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Chairman's Address

I write this report as I sit off the coast of West Papua, a place of mega diversity and still largely untouched wilderness. I've been reading Tim Flannery's "Throwim Way Leg" written in the late 1980's, which sets the scene in this amazing and wild place. His book has impressed upon me how many unique 'then-unknown' species may well be extinct even now, as the pressure to extract resources continues at an alarming pace. I'm left wondering if we are the last generation to experience such an extraordinary wilderness.

For the environment, 2016-2017 has been another tough year. The climate wars continue to rage on at a political level while industry and majority of the population seem to be moving ahead. The northern section of the Great Barrier Reef has suffered a second successive coral bleaching event and tree-clearing in Queensland is once again running out of control. Clearing in Queensland is now occurring at a rate of about twice the size of the ACT each year. A WWF-commissioned report written by five eminent scientists estimates that the magnitude of vertebrate loss in Queensland is at 34 million a year including 2.6 million birds. Tree-clearing on this scale also significantly contributes to Australia's greenhouse gas emissions.

Another concerning development this year has been the attack on environmental groups led by the Minerals Council of Australia (MCA). The MCA campaign is designed to restrict the ability of all environmental organisations to raise tax deductible funds and is linked to a plan to prescribe a set of requirements that diverts environmental scientists, lawyers and advocates away from their core purposes to remediation activities. This is nothing more than an attack on our democracy by vested interests. This attack has galvanised environmental groups and other charitable sectors together to support each other in the pursuit of the common good.

On the other hand, in the midst of a sea of negativity there are some positive developments that the Purves Environmental Fund (PEF) has assisted financially and with strategy during the financial year. At the top of the list is the rollout of the container deposit scheme, which is gaining momentum across Australia. This will see the halving of plastic and glass bottles consumed outside the home ending up as litter in the environment. In addition, there is the move by state governments to ban single use plastic bags. Encouragingly, this has been supported by major retailers.

Support for renewables at a community level is also at a record high. A number of states and territories are well on their way to achieving sustainable levels of reliance on renewable energy.

In addition, the Wentworth Group of concerned scientists continue to forge ahead as a strong voice for a better balance between environmental water flows and extraction in the Murray-Darling Basin. They remain the key voice of science in a period where the hard-fought reforms have been weakened by poor, and in some cases corrupt, management. The Wentworth Group also continues to make progress on its ground-breaking Environmental Accounts, receiving interest from commercial operators, industry associations, and government.

Moreover, the PEF increasingly sees its role within philanthropy in linking key environmental issues with the valuable networking capacity of Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network to aid and leverage capacity. The result has been better funded campaigns for critical issues such as tree-clearing, container deposits, and water reform.



Furthermore, on the climate front the PEF continues to support two outstanding organisations (Climate Council and Australian Youth Climate Coalition) that raise awareness and promote community action to address the issue.

Finally, I'd like to thank Erika Hosoyama as the officer of the PEF for her untiring devotion to achieving the outcomes of the Fund. I'd also like to thank my fellow directors Ian Pollard, Geoff Brunsdon, Richard Gelski and Rhett Purves for their assistance and wise council in what has been a difficult time for the environment.

Robert Purves AM
October 2017

About the Purves Environmental Fund

Vision

The PEF's vision is an environmentally sustainable world in which biodiversity is preserved.

Mission

The mission of the PEF is to advance, primarily through education of individuals and organisations, environmental sustainability and preservation of biodiversity.

Objectives

The PEF grants gifts (funds) to enable and empower others working towards environmental sustainability and preservation of biodiversity.

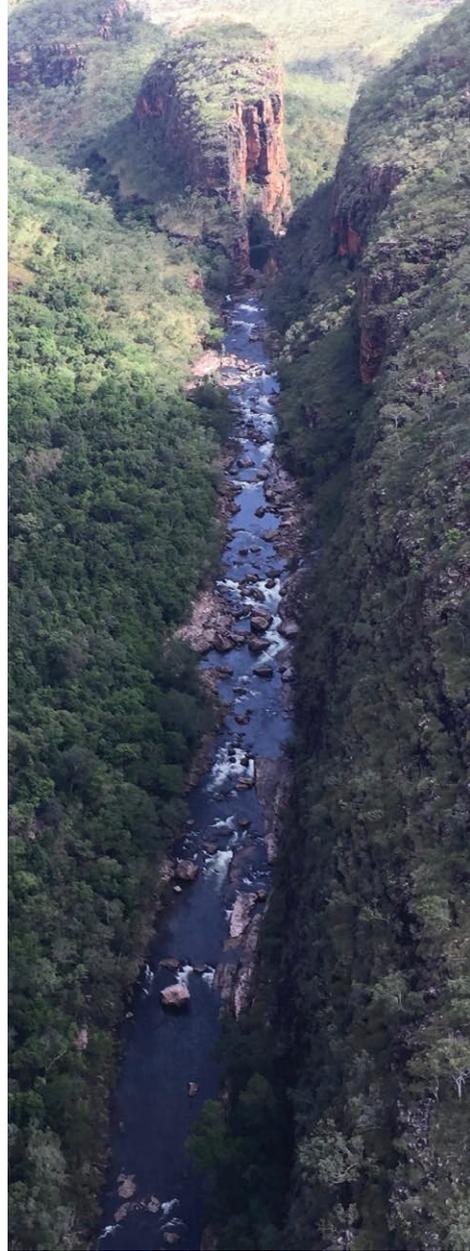
We aim to:

- Act as catalysts to change;
- Fill gaps in effecting change;
- Break down barriers to action;
- Support creation of new thinking and practice;
- Provide bold leadership; and,
- Encourage participation of stakeholders.

Charitable Purpose

The charitable purposes of the PEF are:

- a) To protect and enhance the natural environment;
- b) To enhance the protection of Australia's unique biodiversity for the benefit of future generations through the protection of native species and the ecological processes that support them, particularly in the primary production landscape;
- c) To provide information and education about the natural environment and to improve the Australian community's understanding of the urgent need for greater sustainability; and,
- d) To support scientific research and field projects that are aimed at supporting catalytic work to find solutions for important environmental issues not currently supported by environmental groups or government.



Activities and Organisations Supported During Financial Year 2016-2017

Water Management & Biodiversity

The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists

www.wentworthgroup.org

The PEF is a major sponsor of the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists, providing core funding to cover its operational and management costs.

WENTWORTH GROUP
OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS

The Wentworth Group is an independent group of eminent Australian scientists and economists. It was formed in 2002 with the objective of connecting science to public policy to improve the management of Australia's land and water resources, and the conservation of Australia's biodiversity.

Since its establishment, the Wentworth Group has built a national reputation for practical, high quality, and scientifically-based policy reforms to improve the management of Australia's land, water and biodiversity assets. Central to the success of the Wentworth Group is its ability to harness the voluntary assistance from highly qualified people who contribute their time, expertise and reputations to the development of public policy reforms.

As at 30 June 2017, members of the group were Mr Martijn Wilder AM, Professor Bruce Thom AM FIAG FTSE, Dr Denis Saunders AM, Ms Anna Skarbek, Mr Robert Purves AM, Professor Hugh Possingham FAA, Dr Jamie Pittock, Professor David Karoly, Professor Lesley Hughes, Dr Terry Hillman AM, Dr Ronnie Harding FEIANZ, Professor Tim Flannery FAA, Professor David Lindenmeyer AO FAA and Mr Peter Cosier.

The Wentworth Group relies on the personal commitment and time of the individual members, other experts, and a small secretariat to support the Wentworth Group's activities.

The Wentworth Group is especially grateful to Mr Peter Harper, Dr Ken Henry, Mr Max Kitchell, Dr Richard Davis, Dr Hang To, Mr Brad Tucker, Dr Penny Whetton, Ms Ilona Millar, Ms Rachel Walmsley, Dr Emma Carmody, Mr Mike Grundy, Dr Jane McDonald, Dr Richard Mount, Ms Carla Sbrocchi, Dr Tony Smith, Adj. Assoc. Prof. Richard Thackway and Mr Simon Warner for their contributions to the Wentworth Group's work this year. The Wentworth Group is grateful to The Ian Potter Foundation for their on-going financial support for its work on environment and economy, and national environmental accounts. The Wentworth Group also acknowledges the dedication of Dr Adrian Ward, Ms Paula Steyer and Dr Celine Steinfeld for their assistance.

Water Reform

The Wentworth Group has maintained a strong interest in the sustainable management of Australia's water resources. Its focus in recent years has been in the Murray-Darling Basin where the Australian government has committed a major reform package, which included the Murray-Darling Basin Plan and a \$13 billion investment to restore the health of the Basin.

Given the scale of the reform and the substantial public investment, the Wentworth Group has invested significant resources into the technical and institutional changes needed to ensure these reforms deliver long term outcomes for the people and ecosystems in the Basin. This work was built on the 2010 blueprint *Sustainable diversion limits in the Murray-Darling Basin*, which set a pathway forward to ensure the reform restores the health of the river system in a way that maximises the economic return to business and communities in the Basin.

In June 2017, The Wentworth Group used this research to put forward a set of detailed recommendations to Commonwealth and State leaders of the Council of Australian Governments to ensure the Murray-Darling Basin Plan is on track to delivering the outcomes governments have promised.

The recommendations were based on a review, which assessed the progress towards social, economic and environmental objectives in the Basin Plan, and the likely impacts of climate change and other future challenges on the Basin's water resources.

Activities and Organisations Supported During Financial Year 2016-2017

Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists claims Murray-Darling Plan will fail

Wentworth report on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan condemned by Senator

Wentworth Group says stalled reform must...

Murray-Darling plan doomed to fail unless more water earmarked for conservation scientists

Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists report says Basin Plan is failing

Farmers call for reality check of Wentworth Group claims

Farmers have refuted claims made today by the Wentworth Group of concerned scientists regarding the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, saying they are a dose of reality.

Basin plan rethink crucial Scientists

'Rivers will continue to die from the bottom up'

Wentworth report on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan condemned by Senator

Scientists highlight Basin plan concerns

It's not too late to save the Howard legacy on water reform

MURRAY DARLING FEARS Scientists warn no improvements 5 years into Basin Plan

Call for more environmental flows as Murray Darling River Plan fails to improve system

Up the creek: Less water for the Murray-Darling Basin

Background Briefing

Water buyback potential

Listen to Tuesday's program

Listen to Monday's program

Division over Murray-Darling Basin plan assessment

THE AUSTRALIAN

Murray plan on track to fail, scientists

The Irrigator

Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists report says Basin Plan is failing

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SunraysiaDaily

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'Rivers will continue to die from the bottom up'

Examples of media responses to Wentworth Group's water reform recommendations

Summary Table								
Class	Asset	Econd	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
LAND	Native Vegetation	Econd	29					
		Extent (Ha)	53					
		Composition (index)	53					
		Configuration (rank)						
FRESHWATER	Rivers	Econd	70	76	78	79	81	
		Physical/chemical index (%)	77	84	85	86	91	
		Nutrient cycling index (%)	60	75	70	73	61	
		Macroinvertebrates index (%)	69	74	79	82	88	
	Fish index (%)	68	65	69	71	76		
	Wetlands	Econd	33					
		Extent (Ha)	62					
Composition (index)		59						
COASTAL	Estuaries	Econd	55	42	44	39	41	41
		Physical/chemical index (%)	57	39	40	34	36	37
		Biological Health Rating (%)	51	50	53	51	53	49
		Foreshore / riparian habitat extent (km)		48	51	51	51	51
	Moreton Bay	Econd	82	81	81	68	75	75
		Physical/chemical index (%)	84	83	82	69	78	77
		Biological Health Rating (%)	74	74	75	64	64	66

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Example of assets within a regional environmental account

Environmental Accounting

In 2008 the Wentworth Group developed the *Accounting for Nature* methodology for environmental accounts. The Wentworth Group embarked on a 5-year continental-scale trial of the methodology in partnership with NRM Regions Australia. The Wentworth Group demonstrated that the methodology was technically feasible, affordable and worthy of practical application. This trial was made possible by the dedication of nearly one hundred scientists, economists and statisticians from the private sector, Commonwealth and state agencies, universities, the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the Bureau of Meteorology, the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists, The Ian Potter Foundation, and CSIRO.

Completing the regional Australian trial of the Wentworth Group's *Accounting for Nature* model in 2015 was an important milestone in environmental accounting in Australia. The Wentworth Group used the experience of this trial with the support of leading Australian economists, statisticians, and business leaders to advocate for a national program to build the world's first set of regional-scale national environmental accounts.

As a step towards this objective, the Wentworth Group was invited to make a joint presentation to the Meeting of Commonwealth, State and Territory Environment Ministers with the Australian Bureau of Statistics and NRM Regions Australia. The Ministers have now agreed to work together to develop a common national approach to environmental accounts in 2017 to ensure that "accurate and reliable information is available to governments, communities and business to better understand the condition of the environment and make better decisions."

Landscape Conservation

In 2014, the Wentworth Group, in consultation with experts in economics, land use planning, and land and water management, released a *Blueprint for a Healthy Environment and a Productive Economy*. In June 2015, the Wentworth Group released another more detailed publication as a submission to the Tax Reform White Paper, titled *Using Markets to Conserve Natural Capital*.

Throughout the year, the Wentworth Group used these papers as the basis for further research to advocate the need for, and opportunities that will result from, the sustainable management of Australia's land, water and biodiversity resources. They remind us that the Australian environment is undergoing systemic long term change, and is facing significant new pressures from population and economic growth driven by the Asia century, and climate change. This work also shows that despite these pressures, by taking a long-term view, it is possible to grow the Australian economy, create jobs, and maintain the nation's natural capital for the benefit of present and future generations.

Wentworth Group Science Program

The Wentworth Group Science Program invests in building the capacity of the next generation of natural resource scientists, economists, lawyers, and business people to shape policy for Australia's land, water, and marine resources.

Launched in February 2007, the Wentworth Group Scholarships are non-stipend scholarships awarded to post-graduate students with the objective of enabling recipients to become active contributors at the interface of good decision-making and world class science. The scholarships do so by allowing recipients to travel to Sydney for the annual Wentworth Group Master Class and receive mentoring from Wentworth Group Members.



Scholars attended Professor Bruce Thom's 'Cape to Cape' field trip around Sydney's Botany Bay during the 2017 Master Class

Many past scholars are today making significant contributions in the areas of science and public policy.

The 2017 Master Class was held in May at the University of NSW Australia Business School in Sydney. It brought together nine postgraduate (PhD) students and two young professionals with the Members and secretariat.

Climate Change & Renewables

Australian Youth Climate Coalition

www.aycc.org.au

Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC) is one of Australia's largest youth-run organisations, representing more than 120,000 members united by a common goal – their vision of a safe climate future. AYCC's mission is to build a generation-wide movement to solve the climate crisis by inspiring, empowering and mobilising young Australians to take action on climate change. The PEF has been a major sponsor of AYCC since 2007 by supporting its programs and contributing to its core funds.



In 2016-2017, the PEF provided funding for core operation, and Power Shift 2017. During the financial year, AYCC:

- Continued to successfully campaign to get Australia's big four banks to rule out financing mega-mines in the Galilee Basin and coal ports on the Great Barrier Reef coast;
- Launched the inaugural Student Leadership Program, a 6-month pilot program that empowered and educated 15 high school leaders through intensive peer-led workshops on communication, campaigning and organising. The students have since gone on to run powerful Repower our Schools campaigns in their school communities;
- Held 10 state-based training camps that educated and empowered approximately 500 young people, which contribute to growing AYCC's movement of passionate young people who are now connected, skilled and inspired to take action, and
- Surveyed over 500 Indigenous community members in the Northern Territory around a ban on fracking to raise awareness and support to empower local NT anti-gas campaign through Seed Indigenous Youth Climate Network.



An overview of AYCC activities during 2016-2017

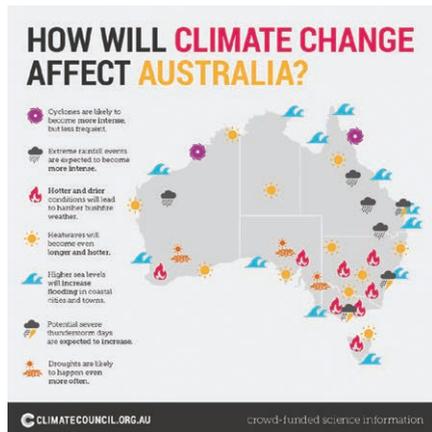
Climate Council

www.climatecouncil.org.au

The PEF supported the Climate Council in 2016-2017 by providing core operation funds. The Council is an independent, crowd-funded organisation providing quality information on climate change to the Australian public. The Council has dramatically increased the volume of trusted voices on climate change in the media, and is helping shift the public discourse on climate change and opening up the space for decision makers to take action.



During 2016-2017, the Council obtained an average of \$2.1 million worth of media coverage each month, ranking as the number one climate change organisation communicating on climate throughout the year in Australia. The Council also reached on average 7.5 million people per month via social media platforms, and its original content videos reached over 26 million people. According to a recent opinion polling and messaging research commissioned by the Council, support for climate action is at its highest level since 2008 with 75% of the Australian public in favour.



Farmers for Climate Action project

<http://www.farmersforclimateaction.org.au>

The PEF supported capacity building of Farmers for Climate Action (FCA), which established itself as a separate public entity from the Climate Council during 2016-2017. Funds were used by FCA to cover operational and outreach costs to build its membership and constituents.



“The Age of Consequence”

<https://www.breakthroughonline.org.au/sherrigoodman>

“The Age of Consequence” is a documentary that investigates the accelerating impact of climate change on increased resource scarcity, migration, and conflict through the lens of United States’ national security and global stability.



The PEF assisted Sustainable Living Foundation to host Dr Sherri Goodman during Breakthrough Centre’s tour of the documentary in Australia in early April 2017. Breakthrough Centre is a project by the Sustainable Living Foundation, and Dr Goodman is a former US Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Environmental Security and a current Executive Director of the CAN Military Advisory Board, who features in the documentary. During the documentary tour, Dr Goodman:

- Met with senior political figures and led roundtables with federal government departments, including the Department of Defence,
- Met with senior Australian national security analysts and senior civilian and uniformed ranks in the Department of Defence,
- Engaged in events organised by national security think tanks,
- Spoke at public events and conducted media interviews, and
- Participated in senior business leader’s private discussions.



Department of Defence Roundtable with Dr Goodman

CLIMARTE

www.climarte.org

CLIMARTE's vision is to harness the creative power of the arts to inform, engage, and inspire action on climate change. During 2016-17, the PEF supported a week-long artist intensive program, ART / ACTION / POLITICS, run as part of ART+CLIMATE=CHANGE 2017 festival between 30 April and 6 May 2017 in Melbourne.

ART / POLITICS / ACTION featured keynote presentation, workshops, discussions, case studies, as well as time for collective project development and shared meals for a core group of 31 participating artist and activists. The symposium fostered connectivity, critique, and creation of new collaborative works that address the urgent issues of climate change. Artists that have participated in the program now consider activism as a key part of their practice, and are meeting together again.

CLIMARTE
ARTS FOR A SAFE CLIMATE



ART / POLITICS / ACTION forum

Marine Plastic Pollution

Boomerang Alliance

www.boomerangalliance.org.au

Boomerang Alliance is the peak campaign body on wide range of waste and resource issues related to both urban and natural environment. It is comprised of 47 national, state and local allies, and managed by the Total Environment Centre. It aims to create a healthy pollution free environment for all to enjoy by promoting maximum resource efficiency and zero waste. The PEF has been the key supporter of the Boomerang Alliance's campaign to introduce a container deposit scheme to solve drink container litter issue since 2013.



After the historical announcement by NSW in 2016 to introduce a container deposit scheme, Queensland, WA, ACT, and Tasmania followed suit with each state committing to introduce similar scheme. This has left Victoria as the only state without any commitment.

During 2016-17 the Boomerang Alliance continued to work closely with state governments in NSW, Queensland, and ACT to ensure effective scheme rollout, and to maintain strong ongoing community, business and government support for its implementation. It also began to assist WA government with its process, and has been working with regional grassroots communities in Victoria to get the state on board with the rest of Australia.



Boomerang Bags

www.boomerangbags.org

Boomerang Bags is a grassroots community driven movement tackling plastic pollution at its source. Volunteers from all walks of life get together to make re-useable 'boomerang bags' using recycled materials shifting society's throw away mentality to a more sustainable revolution of re-use. As at 1 October 2017, 450 Boomerang Bags Communities are underway nationally and overseas, which have collectively made 130,500 Boomerang Bags while diverting 39,150kg of waste from landfill.



The PEF is supporting the implementation of Boomerang Bags into ten selected communities around Australia to January 2018. Communities in Coffs Harbour (NSW), Southern Highlands (NSW), Kingscliff (NSW), Tugun (QLD), Phillip Island (Vic), and San Remo (Vic) have so far received support via the PEF gift.



Community Sewing-Bee session



Boomerang Bags stand at a local store

Broad-scale Tree-clearing

The PEF has long been supporting campaigns to control excessive broad-scale tree-clearing. In 2006 and 2005 environmental groups, farming organisations, and both state and federal governments agreed to end excessive tree-clearing in Queensland and NSW, respectively, by passing legislation that dramatically and effectively reduced the area being cleared. However, the legislation was repealed in Queensland in 2012, and subsequently by NSW in 2017.

1.25 million hectares (equivalent to about 5 times the size of ACT) of bushland has been cleared between 2012 and 2016 in Queensland alone establishing it as a global hotspot for clearing alongside Congo, Amazon and Borneo. Tragically, it has been estimated that 34 million vertebrates are killed per year because of the current clearing, including 9,000 mammals, 2.6 million birds, and 30.6 million reptiles. In addition to the biodiversity loss, there are hidden impacts on animal welfare and the current situation in Queensland has been described as the single greatest animal welfare crisis in the state. Rescues of forest-dependent wildlife more than tripled since the weakening of clearing control legislation.



Aerial view of recently cleared patches near Emerald, QLD

Adding to its devastating impact on species, tree-clearing also contributes to carbon emission. Clearing that occurred in Queensland alone in one year between 2013 and 2014 released carbon emission equivalent to 20% of the national electricity sector (nearly 7% of national emissions). This may look like a small contribution to climate change at first sight, but since forests and woodlands can store about 23 times Australia's annual emissions, one can really appreciate the value on keeping them in the ground as much as possible.

It is too early to form a view whether the repeal and change in biodiversity law will lead to renewed broad-scale tree-clearing in NSW too, however the impact of Queensland does not bode well.

WWF-Australia

www.wwf.org.au

During 2016-17, the PEF funded the employment of a campaigner by WWF-Australia to lead, coordinate, and participate in a public campaign to end clearing of high conservation value forests and woodlands in Eastern Australia. Unfortunately, legislation to reverse the Newman government's tree-clearing laws was voted down by the Queensland Parliament (by one vote) on 18 August 2016, and the WWF and other members of the Stand Up for Nature alliance in NSW were unable to significantly improve the pro-environmental aspects of the Biodiversity Conservation Bill before it passed into law in November 2016.



Bulldozing trees down, Olive Vale, QLD

NGO Capacity Building

Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network (AEGN)

www.aegn.org.au

The PEF is a Leading Supporter of Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network (AEGN). The AEGN aims to improve the conservation, protection and functioning of Australia's natural environment and ecological processes through education and networking of grant-makers.



Environment Centre NT

www.ecnt.org.au

The Environment Centre NT is the peak non-government environmental advocacy organisation in the Northern Territory, and plays a leadership role in environmental policy development and environmental protection campaigns in the region. Environment Centre NT lost all its governmental funding during the 2014-15 financial year, and the PEF has been contributing annual general donation to the organisation to allow it to keep its doors open.



Total Environment Centre (TEC)

www.tec.org.au

The Total Environment Centre (TEC) is an independent, non-profit-group operating as a resource and support base for environmentalists working on a wide range of issues. It concentrates on direct campaign activity, lobbying and research.

In 2016-2017, the PEF supported TEC once again to engage professional accounting service to strengthen its financial planning and management.



WWF-New Zealand

www.wwf.org.nz

Original funds provided by the PEF to WWF-New Zealand in 2007 were successful in supporting the growth of WWF-New Zealand fundraising activities by tripling its individual donors and increasing its unrestricted income by almost 297% by 2016. This growth in turn has allowed WWF-New Zealand to double its expenditure on conservation work. PEF's original gift has since then been reinvested in the WWF Asia Pacific Growth Strategy, and WWF-New Zealand has established a robust and sustaining fundraising program.



Environmental Education

“Poets and Painters – Celebrating The Big Punchbowl”

www.tasland.org.au

Capitalising on the *Skullbone Experiment*, Tasmanian Land Conservancy (TLC) ran a unique project, *Poets and Painters* during 2016-2017. This was designed to further grow the relationship between art and nature by engaging both contemporary artists and the literary arts sector. TLC connected 11 poets and painters with nature and showcased their response in the form of two art exhibitions, publication of a 60-page book, and participation at writers’ festivals.



The Poets and Painters gathering took place at the TLC’s 14th permanence reserve, The Big Punchbowl, which is a stone’s throw away from the iconic Freycinet National Park in October 2016. The resulting exhibition was held at The Moonah Arts Centre (MAC) from 28 July to 19 August 2017. The launch in the MAC was attended by approximately 350 people with an estimated 930 people visiting the exhibition in the first weekend and around 2,500 during the duration of the show making it one of the most popular exhibition held at the MAC to date.





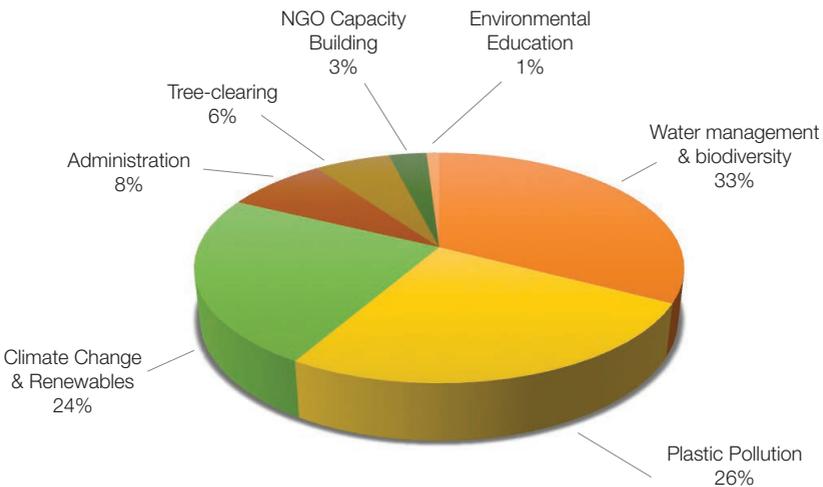
Financial Summary

As a public fund, the Purves Environmental Fund receives donations from the public. The main source of funding is from a private trust, the Purves Private Fund.

The Purves Environmental Fund receives an in-kind donation of office space and administrative support from RPG Management Pty Ltd.

2016-2017 Expenditure Analysis

The diagram below depicts typical expenditure broken down by a generic categorisation.

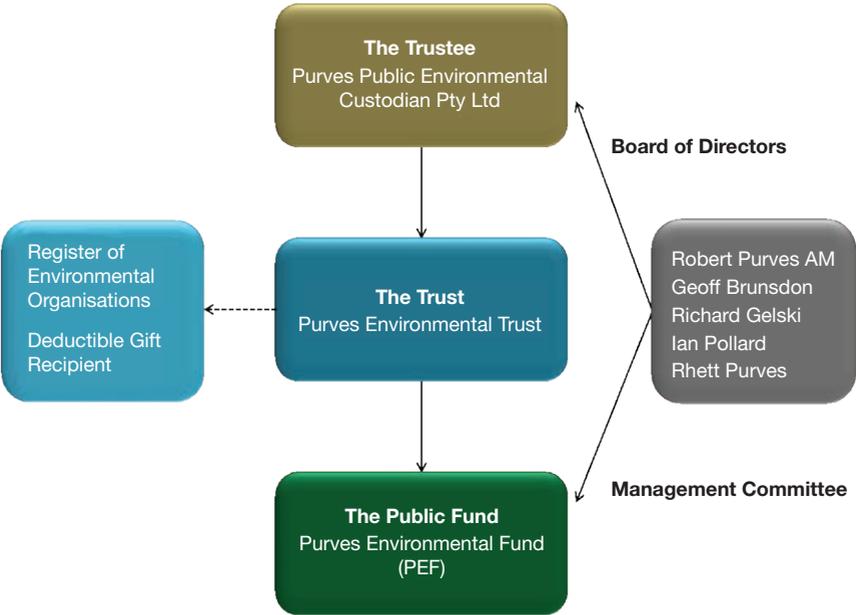


Governance

Fund Structure

The Purves Environmental Fund is the Public Fund of the Purves Environmental Trust. The Trustee of the Trust is Purves Public Environmental Custodian Pty Limited (the Trustee Company), which is a company limited by shares. The Purves Environmental Trust was founded in 2004 by Robert Purves.

The PEF operates on a not-for-profit basis. The Trust is registered on the Register of Environmental Organisations and is a Deductible Gift Recipient (ABN 78 930 366 807). The PEF employs one staff member on a part-time basis.



Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Trustee Company governs Purves Environmental Trust. The Board members also form the Management Committee of Purves Environmental Fund. The Board sets the strategic direction and policy of the PEF, approves the annual budget and regularly reviews the operations and financial status of the organisation. In their capacity as members of the PEF's Management Committee, the Board also approves Fund's support for individual projects. The Board ensures compliance with the Corporations Law and the requirements of the Australian Securities and Investment Commission.

The Directors are:

Geoff Brunson is a professional company director and is currently Chairman of Sims Metal Management Ltd, Metlife Insurance Ltd, IPE Limited and APN Funds Management Limited. In 2009, he retired as Managing Director and Head of Investment Banking of Merrill Lynch International (Australia) Limited. Geoff was a Member of the Takeovers Panel between 2007 and 2016, he is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, a Fellow of FINSIA and a Fellow of the Institute of Company Directors.

Richard Gelski is a partner at corporate law firm Johnson, Winter & Slattery. He has over 40 years' experience as a University academic, barrister & solicitor. He sits on a number of private & public company boards as well as a number of Private Foundations. For the past twenty years Richard has provided pro bono work to charitable funds

and created a variety of private charitable foundations.

Ian Pollard is a company director and actuary. He is currently Chairman of Billabong International and RGA Australia and a director of Milton Corporation and SCA Property Group. Ian was previously Chairman of Corporate Express Australia and Just Group. Ian is also an executive coach with Foresight's Global Coaching. A Rhodes Scholar, Ian has written a number of books and papers, principally in the areas of corporate finance and human development. He has also been active in a number of not-for-profit organisations, principally involved with youth.

Robert Purves AM is a businessman and an environmentalist. He is currently the President of WWF-Australia and a former board member of WWF International. Robert is also a founding member of The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists, a Director of Climate Council of Australia, a Patron of the Lizard Island Research Station, and a Governor of Australian Youth Climate Coalition. In 2008 Robert was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for service to conservation and the environment, and awarded an Honorary Fellow from the University of Sydney. Robert was also awarded the Australian Geographic Society's Lifetime of Conservation Award in 2015.

Rhett Purves joined the PEF Board in October 2015. He works in corporate strategy and holds a Bachelor of Business (Hons), Finance.

Environmental Officer

Erika Hosoyama oversees the day-to-day management of the PEF as the Environmental Officer on behalf of the Management Committee. She is responsible to the Board of the Trustee Company for strategic planning, performance and operational matters. She has a background in communications and community relations for environmental projects, and holds degrees in environmental science and environmental law.

Auditors

Purves Environmental Fund is audited by ShineWing Australia Sydney (Level 8, 167 Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000)

Environmental Policy

The PEF has an environmental policy that aims to reduce the environmental footprint of the PEF's activities. This is done by purchasing 100% accredited Green Power electricity for its office, neutralising greenhouse gas emissions from staff air travel by purchasing carbon offsets, purchasing eco office supplies and products, where available, and recycling office waste.

Supporting the Purves Environmental Fund

The PEF welcomes donations, which are used to support the important work of advancing environmental sustainability and preservation of biodiversity. To make a tax-deductible donation, please send a cheque payable to Purves Environmental Fund with your name and address details to:

PEF Environmental Officer
Suite 4, Bennelong Office Suites, 3B Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000

Applying for Funding

Funding is available to activities that meet the PEF's objectives and charitable purposes, and align with PEF's current focus area. Applicants must first submit a preliminary one-page proposal with a brief explanation on the organisation, proposed activity, its objectives, its aimed outcomes, and the amount of funding being sought. If the proposal is deemed to align with the PEF's scope, the applicant will be invited to submit a formal application for consideration by the Management Committee.

Projects Supported Since Inception

Since its establishment in 2004, the Purves Environmental Fund has gifted \$15 million of benefactions. Below is the list of projects and organisations that the PEF has supported over the years (in alphabetical order):

2003/2004

- *Conservation on Private Lands: The Australian Experience*

2004/2005

- Climate Action Network Australia
- Environment Business Australia (EBA)
- The Climate Group
- *The Weather Makers*

2005/2006

- Australian Wildlife Conservancy
- EBA
- Clean Up Australia – Clean Fuels Campaign
- Climate Action Network Australia
- Tarkine National Coalition
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
- *The Weather Makers*
- Total Environment Centre (TEC)
- Real Pictures “On Trial”

2006/2007

- EBA
- Creative Climate Brainstorm Network Meeting
- The Climate Group Greenhouse Indicator
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
- *Thinking About Climate Change*
- TEC
- *We are the Weather Makers*
- *Weather or not it's a Climate for Change*
- WWF-Australia Macquarie Island Conservation

2007/2008

- Australia 2020 Summit
- AEGN
- AYCC – school climate messengers
- *Cents and Sustainability*
- EBA
- Emerald Awards by Climate Leaders
- Environment Centre of Northern Territory
- *On Our Watch*
- “On Borrowed Time” Learning Resource
- State Library of NSW – Fellowship in Environment & Conservation

- The Climate Group Greenhouse Indicator
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
- *Thinking About Climate Change*
- TEC
- Wakakiri
- *Weather or not it's a Climate for Change*
- WWF New Zealand

2008/2009

- AEGN
- AYCC – school climate messengers
- *Cents and Sustainability*
- Copenhagen Climate Council
- Earth Hour 2009
- EBA
- Environment Centre for NT
- “On Borrowed Time” Learning Resource
- *On Our Watch*
- State Library of NSW fellowship
- Tarkine National Coalition/ Tarkine World Heritage
- Terrestrial Carbon Group
- *Thinking About Climate Change*
- The Climate Group Greenhouse Indicator
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
- TEC
- World Congress of Science Producers
- WWF New Zealand

2009/2010

- AEGN
- AYCC & AYCC Power Shift
- Carbon Grazing Trust
- Centre for Sustainability Leadership
- *Cents and Sustainability*
- Copenhagen Climate Council
- EBA
- Earthwatch
- Environment Centre for NT
- State Library of NSW fellowship
- Tarkine National Coalition
- TEC
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
- WWF New Zealand

2010/2011

- 1 Million Women
- AEGN
- AYCC & AYCC Power Shift / Youth Decide
- Carbon Grazing Trust
- Centre for Sustainability Leadership
- *Cents and Sustainability*
- Environment Centre for NT
- Four Degrees or More? Conference
- Green Way Up
- Peter Cullen Trust
- SBA (formerly EBA)
- Sydney Ice Bear
- Tarkine National Coalition
- Tasmanian Land Conservancy (TLC)
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
- TEC
- WWF New Zealand

2011/2012

- 1 Million Women
- AEGN
- AYCC & AYCC Changing Hearts and Minds Tour
- Environment Centre for NT
- Four Degrees or More? Conference
- Griffin Theatre – *Between Two Waves*
- Simon McGrath – “Who left the tap running?”
- TLC
- TEC – NSW land clearing law review
- SBA
- WWF-New Zealand

2012/2013

- 1 Million Women
- AEGN
- AYCC
- EDO NSW
- Griffin Theatre – *Between Two Waves*
- TLC
- TEC
- SBA
- Wild Migration
- WWF-Australia
- WWF-New Zealand

2013/2014

- 1 Million Women
- AEGN
- AYCC
- Boomerang Alliance
- Climate Council of Australia

- Earth Hour 2014 and Flagship Event
- EDO NSW
- National Toxics Network (NTN)
- QuestaBird
- TLC
- TLC – “The Skullbone Experiment”
- TEC
- Roar Film / Documentary Australia Foundation – “Projecting Skullbone Plains”
- SBA
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
- Wild Migration
- WWF-Australia
- WWF-New Zealand

2014/2015

- 1 Million Women
- AEGN
- AYCC
- Boomerang Alliance
- Climate Council of Australia
- Earth Hour 2015
- EDO NSW
- Environment Centre for NT
- NTN
- Peter Cullen Trust
- QuestaGame
- SBA
- TLC – “The Skullbone Experiment”
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
- TEC
- Wild Migration
- WWF-New Zealand

2015/2016

- 25zero
- AEGN
- AYCC
- Boomerang Alliance
- Centre for Australian Progress
- CLIMARTE
- Climate Council of Australia
- Climate Media Centre project
- Deep Breathing – Janet Laurence
- EDO NSW
- Environment Centre NT
- On Albatross Island
- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
- TEC
- WWF-New Zealand



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