

Financial Review

Protecting, Promoting and Restoring
Wilderness 2009-2010



The 2009-10 financial year was a turbulent one for the Wilderness Society Inc with a number of notable highs and lows.

The highs include some tremendous outcomes for the protection of nature in Australia: the declaration of Queensland's Wenlock River as a Wild River on Cape York Peninsula, the protection of more than 200,000 hectares of river red gums in NSW and Victoria, the declaration of the outer boundaries of marine parks in SA and the launch of a major new campaign on the Kimberley in WA.

These successes were only possible because of the support and commitment of our members, supporters and volunteers.

However, internal differences about the future direction of the organisation spilled into the public arena part way through the year. This was precipitated by reports that the 2009 AGM, held in November, was invalid as it was not adequately advertised and resulted in only a very small number of participating members.

As a result, a long term member took legal action against the Wilderness

Society and the organisation was forced to acknowledge that the November AGM was invalid. A new court ordered AGM was subsequently held in June 2010.

The incident and legal case highlighted the need for reform of the outdated TWS Inc constitution. The then management committee endeavoured to initiate some reforms. It sought to introduce a postal vote to elect committee members; this was not successful as a legal injunction constrained any constitutional amendments from being put at a special general meeting convened in Canberra. The Committee did increase the involvement of members in the rerun AGM through the use of phones.

Despite these difficulties, the Wilderness Society Inc has weathered the internal difficulties and a new committee of management was elected overwhelmingly on 30 June 2010, with an agenda to reform the constitution, rebuild the collaborative spirit and secure the financial future of TWS Inc.

This reform agenda is well underway and further progress will be reported in the 2010-2011 annual report.

The outgoing committee members through 2009-10 included: Lyn Goldsworthy, Lena Aahlby, Peter Langoulant, Murray Houghton, Larry O'Loughlin, Christine Olsen, Rosemary Norwood, Aila Keto, Kim Hatton and Paul Collins.

The incoming committee members elected in 30 June 2010 were David Mackenzie, Hilton Sentinella, Stephen Porter, Coral Robinson, Debbie Dunn, Glen Klatovsky, Daniel Beaver and Stephen Lodge.

We wish to thank everyone who has contributed to TWS over the past 12 months as a member, supporter, volunteer or worker. Your passion, commitment and dedication to a united organisation, focused on protecting and restoring our extraordinary wild places, has enabled us to remain true to our purpose, to overcome our problems, and continue to achieve great outcomes for nature. Your ongoing support is now vital as we commence the job of rebuilding, to ensure the organisation is well placed to continue being a strong voice for wilderness for many years to come.

Statement of Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 30 June 2010

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
Income		
Interest income	74,667	162,198
Trust distribution income	14,275	11,772
Member subscriptions	921,339	1,618,925
Grants - Non-Government	339,498	509,982
Donations	12,251,157	12,375,916
Expense reimbursements	100,000	108,014
Fair value adjustments	225,700	-
Sales	260,030	242,958
Other income	296,436	14,721
Total Income	14,483,102	15,044,516
Less: Expenses		
Accounting and audit	17,255	30,197
Advertising and promotion	261,213	417,564
Bad debts	46,600	-
Bank and credit card fees	167,195	178,255
Campaign centre grants	3,402,872	3,640,790
Campaigning costs	23,847	356,502
Commission expenses	(101)	13,202
Consulting and professional fees	740,623	657,067
Conference and seminar costs	61,238	21,693
Cost of goods sold	190,407	-
Depreciation	108,654	106,428
Donations	109,306	102,456
Donation to Forever Wild Trust	92,805	334,131
Employment costs	36,123	112,745
Equipment	18,276	15,536
Events	40,486	70,849
Grants	81,701	-
Insurance	70,918	80,911
Legal fees	1,045,206	48,310
Licences and registration	52,503	47,969
Memberships subscriptions	82,858	108,663
Office premises lease	318,733	383,552
Other occupancy costs	79,872	51,084
Postage & packaging	348,068	569,915
Printing and stationery	254,114	412,663
Publications	12,811	9,721
Repairs and maintenance	25,974	38,383
Research and development costs	237,758	185,185
Resource Library	16,306	2,201
Sub-contractor payments	987,581	357,522
Sundry expenses	86,610	54,663
Telephone and fax	248,957	272,342
Training	25,568	74,897
Travel - domestic	435,605	540,285
Travel - overseas	43,884	156,720
Wages, salaries and on costs	5,707,292	6,448,298
Total Expenses	15,479,121	15,900,697
Total Comprehensive Income for the year	(996,016)	(856,183)

A gift to the Wilderness is a gift to your loved ones....

Many of the Wilderness Society's campaigns require long term planning. The Forever Wild Bequest Program allows for long term, ongoing financial support to the organisation's ability to protect, promote and restore Australia's wild places.

Unless otherwise specified, funds from bequests feed directly into the Forever Wild Trust whereby only interest is distributed annually, thus allowing a gift to continue supporting the organisation well beyond the donor's lifetime.

We wish to thank those supporters who have confirmed a gift in their Will or are intending to do so - it is a hugely personal decision and we are truly grateful that so many wish to support the crucial work and expertise of the Wilderness Society. We can't thank you enough.

It has been an absolute pleasure meeting so many members of our

Forever Wild Bequest Program this year. The program enjoys an annual event in each campaign centre, and is now branching out into forest tours (where possible) to give members the chance to spend a day with a campaigner, learning more about the specifics of campaign work and those community groups that we often share resources with.

We would especially like to acknowledge those from whom we have received a bequest this year and those who have donated in memory of a loved one. To those who have lost a friend or loved one, we hope you that you continue to be inspired by their love for nature and offer our sincere condolences.

Bequests received in the last financial year:

Alastair R Morrison
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Douglas Pratt
Garry Shaw
Johan Mass
Margaret M Van
Stuart Nicholas

Gifts received in Memory in the last financial year:

Even the most modest gift has the capacity for long term giving through our Forever Wild Trust. For further information on how to leave a gift in your Will to the Wilderness Society, or to let us know if you have already remembered the Wilderness in your Will, please contact Juanita Frost, National Bequest Program, on 03 9038 0829 or visit www.wilderness.org.au/gifts-in-wills.

Supporters who have donated in memory of a loved one:

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The Wilderness Society sincerely thanks all members, donors, staff and volunteers for their invaluable support during 2009 – 2010. Whether it is financial, skill and/or time, all contributions are greatly received. Together we are protecting our biodiversity, water, land and climate.

In particular we would like to acknowledge the following Trusts and Foundations:

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 Harris, G
 Harrison, C
 Heddle, I
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 Korosi, M
 Masterman, J
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