



2012-2013

Annual Report



Queensland
Water and Land Carers

QWaLC

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CHAIRS REPORT

Esma Armstrong OAM



Looking back over the past nine years it is impossible not to be inspired by the success of Queensland Water and Land Carers and it's member organisations. We have come a long way since 2005. I pay tribute to the people committed to Landcare that surveyed the groups in Queensland in 2005 with a result that a 'voice' for Natural Resource Management volunteer groups was needed at a time when there were great changes to NRM arrangements. Queensland Water and Land Carers was formed with the assistance of the Queensland Government, to become the peak body for Landcare and NRM volunteer groups in Queensland.

Eleven Regional positions on the Board of Directors for QWaLC are elected. Board meeting are generally held quarterly in Brisbane and once a year in a Region. Teleconferences are held by the Executive bi-monthly. QWaLC has a membership of approx. 300 groups and also 100 Associate Members. This membership represents tens of thousands of volunteers across communities in Queensland and many millions of dollars in volunteer hours spent making a practical difference to the landscape.

QWaLC is represented on the Board of the National Landcare Network. The NLN has connections with Commonwealth and State Governments, Industries,

the Australian Landcare Council and Landcare Australia Limited. QWaLC recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Regional Groups Collective to establish a working relationship with Landcare groups in Queensland. This document is based on the Statement of Common Purpose developed between NLN and the Regional NRM Working group (National group for Regional Bodies).

I would like to thank QWaLC Patron, Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC, Governor of Queensland for her commitment and understanding of the Landcare movement and it's volunteer members.

Interest in the QWaLC Green Nomads project has been progressing steadily. A Green Nomad event with Desert Channels Regional Group was held at Muttaborra in May/June 2013. Thanks to the team of dedicated workers for the tremendous effort they put into this event.

Executive Officer Richard Murphy resigned in December 2012 to go to a position with Surf Life Saving Queensland. Darryl Ebenezer filled the position on a casual basis until June 2013. Darryl has now taken the position full time. The Board welcomes Darryl to the Executive Officer Position. The QWaLC Board and members acknowledge the time and effort Richard committed to QWaLC. Thanks Richard.

The Board is committed to supporting the Executive Officer and staff to achieve outcomes identified in the Strategic direction document that is reviewed by the Board regularly. As an organisation we strive to deliver

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EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

a service of excellence to the volunteer NRM groups and the communities they serve. Board members are committed to representing their region.

The past few years with disastrous cyclones and flooding, after years of drought has strengthened the need for volunteers. The commitment, perseverance and dedication of landcare/NRM volunteers are not always rewarded enough by the limited financial assistance available to them for the hours of voluntary labour and leadership instilled in their respective communities. Thanks to all the NRM volunteers who assisted through those difficult times and continue to volunteer.

A special mention of Gordon French AM Past Chair of Regional Groups Collective and Past Chair of SEQ Catchments Regional Group. The support for QWaLC from Gordon was greatly valued and appreciated.

This is my last term as the SE Queensland representative and Chair on the QWaLC Board of

Directors. As an Inaugural member and Inaugural Chair of QWaLC I pay tribute to members who are also serving their last term on the Board. Sue Ferguson QMDC Representative an Inaugural member and Past Treasurer, Ian Adcock STH/NTH Gulf representative an Inaugural member and past Vice President, Alan Travers SW Queensland representative and an Inaugural member. Thanks to the staff of Queensland Water and Land Carers past and present Executive Officers, Office Staff, Board of Directors, QWaLC members and NRM volunteers for their support. I also acknowledge the past board members of QWaLC who served their Regions respectively. A sincere welcome to new Board members.

I acknowledge the Queensland Government for its vital support in assisting QWaLC to continue to provide services to Natural Resource Management volunteers including advocacy, administration of Insurance, representation, networking and promotion. Thank you for your invaluable support.

Darryl Ebenezer

Since the last report to members we have seen some changes in the organisation. In February, Richard Murphy took up a position with Surf Lifesaving Queensland. I have continued to work towards the goals the board established and the last twelve months has seen the continued growth of QWaLC's role in representing its members.



Our five key roles include: Advocacy, Representation, Networking, Promotion and Insurance. Below are some of the activities QWaLC has undertaken:

Members' Survey: In November 2012 a member's survey was conducted, to which 170 members responded. Some statistics of interest include:

- 56% of Groups have 11-50 volunteers; 18% have over 51 volunteers.
- 62% of Groups have no employed (paid) staff; 30% have between 1-5 paid staff;
- 52% of Groups did not have a manual or written procedures concerning Work, Health & Safety;
- Groups primary areas of activity are:
 - » 26% Weeding and Tree Planting
 - » 17% Workshops
 - » 15% Water Health Monitoring and Conservation
 - » 15% Wildlife Conservation
 - » 12% Sustainable Agriculture and Farming
 - » 7% Dune and Coastal Care
 - » 8% Other
- In descending order of percentages, the major sources of funding for Groups are: Self Generated (25%); Federal Government (24%); Local Government (16%); Regional Bodies (15%) and State Government (14%).

- Groups identified the following areas needing additional resources:
 - » How to attract and retain new volunteers (31%);
 - » Work, Health & Safety Requirements (21%)
 - » Effective Communication with groups (17%)
 - » Human Resource Management (13%)
 - » Governance (12%)

As base-line data this information has been invaluable. This information has been used to advance the goals of QWaLCs members. Another survey will be undertaken in October 2013, and this will build on information gathered. Please take the time to respond to the next survey, as this is an important tool and method to capture a range of knowledge about the work of NRM volunteers around the state.

We have continued to build constructive relationships and partnerships with other groups and organisations, including: Conservation Volunteers Australia, Greening Australia, NRM Regional Bodies and the Regional Groups Collective, Keep Queensland Beautiful, Yarramine Environmental, Landcare Australia Ltd and the National Landcare Network.

The support and ongoing funding provided by the Queensland Government through the Department of Natural Resources and Mines is especially acknowledged. This support is essential in allowing Natural Resource Management Volunteers and Groups to make a difference in their communities.

QWaLC is working closely with the Condamine Headwaters Landcare Group as it hosts the 2013 Qld State Landcare Conference in Warwick in September. An organizing committee was formed in October, 2011. QWaLC provided seed funding of \$20,000 to assist the Committee in securing venues, speakers, hospitality services, sponsorship and marketing/communications. These funds are then returned after the event and used to assist the next organizing group to hold the biannual State conference.

REGIONAL REPORTS

The Queensland State Landcare Awards will be held in conjunction with the State Conference in September 2013. This is a positive step in ensuring the work of NRM volunteers is celebrated and recognized by peers, industry and government. Nominations for the State Awards were advertised in early 2013, and on the back of Queensland dominating the 2012 National Landcare Awards with four categories won by Queensland groups (despite 2011 being a year of natural disasters). QWaLC will be working hard to ensure an increased level of participation in 2013 and we are looking forward to recognizing the nominees and winners.

Over the last twelve months QWaLC staff and various board members have represented members and the volunteer NRM sector:

- Queensland Coastal Conference Committee
- National Landcare Awards Network with other states
- Discussion Group about the delivery of future national natural resource management programs
- Caring for our Country Stakeholder meetings
- The State Governments Everyone's Environment Grants Assessment panel
- National Landcare Network (including being on the Executive Committee)
- Green Nomads Initiative, including the Green Nomads website www.greennomads.com.au. The website includes details on how to become a Green Nomad and how to post an event to attract Green Nomad volunteers
- Great Artisan Basin Council
- Landcare Australia Ltd Advisory Council
- Country Women's Association
- Far North Queensland Pest Advisory Committee
- Cape York Weeds and Feral Animals Committee

We also updated our website to ensure it is a useful resource. It currently contains:

- » news articles,
- » resources such as files, downloads, emails, website links
- » photos
- » web pages 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

In 2012, two (2) insurance brokers were engaged to provide quotes on:

- 1) Public Liability;
- 2) Volunteer Accident; and
- 3) Association.

AON was successful in its tender. There were no claims in 2011/12, contributing to only a moderate increase (4.4%) in premiums. One claim in 2012 / 2013 has been lodged.

Starting in July 2013 quotes will once again be sought from brokers to ensure affordable coverage continues over the years 2013/14.

The executive officer of QWaLC is a member of the National Landcare Networks sub committee on Insurance for Volunteer Natural Resource Management groups.

We have commenced planning for the QWaLC board elections to be held in 2013.

I would like to thank the current board members for their contributions over the year. A special thanks to Anna Mirams for providing a welcoming voice to the many people who ring and email the office.

I look forward to meeting many more members over the coming year, especially as we move into 2014, a celebration of the 25th Year of the Landcare movement.

CONDAMINE REGION

Owena Reimers

During the past year I have attended meetings of Darling Downs Regional Landcare (DDRL), Condamine Catchment Management Association (CCMA) and Condamine Alliance (CA)



Darling Downs Regional Landcare (DDRL) consists of the seven landcare areas in the Condamine Region.

1. Chinchilla Landcare Group – No subgroups. The group do most of their activities themselves and have a consultant who helps them when needed.
2. Brigalow Jimbour Floodplain Landcare Group – 6 sub-groups. The group employs a part time coordinator.
3. North East Downs Landcare Group – 16 subgroups. The group maintain an office in Oakey with an employed part time coordinator.
4. Toowoomba Landcare Group – 12 subgroups. They maintain an office in the regional body's office and employ a part time coordinator.
5. Central Downs Environment Council (in recession) – 4 subgroups. One of the sub groups maintains an office in Cambooya.
6. Condamine Headwaters Landcare Group – 4 subgroups. They maintain an office in Warwick and employ a full time coordinator.
7. Millmerran Landcare Group-1 subgroup. They have an office in Millmerran and employ a part time coordinator.

Robyn Mapp is the current landcare director on the board of Condamine Alliance the regional body for the Condamine. Graham Cooke is the current original member for Landcare.

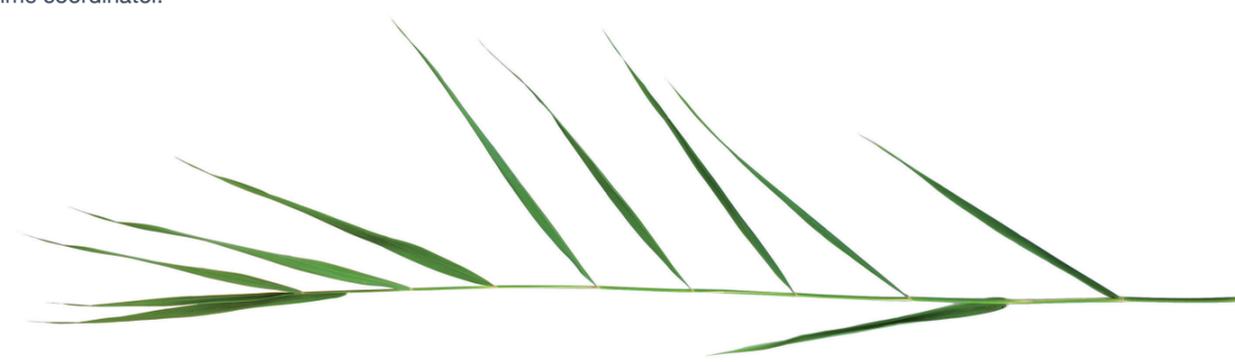
All the groups and the subgroups in the region are still active. Some groups are social groups as they do not have the capacity to access funding for projects.

Condamine Catchment Management Association (CCMA) – They have a director on the board of Condamine Alliance. Their current original member is Nigel Kimble.

Toowoomba and Regional Environmental Council (TREC) – The group has a director on the board of CA. The current original member is John Ambruster.

Condamine Balonne Water Committee (CBWC) – The group has a director on the board of CA. and he also the original member CBWC have an office in Dalby members regularly conduct water monitor from Killarney to Dirranbandi.

Condamine Alliance (CA) – I am the CCMA Director on the board. I actively encourage them to have interaction with the Natural Resource Management Community and the General Community. I regularly update them on QWaLC's role in the region and any NRM issues in the region.



QUEENSLAND MURRAY-DARLING REGION

Sue Ferguson

After the devastating floods earlier this year, Landcare groups in the Queensland Murray Darling Region rallied around the community and offered support wherever needed. Community members were affected by the time it has taken people to recover from the floods, both mentally and with infrastructure. There was also been a concerted effort to bait for wild dogs because of the number that have been seen and consequently caught. So few properties now have sheep for obvious reasons and the dogs have infiltrated what was once sheep country and free of dogs. Carbon Farming information did a roadshow in August and September in this area and should inform people how it operates. Carp buster events have been held in most of the major rivers in the Queensland Murray Darling during the year and apart from bringing awareness about the European Carp people also have fun on these organised fishing days. It has been estimated that 80% of fish biomass in the Queensland Murray Darling are European Carp. Not only do they eat the eggs of native fish, but they also muddy the water and erode the banks of the rivers and streams. It was wonderful to meet so many people at the 2012 Queensland State Landcare Conference and talk with them about QWaLC and its members groups.



SEQ REGION

Esma Armstrong OAM

South East Queensland groups continue with their many and varied projects and activities. NRM volunteers working on coastal and inland projects in rural, peri-urban areas have made a significant difference to specific areas in the heavily populated SEQ with biodiversity and sustainable agriculture projects.



Working with SEQcatchments Members Association which was formed to bring people together from all sectors of the community to a common purpose – ‘a sustainable future for our community’. SEQCMA is a member of QWaLC and members feedback from each sector is valued and a convenient avenue for consultation. It gives groups an opportunity to have input to identify priority areas and where funding may go in the future.

Community groups in SEQ assist in many ways to provide the volunteerism that is needed to make it happen. Special events are held in sub-regions to inform landholders of small and large areas of property management planning for protecting of land and waterways.

Once again it has been a year where there has been much to be thankful for. This is my last report as SEQ Representative. I take this opportunity of thanking groups for the support I have received and extend to my successor and all QWaLC Board members best wishes for the future

SOUTH WEST REGION

Alan Travers

Whilst there haven't been any significant projects to report in the South West, the committee continues to fly the flag for Landcare groups in the region.

Present drought conditions and the collapse of the cattle market continue to put pressure on individuals to allocate time and resources to any significant projects at this stage.



It should be noted however that if it wasn't for the South West NRM as the regional body, then local Landcare groups would find it more difficult to survive with funding cuts and in turn less people on staff to assist.

Successful minor projects in the region have included:

- Community tree planting project in Charleville administered by the local Landcare group to foster a love of nature and creating positive environmental change.
- Coordinated spraying activity to effectively support Weed control and prevention on the Warrego River.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally acknowledge that this is my final year with QWaLC. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working with all involved and wish you every success for the future.

DESERT CHANNELS REGION

Rhonda Alexander

The Desert Channels Region is very dry and with the low prices being paid for sale stock, graziers in the region are having a hard time. The Upper Thomson Landcare Group and QWaLC/Green Nomads completed a large project for woody weed eradication over four properties this year. Other projects have been started or completed in the region. A new project to collect seeds from the rare Waddie Tree (*Acacia peuce*) near Boulia will be started soon.



I have been able to get out for the start of the Upper Thomson project and also did a trip through the northern section of the region. With the help of the Regional Landcare Facilitator, and phone calls, I was able to keep abreast of what was happening in the area. There have been other projects happening in the region as well.

John Fisher from the Upper Thomson Landcare Group was nominated for the individual Landcare Award, and has reached the finals. Congratulations John.

Hopefully the region will receive good rain in the next few months. I am also looking forward to a trip out soon and I would like to hear from people in the region if you have thoughts about your area.



NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN GULF REGIONS

Ian Adcock

This report brings me to the end of my 9-year term as a Director on the Board of QWaLC, representing the Northern & Southern Gulf Regions volunteers.

My time on the Board has been a memorable one. I have learnt a heck of a lot about how our landcare bodies struggle along with minimum of funds to support the environment. The majority of on ground workers are volunteers and unfortunately we are all getting older. The movement needs an injection of youth to keep up the good work that is being done.

The Northern Gulf has been very supportive of the landcare groups in their Region. Mitchell River received funding to complete a review of their Strategic Plan, Business Plan and Operational Plan. Northern Gulf supply an office free of charge and all the technical stuff that goes with it.

Mitchell River are now holding public meetings out in the catchment, bringing the members out there face to face with the Executive bringing forward issues like, weeds, feral animals, mining problems, soil erosion and water concerns.

I would hope that with some additional resources we could separate the QWaLC representation in the two Regional Body areas and have an additional Director. Distance prevents any one on one contact; also the two Regions have vastly different land problems.

Ending this report I will say to the new Directors enjoy your tenure on the Board, by working together it will build a strong team.



CAPE YORK REGION

John Giese

Cape York is going fairly well. A change of State Government with an easing of the Vegetation Management Act and the Wild River's legislation, has given the farmers on Cape York some hope.

With the new Queensland government talking about doubling farming, fishing and timber production by 2040, Cape Yorkers now think they may have a future.

For example, the small town of Lakeland Downs is seeing a boom in the banana production. This little town next year, will need a work force of 400 people a day, due to the biggest banana grower in the world, Dole, (head office in USA), and two of Australia's biggest producers, Mackay Brothers (Tully) and Swill Farms, (Lakeland Downs).

The road network throughout Cape York has never been better and talking to the Main Road's people, things are really looking up.

Cape York is the last frontier. At long last it would appear that the SE corner is looking our way for the future development of Queensland. We have the land, the water, the mining and half the Queensland coast for fishing, in Cape York.

I do believe at long last we are going ahead.



MACKAY/WHITSUNDAY AND BURDEKIN REGION

Margaret Lane

2012/13 was my first year as a representative of Burdekin Dry Tropics and Mackay/Whitsunday, joining the Board in August 2012. At the Annual General meeting in December I was elected Treasurer, giving me more work to do! The region had not been represented for some time, so there was some catching up to do.

As Chair of Pioneer Catchment & Landcare Group I am actively involved in Landcare in the Mackay/Whitsunday and know the region well. Through the Central Qld Coast Landcare network I am frequently in contact with the other two catchment/Landcare groups in this region. We welcomed a visit from Darryl Ebenezer in April, at a time when we were entering discussing with our regional group about future arrangements. For this region, the changes that have resulted from new government policies have been profound, and are giving us a big challenge for the future.

I have not had as close contact with groups in the Burdekin, and I look forward to QWaLC having a greater presence in that region in the future. I have made telephone and email contact with various groups and the Landcare Facilitator and look forward to meeting them at the 2013 Qld Landcare Conference in Warwick.

It has been interesting to learn how the more well established incorporated groups are 'auspicing' smaller groups in order to support volunteers in their contribution to landcare. This has led to some discussion within QWaLC Board in order to clarify such arrangements.

It was pleasing to welcome three new members, two from Mackay/Whitsunday and one from Burdekin.

I was active in promoting the 2013 Landcare Awards; there will be a number of nominations from my region. This is an indicator of the landcare activity in this part of Queensland – strong, committed and getting on with community capacity building and on-ground works.



FITZROY BASIN REGION

Helen Dunne

I was only able to be on board for six months of the 2012/2013 year. As I reported previously, the Fitzroy as a large agricultural region continues to be increasingly impacted by the growth of coal mining and the coal seam gas industries. Increasing infrastructure development around Gladstone and the Fitzroy River delta area has placed new and increased pressures on the natural resources of the region. Dredging and an incredible amount of development on Curtis and Long Island are creating issues for the marine and natural environment. In my short time I was able to promote the benefits that QWaLC could provide to volunteer NRM groups in my region.



FINANCIALS

BURNETT-MARY REGION

Maree Prior

Landcare has gone from strength to strength in the Burnett-Mary this year.

The Mary River has seen the establishment of 3 new groups providing on-going stewardship since the 'No Dam' triumph:

Save the Mary Association Inc.
Greater Mary Association Inc.
Conondale Range Committee Inc.

Another newly established group, Growing the Burnett Inc. aims to initiate a regional food network while managing the existing assets of the natural environment.

Congratulations go to established groups South East Burnett Landcare and Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee who both continue to raise community awareness and provide opportunities for stakeholders to learn about country, be involved in onground works and information sharing events.

On the coast, groups are active monitoring turtles, seagrass, mangroves, saltmarsh and coastal erosion, as well as implementing many weed and wetlands projects.

The Cooloola Coast and Fraser Island groups have been particularly busy this year with weed removal and rehabilitation projects.

I have had the opportunity to work more closely with the Regional Body, Burnett-Mary Regional Group (BMRG) and the Landcare Facilitator Steering Group during this year and this will continue.

In the few years that I have been the Burnett-Mary representative on the QWaLC board, I am pleased to report ongoing bipartisan support from all levels of government and a good working relationship with BMRG. This can only translate to effective communication and improved water and land management between landcarers and landowners.



QUEENSLAND WATER AND LAND CARERS INC

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee members submit the financial report of Queensland Water & Land Carers Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2013.

Committee Members

The names of the committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are

Esma Armstrong	Sue Ferguson
Ian Adcock	John Giese
Rhondda Alexander	Helen Dunne
Owena Reimers	Margaret Lane
Maree Prior	Rhonda Sorensen
Alan Travers	
David Thompson	

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were to act as the peak body for the volunteer NRM groups (Landcare, Coastcare etc) in Queensland and to represent and advocate for these groups.

Significant Changes

No significant change in nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The profit for the year amount to \$74,255 (2012 year loss \$167,186).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.

E. Armstrong

Esma Armstrong, Chairperson

Margaret Lane

Margaret Lane, Treasurer

Dated this *20th* day of *SEPTEMBER* 2013

QUEENSLAND WATER AND LAND CARERS INC.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
INCOME			
Grants		354,000	370,500
Grants - "Australian Government's GVESH0 Program"		5,000	
Interest		4,759	5,776
Project Funding - Upper Thompson Green Nomads		54,545	-
Green Nomads Membership		114	-
ATO Penalties Remitted		-	660
		<u>418,418</u>	<u>376,936</u>
EXPENSES			
Awards & Photography		-	2,524
Audit Fees		2,080	2,000
Bank Charges		219	249
Bookkeeping		320	-
Computer Repairs & Maintenance (incl. Web Hosting)		4,499	2,116
Conference Registrations & Sponsorship		4,171	13,398
Consultancy Fees		24,982	29,367
Donations		100	-
Depreciation Expense		8,656	6,665
Dues & Subscriptions		117	1,321
Insurance		48,368	24,559
Legal fees		-	950
Licence Fees		58	207
Loss on N.A.R.L.A Conference		-	22,000
Loss on 2012 State Landcare Conference		-	153,320
Meeting Expenses		110	3,283
Parking & Tolls		417	412
Promotion & Marketing		16,484	12,126
Provision for Annual Leave		2,916	4,407
Rent		19,119	23,020
Staff Training & Amenities		-	1,418
Stationery, Postage & Printing		6,910	27,804
Sundry expenses		1,034	177
Superannuation		8,154	10,374
Telephone & Internet		5,369	4,321
Travel		39,047	68,025
Project Expenses - Upper Thompson Green Nomads		31,894	-
Wages & Salaries		124,352	129,231
Workers' Compensation		619	848
		<u>344,163</u>	<u>544,122</u>
Net Surplus / (Deficit)		<u>74,255</u>	<u>- 167,186</u>

QUEENSLAND WATER AND LAND CARERS INC.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES STATEMENT
AS AT 30 JUNE 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash		16,389	74,312
Rental Bond Held		7,800	7,800
GST Receivable		2,857	2,502
Loan Receivable - V Webb	2	1,523	1,523
Penalties Remitted - Australian Taxation Office		0	1,100
Prepaid Insurance	3	0	16,672
Conference Float		20,000	0
Total Current Assets		<u>48,569</u>	<u>103,909</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Computers at Cost		10,972	10,972
Less Accumulated Depreciation		-10,507	-9,799
		<u>465</u>	<u>1,173</u>
Website at Cost		30,014	22,994
Less Accumulated Depreciation		-14,572	-7,068
		<u>15,442</u>	<u>15,926</u>
Furniture & Fixtures at Cost		4,222	4,222
Less Accumulated Depreciation		-2,253	-1,809
		<u>1,969</u>	<u>2,413</u>
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>17,876</u>	<u>19,512</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>66,445</u>	<u>123,421</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accrued Expenses		0	8,000
Heritage Visa Card		1,641	3,293
PAYG Withholding Payable		1,100	1,912
Provision for Annual Leave		1,491	4,407
Conference Expenses Owing to Arinex		0	114,417
Superannuation Payable		1,828	5,262
		<u>6,060</u>	<u>137,291</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>6,060</u>	<u>137,291</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>60,385</u>	<u>-13,870</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Accumulated Funds at the beginning of the year		-13,870	153,316
Net Surplus/(Loss) for the period		74,255	-167,186
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT YEAR END		<u>60,385</u>	<u>-13,870</u>

QUEENSLAND WATER AND LAND CARERS INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Queensland. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

a. **Income Tax**

The Association has self assessed and understands that it is tax exempt.

b. **Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)**

Depreciation on the website has been calculated on the straight line basis over the asset's expected useful life. The furniture and fittings and computers are depreciated between 10 -66.67% using diminishing value method.

c. **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand and deposits held at call with banks.

d. **Revenue and Other Income**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. Revenue is recorded on receipt or banking, whichever occurs first.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

e. **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included in the statement of financial position.

f. **Employee Benefits**

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Note 2: Loan Receivable - V Webb

Queensland Water and Land Carers paid \$1,523.10 via BPAY to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) on 7 September 2010. These monies were not credited to the Client's Integrated Client Account. The ATO was notified of the missing funds during the 2011 and 2012 year audits. The ATO advised that the payment was credited to Vickie Webbs' personal income tax account. Vickie was contacted during last year's audit and agreed to repay the money.

Note 3: Prepayments

There is no prepaid insurance recorded at year end as the insurance premium is being paid in monthly instalments during the 2013 year.

QUEENSLAND WATER AND LAND CARERS INC

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with a resolution of the committee of Queensland Water and Land Carers Inc, the members of the committee declare that the financial statements as set out on pages 2 to 4:

- 1 present a true and fair view of the financial position of Queensland Water and Land Carers Inc as at 30 June 2013 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act; and,
- 2 at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Queensland Water and Landcarers Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

Chairperson.....*E. Armstrong*.....
ESMA ARMSTRONG

Treasurer.....*Margaret Lane*.....
MARGARET LANE

Dated this.....*20th*.....day of.....*SEPTEMBER*.....2013

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF QUEENSLAND WATER AND LAND CARERS INC

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Queensland Water and Land Carers Inc (the association), which comprises the committee's report, the assets and liabilities statement as at 30 June 2013, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of Queensland Water and Land Carers Inc is responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Qld) 1981 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those 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 risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, 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 association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

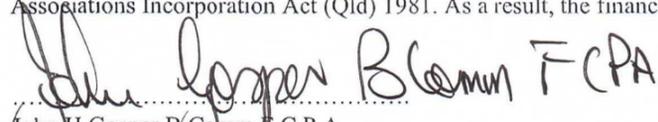
We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Queensland Water and Land Carers Inc as at 30 June 2013 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the Associations Incorporation Act (Qld) 1981.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Queensland Water and Land Carers Club Inc to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Qld) 1981. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.



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