



Annual Report 2011-12



As the peak environment body in SA, the Conservation Council of South Australia (CCSA) provides leadership, environmental advocacy & projects to achieve positive environmental change.

CCSA was formed in 1971 as a non-profit and strictly non-party political organisation and is now governed by some 45 of the State's environment and conservation groups.

This has been done by supporting and working with its member groups to strengthen and broaden the State's environment movement and to engage communities in general. CCSA's peak State role has been recognised by its naming in all major State Acts as the peak environment body.

In summary CCSA has achieved its outcomes by:

- facilitating and supporting its affiliated groups and other community groups in their work on conservation
- advocating for environmental health by promoting ecological, economic and social/cultural practice founded upon ethical principles of protection and conservation
- running environmental projects that deliver both community education and on-ground works to protect and repair the environment
- contributing to state and federal policy and program development by coordinating and preparing detailed submissions on Government policies, programs and discussion documents, as well as through participating in working groups and forums.

President & Chief Executive's Message



Prof Rob Fowler, President



Tim Kelly, Chief Executive

We are pleased to present this Annual Report to members for the 2011-12 financial year. The Annual Report provides highlights of our work during the year and a summary of our financial position, as audited by Clarke & Brownrigg.

The year has seen us make substantial progress on a range of governance initiatives, on addressing the financial and fundraising challenges we continue to face, and on key campaigns and our advocacy work. We are also very pleased that the year-long process of developing our new Constitution, adopted unanimously by members shortly after the end of the 2011-12 year, has provided us with a good foundation document for the next phase of the organisation's life. The next foundation document to be reviewed will be our Strategic Plan which will be a focus of the Executive Committee's work in 2012-13.

Most importantly, the work of the past two years to re-build CCSA's profile, re-focus on matters of environmental importance and develop strong relationships with government, industry and other stakeholders has resulted in renewed respect and recognition for CCSA's status as the voice for the environment.

Whilst there are some good environmental outcomes being achieved by governments, the need for strong vigilance by the sector remains. Sadly, many hard-won gains from years past are now being threatened, with the proposed changes to the Federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act being a case in point. Locally, the weakening of significant tree legislation has been a major step backwards for our urban environment. South Australia is at risk of getting a Murray Darling Basin Plan that does not provide enough water to restore the river to health. Environmental impacts are also taking their toll on many vulnerable populations and species, such as the population collapse of giant Australian cuttlefish of the upper Spencer Gulf and mortality events in relation to southern hairy nosed wombats - yet the State Government is not taking the urgent action needed to respond to these impacts, despite its 'No Species Loss' commitment.

South Australia's environment is now also facing new threats as the State Government progresses its pro-mining agenda and related infrastructure development across the State, particularly in the Spencer Gulf region. This serves to remind us that the role of CCSA as the peak environmental body in the State remains critical in terms of providing a credible and persuasive community voice in support of sound environmental management.

CCSA's achievements in 2011-12 could not have been made without the support and encouragement of the many arms of our organisation – our representatives/nominees, Environmental Standing Committees, member groups and their councillors, Executive Committee and its sub-committees, staff, volunteers and our many donors and supporters. Our thanks to them all.

Supporting SA's conservation movement

Through its role as SA's peak environment group, CCSA continues to facilitate informed and articulate community input into local, State and Commonwealth processes via its representation on a range of government committees such as the:

- Natural Resource Management Council
- Native Vegetation Committee
- Environment Protection Authority Board
- SA National Parks and Wildlife Council
- Lake Eyre Basin Community Advisory Committee
- Premier's Climate Change Council
- SA Pastoral Board, and
- State Bushfire Coordination Committee.

Twenty-three (23) government committees include members that were nominated by CCSA or have CCSA representatives as part of their make-up. These individuals report to each Annual General Meeting and a copy of their reports for 2011-12 can be found on CCSA's website. Our thanks to these individuals for their considerable efforts on behalf of the environment sector and the Conservation Council.

During the year, a revision of guidelines for CCSA representatives and nominees who serve on government boards and committees was completed. The revised guidelines address the legal duties of such persons, including the capacity to represent CCSA policy positions in meetings and the disclosure of confidential information. These guidelines were presented by the President to a meeting of CCSA representatives and nominees in April 2012, at which the opportunity was provided to share experiences and discuss difficulties that have been encountered. This meeting was well received and should now become a regular, annual event.

Over the past 12 months, the organisation has also presented sector, community and scientific views to government policy processes via 60+ submissions, mostly to state and federal government agencies, on a large variety of topics across our six policy areas. Details of the submissions can be found on the CCSA website, and include :

- Conservation Councils of Australia Joint Submission on the Proposed Murray Darling Basin Plan
- National Draft Energy White Paper
- Roxby Downs (Indenture Ratification) (Amendment of Indenture) Amendment Bill 2011
- Protected Areas on Private Lands (SA)
- Select Committee on Marine Parks in South Australia
- Issues paper to inform development of a National Food Plan.

The Conservation Council continues to work with both the State Government and the Opposition to build robust relationships that will enable 'frank and fearless' exchange of information and viewpoints and to also seek opportunities for collaboration on a range of environmental issues. A continuing strength of CCSA's peak body role is the ability to generate connections that are tailored to particular issues by participating in alliances, collaborating on policy development and supporting our member groups in their endeavours. CCSA is increasingly working in alliances with other organisations across the State and with other Conservation Councils across the nation, which amplifies the impact of our work and enables a more efficient and coordinated approach.

Our *Blueprint for a Sustainable Future* remains our principal policy agenda for the six areas of Biodiversity, Coast and Marine, Water, Energy, Waste and Planning & Development and has continued to underpin all of our campaign, advocacy and policy work this past year.

A CCSA Environmental Standing Committee (ESC) for each of these policy areas was established to facilitate informed community input into environmental policy in South Australia. Each ESC meets regularly under the leadership of an elected Chair, with membership coming from member groups and the wider sector. The ESC Chairs meet quarterly with Environment Minister Paul Caica and this forum provides a valuable opportunity for the Conservation Council and its ESC Chairs to present and discuss environmental issues of concern with the Minister.

A significant task assigned to the ESCs this year was to undertake a review of the relevant sections of the CCSA Blueprint document which is now in need of a substantial revision following its launch in 2009. This will be a high priority project for the Committees in the coming year.

Member Engagement is a vital aspect of the Conservation Council in order for our staff representatives and member organisations to represent our needs and achieve our collective goals. At times this can be challenging due to competing workloads and commitments, yet steady progress is being made and there is much more that can be done for the Conservation Council to add value and strength to the interests of our members. Building from our meetings between the President and Chief Executive with members throughout the year, there are many opportunities for greater collaboration, and this will continue with a number of new member groups that are expected to join as a result of our new constitution.

Throughout the year the Conservation Council has played an active role in highlighting the need for better community engagement across government agencies and their processes. A specific example of this work relates to the State's increased mining activity and infrastructure planning that surrounds the minerals and resources expansion. We informed many stakeholders that were completely unaware of consultation on five recommendations by the Resources and Energy Industry Council (RESIC) for a massive \$35B expansion of port, road, rail, energy, water infrastructure and corridors. Even with the deferral of the Olympic Dam Expansion, proposals for new iron ore, uranium and other mines are significant across the state. Not surprisingly, the 'gas rush' is also on the agenda for South Australia, and we made a substantial submission on the Government's Roadmap for Unconventional Gas that appears disconnected from a transition to a clean energy future. We also alerted stakeholders who were, again, unaware of this.

Campaigns and projects that deliver CCSA's conservation priorities

CCSA Major Campaigns

Whilst the Conservation Council works on a wide range of issues via its media commentary, policy submissions and reactive single-issue campaigns, we had four priority areas for our major campaigns in 2011-12. There were:

- The Green Our Grid campaign
- the Murray Darling Basin Plan campaign
- protecting our national environmental laws campaign, and
- the SA marine sanctuaries campaign.

The Green Our Grid campaign is quite broad in scope, as it tackles the various barriers to effective climate change and renewable energy policy. In 2011-12 we recognised the need to focus some attention on the plans for massive expansion of unconventional gas development in our state, which has its own environmental impacts and threatens the transition to renewables.

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) also has a reform agenda that includes 'streamlining' climate change programs that are deemed no longer necessary now that there is a carbon price in place. However, with Australia's very weak 5% emissions reduction target, we think these programs are still very much needed, and we have communicated this very clearly to Minister Greg Combet and the COAG reform taskforce.

We are now working in a fast-growing alliance of organisations on the Repower Port Augusta campaign, and in 2011-12 this campaign really started to make its presence felt. Keep an eye on it at www.repowerportaugusta.org!



The Conservation Council has worked hard this past year as part of a collaborative campaign of non-government organisations (called the Lifeblood Alliance) to fight for a Murray Darling Basin Plan that will be based on the best available science. The Alliance's success in filling a public meeting at the Adelaide Town Hall signalled a turning point for South Australia in taking a stronger stance in

the Basin Plan negotiations. It was also instrumental in demonstrating to both the Federal Environment Minister and State Water Minister that the community felt very strongly that the environmental needs of the River needed to be properly met. We have welcomed the strong stance of the State Government in protecting South Australia's rights to water for a healthy environment at the crucial bottom end of the system.

The COAG reform agenda mentioned above centres around plans to cut so-called 'green tape' and, in response to the big business lobby, COAG is fast-tracking this work. Prompted by a lot of work by our President, environmental organisations across Australia have now formed the Places You Love Alliance in response. A key concern of the Alliance is the plan to give self interested state governments the complete power to approve developments affecting matters of national environmental significance, instead of this being a responsibility of the Federal Government. The Places You Love campaign has a very active online presence, which has been largely a product of work contributed by CCSA. Visit www.placesyoulove.org to learn more.

Our long-standing advocacy work in the marine sector continued in 2011-12. In supporting the establishment of management plans and no-take sanctuary zones to give meaning to South Australia's 19 marine parks, the Conservation Council has continued to campaign through the South Australian Marine Conservation Alliance and has two nominees appointed to the Government's Marine Parks Council.

In addition, we continued our longstanding engagement in fisheries issues, resulting in a significant change in shark gillnetting management policy in January 2012. This brought about an enormously improved outlook for Australian Sea Lions, which were being caught as by-catch at unsustainable rates. This work also helped to uncover the previously unreported problems with dolphin by-catch in the same fishery. CCSA continues to work with all stakeholders to improve fisheries management in the waters off SA.

The Conservation Council is campaigning strongly for urgent action to protect the Giant Australian Cuttlefish in the mid to upper Spencer Gulf and the development of an emergency recovery plan. This unique population aggregates for breeding in one major location off the Point Lowly Peninsula near Whyalla. Over the past fifteen years its numbers have declined from the hundreds of thousands to what may now be less than ten thousand individuals, yet the South Australian Government still allows fishing of this population in the midst of these dramatically declining numbers. With the lifespan of the Cuttlefish being one to two years, there is deep community concern that without urgent action and protection, this unique population could become extinct in just a few years.

In addition to our major campaigns, the Conservation Council has continued its advocacy across many fronts on other specific issues of particular community and environmental concerns, on behalf of its members and the wider community.

CCSA Projects

The Conservation Council of SA runs a number of environmental projects that reflect and demonstrate its environmental policies. The projects fall under four categories:-

- Natural Resource Management
- Terrestrial Biodiversity
- Marine Biodiversity, and
- Energy and Sustainability.

Natural Resource Management (NRM)

Through our NGO NRM Facilitation project, now in its sixth year, we continue to work hard to support the involvement of member groups and other non-government organisations (NGOs) in a range of Natural Resource Management processes in the state, and in some cases federally, such as the provision of feedback for the Draft Wildlife Corridors Plan

This has included conservation sector involvement in the revision of the State NRM Plan, launched in June 2012, by promoting better grass-roots community engagement and participation in NRM and also the importance of strengthening partnerships between government, local government, NRM Boards, industry and NGOs.

Ongoing support has been provided for the NRM Alliance (the nine environmental NGO signatories of the Mutual Agreement signed with NRM Boards in 2010) which includes CCSA, Trees For Life, The Wilderness Society, Nature Conservation Society, Greening Australia and ZoosSA. This group has been working with the Department of Environment & Natural Resources (DENR – now DEWNR) to develop Action Plans for the five NatureLinks corridors across the state; partnering with NatureLinks to host the National Wildlife Corridors Advisory Committee on their visit to SA; and collaborating on Biodiversity Fund proposals.

This project has led to a fundamental shift in both the accessibility of NGOs to NRM processes and collaboration between NGOs and government on NRM matters. The project provides a very cost effective means of maintaining and building these relationships.

Terrestrial Biodiversity Program

Mt Lofty Ranges Southern Emu-wren and Fleurieu Peninsula Swamps Recovery Program (MLRSEW & FPS)

Now in its 18th year, the Program seeks to protect and recover important habitat for the endangered MLRSEW and for the critically endangered Fleurieu Peninsula Swamps, both listed under the EPBC Act. The Program approaches conservation and natural resource protection from a landscape-scale perspective, with protection of the swamps and emu-wrens extending to considerations of land-use, management, existing and potential threats, soils, hydrology, landform elements, topography and the interaction between these variables.

One of the strengths of the program is its longevity, which has allowed the team to develop expert knowledge and skills and to develop excellent relationships with landholders, so as to achieve a range of environmental outcomes.

Over the past two years, the project contributed significantly to the implementation of the Australian Government Environmental Stewardship funding of Fleurieu Peninsula Swamp conservation, managed by the Adelaide & Mt Lofty Ranges (AMLR) NRM Board.

During 2011-12, the recovery program produced a report on the work of the program since 2005, including the proportion of swamps that received on-ground works (36%), the proportion of swamp landholders that have been engaged (27%) and the proportion of swamp landholders that have undertaken on-ground works (19%). Given that there are approximately 3,800 hectares of swamps spread between about 815 landholders, this is a significant achievement. The report also summarised a continuing decline in both emu-wren numbers and populations, with an estimate of only 200-420 adults remaining in the wild (none in captivity). The situation for emu-wrens is dire despite continued efforts during the life of the program, so next year an important workshop will be held to explore all possible recovery actions that have not already been implemented, with a commitment from all key stakeholders to implement as many actions as possible, as urgently as possible, following the workshop.

During the last 12 months, the program worked on the development of a new swamp GIS spatial layer including 900 land parcels and covering approximately 3,800 hectares of swamps across both the AMLR and the SA Murray-Darling NRM Regions. The layer identifies managed swamps and attempts to identify regional priority setting for future and ongoing management. The layer will be provided to relevant stakeholders such as both NRM Boards, local government planners and DEWNR.

The recovery program also continues to work closely with fire management staff within DEWNR, particularly with reference to emu-wren habitat that may be involved in controlled burns.

Finally, the program has developed a new website situated within the CCSA website that includes a new 'virtual herbarium' with up to 40 common swamp plant species. Other information on the new website includes the program history, relevant documents and maps, publications and contact details.

Marine Biodiversity Program

Reef Watch

Our multi-award winning, long running, marine citizen-science program, Reef Watch uses scientifically proven and non-destructive survey methods to assess and record marine habitat and species health.

The sub-tidal monitoring program trains members of the community to undertake ecological surveys of temperate reefs located in SA's southern waters. This work was continued successfully in 2011-12, with 44 sub-tidal surveys being completed and involving more than 120 volunteers.

The intertidal monitoring program, which commenced in 2006 and monitors intertidal rocky reefs, is critical to providing further information on these environments, about which little is known. In 2011-12 the program completed 38 intertidal surveys involving more than 100 volunteers (including 30 trainees).



The intertidal program was successful in obtaining funding to develop a new online database that will be hosted by the Atlas of Living Australia, using their Biological Database Recording System, which is open source software especially for citizen science programs.

Funding from the Central Regional LGA enabled CCSA to develop the Underwater Explorer Guide, a waterproof slate that enables beginners to learn about marine life on South Australia jetties.

The Feral or In Peril Program

Established in 2000, the Feral or In Peril Program won a UN World Environment Day Award in 2011-12 for excellence in coastal and marine management.

The program encourages divers, fishers and boat owners to identify and report on introduced marine pests ('ferals') and native marine ('in peril') species. The program is continuing to spread its influence and grow relationships with recreational boat owners to prevent the spread of marine pests. The program undertook 25 marine pest dive surveys this year, involving 95 dive volunteers.

The program's "Boat Owner's Guide" continues to be popular and distribution has reached nearly 8,000 copies in less than 18 months. The Boating Industry Association of SA has promoted the booklet to its interstate counterparts.

CCSA received funding from the Central Regional LGA to customise a version of the Boat Owner's Guide for the Yorke Peninsula region of South Australia with input from three local councils in the area and production of 18,500 copies for distribution at tourism outlets, councils, caravan parks, dive shops and other local outlets. It includes what we believe to be Australia's first code of conduct for boating safely around sharks.

The program has developed a new online reporting system that can upload photo and video files to confirm species identification, and an automatic email alert system that can be sent to relevant government agencies and researchers to facilitate real-time decision-making about responses to potentially serious threats to marine ecosystems. <http://feralperil.ala.org.au>

In addition, a new Feral or In Peril booklet with photos and details of all species involved in the program (and details about reporting) has been produced. These have been distributed to boat clubs, as have posters, highlighting the need to stop the spread of marine pests.

Energy and Sustainability Program.

Since 2008 our Green Hubs Program has encouraged and assisted community groups to make environmentally sustainable changes through a community engagement framework. During 2011-12, CCSA assisted 10 organisations ('Hubs') to improve their management of energy, water and waste and to provide education on sustainability to their communities.

Hub achievements include installation of insulation, energy efficient lighting upgrades and replacement of old equipment with energy efficient equipment. In our program evaluation process, it has been revealed that community members take learnings on sustainability from the community setting and apply it in their homes and workplaces.

We were pleased that our very successful Green Hubs Program was awarded ongoing funding so that it can continue and grow. The Federal Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency is funding the Green Hubs Energy Efficiency Program for three years (2012-13 to 2014-15), during which time it will provide advice on energy efficiency to community organisations across the State. The program includes a presentation on energy efficiency designed specifically for community organisations, and the opportunity for community organisations to apply to become a 'Green Hub' and receive a free professional energy audit and assistance to implement suggestions from the audit.



We look forward to continuing to assist community organisations and their members through the new Green Hubs Energy Efficiency Program.

Community Garden at North Adelaide Community Centre (a Green Hub). K. Whitta

Strengthening organisational capacity to support conservation outcomes

The new governance structures established in 2010-11 have bedded down well and are supporting the efficient management of CCSA's operations by the staff and Executive Committee.

In particular, the committees dealing with Finance and Audit, Fund-raising and Human Resources are providing detailed advice to the Executive Committee and Chief Executive on very important aspects of the Council's operations.

A most significant milestone in the past year was the adoption of the new CCSA Constitution, which provides much clearer guidance than previously existed with respect to membership criteria, the roles and functions of the Council and the Executive Committee respectively, and the conduct of CCSA's affairs more generally.

The transfer of data to a new organisational database has been completed and is being used to manage data on our members and supporters and for mail-out listings. This has been a major undertaking which is already yielding benefits. Next steps include improvements to utilise the full functionality of the database and additional staff training.

The Business Management System (BMS) adopted in November 2011 now ensures that operational procedures, policies and forms are current. As further procedures and future improvements are made, they are incorporated into the BMS for easy access and use by staff.

One important event this year to note, with sadness and regret, was the closing of the CCSA's Library (housed at no charge for the last five years at the Norton Summit Natural Resource Centre). Key items were taken and housed by the State Library of SA (including the Soil Association's discrete collection), and all member groups and key contacts were offered the opportunity to claim key resources.

Generating funds to create security for conservation advocacy

Realising a return on fund-raising initiatives is a very challenging exercise that requires both expert, professional guidance and considerable patience, particularly given the decline in philanthropic giving following the 2008 financial crisis.

During 2012, we secured external assistance in developing strategies for recruitment of major donors and the establishment of a bequest society. We also recruited a new fund-raising officer who assisted with the development of a new fund-raising plan that was recently approved by the Executive Committee. Whilst our efforts to pursue new directions in relation to fund-raising have taken longer to come together than originally anticipated, there is now a clear plan in place that is beginning to be implemented.

2011-12 was, nevertheless, a successful year in terms of fundraising. The amount collected from donations exceeded our target and the number of donors increased by 15%. This was an especially impressive result given that the Fundraising Officer position was vacant for some four months.

Central to any fundraising or campaign effort is the need to communicate with our supporters and over the past year the organisation has focussed on the development of its social media presence on Facebook and Twitter. We ran a very successful Facebook ad campaign that increased our follower base from 600 to 3400 people.

In 2011-12 we also established our own blog, which allows us to interact with the public via the more in-depth and engaging medium of opinion pieces (see conservation.sa.wordpress.com). We are steadily growing our social media audience and have been able to bring this expertise to some of the alliances we work in.

A review of our website is scheduled for the 2012-13 year.

Our new quarterly newsletter, *The Conservation Connect*, has been consolidated as a very powerful communication tool to keep our donors and stakeholders updated on our work. The electronic version reaches more than 3,500 people.

Our E-Bulletin continues to be widely distributed each fortnight, and contains a comprehensive list of environmental events, general notices, Natural Resource Management and government information, grants, awards and much more.

Financial Report

The overall result for the 2011-12 financial year was an operating deficit of \$52,353, which is a considerable improvement on the budgeted deficit of \$152,267. At year-end, organisational reserves were at \$354,121.

This improvement on budget was attributable to the receipt of unanticipated income from a private donor and a bequest, plus reduced expenditure on fund-raising. Significant efforts were also made to reduce operational expenditure in other areas, particularly on insurances (whilst maintaining current levels of cover).

Since 2010, CCSA has faced a number of financial challenges and there is a clear understanding within the organisation that CCSA needs to put itself on a sustainable financial footing within the next twelve month period and deliver a balanced budget for the 2013-14 year. On the recommendation of the Executive Committee and its Finance and Audit Committee, Council adopted a new "Reserves Policy" during the year, which safeguards CCSA's cash reserves from being depleted below the amount required to maintain operations for at least six months.

CCSA continues to be heavily reliant on three sources for the income required to support its operations: first, general operating grants from both the South Australian and Commonwealth governments; second, income for administrative services generated from our management of program grants (ie conservation projects - most of which are also funded via contracts with government agencies); and third membership fees and donations.

We sincerely thank all our financial supporters (non-government and government) for enabling the Conservation Council to fulfil its role.

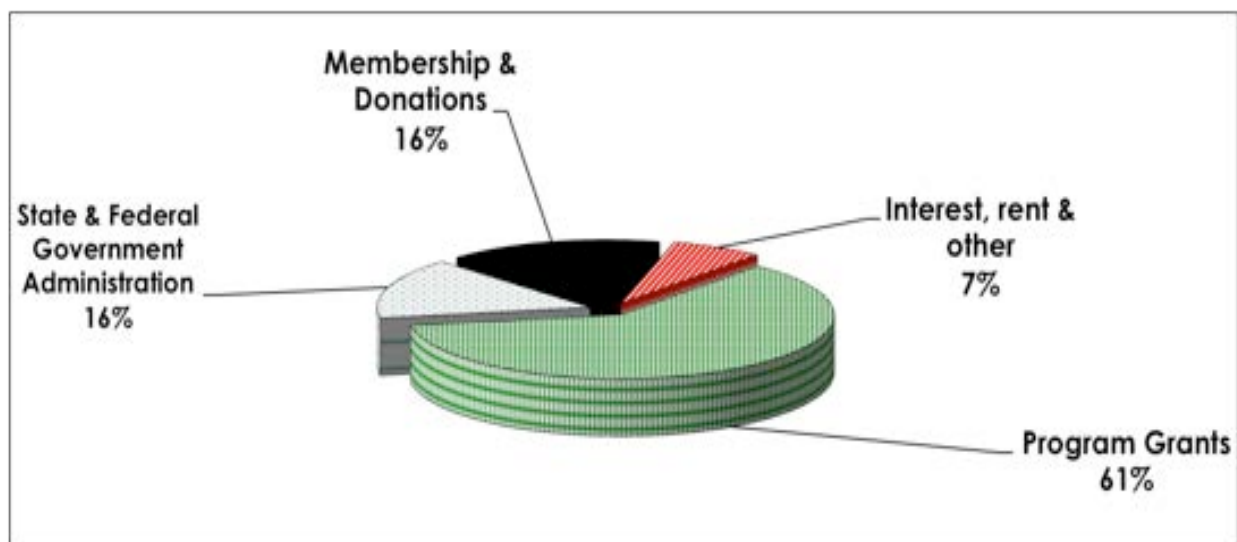
Whilst CCSA's role as the peak environment organisation in South Australia clearly justifies the level of support it attracts from government grants, it is abundantly clear that there is a risk attached to the current level of dependency on this source of funding. There has therefore been a high level focus on diversifying the Council's income streams, particularly by expanding our fund raising efforts.

The next twelve months will be a critical phase in attempting to reorient CCSA's financial situation through the pursuit of a number of extra fund raising initiatives.

A review of CCSA's chart of accounts was also undertaken in 2011-12 with a view to improving and updating the way that the organisation's financial information is prepared and presented. The new structure was agreed for implementation in the 2012-13 financial year.

Financial Reports for the year ending 30 June 2012		
	2011-12	2010-11
Total revenue from operating activities	1,187,972	1,424,197
Expenses		
Salary and employee costs	720,490	655,619
Consultants	174,629	291,039
On-ground works	5,000	18,687
Administration	70,582	73,513
Legal costs	71	39,810
Materials and Travel	126,203	129,497
Rent, property costs	76,619	74,733
Depreciation, amortisation, asset costs	6,129	12,120
Event expenditure	0	0
Other	60,602	109,113
Building deposit loss	0	0
Total expenses*	1,240,325	1,414,131
Surplus/(deficit) from ordinary activities	(53,353)	10,066

*The \$1,240,325 expenditure detailed above includes \$606,822 relating to administration of the association. In turn, the \$606,822 includes \$149,668 specifically spent on the administration services of projects e.g. office accommodation, IT and financial services for projects. Also note that expenditure on projects accounts for 71% of total expenditure on consultants and 95% of total expenditure on travel and materials.



BALANCE SHEET	2012	2011
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	575,578	699,721
Accounts receivable from operations	15,842	13,730
Prepayments	6,669	13,567
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>598,089</u>	<u>727,018</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Financial assets	26,894	31,274
Property, plant and equipment	19,423	21,697
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	<u>46,317</u>	<u>52,971</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>644,406</u>	<u>779,989</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and other payables	107,341	48,856
Grants received in advance	93,395	242,382
Provision for annual leave	39,403	27,515
Provision for long service leave	45,137	49,557
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>285,276</u>	<u>368,310</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provision for long service leave	5,009	5,205
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>5,009</u>	<u>5,205</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>290,285</u>	<u>373,515</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>354,121</u>	<u>406,474</u>
ASSOCIATION'S FUNDS		
General reserve	1,646	1,646
Building reserve	-	829,040
Retained surplus (deficit)	352,475	(424,212)
TOTAL ASSOCIATION'S FUNDS	<u>354,121</u>	<u>406,474</u>

Community Conservation Awards

CCSA continues its ongoing recognition of the environmental work of communities and individuals through its annual Awards. In November 2011, the following awards were presented at the Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute.



Peter Owen receiving his Award from Prof Rob Morrison

Jill Hudson Award for Environmental Protection

Awarded to: Peter Owen, Campaigner

In the last twelve months, as the Campaign Manager for the Wilderness Society of SA (TWS SA), Peter (along with his campaign team) has been instrumental in achieving the protection of vast areas of land and seascape in South Australia including:-

- the stopping of mining activity and protecting the Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary in the northern Flinders Ranges
- the proclamation of almost 1 million hectares of the Nullabor Plain under the Wilderness Protection Act
- securing a commitment from the State Government to support the investigation of the Simpson Desert region for protection under the same Act
- continued leadership of the marine parks campaign in this state – now into its sixth difficult year.

CCSA Young Achiever Award

Awarded to: Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC)

AYCC was recognised for its work to mobilise the youth of today to act, speak up and have a say in their future.

CCSA Unsung Hero Awards

Awarded to: David Gill, Secretary of Friends of Willunga Basin

David was recognised for his significant contribution to the community and the environment over many years, and as an exemplar of an individual who quietly and persistently has been a steady advocate for protecting the special environmental, heritage and productive qualities of the Willunga Basin.

Awarded to: Adrian Shackley of Gawler Environment & Heritage Association
Adrian was recognised for his tireless work for the environment in the Gawler District over the past three decades. He was one of the founding members of the Gawler Environment and Heritage Association in 1980.

Member Groups for 11/12

Aldgate Valley Landcare Group Inc
Aldinga Bay Coastcare Inc
Animal Liberation Inc (SA)
Association of SE Field Naturalists Societies
Australian Civic Trust Inc
Australian Conservation Foundation
Australian Institute of Landscape Architects
Australian Plants Society (SA Region) Inc
Bicycle Institute of South Australia Inc
Bird Care & Conservation Society Inc
Birds SA (SA Ornithological Assn)
Cheltenham Park Residents Association Inc
Coastal Ecology Protection Group Inc
Echidna Care Inc
Eco-Action Kangaroo Island Inc
Economic Reform Australia (SA Division) Inc
Field Naturalists Society of SA Inc
Fishers for Conservation Inc
FAME
Friends of Parks Inc
Friends of the Earth Adelaide Inc
Friends of Willunga Basin
Gawler Environment & Heritage Assoc Inc
Greening Australia (SA) Limited
Institute for Earth Education
Marine Life Society of SA Inc
National Trust of South Australia
Native Fish Australia (SA) Inc
Natural History Society of South Australia Inc
North East Hills Environment Conservation Assn
Orienteering SA Inc
People for Public Transport SA Inc
Permaculture Association of SA Inc
River, Lakes & Coorong Action Group Inc
SA Genetic Food Information Network Inc
Scientific Expedition Group Inc
Soil Association of South Australia Inc
South Australian Herpetology Group Inc
Southern Eco-Alliance Inc
Spencer Gulf Environmental Alliance
St Agnes Bushwalking & Natural History Club Inc
Sustainable Population Australia SA Branch
The Wilderness Society (South Australia) Inc
Toyota Landcruiser Club of Australia (SA) Inc
Urban Ecology Australia Inc
Vegetarian Society of SA Inc
Walking SA
Western Adelaide Coastal Residents' Assn Inc
Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society
Zoos SA

CCSA Representation on Government Committees

- Duck and Quail Open Hunting Committee
- Environment Protection Agency
- Essential Services Commission of SA Community Advisory Committee
- Kangaroo Management Reference Group
- Lake Eyre Basin Community Advisory Committee
- Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan Reference Group
- Native Vegetation Council
- Natural Resources Management Council Committee
- Powerline Environment Committee
- Premier's Climate Change Council
- Region: Adelaide Mt Lofty Ranges Bushfire Management Committee
- Region: Kangaroo Island Bushfire Management Committee
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- Region: Limestone Coast Bushfire Management Committee
- Region: Lower Eyre Peninsula Bushfire Management Committee
- Region: Murray and Mallee Bushfire Management Committee
- Region: Outback Bushfire Management Committee
- SA Marine Parks Council
- SA National Parks and Wildlife Council
- SA Parks' Visitor Strategy Committee
- SA Pastoral Board
- State Bushfire Coordination Committee
- Technical Working Group of the GHG Protocol Power Accounting Guidelines Project

Committees and Staff: 2011-12

Executive Committee

Rob Fowler - President
Fraser Vickery – Vice-President
Paul Leadbeter – Vice-President
Kevin Osborn - Treasurer
Jasemin Rose - Secretary
Diane Bell
Trisha Drioli
Greg Ogle
Eric Nicholson
Jill Woodlands (staff representative)

Sub-committees of the Executive Committee

Finance and Audit: Rob Fowler, Kevin Osborn, Trisha Drioli, Tim Kelly, Hadyn Hanna
Human Resources: Rob Fowler, Julie Holloway, Alison Rimmington,
Fundraising: Rob Fowler, Fraser Vickery, Tim Kelly, Julia Winefield, Ignacio Senese

Environmental Standing Committees

Biodiversity – Chair, Fraser Vickery then Eric Nicholson
Coast and Marine – Chair (vacant) – Kathryn Warhurst acted as committee facilitator
Energy – Chair, Matt Curnow
Planning and Development – Chair, Ruth Beach
Waste – Chair, Wil van Deur
Water – Chair, Diane Bell

Staff & Consultants(*)

Executive Officer - Tim Kelly
Business Advisor - Hadyn Hanna*
Campaigns Coordinator - Julia Winefield
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Biodiversity Program Manager - Alexandra Gaut
Biodiversity and NRM Adviser - Vicki-Jo Russell*
Community Conservation Officer – Kathryn Warhurst
Policy and Communications Officer - Noriko Wynn
Fundraising Officer - Julie Marron (to Nov 2011), Ignacio Senese (from March 2012)
Office Manager - Virginia Swan
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Mt Lofty Ranges Southern Emu-Wren and Fleurieu Swamps Recovery Program Team

- Marcus Pickett, Ornithologist
- Tim Vale, Works/Extension Officer
- Naomi Rea, Environmental Research Officer
- Tansy Boggon, Policy Officer (to February 2012)
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- Steve Leske*
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