activity of the Foundation during the financial year was the raising of funds to undertake conservation projects and research and the fostering of community understanding of the value of natural heritage.

#### Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

### 2. Operating results and review of operations for the year

#### Operating result

The surplus of the Foundation for the financial year amounted to \$1,174,865 (2012: \$1,279,203).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Council:



Bob Lott (President)



Nicholas Edwards (Treasurer)

Dated 09/10/2013

## STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

The Council has determined that the Foundation is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Council the financial report as set out on pages 2 to 10:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Nature Foundation SA as at 30 June 2013 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Nature Foundation SA will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Council and is signed for and on behalf of the Council by:



Bob Lott (President)



Nicholas Edwards (Treasurer)

Dated 09/10/2013



## CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

In accordance with Section 35(5) of the Associations Incorporation Act (SA), during the financial year, no officer of the Foundation, or any firm of which an officer is a member, or any corporate in which an officer has a substantial financial interest, has received or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between an officer, firm or corporate and the Foundation, other than,

- (a) benefits arising from the provision of certain minor goods or services in the normal course of the Foundation's activities.
- (b) Council member Chris Reed who has a contract for the provision of services to the Foundation for which he received a pecuniary benefit of \$10,471.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Council.



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Bob Lott (President)



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Nicholas Edwards (Treasurer)

Dated 09/10/2013



## INCOME STATEMENT

Nature Foundation SA Inc.  
ABN: 24 131 531 874  
For the year ended 30 June 2013

		2013	2012
	NOTE	\$	\$
<b>INCOME</b>			
Donations		68,761	92,783
Major Gifts	I (d)	750,000	1,650,000
Bequests		242,242	66,859
Commonwealth Government assistance	2	131,550	647,132
Fundraising revenue		123,621	221,789
Green Card Commission		14,220	16,269
Interest received		324,838	358,549
Member subscriptions		16,658	14,260
Corporate Sponsorship	2	200,000	50,000
Other Grants	2	118,054	-
Other income from properties		46,059	-
Miscellaneous income		3,669	-
Profit on sale of Assets		28,051	258,732
State Government assistance	2	213,453	258,000
Significant Environmental Benefit offset payment			
- WPG Resources		-	200,000
- Southern Iron Pty Ltd		200,000	-
- Santos		208,800	81,485
- Beach Energy		93,291	26,468
- Heathgate Resources		183,167	-
- Quasar Resources		30,120	-
- Senex Energy		73,092	-
- Epic Energy		3,971	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>3,073,616</b>	<b>3,942,326</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Auditors remuneration		4,000	4,674
Finance costs		4,812	4,303
Communications/Stationery/Printing		45,194	79,226
Depreciation and amortisation expense		47,934	25,266
Employee benefits expense		639,694	531,518
Fundraising Events		29,715	69,793
Insurance		2,839	2,822
Legal / Statutory fees		1,569	13,812
Office expenses		39,566	37,193
Para Woodlands expenses		280,545	223,035
Postage / Freight		4,008	6,783
Research grants / Community grants		405,145	227,480
Subscriptions		10,924	1,009
Sundry expenses		462	281
Cygnnet Park expenses		2,093	-
Tiliqua expenses		1,570	21,727
Transfer to Project funds committed	8 (a)	(330,723)	533,405
Water for Nature expenses		26,390	14,335
Witchelina expenses		321,717	358,187
Hiltaba expenses		130,343	77,360



Bushbank expenses		30,952	-
Asset impairment	13	-	430,914
Land Purchase Fund (Buckland Lake Land)	14	200,000	-
Total Expenses		1,898,750	2,663,123
Surplus for the year		1,174,865	1,279,203
Accumulated surplus at the beginning of the financial year		4,432,417	8,153,214
Transfer to Para Woodlands Capital Reserve	I (d)	(307,299)	(5,000,000)
<b>Accumulated surplus at the end of the financial year</b>		<b>5,299,983</b>	<b>4,432,417</b>

## ASSETS AND LIABILITIES STATEMENT

Nature Foundation SA Inc.  
ABN: 24 131 531 874  
For the year ended 30 June 2013  
As at 30 June 2013

		2013	2012
	NOTE	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		7,207,738	6,636,719
Trade and other receivables	3	336,190	331,642
Other financial assets	4	816,410	673,078
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>8,360,338</b>	<b>7,641,439</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	5	5,487,403	4,841,791
Land held for sale	13	754,390	905,994
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>6,241,793</b>	<b>5,747,785</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>14,602,131</b>	<b>13,389,224</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Mortgage	6	22,160	13,440
Trade and other payables		255,505	41,270
Employee benefits		44,086	24,609
Other liabilities	8	635,772	983,495
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>957,523</b>	<b>1,062,814</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>957,523</b>	<b>1,062,814</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>13,644,608</b>	<b>12,326,410</b>
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>			
Reserves		8,344,625	7,893,993
Accumulated surplus		5,299,983	4,432,417
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITY</b>		<b>13,644,608</b>	<b>12,326,410</b>

The accompanying notes from part of these financial statements



## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Nature Foundation SA Inc.  
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For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

2013					
	Accumulated Surplus	Asset Revaluation Surplus	Capital Reserve	General Reserves	Total
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2012	4,432,417	493,993	5,000,000	2,400,000	12,326,410
Increase / (Decrease) in reserves during the year		143,333			143,333
Surplus for the year	1,174,865				1,174,865
Para Woodlands Capital Reserve	(307,299)		307,299		-
Sub-total	867,566	143,333	307,299	-	1,318,198
Balance at 30 June 2013	5,299,983	637,326	5,307,299	2,400,000	13,644,608
2012					
	Accumulated Surplus	Asset Revaluation Surplus	Capital Reserve	General Reserves	Total
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2011	8,153,214	613,963		2,400,000	11,167,177
Increase in reserves during the year	-	(119,970)		-	(119,970)
Surplus for the year	1,279,203				1,279,203
Para Woodlands Capital	(5,000,000)		5,000,000		-
Sub-total	(3,720,797)	-119,970	5,000,000	-	1,159,233
Balance at 30 June 2012	4,432,417	493,993	5,000,000	2,400,000	12,326,410

The accompanying notes from part of these financial statements

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Nature Foundation SA Inc.  
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### I Statement of significant accounting policies

#### (a) Basis of preparation

The financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act South Australia. The Council has determined that the Foundation is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

#### (b) Property, plant and equipment

The depreciable amount of all property, plant and equipment is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the Foundation

commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

In the event the carrying amount of land held for sale is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to its estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses are recognised either in the income statement or as a revaluation decrease if the impairment losses relate to a re-valued asset.

A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present.

#### (c) Financial assets

Investments held are originally recognised at cost, which includes transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at fair value which is equivalent to their market bid price at the end of the reporting period. Movements in fair value are recognised through profit.



#### (d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

As at 30 June 2013, the Foundation holds in cash investments \$5 million of capital funds provided by an individual donor and increased annually by CPI, specifically for the Para Woodlands project. These funds are specifically dedicated to the generating of income for the operational expense of the Para Woodlands project.

#### (e) Employee benefits

Provision is made for the Foundation's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting year. Employee benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

#### (f) Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the Foundation is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

#### (g) Leases

Leases of fixed assets where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership that are transferred to the Foundation are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised by recording an asset and liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

Leased assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives where it is likely that the Foundation will obtain ownership of the asset or over the term of the lease.

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all of the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred. The lease is not recognised in the assets and liabilities statement.

#### (h) Revenue and other income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets, is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the Foundation obtains control over the funds which is generally at the time of receipt.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST)

#### (i) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the assets and liabilities statement are shown inclusive of GST.

## 2 Government & Other Assistance Income

### Commonwealth Government Assistance

- Caring for our country	-	562,132
- GVEHO program	5,000	5,000
- Biodiversity Fund for Soil seed banks at Witchelina	126,550	80,000
<b>Total Commonwealth Government Assistance</b>	<b>131,550</b>	<b>647,132</b>

### State Government Assistance and Grants

- Management subsidy	70,000	70,000
- ex Gratia refund of stamp duty	71,453	-
- Land Purchase Fund	-	185,000
- Department of Environment, Water & Natural Resources	72,000	3,000
<b>Total State Government Assistance</b>	<b>213,453</b>	<b>258,000</b>

### Corporate Sponsorship

- Beach Energy	150,000	50,000
- SA Water	50,000	-
<b>Total Corporate Sponsorship</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>

### Other Grants

- Native Vegetation Council	43,815	-
- Mazda Foundation	46,039	-
- SMEC Foundation	5,000	-
- Harcourts Foundation	5,000	-
- West End Community Fund	10,000	-
- Norman Wettenhall Foundation	8,200	-
<b>Total Other Grants</b>	<b>118,054</b>	<b>-</b>



	2013 \$	2012 \$
<b>3 Trade and Other Receivables</b>		
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	317,322	331,642
Prepayments	18,868	-
	336,190	331,642

#### 4 Other Financial Assets

NON-CURRENT		
Investments in listed corporations		
at market value	760,910	622,758
Water licence	55,500	50,320
	816,410	673,078

#### 5 Property, Plant and Equipment

##### LAND

Freehold Land		
At Council members' valuation		
-Para Woodlands	1,400,000	800,000
-Witchelina	2,621,358	2,621,358
-Hiltaba	785,000	785,000
-Cygnet Park	267,937	267,937
-Tiliqua	98,000	98,000
<b>Total Land</b>	<b>5,172,295</b>	<b>4,572,295</b>

##### PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Plant and equipment		
At cost	392,658	370,236
Accumulated depreciation	(147,556)	(108,918)
<b>Total plant and equipment</b>	<b>245,102</b>	<b>261,318</b>
Motor vehicles		
At cost	98,986	27,863
Accumulated depreciation	(28,980)	(19,684)
<b>Total motor vehicles</b>	<b>70,006</b>	<b>8,179</b>
Other property, plant and equipment		
At cost		
Total other property, plant and equipment	-	-
<b>Total plant and equipment</b>	<b>315,109</b>	<b>269,497</b>
<b>Total property, plant and equipment</b>	<b>5,487,403</b>	<b>4,841,792</b>

#### 6 Borrowings

##### CURRENT

Unsecured liabilities:		
Goods mortgage facility	22,160	13,440
<b>Total current borrowings</b>	<b>22,160</b>	<b>13,440</b>

#### 7 Leasing Commitments

##### (a) Operating lease commitments

Non cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements

Payable - minimum lease payments:

- no later than 1 year	22,000	22,000
- between 1 year and 5 years	44,000	66,000
	66,000	88,000

The property lease commitment is for the Nature Foundation office, The Manse, 32 Holden St, Hindmarsh and is a non-cancellable operating lease with a term of 5 years to 11 June 2016. Increase in lease commitment may occur in line with CPI.

#### 8 Other Liabilities

##### (a) Project funds committed

Barbara Hardy Fund for Nature	66,338	66,308
Barbara Hardy Research Fund	19,032	53,645
Glossy Black Cockatoo KI	9,875	20,005
Paton Memorial	31,985	32,575
Australian Sea Lion Research Fund	24,283	27,757
Red Tail Black Cockatoo	42,594	42,594
Hairy Nosed Wombat	-	31,956
Tawny Frogmouth	-	30
Water for Nature	-	18,653
Damien Pearce Memorial Fund	-	4,789
Contingency Fund	6,537	4,507
Para Woodlands Operating Fund	226,519	333,974
Lake Eyre	6,252	23,502
Orange Bellied Parrot	64,429	100,000
Thick Billed Grass Wren	-	53,200
Soil seed banks	-	70,000
Hiltaba Appeal (Biological Survey)	32,395	-
Woodland Birds of the River Murray	21,463	-
Optical Fibrescope Pygmy Bluetongue	1,068	-
	552,772	883,495

The Liability relating to Project funds committed balance has decreased by **\$330,723** from 2012 to 2013.

(b) Sponsorship income received in advance	-	100,000
Water for Nature income received in advance	83,000	-

<b>Total Other Liabilities</b>	<b>635,772</b>	<b>983,495</b>
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#### 9 Disclosure of economic dependence

For some time the Foundation has received a vital, annual subsidy of \$70,000 from the Department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources to support management costs. This ongoing commitment is subject to annual review.

#### 10 Para Woodlands - "Nature Foundation Land"

By way of Deed dated 30 June 2003, land was transferred to the Foundation so that it may be retained, restored and conserved in its natural state. A Steering Committee was appointed to oversee the management and restoration of that land. A condition of the Deed was that the land could not be transferred to any other person than the Minister; and if transferred to the Minister, then there would be no consideration. Notwithstanding, the Foundation retains title to the land and an asset value has been recognised in the financial statements based up on the Valuer General's valuation. An additional parcel of land at Para Woodlands (Lot 711, Kalbeeba) was purchased in December 2012 at a cost of \$600,000, with donor funds from one individual, bringing the total value of the Para Woodlands Land to \$1.4 million.

#### 11 Recognition of non-monetary goods and services provided

The Foundation acknowledges the significant involvement and contribution of volunteers to its operation. Because of the wide diversity and nature of these activities, it is not possible to quantify this value in monetary terms.



12 Future Commitments

Postgraduate Research, Linkage and Community Grant applications are appraised by the Research, Projects and Education Committee. Because there is no obligation on the grant recipient to complete each project within the financial year, actual funding is often spread over a period greater than one year.

13 Land held for sale

Land held for sale includes properties purchased by the Bushbank fund, which have high quality native vegetation, that is considered to represent South Australia's diverse and valuable natural heritage. The protection of this diversity is achieved by applying a nature conservation covenant and reselling these properties to new owners who are required to conserve and protect this natural environment.

The asset writedown in 2012 was for a property at Blanchetown which was revalued to the Valuer General's valuation at 30 June 2012. There has been no change in the valuation at 30 June 2013.

14 Buckland Lake Land Contribution

The Council approved the allocation of \$200,000 from the Land Purchase Fund to the State Government to support the purchase of land at South Buckland Lake (A200, D64728) with the assurance from DEWNR that this land will be held in perpetuity as a conservation reserve either as part of the Port Gawler Conservation Reserve or in similar protected open space.

15 Related Parties

- (a) Council member Chris Reed has a contract for provision of services to the Foundation for which he received a pecuniary benefit of \$10,471.
- (b) Council member Dr Bob Sharrad is an academic staff member in the school of Biological Sciences at Flinders University and has taught some of the grant scholarship applicants.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF NATURE FOUNDATION SA INC.  
ABN: 24 131 531 874**

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Nature Foundation SA Inc., which comprises the assets and liabilities statement as at 30 June 2013, income statement, statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory information, statement by members of council and the certificate by members of council.

**Council Members' Responsibility for the Financial Report**

The members of the council are responsible for the preparation of the financial report and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the entity.

The members' responsibility also includes such internal control as the members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.


An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by those charged with governance, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



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**Independence**

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independent requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies and the Australian Auditing Standards.

**Qualification**



As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for Nature Foundation SA Inc. to maintain an effective system of internal control over cash donations and other fundraising activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding revenue from these sources was limited, our audit procedures had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We are therefore unable to express an opinion whether revenue recorded by Nature Foundation SA Inc. is complete.

**Qualified Audit Opinion**

In our opinion, except for the qualification above, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Nature Foundation SA Inc. as of 30 June 2013 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial report.

**Basis of Accounting**

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 in the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Nature Foundation SA Inc. to meet the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act SA 1985*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.



**A P FAULKNER**  
Principal  
Date: 15th October, 2013

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(DONATION OF AT LEAST \$5000)

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(DONATION OF BETWEEN \$2500-4999)

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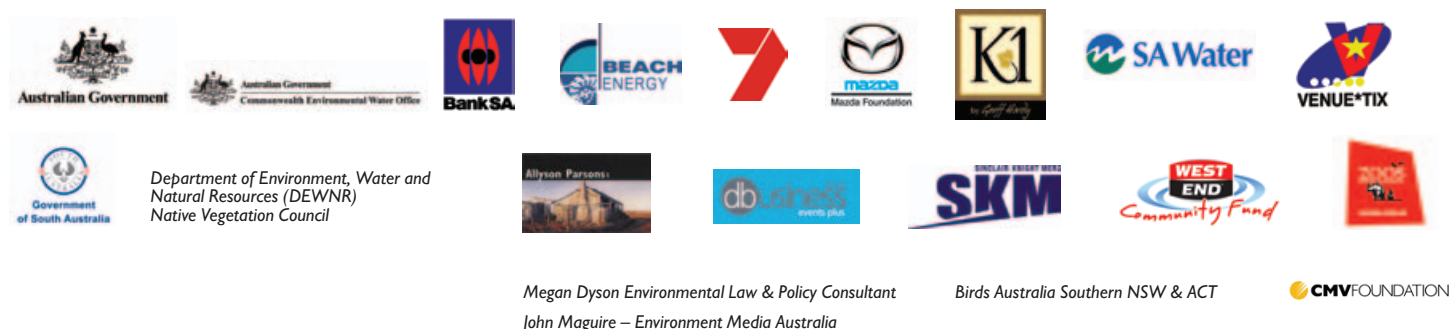
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