



BUSH HERITAGE AUSTRALIA



365 Days Annual Financial Report 2010–2011

Appendix to the Annual Conservation Report 2010–2011



Our heart & soul 



“Thank you for what you’ve helped to achieve in this, Bush Heritage’s 20th year. As a Bush Heritage supporter, you are among a growing community of passionate people who believe that protecting the Australian bush is an achievable and essential goal.”

Doug Humann, CEO, Bush Heritage Australia





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**“Join us in protecting
our bush – the heart
and soul of Australia.”**

Front cover:

The yellow-footed rock wallaby, rediscovered at Bush Heritage's Boolcoomatta Reserve, South Australia, in 2010.

Photograph by Jiri Lochman / Lochman Transparencies

Left: The hairy-footed dunnart, protected thanks to Bush Heritage supporters, on Cravens Peak and Ethabuka reserves on the edge of the Simpson Desert, Queensland.

Photograph by Doug Humann

Director's Report



The John Colahan Griffin Nature Reserve in Victoria's grassy woodlands is Bush Heritage's newest reserve. The reserve, a generous contribution from the Estate of John Colahan Griffin, is an important resting point for the nationally endangered swift parrot.

Photograph by Matthew Newton

Your Directors present their report for the year ended 30 June 2011. This report in conjunction with the Annual Conservation Report forms Bush Heritage Australia's Concise Annual Report for 2010–11.

The principal activities of Bush Heritage Australia (Bush Heritage) involve raising funds to support conservation actions on existing reserves, to purchase additional land of high conservation value, and to work with neighbours, indigenous communities and other landowners to assist them in the conservation management of their lands. There have been no significant changes in the nature of these activities during the year.

Bush Heritage regularly communicates with members, supporters and the public on its conservation activities. This includes direct communication through newsletters, email and social media as well as the Annual Conservation Report and Annual Financial Report.

Corporate governance

Bush Heritage is a not-for-profit public company limited by guarantee and no Director holds any interest, but each as a member is liable to the extent of their undertaking under the Constitution. All members of the Board of Directors serve in an honorary capacity. They are appointed through the Constitution by the members of Bush Heritage and are themselves members. Directors do not receive remuneration for their role. However, out-of-pocket expenses may be paid for travel, accommodation and communications to enable them to fulfil their duties.

Directors and senior staff are kept apprised of the conflict-of-interest provisions in the Constitution and in company law, using professional advice when necessary.

The Board always retains ultimate authority over Bush Heritage, with the day-to-day management conducted through a framework of delegation, monitoring and direction set by the Board.

The Board's limitation policy for the Chief Executive Officer provides that:

- the Board of Directors will provide clear directions about what is required of the Chief Executive Officer through identification of key performance indicators; and
- in the fulfilment of the Chief Executive Officer's duties and responsibilities the Chief Executive Officer will use his/her discretion so as to achieve the necessary outcomes in a professional, ethical, responsible and legal manner.

The process of evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer is ongoing. The Board or its delegate conducts an annual performance review of the Chief Executive Officer. The remuneration and terms and conditions for the Chief Executive Officer are reviewed and approved by the Board after seeking professional advice. The Chief Executive Officer reviews and approves remuneration and conditions for other staff in the context of agreed parameters established by the Board, and the annual performance reviews of all staff.

Company Secretary

The Company Secretary, Mr Doug Humann (Chief Executive Officer), with support from legal advisors, advises the Board on the appropriate procedures for the conduct of meetings and the affairs of the Company as required by the Constitution and company law.

The Role of the Board


The Board of Directors is the governing body of Bush Heritage and as such is responsible for the overall management and strategic guidance. The Board's primary role is to develop long-term directions and goals for Bush Heritage and to develop and monitor strategies and policies to achieve these long-term goals. The Board also ensures the Company complies with its contractual, statutory and legal obligations, including the requirements of regulatory bodies.

Bush Heritage's Constitution governs the regulations of meetings and proceedings of the Board of Directors, together with the procedures for appointment and replacement of Directors. The Board meets quarterly, with additional electronic meetings as required. Board committees generally meet prior to each Board meeting (with the exception of the Gift Fund Committee, which sits only once per year). The Board regularly reviews the

skills and experiences necessary for its activities and currently considers it appropriate that these include indigenous representation, business management, ecological and scientific, financial, legal, marketing and rural property.

In addition to those matters required by the Constitution and company law, the Board's principal roles are:

- setting the direction, strategies and financial objectives of Bush Heritage;
- oversight of Bush Heritage, including its control and accountability systems;
- appointing and reviewing the performance of the Chief Executive Officer;
- monitoring compliance with regulatory requirements and ethical standards;
- overseeing and approving management's strategy and performance objectives, and monitoring associated performance;
- monitoring the implementation of the policies, strategies and objectives of Bush Heritage;
- identifying the principal risks faced by Bush Heritage and taking reasonable steps to ensure that appropriate systems of risk management, internal compliance and control are in place to manage and, to the extent reasonably possible, reduce the impact of these risks;
- establishing corporate governance and legal compliance systems, as well as monitoring compliance with those systems;
- overseeing the overall fundraising strategy;
- determining membership applications of Bush Heritage in their absolute discretion;
- approving and monitoring the progress of major capital expenditure, capital management and conservation acquisitions;
- approving the budget and monitoring financial and other reporting so that financial results are appropriately and accurately reported, on a timely basis in accordance with legal and regulatory requirements;
- deciding on any matter which is in excess of the discretions or limits that have been delegated from time to time to senior management; and
- reviewing on a continuing basis Board and executive succession planning, and executive development activities.

A close-up photograph of a tiny honey possum perched on a branch. The possum has brown fur, large black eyes, and a pink nose. It is holding a yellow, round fruit in its mouth. The background is dark, with green leaves and white, fluffy flowers visible. The possum is looking directly at the camera.

This tiny creature is one of a number of honey possums that have returned to Chingarrup Sanctuary in Western Australia, since the new owners began to care for the land in 2002. Bush Heritage formalised our partnership with the owners in 2010, to ensure the honey possum's habitat is protected forever.

Photograph by Eddy Wajon

In performing its responsibilities and functions, the Board may delegate any of its powers to a Board committee or to other persons in accordance with the Constitution. The committees act by examining various issues and making recommendations to the Board. The Board is currently supported by a number of Committees, with membership consisting primarily of Directors with support from specialist advisers.

Safety report

The safety of our staff, contractors and volunteers is a high priority for Bush Heritage's management and Directors. During the year we again experienced no major safety incidents, due largely to the sound safety skills of our on-ground staff and the systems, processes, awareness and consciousness of staff, volunteers and contractors. The development and implementation of safety procedures into work practices continues to be a matter of priority.

Risk management

Bush Heritage takes a proactive approach to risk management. The Board is responsible for ensuring that risks, and also opportunities, are identified on a timely basis and that Bush Heritage's objectives and activities are aligned with the identified risks and opportunities. Risk remains a standing item at each Board meeting.

Environmental regulation and performance

Bush Heritage's operations are subject to significant environmental regulation under the law of the Commonwealth and states. Given the mission of Bush Heritage, abiding by these laws is considered a high priority.

Indemnification and insurance of Directors and officers

Bush Heritage's Constitution provides that every Director, auditor, secretary and other officer shall be indemnified out of the assets of the company against any liability incurred by them in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in their favour, or in which they are acquitted, or in connection with any application under the Corporations Act in which relief is granted to them by the Court in respect of any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust. Bush Heritage provides liability insurance for Directors (disclosure of the nature of the liability and the amount of the premium is prohibited by the insurance contract).

Board Committees

Conservation Committee

- Contributes to the development and implementation of the Anchors in the Landscape Conservation Framework (the Bush Heritage approach to biodiversity conservation in Australia);
- Provides preliminary review of all acquisition proposals which require full Board approval; and
- Monitors the development and review of all property Management Plans.

Finance and Audit Committee

- Reviews the proposed annual operating budget and recommends the final budget to the Board for approval;
- Reviews financial results and monitors management of financial assets; and
- Oversees auditing procedures.

Gift Fund Committee

- Assists the Board in ensuring conformance with the Rules of the Bush Heritage Australia Fund.

Marketing Committee

- Reviews and assesses proposed marketing strategies, and recommends a final marketing strategy to the full Board for approval;
- Examines key areas of improvement in the marketing strategy and makes recommendations to management to carry out those improvements; and
- On a continuing basis, monitors and reviews the performance of Bush Heritage's marketing strategy.

Indigenous Partnerships Committee

- Contributes to the development and support the implementation of the Indigenous Engagement strategy; and
- Monitors implementation of the Indigenous Engagement strategy and the performance of the Conservation on Country program.

Nominations and Remuneration Committee

- Assesses regularly the competencies required of Board members and makes recommendations to the Board regarding any adjustments deemed necessary;

- Reviews regularly the succession plans that are in place with regard to membership of the Board, to maintain an appropriate balance of skills, experience and expertise on the Board;
- Reviews regularly the role of Chief Executive, to maintain the growth and development of Bush Heritage;
- Undertakes an annual evaluation of the performance of Board members and the Chief Executive against both measurable and qualitative indicators; and
- Makes recommendations to the Board with respect to the terms of employment and remuneration of the Chief Executive.
- Assists in the development and monitoring of systems, policies and procedures relevant to acquisition, including agreeing and maintaining metrics for safety reporting to each Board meeting;
- Reviews property and partnership assessments in order to provide advice to the Board regarding infrastructure; staffing requirements; neighbourly relations, and integration of new activity into existing operations; and
- Provides advice on reserve and partnership establishment and maintenance, including strategies for procurement, employment and stakeholder engagement.

Operations Committee

- Provides strategic advice in relation to Bush Heritage's property acquisition and conservation management programs;

Special Projects Committee

Examines various issues and provides strategic advice leading to proposals to the Board for the acquisition of key properties in the Gulf of Carpentaria region. However, no property purchases were considered in this region during the year.

Directors' meetings

Details of meeting attendance are as follows (meetings attended/meetings eligible to attend)

	Directors' Meetings	Conservation Committee	Finance & Audit	Gift Fund Committee	Indigenous Partnerships Committee	Marketing Committee	Nominations & Remuneration Committee	Operations Committee	Special Projects Committee
No. meetings held:	8	4	12	1	0	4	1	6	0
No. meetings attended:									
Louise Sylvan	8/8		9/12			3/4	1/1		
Andrew Myer	7/8		9/12			4/4			
David Rickards	8/8		10/12	1/1		4/4			
Mike Chuk	5/8	2/4						6/6	
Chris Grubb	1/1								
Leanne Liddle	5/8								
Sue McIntyre	8/8	4/4							
Steve Morton	8/8	4/4					1/1		
Hutch Ranck	7/8						1/1	6/6	
Keith Tuffley	7/8		5/12			3/4			

Signed in accordance with the resolution of the Board of Directors:



Louise Sylvan
President

3 October 2011



Bush Heritage Australia

Concise Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2011

Above: Bush Heritage's Emma Ignjic with Wunambal Gaambera children. Bush Heritage supporters have helped us to develop a unique partnership with the Wunambal Gaambera people. A groundbreaking ten-year agreement was signed in June 2010, to help them protect their traditional lands in the remote Kimberley region of Western Australia. Photograph by Peter Morris

This Concise Financial report should be read in conjunction with the Directors' Report and the Annual Conservation Report, which provide details of the achievements and activities of Bush Heritage during the 2010–11 financial year.

The Concise Financial Report is an extract from the full Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2011. The financial statements and specific disclosures included in the Concise Financial Report have been derived from the Financial Report, in accordance with Accounting Standards. The Concise Financial Report cannot be expected to provide as full an understanding of the financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of Bush Heritage Australia (Bush Heritage) as the Financial Report. Further financial information can be obtained from the full Financial Report which is available, free of charge, on request to Bush Heritage. Further details of Bush Heritage's conservation activities can be found in the Annual Conservation Report 2010–2011.

**Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the year ended 30 June 2011**

	Notes	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
Revenue			
Contributions			
Donations and gifts			
Large project gifts		5,930	5,203
Continuing community support		3,359	3,039
Total donations and gifts		9,289	8,242
Grants	2(a)	222	124
Bequests		944	3,206
Total contributions		10,455	11,572
Interest and investment income		443	342
Reserve income	2(b)	166	127
Other income	2(c)	(69)	(4)
Total revenue		10,995	12,037
Expenses			
Conservation management activities		6,011	5,930
Public and supporter communication		533	733
Fundraising activities		2,208	1,992
Investment in new supporters		733	300
Administrative expenses		1,740	2,014
Loss on impairment of shares		33	120
Total expenses		11,258	11,089
(Deficit)/Surplus before tax		(263)	948
Income tax		-	-
Net (Deficit)/Surplus		(263)	948
Other Comprehensive Income			
Net fair gains / (loss) on available for sale financial assets		130	132
Income tax on items of other comprehensive income		-	-
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax		130	132
Total comprehensive income/(deficit) for the period		(133)	1,080

The above income statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Discussion and Analysis – Income Statement

Trends in Revenue

Overall, total revenue decreased by 9% on 2010. Total donations and gifts increased by 13% on 2010 however there was a 10% decrease in Bequest and Grant Income.

Sales Revenue

Bush Heritage is funded through donations. There is no sales revenue recognised and included in revenue.

Effects of Significant Economic or Other Events

There were no significant impacts on performance resulting from external events, except the global economic downfall impacting aspects of our revenue and resulting in a partial decrease in value of some components of the investment portfolio (“Available for Sale Investments”). Overall however, the investment portfolio improved.

Dividends

Bush Heritage is a company limited by guarantee and does not have issued share capital. As such, Bush Heritage does not pay dividends.

**Balance Sheet
as at 30 June 2011**

	2011	2010
	\$'000	\$'000
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	5,089	5,648
Trade and other receivables	206	154
Total current assets	5,295	5,802
Non-current assets		
Investments	5,937	5,530
Property, plant and equipment	26,398	26,177
Intangibles - computer software	149	146
Total non-current assets	32,484	31,853
TOTAL ASSETS	37,779	37,655
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	906	873
Provisions	483	454
Interest bearing liabilities	56	-
Total current liabilities	1,445	1,327
Non-current liabilities		
Provisions	182	130
Interest bearing liabilities	85	-
Total non-current liabilities	267	130
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,712	1,457
NET ASSETS	36,067	36,198
EQUITY		
Accumulated surpluses	30,910	33,091
Reserves	5,157	3,107
TOTAL EQUITY	36,067	36,198

The above balance sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Discussion and Analysis – Balance Sheet

Changes in the Composition of Assets

Total assets have marginally increased for the year. The carrying value of the available-for-sale investment portfolio, increased during the year by \$407k.

Relationship between Debt and Equity

Bush Heritage does not have any borrowings. Total equity decreased by \$131k this financial year and now stands at \$36.1million.

**Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 30 June 2011**

	Accumulated Surpluses	Reserves
	\$'000	\$'000
At 1 July 2010	33,091	3,107
(Deficit)/Surplus for the period	(263)	-
Other comprehensive income	-	130
Total comprehensive income for the period	(263)	130
Transfers from/(to) reserves	(1,918)	1,920
At 30 June 2010	30,910	5,157
At 1 July 2009	32,741	2,389
(Deficit)/Surplus for the period	948	-
Other comprehensive income	-	132
Total comprehensive income for the period	948	132
Transfers from/(to) reserves	(598)	586
At 30 June 2009	33,091	3,107

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Discussion and Analysis – Changes in Equity

Changes in the Composition of the Components of Equity

As discussed in the *Changes in Composition of Assets*, net movements in the market value of the available-for-sale investment portfolio are recognised in equity via the Net Unrealised (Loss)/ Gains Reserve.

The net deficit from operating activities for the financial year amounted to \$263k.

**Cash Flow Statement
for the year ended 30 June 2011**

	2011	2010
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from contributions and other sources	10,199	11,292
Interest and dividends received	261	342
Payment to suppliers and employees	(10,467)	(9,978)
Net cash from operating activities	(7)	1,656
Cash flows from investing activities		
Proceeds from the sale of available-for-sale investments	65	-
Purchases of available-for-sale investments	-	(211)
Purchases of land	(116)	(761)
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	62	-
Purchases of buildings and infrastructure and plant and equipment	(471)	(749)
Purchases of software	(48)	-
Net cash from investing activities	(508)	(1,721)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Payment of finance lease liabilities	(44)	-
Net Cash from financing activities	(44)	-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(559)	(65)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	5,648	5,713
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	5,089	5,648

The above cash flow statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Discussion and Analysis – Cash Flows

Changes in Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Net cash has decreased by \$1,663k largely due to the decrease in receipts of \$1,093k and payments have increased by \$489k.

Notes to the Concise Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2011

Note 1. Basis of Preparation

This Concise Financial Report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and Australian Accounting Standard AASB 1039 Concise Financial Reports. The Concise Financial Report is presented in Australian dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$'000) unless otherwise stated, using the option available to Bush Heritage under ASIC Class Order 98/100. Bush Heritage is an entity to which the class order applies.

Note 2. Revenue

Note 2(a). Grants

Grants were received from the following sources:

	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
South Australia Arid Lands Natural Resource Management Board	-	52
Department of Agriculture and Food	19	-
Australian Academy of Science	-	11
Department of Environment and Climate change	-	46
Department of Premier and Cabinet	18	-
Native Vegetation Council Secretariat	147	-
Queensland Government – QRAA	10	-
Desert channel QLD	28	15
Total Grants	222	124

Note 2(b). Reserve Income

Revenue from the rendering of services		
Service Fees(i)	129	76
Field Trips(ii)	7	9
Agistment/Cropping(iii)	14	40
Others	16	2
Total Reserve Income	166	127

(i) Service fees include fees received as part of the Reedy Creek Reserve management services agreement, under which Bush Heritage receives a fee to offset the costs of managing the reserve and the adjoining common lands in the Sunrise @1770 Coastal Residential Project, Agnes Water, Queensland.

(ii) Field trips are operated on a cost-recovery basis. These trips are not viewed as an income-generating business. They are operated to help our supporters

Changes in Cash Flows from Investing Activities

Capital expenditure has reduced by \$1,213k for the financial year.

Servicing and Repayment of Borrowings

Bush Heritage does not currently hold any borrowings.

Note 1(a). Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements and specific disclosure required by AASB 1039 are an extract of, and have been derived from Bush Heritage's full financial report for the full financial year. Other information included in the Concise Financial Report is consistent with Bush Heritage's full financial report.

A full description of the accounting policies adopted by Bush Heritage is provided in the 2011 financial statements which form part of the full financial report.

see first-hand the results of their donations and to learn about conservation management issues and options.

iii) Agistment / Cropping Fees are received for agistment and cropping on the freehold portion of the Eurardy reserve. This area was cleared and cropped by the previous owner and Bush Heritage is continuing with this approach while management plans and revegetation options are being prepared.

Note 2(c). Other Income

	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
Membership(i)	3	2
Other	(72)	(6)
Total Other Income	(69)	4

(i) **Membership:** Bush Heritage is a non-profit-making, public company limited by guarantee. Members are nominated and determined in accordance with the constitution. If the company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$10 towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the company. Bush Heritage is listed on the Commonwealth Government's Register of Environmental Organisations, certifying it as a Deductible Gift

Recipient, which authorises Bush Heritage to issue tax-deductible receipts for donations over \$2. A requirement of organisations listed on this register is that they maintain a minimum of 50 members. Members can elect to pay their membership fees up to three years in advance. Year one fees are recognised as revenue, while fees for years two and three are recognised as current and non-current liabilities respectively. As at 30 June 2011 the number of members was 56.

Note 3. Expenses

Note 3(a). Conservation Management

Conservation management expenses include the following key items:-

Conservation: Planning and Operations

Covers all expenses associated with operating Bush Heritage's 32 reserves, including staff costs, associated ownership costs such as rates and taxes, expenses associated with operating each reserve's infrastructure, expenses associated with conservation actions such as fire management, feral animal control, weed control, revegetation, monitoring and surveying. Covers expenses associated with investigating potential new reserve acquisitions.

Conservation: Assessment and Property Services

Covers expenses associated with policy and planning of conservation actions, ecological research preparing management plans for reserves, organising volunteer support, organising field trip to reserves, education, building managing relations with other landowners.

Conservation: Strategy, Policy and Evaluation

Covers expenses associated with the Beyond the Boundaries program, which aims to develop partnerships for managing the conservation values on neighbouring properties and properties owned by other major land holders.

Note 3(b). Fundraising and Development

Covers all expenses associated with generating donation income. Costs include salaries, database administration and office costs associated with development activities such as the part cost of newsletters, contacting existing supporters and developing potential new supporters.

Note 3(c). Administration

Administration expenses covers activities concerned with the governance and day-to-day administration of Bush Heritage, and all Board expenses primarily covering face-to-face and telephone-based meetings. All Directors provide their time on a pro-bono basis.

Note 3(d). Loss on revaluation of shares

During the year, impairment of available-for-sale investments under the management of Perpetual Trustee Company Ltd resulted in losses of \$33k being taken to the profit and loss account.

Note 4. Investments

	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
Other	2,099	2,150
Available-for-sale investments (a)	3,838	3,380
	5,937	5,530
(a) Available-for-sale investments		
Opening Balance	3,380	3,050
Additions	732	500
Disposals	(372)	(182)
Gain / (loss) in fair value of available-for-sale investments	98	12
Closing balance	3,838	3,380
Property Trusts	554	254
International Shares	368	170
Fixed Interest	1,029	1,463
Australian shares	2,771	2,495
Defensive Alternatives	146	172
Australian Cash	1,069	976
Total investments	5,937	5,530

Perpetual Trustee Company Ltd. manages Bush Heritage's investment portfolio to generate income to assist with reserve management costs. The fundraising campaign for each new land acquisition

aims to raise funds in addition to the purchase price to create an endowment to help cover future management costs. The endowments raised are then invested with Perpetual.

Note 5. Subsequent Events

No matter of circumstance has arisen since the end of the financial year which is not otherwise dealt with in this Report or in the Financial Statements, that has significantly affected or may significantly

affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the company in subsequent financial periods.

Note 6. State Government Fundraising Legislation Requirements

As a national organisation, Bush Heritage conducts fundraising operations in all states. Several state governments have specific licensing and reporting

requirements aimed at informing and protecting the interest of donors. Bush Heritage holds the following licences:

Australian Capital Territory	Charitable Collections Act 2003, Licence No. L19000280
New South Wales	Charitable Fundraising Act 1991, Fundraising Authority CFN 17412
Queensland	Collection Act 1966, Certificate of Sanction No. 4954
Tasmania	Collections for Charities Act 2001, Approval 10/02/09
Victoria	Fundraising Appeals Act 1998, Registration Number 9971
South Australia	Charitable Purposes Act 1939, Licence not required

Bush Heritage is in the process of applying for a license under the Charitable Collections Act 1946 Western Australia. There are no applicable fundraising licensing requirements in the Northern Territory.

The complete declaration required under the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW) is available in note 19 in the Full Financial Report.

Directors' Declaration

In the opinion of the Directors of Bush Heritage Australia the accompanying concise financial report for the year ended 30 June 2011:

- (a) has been derived from and is consistent with the full financial report for the financial year; and
- (b) complies with Accounting Standard AASB 1039 Concise Financial Reports.

Made in accordance with a resolution of Directors.



Louise Sylvan
President

Melbourne
3 October 2011



David Rickards
Treasurer

*Below: The Liffey River runs through Oura Oura Reserve, Tasmania.
The property was generously gifted to Bush Heritage by founder Bob Brown,
in celebration of 20 years protecting the Australian bush.
Photograph by Peter Morris*





Independent auditor's report to the members of Bush Heritage Australia

Report on the Concise Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying concise financial report of Bush Heritage Australia which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2011, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended and related notes, derived from the audited financial report of Bush Heritage Australia for the year ended 30 June 2011. The concise financial report also includes discussion and analysis and the directors' declaration. The concise financial report does not contain all the disclosures required by the Australian Accounting Standards.

Directors' Responsibility for the Concise Financial Report

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the concise financial report in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 1039 *Concise Financial Reports*, and the *Corporations Act 2001*, and for such internal controls as the directors determine are necessary to enable the preparation of the concise financial report.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the concise financial report based on our audit procedures which were conducted in accordance with ASA 810 *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*. We have conducted an independent audit, in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, of the financial report of Bush Heritage Australia for the year ended 30 June 2011. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the financial report in our report dated 3 October 2011. The Australian Auditing 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 for the year is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the concise financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the concise financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation of the concise financial report 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 entity's internal controls. Our procedures included testing that the information in the concise financial report is derived from, and is consistent with, the financial report for the year, and examination on a test basis, of audit evidence supporting the amounts, discussion and analysis, and other disclosures which were not directly derived from the financial report for the year. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the concise financial report complies with AASB 1039 *Concise Financial Reports* and whether the discussion and analysis complies with the requirements laid down in AASB 1039 *Concise Financial Reports*.

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

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the concise financial report, including the discussion and analysis and the directors' declaration of Bush Heritage Australia for the year ended 30 June 2011 complies with Accounting Standard AASB 1039 *Concise Financial Reports*.

Ernst & Young

Kester Brown
Partner

Melbourne
3 October 2011

Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Bush Heritage Australia

In relation to our audit of the financial report of Bush Heritage Australia for the financial year ended 30 June 2011, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* or any applicable code of professional conduct.

A stylized, handwritten signature of the Ernst & Young firm, written in black ink.

Ernst & Young

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kester Brown', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Kester Brown
Partner
3 October 2011

Our supporters talk about **Bush Heritage**

“My wife and I are passionate supporters and workers for animal welfare and environmental conservations and rehabilitation. We love the idea of Bush Heritage supporting and regenerating our beautiful Australian bush and its habitat for native animals.”

Peter, Peregian Springs, Qld

“Bush Heritage is one of the greatest contributions to private land conservation in the world. I am passionate about this work and applaud your efforts. Doug Humann is a wonderful leader.”

Rod, South Perth, WA

“When Bush Heritage came on the scene, with its wholly practical, hands-on approach to environmental protection, I embraced it enthusiastically.”

Elisabeth, Balmain, NSW



Thanks to Bush Heritage supporters, this red-capped robin's home on our Boolcoomatta Reserve is protected forever.

Photograph by Rob Drummond



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