# FAME



# Annual Report 2017/18

# Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners and Country

The Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered Species Ltd (FAME) acknowledges the traditional owners of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, sea and community.

We pay our respects to them and their cultures and to their elders both past and present.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the 2017/18 Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered Species Ltd Annual Report.

We apologise if any omissions or errors have occurred. If you discover an error or omission, please notify the Chief Executive Officer, Tracy McNamara at tracy.mcnamara@fame.org.au

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# <sup>2</sup> Board Members

(for the year ended 30 June 2017)

### **Vision**

Our vision is to prevent any further extinction of Australian flora and fauna. • Embrace open

### **Mission**

**FAME** is the only organisation dedicated to helping Australian species most at risk of extinction. **FAME** seeks to fund on-ground conservation outcomes with a focus on seed-funding and innovation.

### **Core Values**

- Commit to conservation and environmental issues.
- transparency at all times.
- Display strong, clear corporate governance.
- Maintain inclusiveness with all stakeholders and donors.
- Respect the culture of Indigenous Australians.

### **Directors**

**Chris Chapman** Chair

**Dr Diana Beal** Vice Chair/

**Finance Director** 

**Dr Fred Ford** 

**Tony Hume** 

**Bruce Jackson** 

Margaret Wilksch, **OAM** 

Michael J Willson, AM KSJ

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## **Management and Staff**

**Tracy McNamara Chief Executive Officer** 

**Angela Richardson Finance Manager** 

Community **Engagement Officer** 

**Caroline Newman** 

# <sup>3</sup> Current Projects

(at time of publication)



**Feral Cats** 

Safeguarding our fauna from feral cats.
(Australia)



#### **Western Quoll**

Building a wild population of Western Quolls. EPBC Act 1999 Status: *Vulnerable* (Ikara-Flinders Ranges, SA)



### Numbat

Protecting the last remaining wild populations of Numbats.
EPBC Act 1999 Status: *Vulnerable*(Wheatbelt, WA)



# Kangaroo Island (KI) Dunnart

Finding the elusive KI Dunnart. EPBC Act 1999 Status: Endangered

(Kangaroo Island, SA)



# **Eastern Bettong**

Reitroduction of the Eastern Bettong. *Aussie Ark.* EPBC Act 1999 Status: *Extinct on the Mainland* **(Loddon River, VIC)** 



# Southern Cassowary

Habitat restoration through tree planting. EPBC Act 1999 Status: *Endangered* 

(Daintree, QLD)



## Macadamia Jansenii

Securing the future of Australia's endangered macadamia species. EPBC Act 1999 Status: *Endangered* 

(Various sites, QLD)



# Long-nosed Potoroo

Building a robust insurance population to rewild. *Aussie Ark.* EPBC Act 1999 Status: *Threatened* 

(Barrington Tops, NSW)



# Brown Bandicoot

Building a robust insurance population to rewild. *Aussie Ark.*EPBC Act 1999 Status: *Vulnerable* 

(Barrington Tops, NSW)



## **Tasmanian Devil**

Saving the Tasmanian
Devil from extinction.
EPBC Act 1999 Status: Endangered

(Barrington Tops, NSW)



# Astelia australiana

Securing the future of the Tall Astelia.
EPBC Act 1999
Status: Vulnerable
(Cape Otway, VIC)



# **Eastern Bettong**

Building a robust insurance population to rewild. EPBC Act 1999 Status: Extinct on the Mainland

(Barrington Tops, NSW)

# <sup>4</sup> Chairman's Report

Fellow FAME Conservationists, on behalf of FAME's Board of Directors, I am pleased to present the Company's 2017/18 Annual Report. As you will see, it has been another positive year for the Company as it continues to grow in alignment with our Strategic Plan in order to achieve its mission of undertaking native wildlife conservation (NWC).

You will be aware that FAME takes board governance very seriously and this year we continued to consider, amend and adopt new and appropriate corporate governance initiatives. Your Board spends time at every meeting focused on good corporate governance, both retrospectively and prospectively. Your Board has adopted a comprehensive suite of policies for the good governance of FAME.

During the year, the Company was a recipient of a bequest from the late Dr Lee which allowed FAME to increase the Company's Capital Reserve Fund. The long-term goal of this Fund is to build enough capital to enable the Foundation's operational expenses to be covered by its annual return. By building this Fund, we will enable the Foundation to allocate 100% of monies donated to FAME to NWC projects. Your Board sees this as a challenge to be met if possible while still supporting many NWC projects annually.

Key projects for the financial year of significance will be reported upon by the CEO in her report.

Your Board considers carefully which NWC projects it will fund. Obviously, sadly, it cannot invest in them all or any at all without your support.

I'd like to acknowledge the work of Dr Fred Ford and Bruce Jackson for the time they spend considering NWC projects in which FAME may invest.

**Bequests** are a significant source of funds that assists FAME to deliver on its mission of NWC. If you'd like to provide a gift in your will to FAME, please consider including FAME when you draw up your will to assist our support for NWC projects. If you already have a will, consider drawing up a codicil to this effect.

If you'd like professional assistance in making a gift in your will or in the preparation of a codicil, please contact the CEO, Ms Tracy McNamara, by email at tracy.mcnamara@fame.org.au or by telephone at: (08) 8374 1744.

Shares listed on the Australian Stock Exchange, many of FAME's donors hold listed equities. The FAME Board has developed a process to enable you to pledge the income and/or the capital gains from a parcel of your shares while you retain full ownership and control of those shares. You will receive from FAME an income-tax-deductible receipt for your donations on each occasion. If you'd like to discuss this proposal, please contact the CEO, Tracy McNamara, and request FAME's "Agreement to Donate Returns from Shares to FAME" form. Some of FAME's Directors are already participating in this arrangement.

Thank you: FAME is nothing without the extraordinary effort of many, including: the CEO and staff - FAME does not have a large staff, the CEO, Tracy McNamara, is the only full-time member of staff. FAME's staff achieves outstanding results in the hours they work for the Company. On behalf of the Board and all stakeholders I sincerely thank them for their efforts. They are Angela Richardson, Caroline Newman and the contract staff whom FAME engages for specialised tasks, Kim McDonald and Geoff Michels.



#### Optimism - there is hope.

As more of our precious flora and fauna is battling to avoid being extinct in the wild or extinct through loss of habitat or predation, and we list more species as vulnerable, endangered or critically endangered, demands for funding for projects to save these species become even more urgent.

The year 2017/18 for FAME was no exception. In our 25th year, we witnessed a significant increase in requests for grants and, in turn, due to increased philanthropic support, we were able to commit to, and fund, no less than ten projects across Australia.

Our vision to prevent any further extinction of Australian flora and fauna has never been under more pressure. Stopping extinctions and ensuring that future generations, your children and grandchildren, will not have to view Australian fauna only in natural history museums and never see many indigenous species in their natural habitat is urgent.

Many of our projects are aimed at species 'on the brink'. Without funding provided by FAME and our partners, these species may not otherwise have been given a chance of survival, and would face extinction, like the Thylacine before them; they would be lost forever.

# We are able to do this because of the support of our partners, stakeholders and every single donor to FAME.

A snapshot of our financial year shows that a combination of many large and small donors and stakeholders coming together can make a difference. It paints a picture not of despair, but of optimism, that together we can achieve results.

The 2017/18 financial year ended with our income amounting to \$1,344,510. This is the highest amount ever recorded since the Foundation's inception, and is particularly pleasing as it was partly raised in our 25th year. This amount included a significant bequest, which allowed the Company to build its Investment Reserve Fund.

Our community's advocacy and support spoke loudly and clearly in our first donor survey distributed earlier this year.

On average 99.08% feel engaged with our communications, 75% believe the Foundation has excellent governance and,

notably, donors support FAME because they are deeply appalled at the rate of extinction of Australia's native species.

Our strong track record of success is in essence a result of our well-researched analysis, sound governance, contemporary business practices and extensive knowledge of conservation, procedures which are applied to all aspects of the Foundation.

On an operational level, the Foundation continues to achieve outcomes specified in Strategic Plan. With the Board's governance, FAME has reviewed and streamlined all pillars of the organisation and developed policies on financial management and reporting, human resources, philanthropy, project management and conservation project contracts. At times, this work included the engagement of outside professionals to ensure the Foundation was undertaking contemporary best practice in all core areas. These procedures ensure that donors and stakeholders can be assured that FAME takes the management of our philanthropic gifts very seriously.

In our 25th year we also have had the opportunity to meet many of our donors across Australia. It has been a wonderful opportunity to speak personally and hear both the anecdotes and passions of our donors in relation to the Foundation and all we have achieved together.

Projects for the financial year include:

- Western Quoll and Brush-tailed Possum Project: the reintroduction of these species into the South Australian Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park in partnership with the SA Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) and WA Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW). This rewilding project was completed at the end of this financial year. A continuation funding project is to be announced in late 2018.
- Feral cat management: a device developed by Dr John Read known as the "Felixer", partly funded by FAME. Version 3 is in trials and appears to be effective. More information on the project will be provided in future newsletters.
- 3. **Devil Ark** is now being incorporated into a much bigger project called Aussie Ark, which involves saving six endangered NSW species, in addition

the Tasmanian Devil. These species will be bred in feral-free areas, in a semi-wild environment as insurance populations with the intention of providing animals for rewilding in cooperation with NSW Department of Environment and Heritage. In all, FAME has supported four different projects at Aussie Ark, involving the Long-nosed Potoroo, Southern-brown Bandicoot, Eastern Bettong and the Devil itself.

- Western Australian Numbat: FAME is investing in a project in the Dryandra Woodland (SE of Perth) in partnership with the WA Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBC&A). The Project thus far, has exceed expectations having achieved the following:
- 4.1. detector dogs are capable of detecting cat scats in the wheatbelt environment,
- 4.2. feral cat activity on the reserves may not be as high as initially suspected with the feral cats spending the majority of their time off-reserve in adjacent farmlands, and
- 4.3. detector dogs are effective in locating feral cats but whether they are the most efficient tool to use in these situations needs to be further explored and quantified.
- Kangaroo Island (KI) Dunnart: FAME has invested in a study to identify and determine the remaining numbers of the elusive KI Dunnart which was thought to be dangerously close 'to the brink'. For the project 15 wildlife cameras have been purchased with FAME funding and deployed to assist with both native fauna and feral animal survey work. Over 2500 surveys nights have been completed across 2174 hectares; 48 landholders have become engaged with the project. Thirteen recordings of the KI Dunnart have been confirmed across four different sites. Having identified that the KI Dunnart still exists, a captive breeding program to establish an insurance population and provide for rewilding will be considered.
- Project Wild\_ saw the production of an incredible array of imagery and educational videos depicting the plight of Australia's endangered fauna.

As well as continuing the above projects, the next financial year will see the Foundation fund two flora projects – the endangered Macadamia jansenii in Queensland, with only 90 trees left, and the Tall Astelia – a native lily – found in the Otway Ranges, Victoria. In addition, we will assist with reforesting land in the Daintree Rainforest, Queensland, to save the endangered iconic Cassowary in its last remaining habitat and work alongside partners to reintroduce the Eastern Bettong into Victoria.

Now to the 'thank you' part of my report: firstly to my trusted hard-working team, both permanent and contracted staff – your passion, capability and enthusiasm for the Company and all its stakeholders are our greatest assets. I also gratefully acknowledge the work and support of the FAME Board, and their continual guidance and counselling as we continue to build the Foundation and achieve the goals established in our Strategic Plan.

I'd particularly like to thank Directors Ford and Jackson for their technical, scientific conservation advice, Director Willson for his frequent visits to the FAME office in his role as Company Secretary, Director Beal for her many hours of service focused on FAME's finances and the Chair, Chris Chapman, for his counsel and strategic vision as we continue to build upon the strong foundations created over the last 25 years.

Finally and most importantly, once again, I would like to thank all our donors and stakeholders. As we continue over the next 25 years to create awareness by bringing the fate ofv our precious and endangered native species to the forefront, we can only hope that the current state of play improves. By achieving conservation success, as a community, we can work towards halting the rate of extinction of Australian flora and fauna.

At FAME, we believe, together, it can be done.

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Tracy McNamara
Chief Executive Officer
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# <sup>6</sup> Your Impact 2017/18



In 2017/2018 you gave

\$1,326,930

An increase of

97.2%

on the previous year

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**Individual donations** 

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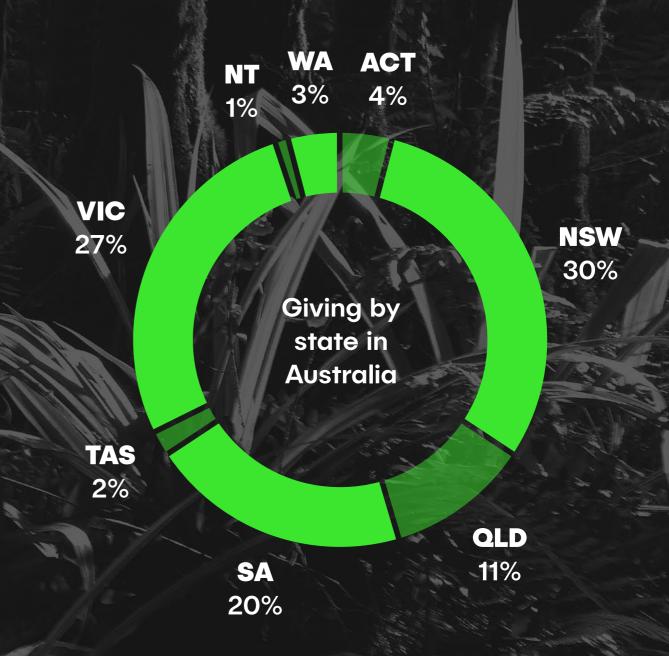


Projects we have funded



**Donations received from** 

Countries



Since 1993, with your help we have successfully completed

30 Projects



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#### DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Directors present this Report on the Company for the financial year ended 30th June, 2018.

#### **Directors:**

Details of Company Directors in Office during the financial year and until the date of this Report are as listed below. Each Director was in Office for this entire period, unless otherwise stated.

Name: Chapman, C. M.

Qualifications: Barrister & Solicitor: NSW, High Court of Australia (Full

Practicing Certificate NSW)

**Experience:** Board Member since 2011

Special Responsibilities: President/Chair, Finance Committee

Name: Willson, M. J. AM, KSJ

Qualifications: Company Director (Retired)

**Experience**: Finance Committee, Gift Fund Committee

Board Member since 2011.

Special Responsibilities: Company Secretary

Name: Jackson, B.M.

Qualifications: Environmental Consultant

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**Experience:** Board Member since 2011

**Special Responsibilities:** Conservation Committee

Name: Wilksch, M.A. OAM

Qualifications: Company Director, Land Manager,

Consultant

**Experience:** Board Member since 2011

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Name: Ford, F. D.

Qualifications: Conservation Biologist, PhD (Evolutionary Ecology),

BSC Hons.

Experience: Board Member since 2012

Special Responsibilities: Chair of Conservation Committee

Name: Beal, D.J.

Qualifications: Finance Academic (Retired), B. Econ, B.Com, Grad

Dip Forest Science, M. Phil, PhD (Economics)

**Experience:** Board Member since 2011.

Special Responsibilities: Vice President, Chair of Finance Committee

Name: Hume, A.

**Experience:** Board Member since 2018

#### **Company Secretary:**

The position of Company Secretary at the end of the financial year was held by:

Name: Willson, M.J. AM, KSJ

Qualifications: Company Director (Retired)

**Experience:** Finance Committee, Gift Fund Committee

Board Member since 2011

#### **Dividends:**

The Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered Species Ltd is a Public Company limited by guarantee and does not pay dividends.

#### **Principal Activities:**

During the course of the year, principal activities were to:

- identify conservation projects suitable for support according to the aims & objectives of the Company;
- ii. raise funds from its constituency and apply those funds in support of projects deemed by the Directors to be appropriate according to the aims & objectives of the Company;
- iii. produce and distribute printed and electronic material for the purpose of educating the donor constituency of the Company & the general public;
- iv. undertake relations with national and state wildlife workers & organisations;
- v. undertake relations with national and state policy, advocacy & government conservation networks.

During the financial year, no significant changes occurred in the nature of the Company's principal activities, as listed above.

#### **Operating Results:**

The Company raised more than it invested during the 2017-2018 Financial Year in its above-mentioned principal activities and this resulted in a **surplus** of \$581591.93.

#### **Review of Operations:**

Overall operations of the Company this financial year remained broadly consistent with the 2016-17 financial year. A Strategic Plan covering the period 2017-2020 has been developed and approved by the Board. The Plan defines the Company's Mission, Vision and Core Values with priorities and objectives designed to consolidate the Company's achievements, strengthen its position for the future and expand its role within conservation.

During 2017-2018, funding was provided for the following Projects:

- i. continued financial commitment (in partnership with South Australian Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources – DEWNR) for the reintroduction of the (previously) locally extinct Western Quoll (*Dasyurus geoffroii* or Idnya) and Brush-tailed possum, along with land restoration and extra funding for feral management, in the Flinders Ranges of South Australia \$140,000;
- ii. provided funding to Devil Ark/Aussie Ark for development of projects to reserve and maintain insurance populations of endangered species including Eastern Quoll, Long-nosed Bandicoot, and Long-nosed Potoroo \$35,000;
- iii. Kangaroo Island Dunnart survey to determine a baseline of population numbers and distribution \$11,000;
- iv. Numbat Protector Dog joint project with the Australian Government, WA Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, and Numbat Task Force to train selected dogs to identify the presence of feral cats in national parks \$150,094.55;
- Project Wild\_ documenting in photographs and video the uniqueness, beauty and fragility of our native wildlife with the aim of making the public more aware of the plight of Australian Native species \$16273.12; and
- vi. continued financial commitment to the development of the Version 3 Optimising Felixer (cat sprayer) \$70,000.

#### Significant Changes in the State of Affairs:

A significant bequest of cash and shares was received during the year. As per the 2017-2020 Strategic Plan, the Company continued to maintain and develop clear business practices in its core areas to ensure operational agility whilst building a strong brand presence.

No other significant changes have occurred.

#### **After Balance Date Events:**

Following balance date, no events of material significance occurred.

#### **Environmental Regulations and Performance:**

The Company's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory.

#### **Share Options:**

Share Options are not granted as the Company is limited by Guarantee.

#### **Indemnifying Officers or Auditor:**

During or since the end of the financial year, the Company has either given an indemnity or entered into an agreement to indemnify, or, has paid or agreed to pay insurance premiums as follows:

- ✓ The Company has paid premiums to insure each of the Directors against liability for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of Director of the Company, other than conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the Company.
- ✓ The amount of the premium for all Directors was \$2759.

#### Proceedings on behalf of the Company:

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company or intervened in any proceedings to which the Company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Company for all or any part of those proceedings.

The Company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

#### Auditor's Independence Declaration:

The Auditor's independence declaration for the financial year ended 30th June, 2018 has been received.

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

Director: Margaret A Wilksch OAM

Dated this 6th day of October, 2018

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#### AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

(under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001)

#### To the Directors of:

Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered Species Ltd

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the Audit for the Financial Year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018, there have been:

- 1. No contraventions of the Auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- 2. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Yours faithfully,

Lee Harradine

**Partner** 

Harradine & Norris-Green Chartered Accountants

Wayville, SA

Dated: 27th of September, 2018

#### STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	* Note	For year ended 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2018	For year ended 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017
Income		1326930	668298
Less Operating Expenditure			
Fundraising & Campaign Support	16	88876	93309
Species Conservation		352488	428800
Environmental Advocacy	15	27969	39565
Environmental Education		41532	15020
Other Expenses	17	27969	26376
Administration	14	224084	. 123476
Results from Operating Activities	14	5 <b>64012</b>	(58248)
results from Operating Activities		. 504012	(30240)
Finance Income		17580	4480
Net Finance Income		17580	4480
Profit/ (Loss) before Income Tax		581592	(53768)
Income Tax Expense		0	0
Profit/(Loss) for the year		581592	(53768)
Other Comprehensive Income		0	0
Total Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		581592	(53768)

<sup>\*</sup> Note – Section 8 (pp15-22) in this Report titled 'Notes to the Financial Statements' is an integral part of these financial Statements

## STATEMENT OF INCOME

INCOME FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	For year ended 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	-
Donations & Bequests Campaign & Projects Memberships Interest and Dividends Received	1121402 182370 23158 17580 1344510	141033 515415 11850 4480 <b>672778</b>
EXPENDITURE ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
Administration Environmental Advocacy Environmental Education Fundraising & Campaign Support Species Conservation Other Expenses	224084 27969 41532 88876 352488 27969	123476 39565 15020 93309 428800 26376
PROFIT (LOSS) FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	581592	(53768)

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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	As at 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2018	As at 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017
Cash & Cash Equivalents	194494	220523
Trade & Other Receivables	0	1500
Total Current Assets	194494	222023
Buildings, Plant & Equipment	0	0
ASX Shares	665820	51065
Bond for Office Lease	2000	2000
Intangible Assets	0	0
Total Non-Current Assets	667820	53065
Total Assets	862314	275088
Equity and Liabilities		•
Trade & Other Payables	(4057)	(2288)
Employee Benefits	0	0
Deferred Revenue	14390	13640
Total Current Liabilities	10333	11352
Total Liabilities	10333	11352
Net Assets	851981	263736
Total Equity	851981	263736

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS

	For period ended 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2018	For period ended 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017
Balance at beginning of Financial Year	264562	318329
Total Comprehensive Income for the year	581592	(53768)
Asset Revaluation Reserve	5827	(825)
Balance at end of the Financial Year,	851981	263736

### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	For period ended 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	For period ended 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash receipts from bequests, donors and members	1329180	620152
Cash paid to suppliers and employees  Cash generated from / (used in) operations	(764686)	(726546)
Interest and Dividends received	17580	4480
Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	582074	(101914)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Proceeds from sale of property	0	0
Acquisition of shares	(608103)	. 0
Net cash used in investing activities	(608103)	0
Net increase / (decrease) in cash	(26029)	(101914)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	220523	322437
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	194494	220523

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### For the period ended 30th June, 2018

#### 1. Reporting entity

Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered Species Ltd (the Company) is a company domiciled in Australia. The address of the Company's registered office is Level 1, 47 Tynte St, North Adelaide SA 5006. The financial statements are as at and for the year ended 30 June 2018.

The Company is a company limited by guarantee and without share capital. If the company is wound up, the Constitution of the Company states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$20 towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the Company.

The Company exists for the public benefit and to support the protection and enhancement of the natural environment and in particular, Australia's native flora and fauna.

#### 2. Basis of preparation

#### (a) Statement of compliance

The financial report is a general purpose financial report, which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards (AASBs) adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the Corporations Act 2001. The Company does not comply with International Financial Report Standards as it has adopted the exemptions allowed for not-for-profit organisations under AASB 101.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on the 6th October 2018.

#### (b) Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

#### (c) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates continuity of normal business and the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business.

The Company had a surplus for the year ended 30 June 2018 of \$581592 and generated cash flows from operating activities of \$(26029).

The Directors have prepared the financial report on a going concern basis as a result of the following:

- The Company has cash and cash equivalents amounting to \$194494 which is sufficient to extinguish current liabilities;
- The Company had net assets of \$851981 at 30 June 2018, and positive working capital of \$184161:
- The Company has forecasted to have sufficient cash flows to meet its obligations as and when they fall due; and
- The Company has reviewed its holding assets and has identified non-core assets which could be sold to facilitate cash flows should the need arise.

Having regard to these factors, the Directors are of the opinion that the basis upon which the financial report is presented is appropriate in the circumstances.

No adjustments have been made to the financial report to take account of any changes that would be required relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded assets or to the amounts and classification of liabilities that might be necessary should the Company not continue as a going concern.

#### (d) Functional and presentation currency

These financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the Company's functional currency.

#### (e) Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the report amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and in any future periods affected.

There are no judgements made by management in the application of Australian Accounting standards that have significant effect on the financial report or estimates with a significant risk of material adjustment in the next year.

#### 3. Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

#### (a) Foreign currency transactions

There were no foreign currency transactions in the reporting period.

#### Property, plant and equipment

#### (b) Recognition and measurement

Items of property, plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. The cost of self-constructed assets includes the cost of materials and direct labour, any other costs directly attributable to bringing the assets to a working condition for their intended use, the costs of dismantling and removing the items and restoring the site on which they are located, and capitalised borrowing costs. Purchased software that is integral to the functionality of the related equipment is capitalised as part of that equipment.

When parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property, plant and equipment.

The gain or loss on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined by comparing the proceeds from disposal with the carrying amount of the property, plant and equipment, and is recognised net within other income/other expenses in profit or loss.

#### (i) Subsequent costs

The costs of the day-to-day servicing of property, plant and equipment are recognised as expenditure in the income statement.

#### (ii) Depreciation

Depreciation is based on the cost of an asset less its residual value. Significant components of individual assets are assessed and if a component has a useful life that is different from the remainder of that asset, that component is depreciated separately.

Depreciation is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each component of an item of property, plant and equipment. Estimated useful lives for the current and comparative years are as follows:

• furniture

3-5 years

information technology

3 years

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted if appropriate. There was no depreciation for the year ended 30 June 2018.

#### (c) Impairment

#### (i) Non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of the Company's non-financial assets are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or its related cash-generating unit (CGU) exceeds its estimated recoverable amount.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessment of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset or CGU. For the purpose of impairment testing, assets that cannot be tested individually are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or CGUs.

The Company's corporate assets do not generate separate cash inflows and are utilised by more than one CGU. Corporate assets are allocated to CGUs on a reasonable and consistent basis and tested for impairment as a part of the testing of the CGU to which the corporate asset is allocated.

Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. Impairment losses recognised in respect of CGUs are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the CGU (group of CGUs, and then to reduce the carrying amounts of the other assets in the CGU (group of CGUs) on a pro rata basis.

Impairment losses recognised in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

#### (d) Employee benefits

#### Long-term employee benefits

The Company's net obligation in respect of long-term employee benefits is the amount of future benefit that employees have earned for their services in the current and prior periods.

#### (i) Termination benefits

Termination benefits are recognised as an expense when the company is committed demonstrably, without realistic possibility of withdrawal, to a formal detailed plan to either terminate employment before the normal retirement date, or to provide termination benefits as a result of an offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy. Termination benefits for voluntary redundancies are recognised as an expense if the company has made an offer of voluntary redundancy, it is probably that the offer will be accepted, and the number of acceptances can be estimated reliably. If benefits are payable more than 12 months after the reporting date, then they are discounted to their present value.

#### (ii) Short-term employee benefits

Short-term employee benefit obligations are measured on an undiscounted basis and are expensed as the related service is provided. A liability is recognised for the amount expected to be paid under short-term cash bonus or profit-sharing plans if the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee, and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

All accrued employee benefits were paid prior to the end of the financial year.

#### (e) Income

Income in the form of unallocated bequests, donations and contributions is recognised in the year in which it is received.

Conditional bequests, donations allocated against specific future projects, and grants are treated as a liability until the condition relating to the bequest or grant has been satisfied. Conditional bequests and grants are then recognised as income.

#### (f) Finance income and finance costs

Finance income comprises interest income on funds invested. Interest income is recognised as it accrues in profit or loss, using the effective interest method.

Finance costs comprise interest expense on borrowings. Borrowing costs that are not directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset are recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

Foreign currency gains and losses are reported on a net basis as either finance income or finance cost depending on whether foreign currency movements are in a net gain or net loss position.

#### (g) Income tax

The Company has received written confirmation from the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation that it is exempt from income tax pursuant to Section 50-10 of the Income Tax assessment Act 1997. Accordingly no provision for income tax is required.

#### (h) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations were effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2015. The application of these standards had no impact in the financial statements of the Company. The Company has not early adopted any standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

1. Income		
	2018	2017
Memberships	23158	11850
Donations and Bequests	1303772	656448
	1326930	668298
5. Finance income and finance costs		
Interest income	17580	4480
6. Cash and cash equivalents		
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Cash on hand	100	100
Bank Balances	194394	220423
	194494	220523
7. Other assets		
Trade and Other Receivables	0	1500
Deposits	2000	2000
ASX Shares (at market valuation)	665820	51065
	667820	54565
8. Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities		
Profit for the year	581592	(53768)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and write off of stock	0	0
Acquisition of Shares	(608103)	0
Change in Provisions	0.	0
Change in Receivables	1500	(3500)
Change in Deferred Revenue	750	(44090)
Change in payables	(1768)	(556)
Net cash from/ (used in) operating activities	(26029)	(101914)

#### 9. Financial risk management and financial instruments

#### Overview

The Company has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

- Credit Risk
- Liquidity Risk
- Market Risk

This note presents information about the Company's exposure to each of the above risks, the Company's objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk, and the Company's management of capital. Further quantitative disclosures are included throughout these financial statements.

#### Risk management framework

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Company's risk management framework and for developing and monitoring risk management policies.

The Company's risk management policies are established to identify and analyse the risks faced by the Company, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adhere to limits. Risk management policies and systems are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions and the Company activities. The Company, through its training and management standards and procedures, aim to develop a disciplined and constructive control environment in which all employees understand their roles and obligations.

#### **Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations

#### Management of credit risk

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are placed within financial institutions which are regulated and management does not expect any counterparty to fail to meet its obligations.

#### Trade and other receivables

Management monitors balances on an ongoing basis and does not require collateral in respect of receivables.

#### Exposure to credit risk

The carrying amount of the Company's financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure. The Company's maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date was:

	Carrying amounts
Cash and cash equivalents	194494
Trade and other receivables	. 0
Other Current Assets	2000

At the reporting date there were no significant concentrations of credit risk by geographic region or by customer. There are no past due receivables.

#### **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Company's reputation.

#### Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices will affect the value of holdings of listed shares on the ASX. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters.

#### Interest rate risk

The Company's exposure to changes in interest rates relates primarily to interest-bearing financial assets.

#### Fair values

#### Fair values versus carrying amounts

As at the reporting date, the carrying value of financial assets and liabilities as at the end of the financial year are considered to approximate their value.

#### 10. Contingencies and Commitments

As at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018, the Company has the following outstanding commitments amounting to \$428830.

Optimising Felixer	70000
Other Commitments:	
Bulberin Nut (Macadamia Janseii)	21550
Western Quoli	30000
Numbat Protector Dog	160000
Cassowary	25000
Aussie Ark	32000
Tall Astelia	33280
Eastern Bettong	30000
Kangaroo Island Dunnart	27000

#### 11. Related parties

#### Directors' compensation

Directors receive reimbursement of expenses only.

#### 12. Subsequent events

There have been no events subsequent to balance date which would have a material effect on the Company's financial statements as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

#### 13. Auditor's remuneration

#### **Audit services**

Auditors of the Company

Harradine & Norris-Green, Chartered Accountants

An amount of \$3234 (including GST) was paid for audit services for the Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered Species Ltd during the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

14. Administration Expenses		
	2018	2017
Employee and Contractor Expenses	78407	47644
Other Operating Expenses	145677	75832
	224084	123476
15. Environmental Advocacy Expenses		
Employee and Contractor Expenses	27969	39565
16. Fundraising and Campaign Support		
Employee and Contractor Expenses	55938	52753
Other Fundraising Expenses	32938	40556
	88876	93309
17. Other Expenses		
Project Development Employee Expenses	27969	26376

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#### DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

In the opinion of the Directors of Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered Species Ltd (the Company):

- (a) The financial statements and notes, set out on pages 1 to 22, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
  - (e) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and of its performance for the period ended on that date; and
  - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Corporations Regulations 2001;
- (b) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors

Margaret A Wilksch OAM

Michael J Willson, AM KSJ

Dated at Wayville, South Australia this 6th day of October 2018

#### INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

#### Report on the financial report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered Species Ltd (the Company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018, and statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in accumulated funds and statement of cash flows for the period ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the directors' declaration.

#### Directors' responsibility for the financial report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001 and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These 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 is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We performed the procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and Australian Accounting Standards, a true and fair view which is consistent with our understanding of the Company's financial position and of its performance.

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

Independent audit report to the members of Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered Species Ltd (continued)

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the Corporations Act 2001, which has been given to the directors of Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered Species on 27th September 2018, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

**Auditor's Opinion** 

In our opinion:

The financial report of Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered Species Ltd is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and of its performance for the period ended on that date; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

Lee Harradine

**Partner** 

Harradine & Norris-Green Chartered Accountants Wayville, SA

Dated: 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018

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