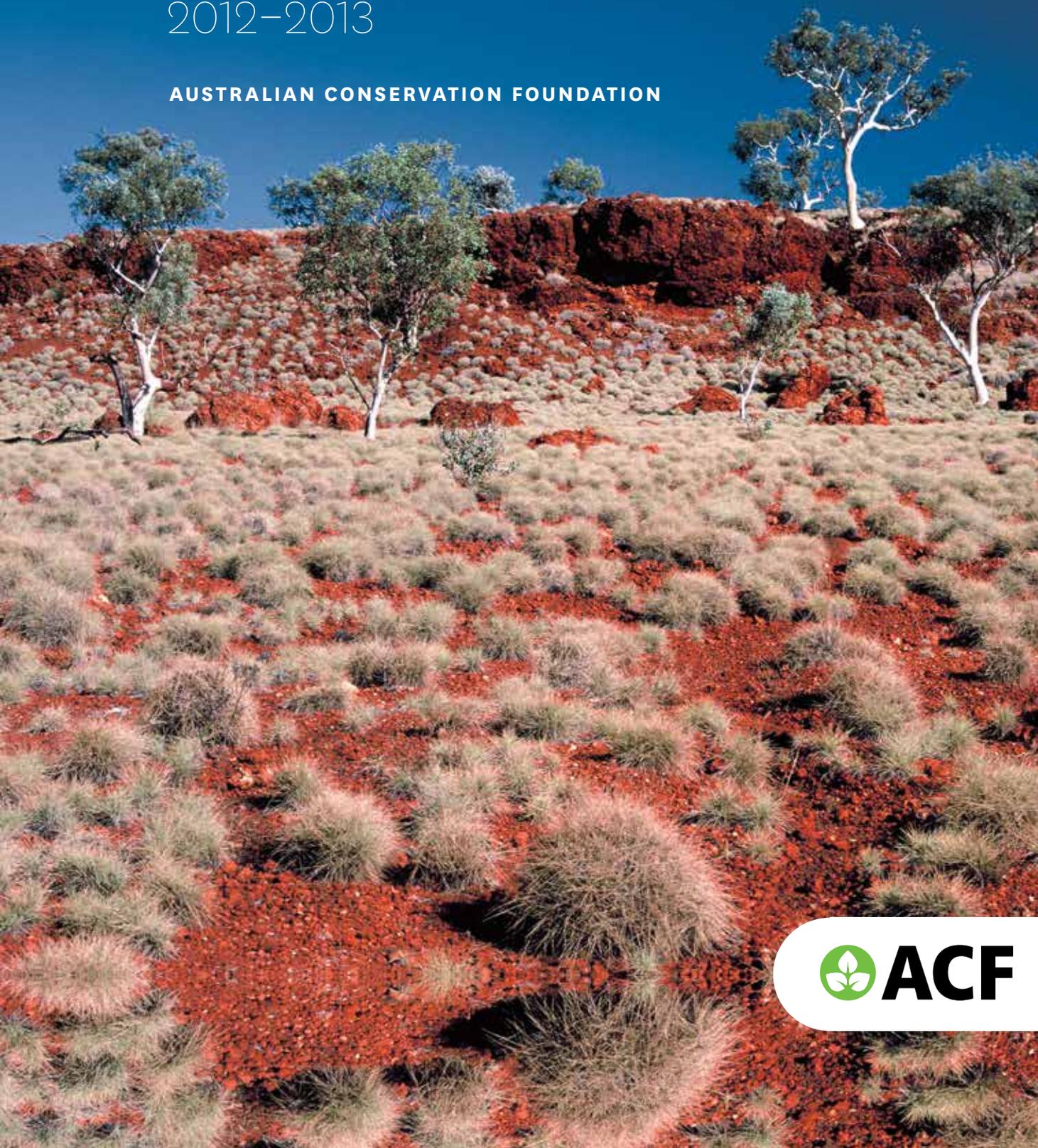


SUPPORTERS' REPORT

2012–2013

AUSTRALIAN CONSERVATION FOUNDATION



ACF

PRESIDENT REPORT



Ian Lowe

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THIS IS MY LAST REPORT AS ACF PRESIDENT. ACF's constitution rightly sets limits on the length of time anyone can occupy an elected office, so I will be replaced by council early next year. It has been an honour and a privilege to be president for most of the fifth decade of ACF's history.

I want to put on the record my appreciation of the support I have received from ACF members, council and board. I also want to pay tribute to the wonderful work of our dedicated staff, and give a special mention to our CEO, Don Henry.

For the entire period of my presidency, Don has been an inspirational leader of the ACF team. I was delighted to see his wonderful contribution recognised when he was named Prime Minister's Environmentalist of the Year 2013. Many of our great achievements in the last year were made possible by Don Henry's vision, determination and negotiating skill.

The year has seen the culmination of many campaigns ACF has been working on for a very long time. We now have the world's largest network of protected marine areas; Koongarra has been integrated into Kakadu National Park; huge areas of Cape York have been handed over to Traditional Owners or set aside as national parks; the Murray-Darling basin is having water restored; and there has been real advances in protecting Tasmania's wonderful forests.

We are also seeing dramatic changes in energy supply and use. Since the modest price on carbon has been introduced, our pollution from electricity use has actually fallen: a radical break from historic trends. More than a million households now use solar energy and wind power is making a major contribution to electricity needs. The Clean Energy Finance Corporation, an innovation for which ACF can take credit, has invested over \$500 million in renewable energy and energy efficiency projects, catalysing some \$2 billion of funding from other sources.

This is no time for celebration, however. We face major challenges. Governments are seeking to reverse some of the important gains of recent years. The latest report on the state of the Australian environment was a reminder that we are still losing biodiversity, our inland rivers and productive land are still threatened, the pressures on the coastal zone are still increasing and our overall level of greenhouse pollution is still growing.

These are all symptoms of the driving forces of unsustainable development: increasing population and increasing consumption per person putting compounding pressure on our natural systems, and the social values that see these trends as acceptable or even desirable.

The fundamental challenge for ACF is to catalyse support for new approaches and new values that would be compatible with a sustainable future. I am proud to have been associated with ACF council's adoption of a new strategic plan to work toward these vital goals. Your support has convinced me we are on the right path.

CEO REPORT



Don Henry

IT'S BEEN A BIG YEAR FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT, with a number of achievements for ACF. However, we face challenging times ahead.

Big plusses for the environment include the clean energy laws and the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) coming into effect. The Tasmania Forest Agreement was finalised and parts of Tasmania's forests were World Heritage listed. Kakadu has been protected against uranium mining, and there have been favourable conservation and Indigenous outcomes for the Kimberley and Cape York. Restoration of the degraded Murray-Darling river system has started, and there has been great progress on marine reserves.

Laws to put a price on carbon pollution passed through Australia's parliament in 2011, and came into effect in July 2012. The clean energy laws mean that big polluters pay the cost of their pollution, not individual taxpayers. The pollution price will be paid by Australia's top 500 polluting businesses, with the carbon price as an incentive to cut pollution and innovate. The \$10 billion CEFC was part of the clean energy laws. The CEFC establishes Australia as a world power in clean energy development.

On 24 June 2013 a contested area of Tasmania's high conservation value forests was granted official World Heritage protection by the UN. A 170,000 hectare extension of the state's wilderness now falls under international protection. These are the tallest flowering plants to have ever existed on earth.

In February 2013, former environment minister Tony Burke introduced legislation to permanently protect the spectacular Koon-garra from uranium mining, allowing its inclusion in Kakadu National Park. The long-awaited move is testament to the courage and

vision of Jeffrey Lee, the senior Djok Traditional Owner of Koon-garra who has fought for years to keep uranium mining out of his country. Congratulations too to ACF's nuclear free campaigner Dave Sweeney who has supported Jeffrey's efforts over many years to protect his country from the scourge of uranium mining.

Federal Parliament finally legislated 3,200 gigalitres of environmental water plus extra funding to improve flows for the Murray-Darling Basin. Modelling shows the extra water will prevent the build-up of lethal salinity levels in the Coorong and allow water to collect in wetlands long enough for migratory waterbirds to breed. ACF was instrumental in securing this extra water.

Our new network of marine reserves, the largest in the world, has been a giant stride in marine protection. The Coral Sea is now one of the world's biggest marine parks and buffers the Great Barrier Reef, excluding oil and gas. But despite this the Reef remains at grave risk. The World Heritage Bureau is actively considering whether the Reef should be listed as World Heritage in danger. The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park authority recently noted that ocean acidification caused by carbon pollution, is the biggest long-term threat to the Reef.

We face significant challenges for the future. The new federal government plans to repeal the carbon tax laws. It plans to review the marine reserves, and before the election it floated the idea of delisting Tasmanian forests from World Heritage status.

The awareness, commitment, and vigour of millions of Australians — and thousands of our supporters — has resulted in great things for our environment and our future. ACF and our supporters have our work cut out for us to defend our achievements. We will continue to be a strong voice for the environment and the climate, to protect the places we love, and to guarantee the future of our planet.

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CLIMATE



Photo:
Bette Devine

THE LAST YEAR HAS SEEN BIG WINS AND BIG THREATS FOR ACF'S CLIMATE CAMPAIGN.

After more than a decade of campaigning, strong national laws on climate change have been instated and we've seen that they work. In the first year of the price on carbon, greenhouse gas emissions fell by more than 12 million tonnes. That's equivalent to taking 2.6 million cars off the road. Thanks to the 20 per cent renewable energy target and the 1 million Australian homes with solar power on their roofs, we've generated enough power for all the homes in Queensland and Victoria.

Just as we have started to see some real progress, we've are also seeing big threats that could take it all away. The Coalition spent the year running a campaign against the carbon price, the Clean Energy Finance Corporation, and the Climate Change Authority. If these laws are removed, our pollution will rise again, to 23 per cent by 2020.

ACF will continue to campaign for laws that can cut Australia's pollution quickly and deeply. Much of the battle over the last year has been fought in the media. On that front, ACF was on radio, in the newspapers and on TV an average of 10 times per week. It's also meant arming our members and supporters with the facts, so

that they can challenge the misleading myths propagated by opponents of action on climate change. We've worked with them to help get letters in the newspapers which often skew opinion towards big polluters and climate change denial.

Despite the sustained scaremongering campaign against the price on pollution, more the 60 per cent of Australians say they want to see the government do more, not less, to tackle climate change. The degree of public support for cutting pollution is at the root of political action. That's why ACF partners with Al Gore's The Climate Reality Project, supporting over 410 dedicated volunteers to talk about climate change with currently one in 56 Australians.

In June 2013 the election campaign hadn't officially started, but ACF's climate campaign was well underway. ACF was putting the policies of all parties under the spotlight, providing Australians with independent information about what was on offer from the parties.

Incredibly, the year ahead is going to be even tougher than the year just gone. We'll be throwing everything we've got at the campaign to ensure Australia doesn't become a drag on the global effort to tackle climate change.

HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS PROGRAM

AFTER DECADES OF FALSE DAWNS AND FAILED REFORMS AUSTRALIA TOOK A SIGNIFICANT STEP

towards resolving the conflict over water rights in the Murray-Darling Basin. Last November the Murray-Darling Basin Plan was adopted. Covering 1.1 million square kilometres, the Murray-Darling is one of the world's largest and most heavily utilised river basins. The Plan dedicates over \$11 billion to recovering 3,200 billion litres of water for rivers, wetlands and floodplains of the Basin. This should enable 65 per cent of river health targets to be achieved and keep the world-renowned Coorong estuary alive. ACF has worked closely with farmers, Indigenous nations, scientists and other environment groups to demand a Plan for the river and ensure it is environmentally adequate, and we now continue the journey to ensure it delivers real outcomes.

Also in November, the world's largest national marine reserve network was inscribed in Australian law.

ACF is proud of the role our members, supporters and staff have played in securing the reserves, which cover 40 per cent of Australia's waters and are home to 45 of the world's 78 whale and dolphin species, six of the seven known species of marine turtle and over 4,000 fish species.

Decades of conflict in Tasmania's forests is coming to a close through an historic peace deal that will see half a million hectares of high conservation value forest protected and a new, sustainable future for the state's wood products industries. Three tough years of negotiations between environment groups, industry, unions and timber community representatives culminated in signing the Tasmanian Forest Agreement at the end of 2012. Federal and state governments have since been progressively translating it into law, with logging ceased in most of the area already. In June, core areas were given the highest level of protection possible, as 170,000 hectares were inscribed on the World Heritage list. ACF continues to work with other signatories and both governments to ensure the full realisation of the agreement.

NORTHERN AUSTRALIA PROGRAM



Photo:
Andrew
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CAPE YORK PENINSULA

On 21 November 2012 the 241,637 hectare former Batavia pastoral lease was formally handed back to the Atambaya, Northern Kaanju and Yinwum Traditional Owners.

With their full consent 56,037 hectares was dedicated as the new Batavia National Park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal Land) with 79,157 hectares of the remaining Aboriginal Freehold land gazetted as a Nature Refuge alongside the Wenlock River. The area includes wetlands, monsoon and riverine rainforests and is home to palm cockatoos and the spotted cuscus.

This handover of land to Traditional Owners together with creation of a large new National Park and Nature Refuge, is the latest achievement of the land tenure reform process on Cape York which ACF has supported over many years with the generous assistance of the Myer Foundation. In June 2013 the Queensland Government committed \$11.3 million over 4 years to continue the land reform process along with \$4.2 million to employ an additional 40 Indigenous Rangers on Cape York and in western Queensland.

THE KIMBERLEY

In April 2013, the proposal to build a huge LNG processing plant at James Price Point on the pristine Kimberley coast north of Broome was withdrawn in favour of pursuing a floating gas processing platform over the Browse Basin hundreds of kilometres offshore. This announcement came after two years of concerted ACF action alongside other groups, including alerting investors in the Browse Basin joint venture of the potential major impacts on the remarkable natural and cultural values of the region. These values are the basis of a valuable tourism industry in the Kimberley region and the withdrawal of the LNG plant on the coast will help protect the National Heritage listed dinosaur track ways, along with migratory humpback whale routes, bilbies and endangered monsoonal vine thicket ecosystems.

ACF continued to work in partnership with the Kimberley Land Council to support new jobs and income opportunities for Indigenous communities in land and sea management, carbon farming, and in nature and culture based tourism enterprises.

KAKADU NATIONAL PARK AND NUCLEAR FREE CAMPAIGN

In March 2013, 12,000 hectares of the former Koongarra Project Area near the well-known (Burrunggui/Anbangbang) Nourlangie rock art site within the World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park was protected from the threat of uranium mining. It was formally granted UNESCO World Heritage listing, and was included into Kakadu National Park. ACF worked with the Traditional Owners and others over many years to prevent attempts to mine at Koongarra. Jeffrey Lee, senior Traditional Owner of the Djok clan had long sought to protect his country and resist the French nuclear and mining giant Areva's promises of wealth. This magnificent region is important in traditional storylines that include the Rainbow Serpent and Lightning Man. Jeffrey Lee's generous vision has now become a lasting legacy for all Australians for all time.

ACF built new partnerships with Traditional Owners and other organisations to contest and prevent the opening of new uranium mines in Queensland, NSW and Western Australia, including disseminating a joint report with seven partners in early 2013 entitled *High Risk-Low Return* making a compelling case against uranium mining in Queensland. ACF also continued to make a strong case for responsible and transparent radioactive waste management in Australia and prevented the building of the proposed Muckaty radioactive waste facility in the Northern Territory. This is now subject to legal action in the federal court.



ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION



Photo:
Jessie Borrelle

ACF'S ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION TEAM is dedicated to reimagining our economy in a way that works with nature, not against it. We believe that economics and ecology must go hand-in-hand, and this year we kicked off our economic transformation work with major speeches by Ian Lowe at the National Press Club and Chuck Berger at the Sustainable Living Festival.

These presentations, and a new economic policy suite to back them up, help position ACF as a leader on innovative approaches to economics and economic policy.

During 2012-13, we also delivered significant advances in sustainable economic thought and action. These include:

- Completing the pilot of the Australian National Development Index, Australia's first and only citizen-led measure of progress and a better alternative to narrow economic measures of success like GDP. Working with leading academics

and community groups, ANDI has secured a 3-year hosting agreement with Deakin University for the research component of the project;

- Launching the New Economics Advisory Service, an initiative to provide expert advice on ecological economics to community groups. The service delivered formal advice to 11 clients in Victoria, on topics ranging from the economics of urban forests to the cost of coastal pollution to the economic value of wetlands and other environmental assets;
- A final decision not to proceed with a gas processing hub at James Price Point in the Kimberley, following focused and effective engagement by ACF with key investors, highlighting the social and environmental costs of the proposal; and
- Welcoming the passage of the \$10 billion Clean Energy Finance Corporation legislation, the culmination of an idea hatched by ACF's economics, legal and climate staff in 2008.

2013 has been a time for development of new projects with the potential to revolutionise how we think about the connections between our environment and our economy. These include major pieces of work on green infrastructure, zero-impact manufacturing, and green fiscal reform.

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL CHANGE AND SPARK! PROGRAM

HOW WE ENGAGE with our environment and the values, attitudes and behaviours promoted in our society to nurture or deplete our natural world are at the heart of our Social and Cultural Change work. Our relationship to place, our sense of belonging and connection to the diversity of life is key to how much we care and advocate for a thriving natural world.

In developing the social and cultural pathway we have reviewed leading thinkers and social researchers, such as Richard Louv, who argue that reconnection to nature is needed for our own health and wellbeing.

Specific project initiatives include:

- ACF facilitating members, staff and friends to participate in walking the Lurujarri Trail with the Goolarabooloo community. The nine day walk north of Broome passes through the proposed Kimberley gas hub at Walmadan/James Price Point. The walk

provided a deeper engagement with and understanding of the places we advocate for; and

- ACF partnered with the YMCA to develop the SPARK Energy for Change Program. Right now, seven pilot sites in kindergartens and leisure centres throughout regional Victoria are actively working to improve energy efficiency literacy. This program is scheduled for national rollout in 2014.

ACF, on behalf of the Australian Education for Sustainability Alliance (AESA), is managing a federally-funded project to engage with mainstream teachers, educators and government decision makers. The project recommends ways to improve the accessibility of classroom resources; support the alignment of learning tools and programs with the Australian Curriculum; and provide better training and support services to teachers and educators for efficient delivery of sustainability learning outcomes. www.educationforsustainability.org.au

SUPPORT OF ACF CAMPAIGNS

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THE PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

ACF'S PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE WAS ESTABLISHED IN APRIL 2013 TO RECOGNISE COMMITTED SUPPORTERS WHOSE ANNUAL DONATIONS ARE \$5,000 OR GREATER.

“Throughout our proud history, ACF has been dependent upon the generosity of private donors. Without our most dedicated supporters, ACF would not be able to work towards the sustainable future Australia's environment needs. The President's Circle recognises the commitment and passion of these vital people,”— Professor Ian Lowe AO, ACF president

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For more information on ACF's President's Circle please go to www.acfonline.org.au/presidentcircle or contact us on 1800 332 510.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS EXTRACT

Statement of Comprehensive Income

(For year ended 30 June 2013)

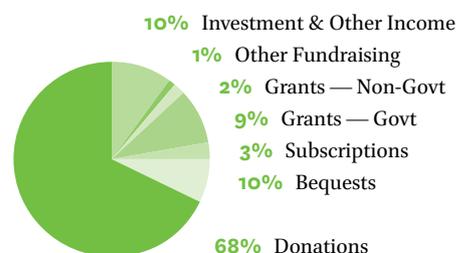
	2013 \$	2012 \$
Income	13,316,212	12,693,558
Environmental programs expenses	6,158,788	5,815,896
Fundraising — acquisition of new supporters	2,394,282	2,404,730
Fundraising — staff, appeals, supporter & other costs	2,844,875	2,415,436
Governance, finance & operations	1,727,278	1,725,274
Expenses	13,125,223	12,361,337
Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations	190,989	332,222
Net Unrealised (loss) on revaluation of financial assets	303,778	(89,616)
Comprehensive income (deficit) for the year	494,767	242,606

Statement of Financial Position

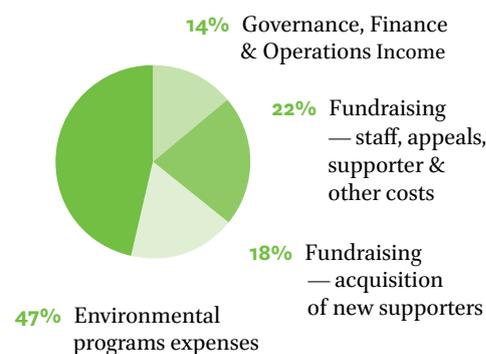
(As at 30 June 2013)

	2013 \$	2012 \$
CURRENT ASSETS		
› Cash and cash equivalents	5,051,898	4,559,799
› Trade and other receivables	814,355	471,160
› Financial assets	1,541,600	1,567,719
› Other assets	53,881	54,332
Total current assets	7,461,734	6,653,010
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
› Artwork	18,500	18,500
› Property, plant and equipment	9,021,384	9,043,020
› Intangible assets	290,165	434,501
Total non-current assets	9,330,049	9,496,021
› Trade and other payables	930,646	926,979
› Provisions	1,159,846	1,019,040
Total current liabilities	2,090,492	1,946,019
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
› Provisions	42,117	38,606
Total non-current liabilities	42,117	38,606
Total liabilities	2,132,609	1,984,624
Net assets	14,659,174	14,164,407
EQUITY		
› Reserves & retained earnings	14,164,407	13,921,802
› Surplus / (deficit)	494,767	242,605
Total equity	14,659,174	14,164,407

ACF Income



ACF Expenditure



CONCISE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR

The concise financial report is an extract from the full financial reports of the Australian Conservation Foundation. The financial statements and specific disclosures included in the concise financial report have been derived from the full financial report of the Australian Conservation Foundation, and cannot be expected to provide as full an understanding of the financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of the organisation as the full financial report. Further financial information can be obtained from the Australian Conservation Foundation's full financial report, a copy of which, including the independent audit report, is available to all members on our website, and will be sent to members without charge on request.

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SUPPORT IN ACTION

Harold Levien has been an ACF member for over 20 years and is an ACF Living Legacy leader. This is Harold's story.

HAROLD LEVIEN'S LIFETIME ADVOCACY for social justice has led his support for government intervention to moderate capitalism's exploitation of both human beings and the environment.

Harold is the son of Australian-born parents and grew up in the Sydney suburb of Rose Bay. His secondary education was at Sydney High School. He joined the air force during the final years of WWII, and then studied economics at Sydney University after the war.

During high school he developed a strong interest in politics which led him to join the ALP at the age of 16. At university he became an active member of the Sydney University Labor Club. In 1950 he stood as the Labor candidate for the conservative-held seat of Vacluse. While he had no expectations of winning, the campaign — actively supported by the Labor Club — was a formative adventure.

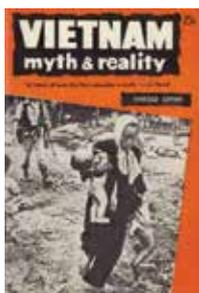
In 1952, inspired by the then famous British weekly *The New Statesman*, he founded and edited a monthly journal of current affairs called *Voice, The Australian Independent Monthly*. It provided comment on Australian

and international issues from a left point of view.

Most articles were written by distinguished academics and prominent public figures, while Harold wrote the editorials. Among the many subscribing embassies were the US and USSR. *Voice* was often quoted in

The Herald and *The Age*. The editorial committee included Fred Gruen and Alan Lloyd.

Fred later became professor of economics at the University of Melbourne and adviser to prime minister Gough Whitlam. Alan later became professor of agricultural economics at the University of Melbourne. *Voice* struggled financially, and in August 1956, as a result of being unable to achieve sufficient financial support to ensure long-term security, the journal ceased publication.



In 1966, concerned with the destructiveness of the Vietnam War, Harold published a booklet entitled *Vietnam, Myth and Reality*. It went into several editions, selling 27,000 copies, and had a significant effect on opposition to Australia's involvement in the war.

Greatest environmental concerns today are climate change, coal seam gas, population growth and the future of the Great Barrier Reef.

In 1983, following disillusionment with the Hawke Labor government, Harold resigned from the Labor Party. At around this time he became attracted to ACF's campaigns on environmental issues and joined as a member.

Harold says that in the 50s and 60s we weren't acutely aware of environmental issues, but with environmental degradation increasing over recent years this has changed. His greatest environmental concerns today are climate change, coal seam gas, population growth and the future of the Great Barrier Reef.

Harold believes the profit motive is the most worrying aspect of our society. It encourages business and government to lose sight of the real needs of humanity and our intimate dependence on the environment. He is proud to be an ACF bequestor, leaving a gift in his will to support ACF's vital work in the future.

To find out how you can leave a Living Legacy please contact Nola Wilmot on 1800 332 510, bequests@acfonline.org.au or www.acfonline.org.au/bequests

RECENT LIVING LEGACY COMMUNITY EVENTS



CRANBOURNE BOTANICAL GARDENS,

VICTORIA 18TH SEPTEMBER

Guided tour of the Australian Garden section of the Cranbourne Botanical Gardens, an hour's drive south-east of Melbourne, followed by afternoon tea at the Boon Wurrung Café. Our tour guide was the extremely knowledgeable Trevor Blake, a Cranbourne trained guide, author and ACF honorary life member.

MORNING TEA WITH CEO DON HENRY,

SYDNEY 16TH OCTOBER

Presentation by Don Henry of ACF's success stories and discussion with Q & A of challenges resulting from a changing political climate.

BOARDROOM DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT IAN LOWE,

MELBOURNE 30TH OCTOBER

A round-the-table get-together for 'coffee and conversation' with ACF President Prof Ian Lowe at ACF, 60L Green Building.



GIFT IN WILL CONFIRMATION

WE WOULD LOVE TO BE ABLE TO INVITE YOU TO OUR LIVING LEGACY COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS for bequest supporters, and ACF special events. To do this we need to hear from you! Please let us know if you have included ACF in your will or intend to do so. Your advice is confidential however allows us the opportunity to thank you for your future support and keep in touch. You may also be eligible for ACF's President's Circle Legacy Leader level.

You can find a **Gift in Will Confirmation form online** at www.acfonline.org.au/bequests; or email and request a copy bequests@acfonline.org.au (phone 1800 132 510).

LEGACIES LIVING ON

Gifts made through a will are very special and provide for ACF's future campaigning ability. Strong support from bequests and legacies indicates a healthy and strong organisation, capable of carrying out long and difficult conservation campaigns. The following people made this wonderful commitment and provided for ACF in their will.

John Atkinson, NSW	Ada Martindale, VIC	Robert S Sweney, QLD
Sebastian J Campbell, NSW	Edmund F Matecki, QLD	Adelheid E Teague, VIC
Arthur Harrold, QLD	Gwynneth A Oxnam, WA	Jocelyn M Van Haren, NSW
Stanley Jackson, NSW	Christopher F Patterson, QLD	Elizabeth Woodbridge, NSW
Pauline Johnston, VIC	Alfred Rowe, QLD	Sally Wykes, VIC

We are thankful for the support we received through their estates this year and acknowledge their generosity to their families and friends.

LIVING LEGACY COMMUNITY

ACF recognises the exceptional commitment of our known bequest supporters through our *Living Legacy Community* with invitations to special events and opportunities to meet with our Chief Executive Officer, President and campaign staff. By advising us once you have included ACF in your will we can ensure you are invited to these special events.

THE PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE—LEGACY LEADERS

With confirmation of a gift in your will of \$100,000 or greater you become eligible for the Legacy Leader level of ACF's recognition society — The President's Circle.

To find out more about The President's Circle or how you can support ACF in your will, please contact Nola on **1800 332 510**; bequests@acfonline.org.au or www.acfonline.org.au/bequests



ACF WILL COMMENCE CELEBRATING OUR 50 YEARS OF CONSERVATION WORK FROM THE MIDDLE OF 2014. At that time it will be 50 years since the first meeting was held in Canberra to establish an Australian conservation body. Watch out for future invitations to our celebratory functions.

ACF'S SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

The full report can be viewed at www.acfonline.org.au/annualreports

Of particular note in this year's organisational Sustainability Report are:

- an 11% increase in members and supporters over the last year
- more website visitors (average unique visitors p/m) — an increase of 6,590 to 29,417
- ACF mentions in the media are double that of two years ago at 2,588



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