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Annual Review 2012



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Chairman's Address

The year in review – whilst we saw a great step forward with Australia finally putting a price on carbon, it regrettably was also a year when many environmental matters went backwards. The toxic nature of the climate debate, particularly at the federal level, cascaded down into many other environmental issues resulting in state governments withdrawing many environmental programs or slashing funding on them. The year can best be described as a year that 'green bashing' came to the forefront from a number of quarters, which, regrettably, got some political currency. This push is culminating in both sides of politics wanting to see a winding back of federal responsibilities for the environment (the review of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*).

Despite this politically difficult period, the Purves Environmental Fund ('the Fund' or 'PEF') remains committed to its charter of supporting initiatives that provide leverage whilst also acting as a catalyst in bringing better environmental outcomes. Following the previous years' record in environmental gifting by the Fund, the 2011/2012 saw the gifting levels return to preceding years.

The Fund continues as the major sponsor of The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists, which celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2012. Wentworth remains a highly influential organisation on land and water issues in Australia. During this financial year, the Wentworth Group contributed strongly to the debate on water reform, arguing for policy makers to take greater account of what the science says for a healthy river system. In addition, Wentworth contributed its ideas in national environmental accounts, carbon farming, terrestrial carbon investment and landscape management as detailed in this report.

Amongst the various climate change initiatives supported this financial year, youth involvement in advocacy and education remained as the primary focus, with much of the funding gifted to Australian Youth Climate Coalition. It is pleasing to see the AYCC continuously grow through its membership, and to see its increasing influence in the climate debate through the empowerment of Australia's youth, and via its educational programs and campaigns at grassroots levels.



PEF continues to recognise the importance of strengthening environmental NGOs' financial capacity. The Fund has again supported core funding and implementation of fundraising strategies of various organisations, including the Environment Centre NT, 1 Million Women and Sustainable Business Australia.

I remain confident that these, and other projects outlined in this report, are

contributing to making better environmental outcomes still possible even under today's environmentally difficult political climate.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Directors, Geoff Brunsdon, Richard Gelski and Ian Pollard for their support, and Stacey Ella and her successor Erika Hosoyama for managing the Fund's secretariat.

Robert E. Purves AM
September 2012

About the Purves Environmental Fund

Vision

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

Mission

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

Objectives

The Fund 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 Fund 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 2011/2012

The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists

www.wentworthgroup.org

The Fund is a major sponsor of The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists. The Wentworth Group is the leading independent group of Australian environmental scientists and economists. It became incorporated in December 2007. The Wentworth Group relies on the personal commitment and time of the individual members and a small secretariat to drive the Group's activities. The Group aims to shift the management of Australia's land and water resources to a sustainable level.



As at 1 May 2012, the Members of the Group are Mr Peter Cosier, Dr Richard Davis, Professor Tim Flannery, Dr Ronnie Harding, Professor Lesley Hughes, Professor David Karoly, Professor Hugh Possingham FAA, Mr Robert Purves AM, Dr Denis Saunders AM, Professor Bruce Thom FIAG FTSE, Dr John Williams FTSE, and Professor Mike Young FASSA.

2012 marks the 10th anniversary of the Wentworth Group. In 2011-12 the Wentworth Group focused on activities around core programs, as described hereafter. By concentrating on these core functions, the Wentworth Group has been in a stronger position to target major national public policy initiatives as well as continuing to stimulate new thinking.



In 2011/2012 the Wentworth Group expanded its partnership with the Ian Potter Foundation, through continued financial support to the Group's work on Carbon and Landscape Conservation, and additional funding to support work of the Wentworth Group to develop a regionally based system of National Environmental Accounts.

WENTWORTH GROUP
OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS

National Water Reform

Over the last year the Wentworth Group's work on water reform has focused on the failure of the draft Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

The first draft Plan was released for public comment by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority on 28 November 2011. Neither it, nor the two subsequent iterations, provided even the most basic information required to allow anybody to make an informed decision on the future management of the water resources of the Basin.

Over the past four years significant progress has been made in the understanding and modelling of the Murray-Darling Basin river system and the volumes of water required for a healthy working river system. Progress has also been made in understanding the social and

economic costs resulting from changes in the use of water in the Basin.

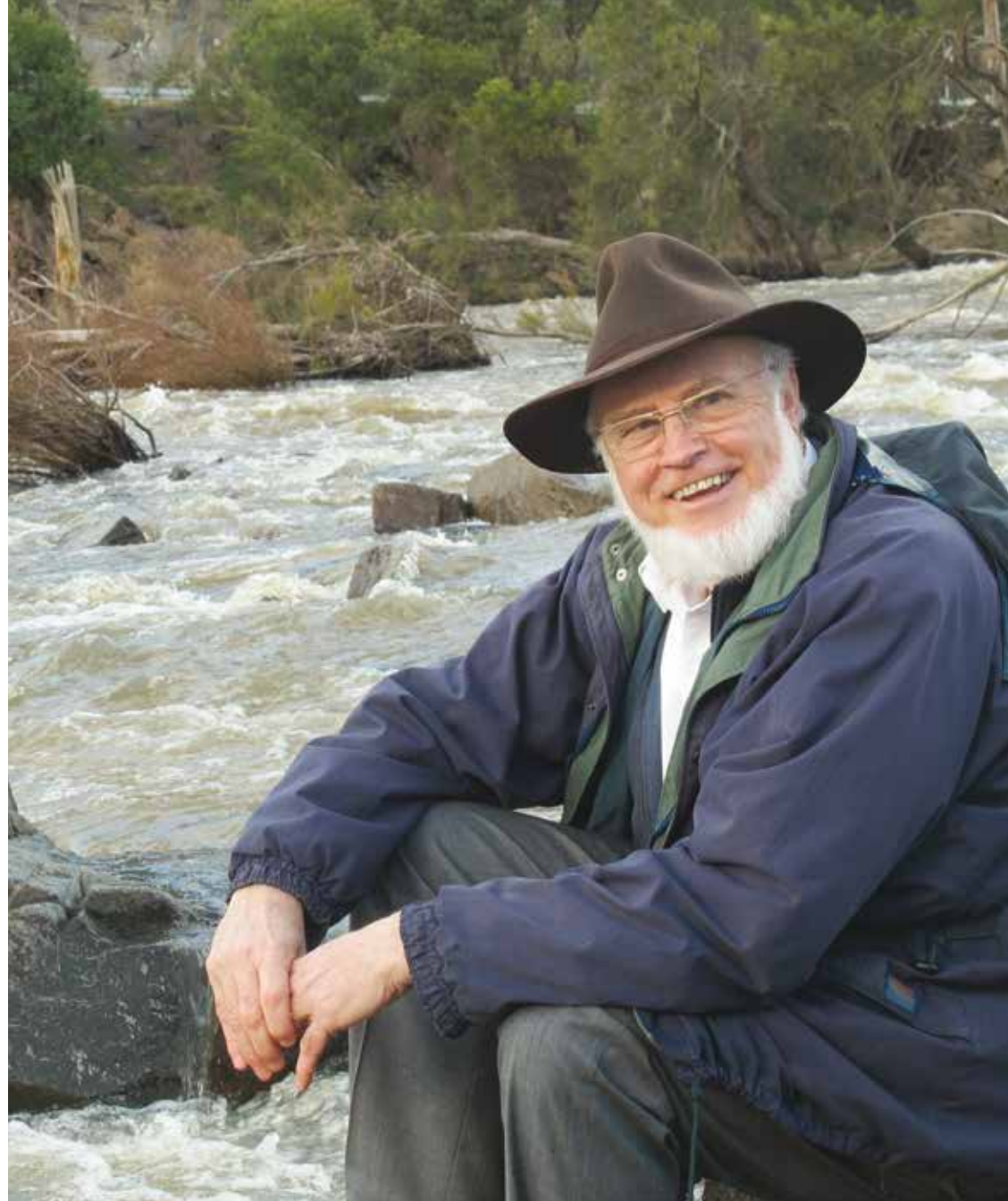
This good work has not been capitalised on by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority to develop a comprehensive and transparent draft Basin Plan. Instead the Authority ignored most of it and produced a draft Plan that manipulates science in an attempt to engineer a pre-determined political outcome.

If the Basin Plan does not deal with the fundamental bio-physical needs of the system, such as moving sufficient water down the system to restore medium-sized floods, manage the Murray mouth during times of drought and discharge the salts, it will be impossible to restore the health of the Murray-Darling Basin.

The absence of such fundamental information makes it impossible for the community, science or Parliament to understand the implications of the Plan, or to have confidence the Plan has any prospect of delivering a healthy working river.

It beggars belief that a statutory Authority would propose spending over \$9 billion of taxpayers' money to recover 2,750 GL from the rivers (which CSIRO says won't fix the problem), and then massively increase the groundwater extraction when we know that many of the groundwater systems are linked to river systems.

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Dr John Williams and the Murray River

National Environmental Accounts

Led by the vigour of the natural resource management bodies and in partnership with the Wentworth Group and other experts from the natural resource sciences, the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the Bureau of Meteorology, CSIRO, and a number of state government agencies, a National Environmental Accounts Trial has commenced.

The purpose of the Regional Environmental Accounts Trials is to conduct a real world experiment to test a methodology for measuring the condition of any environmental asset. If you can't measure it, you can't manage it. The resulting information can be used to inform economic decisions at a regional scale, with the objective of being aggregated to form national environmental asset condition accounts. The 2011-12 'proof of concept' stage involves ten of Australia's 56 regional natural resource management bodies.

In the past 12 months, expert committees from statistical and scientific disciplines, and from the regions, have focused on developing a set of resources that provide advice and structure for constructing the accounts. The ten participating NRM regions have contributed substantially to the development process and have begun work on constructing their regional accounts. The aim is to complete Stage 1 by the end of 2012. The trial will be evaluated before initiating Stage 2.

Examples arising from early work by the regions speak powerfully of the value of condition-based environmental accounting to inform economic decisions, and the concept illustrated by these examples has been well received.

As a result, this work is also contributing to the development of an international standard for environmental accounting for ecosystems led by the United Nations Statistical Division.

A further advancement of this work is the formal incorporation of support for the *Accounting for Nature* framework into the work program of the CSIRO Sustainable Agriculture Flagship.

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The Wentworth Group members and staff

Carbon and Landscape Conservation

During 2011-12 Australia saw major progress in national policies to optimise carbon in the landscape, through the passing of the Carbon Farming Initiative legislation, which puts in place the institutional arrangements to manage carbon offsets in the Australian landscape; the establishment of a \$1 billion Biodiversity and Land Sector Package; and the passing of the Clean Energy Legislative Package, which, from July 2012, puts Australia on the path to becoming a low emissions economy by putting a price on carbon.

Many of the recommendations from the Wentworth Group's 2009 *Optimising Carbon in the Landscape* blueprint and subsequent work have been incorporated into legislation and government policy:

- The carbon pricing scheme is linked to a terrestrial carbon offsets market by enabling liable companies to offset their emissions using carbon farming credits;
- Regional NRM bodies have a recognisable role in guiding carbon farming projects through regional NRM plans and there is funding to improve these plans; and,
- There is funding now available for landholders to maximise biodiversity and carbon co-benefits.

The Wentworth Group's first priority was to suggest ways the Carbon Farming Initiative and the Land Sector Package of the Clean Energy Future Plan could maximise environmental and community benefits and minimise impacts of a carbon offsets market.

The Wentworth Group worked with members of parliament, government officials and the Land Sector Carbon and Biodiversity Board on the design and implementation of the legislative and funding packages, to emphasise the importance of linking the carbon price to the carbon farming offsets scheme, and on how to incentivise co-benefits and regulate possible environmental and community impacts through regional NRM planning.

The Group's second priority was to assist regional natural resource management bodies to guide terrestrial carbon investments and manage the impacts of climate change on the landscape.



The Wentworth Group members

Climate Change

Members of the Wentworth Group have been engaged in the public dialogue on the science and public policy implications of climate change and the need for Australia to adapt to the impacts of climate change on the Australian landscape.

They have argued that climate change policy is about risk management – the risk of inaction if the global climate models prove to be accurate, against the economic cost of action.

Members have also acted with various bodies advising the Federal Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency. Tim Flannery (Chief Commissioner) and Lesley Hughes hold positions with the Climate Commission, while David Karoly is a member of the new Climate Change Authority, and Bruce Thom is Chair of the Coasts and Climate Change Council. Lesley Hughes is also a member of the Land Sector Carbon and Biodiversity Board.

Wentworth Group Science Program

The Wentworth 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 awarded to post-graduate students for use over a 12-month period with the objective of enabling recipients to become active contributors at the interface of good decision making and world class science.

The highlight of the 2012 Science Program was the Reunion Master Class, held in March at the State Library of New South Wales in Sydney. The Reunion Master Class brought together past Wentworth Scholars and Professionals to share their experiences in linking science to public

policy with each other and Members of the Wentworth Group.

The Master Class involved a mixture of presentations from Scholars and Members, small group discussions, and opportunities for Scholars to reconnect with former mentors. The second day involved participant led discussions on the future of natural resource management in Australia. Discussions included the key evidence for current environmental challenges, the role of science, how to govern a sustainable economy, and what a potential future could hold.

The group also included four Peter Cullen Scholars, recipients of a scholarship created by the NSW Government in memory of the late Professor Peter Cullen AO, and selected by the Wentworth Group.



Scenes from Reunion Master Class 2012

The Wentworth Group Talks

In 2011-12 the Wentworth Group, in collaboration with the Sydney Theatre Company, again conducted the Wentworth Talks. The full program is put to air on the Foxtel A-PAC Channel and has developed a strong audience.

- ACCOUNTING FOR NATURE:
 - Bruce Thom, Wentworth Group Member
 - Jane McDonald, Policy Analyst with the Wentworth Group
 - Neil Byron, former Wentworth Group Member
- BIRDS – FROM VERMIN TO ENDANGERED IN TWO DECADES; THE TALE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S CARNABY'S BLACK COCKATOO
 - Denis Saunders, Wentworth Group Member

- POLITICS, MONEY AND THE MURRAY-DARLING BASIN
 - Cheryl Rix, Chair of the Lower Murray Darling Catchment Management Authority, previously CEO of Western Murray Irrigation
 - Brendan Sydes, CEO at the Environment Defenders Office, Victoria
 - Dr John Williams, Wentworth Group Member
 - Tim Stubbs, Environmental Engineer with the Wentworth Group

*The Wentworth Group
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best...connecting science to
public policy.*

WOMAD Earth Station, Adelaide, October 2011

Members of the Wentworth Group and the Secretariat participated in The WOMAD (World of Music, Arts & dance) Earth Station in the Belair National Park South Australia on 21-23 October 2011.

Wentworth and WOMAD – what a wonderful combination! The session on the Coorong and the Lower Lakes was led by Bruce Thom and Tim Stubbs with Prof Keith Walker, Prof David Paton and Wentworth Scholar Dominic Skinner.. Lesley Hughes ran an extraordinary session on the impact of climate change on biodiversity. Mike Young discussed 'Greening the Australian Economy'.

And, Peter Cosier showed his film on Antarctica, *One Summer Dream*, which involved a Q&A session afterwards with the audience, hosted by WOMAD Director Rob Brookman.

The two days were an exhausting success and demonstrated that the Wentworth Group Members can go way out of their comfort zone, go head to head with great bands such as the Kronos Quartet, Shanghai Chinese Orchestra, Rickie Lee Jones, and The Audreys as well as the general noise, and still pull an audience doing what they do best...connecting science to public policy.



Prof Bruce Thom speaking at WOMAD

Environmental Education

‘Changing Hearts and Minds Tour’

The Fund supported Australian Youth Climate Coalition’s (AYCC) road trip around Australia to spread awareness of climate change science its impacts and solutions, to suburban and regional Australia, and recruit young people into becoming advocates for change. The tour was organised by AYCC’s co-founder and Chair, Anna Rose, to leverage the publicity surrounding her book, *Madlands: A Journey to Change the Mind of a Climate Sceptic*, and the accompanying documentary by Australian Broadcasting Company.

The ‘Changing Hearts and Minds Tour’ was aimed at reframing the climate change debate by reminding people that fundamentally, climate change is about the future of the current generation of young Australians and those to come. It involves reaching people directly through talks, forums and workshops, as well as indirectly through media coverage of the tour. The trip commenced in early May 2012 in Sydney and ended in mid-August 2012 in Perth. By the end of June 2012, the tour had reached 7,000 people and had obtained 40 media (web/paper/radio) hits.



Climate Change

Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC)

www.aycc.org.au

AYCC is a coalition of youth organisations in Australia united by a common thread – 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 Purves Environmental Fund has been a major sponsor of AYCC since 2007 by supporting its programs and contributing core funds.

In 2011/2012, the Fund provided core funding to AYCC and sponsored funding for professional accounting services. During this financial year, AYCC:

- Held two large youth climate summits called Power Shift, where 1,000 people in Brisbane and 300 people in Perth worked with dozens of local businesses (such as cafes, pubs, theatres and cinemas) to invest tens of thousands of dollars in energy efficiency through

AYCC's Repower Australia campaign. This campaign also attracted thousands of new AYCC members through over 50 big events;

- Played a leading role in the Say Yes campaign to support putting a price on pollution;
- Continued running the Switched On Schools campaign, reaching thousands of students through summits and a three-month educational road trip around the country;
- Sent a team to the UN climate talks in Durban, where they organised a 500-person conference for youth climate coalitions around Africa and the world; and,
- Completed a five-year strategic plan, which outlines an exciting plan for the organisation for the years ahead.



'Who Left the Tap Running?'

simonmcgrath.com.au/sculpture-installation/

The Fund supported artist Simon McGrath with the creation of his environmental sculpture, 'Who Left the Tap Running?', which was exhibited at the 2011 *Sculpture by the Sea*. The two-metre-high fiberglass sculpture of a bathroom tap sat on top of the cliff facing the ocean. It had thousands of people visiting and taking their photos with it, and it attracted both media and social media attention. The sculpture raised

awareness of the human environmental impact on sea-level rise caused by climate change, and received the Sydney Water Environment Prize. *Sculpture by the Sea* is the world's largest free outdoor sculpture exhibition and takes place annually on the coastal walk between Bondi and Tamarama beaches.

Between Two Waves

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www.griffintheatre.com.au/whats-on/between-two-waves/

The Fund is supporting the Griffin Theatre Company to produce a romantic drama set against a climate change background, which will run from 5 October until 17 November 2012. *Between Two Waves* is a new play written by Ian Meadows and directed by Sam Strong, which asks the question of finding happiness in the face of an uncertain future. A post-play forum on the topic of mainstreaming climate change in everyday life will be held on 27 October 2012. PEF is working in partnership with Griffin Theatre Company and is getting AYCC and 1 Million Women involved as forum panellists along with The Climate Institute and playwright/director. Each panellist will explore the role of youth, women, scientists, and art in changing social behaviour.



Sculpture 'Who Left the Tap Running?' at the 2011 *Sculpture by the Sea*

Activities and Organisations Supported
During 2011/2012

Capacity Building

Sustainable Business Australia (SBA)

www.sba.asn.au

SBA is the peak industry body for the environmental business sector in Australia and focuses on advocating, educating, and incubating the role of business in the green economy that drives economic prosperity and environmental and social resilience. SBA was integral in the launch of Business for a Clean Economy initiative on 2 July 2012, an association of 270+ businesses standing up in support of a carbon price as the way to deliver a cleaner economy and create the jobs of the future.

The Purves Environmental Fund supports SBA through a Platinum Membership. SBA has a broad membership base including some of Australia's largest companies. Robert Purves has been a Director of SBA since February 2005 and Chairman since November 2005.



WWF-New Zealand

www.wwf.org.nz

The Purves Environmental Fund provided funds to WWF-New Zealand for a five-year supporter acquisition program back in 2007. The donation was reinvested into the same program in 2011 for a further four year term. The investment helps WWF-New Zealand to substantially grow the scale and effectiveness of its conservation programs by significantly increasing its regular supporter base. The program successfully recruited 2,449 new regular supporters during the 2011/2012, increasing the total number to 4,567.



The Environment Centre of the Northern Territory

www.ecnt.org

The Environment Centre NT is the peak non-government environment organisation in the Northern Territory. It works to improve environmental protection and management throughout the Territory.

During 2011/2012, the Fund continued to support the appointment of a fundraising consultant to help increase and diversify the Centre's income streams, establish a self-funding mechanism, and to help staff further embed fundraising into their campaigns, programs and communications.



WE ARE
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IN A CLEAN
FUTURE

We are more than 270 Australian and international businesses employing tens of thousands of Australians, standing up in support of a carbon price as the way to deliver a cleaner economy and create the jobs of the future.

Pricing carbon allows business to choose how they reduce emissions and provides incentives for innovation. It unlocks jobs and investment in new industries, products and services. Importantly, it allows business to get on with the job of building a prosperous, clean, internationally-competitive economy.

Are you ready to invest in your future?
To find out more go to www.b4ce.com.au



1 Million Women (1MW)

www.1millionwomen.com.au

1MW is a national campaign of women and girls getting on with climate action. Launched in 2009, 1MW's founding goal is to engage one million female Australians to collectively cut 1 million tonnes of CO2 pollution.

The Fund has been providing financial support to 1MW since 2011 to assist in the establishment of a sustainable fundraising base that will secure its work into the future. During 2011/2012, this support has helped create a new film, which underpins the passion and the aim of the campaign. PEF support also assisted in the establishment of donation page on the 1MW website, enabling its strong platform of members to donate to the organisation either on a regular or one-off basis.



1MW donation webpage

Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network (AEGN)

www.aegn.org.au

The Fund is a Leading Supporter (member and donor) of AEGN. The AEGN aims to improve the conservation, protection and functioning of Australia's natural environment and ecological processes through education and networking of grantmakers. The AEGN was incorporated in 2008. The secretariat produces regular newsletters and organises events to keep grantmakers informed about environmental issues and philanthropy.



Other Environmental Projects

Total Environment Centre (TEC)

www.tec.org.au

The TEC is an independent, non-profit-group run by a Management Committee of professionals from diverse fields and an executive of experienced environmentalists. Operating as a resource and support base for environmentalists working on a wide range of issues, TEC concentrates on direct campaign activity, lobbying and research. This enables TEC to focus on its core business of protecting the environment and actively promoting sustainable systems and technologies.

During 2011/2012, the PEF has gifted funds to TEC to support its advocacy work

in defending land clearing laws in NSW, which is currently under review by the State government. With the PEF funding, TEC has employed a part-time research officer and will launch a social media campaign to preserve the principles and integrity of the land clearing law and to develop alternative ways to achieve mutually agreed outcomes with all stakeholders.



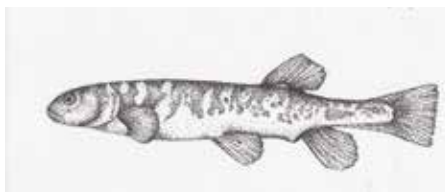
TOTAL ENVIRONMENT CENTRE INC.



Tasmanian Land Conservancy (TLC)

www.tasland.org.au

The TLC is a registered environmental organisation that raises funds from the public to protect irreplaceable sites, endangered species' habitats, and rare ecosystems by buying and managing private land. In 2010/2011, the Fund contributed funds toward the biggest private conservation deal in Australia's history with acquisition of Skullbone Plains, a 1,618 ha highland property adjacent to the Lake St Clair/Cradle Mountain National Park. The land consists of open valleys, old-growth forests, native grasslands, cushion plants and rare, endangered sphagnum moss beds, and provides some of the last wild habitat for the endangered *Clarence galaxias*.



Clarence galaxias

In 2011/2012, the Fund contributed towards the ongoing land management costs of the Skullbone Plains.



Dr J Whinham instructing sphagnum moss measurement method to TLC staff and volunteers

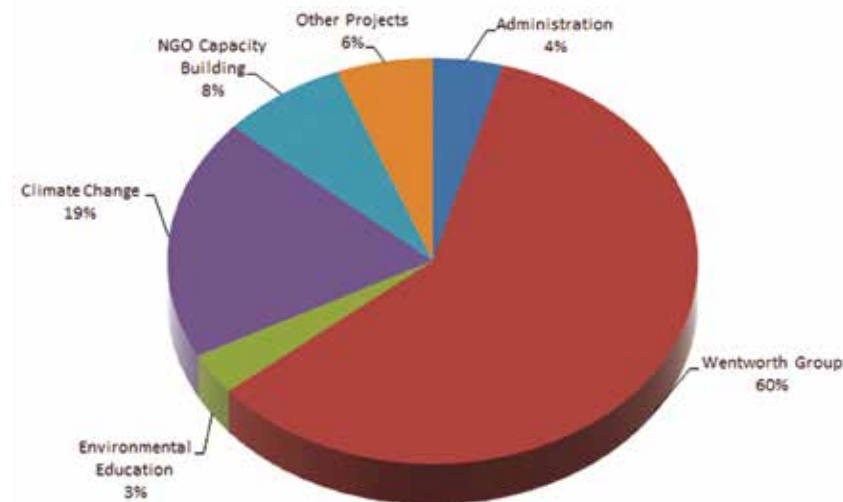
Financial Summary

As a public fund, the Purves Environmental Fund received 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.

2010/2011 Expenditure Analysis

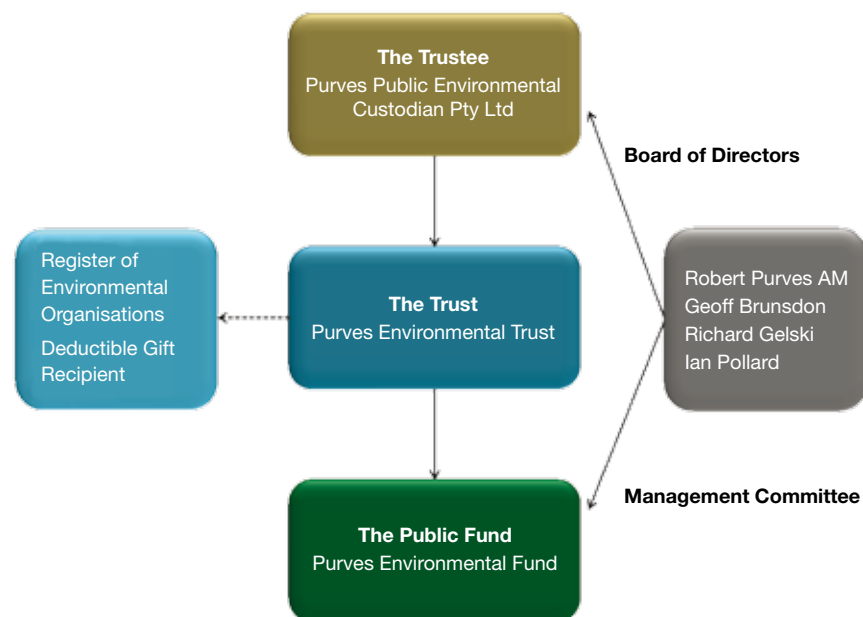
The diagram below depicts typical expenditure broken down by a generic categorisation. There is overlap between categories, e.g. some of the projects categorised as 'other projects' have educational elements in them.



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 Fund 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 Fund 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 Fund, approves the annual budget and regularly reviews the operations and financial status of the organisation. In their capacity as members of the Fund'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 Brunsdon is Chairperson of ING Private Equity Access Ltd; Chairperson of Sims Metal Management Limited; Chairperson of APN Funds Management Limited; and a Director of Macquarie University Hospital. He is a member of the Australian Government's Takeovers Panel. Geoff is also involved in other non-profit organisations including as a Director of Redkite, supporting families who have children with cancer. He was previously Managing Director and Head of Investment Banking of Merrill Lynch International (Australia) Limited. He is a Chartered Accountant, a Fellow of FINSIA and a Fellow of the Institute of Company Directors.

Richard Gelski heads the Tax Team at corporate law firm Johnson, Winter & Slattery. He has over 30 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 Chairperson of RGA Australia and a director of Milton Corporation. Ian was previously Chairperson of Corporate Express Australia and Just Group. Ian is also an executive coach with Global Coaching Partnership. A Rhodes Scholar, Ian has written a number of books and papers, principally in the area of corporate finance. 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, Chairperson of Sustainable Business 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.

Environmental Officer

The Environmental Officer oversees the day-to-day management of the Fund on behalf of the Management Committee. The Environmental Officer is responsible to the Board of the Trustee Company for strategic planning, performance and operational matters.

Auditors

Purves Environmental Fund is audited by:
Crowe Horwath Sydney Level 15, 309 Kent St Sydney NSW 2000

Environmental Policy

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

<p>The Fund welcomes donations, which are used to support the important work of advancing environmental sustainability and preservation of biodiversity. If you would like to contribute to the work of the Fund by making a tax deductible donation, please send a cheque payable to Purves</p>	<p>Environmental Fund and your name and address details to: Environmental Officer Purves Environmental Fund Suite 4, Bennelong Office Suites 3B Macquarie Street Sydney NSW 2000</p>
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Applying for Funding

<p>Funding is currently available to activities that meet the Fund's objectives and charitable purposes. Interested applicants are encouraged to send through a one-page proposal to the Environmental Officer prior to making an application with a brief explanation on the organisation, proposed activity, its objectives, and its outcomes.</p>	<p>The Environmental Officer assesses received proposal to check its alignment with the Fund's objectives. If it is deemed to meet them, then the applicant gets invited to write an application for further consideration by the Management Committee.</p>
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Projects Supported Since Inception

Since its establishment in 2004, the Purves Environmental Fund has made over \$8 million of benefactions. Below is the list of projects and organisations that the Fund has supported over the years:

2003/2004

- Conservation on Private Lands: The Australian Experience

2004/2005

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

2005/2006

- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
- *The Weather Makers*
- Climate Action Network Australia
- Total Environment Centre
- Clean Up Australia – Clean Fuels Campaign
- Australian Wildlife Conservancy
- EBA
- Tarkine National Coalition

2006/2007

- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
- *We are the Weather Makers*
- EBA
- *Weather or not it's a Climate for Change*
- Total Environment Centre
- The Climate Group Greenhouse Indicator
- WWF Macquarie Island Conservation

2007/2008

- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
- Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC)
- Thinking About Climate Change
- *On Our Watch*

- On Borrowed Time Learning Resource
- Total Environment Centre
- Emerald Awards by Climate Leaders
- Australia 2020 Summit
- Environment Centre of Northern Territory
- Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network (AEGN)
- State Library of NSW – Fellowship in Environment & Conservation
- The Climate Group Greenhouse Indicator
- WWF New Zealand
- EBA
- Wakakiri

2008/2009

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

2009/2010

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

2010/2011

- The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
- Australian Youth Climate Coalition
- Sydney Ice Bear
- Four Degrees or More? Conference
- WWF New Zealand
- Sustainable Business Australia (formerly EBA)
- Environment Centre for NT
- Total Environment Centre
- 1 Million Women
- AEGN
- Tasmanian Land Conservancy
- Peter Cullen Trust
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