



2011-2012

Annual Report

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EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT 2012

RICHARD MURPHY



Having commenced the task of Executive Officer for Queensland Water and Land Carers (QWaLC) in September 2011, I continue to be inspired by the people and the work carried out by water and land carers throughout Qld.

In my first week I attended the 2011 Qld State Landcare Conference in Ayr, hosted by the Lower Burdekin Landcare Group. Congratulations must go to the organising committee of this event and the many volunteers who made the conference enormously successful. The 2011 State Landcare Awards, held at Government House in September 2011 was another chance to recognise landcarers individually. As patron of Qld Water and Land Carers, Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC, Governor of Qld, presented awards to the finalists, ten of whom went on to the 2012 National Landcare Awards. I am delighted to report that Qld performed very well at the national level, with four out of twelve awards going to Qld. This is a fantastic result and a great morale boost in light of the ongoing cleanup up from the many natural disasters experienced by Queenslanders recently. The 2013 Qld State Landcare Conference and Awards will be held in September 2013.

As the Executive Officer for Qld Water and Land Carers, I am happy to report on the following list of activities/achievements occurring throughout 2012:

Insurance and Workplace Health & Safety

From January 1 2012, Qld Workplace Health & Safety (WHS) laws were nationally harmonised to ensure all workers and volunteers in Australia have the same standard of health and safety protection. Initially,

there were concerns about the impact this would have on volunteer groups, which was amplified by a lack of information available to groups. QWaLC has addressed the changes in WHS laws with all relevant information available at www.qwalc.org.au. I had the opportunity to attend a number of discussion groups to assist first hand with the many queries about WHS. QWaLC will continue to ensure that landcare groups are taking the necessary steps in managing risk. An important component to this process has been the dissemination of information to our groups regarding the insurance policies they are covered by. I encourage you to read through the insurance summary, which presents the detail in a simplified format, located at www.qwalc.org.au, and to refresh your understanding on the policy content and its application to your group. Qld Water and Land Carers will continue to seek information from and for its membership to ensure maximum protection for volunteers. Additionally, QWaLC will advocate at a national level to ensure that WHS laws do not become too onerous on volunteer organisations.

QWaLC WEBSITE

The new QWaLC website went live in 2012. Information available to members includes upcoming events, FAQ's about insurance and WHS, information about state and national Landcare and information about QWaLC. We will be working hard to keep this updated with practical resources. Further information will be available in 2012/13 with emphasis placed on helping groups attract volunteers and funding, governance, insurance and WHS.

GREEN NOMADS

Green Nomads is a casual volunteering program designed to connect the travelling public to local landcare groups. The Green Nomads program has been developed to offer a practical solution to landcarers by attracting new volunteers and increasing

awareness in the community. The program generates enormous interest from local media and groups wanting to register their activities, with membership pick up being slower. However, I believe it is important that we continue to work strategically and assist to increase participation in landcare activities.

I was delighted to assist the Upper Thomson Landcare Group to attract Commonwealth funding in a weed reduction project to be carried out by several landholders. A core component of the project is maintenance work assisted by Green Nomads travelling through the Muttaborra region in autumn 2013. This is a wonderful pilot project and may provide a helpful model to Qld groups to attract on-ground funding. Stay in touch at www.greennomads.com.au.

MEETING AND TRAVEL

An important aspect of my role is networking with the overall Natural Resource Management sector. I carried out a road trip in the Burnett-Mary region with Maree Prior, the QWaLC Board member for that region. The purpose of the trip was to learn of the challenges facing landcarers first hand. The energy and passion of the people I met was awe inspiring, with extremely positive feedback from the eleven groups we visited. I hope to repeat this in other regions in 2012/13.

The QWaLC Board met in Cairns in February 2012, and invited members to dinner in the evening. The response was great however wild weather conditions prevented a number of our members attending. Those that were able to provide insight into the landcare and conservation projects occurring in the region.

WORKING WITH THE REGIONAL GROUPS COLLECTIVE

In 2012, Qld Water and Land Carers worked with the Regional Groups Collective (RGC) and Landcare Qld to discuss ways Regional Groups can better deliver to landcare groups. Information was received from over 60 groups through a survey. The discussion, to date, has been constructive and I am hopeful that more details regarding the outcomes will be available in 2012/13.

NATIONAL LANDCARE NETWORK

QWaLC continued its membership on the National Landcare Network (NLN), a national advocacy body for community landcare. The network raises the profile of grassroots landcare and improves communications with Landcare Australia Ltd., the Australian Landcare Council and the National Landcare Facilitator, Brett de Hayr.

In 2011/12, through the NLN QWaLC has contributed to;

- 1) The development of 'The Statement of Common Purpose' between the Regions NRM Working Group and the NLN. This aims to foster effective working partnerships between Landcare and Regional Bodies at national, regional and local levels
- 2) The release of the National Landcare Framework – A Call for Action, which acts as a guide to stakeholders and prospective partners as to how they can engage with Landcare and support landcare into the future
- 3) The development of a Business Plan for the NLN
- 4) A draft National Landcare Program; and
- 5) The review of the Caring for Our Country program for the new cycle of funding

To cap off on a busy year, Qld Water and Land Carers and Landcare Qld worked together to host the 2012 Qld State Landcare Conference in Brisbane in June. Opened by Ms Penelope Wensley AC, the three day conference received good coverage by ABC Local Radio, Qld Country Life and other media outlets. Furthermore, the program provided an impressive line up of speakers, field trips and workshops. Delegates were able to return home with positive experiences, practical knowledge and continued professional development. QWaLC will continue to ensure that landcare groups are receiving the necessary support and encouragement in addressing key local issues, with the knowledge that many other people share their passion.

With Landcare celebrating 22 years in Queensland, it is an honour to serve in this position. My thanks to the Board of Qld Water and Land Carers and in particular to our Chair, Esma Armstrong OAM, for the support she has provided. I am confident the next 12 months will be even more productive, as QWaLC continues to represent and support the landcare sector in Queensland.

CHAIRS REPORT AND SEQ REGIONAL REPORT

Esma Armstrong OAM

The past year has been very eventful for Queensland Water and Land Carers (QWaLC) and its members. With the changes in government, conferences and awards, natural disasters and the exciting challenges of everyday life we have all been kept busy. The support and assistance given to the band of volunteers and landholders by QWaLC, SEQ Catchments, Regional Councils and other institutions after the devastating damage caused by the floods in 2011 has brought communities together for the betterment of social, environmental, cultural and economic outcomes.



The future of Landcare around the country has been discussed at all levels. It is an important role of QWaLC to ensure that Ministers and their departments are informed on Landcare and what it means to communities. There are interesting times ahead with Federal, State and Local Governments and the value placed on not-for-profit and volunteer groups. As the peak body for Qld, QWaLC sits on the National Landcare Network (NLN) board. The NLN is working closely with the Federal Government, meeting with the appropriate Ministers and staff to have valuable input into major documents that will impact Landcare and other volunteer NRM groups. In the SEQ Region, Landcare, Coastcare, Bushcare, Waterwatch and other not-for profit NRM groups are well represented on the SEQ Catchments Members Association board.

The Qld State Landcare Conference was held in Ayr in September 2011. A valuable insight into rural initiatives and diversification from canelands provided an interesting observation on the future of agriculture. Congratulations to the organising committee on a great conference and the fantastic networking opportunities. The 2011 Qld Coastal Conference held in Cairns was a successful after Cyclone Yassi prevented the conference being held in Cardwell. The 2012 Qld State Landcare Conference was held in Brisbane in June 2012, hosted by Queensland Water and Land Carers and Landcare Qld. The success of the conference was seen by the quality of the presenters and the attendance of volunteer

groups, businesses and regional groups throughout Qld. Ms. Penelope Wensley AC, Governor of Qld opened the conference with a very inspiring speech encouraging us to continue to care for the land for future generations. Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection, Andrew Powell launched the Everyone's Environment Grant and spoke of the good work done by not-for-profit volunteers. The Junior Landcare program added a special attraction to the younger generation.

Queensland did exceedingly well at the 2012 National Landcare Awards, coming home with four winners and high commendations for projects across the state. SEQ Catchments was awarded the Australian Government NRM Award. Susie Chapman, from the Sunshine Coast won the Australian Government Local Landcare Facilitator Award. From the Burnett-Mary region, Bunya Mountains Murri Ranger and Elders Council was presented with the Leighton Holdings Indigenous Award and Running Creek Feed Test Station, took home the Australian Government Innovation in Sustainable Farm Practices Award. The Qld State Landcare Conference and State Landcare Awards are extremely important events in acknowledging the great work that occurs in landcare and the amazing people who drive local projects. It is imperative landcare conferences continue to deliver on training and capacity building in governance, safety and other issues. The changes to Insurance and WHS have been a major concern to groups over the last 12 months and QWaLC has been address those concerns by simplifying the content specific to the needs of volunteers. The website has been a useful tool in posting frequently asked questions from landcarers. I encourage you to take a look at QWaLC website.

I would like to thank our Executive Officer Richard Murphy and Community Relations Manager, Anna Mirams for their hard work over the last year, the QWaLC Board for their continued dedication and support. I would like to recognise Gordon French, former Chair of SEQ Catchments, for his support to QWaLC and Stephen Robertson, former Minister, for his time and dedication to Green Nomads. Lastly, I would like to extend a big thank you to the landcare 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 needed to protect our environment and lifestyle.

REGIONAL REPORTS

CONDAMINE REGIONAL REPORT

Owena Reimers

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. The majority of groups continue to draw on funds accumulated over the years, some funding from grants or projects that they are fortunate enough receive and project work from other sources.



This year we were fortunate to have Richard come to the Condamine region to talk to a number of our groups about insurance changes.

Landcare groups in the Condamine Region are still asking for State and Federal Government support for coordinators. They are also questioning why Regional Bodies aren't supporting landcare when the State Government says it is giving money to the regional bodies to do this.

During the past year I have attended meetings of Darling Downs Regional Landcare, Condamine Catchment Management Association and Condamine Alliance. In 2013 the QLD State Landcare Conference will be held in Warwick. The conference will be hosted by Condamine Headwaters Landcare Group. We are looking forward to holding the conference in our region. Darling Downs Regional Landcare Groups and Condamine Catchment Management Association are happy to support Condamine Headwaters Landcare Group in any way they can to make this an outstanding conference.

In my various roles I attend meetings and answer to the best of my ability any questions about insurance and the Green Nomads. I distribute any written or verbal information that I have regarding Qld Water and Land Carers.

QUEENSLAND MURRAY-DARLING REGION

Sue Ferguson

This year has been quite a busy one in the area and Flood Recovery has been the most all encompassing project, with the rivers in most of the southern part of the state flooding for the third time in the last three years. There was a large team of people organised by the Qld Murray-Darling Committee on the go, mending fences, and generally cleaning up for many months. Qld Murray-Darling Committee has also been working with Regional Councils to send out copies of the book "Weeds of Southern Queensland". They have also run a series of Weed and Chemical Workshops during the last few months.



Carp Busters have once again been held during the year in the towns of Goondiwindi, Mungindi, Dirranbandi, Bollon, St. George and Surat. These days have been major successes. The events bring awareness to the community of the damage European Carp do to our rivers and streams, by eroding the banks and eating the eggs of the native fish and muddying the water. They have also become a source of fun with prizes for the numerous events held over the weekend.

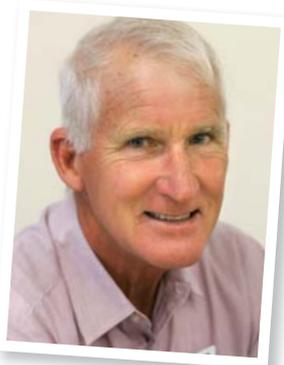
Wild dog baiting has also been high on the agenda for many parts of the south western area of the Murray-Darling region. A number of dogs have been seen in places that until now were thought to be dog free.

It has been heartening to know that Landcare Groups as a whole have been striving to work as a team, providing some unity and interaction as a region.

SOUTH WEST REGION

Alan Travers

The south west is a unique part of Qld, with drought and floods sculpting our unique landscape. In our region, landcare works in strong partnership with the regional body, South West NRM, in addressing some of the challenges that community landcare confronts mainly in governance, distance, time and costs.



The landcare model that the South West operates under is a little different to other regions. The support provided by South West NRM and the Regional Landcare Facilitator enables groups within the region to maintain their identities and carry out local projects. It is still my hope that via these solid partnerships stronger, independent landcare entities will result, enabling membership with Qld Water and Land Carers (QWaLC).

The aim and scale of these landcare projects are diverse. It is testament to the landholders and communities across the south west to be able to come together in times of good and bad to learn more about the environment and landcare work.

I wish to extend my thanks to our landcare volunteers and to the various coordinators throughout the south west in keeping landcare alive and well in this region.

DESERT CHANNELS REGION

Rhondda Alexander

This year has been a busy year for Qld Water and Land Carers and for the Desert Channels Region. I have been able to get out to the northern section of the region and speak with some of the graziers and local government representatives. I covered the area from Camooweal, Tobermory Station through to Boulia and Winton.



Although there is a large body of feed, some of the older graziers are tipping that we will be heading towards another dry spell. Gidyea poisoning has already started in the northern corner west of the Georgina River. Staffing remains a problem for graziers and businesses in the region.

This year the Upper Thomson Catchment Landcare Group was successful in securing funding through Caring for Our Country for a weed reduction project in conjunction with several landholders and the Green Nomads initiative. The success of this project may have important ramifications for other landcare groups in Qld. One of the main concerns for landcare groups in the Desert Channels region is attracting new volunteers and new funding. If the weed reduction pilot project is successful, the Green Nomads program may provide a practical means of dealing with some of these challenges.

I will be travelling out to the Best Practice Field Day in Muttaborra on the 28th September with Richard Murphy, QWaLC's Executive Officer. We will be meeting with the Muttaborra Community Development Association, Regional Council and Desert Channels Regional Groups in arranging volunteer activities and community events for April-June, 2013. I look forward to reporting back you this time next year.



NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN GULF REGIONS

Ian Adcock

The landcare groups throughout the Northern and Southern Gulf regions continue to carry out extensive activities in their local areas.

Supported by the Northern Gulf Resource Management Group and Cape York NRM, the Mitchell River Watershed Management Group is in the process of updating its Management and Business Plans. Discussion groups and workshops in the far reaches of the Watershed have been set up to bring together a raft of stakeholders including graziers, farmers from the irrigation area, horticulturalists, agriculture experts and other industry members to collaboratively plan for the future and work together in solid partnerships.

The major challenges that face landcarers in the gulf are distance, time and costs. Like in a lot of regions, mining has become an issue, for the Gulf the major concern is the upper Walsh River. Leakage from a Tailings Dam into the Watsonville water supply has provided some concern within the community. Our local landcare group has arranged to meet with the local member and Councillor to put forward our case for funding to assist in a clean up operation.

Qld Water and Land Carers (QWaLC) continues to be well received within our region. It is important that as an organisation QWaLC continues to raise its profile in promoting the work of some 300 water and land carer groups. An initiative like the Green Nomads is very important to regions like the Northern and Southern Gulf, as groups in regional parts seek to attract new volunteers to local project by connecting landcare with a mobilised population base.



CAPE YORK REGION

John Giese

I am excited to re-join the Qld Water and Land Carers board as the representative for the Cape York region. Having lived in Cooktown for 41 years, I am will be continuing my work with the community. I have volunteered long-term with several groups, including Fire Chief for 12 years. As a Councillor for the Cook shire, I have also represented local government on the following Committees:-

- Northern Landcare Organisation
- FNQ Rock Weeds & Feral Animals
- Cape York Weed & Feral Animals
- Mitchell River Catchment Group
- South Cape York Catchment Group
- Cooktown and District Farmers Association

Along with Ian Adcock, I was one of the founding members of phase one of the National Heritage Trust. The best day's work we ever did was to extract \$3.4 million from the Federal Government to start the Cape York Weeds and Feral Animal Organisation. I am a life member of the Cape York Weeds and Feral Animal Organisation and currently serve as the Chair. Additionally, I am a current director on the Cape York NRM Board.

I look for to working with the rest of the board to promote and sustain landcare in Queensland.



BURDEKIN DRY TROPICS AND MACKAY WHITSUNDAY REGION

Margaret Lane

I joined the board in the later part of 2012 and am excited to take on this opportunity. I am an urban dweller and have lived in Mackay for 35 years, twenty of which I have been actively involved in landcare activities. In the 1990's I worked with a group of people removing Cats Claw Creeper from Reliance Creek National Park. I first joined Pioneer Catchment and Landcare Group when elected to Mackay Regional Council in 2000. At that time I also joined the regional NRM group and became the Treasurer, which position I held for 4 years. My involvement with Pioneer Catchment and Landcare Group has continued in a variety of ways, including Project officer, Bookkeeper, Admin Officer, and as a volunteer. The volunteer roles have been on the Management Committee, currently Chair, convener 2007 Landcare Conference and nursery worker. I have represented the Group on the Mackay Regional Pest Management Group and Mackay Regional Council's Natural Environment Advisory Committee. After my family, my great love is Australia's native plants.



FITZROY BASIN REGIONAL REPORT

Helen Dunne

This report signals the completion of my first year as a board member with Qld Water and Land Carers as the representative for the Fitzroy Region.

One interesting event this year was the launch of the FLOW Visitors Centre in Rockhampton. The Fitzroy river is the largest river system flowing into the Great Barrier Reef and now members of the public, school groups and tourist have the opportunity to visit this new centre and learn about the size of our basin, hear the stories of farmers and graziers that manage the land, and discover more about the unique plants, animals and places in our great region.

Another new initiative for the region is the Fitzroy Partnership for River Health which aims to develop reports on the overall health of catchment rivers. This project relies on monitoring currently being conducted by some 26 organisations collecting data at over 2000 sites across the Fitzroy Basin.

The Fitzroy is a large agricultural region and has become increasingly impacted by the growth of coal mining and the coal seam gas industries. Development of infrastructure around Gladstone and the Fitzroy River delta area will place new and increased pressures on the natural resources of the region.

Our member groups are largely landholders and a sequence of years of dry weather, flooding and excessively wet years has placed considerable burden on the economic and emotional capacity of these volunteers. It is pleasing to see though, that we have added two new groups, Healthy Soils Inc and the Keppel Islands Conservation Community Inc. to our volunteer ranks.

I look forward to the coming year and congratulate our groups on providing and facilitating the many workshops, field days, information days throughout this year and into the future.



BURNETT-MARY REGIONAL REPORT

Maree Prior

2011 – 2012 has seen Qld Water and Land Carers become more visible to its member organisations, by representatives and staff visiting member groups; QWaLC meetings in regional areas; conferences bringing members and stakeholders together and a much improved and upgraded website.



Since becoming the QWaLC Burnett-Mary representative, I have had the opportunity to communicate the concerns of land and coast carers at the Qld Coastal Conference (Oct 2011) and the Qld State Landcare Conference (June 2012). Some of the concerns include the framework of landcare: with so many stakeholders, it can become rather confusing to the layperson as to 'Who's Who in the Zoo?' the title of a keynote presentation delivered on behalf of the community at the Qld Coastal Conference.

Another concern is succession planning – how to pass on the landcare ethic to the next generation? Schools and the new Australian Curriculum are vital players, and I encourage all landcarers to contact their local schools and vice-versa, to identify projects that can fulfil new curriculum requirements – it is possible and there have been some great results in the Burnett-Mary!

The member groups of the Burnett-Mary and our Landcare Facilitators are to be congratulated on their continued efforts in on-ground work and information sharing opportunities within the region. Congratulations to the 2011 Qld State Landcare Award winners from our region. Glenn Baker was presented with the Australian Government Individual Landcarer Award and Bunya Mountains Elders Council was presented with the Leighton Holdings Indigenous Award and this year went on to take out the National Landcare Award.

Congratulations also to Turtle Care Volunteers Queensland for organising the first very successful Marine Turtle Symposium in September; it is hoped that this will become a bi-annual event.

From turtles to bees, the Landcare and Coastcare effort of the Burnett-Mary continues to grow from strength to strength, in tandem at least, with the future threats to country.



FINANCIALS

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 2012.

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	Robyn Mapp (Resigned November 2011)
Maree Prior	Joe Crawford (Resigned April 2012)
Alan Travers	Trent Cini (Resigned January 2012)
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.

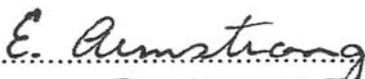
Significant Changes

No significant change in nature of these activities occurred during the year, other than the organisation of the State Landcare Conference 2012 which, although having a positive outcomes, resulted in a loss of \$153,320.

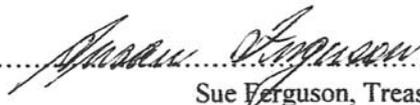
Operating Result

The loss for the year amount to \$167,186 (2011 year \$17,909 loss).

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



Esma Armstrong, Chairperson



Sue Ferguson, Treasurer

Dated this 11 day of November 2012

QUEENSLAND WATER AND LAND CARERS INC.

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012**

	Note	2012	2011
		\$	\$
INCOME			
Grants		370,500	300,000
Interest		5,776	5,064
Project Income		-	6,753
Funding Received - 2011 Bi-Annual Landcare Awards		-	23,818
Green Nomads Membership		-	50
ATO Penalties Remitted		660	-
		376,936	335,685
EXPENSES			
Awards & Photography		2,524	716
Audit Fees		2,000	1,600
Bank Charges		249	167
Bookkeeping		-	135
Computer Repairs & Maintenance (incl. Web Hosting)		2,116	1,193
Conference Registrations & Sponsorship		13,398	9,098
Consultancy Fees		29,367	9,600
Cleaning		-	150
Depreciation Expense		6,665	1,862
Dues & Subscriptions		1,321	-
Insurance		24,559	44,758
Legal fees		950	-
Licence Fees		207	500
Loss on N.A.R.L.A Conference		22,000	-
Loss on 2012 State Landcare Conference	5	153,320	-
Meeting Expenses		3,283	2,422
Parking & Tolls		412	1,377
Promotion & Marketing		12,126	7,488
Provision for Annual Leave	3	4,407	-
Rent		23,020	34,600
Staff Training & Amenities		1,418	962
Stationery, Postage & Printing		27,804	2,911
Subcontractors		-	2,000
Sundry expenses		177	-
Superannuation		10,374	11,957
Telephone & Internet		4,321	3,785
Travel		68,025	51,271
Wages & Salaries		129,231	164,315
Workers' Compensation		848	727
		544,122	353,594
Net Surplus / (Deficit)		- 167,186	- 17,909

QUEENSLAND WATER AND LAND CARERS INC.

**ASSETS AND LIABILITIES STATEMENT
AS AT 30 JUNE 2012**

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash		74,312	122,555
Deposits Paid		7,800	7,800
GST Receivable		2,502	1,496
Overpayment Refundable - Australian Taxation Office	2	2,623	1,523
Prepaid Insurance	4	16,672	0
Conference Float		0	22,000
Total Current Assets		<u>103,909</u>	<u>155,374</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Computers at Cost		10,972	9,881
Less Accumulated Depreciation		<u>-9,799</u>	<u>-8,989</u>
		1,173	892
Website at Cost		22,994	2,640
Less Accumulated Depreciation		<u>-7,068</u>	<u>-1,759</u>
		15,926	881
Furniture & Fixtures at Cost		4,222	4,222
Less Accumulated Depreciation		<u>-1,809</u>	<u>-1,263</u>
		2,413	2,959
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>19,512</u>	<u>4,732</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>123,421</u>	<u>160,106</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accrued Expenses		8,000	0
Heritage Visa Card		3,293	1,076
PAYG Withholding Payable		1,912	3,070
Provision for Annual Leave	3	4,407	0
Conference Expenses Owing to Arinex		114,417	0
Superannuation Payable		<u>5,262</u>	<u>2,644</u>
		137,291	6,790
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>137,291</u>	<u>6,790</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>-13,870</u>	<u>153,316</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Accumulated Funds at the beginning of the year		153,316	171,225
Net Surplus/(Loss) for the period		<u>-167,186</u>	<u>-17,909</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT YEAR END		<u>-13,870</u>	<u>153,316</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

QUEENSLAND WATER AND LAND CARERS INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

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.

g. **Comparative Figures**

The accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis for the current financial year. The comparative figures are prepared on a cash basis. The change in accounting systems has affected the balances of some income, expenditure and balance sheet items, causing large variances in the comparative figures.

Examples of this include insurance and the provision for annual leave.

QUEENSLAND WATER AND LAND CARERS INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

Note 2: Overpayment refundable - Australian Taxation Office

Queensland Water and Land Carers paid \$1,523.10 via BPAY to the Australian Taxation Office on 7 September 2010. These monies had not yet been credited to the Client's Integrated Client Account on the Tax Agent's Portal. The Australian Taxation Office was notified of the missing funds during the 2011 and 2012 year audits. It is expected that this will be recovered in the 2013 year.

During the 2012 year, the Australian Taxation Office remitted \$1,100.00 worth of late lodgement penalties that Queensland Water and Landcarers had paid in previous years. This amount will be offset against the next payment made to the Australian Taxation Office .i.e. the next business activity statement.

Note 3: Provision for Employee Entitlements

The annual leave entitlement for the 2011 financial year was \$3,106.43. These funds had not been brought in as a provision as those accounts as they were prepared on a cash basis. As the 2012 year accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, the provision has been included in the accounts.

Note 4: Prepayments

The annual leave entitlement for the 2011 financial year was \$3,106.43. These funds had not been brought in as a provision as those accounts as they were prepared on a cash basis. As the 2012 year accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, the provision has been included in the accounts.

Note 5: Loss on 2012 State Landcare Conference

A disappointing shortfall of \$153,320 occurred on the Queensland State Landcare Conference 2012. The major reasons for this are as follows:

- shortfall in sponsorship (\$100,000)
- lower attendances than expected (150 less)

Lessons have been learned, and future conferences will be organised and managed very differently to the one held in 2012. Feedback from those who attended the conference was excellent, as was the media coverage that was generated.

QUEENSLAND WATER AND LAND CARERS INC

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 2 to 5:

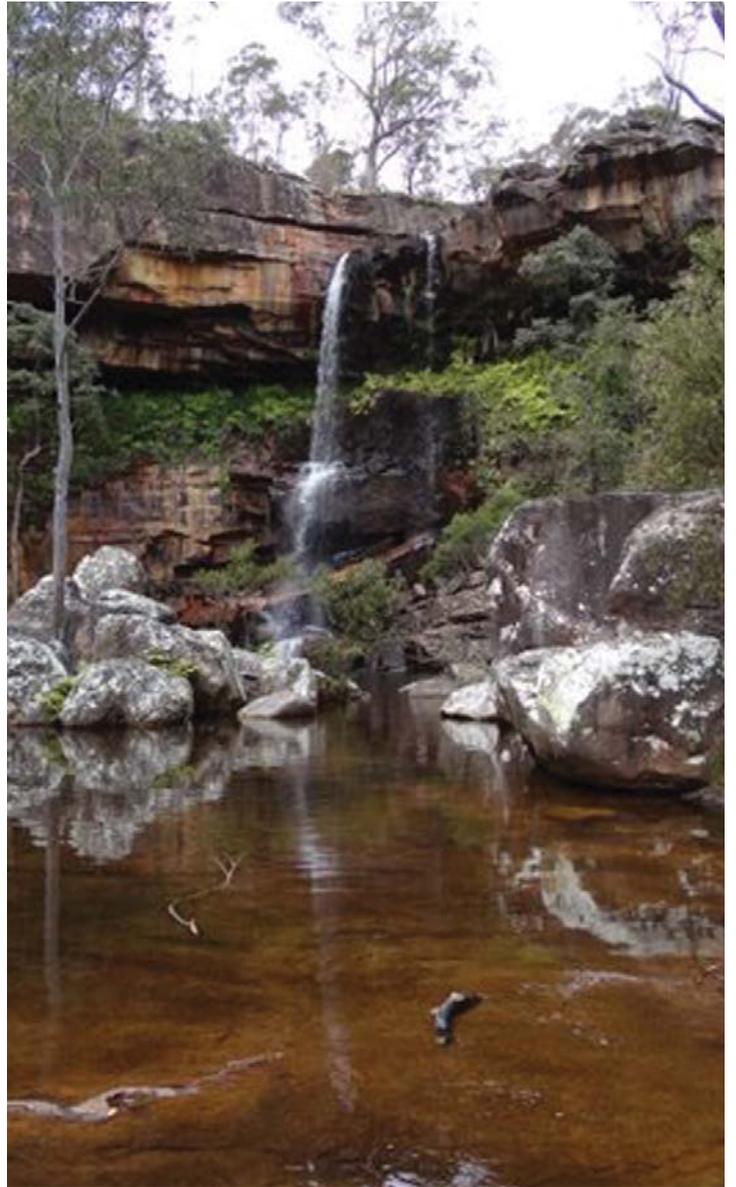
- 1 Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Queensland Water and Land Carers Inc as at 30 June 2012 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
- 2 At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Queensland Water and Land Carers Inc will be able 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:

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

Treasurer..... *Sue Ferguson*
SUE FERGUSON

Dated this..... *12*day of..... *November*2012



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