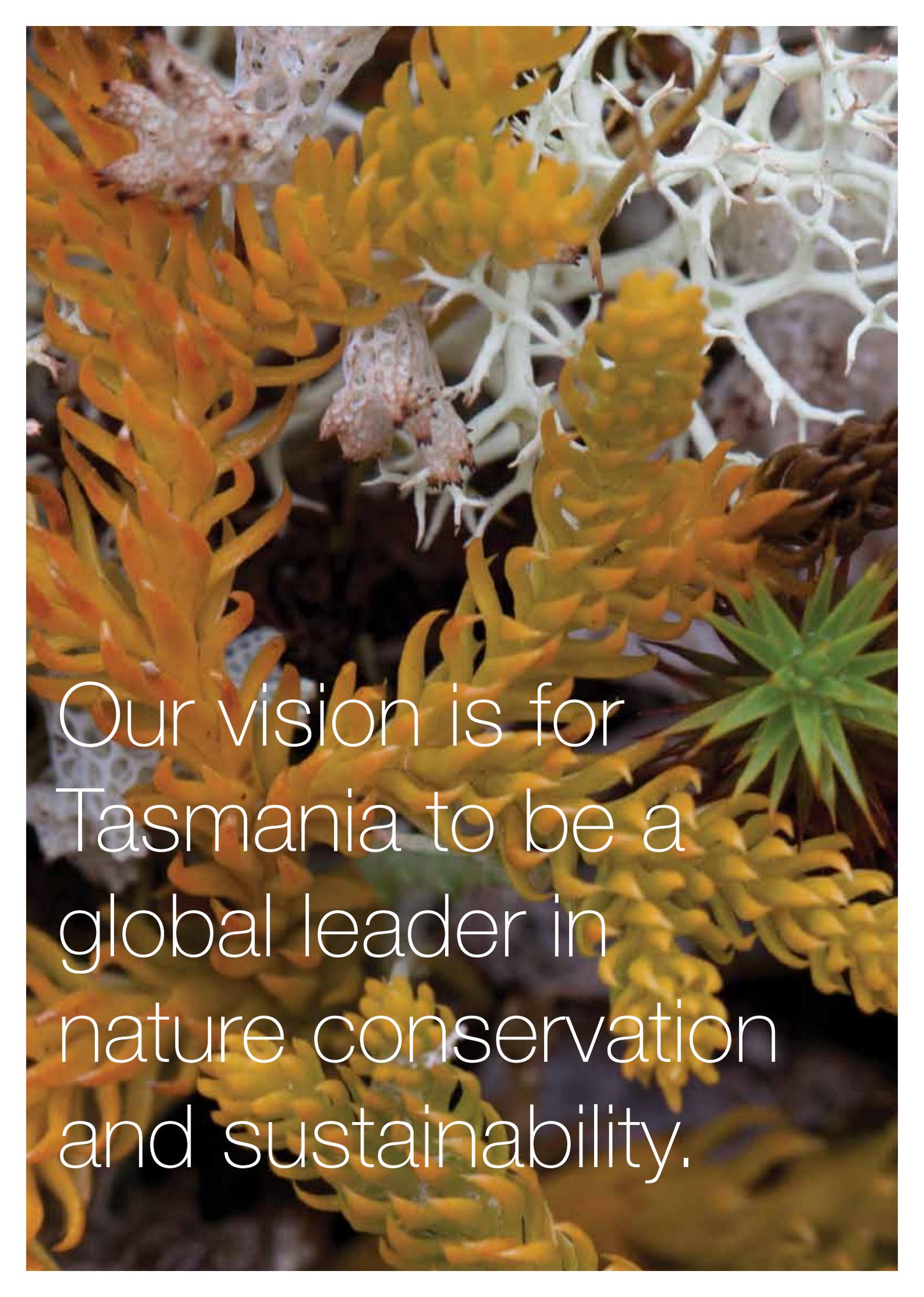


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Our vision is for
Tasmania to be a
global leader in
nature conservation
and sustainability.



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President's
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The board
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and risk
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financial
uncertainty.

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Dear friends

It is with much pleasure I present to you the eleventh annual report of the Tasmanian Land Conservancy. After the growth in size of the organisation in the last two years, mainly through the New Leaf project, this report highlights some important work the organisation has been doing which will allow it to continue to grow and thrive to meet its objectives.

I would like to acknowledge prior President Peter Bosworth, who has remained on the board and assumed the role of the inaugural chair of the Conservation Science and Planning Advisory Council. This body advises the board and brings together eminent scientists from the University of Tasmania, government departments and private enterprise. The formation of this advisory council ensures that the TLC continues to have robust scientific principles underpinning its decision-making processes, which is critical to support our ongoing work in protecting Tasmania's unique biodiversity and under-reserved ecosystems and communities.

Our founding CEO, Nathan Males, resigned in early 2012 and has been replaced by Jane Hutchinson. Jane has brought her own professionalism, style and vision to the organisation, ensuring that the TLC remains

in very capable hands. On behalf of the board I would like to thank Nathan for his many years of service and wish him well for the future.

The board has taken a very careful approach to governance and risk management in this time of local and global financial uncertainty, and the launch of the TLC Foundation is testament to this. The income generated from the Foundation aims to fund in perpetuity the management of our spectacular permanent reserves for biodiversity conservation. Officially launched this year, the Foundation fund has grown by over 35 per cent in the past 12 months. I would like to congratulate the Foundation sub-committee, chaired by Susan Gough, for its hard work in establishing this vital fund.

The coming year will see the TLC continue to implement the Strategic Plan by continuing to protect Tasmania's important biodiversity on private land. I thank the board, staff, supporters, volunteers and partner organisations for their hard work and support, ensuring that the TLC is a beacon of light in a sometimes difficult world. It is both an honour and a pleasure to be President of the TLC in these exciting times.

A handwritten signature in green ink, which appears to read 'Geoff Couser'.

Geoff Couser
President – Tasmanian Land Conservancy

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Jane Hutchinson, TLC CEO. Photographer: Matthew Newton

It is with great pleasure that I write my first report as CEO of the Tasmanian Land Conservancy. I am so proud of this organisation and what has been achieved over the last eleven years and I am thrilled to have been a part of the journey since its inception.

I echo Geoff's sentiments in thanking Peter Bosworth and Nathan Males; Peter for his expert and steady guidance as TLC's President since 2007 and Nathan for his passion and commitment as co-founder, first President and first CEO of the organisation. Under their leadership, the TLC has grown from a fledgling organisation to one of great strength, with an ambitious but achievable vision and with incredible support from committed donors, volunteers, organisational partners, staff and the community. Thank you Peter and Nathan.

The TLC and Tasmania have a very exciting future. We are making excellent progress towards achieving the targets set out in the TLC's Strategic Plan by forging important partnerships with organisations, individuals, communities and governments in Tasmania, nationally and indeed globally, with the shared objective of supporting natural systems that sustain life. These partnerships are vital to protecting biodiversity on private land that continues to be threatened by a multitude of factors in a fast changing world.

This report outlines our further progress as we work towards achieving our six Strategic Plan goals of establishing a world-class system of reserves; striving for excellence in reserve management; building Tasmania as a centre for conservation knowledge and expertise; seeking innovative approaches to conservation; working with the community; and striving for organisational excellence.

Significant focus and effort has been expended in the 2011-12 financial year to establish baseline ecological data gathering across our reserves to drive our science-based approach to reserve management. Science and research is now also occurring on a strategic basis in partnership with experts nationally across all our programs and we are thrilled to have their incredible knowledge and skill in this critical work.



This year also marked protection for the Skullbone Plains reserve and the launch and protection of the Blue Tier reserve as part of the permanent reserve component of the multi-year New Leaf project. The other two pillars of the New Leaf project's robust business plan are progressing well with the initiation this year of generating revenue through a carbon project and the sale of conservation lifestyle properties. The innovative Midlands Conservation Fund in partnership with Bush Heritage Australia has now been established and conservation targets have been set to protect a range of endangered ecosystems of the Tasmanian Midlands (see table on page 11).

Significant work also continued with support from the Australian Government in partnership with the Tasmanian Government in delivering 28 additional conservation covenants over 1,072 hectares of land across Tasmania for biodiversity conservation. This was achieved through various programs including the visionary Woodland Birds Program and the Forest Conservation Fund Revolving Fund through the Protected Areas on Private Land program. We thank the Australian and Tasmanian governments for their continued support of this important work.

I would particularly like to thank our wonderful supporters, organisational partners and volunteers who make the TLC such a privilege and pleasure to be a part of.

Jane Hutchinson
CEO – Tasmanian Land Conservancy



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In partnership with other organisations, communities, individuals and governments the TLC will:

Objective 1: Take a leadership role in building a landscape scale approach to conservation including a world-class system of reserves complemented by sustainable development.

In this twelve month period, the TLC has continued to develop, deliver and maintain our programs for the protection of Tasmania's most important natural places on private land, through the establishment of the Conservation Science and Planning Advisory Council, our three flagship programs of permanent reserves, revolving fund and private land reserves, and the multi-year New Leaf project.

Permanent reserves

Due to the generosity of TLC supporters, including leadership gifts from the Purves Environment Fund and the Graeme Wood Foundation, and funding from the Australian Government's 'Caring for our Country', fundraising for the first New Leaf permanent reserve, Skullbone Plains, was successfully concluded. We also launched and completed our second New Leaf permanent reserve, Blue Tier. This 85 hectare rainforest property in Tasmania's north-east highlands extends the total area protected in the Blue Tier area to 10,000 hectares. The Blue Tier

is home to rare and threatened carnivorous marsupials, the Tasmanian devil (*Sarcophilus harrisi*), spotted-tailed quoll (*Dasyurus maculatus*), eastern quoll (*Dasyurus viverrinus*), and Tasmania's largest stag beetle, Simson's stag beetle (*Hoplogonus simsonii*), which is also threatened.

Thanks to the philanthropy of our supporters the TLC now owns 11 permanent reserves covering 3,483 hectares.

New Leaf

In addition to creating two permanent reserves from the New Leaf property portfolio, our multi-year New Leaf project, established with the generous support of Australian philanthropist Jan Cameron, has focused on developing two additional income streams.

They are:

- conservation lifestyle properties for sale
- carbon market opportunities.

Twenty three conservation lifestyle properties were prepared and advertised for sale.

You have gained the support of a wide community, and in these contentious times your more impartial stand expands the community confidence for your philosophy.

Melva Truchanas
TLC supporter

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Wombat in snow. Photographer: Joe Shemesh

Prior to settlement, each property will be covenanted through the Protected Areas on Private Land (PAPL) program. Four properties are currently under a contract of sale.

The introduction of the Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI) by the Australian Government provides an opportunity for the TLC to participate in the emerging market of carbon credits. The TLC's core mission is to protect biodiversity; we see selling carbon credits as an important element to achieve this mission.

The CFI framework will allow marketing of carbon credits on the open market by companies and individuals who sequester or abate greenhouse gases through their management activities.

The TLC has been developing a project for the past year that may earn carbon credits by reducing the greenhouse gas emissions inherent in forest harvest, and by sequestering carbon into native forests, in preparation for this market opportunity.

Revolving Fund

Through the revolving fund mechanism the TLC purchases a property, protects its natural values with a conservation covenant, and then sells it on to new owners dedicated to managing its values into the future. It is an approach that not only uses every precious dollar over and over again, but also builds a network of committed conservation managers.

One property was purchased by the

Revolving Fund and two property sales were completed during the year with a further three contracts of sale signed.

In addition to the promotion of TLC properties for sale to our supporter network of over 3,000 people and a wider audience via our website, the TLC entered into an agreement with L.J. Hooker Commercial Real Estate to use their sales operation and website to reach the national real estate marketplace.

Private land reserves

National parks and reserves are the backbone of the National Reserve System network, providing protection for many vulnerable plants and wildlife. However some critical habitats exist only on private land that is not for sale. The Protected Areas on Private Land (PAPL) program is now in its eleventh year in Tasmania. It assists landowners, who are passionate and knowledgeable about the important ecosystems and wildlife habitats on their land, to protect and manage their biodiversity.

In partnership with the Private Land Conservation Program in the Department of Primary Industry Parks Water and the Environment (DPIPWE), the TLC has assisted in covenanting 1,072 hectares of habitat on 28 properties during this financial year. Proposals for a further 45 properties were prepared. The project is funded by the Australian Government through the National Reserve System component of Caring for our Country.



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I find it
awe-inspiring
that there
are so many
committed
people
involved
with this
organisation. It
does give one
so much hope
for the future.

Jill Roberts
TLC supporter

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Objective:

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In partnership with other organisations, communities, individuals and governments the TLC will:

Objective 2: Demonstrate excellence in management for biodiversity conservation.

A significant amount of work was undertaken on TLC properties during 2011–12, largely due to well planned and executed programs, the generous support of partner organisations and our passionate volunteers. While Skullbone Plains was the main focus of effort, management across all TLC reserves was ongoing. On-ground work included treatment of gorse at Long Point, Spanish heath on Egg Islands, blackberry and foxglove at Liffey Reserve and the delivery of stage 1 ragwort removal on New Leaf properties. Over 20 cubic metres of rubbish, including 170 vehicle tyres, was collected from Flat Rock Reserve with the help of international student volunteers. While maintenance of the New Leaf properties involved road grading, unblocking culverts, and gate and fence repairs, this will reduce over time as we implement our 'road closure and rehabilitation strategy'.

Over 200 volunteers contributed 782 days of work equating to \$165,630 value in labour, which is a huge contribution to the organisation. International Student Volunteers, the PIRE wildfire interns from

Montana University USA, environmental support services from Whispering Landscape and collaborative programs with Inland Fisheries Service, Parks and Wildlife Service and Forestry Tasmania, name but a few of those involved. The Bookend Trust conducted a wilderness expedition class at Skullbone Plains in late 2011 and three classes of year 10 high school students camped out for a week learning outdoor navigational and survival skills. These educational activities will benefit students for years to come.

An exciting range of scientific programs were undertaken on TLC land this year, foremost being the Australian Biological Resources Study (ABRS) Bush Blitz held at Skullbone Plains in February 2012. Bush Blitz is an initiative of Earthwatch Institute Australia, BHP Billiton and the Australian Government through Caring for Our Country. Over 20 scientists participated in a five-day program of discovery and, although the task of unravelling species taxonomy and curation of specimens will continue for many months, several new and undescribed species have

The work of the TLC is recognised by Franklin Landcare members as a major contributor to the enhancement of biodiversity in the Tasmanian natural estate.

Loris Patman,
Secretary, Franklin
Landcare Group Inc

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already been identified. Other key programs included surveys of the nationally endangered Miena cider gum, funded by the BK Dhal Trust and NRM South, long-term monitoring of the Clarence galaxiid at Skullbone Plains, Tasmanian bettong surveys at Flat Rock, ptunnarra brown butterfly and threatened plant surveys at the Vale of Belvoir, and population assessments of the Tasmanian devil and wedge-tailed eagle across New Leaf properties. Two programs with DPIPWE specialists on aging sphagnum peatlands and monitoring dwarf conifers have only just begun and promise to yield significant results.

Monitoring

The completion of a review of biodiversity monitoring programs across Australia has enabled the TLC to identify the most applicable techniques to apply on our own properties, to deliver a long-term monitoring program which is scientifically rigorous and cost effective into the future. Monitoring provides broad-scale data on the condition of ecosystems and gives TLC reserve managers essential feedback on the effectiveness of our management programs. A three-tiered program, combining (1) annual routine reserve assessments, (2) baseline monitoring, and (3) management effectiveness monitoring, is now ready to integrate into our Miradi Open

Standards planning system. Made possible by donations to the TLC Foundation, the monitoring program will be delivered in-house by staff and/or specialist volunteers and will be rolled out this summer.

We are very grateful to the Purves Environmental Fund and the Purryburry Trust for providing multi-year grants to support conservation management activities at Skullbone Plains permanent reserve.



Research Activity	Supporting Partners
Long-term monitoring of dwarf conifers	Tasmanian Government
Miena cider gum surveys	BK Dhal Trust, NRM South
Aging sphagnum mires	Tasmanian Government
Wedge-tailed eagle nest activity checks	Tasmanian Government, Forestry Tasmania
ABRS Bush Blitz scientific survey	ABRS Bush Blitz, TMAG, UTAS, Australian Government, Earthwatch Institute, BHP Billiton
Mapping the history of fire	Montana State University, UTAS
Tasmanian bettong surveys	UTAS, Tasmanian Government
Threatened plant surveys	Threatened Plants Tasmania, Tasmanian Government
Ptunnara brown butterfly monitoring	UTAS, Tasmanian Government
Threatened bittern survey	Tasmanian Government

Supporter	Project	Outcomes
Australian Government Community Action Grant	Ragwort removal in the Central Highlands – stage 1	20,300 ha of New Leaf properties surveyed, 600km of road treated, 250,000 ragwort plants removed
Australian Government Caring for our Country	Protect priority habitat for threatened woodland birds	6 new covenants, 168 ha woodland habitat protected, \$160,000 incentive funds delivered
BK Dhal Trust & NRM South	Extension surveys for the endangered Miena cider gum	Over 22,000 ha surveyed, 2 new populations found, seed collected and lodged
ABRS Bush Blitz Species Discovery Program, Australian Government, Earthwatch Institute, BHP Billiton	A biological inventory of Skullbone Plains	Surveyed by 20 scientists over 5 days amassing a significant species inventory including new species
Australian Government Community Action Grant	Improve the condition of woodlands at Long Point	35 ha of gorse control, 7,000 seedlings treated, boundary fence installed and track repaired
Cradle Coast NRM	Investigate grazing and burning on highland grasslands	Long-term grassland monitoring undertaken at the Vale of Belvoir with volunteer support
NRM North	Spanish heath management	Spanish heath controlled at Archers Whareham
Hydro Tasmania & Inland Fisheries Service	Reduce stock access around Bronte Lagoon	Boundary fencing at Cockatoo Hill installed

Objective:

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We thoroughly enjoyed fundraising for the New Leaf Project, knowing that the money we raised would go towards such a worthy initiative.

Devonport High School students Rose Boylan, Morgan Febey, Kate Johnson, Eva Kline TLC supporters

Objective:

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I love this
organisation
and its
positive
active
message
about
conservation.

Alasdair Billingham
TLC supporter

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In partnership with other organisations, communities, individuals and governments the TLC will:

Objective 3: Contribute to Tasmania becoming a centre for knowledge for biodiversity conservation and planning.

Last year we reported on discussions involving the concept of a Protected Area Institute.

Over the last 12 months, the University of Tasmania (UTAS) has taken the lead and has supported the TLC to scope the establishment of an internationally recognised Protected Area Institute in Tasmania with the purpose of up-skilling protected area practitioners and to provide leadership for the protected area sector across Australasia. In doing so, UTAS has brought together experts in institutions and organisations in Australia and across the region to discuss this innovative and exciting initiative.

The Conservation Science and Planning Advisory Council is a volunteer sub-committee of the TLC board. It was established this year by former President and inaugural chair of the Council, Peter Bosworth. Council members as of June 2012 are:

Prof Jamie Kirkpatrick
Dr Mick Brown
Mr Barry Baker
Mr Fred Duncan
Mr Peter Bosworth
Prof Peter Davies
Mr Peter Cosier
Assoc Prof Chris Johnson
Mr John Harkin
Mr Nick Mooney
Dr Louise Gilfedder
Dr Wendy Potts
Dr Niall Doran

The Council provides a vital advisory role to ensure that the TLC's work is underpinned by science and excellence in conservation planning. The Council's terms of reference include:

- to assist the board and the organisation meet their goals under the Strategic Plan;



- to provide advice and assistance to the TLC and the TLC board on conservation matters;
- to either help establish or advise on criteria, priorities and targets for conservation in Tasmania, and specifically the activities carried out by the organisation;
- to assist with working towards meeting the agreed targets;
- to report to the TLC board at least every 12 months on the progress of meeting Tasmania's and the TLC's identified priorities and targets.

By establishing the Council and taking an evidence-based approach to our biodiversity conservation work, informed by expert advice, the TLC has demonstrated an important commitment towards achieving this goal and we sincerely thank Council members for their commitment and ongoing support.

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International student volunteers collecting rubbish at TLC's Flat Rock Reserve. Photographer: Matthew Newton



In partnership with other organisations, communities, individuals and governments the TLC will:

Objective 4: Develop and implement innovative mechanisms for achieving sustainability and biodiversity conservation.

The TLC is working in collaboration with many partners to develop new models of practical sustainability and biodiversity conservation. The last twelve months has seen substantial progress in our multi-year Woodland Birds and Midlandscapes projects.

Protecting woodland birds

The TLC completed its second consecutive component of a Caring for our Country grant to protect threatened woodland birds across south-east Australia. This national priority program, administered by BirdLife Australia in partnership with Trust for Nature (Vic) and Nature Conservation Trust (NSW), commenced in 2009. During the two stages of project delivery the TLC secured a total of 16 covenants on private land, protected 702 ha of priority grassy woodland and disbursed over \$388,000 in assistance funding to the landholders. Sincere thanks are owed to the staff of the Tasmanian government's PAPL program for their support and, as successful funding for the third stage of this important program has just been announced, there is more to come.



Midlandscapes

Midlandscapes is a long-term program to protect up to 64,000 ha of key conservation assets on private land in the Midlands.

Since 2007 the TLC has worked together with Bush Heritage and DPIWPE in developing and implementing the Midlands Conservation Action Plan. The program coordinator is employed by the TLC and the position is jointly funded by the TLC and Bush Heritage.

Midlandscapes has been a forerunner for the TLC's mission to develop and implement innovative mechanisms for achieving sustainability and biodiversity outcomes.

The Midlandscapes plan adopts a range of mechanisms to attract private and government funding for long-term conservation outcomes in the region. This includes the establishment of the Midlands Conservation Fund in 2011, an innovative approach to funding evergreen conservation agreements without reliance on external funding cycles.

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We are
delighted to
be able to
help in the
preservation
of Blue
Tier and
wish your
fundraising
every
success.

The Poynter family
(Jim, Robbie
and Sam)
TLC supporters

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Objective:

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It gives us
great pleasure
to help our
friends at the
TLC preserve
habitats and
places of
outstanding
beauty in our
new home
state.

Ron and Gwen Murray
TLC supporters

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One of the key benefits of having a long-term landscape-scale plan and a permanent fund dedicated to private land conservation in the Midlands is our ability to leverage funding from other government and private initiatives, such as for conservation covenants, biodiversity offsets and carbon farming.

The Midlands Conservation Fund

The Midlands Conservation Fund (MCF) is a perpetual fund jointly established in 2011 by the TLC and Bush Heritage. Its annual earnings will be used to establish long-term agreements with landowners to manage critically important conservation assets.

The MCF has a dedicated governance structure that expresses to the community and donors our long-term commitment to the Midlands.

Through Bush Heritage, \$2.6 million has already been raised for start-up capital for the MCF and we aim to increase this to at least \$10 million by 2020.

Over 2011-12 the MCF Board of Directors chaired by Andrew Myer has consolidated the major governance and financial management requirements for operating the fund, including:

- Endorsement as a Registered Environmental Organisation and Deductible Gift Recipient;
- Entering into a services agreement with its members, Bush Heritage and TLC, to provide most of the services required to raise funds, manage the fund and operate conservation agreements with Midlands' landowners;
- Investment and Banking Policies and Procedures;
- Procedures for establishing and operating conservation contracts.

The first round of MCF conservation contracts is currently being implemented with funding assistance from the Australian Government's Caring for our Country Program.

This assistance enables MCF to capitalise its earnings from the fund through to 2013.

As at 30th June 2012 MCF funds totalled \$2.8 million.

In 2011-12 the TLC and Bush Heritage hosted visits to the Midlands by executive officers of two major philanthropic foundations. Landowners with some of the most important conservation assets in the Midlands provided our guests with a grass roots understanding of the issues being addressed by the MCF.

MCF will be officially launched later in 2012 as the first MCF conservation agreements are signed.

The Midlands Conservation Fund gratefully acknowledges the very generous support of The Myer Foundation and the Sidney Myer Fund 2009 Commemorative Grants Program, John T Reid Charitable Trusts, and private donors.

Midlandscapes biodiversity bids 2012

In early February 2012 the TLC was successful in its Caring for our Country (CfoC) submission for funding conservation in the Midlands.

Supported by the Midlandscapes partnership, the TLC's proposed project aims to establish 10+ 5-year conservation contracts for protecting and managing 2,500 ha of high conservation value native grasslands and woodlands in the Midlands.

The Australian Government has generously provided \$800,000 to establish conservation agreements and complete on-ground works over the next two years.

In turn, MCF will provide annual stewardship payments to landholders for a further 8-13 years or more from 2014.

CfoC funding is provided for:

- project establishment and delivery costs to June 2013;
- Two-year stewardship payments for protection and management of conservation assets; and
- on-ground works in areas of conservation priority (e.g. weed control).

Landowners in six focal landscapes have been targeted and more than 20,000 ha of native grasslands and woodlands across

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Tasmanian devil. Photographer: Joe Shemesh



23 properties are currently being assessed by project ecologists Matt Appleby (Bush Heritage) and Matt Taylor (TLC) for their conservation value, significance and condition.

The table below outlines the required targets for protection of key conservation assets in the Midlands and the progress towards those targets.

Expression of Interest proposals from landowners for protecting and managing their high conservation land will be assessed on a value-for-money basis.

Participation in environmental science, policy and planning developments

The TLC and its Midlandscapes partners have provided significant contributions to the workings of the following environmental science, policy and planning initiatives in the Midlands area:

- Lowland Native Grasslands of Tasmania Recovery Team (Australian Government EPBC)
- National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility (NCCARF)
- National Environmental Research Program (NERP) Landscapes and Policy Hub
- Draft National Wildlife Corridors Plan (NWCP – Australian Government).



Midlands key conservation assets	2007 Midlands extent of conservation assets Ha	2020 Target for protection Ha	Protected extent 2007 Ha	Gain 2007 to 2011 Ha	% Gain over 4 years	Protected extent 2011 Ha	Remaining targets for protection post 2011 Ha
Lowland native grasslands (LNG)	10,883	8,200	763	2,222	291%	2,985	5,215
Grassy woodland bush runs (GWBR)	10,228	7,700	637	1,611	253%	2,248	5,452
Lowland alluvial systems (LAS)	15,703	5,500	688	320	47%	1,008	4,492
Valley floor wetlands (VFW)	5,470	3,550	1,584	157	10%	1,741	1,809
Upland riparian systems (URS)	20,196	9,100	3,241	1,093	34%	4,334	4,766
Dry heathy forests (DHF)	55,447	27,800	13,447	1,566	12%	15,013	12,787
Wedge-tailed eagle habitat (WTE)	2,443	2,200	573	196	34%	769	1,431
TOTALS	120,370	64,050	20,933	6,922	33%	28,099	35,951
OTHER protected areas			24,424			41,097	
ALL protected areas in the Midlands			45,357			69,196	

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Congratulations on the anniversary. It has been the most heartening thing to happen in terms of conservation for years.

Linley and Malcolm Grant TLC supporters

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Building a landscape scale approach
mechanisms for achieving sustain
- progress during final



New Leaf properties

- 27,390 ha spanning a huge range of habitats
- Managing habitat for both threatened and common plants and wildlife
- Two properties now permanently protected
- 23 properties marketed for conservation lifestyle
- Carbon enterprise being developed

Revolving funds

- Two properties sold this year
- Three contracts signed
- One property purchased
- Total 13 properties, 917 ha sold since 2004



PAPL

- 28 new covenants over 1,072 ha
- 45 covenants in the pipeline
- One new covenant for woodland birds
- Two covenants over 2,016 ha of TLC property
- TLC has now facilitated 98 covenants over 5,868 ha

TLC Permanent Reserve	Date	Area ha	Management Plan status	Acquisition method
Lutregala Marsh	2005	42	Final Draft 2012	Donations
Silver Peppermint	2005	43	Final Draft 2012	Gifted
Long Point*	2005	386	Approved 2008	NRS* & Donations
Flat Rock*	2006	455	Approved 2010	NRS* & Gifted
Recherche Bay	2006	144	Approved 2007	Donations
Brown Mountain	2007	86	Final Draft 2012	Gifted
Egg Islands*	2007	136	Approved 2009	NRS* & Donations
Vale of Belvoir*	2008	473	Final Draft 2012	NRS* & Donations
Liffey	2010	15	In preparation	Gifted
Skullbone Plains*	2010	1618	Final Draft 2012	NRS* & Donations
Blue Tier	2012	85	In preparation	Donations
Total hectares		3483		

*Note: NRS; National Reserve System Funding.

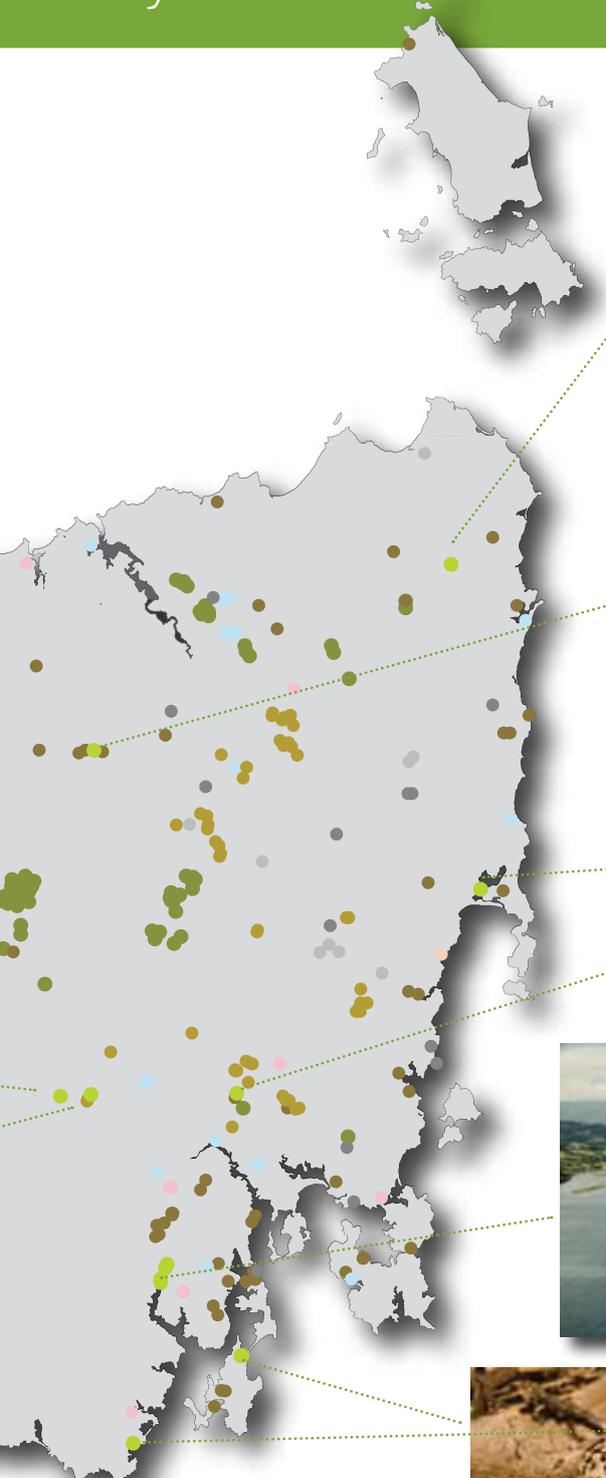
Images, clockwise from top: Wolfgang Glowacki, Grant Dixon, Matthew Newton, Denna Kingdom.



- Permanent reserves
- New Leaf properties
- PAPL
- Offsets
- Midlandscapes

Outcomes Summary

Access to conservation and innovative
funding capability and biodiversity conservation
financial year 2011 / 2012



TLC Permanent reserves

- Blue Tier ancient rainforest 85 ha
- 11 reserves covering 3,483 ha since 2005
- 10 reserves complement existing protected areas
- 51 threatened animal and plant species are being protected
- 889 ha of threatened vegetation communities protected



Midlandscapes

- Enduring landscape-scale conservation
- 20,000 ha assessed for conservation
- Landscape plan revised for adaptive management
- Midlands Conservation Fund operational



Revolving funds
• For sale
• Sold
• Under contract

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We highly value your organisation which has a significant role in protecting Tasmania's biodiversity.

North West Branch of the Tasmanian Conservation Trust, TLC supporters



In partnership with other organisations, communities, individuals and governments the TLC will:

Objective 5: Provide opportunities and mechanisms for communities and individuals to achieve conservation.

Community support from across Australia during 2011-12 has resulted in the successful establishment of two New Leaf project permanent reserves at Skullbone Plains and Blue Tier.

Our supporter trips to reserves during the warmer months of the year were positively received and we wish to thank all those supporters who provided expert knowledge and assistance in running this important aspect of our work.

During the year we also hosted two larger community events: the tenth anniversary, and the dual celebration marking the successful conclusion of fundraising for Skullbone Plains and the launch of fundraising for Blue Tier.

A major focus for this period was the official launch of the TLC Foundation. The purpose of the Foundation is to ensure we have sufficient funds to manage our future TLC permanent reserves in perpetuity. We are very pleased to report that we are well on the way to achieving financial sustainability to cover the management costs of all our permanent reserves.

In acquiring permanent reserves the TLC has the responsibility of ensuring that conservation integrity and biodiversity values are protected to the highest standard. It is important that the TLC properly manages its land, not only to support healthy reserves, but also to ensure the community's confidence in the TLC as a leader in stewardship and reserve management. It is an enormous responsibility and with it comes a large financial liability.

This year the Foundation has grown considerably. Our target is to have five million dollars in the Foundation by 2015 with every donation to the Foundation bringing us closer to achieving that goal.

The Foundation now holds funds in excess of 2.5 million dollars, which is a wonderful reflection of the incredible generosity and confidence of our amazing supporters.

After a year-long due diligence process with Perpetual, one of Australia's leading not-for-profit wealth managers, the TLC board approved a comprehensive investment strategy which sets out the conservative investment objectives and general

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Ancient myrtle rainforest, TLC Blue Tier. Photographer: Andy Townsend



parameters for the management of the Foundation fund.

The governance of the Foundation is of vital importance to the TLC and its supporters. To that end, the administration of the Foundation is overseen by a sub-committee of the TLC board, the Foundation sub-committee, which acts in accordance with terms of reference approved by the board.

The formalised governance arrangements and operational guidelines for the Foundation ensure that contributions made to the Foundation are honoured, preserved and generate as much income as possible with the lowest possible risk.

Foundation funds are currently being raised, received and managed for the purposes of:

- providing endowment for perpetual funding for the conservation management of TLC reserves;
- honouring specific wishes associated with particular gifts and bequests; and
- providing a bank for the purposes of protecting land for biodiversity in Tasmania.

The many wonderful contributions to the TLC Foundation this financial year have made it possible for a multitude of reserve management activities to take place.

The TLC sincerely thanks all those who have contributed to the TLC Foundation by establishing a personal Foundation fund,

leaving a bequest or donating directly to the Foundation.

TLC Foundation Funds (since inception)

Cathy Gibbons Fund	50,000
Dorothy Reeves Fund	30,000
Miriam Obendorf Fund	95,000
Brown Mountain Fund	16,700
Michael Buxton Fund	20,000
Tom Hay Bequest	141,929
Carolyn Parsons Bequest	16,155
Elizabeth Ann James Bequest	166,867
Joseph Bedford Bequest	310,031
Susan Gough Fund	10,000
Samantha Jane Hignett Fund	39,120
Jupe Family Fund	60,000
Potts Family Fund	15,000
Bosworth Family Fund	10,000
Barry Family Fund	30,000
Thomas and Grace Couser Fund	10,000
Twin Gums Fund	10,000
Endemic Crustacean Fund	59,233
Foundation Fund	1,428,134
Market value movement	16,227
Total	\$2,534,395

A special thank you to a supporter who wishes to remain anonymous who has donated and pledged a multi-year gift to the TLC Foundation Fund.

Objective:

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Taking time out of a holiday to volunteer with an organisation such as the TLC results in going back home with much more than a new tan and souvenirs, but also a new-found appreciation.

Megan Fitzgerald
International
Student Volunteer
Pennsylvania USA

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Top image: Staghorn coral lichen, TLC Blue Tier. Below: The Great Musselroe River begins as a small, sandy stream flowing beneath old-growth rainforest on the Blue Tier. Opposite page: Myrtle beech leaves, TLC Blue Tier. Photographer: Andy Townsend

Objective:
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We want to say what a fabulous organisation you are and we are so thrilled to see the progress you've made over the years. We look forward to the future with you.

Alison McDougall
and Colin Telfer
TLC supporters



In partnership with other organisations, communities, individuals and governments the TLC will:

Objective 6: Demonstrate organisational leadership through exceptional governance, independence, autonomy and self-sufficiency.

External Audit

The TLC continues to improve accounting and reporting in line with best practice.

External auditors, Accru+ Hobart noted in particular that the TLC Foundation has a well-balanced portfolio that should help to reduce negative exposure in the long-term to market fluctuations and risk.

Governance

The TLC has partnered with a number of other community organisations to develop a governance accreditation and audit tool in line with ISO 9001 and AS 8000.

The board has continued to provide a high level of expertise and skills to the TLC and this is strengthened with input from the Conservation Science and Planning Advisory Council.

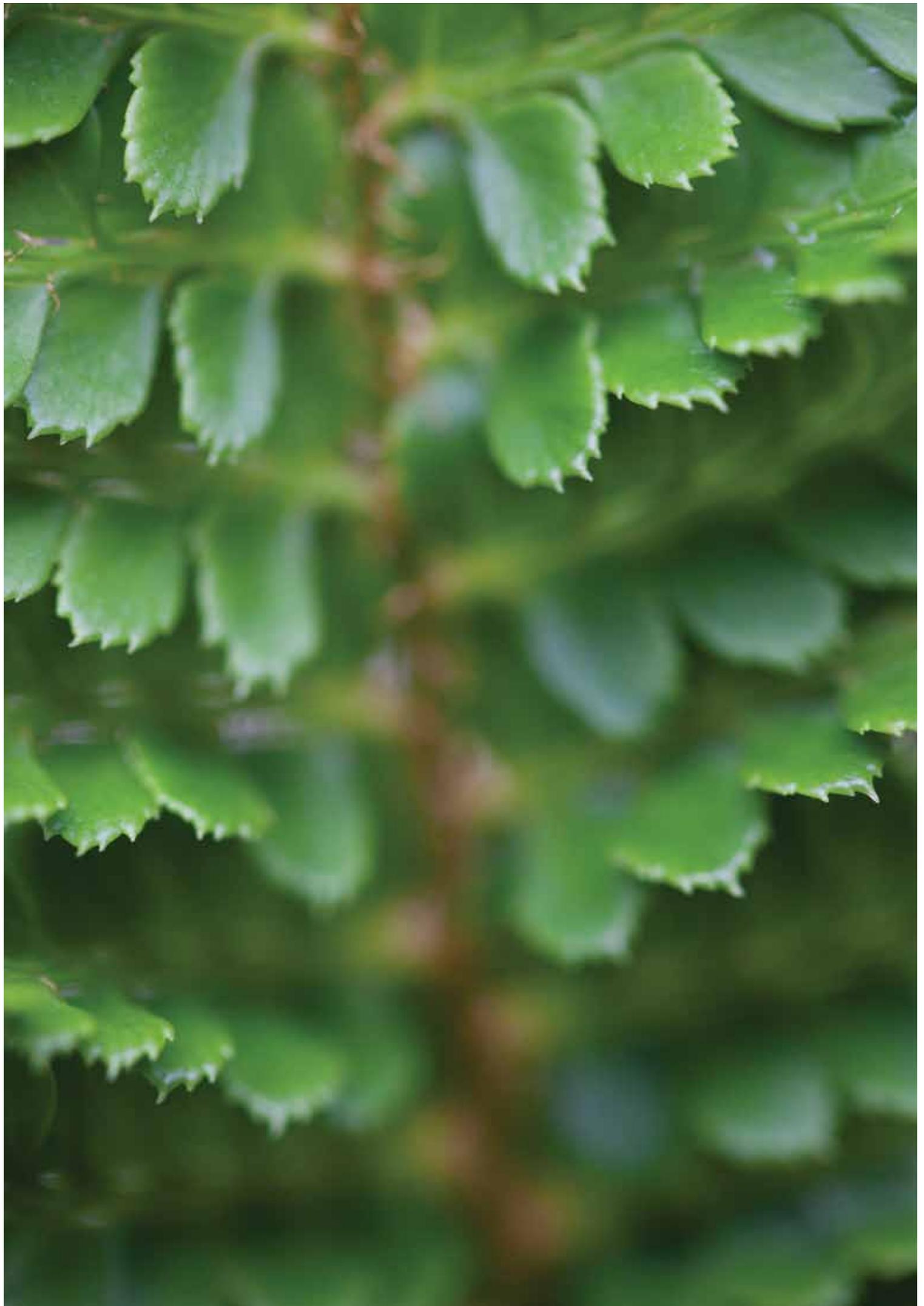
The board will establish a finance sub-committee over the next 12 months as a further step towards achieving excellence in governance.

Sustainability

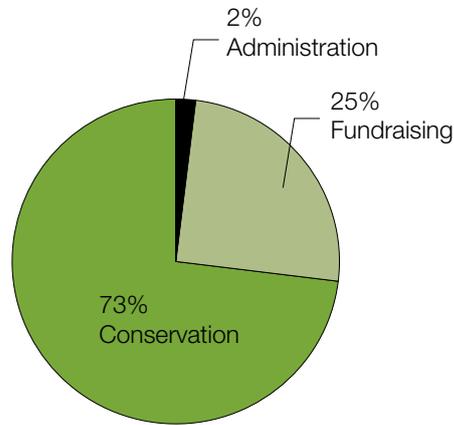
The establishment and placement of TLC Foundation funds with Perpetual underpins the strategic aim of the organisation to provide sustainable and effective reserve management.

A rolling two-year budget and business plan process is assisting the organisation to work towards total financial sustainability, in line with our 2011–2015 Strategic Plan.

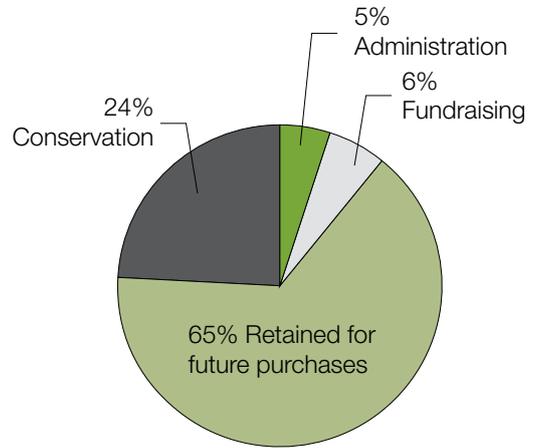




Cash Source



Cash Usage



AUDITORS' INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

Dear Sirs

As auditor for the Tasmanian Land Conservancy Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2012 I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in respect of the above-mentioned company.

Yours faithfully,

Accru+ Steele, Burnett & Nelson

Michael Burnett FCA
Registered Company Auditor, Partner, Accru+ Hobart.
Level 3, 6 Bayfield Street, ROSNY PARK TAS 7018

Date: 5th September 2012

2011-2012 In-kind Volunteer Assistance

Activity	TLC Reserve	No of Volunteers	Volunteer Days	Value \$30 hr
Weed control & rehab.	Long Point, Lutregala Marsh, Egg Islands, Flat Rock, Liffey, Skullbone Plains, New Leaf	79	280	67,200
Rubbish removal	Flat Rock	38	118	28,320
Flora & fauna surveys	Vale of Belvoir, Egg Islands, New Leaf, Skullbone Plains, Flat Rock	52	169	40,560
Reserve maintenance	Long Point, Silver Peppermint, Flat Rock, New Leaf, Skullbone Plains	29	34	8,160
Reserve planning	All reserves	4	76	18,240
Off reserve help		45	105	3,150
Total		247	782	165,630

OFFICERS REPORT

Your officers present this report to the members of the Tasmanian Land Conservancy Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2012.

Officers

The names of each person who has been an officer during the year and to the date of this report are:

Name	Current position	Date appointed to the board	Date of cessation	Meetings: Number eligible to attend	Meetings: Number attended
Associate Professor Geoff Couser	President	Dec-04	-	6	6
Mr Stuart Barry	Vice President	Oct-09	-	6	6
Ms Liz Charpleix	Treasurer	Oct-09	-	6	5
Ms Susan Gough	Secretary	Nov-07	-	6	3
Dr Wendy Potts	Member	Dec-02	-	6	5
Dr Karina Potter	Member	Dec-05	-	6	4
Mr Roderic O'Connor	Member	Oct-06	-	6	5
Mr Peter Bosworth	Member	Dec-04	-	6	5
Mr Sam McCullough	Member	Nov-08	-	6	4
Ms Lyn Maddock	Member	Oct-09	-	6	3
Mr Peter Cosier	Member	Oct-10	-	6	4
Mr Philip Myer	Member	Oct-11	May-12	6	2

Performance measures

The Tasmanian Land Conservancy (the association) measures performance through the establishment and monitoring of benchmarks and budgets. These are reviewed monthly in detail by the board and any exceptions investigated further.

The board is currently developing best practice performance measures to be adopted in the 2013 financial year.

Auditors Independence

The auditors' declaration of independence appears on page 18 and forms part of the officers' report for the year ended 30 June 2012.

Rounding

The association has adopted ASIC Class Order 98/100 dated 10 July 1998 and, in accordance with that Class Order, amounts in the financial report and the officers' report have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise stated.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the officers, on behalf of the committee:



Geoff Couser
 President – Tasmanian Land Conservancy
 Hobart Dated: 30th August 2012

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

		2012	2011
	NOTE	\$	\$
INCOME			
Conservation Grants		34,052	1,125,346
Project & Consultancy Services	3	1,508,912	1,367,645
Interest Income		119,162	140,284
Foundation Income		16,402	-
Donations & Bequests	4	1,366,501	6,545,130
Sundry Income	5	4,342	(606)
TOTAL INCOME		3,049,371	9,177,799
COST OF GOODS SOLD			
Opening Stock		1,121,739	-
Add: Purchases		-	-
Less: Closing Stock		(1,121,739)	-
TOTAL COST OF GOODS SOLD		-	-
GROSS PROFIT		3,049,371	9,177,799
EXPENSES			
Office & Admin overheads	6	120,990	96,116
Travel & Accommodation	6	22,891	31,417
Insurance	6	12,434	17,866
Depreciation		26,901	25,620
Employment	7	1,416,791	1,080,021
Fundraising	8	42,380	62,039
Reserves - Land Management	9	285,328	364,451
TOTAL EXPENSES		1,927,715	1,677,530
NET OPERATING SURPLUS		1,121,656	7,500,269
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
Revaluation Increments - Land		100,000	130,000
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		1,221,656	7,630,269

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Frosted black currawong. Photographer: Joe Shemesh

Balance Sheet Statement - as at 30 June 2011

		2012	2011
	NOTE	\$	\$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash Assets	10	6,243,888	3,344,975
TLC Foundation Funds	11	2,534,395	1,841,111
Receivables	12	41,606	22,687
Inventory - Properties		1,121,739	-
Total Current Assets		9,941,628	5,208,771
Non - Current Assets			
Permanent Reserves	13	6,367,487	6,367,487
Revolving Fund Land	14	5,153,226	5,609,874
New Leaf Land		17,495,598	18,571,679
Plant & Equipment	15	73,836	87,582
Total Non - Current Assets		29,090,146	30,636,623
TOTAL ASSETS		39,031,775	35,845,394
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Payables	16	64,622	126,384
Unexpended Grants	17	9,607,843	7,371,308
Total Current Liabilities		9,672,465	7,497,692
Non - Current Liabilities			
Private Loans	18	13,701,451	13,911,499
Total Non - Current Liabilities		13,701,451	13,911,499
TOTAL LIABILITIES		23,373,916	21,409,191
NET ASSETS		15,657,857	14,436,201
EQUITY			
Asset Revaluation Reserve		230,000	130,000
Retained Earnings		14,306,201	6,805,932
Current Year Earnings		1,121,656	7,500,269
TOTAL EQUITY		15,657,857	14,436,201

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STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS

		2012	2011
	NOTE	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Donations & Gifts		1,366,501	20,294,629
Grants received		2,270,587	1,231,401
Interest received		147,970	140,284
Consultancy services		734,196	922,133
Revolving Fund management		441,477	445,512
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,900,475)	(1,651,910)
Other		77,721	(171,047)
Net cash flows from operating activities	19	3,137,976	21,211,002
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Net proceeds from sales of property, plant & equipment		454,221	(21,669,644)
Realised gains on investments		-	-
Total cash flows from investing activities		454,221	(21,669,644)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Nil		-	-
Total cash flows from financing activities		-	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		3,592,198	(458,642)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		5,186,086	5,644,728
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	10,11	8,778,284	5,186,086

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

		2012	2011
	NOTE	\$	\$
RETAINED EARNINGS			
Opening Balance 1 July		14,306,201	6,805,932
Add: Comprehensive income		1,121,656	7,500,269
Closing balance 30 June		15,427,857	14,306,201
RESERVES			
Opening Balance 1 July		130,000	-
Add: Revaluation movements		100,000	130,000
Closing balance 30 June		230,000	130,000
TOTAL MEMBERS EQUITY		15,657,857	14,436,201

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

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNT POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the reporting requirements of the Association Incorporation Act 1964 Tasmania. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the mandatory requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Tasmania and the Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except for the following:

- Land donated or gifted to the association is valued by the directors at fair value at the date when acquired.
- Investments are carried at fair value and any subsequent market movements are taken directly to profit and loss.

In order to meet the annual financial report information needs of the associations' stakeholders, a special purpose financial report has been prepared. As such, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose other than for the annual financial report.

Significant Accounting Policies:

a) Grant Income

Grants are only recognised as income when it is likely that all conditions associated with the funding have been met or are likely to be met within the income year. All grants are initially recorded as grants in advance and shown as a liability. This is in accordance with AASB1004 'Contributions'.

b) Interest Income

Interest income is measured on an accruals basis and an accrual adjustment is made at 30 June each year.

c) Depreciation Expense

Depreciation is calculated based on the effective lives of all assets worth more than \$1,000.

d) Plant & Equipment

Plant & equipment is capitalised when the cost exceeds \$1,000. All plant & equipment is recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation.

e) Land

Land is recorded at cost with the exception of donated or gifted land which is initially recorded at fair value and reviewed annually for movement.

f) Shares and Investments

All investments are recorded at the market value as at 30 June. An adjustment is made each year to record the change in market value. This movement is recorded as either an unrealised capital gain or loss. Dividend income is treated as income when it is payable to the association.

g) GST

The association is registered for GST on a cash basis and reports to the ATO monthly.

h) New Leaf cost recovery income

The association is entitled to claim back the net cost of managing the New Leaf property portfolio. The net cost is calculated as total costs for managing the New Leaf properties less any income derived by the New Leaf properties. This cost recovery is calculated once a year. The revenue is recognised at the end of the 12 months to which it relates and the loan to the Elsie Cameron Foundation is reduced accordingly at the same date.

Directors/Office Holders

No directors or officeholders receive any remuneration for their role on the board.

Independent Auditor

The association's independent auditor is Michael J Burnett B.Com. FCA, Registered Company Auditor, Partner of Accru+ Hobart Pty Ltd.

For the 2012 financial year the auditor's remuneration is \$9,500 + GST. No additional services or engagements were performed for the association by the auditor.

Subsequent Events & Going Concern

As at the date this report was signed there were no material subsequent events or going concern issues.

To the members of the Tasmanian Land Conservancy Inc.

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose report, of Tasmanian Land Conservancy Inc. which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2012, the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended, statement of cash flows for the year then ended, special purpose cash source and usage summary report for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the officers assertion statement.

Officers Responsibility for the Financial Report

The officers of Tasmanian Land Conservancy Inc. are responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1, is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporated Act 1964 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The officers' responsibility also includes such internal control as the officers determine 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 officers, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe 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 Tasmanian Land Conservancy Inc. as at 30 June 2012 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the *Associations Incorporated Act (1964)*.

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 for the purpose of fulfilling the officers financial reporting requirements under the Associations Incorporation Act 1964 and as such may be unsuitable for another purpose.

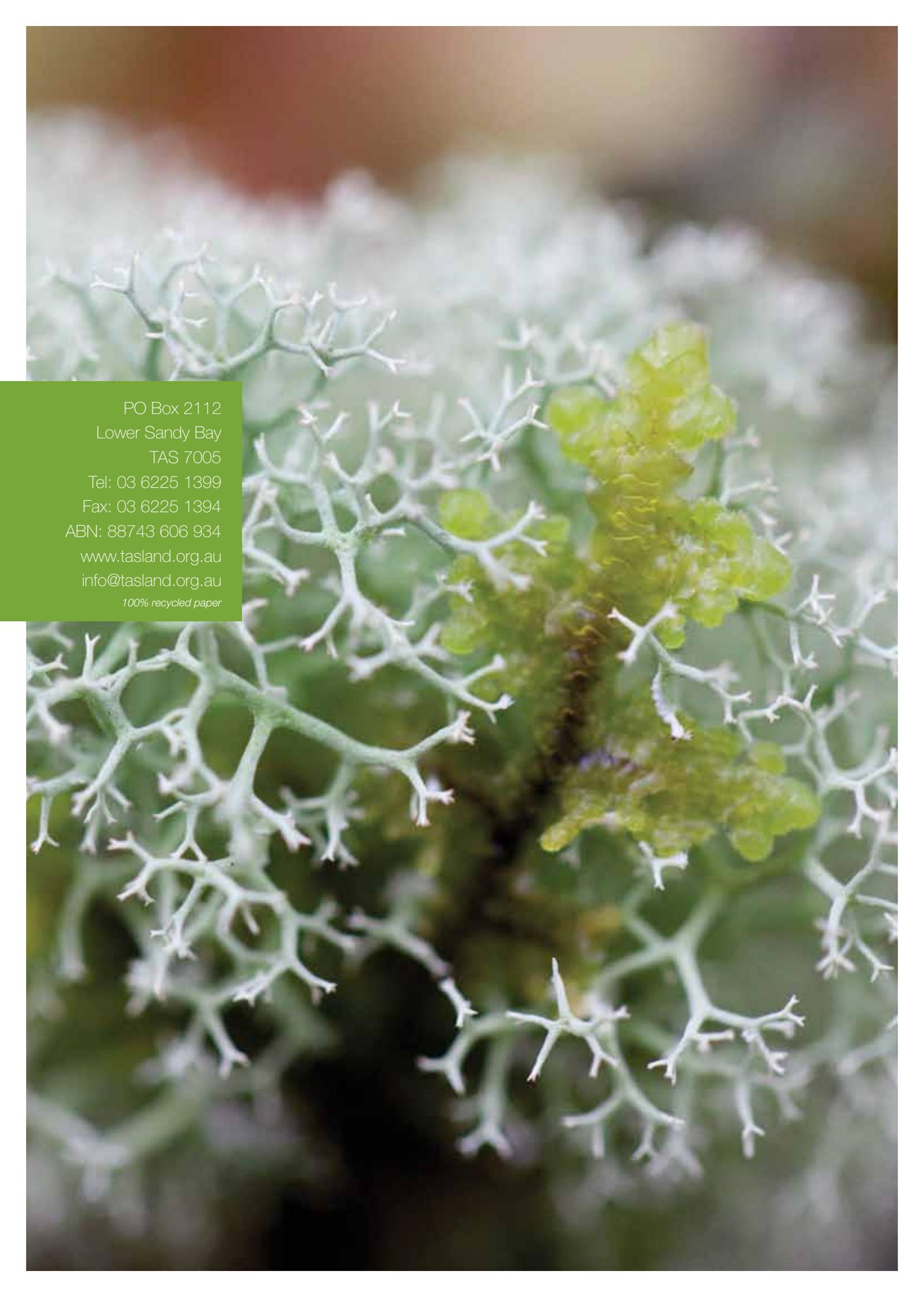
The officers have determined that the financial report shall be prepared in accordance with a special purpose framework. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose as only the accounting standards specifically stated in note 1 to the accounts have been applied in the preparation of this special purpose financial report.

As such, this report should not be distributed or used by parties other than Tasmanian Land Conservancy Inc. and its members as part of the annual financial report.



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Partner, Accru+ Hobart
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Dated: 5th September 2012





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