

*Volunteers*



*Natural Resource Management*



**2009 - 2010**

*Annual Report*





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## Chair's Report



### *Esma Armstrong OAM*

At the time of writing there are some concerns for the future of landcare after a very successful Decade of Landcare closes. Adjusting to the new political landscape has been a challenge for not-for-profit volunteer groups where funding projects caused uncertainty.

I am delighted to report that the formation of the National Landcare Network (NLN) in February 2009 has given volunteer groups in all states a voice. Queensland Water and Land Carers (QWaLC) represent the Queensland 'voice' and sit on the NLN Executive. This organisation has connections with State and Commonwealth governments, industries as well as Landcare Australia Limited (LAL) and Australia Landcare Council (ALC).

One of our Board meetings was held at the State Landcare Conference at Longreach in October 2009, which provided a relaxing style of networking with members from all regions of Queensland. The QWaLC web page is update regularly and with the Communique this provides excellent opportunities of communication throughout the state.

Facilitation for internal issues has been accepted by the groups. Groups have a better understanding of governance. Training has been provided when necessary.

Insurance for not-for-profit volunteer groups is provided by DERM and managed by QWaLC.

There has been some minor claims that have been dealt with promptly. The process of registration has been streamlined and works more efficiently.

Governor of Queensland Penelope Wensley AO agreed to become the Patron of QWaLC and has attended many functions involving QWaLC and Landcare.

QWaLC continues to be involved with organising the State Landcare Conference and State Coastal Conference.

Thank you to the staff Executive Office Vickie Webb and Communication Manager Natalie Mogg for the dedication and perservance they have given beyond the call of duty as QWaLC continues to expand and excel in the services provided to members throughout Queensland.

Thanks to all volunteers for the amazing work carried out in Queensland by so many people from all walks of life. Without the 'doers' we cannot 'do' what is expected to protect our environment.

*E. Armstrong*

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# Executive Officer's Report

*Vickie Webb*

The last twelve months has seen the continued growth of QWaLC's role in representing its members. As members of the National Landcare Network, QWaLC was involved in the organizing committee for the National Landcare Forum held in Adelaide during March 2010. This was an excellent opportunity for Landcarers across the country to get together and swap stories. It also gave participants the opportunity to be further involved in the development of the Australian Framework for Landcare, which was launched this year.

Early in 2010 there were unexpectedly two new State Landcare Awards announced, and a further awards process was held to find winners for these two new categories. Queensland was very adequately represented at the 2010 National Landcare Awards held in Canberra in June, and we achieved two National Awards – Australian Government Local Landcare Facilitator/Co-ordinator Award was won by John Nicholas from Dalrymple Landcare, and the Australian Government Landcare NRM Region Award was won by Desert Channels Queensland. Both were very well deserved. I would like to congratulate the winners, and all the Queensland finalists.

QWaLC has had meetings with both Federal and State Ministers, and Government representatives, in relation to the NRM volunteer sector and the Caring for Our Country initiative. The main items discussed at these meetings was the need for equity in future funding initiatives, and the need for recognition of the part the Landcare movement has played and still plays in the management of our natural resources and sustainable ecosystems.

In relation to our five key roles, QWaLC have achieved the following:

## *Advocacy*

- Worked closely with several groups who were having local issues with their respective Regional NRM Bodies.
- Met with Commonwealth and State Ministers, and various Department representatives in relation to Caring for our Country and Regional Landcare Facilitator funding.
- Worked closely with several groups to assist them with their governance arrangements.
- Advocated on behalf of member groups in the Regional Landcare Facilitator process.

## *Representation*

Over the last twelve months QWaLC staff have represented our members and the volunteer NRM sector on the following committees:

- Queensland Coastal Conference Committee
- Coastal Information Website Committee
- Regional Communicators Network
- National Landcare Awards Network with other states
- Discussion Group about the delivery of future national natural resource management programs
- Caring for our Country Stakeholder Meeting
- 2009 Landcare Conference Steering Committee
- 2010 Landcare Conference Steering Committee
- 2011 Landcare Conference Steering Committee





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- Community Awareness Grants Assessment Panel
- Coastal and Marine Network
- Organising Committee National Landcare Forum
- Assisted in the development of the National Landcare Framework discussion paper
- Stakeholder meeting with the Australian Government to review the 2009 Caring for our Country Business Plan and proposed changes for 2010 Caring for our Country Business Plan.
- National Landcare Network (including being on the Executive Committee)

## Networking

- Continued to build the resource library
- Green Nomads Initiative, including the Green Nomads website [www.greennomads.com.au](http://www.greennomads.com.au) which includes details on how to become a Green Nomad and how to post an event to attract Green Nomad volunteers.
- Kept QWaLC website upgraded to ensure it is a valuable resource. It currently contains:
  - news articles
  - resources such as files, downloads, emails, website links
  - photos
  - webpages which include information on:
    - Insurance
    - How to become a landcare group
    - News
    - Events
    - Partners
    - Group support, and
    - Links to Commonwealth and State Government and Regional NRM Bodies

## Promotion

- The National Landcare Awards were held in June 2010 with Queensland very well represented in each Category, and ultimately taking away two National Awards.
- The State Landcare Awards were presented at Government House by the Governor of Queensland Ms Penelope Wensley AO
- QWaLC assisted groups with linkages to large corporate organisations wishing to donate time and energy to volunteer NRM projects

## Insurance

- Taken over full responsibility for the Insurance from the Department of Environment and Resource Management.
- This year the Association Liability was increased by nearly 400%. While we could not decrease the amount for the current policy we have already started negotiations for the next policy to ensure the costs are reduced.

## Future Directions

The future for Landcare is still looking positive with the release of a 20 year National Framework. The National Landcare Forum in March was an uplifting event for all who attended, and the message from Minister Burke at that Forum was that Landcare is still a vital component for delivering sustainable landscapes in Australia.

Landcare has a vital role to play in upcoming issues such as Climate Change, Food security, and Carbon Farming initiative announced by the Prime Minister during the Federal Election.

Over the next twelve months QWaLC will continue to assist its members by being the:

- Interface between Government (both Australian and State) and volunteer NRM groups
- Interface between Regional NRM Bodies and Volunteer NRM groups
- Continuing Peak Body operation – assistance to groups with governance, registration and insurance
- Vital link between volunteer NRM groups and Caring For our Country program
- Representative for Queensland Landcare volunteers on the National Landcare Network.

# Regional Reports

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## Condamine

*Warren Wilson*

The season through out the Condamine Catchment has been very patchy. There was a below average winter grain crop and then, especially for the Northern Downs it stopped raining. Many did not plant a summer crop for the first time in their lifetime. The Southern Downs was patch, some area very good and others average to below.

The last 18 months have been a matter of finishing off old projects and waiting to see what grants were in the pipeline. 3 of our groups received good grants from Caring for our Country whilst the other 5 were unfortunate. These 5 are struggling to maintain their offices and staff using reserve funds and some Blueprint for Bush funding. Some of the branches will go in to hibernation till funding for ground projects become available. 2 years ago there were 8 full time coordinators employed now there are only 4 part timers.

A number of successful workshops and field days were held across the region. These being on Improving Soil Carbon, Reducing erosion and establishing Pastures on the Upper Slopes, Protection of Remnant Vegetation and native habit, Zero Till bus trips, Pasture cropping workshops, QD Stock take workshops, Pasture monitoring inspections, plus declaring war on Rabbits inside the Protection Fence. NEDs ran 2 great workshops with approximately 70+ at each. For the males there was a Water Efficiency workshop at the Dalby Agricultural College. For the ladies an outstanding forum, Strengthening Rural Women and becoming Agents For Change.

There were numerous requests for it to be an annual event. Oh for another funding grant.

A major success has been the forming the Darling Downs Regional Landcare Group to coordinate and assist the planning of joint activities with the Condamine Region. This body consists of a representative and the coordinator from each of the 8 groups with in the region. Plus non voting representatives from QWaLC, Condamine Catchment Association, Condamine Alliance, Condamine Balonne Water Board. The group is representative of region and is working together on common problems and programs.

Our major on going concerns are from the coal and gas industries. The granting of mining licences to mine on prime agricultural land. The lack of rail wagons and slots down the Range as the coal industry has 90%++ of them. This has exponentially increased road transport to shift the grain and thus deterioration of the roads. The evaporation of coal seam gas water and the resultant salt ponds are an environmental problem waiting to happen for agricultural land near by. Then there is a good chance of contamination of the Great Artesian Basin from the mixing of aquas.

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## Fitzroy Region

*Robyn Mapp*

Most of the Fitzroy Landcare Groups are all still operating thanks to the work of their dedicated volunteers, in spite of the current funding situation.

Wowan Dululu Landcare Group continue to monitor the Dee River Restoration activities and to follow up on their sustainable grazing and cropping projects, while the Cap Coast Group have received Caring for Our Country (CFoC) funding for the Rehabilitation of Fig Tree Creek. Both Cap Coast and Callide Valley continue to operate volunteer nurseries while Baralaba has kept it's wonderful centre going using funding from various sources to buy a new computer and other items. However, major repairs are needed on the centre, which is also used as a drop in centre, art gallery, meeting rooms and internet café for the community. Baralaba has also run several successful regional field days including a recent Natural Sequence Farming day.

Taroom Shire Landcare and Callide Valley have cooperated on Softwood Scrub workshops with the help of the Dawson Catchment Coordinating Association and both groups operate in tandem with the Fitzroy Basin Association (FBA) on on-ground projects and workshops.

Boyne Tannum Coastcare have many activities throughout the year including birdwatching and dune weeding as well as representation at public events such as EcoFest, and have submitted an application to CFoC in conjunction with FBA.

It is to be hoped that the Regional Coordinator funding can be used to support these and all the other groups of the region with eligible activities, in a coordinated fashion.

## Northern and Southern Gulf

*Ian Adcock*

It's been quite a year for our volunteers across the Gulf. The changes to funding under Caring for Our Country have put a break on the small Landcare Groups mode of operation. The Barra Farm may be taken over by the Regional body, (Northern Gulf) to help it survive.

One project that still attracts good funding is the Ghost Nets program. It is still bubbling along doing good work up and down the Western side of Cape York. The project has expanded to encompass the Islands in the Gulf and the Eastern Seaboard of the Northern Territory.

Mitchell River has a major revegetation project operating in the Julatten and Mt Molly Wet Tropics corridor.

Irvinebank Landcare Group are once again active with weed clearing (sisal) and opening up the old tram tracks at the Tin Mine. Mitchell River has assisted in their application for Community Funding.

TRaCK, (Tropical Rivers and Coastal Knowledge) program, are establishing a Research hub under the Commonwealth Environment Research Facilities to provide the science and knowledge that Governments, Communities and Industries need for the sustainable use and management of Australia's tropical rivers and estuaries. The Mitchell River is one of two rivers being funded to participate in the project (exciting days ahead for the Mitchell River). The other Qld River involved is the Gilbert River.

The Peninsula Landcare Advisory Group are going through a rough period at the moment.

# Regional Reports

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## South East Qld

*Esma Armstrong*

South East Queensland NRM volunteers had again excelled with the many projects undertaken in SEQ. The oil spill near Brisbane had a devastating effect on the coastline but with the assistance of the Commonwealth government and SEQ Catchments with their band of volunteers the coast line is now in an acceptable state and many fish and shore birds have recovered.

A survey done for South East Queensland Catchments (SEQC) Regional group revealed that communication with NRM groups was satisfactory. SEQC region has five sub-regions which have representatives for NRM groups on the South East Queensland Catchments Members Board. This arrangement works well as each sub-regional representative communicate well with their groups and the Community Partnership Managers from SEQC. Groups are concerned that funding may decrease under the Commonwealth Government arrangements. SEQC has been responsible for some learning and training opportunities for groups and strong leadership supported by on-ground project coordinators have been the driving force for successful projects.

Meetings with SEQ groups have now been held and are very welcome. This keeps QWaLC in touch with happenings on ground and with groups.

Weedbusters week and Landcare week are well patronised throughout the South East region with many successful events being held.

Water pipelines, electricity grids and roadworks are constantly taking up good agriculture lands to improve facilities for urban development in SEQ.



# 2009 Queensland Landcare Awards Finalists

## Urban Landcare Award



### **FIRST** Bulimba Creek Catchment Coordination Committee

Bulimba Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee has taken unprecedented steps by designing and constructing a community driven educational centre that aims to instigate sustainable behavioural change household by household. The Sustainability Centre is the figurehead of a multi-layered strategic community education plan.

## Landcare Community Group Award

### **FIRST** Glenlyon Dam Fish Restocking Group

Glenlyon Dam Fish Restocking Group undertook a project to determine population size, growth rate, habitat requirements and home ranges to assist in management of the Murray Cod. Prior to 2004 approximately 3 million cod fingerlings were stocked into the Murray Darling catchment with little knowledge of the impact or contribution this has made on the recreational fishery or to the natural population. Their outcomes are aligned with the objectives and actions of the Draft Murray Cod Recovery Plan and the Murray Darling Basin Authority Native Fish Strategy.



### **SECOND** Toowoomba Landcare Group

The Toowoomba Landcare Group initiated and managed a project which has broken down the barriers between Regional Councils, Main Roads and private Landholder to actively manage significant remnant vegetation by working across boundaries. This project implemented a Landscape scale approach to solving significant biodiversity and erosion issues along the Great Dividing Range.



### **THIRD** Pittsworth District Landcare

Pittsworth Landcare is currently developing innovative programs to deliver the Landcare Ethic to their community utilising the help of the Grassland Earless Dragon (GED). This Dragon was thought to be extinct but was rediscovered on a Darling Downs grain farm in 2001. Chocolate Dragons assists the group raise funds as well as its profile.



## Landcare Primary Producer Award



### FIRST Roger Lansberg

During the severe drought of 1987, Roger Landsberg assumed responsibility for managing the family's 32,000ha North Queensland cattle property "Trafalgar". Roger dramatically reduced cattle numbers from 4300 to 1600 head and instigated a management program based on the safe carrying capacity of the property. By 1995 the property was generating the same level of profit with a beef herd of only 2900 head, as it had prior to the droughts of the 1980s. Cattle numbers were increased only as land condition improved. The recovery continues and today the property is safely carrying 3500 head. The native pastures are dominated by desirable perennial species. Runoff and soil loss are minimised and the habitat value of the property is high. The lower cattle numbers and higher animal growth rates have reduced methane emissions significantly on the property.

## Westpac Education Award

### FIRST Gatton Primary School

When Gatton State Primary School undertook a commitment towards a greener and healthy sustainable learning environment six years ago it faced many challenges and opportunities for change. To be able to provide learning experiences for all students that develop their life, literacy and numeracy skills within a greener learning environment was a stimulus for the recently completed environmental community project.



### SECOND Canterbury College

The class studied a unit "Endangered Species" and as a consequence they decided to embark upon a field study of our Woodland area to observe species. The woodland is a very pretty and aesthetic assets to the school, and, therefore, they were quite surprised at some of their findings, to name a few: littering, dumping, pollution, and clearing and erosion. Acting upon these findings the class was compelled to raise awareness in the school and the wider community regarding issues of Landcare and the preservation of species, also identified in the area. The class was then divided into four (4) working/action groups (Film, Writing, Research and Legal), who collaborated findings to affect a whole class approach to the environmental issue/s.



# Australian Government Landcare Region Award

## FIRST

### Desert Channels Queensland

Desert Channels Queensland consistently maintains strong relationships with all community groups in the region. In partnership with six Landcare Groups in the region, it is co-hosting the 2009 Queensland Landcare Conference. This conference will promote outback Landcare, its activities, and long term Landcare group work, as well as highlighting Indigenous NRM from across the region, and Queensland.



## SECOND

### SEQ Catchments

SEQ Catchments seeks a sustainable future for South East Queensland's natural resources through community involvement, government and industry partnerships, and innovative on-ground delivery.

It is a community-based business that sources and coordinates investment in activities that help South East Queensland to a sustainable future and restores natural resources for the benefit of future generations.



# Local Government Landcare Partnership Award

## FIRST

### Brisbane City Council

With a vision of protecting and restoring Brisbane's catchments and bays in partnership with the community, the Brisbane City Council's (BCC) Creek Ranger program is a flexible and dynamic local government program that provides dedicated support to the city's community-based catchment groups. This grass-roots program is built on a foundation that uniquely invests in human resources to go beyond the usual confines of traditional natural resource management to build community capacity in catchment management.



## SECOND

### Whitsunday Regional Council

Whitsunday Regional Council (WRC) continues its history of collaboration with and strong support of the community for sustainable use of natural resources. Through grants provided by the Biodiversity Levy, WRC has supported a number of projects throughout the catchment including breeding and release of the Cat's Claw Creeper tinged for weed control; construction of nesting boxes for rehabilitation and release of injured wildlife, revegetation and fishway installation. These grants have supported works of groups such as Whitsunday Catchment Landcare, Fauna Rescue Whitsundays, Proserpine State High School and



Proserpine Sugar Mill to address local natural resource management issues.



# Australian Government Coastcare Award

## FIRST

### Tangaroa Blue Ocean Care Society

The Far North Queensland Marine Debris Project was launched in 2007 with the goals of reducing marine debris on the Queensland coastline; collecting data on the debris being found; creating community awareness of marine debris and its impacts on the local marine environment; and working on proactive ways of reducing marine debris being found on the Queensland coastline.



## SECOND

### Queens Beach Action Group

Queens Beach has been the location of weed removal and revegetation works, involving a number of partners, led by the Queens Beach Action Group (QBAG) since 2001.

With the assistance of students from the Queens Beach State Primary School, who had regularly undertaken "rubbish runs" of the beach, several hundred native ground covers, shrubs and trees were planted into the Queens Beach foreshore to supplement the regrowth of native vegetation.



# Young Landcare Leader Award

No entrants in 2009.

# Landcare Indigenous Award

## FIRST

### Traditional Knowledge Recording Project - Desert Channels Queensland

The scope of this project is considerable, with partnering organisations including Desert Channels Queensland (DCQ), Reef Catchments, South West NRM, Giringun Aboriginal Corporation and Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation. The involvement of Elders from each of the partners regions was critical to the success of the project. This involved Elders recording, demonstrating, documenting and using their respective knowledge and skills to address key areas of concern for their community i.e. poor land and water management, degradation of rock art, rising salinity in waterways, poor land and fire techniques to name a few areas of concern.

## SECOND

### Kerry Jones

Kerry, as a Traditional Owner on the Sunshine Coast, has planted well over 15,000 native seedlings in his area through collaborative efforts with his people, family members and the local catchment care groups. Alongside this environmental work based on caring for his traditional estates, together with his family and the wider community, Kerry has also worked hard to establish partnerships with Elders and key cultural heritage groups so as to deliver greater recognition of the local Traditional Owners of the Kabi Kabi Nation. He has also helped family members link to opportunities in local environmental work and training over the last ten years, while also helping family to work in maintaining their cultural heritage and prepare a business plan, now ready for implementation.

Kerry Jones also won the [People's Choice Award for 2009](#) .

## THIRD

### Desert Channels Queensland Aboriginal Advisory Panel

The AAP was set up in partnership with DCQ to integrate Indigenous skills and knowledge of country into mainstream natural resource management. The region contains 14 traditional language areas supporting numerous clan groups. To set up the AAP, was a long and drawn out process, taking over 5 years of joint effort, the result being a formalised traditional owner group, with representatives from each of the 14 language groups sitting at the table representing their respective areas.



# Coastcare Community Facilitator Urban Primary Producer National Indigenous 2009 Queensland Landcare Awards Finalists Water Conservation Individual Plant Innovation Local

## Australian Government Individual Landcarer Award

### FIRST

#### Robyn Mapp

Robyn has contributed to the community of Biloela as the Volunteer Coordinator of the Callide Valley Land Care Association, as a teacher at the local Callide Dawson TAFE, and as a member of Rotary, and probably in ways that I haven't seen as well, as she has been here for at least 20 years to see her two daughters grow up in the lovely town of Biloela. Robyn also has a small farm on the edge of town she works on with her husband who is also in Rotary. As well as working towards Landcare issues on the ground with farmers, Robyn also goes to schools to educate the kids on environmental issues. Robyn has taught computer skills and other things at TAFE, and is now putting together and going to teach Horticulture at the TAFE from her knowledge she has gained, and the class is for challenged youth of our community. Robyn also helps out at the Land Care Nursery when needed, weeding and watering the plants when the caretaker is away. Robyn personally has been watering plants at our local Possum Park on and off when required where the Land Care group planted trees for National Tree Day, without relying on domestic water during water restrictions, she fills up 20L containers from her own bore water. Robyn has been a mentor and great friend to me even when her family has faced challenges also, and can still find the time to think of others and contributes more than other people I know in our community."



### SECOND

#### Philip Holzkecht

Philip has been a member of the West Moreton Landcare Group for many years and was a former chairman of this group at a time when it appeared to be heading for dissolution. Working with members and local farmers to change practices to sustainable or natural processes was difficult without examples to show them, or sources of local plants to use, unless the individuals were clearly innovators looking for better results.





These next two awards were added after the Awards process, so unfortunately they did not have their trophies presented by the Governor.

# Australian Government Innovation in Sustainable Farm Practices Award

## FIRST

### Advanced Nutrient Solutions Pty Ltd

Advanced Nutrient Solutions Pty Ltd (ANS) is a group of four local cane-farming families cooperating to develop on-farm composting techniques, high-quality, specialised compost products, and sub-surface application machinery. The group and their involvement in composting arose from observing trends in cane farm productivity and practices which raised concerns about long-term sustainability. The families felt responsibility for the health of soil under their stewardship and decided to research options for innovative agricultural practices to address their sustainability concerns. On-farm compost production - practiced by many sugar industries around the world but not yet in Australia - was considered the most appropriate practice to encompass the issues and improve grower long-term viability.

## SECOND

### Bill Thopson of Boonah & District Landcare Assn. Inc.

By demonstrating the benefits of incorporating NRM practices into farming and grazing operations over many years, Bill has encouraged countless landholders in the upper Bremer catchment, and wider afield, to review and reassess their land and water practices. He has helped to design and then assisted landholders with the implementation of on-site remedial activities. This has resulted in the landholders feeling they had a new sense of ownership of their properties and resulted in noticeable environmental improvements to the wider catchments.

## THIRD

### Templeton's Ginger Farm

The Templetons' family farm at Eumundi is Australia's largest ginger producer. The practices implemented by the Templetons on a continuous improvement cycle have enhanced farm profitability and sustainability. Improvements to the farm bottom line have been achieved by reducing input costs and improving yield. Field and information days held at the farm have encouraged co-operation with other growers to maintain a high quality, fresh product. They have been long-term active members of Maroochy Landcare and Maroochy Waterwatch and see wise environmental stewardship as essential farming practice. Their example to other large commercial enterprises is indeed inspirational.

# Australian Government Local Landcare Facilitator Award

## FIRST

### John David Nicholas

Over the past four years, John David Nicholas has worked tirelessly to improve and enhance landholder awareness and adoption of improved management practices in his role with the Dalrymple Landcare Committee. He has completed 94 individual property audits - representing 1/3 of the region's graziers. This results in some 1.2million hectares of land in the Upper Burdekin Rangelands and a supreme achievement and collaborative partnership with the agricultural community. He has secured more than \$4 million in State, Federal and Landcare funding to complete works in these region and has visited more than 140 properties to discuss and advise on individual landcare matters.

## SECOND

### Peter Crawford

Peter Crawford has been a superior landcare facilitator/coordinator during his 13 years with NED. He has demonstrated wide skills and abilities in forming and nurturing groups, establishing networks and enhancing natural resource management. He has shown he has the ability to think laterally and to develop issues at the forefront of agricultural extension and practice. He has attracted well over \$1 million in grant funding to the benefit of the lands of the eastern Darling Downs.

## THIRD

### Ron Beezley

Ron, from the Towerhill and Torrens Creek Catchment Landcare Group Inc., is a quiet achiever who is focused on successful outcomes. His easy manner enables him to relate well to all age groups and backgrounds. Ron realizes the value of community within our sparsely populated Region and assists in bringing people, ideas, plans and funding together for the benefit of the whole Region and beyond. Ron is assisting our group with individual projects, (Protecting our Future 2009) selecting and monitoring sites. He attends our meetings, bringing guests and information. Other field days of interest to the local small school and community are planned; to monitor fish in Towerhill Creek; learn to photograph nature and an understanding of cultural heritage. Ron's hands-on approach and genuine understanding for the landcare work we do, is what is needed to be a successful Landcare Facilitator.

Congratulations to all finalists for the Queensland Landcare Awards.

# Financials

QUEENSLAND WATER AND LAND CARERS INC.

## INCOME and EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

FOR THE YER ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

		<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	Note	\$	\$
<b>INCOME</b>			
Grants		322,500	300,000
Interest		3,241	528
Project Income		85,589	-
Green Nomads Income		9,278	-
Conference Float Received	5	43,560	-
		<b>464,168</b>	<b>300,528</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
ATO Late Penalties		660	-
Awards & Photography		3,440	-
Audit Fees	3	- 950	2,500
Bank Charges		306	244
Bookkeeping		2,731	3,518
Computer Software		-	1,308
Computer Services, Repairs & Maintenance		575	1,536
Conference Expenses		9,209	33,518
Consultancy Fees		4,924	-
Depreciation Expense		3,158	2,334
Distribution of Grant		-	2,091
Freight		132	60
Gifts		-	177
Insurance	2	64,925	54,263
Internet		774	1,038
Licence Fees		-	740
Meeting Expenses		585	1,093
Office Expenses		-	16,225
Parking & Tolls		1,430	418
Postage		967	2,268
Promotion & Marketing		15,805	2,706
Rent		16,465	17,414
Small Assets Written Off		-	989
Staff Training & Amenities		3,733	494
Stale Cheques Written Off		- 922	-
Stationery & Printing		3,215	1,191
Subcontractors		13,436	-
Subscriptions		500	216
Sundry Expenses		-	505
Superannuation		13,752	13,036
Telephone		2,570	3,658
Travel		46,058	42,841
Wages & Salaries		160,822	164,010
Website Hosting & Maintenance		-	1,500
Workers' Compensation		509	467
Write Off Trade Creditor		- 28	-
		<b>368,781</b>	<b>358,007</b>
Net Surplus/ Deficit)		<b>95,387</b>	<b>- 57,479</b>

**ASSETS and LIABILITIES STATEMENT**

FOR THE YER ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

		<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	Note	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash		146,132	70,063
Deposits Paid		7,800	3,900
GST Receivable		1,623	2,673
Conference loan - NARLA	5	22,000	0
Total Current Assets		<u>177,555</u>	<u>76,636</u>
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Computers at Cost		9,881	9,881
Less Accumulated Depreciation		- 8,096	- 5,620
		<u>1,785</u>	<u>4,261</u>
Website at Cost		2,640	2,640
Less Accumulated Depreciation		- 1,465	- 1,073
		<u>1,175</u>	<u>1,567</u>
Furniture & Fixtures at Cost		4,222	1,608
Less Accumulated Depreciation		- 588	- 298
		<u>3,634</u>	<u>1,310</u>
Total Non Current Assets		<u>6,594</u>	<u>7,318</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b><u>184,149</u></b>	<b><u>83,774</u></b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Heritage Visa Card		3,261	1,760
PAYG Withholding Payable		6,088	3,648
Superannuation Payable		3,575	0
Creditors & Accruals		0	2,528
		<u>12,924</u>	<u>7,936</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>12,924</u>	<u>7,936</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b><u>171,225</u></b>	<b><u>75,838</u></b>
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>			
Accumulated Funds at the beginning of the year		75,838	133,317
net Surplus/(Loss) for the period		95,387	- 57,479
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT YEAR END</b>		<b><u>171,225</u></b>	<b><u>75,838</u></b>



# National Landcare Awards

At the National Landcare Awards held at Parliament House in Canberra in June 2010 Queensland walked away with two national awards.

The first was the **National Australian Government NRM Region Award** won by **Desert Channels Queensland** and the second was the **Australian Government Local Landcare Facilitator/Coordinator**, awarded to **John Nicholas** of Charters Towers for the **Dalrymple Landcare Group**.

**Congratulations to both winners.**



# BOARD MEMBERS



*Esma Armstrong OAM*

CHAIR and SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND REPRESENTATIVE

Esma has been involved with Landcare across the SEQ region since 1990. Her efforts have been acknowledged with a Medal for the Order of Australia (OAM) for services to the community and the environment. Esma also has a passionate interest in local history and heritage.



*Ian Adcock*

DEPUTY CHAIR and NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN GULFS REPRESENTATIVE

Ian is a founding member of the Laura-Normanby Catchment group. He undertakes NHT projects and strategic planning in the region and is very passionate about landcare on the Cape.



*Warren Wilson*

TREASURER and CONDAMINE REPRESENTATIVE

Warren is a member of South Myall Landcare and also sits on the North Eastern Darling Downs Group, and the Condamine Catchment Management Association.



*Rhonda Alexander*

DESERT CHANNELS REPRESENTATIVE

Rhonda Alexander is a member of the Channel Landcare Group. Rhonda is keen to speak to people in her region with an interest in Landcare.



*Alan Travers*

SOUTH WEST REPRESENTATIVE

Alan is a grazier in the Cunnamulla District. He is also a Councillor for the Paroo Shire, and was the Founding Chair for the Beechal Creek Landcare Group. Alan is keen to use QWalC as a vehicle for NRM volunteers to get their message to government.



*Robyn Mapp*

FITZROY BASIN REPRESENTATIVE

Robyn is associated with the Callide Valley and Wowan Dululu Landcare Groups. As a member of Callide Valley Landcare Group since 1994, Robyn has been involved with the establishment and maintenance of the Callide Valley Landcare Nursery. Robyn's current regional involvement includes the Callide Valley Community Reference Panel for Groundwater, the Mine Liaison on groundwater issues, the Neighbourhood Catchments program for the Fitzroy Basin Association, the Biloela Basin Water Recharge Study and the Natural Sequence Farming Study Group.



*Joe Crawford*

FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND REPRESENTATIVE

Joe Crawford is a grazier from the Malanda District. He has been a member of the Malanda Landcare Group for many years and is currently the president. Joe is an ex-teacher and former Shire Councillor. He is now a breeder of Brahman x Euro cattle. Joe is also a member of the Eacham Shire Pest Advisory Committee and a local ambulance committee member.



*Sue Ferguson*

QUEENSLAND MURRAY DARLING REPRESENTATIVE

Sue Ferguson is a member of Dirranbandi Landcare Group, the Maranoa Balonne Catchment Management Association and the Waroo-Balonne Landcare Group. She is involved in Great Artesian Basin planning at state and federal levels. Her family also run a cattle and cropping property.

# State and National Linkages



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