



**Friends of
the Earth
Melbourne**

Annual Report financial year
2012-2013



OUR CAMPAIGN APPROACH

FoE has been active in Melbourne since the early 1970s. In 2012/13 Friends of the Earth continued to campaign for the interests of people and the planet on a range of issues including climate change, pesticides and water, nuclear and clean energy, food, and forests. Sadly, the election in 2010 of a state government with a strong anti climate and environment agenda has meant that our resources have been stretched beyond our capacity. We continue to play a leading role in the campaign to support the development of a viable renewable energy industry in the state and to oppose any further development of fossil fuels. This includes new coal, shale gas, tight gas and coal seam gas (CSG) operations. This has now taken off into a significant state-wide issue.

There are millions of Australians who are working towards a better future, in their homes, their workplaces, their families, and through political action. FoE Melbourne has a strong 'movement' focus in its work, seeking to support strategic and effective community action for a sustainable and just future. This is reflected in our style of campaigning, which often occurs within alliances.

Over the past few years, our campaigns have been broader than ever before, and we operate through a range of tactics, including involvement in government planning processes, research and policy development, community education and outreach, alliance building, advocacy and education, and peaceful direct action.

Friends of the Earth (FoE) Melbourne is an independent community-based organisation working towards an ecologically sustainable and socially just future.

We are membership-based, and open to all people who share our vision. We are the local member of Friends of the Earth Australia, which is in turn the national member of FoE International, the largest grassroots environmental network on the planet.



CLIMATE

Our approach to climate change has been to concentrate locally on ways that we can reduce the production of greenhouse gases by the state government while advocating for the development of a thriving renewable energy sector as an alternative to the fossil fuels we currently rely on to meet our energy needs. This 'energy future' approach has two distinct but interconnected campaigns: our work to halt new developments of fossil fuels, and our Yes 2 Renewables project.

Stopping new coal and gas

It's been a big year.

In July 2012 we were delighted to see both the Federal and State Governments scrap their \$150m funding for HRL's proposed coal fired power station in the Latrobe Valley - a campaign worked on tirelessly by Quit Coal and numerous other environment and community groups.

With companies such as Lakes Oil beginning to "test" previously drilled gas wells in recent months, the threat of an unconventional gas industry in Victoria is as real as ever. We have continued working with and supporting countless communities across the state, facilitating the formation of new groups, putting on public information meetings, and training locals in non-violent direct action. Already we have seen the towns of Poowong and Seaspray in Gippsland declare themselves opposed to new coal or unconventional gas mining (supported by 95% and 98% of landholders respectively), with many more to come!

Our use of non-violent direct action has also ramped up this year, with three major actions gaining widespread public attention and media coverage. In September 2012 we abseiled off Victoria's Parliament House, unfurling a huge banner asking why Ted Baillieu continues to invest in coal, despite coal being "the single greatest threat to civilisation and all life on our planet" (Professor James Hansen, NASA). In November, two Quit Coal activists scaled the Yallourn Power Station, occupying the site mid-air for nearly 30 hours, the longest occupation of a power station in Australian history. Finally in May 2013 we "welcomed" our new Premier Denis Napthine with a spectacular banner drop over the front façade of the iconic Flinders St Station.



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Time for a moratorium on new fossil fuels

Unlike our northern neighbours in Queensland, we do not yet have a commercial onshore gas industry. However much of the southern third of the state is under exploration permits, and the government continues to promote the possibility of Victoria developing a coal export industry.

In 2011, we put the issue of coal seam gas (CSG) on the political map in Victoria. We hosted a ‘roadshow’ through western Victoria which featured Drew Hutton, the president of the Lock the Gate alliance, a grouping of farmers and environmentalists opposed to new coal and gas operations. A number of exploration licenses for CSG and a proposal for coal exploration were subsequently relinquished as a result of community campaigning in western Victoria.

Having had great success in western Victoria in 2011, we had turned our attention to Gippsland in early 2012. FoE quickly became the key group working on the ground in this realm, to both highlight and oppose new applications for CSG and coal, and also drive a state wide call for a moratorium on new coal and un conventional gas operations pending a full state government inquiry.

More than 60 groups have supported our call for a full moratorium on new coal and unconventional gas operations until it can be proven to be safe and compatible with agriculture and other land uses.

We have continued to mobilise and support communities in opposing exploration applications for coal, CSG and Tight Gas.

We have helped co-ordinate local groups and campaigns, generated excellent regional and metro media coverage, worked with local councils to encourage them to support the call for a moratorium, and made the issue one that now has the state government’s attention.

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Further information

www.quitcoal.org.au

www.melbourne.foe.org.au

Yes 2 renewables

The Y2K project was established because of the obvious threat to wind energy posed by the Coalition’s policy on this industry. One of the motivations for setting it up was because the forces opposed to wind farm developments are well organised and vocal, yet the majority of Victorians who support good and well planned projects are not. Polling consistently shows overwhelming community support for more renewable energy. We believe that there is a real desire in the community to find ways to support well planned and appropriate renewable projects . This has been shown strongly by the positive response we received to the launch of this pro-renewables project.

About

Yes 2 Renewables is a campaign for jobs and community action on climate change. Victoria is the most polluting state in the most polluting developed country (on a per-capita basis). An ambitious rollout of renewable energy technologies, such as wind farms, is needed to eliminate Victoria’s carbon emissions.

Wind energy is the most mature and affordable clean energy source available. Yet a hostile state



government, which has imposed the world's toughest wind energy laws, and a network of aggressive anti-wind farm campaigners stand in the way.

Wind energy is the new frontline in the proxy-war on climate change. Renewable energy advocates are pitted against well-resourced interests who spread misinformation about wind energy (from costs to alleged health impacts). Yes 2 Renewables might not have the money, but we're determined to match them with passion and people power.

Holding Politicians to account

Yes 2 Renewables hold politicians to account when they mislead the public with anti-renewable energy statements. We also give them a well-deserved pat on the back when they do the right thing. You can follow our Pollie Watch blog posts at Yes2Renewables.org for more info.

Helping to launch the Victorian Wind Alliance

FoE helped initiate the Vic Wind Alliance. In 2012, Y2R's community organising trip to Portland helped lay the groundwork for the Victorian Wind Alliance securing Keppel Prince general manager Steve Garner as a board member. Keppel Prince is a significant employer in the renewable energy sector and is a good example of the type of green jobs that FoE promotes. The south west Victoria trip also helped the Alliance secure signatories to its statement of support. Notable signatories include Steve Garner, the Deputy Mayor of Moyne Shire, James Purcell, former Portland Mayor, and 60-plus wind workers.

Pressure on the Victorian Government

Yes 2 Renewables joined with the Victorian Wind Alliance to send Premier Denis Napthine a message on wind energy. Groups representing wind workers and community members hand delivered a joint statement to the Premier's electorate office in Warrnambool. The joint statement called for Dr Napthine to rewrite anti-wind farm planning laws and unlock jobs in southwest Victoria, and resulted in the Premier personally responding to our initiative.

Community engagement

Yes 2 Renewables staff and volunteers have been engaging the community to raise awareness of the Victorian government's anti-wind farm laws. In the last 12 months, we've held Listening Post stalls in a dozen regional towns. Yes 2 Renewables spokesperson, Leigh Ewbank, has presented to the public at the Sustainable Living Festival; wind workers at AMWU and Keppel Prince Engineering; various regional groups, and students at Deakin, Melbourne, RMIT, and Victoria University.

Intervention on King Island

The highest profile wind farm proposal in Australia is on King Island, where TasWind is seeking community support for a 200 turbine, 600MW wind farm. The political activity surrounding the proposal led media commentator Giles Parkinson to **describe it** as "a battle of will and influence between the anti- and pro-wind campaigners. The implications for the wind industry generally could be significant." The project scraped through, with a majority voting for a feasibility study. Yes 2 Renewables played a positive role in the debate, holding the activists to account for their **anti-wind spin** and travelling to King Island to observe community forums.

Head to head with duelling rallies in Canberra

Our pro renewables rally, which was held in Canberra last June was undoubtedly a highpoint

of the 'wind wars' in 2012/13. Anti-wind farm hate site Stop These Things kicked the mother of all **own goals** by calling a national 'wind power fraud' rally at Parliament House. Despite the hype, support from shock jock Alan Jones, and **well-connected** organisers, the rally barely attracted a 100 people. A few kilometres away in Canberra, at Yes 2 Renewables and GetUp!'s Rally 4 Renewables, a much **larger crowd of 1,000** showed their support for wind farms and the Renewable Energy Target.

For further information, please see: <http://yes2renewables.org/>



ANTI-WIND

PRO-WIND

ANTI NUCLEAR & CLEAN ENERGY

The anti nuclear and pro renewables campaign has been our longest running campaign.

Friends of the Earth's Anti-nuclear and Clean Energy (ACE) campaign has been working on the environmental impacts of different energy sources for over three decades. Historically the focus was on uranium and nuclear energy; more recently the scope of the campaign's activities have been expanded to cover all energy sources.

29th March- 7th April 2013

THE RADIOACTIVE EXPOSURE TOUR 2013



A 10-day educational road trip to the nuclear hotspots of South Australia, seeing with our eyes and learning with our ears from some of the people most affected by the nuclear industry in Australia.



Over the past year some highlights include the following:

The ACE Collective has been meeting fortnightly and recently organised a forum with Dianne Stokes, Traditional Owner for Muckaty, in Melbourne. We held a small fundraiser art show a couple of months ago and held an action at the Darebin Kite Festival, which (then) Minister Ferguson studiously avoided. We organised the amazing Radioactive Exposure Tour in April, which took 30 people to meet some of the people affected by the uranium industry in South Australia. We toured the Olympic Dam

and Beverley uranium mines and got to ask the difficult questions. In July we went to the Students of Sustainability conference in Tasmania and held two anti-nuclear workshops with a great bunch of interested and active students. We produced a nuclear policy scorecard on the main political parties for the Federal Election; it covers topics ranging from uranium mining, nuclear energy, exports and weapons. Coming up we're organising a four-part anti-nuclear teach-in series and planning for the annual meeting of the Australian Nuclear Free Alliance in October in Adelaide.

foe.org.au/anti-nuclear

BARMAH – MILLEWA CAMPAIGN

This project grew from the campaign to gain protection for the Red Gum ecosystems along the Murray River in Victoria, while acting to ensure traditional owner groups gained greater access to land justice in this process.

Barmah-Millewa Collective

The Barmah-Millewa Collective (BMC) works to protect the unique, river dependent ecosystems of the Murray Darling Basin and to support Traditional Owners to restore rights to care for their country. The Collective has taken on a range of projects and campaigns, with fresh energy and a growing new team this year.

More water for the Murray

In November 2012 the Federal Government passed the Murray Darling Basin Plan into law, achieving substantial increases in environmental flows for this iconic river system. Our work directly contributed to this historic agreement. One year ago the passage of the Basin Plan was entirely uncertain. Yet through the collaborative work of environmental and community organisations in the 'Alliance for a Healthy Murray' we were able to successfully secure bipartisan support for the Basin Plan by being a strong and scientifically accurate advocate for the environment in public, government and policy spheres.

The current Basin plan promises to restore 2,750 gigalitres (GL) by 2019, and then a further 450GL by 2024, returning a total of 3,200 GL of water to the environment every year. It is not as much as the 4,000 GL we have consistently called for, in line with scientific research. However, it was only through intensive lobbying that the environment movement secured the extra 450 GL and \$1.7 billion dollars of government funding through the '450up' bill, which passed the senate in February this year. The

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Indigenous water rights

Building on successful campaigns to protect River Red Gum forests and to secure environmental flows through the Murray Darling Basin Plan, the collective has now focused on developing a powerful advocacy campaign for Indigenous water rights. In June we completed and launched the *Cultural Flows* films: two documentaries produced with Traditional Owners along the Murray and Murrumbidgee rivers. The films highlight Indigenous people's deep connections to the rivers and waterways in their country. An 'on-country' premiere in April was followed by a hugely successful Melbourne launch attended by over 200 people. An ongoing distribution plan will see the films shown to community groups and key decision makers throughout the Basin region.

In order to further support Traditional Owner's efforts to achieve water rights BMC has also



contributed as a key stakeholder in the Victorian Water Law Review process. We provided detailed submissions and critical input in the development of the new Victorian Waterway Management Strategy and highlighted the need for improved engagement with Indigenous communities.

Defending our Red Gum National Parks

The Collective has acted to defend important conservation gains and halt a destructive 'ecological thinning' project in the Barmah-Millewa National Park. In 2012, The NSW and Victorian governments announced plans to send logging machinery back into Barmah-Millewa, the world's largest River Red Gum forests and a Ramsar listed wetland. BMC immediately responded to this perverse plan with a massive online petition and a detailed submission that helped ensure the trial was referred as a 'controlled action' under the federal EPBC Act. BMC are working to build an effective alliance of community groups, environmentalists, Traditional Owners and scientists to counter this dangerous plan.

The Collective's work this year has been generously supported by philanthropic partners including Fouress, Australian Communities Foundation and Australian Geographic.

WATER & PESTICIDES

Pesticide pollution of waterways

FoE continued to research and release information relating to pesticide pollution of waterways in Victoria. Most significant was a publication looking at pesticide pollution of the Yarra River, above the off-take to Sugarloaf Reservoir. Hundreds of detections have been made over the past few years. A report concerning this issue was printed in the Age Newspaper in June 2012.

FoE also kept a close eye on pesticide detections in Gippsland waterways. Most significant was the release of the EPA's two year study of Narracan Creek and Middle Creek in the Strzelecki's. A range of pesticides were detected in both catchments as well as mercury, sourced either from coal power stations or bushfires.

FoE also revealed that a large bee kill occurred in the Yarra Ranges in 2008. This information had not been released publicly before.

Breaches to drinking water guidelines

Friends of the Earth produced a report investigating breaches to drinking water guidelines in South West Victoria. The main focus of the report was chlorine disinfection by-products, however information sourced from South West Water revealed that some of the highest levels of Aluminium recorded in water supplies anywhere in the world were detected in Hamilton between 2007-9. The levels were caused, in part by the drying up of source water and the inability of the water treatment plant to treat the source water effectively. Aluminium has been linked to a number of health issues.

Developments along the Yarra River

FoE continues to keep an eye on the Eastern Golf Club relocation at Yering, one kilometre from the off-take to Sugarloaf Reservoir, which supplies millions of Melbournians with drinking water. Yarra Ranges Shire granted approval for the development in September 2012, only to have the course met with a further VCAT challenge. Victoria's Planning Minister Matthew Guy then intervened and personally approved the project in February 2013.

The Minister is now being taken to the Supreme Court by an aggrieved party who wanted the case heard at VCAT. Construction of the course has not started as of August 2013.



FORESTS & BIODIVERSITY

There are two aspects to our forests work – a campaign to ensure adequate protection of native forests, which are currently subjected to harvesting operations, and involvement in forestry management systems and processes to ensure that the plantation estate is managed in a sustainable manner, with minimal social and environmental impacts on local ecosystems and human communities.



Strzelecki Ranges

FoE continues to work with Friends of Gippsland Bush in the Strzelecki Ranges. Much of the work over the past year has involved in monitoring of regeneration inside the Cores and Links Rainforest Reserve.

Much of the regeneration is starting to come on nicely, despite unnecessary interventions demanded by DSE in their regeneration standards.

In July 2012, FoE revealed that the reserve had been targeted by Hancock spraying contractors, with perhaps hundreds of hectares of regenerating understorey species spot sprayed for no apparent reason. Hancock manages the plantations on public land after the Victorian Plantations Corporation was privatised by the government of Jeff Kennett.

FoE continues to support initiatives concerning the protection of the Strzelecki Koalas, Victoria's only remnant koala population.

FoE produced a report in January looking at the impacts of bushfires on the states plantation industry. The industry has seen a 600% increase in the amount of plantation lost over the past decade due to wildfire, and FoE argued that these increases are most likely associated with climate change.



Forest Stewardship Council

The FSC is an international, non-profit organisation founded in 1993 by environmentalists, social interest groups, retailers and leading forest companies to develop standards based on the '10 Principles for Forest Stewardship' by which responsible forest practice can be measured. These standards seek to ensure that environmental, social and economic needs are balanced, and that long-term forest management plans are implemented.

FoE has been actively involved in FSC since its creation in Australia. We thank Jonathan La Nauze for the years he has put into representing FoE as a Director with FSC Australia.

Fuel reduction strategy

Fires have been a defining feature of much of the Australian continent for many millions of years. The fire management regimes of Indigenous people were disrupted with colonisation, and in recent years the question of how and where to burn our landscapes has become increasingly politicised.

FoE collected data on how state government fuel reduction programs progressed over the year, and identified ways that the program could be modified to ensure good ecological as well as asset protection outcomes.



FOOD CO-OP AND CAFE

Throughout the year, the downstairs businesses continued to be the cornerstone of the thriving FoE building in Collingwood.

Substantial renovations were carried out, which has given the building a fresh look and created additional seating space in the cafe, and a more efficient kitchen area.

The co-op continues to host a number of programs aimed at refugees and other new arrivals to Australia, long term unemployed, and people on day release from corrections facilities. It has also hosted a number of public events like book launches and film screenings.

OTHER INITIATIVES

Environmental education

Environmental education was a major aspect of our work during the year.

Over the past year, we have helped organise more than 50 public events and forums, especially across regional Victoria.

Dirt Radio: digging in for its second year

With a challenging first twelve months behind us, Dirt Radio is looking ahead now, still maintaining its initial approach – ‘digging down into the dirt’ on crucial environmental and social justice issues.

The program is produced and presented weekly by Friends of the Earth Melbourne campaigners and activists, and each broadcast includes a campaign based feature interview, where specific issues are unpicked and explored in detail.

The first year has given the presenters/producers confidence as broadcasters, skills as programmers, and the organisational dexterity to get the show to air each week

Nuclear energy, climate justice, coal mining, coal seam gas extraction, the philosophy underpinning non-violent direct action, environmental impact of emerging technologies, wind power and transitioning to renewables, pesticide use, proliferation of superbugs, depletion of bee populations, militarism and the environment have all been part of the mix so far.

Through the use of 3CR studios, the Dirt Radio team have produced on-air announcements for Friends of the Earth campaign events and fund-raising. The Food Co-op also has its own on-air promo.

Reaching out to support other environmental and social justice campaigns across Australia



and internationally has also been a recurrent programming focus – Tecoma vs McDonalds, Talisman-Sabre peace convergence, American anti-war campaigning, the Maules Creek coal campaign, mine workers and farmers in the La Trobe valley were just a few of the topics covered here.

The show is on every **Monday, 10:30 – 11:00am, 3CR, 855 AM**, also streaming digitally, and available through podcasts. For more news and views, Dirt Radio has a Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/DirtRadio?ref=hl>

Contact for Dirt Radio: dirtradio_crew@foe.org.au

<http://www.3cr.org.au/dirtradio>

Dirt Radio would like to acknowledge the help and patience shown by staff at 3CR as we moved from novices to half-way competent radio broadcasters.

Nanotechnology

We continue to host the FoE Australia nanotechnology project, with two staff - Gregory Crocetti and Louise Sales – working on the project.

Please see the FoE Australia report for details on campaign activity during 2012/13.

Market Forces

FoE Australia affiliate Market Forces has been based in our office. Further details: <http://www.marketforces.org.au/>

LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGNING AND ALLIANCES

FoE has continued to collaborate closely with other peak Victorian green groups including Environment Victoria (EV), Wilderness Society (TWS), and the Victorian National Parks Association (VNPA).

We work closely with The Wiradjuri, Yorta Yorta, Taungurung, Barapa Barapa, Wamba Wamba, Mutti Mutti, Wadi Wadi, Latji Latji, Wergaia and Ngarrindjeri Nations.

We work closely with the Environment Defenders Office and remain active in the Victorian Trades Hall Council climate change working group.

We continue to co-facilitate the Gippsland Alliance, a grouping of local environmental and community groups in Eastern Victoria.

In addition, we continue to support a wide range of community campaigns and projects around the state.

Big Hill

Canadian gold miner Crocodile Gold is pressing ahead with the development of the Big Hill open pit project at Stawell in western Victoria.

The company has started the process of gaining approval from the Victorian Government. It plans to process 2.3 million tonnes of ore to recover more than 108,000 ounces of gold.

This open cut will remove the main landmark for the town (Big Hill), with the promise of subsequent rehabilitation of the hill. The project will cover 36 hectares.

This proposal is unusual in that it would place open-cut mining and back-fill operations in close proximity to many houses, a number of schools, and other important community infrastructure.

Crocodile Gold took over the Big Hill Project after it bought the Stawell Gold Mine in May last year. Community opposition forced the abandonment of plans for an open cut in the same location a decade ago. FoE played a role in the first campaign and has been working to support concerned residents in opposing the current proposal.

Restoring the Box Ironbark country

FoE has taken on an ecological restoration project in Central Victoria which intends to improve the health of a remnant Box Ironbark forest. This involves weed removal, stabilisation of erosion gullies, and planting back indigenous species.

Container deposit legislation

We continued to generate support for Victoria to adopt a container deposit scheme through our involvement in the Boomerang Alliance.



THE ORGANISATION

Finances and fund raising over view

The upstairs campaign office has worked hard to continue building our income. Our core team is composed of a campaigns co-ordinator, membership development officer, finance manager and operations co-ordinator. These positions are funded by membership, donations, fund raising and direct debit income. Our efforts are paying off, with good responses to our appeals and an improvement in our overall financial situation.

In 2013, our main membership drive was called The Big Ask. This was the second year it has run and is now an annual event. We have restarted a small street canvassing program, which is largely composed of volunteers. We also held a fund raising event called The Big Green Hitch, a hitch hiking race from Melbourne to the mouth of the Murray River.

Campaigns are responsible for their own fund raising, with support from the office staff.

The downstairs businesses provide considerable financial support to the campaigns, not least through paying the bulk of the rent on the building, therefore greatly reducing overheads for the campaign collectives.

There are currently three part time staff employed in the businesses, and eleven part time staff in the upstairs campaign office.

A copy of our audited financial report is available upon request. miko.thomas@foe.org.au

Organisational development

FoE's Committee of Management (called the Policy and Accountability Collective, or PAC), has responsibility for oversight of finances, strategic development, and governance and risk assessment for the organisation.

The members of the PAC in 2012/13 were:

Dave Sweeney - outgoing
Gregor Husper - outgoing
David Robertson
William Shafer
Ben Courtice
Rodney Vlasis
Sam Castro
Cam Walker
Beth Cameron

Governance

On a day to day level all campaign collectives manage their own affairs. Once a month all campaigns attend the strategy meeting, which is where whole of organisation decisions are taken. The Committee of Management (PAC) acts in an oversight role to strategy. There are regular campaigners' meetings and working groups are established as needed to deal with specific issues.

Thanks!

To the following people, foundations, businesses and organisations who supported our work over the last year:

Australian Communities Foundation
Australian Geographic
Elizabeth Murdoch Trust
Fairer Futures Foundation
Fouress Foundation
Gladneys Pty Ltd
Greenspring Pty Ltd
One Percent for the Planet
Nordia Foundation
Parks Victoria community action grant
Pureharvest
The Sunrise Project
And all our members and supporters



Organisational changes

We have had some significant changes over the past year, with some long term staff and volunteers moving on. We want to say a heartfelt thankyou to the following people for their incredible contribution to keeping FoE going:

After more than four years in the position, Justin Butler has finished up as our membership officer.

Melissa Slattery, our wonderful finances officer, left during the last year. After running away to warmer climes for a while she has returned to Melbourne and continued to help out as a volunteer.

Gregory Crocetti also moved on from working for our nanotechnology project, although he is still an active member as a volunteer in the project.

Alyssa Vass finished as the co-ordinator of the Barmah campaign, and is working in the field of Indigenous Health, while remaining involved with the Barmah collective.

Shaun Murray is working in Queensland as the Lock the Gate co-ordinator for the Darling Downs, and Ellen Roberts is in Mackay, working to stop new coal developments.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2013

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2013

	Notes	2013 \$	2012 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash on hand and at bank		\$134,205.67	\$102,012.10
Short-term bank deposits		\$153,987.30	\$179,043.04
Receivables	2	\$0.00	\$1,610.24
Inventories	5	\$37,872.45	\$61,069.69
Sundry debtors	2	\$114,963.35	\$105,518.41
Total current assets		\$441,028.77	\$449,253.48
Non-current assets			
Plant and equipment	6	\$14,894.25	\$21,061.78
Total non-current assets		\$14,894.25	\$21,061.78
Total assets		\$455,923.02	\$470,315.26
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade payables		\$50,454.85	\$62,254.89
General creditors		\$42,577.54	\$54,990.40
Grants/income received in advance		\$6,355.92	\$17,952.93
Employee provisions	1(n)	\$79,030.21	\$79,030.21
Building fund		\$0.00	\$0.00
Total current liabilities		\$178,418.52	\$214,228.43
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowing's		\$0.00	\$0.00
Other creditors		\$1,100.00	\$2,096.95
Total non-current liabilities		\$1,100.00	\$2,096.95
Total liabilities		\$179,518.52	\$216,325.38
Net assets		\$276,404.50	\$253,989.88
Retained surplus & reserve			
Opening retained surplus		\$153,977.05	\$277,072.92
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		\$22,414.62	(\$176,102.04)
Transfer from/(to) building reserve		\$25,055.74	\$53,006.17
Closing retained surplus	11	\$201,447.41	\$153,977.05
Opening balance building reserve		\$100,012.83	\$153,019.00
Transfer from/(to) retained surplus		(\$25,055.74)	(\$53,006.17)
Closing balance building reserve	3	\$74,957.09	\$100,012.83
Total surplus & reserve		\$276,404.50	\$253,989.88

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Year ended 30 June 2013

	2013 \$	2012 \$
Revenue		
Food Co-op Sales	\$581,592.69	\$498,938.68
Book Shop Sales	\$0.00	\$93,948.52
Membership Subscription	\$18,673.69	\$20,499.11
Donations	\$291,865.00	\$291,443.84
Fundraising	\$19,647.93	\$20,120.33
Grant Income	\$192,967.19	\$130,328.46
Bank Interest	\$8,859.07	\$11,560.91
Miscellaneous Income	\$15,970.25	\$8,135.53
Consultancy	\$0.00	\$0.00
Proceeds on sales of Fixed Assets	\$0.00	\$0.00
Legacies & Bequest	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$1,129,575.82	\$1,074,975.38
Expenditure		
Cost of Goods Sold - Food Co-op	\$355,917.83	\$434,748.17
Cost of Goods Sold - Book Shop	\$11,573.34	\$58,626.95
Wages and Assoc. Cost	\$461,965.64	\$524,896.58
Administration Expenses	\$102,917.20	\$68,752.91
Rent and Outgoings	\$65,482.97	\$59,384.73
Fundraising Expenses	\$5,816.60	\$8,833.72
Campaigning Cost (inc Travel)	\$42,681.06	\$42,707.78
Bank Charges & Fees	\$5,393.68	\$10,339.54
Donations	\$777.11	\$50.00
Depreciation & Amortisation	\$8,667.53	\$8,902.80
Insurance	\$9,917.44	\$6,800.56
Gas, Electricity & Water	\$10,366.08	\$9,944.33
Audit Fees - Audit or Reviewing the Financial Report	\$3,185.00	\$2,806.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$12,105.17	\$310.70
Consultants	\$10,394.55	\$13,972.65
Legal & Government Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Advertising	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$1,107,161.20	\$1,251,077.42
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	\$22,414.62	(\$176,102.04)
Other comprehensive income	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total comprehensive income for the year	\$22,414.62	(\$176,102.04)
Total comprehensive income attributable to the members	\$22,414.62	(\$176,102.04)

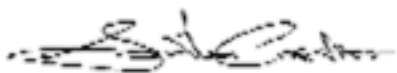
Statement by members of the PAC Management Committee

In the opinion of the members of the committee the financial report:

- Represents a true and fair view of the financial position of Friends of the Earth (Melbourne) Inc as at 30 June 2012 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
- At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Friends of the Earth (Melbourne) Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the

Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



Samantha Castro, Collingwood, Victoria

Staff

Food co-operative co-ordinator: **Beth Cameron**

Co-op: **Karri Cameron**

Campaigns office:

Membership development:

Justin Butler, Sam Cossar Gilbert

Finances: **Melissa Slattery, Miko Thomas.**

Operations co-ordinator: **Samantha Castro**

Campaigns co-ordinator: **Cam Walker**

Plantations/ pesticides: **Anthony Amis**

Barmah Millewa campaign/ Red Gum:

co-ordinator: **Sam Cossar Gilbert**

Water campaigner: **Will Mooney**

Climate campaign Renewable energy campaigner:

Leigh Ewbank

Community campaigners:

Chloe Aldenhove, Ursula Alquier

Nanotechnology campaigners:
Louise Sales and Gregory Crocetti

Nuclear:

State co-ordinators: **Tully McIntyre and Zin Rain**

National co-ordinator: **Jim Green**

Volunteer conveners:

Dirt Radio: **John Langer, Ben Courtice, Anthony Amis, Tully Starr, Sam Castro**

Indigenous solidarity – Latin America:
Marisol Salinas

Quit Coal campaign:

all the wonderful activists of QC

Real food campaign: **Martin Pritchard**

Fundraising: **Harry Cossar Gilbert**

IT & Web Support: **Phil Evans, Glenn Todd and Gary Schurr**

Membership and office support: **William Shafer**

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This report covers the financial year 2012/13.





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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of FRIENDS OF THE EARTH (MELBOURNE) INC

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a general purpose financial report of FRIENDS OF THE EARTH (MELBOURNE) INC which comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2013 and the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Retained Surplus, Deficit and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The management of FRIENDS OF THE EARTH (MELBOURNE) INC is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The management's responsibility also includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. Our opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance 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 judgment, including the assessment of the risk of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls 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 controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Management's financial reporting requirement. We do not make a assumption of responsibility to any member on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

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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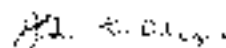
Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the relevant independence requirements.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion the financial report of FRIENDS OF THE EARTH (MELBOURNE) INC

- (a) gives a true and fair view of FRIENDS OF THE EARTH (MELBOURNE) INC's financial position as at 30 June 2013 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies mentioned in Note 1, and
- (b) complying with Australian Auditing Standards to the extent described in Note 1.


Jill Collyer
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