



Trees For Life

annual report 2009.10



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Thank you to the Board members and staff for their dedication and contribution over the past 12 months.

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Foundation of SA, Trees For Life has established a Trust Fund, to provide an easy way for people to donate funds to support our conservation work in perpetuity.

A major challenge next year is the acquisition and implementation of a new database system. Currently we are using old technology that lacks flexibility, requires constant maintenance and limits the development of aspects of our business. The Board has allocated significant funding for the new system and has put in place suitable processes to manage the acquisition. In the interim we are aiming to ensure minimal disruption to our operations and services.

In concluding I want to affirm that despite some very serious challenges, Trees For Life remains healthy and well equipped to face the future. I remain confident because we have a membership that is the envy of most community organisations, a relatively young Board with diverse talents, an outstanding CEO and excellent staff. We are also clear, focused and passionate about what we do. Carmel Dundon continues to provide positive and creative leadership; she encourages staff to embrace change and take advantage of opportunities. On behalf of the Board I thank Carmel and the staff for their hard work and commitment throughout the year.

My thanks also to my Board colleagues for their commitment and support. This is a great team of dedicated professionals each with an enthusiasm for the organisation and the work it does. Collectively, we have continued to position Trees For Life to achieve its objectives whilst

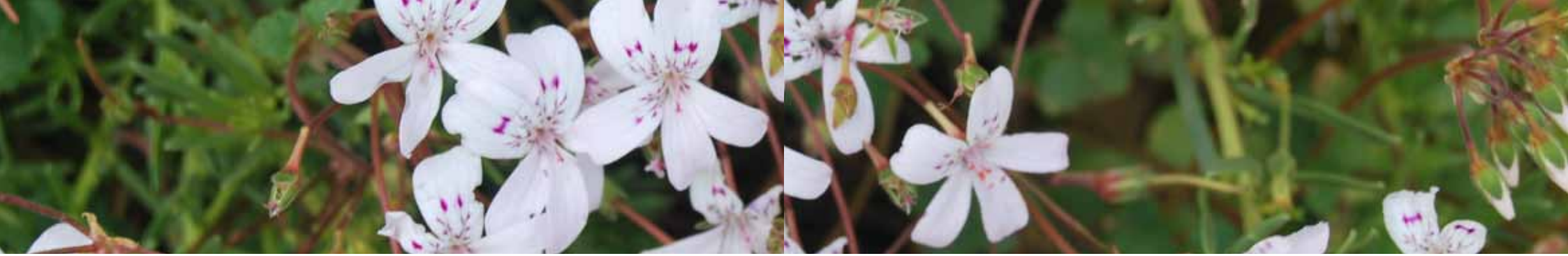
enhancing robustness and durability. I especially want to thank Vice President, Mary-Anne Healy and Treasurer, David Bradley, for their great contributions. Both are stepping down due to personal commitments. Mary-Anne has served on the Board since 2003 and as Vice President for the past three years whilst David will complete four years as Treasurer. Their wise counsel and friendship will be sorely missed by us all.

None of our success would be possible without the membership. It may sound trite but Trees For Life is a family. Like most families we have our ups and downs but through it all we stick together. We believe strongly in what we do and will settle for no half measures. We have a very supportive membership and a magnificent group of involved, sometimes demanding, but always enthusiastic, volunteers. Last year we said farewell to Andy Sutherland, who for so long was one of our spiritual leaders. Next year we celebrate our 30th anniversary.

I believe that Trees For Life continues to build on its early foundations and is well-placed to continue undoing the damage done over many decades to the environment and our native vegetation. Thank you.



David Mitchell
President
October 2010



Trees For Life volunteers and staff have had a busy and productive year. On ground staff and volunteers do outstanding jobs, demonstrating an extraordinary commitment to work which, in many cases, will take decades to come to full fruition. As always, this work is supported by a talented team of office based staff and volunteers.

Two initiatives have enabled us to expand our support and services to members this year. The new Volunteer Grower Coordinator position has meant we can give more help and advice to our Tree Scheme growers including an on-line propagation diary to track the progress growers can expect from their seedlings, additional propagation workshops and some diagnostic home visits. Our special Schools Program trial, funded with the help of the Coopers Foundation, saw us establishing a six month relationship with three schools taking a group of students in each school through the whole process from propagation and seedling care to planting out and after care.

This year the marketing team has increased both our profile and the financial support we receive from donors, sponsors and through the sale of plants and merchandise at public events. A grant from the Fred P Archer Charitable Trust through Trust Philanthropic also helped us to undertake activities specifically designed to attract younger members to Trees For Life. Our participation in public events has also continued with involvement in regional field days, the Adelaide Fringe Parade and Womad.

Following the introduction of the new Australian Workplace Awards we have been working to

develop a single Trees For Life Award to cover all staff. Currently TFL staff members are covered by one of four separate awards or not at all.

Our aim to create a more sustainable workplace received a huge boost with the gift of solar panels and free installation by our new sponsor Green Switch. We now have a bank of panels on the north facing church roof which will generate enough power to enable us to sell back into the grid. This, together with rain water harvesting made possible through our Team Poly sponsorship, will help reduce any negative environmental impacts arising from our activities.

In April, following considerable preparation and project scoping, we ran a selected tender process for a new database and contact management system. Because this project represents a significant investment by Trees For Life, a working group comprising a Board member with IT knowhow, an external consultant and specialist TFL staff was established to examine the tenders in detail and to provide expert advice to the Board. We hope to change over to the new system in 2011.

The demise of our federal funding for the Bush For Life program has been more than compensated by the new and stronger relationships we have been able to forge with our local government partners and the AMLR and MDB NRM Boards. We thank them for their continued support and increased contributions. We have also been working more closely with the Native Vegetation Council to improve conservation outcomes across the State.

We continue to make inroads in revegetation with a downward trend in landholder orders through the Tree Scheme offset by increased demand for broadscale direct seeding work. We were pleased to be the first service provider for the State Government's River Murray Forest project to successfully reach the stem count target, despite the difficulties presented by the drought.

Our reputation for good work and success has seen an increase in fee for service contracts across all areas of the organisation, so much so that we have taken steps to set up a dedicated fee for service work team to service and grow that part of our operations. Our staff and volunteers continually strive for excellence and it is heartening to see that effort recognised and rewarded.

Planning the 30th birthday celebrations next year is providing new opportunities to interact with members and it has been wonderful to receive stories and photos from the early years and to reconnect with the strong and passionate vision imbued in Trees For Life by our early members. When I meet members and volunteers I can see that passion and commitment has not diminished at all over the past 30 years. This is what makes our organisation so special. This commitment is also shared by our Board and staff, an extraordinary group of people who contribute and care so much about the work we do.

I would like to thank the President, David Mitchell for his support and guidance. His wisdom and experience is matched by his passion for the environment and his willingness to

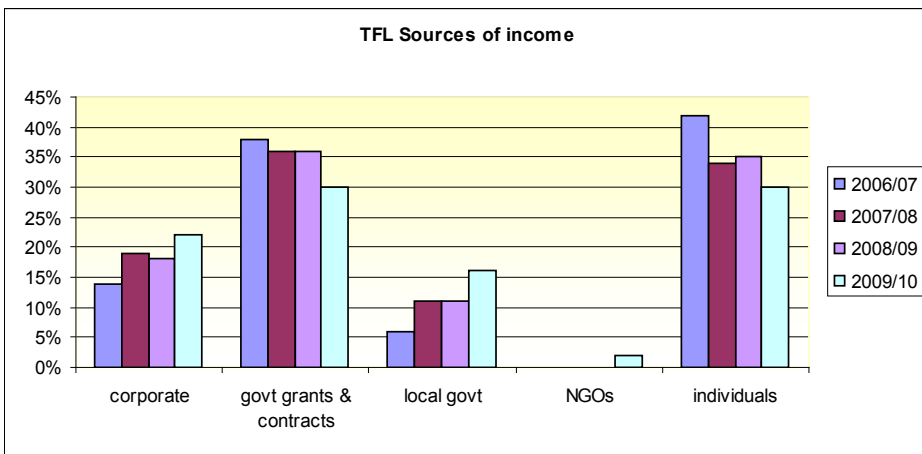
contribute both as an advocate and sector leader and as a volunteer in the field.

Thank you also to the Board, the Program Managers, the staff, volunteers, members and donors.

Next year will be a year of celebration for us all. It will be a chance to look at what we have achieved in South Australia and to feel justifiably proud. It will also be the perfect time to set new and more ambitious goals for the next 30 years. The environmental imperatives which led to the founding of Trees For Life remain. How we as an organisation and a community tackle these issues will challenge our collective imagination and our talent. I am confident we have the skills and the will to succeed.

Carmel Dundon
Chief Executive Officer
October 2010

Income	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
SUBSCRIPTIONS	183,770	218,703	228,626	201,835	192,059
FUNDRAISING	633,349	300,091	328,738	339,777	396,718
SPONSORSHIP	86,473	87,113	75,623	121,787	134,780
FEES	357,135	399,107	752,376	725,575	951,710
GRANTS	757,515	552,226	580,644	653,607	507,929
PROJECTS	15,000	26,500	42,419	82,886	105,905
OTHER RECEIPTS	51,569	59,516	20,453	38,633	28,395
Total Income	2,084,811	1,643,256	2,028,879	2,164,100	2,317,496
Expense					
A. NEWSLETTER	24,384	27,708	31,362	34,250	29,086
B. FUNDRAISING	11,012	23,540	82,221	81,890	68,109
C. SPONSORSHIP	2,224	1,729	2,533	2,969	2,003
D. PUBLICITY	29,418	32,387	65,380	55,535	58,010
E. WAGES	928,332	1,089,725	1,302,300	1,346,700	1,469,773
F. OTHER ADMIN	206,588	228,242	219,127	77,072	180,100
H. CONTRACTORS	40,602	37,577	50,007	36,663	42,060
J. PROPERTY EXPENSES	15,280	177,446	57,247	66,142	45,309
K. EQUIPMENT EXPENSES	47,026	82,848	45,249	74,397	72,804
L. SEED	12,101	13,876	19,479	5,136	18,620
M. SUPPLIES & SERVICES	133,920	153,578	224,502	313,667	302,318
Total Expenditure	1,450,887	1,868,655	2,099,408	2,094,422	2,288,192
Net Income	633,924	-225,399	-70,528	69,678	29,304



PROGRAM GRANTS

Commonwealth of Australia: Caring for Our Country: Coastcare
 State Government of South Australia through the Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges and Murray Darling Basin NRM Boards

PROJECT GRANTS

Adelaide City Council: Adelaide Sustainable City Incentive Scheme
 Commonwealth of Australia: Caring for Our Country: Community Action Grants
 Coopers Foundation
 Commonwealth of Australia: Grants for Voluntary Environment and Heritage Orgs
 Fosters Community Grant
 Native Vegetation Council Significant Environmental Benefits Grants
 Native Vegetation Council Heritage Agreements Grants
 State Government of South Australia through State Community Natural Resource Management Grants
 Trust Philanthropic Grant

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Adelaide Hills, Alexandrina, Barossa, Clare and Gilbert Valleys, Light Regional, Mallala, Mid Murray and Wakefield Regional Councils
 Blackwood Golf Course
 Carbon Neutral Ltd
 The Cities of Adelaide, Burnside, Marion, Mitcham, Murray Bridge, Onkaparinga, Playford, Pt Adelaide and Enfield, Tea Tree Gully and Victor Harbor
 Dept of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure
 District Council of Mt Barker
 ElectraNet
 Green Ochre Environmental
 Monarto Zoo
 Planet Ark
 Port Adelaide Football Club
 SA Urban Forest Biodiversity Program
 SA Water
 Town of Gawler
 Office of Recreation and Sport
 United Water

PROGRAM: tree scheme

2009/10 was another successful year for the Tree Scheme with 789,350 seedlings grown for revegetation throughout South Australia. This brings the total to date to 29,189,350 plants over the life of the Tree Scheme.

Orders this year comprised seedlings for landholders and backup stock raised at home by 945 wonderful volunteer growers, plus seedlings for projects.

Grower propagation supplies were distributed through our statewide network of depots, run by our remarkable volunteer depot managers.

Volunteer growers are the backbone of the Tree Scheme and make it possible to raise 1,500 combinations of species for 42 zones – a task which would be almost impossible for a nursery to do. They were supported this year by our new Volunteer Grower Coordinator. This role will be developed further over the next few years.

Also central to the program is the Seedbank managed by Bruce Smith and supported by seed collection volunteers who brave all weather conditions to get the right seed and by the office-based Seedbank volunteers who process and sort seed for distribution.

Bruce also organises seed collecting permits for about 100 members. Some of these contribute seed to the Seedbank and some are landholders who collect the seed for their own order. Eight to ten percent of landholders provide their own seed. This is one of those invisible support services we provide to the revegetation industry.

Our Westwood Nursery staff and a team of dedicated volunteers raised approximately 50,000 seedlings for revegetation projects as well as receiving and managing the 77,000 volunteer grown seedlings brought in for backup.

This year the nursery has grown for the Urban Forests Million Trees program and for an NRM Board, local government and business revegetation projects. Since establishing the nursery we have continued to develop the infrastructure, methods and systems we need to produce high quality seedlings in wholesale quantities.

Production at the nursery is seasonal with production timed to have all stock ready to plant in May or June of each year. Production for the next year begins in July with sowing of the winter species.

The nursery supports the activities of the Tree Scheme including operating as a storage and distribution centre for propagation supplies for all of the other 48 depots and running two of the largest Tree Scheme depots.

The nursery also operates as an area for reception, quality control and distribution of approximately 77,000 volunteer grown seedlings for backup and project orders. My thanks to all those who contribute to this highly successful and unique program.

Maureen Redfern
Tree Scheme and Nursery Manager

PROGRAM: bush for life

The last financial year was largely one of consolidation, after several major changes to the structure of the Bush For Life program towards the end of the previous year. There have been changes to key staff, with new positions created and some existing duties reorganised. Casual positions have been converted into part-time roles and the opportunity taken to re-align Regional Coordinators' territories more closely with council boundaries. While these changes took some time to implement, they have improved the efficiency and effectiveness of the BFL team, in particular the liaison with project partners and support of our volunteers.

There has been a strengthening of our relationship with the AMLR and MDB NRM Boards and the program has received substantial support from most local government partners. We continue to review our BFL sites in consultation with our partners, swapping some for higher value sites that are more suitable for volunteer activities and address regional biodiversity priorities.

The affiliation with SA Water and ElectraNet continues to generate high-quality management of large areas of native vegetation across the Greater Mount Lofty Ranges. The partnership with ElectraNet entered its second year at the Cherry Gardens sub-station, with regular supervised group activities for volunteers, together with funded contract work by BFL staff, seeing significant steps made towards the restoration of this 70ha patch of important bushland.

There was a substantial increase in the number of supervised group activities scheduled over the year, including a summer Bush Action Team program for the first time. This is traditionally a quiet time for bush regeneration activities but, despite this, we have found that many volunteers are looking for opportunities to maintain their involvement. The greater choice provided ensures most volunteers can find an activity that suits them.

Based on the results of our end of 2009 survey, BFL volunteers' in-kind contribution to the protection of South Australia's precious biodiversity through the BFL program was over \$1 million of their time - an outstanding achievement.

Overall this was another highly successful year, with many thanks to our hard working staff and volunteers.

Mark Ellis
Bush For Life Manager

PROGRAM: direct seeding

This year the direct seeding program completed 555 kms (200 ha) of revegetation across SA. Clients for 2009/10 comprised 14 private landholders, 6 Carbon, 4 corporate and 3 River Murray Forest sites, 7 hourly rate jobs and a planting contract for ElectraNet's Mt Barker site.

Conditions over the season were favourable and most of our direct seeding sites were successful.

In all approximately 277 kilograms of seed was used on the direct seeding sites. Seed collection was very difficult in the summer of 09/10 with many species of Acacias setting little or no seed. We were lucky that we had good stocks from previous years and that we were able to purchase seed to supplement our stocks.

I am particularly indebted to Alan Dandie, Geoff Clarke, Norm Lee, Richard Winkler, Bill Scott, Ben Brinkman and Dennis Slade. This small but very enthusiastic group of volunteers have assisted with seed collection over summer and hand direct seeding over winter providing valuable support and good company in the field.

Thanks also to Dennis Hayles, Bruce Smith, Paul Cullen, Sam Rudolph and all the team who have given valuable assistance to the program.

David Hein
Direct Seeding Manager

PROGRAM: carbon neutral

Uncertainty around the proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme and the failure to reach international agreement at Copenhagen saw business take a 'wait and see' approach to managing their own carbon this year.

The majority of our carbon clients stayed with the program because they could see the benefits it provided both to the environment and to their own business success.

Four new sites were planted for carbon sequestration and additional planting undertaken at Monarto Zoo to meet the requirements of our carbon program donors.

Some of our donors have made outstanding contributions to the environment over the last three years. Acer Computers Australia has fully funded the establishment of four sites and the Scunthorpe Forest Collective, a small group of Trees For Life members, has fully funded a further three sites.

In June we gave notice to Carbon Neutral Ltd of our intention to withdraw from our partnership. We have enjoyed working closely with the WA team but have decided that it is now more appropriate to manage our own independent program. We will continue to manage and report on carbon sites already established in SA as part of the Carbon Neutral program.

Carmel Dundon
Carbon Neutral Manager

Willunga Group

2010 marks the 23rd year of activity and environmental outcomes for the Trees For Life Willunga Branch, with the founding members still engaged in some of the original revegetation projects in the region.

These include the growing and planting of hundreds of plants along the Linear Park between Willunga and McLaren Vale (now known as the Coast to Vines Trail) and the development of a demonstration garden at the Willunga Wirra. The re-greening of the McLaren Vale Hospital grounds using local native species is another environmental highlight for the group, whose members also regularly contribute to Bush For Life and Tree Scheme projects.

Monthly meetings are a highlight for all, with guest speakers covering a variety of interesting environmental topics.

Fleurieu Volunteer Tree Planting Group

The TFL Fleurieu Volunteer Tree Planting Group continues to provide much-needed assistance to landholders in planting trees ordered through the Tree Scheme. The feedback from the landholders remained positive and appreciative and the volunteers continue to attend in high numbers.

This year the group attended seven plantings from June to August. A total of 2,820 natives were planted for 2010. The total number of volunteer hours for the planting team for 2010 was 223.17. The number of volunteer commitment days over the season was 101.

Several overseas students attended plantings this year and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of planting. If anyone is interested in coordinating a group in the north, there would probably be great interest from landholders and volunteer planters.

Noarlunga Group

The Noarlunga Group looks after three sites: Francis St, Piggot Range Rd and Tingira Drive. Working bees have been down this year due to wet weather, holidays and sickness. Nevertheless many new plants are coming up naturally, especially *Beyerial leschenaultii*, so the group is very pleased. Local rock has gone missing on this site so there are some concerns about erosion and the future safety of the area.

Since the Tingira Drive gates were locked in November 2009 there has been a reduction in certain weeds, possibly due to reduced foot traffic. There have been two acts of vandalism - one in the main area of Tingira, the other in the sand dunes where tree guards have been removed and plants damaged. Bike riders continue to do some damage to this site as well.

This year the group has taken on the new blocks which join Francis Street and Tingira to control weed migration into the original sites.

The recent rain has been very welcome and hopefully now that it is getting warmer, the group will be able to get on with the necessary job of weeding their sites again.

	Jun 30, 10	Jun 30, 09
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Chequing/Savings		
21 · Adelaide Bank - Current Acc	51,736.87	150,811.87
22 · Adelaide Bank - Cash At Call	36,868.70	36,539.34
23 · ANZ Line of Credit	0	-10,000
26 · Adelaide Bank - Growing Fund	2,554.76	10,985.98
28 · Adelaide Bank - Direct Cred	1,274.23	1,000.10
Total Chequing/Savings	92,434.56	189,337.29
Accounts Receivable		
36 · Trade Debtors	221,360.57	132,247.63
Total Accounts Receivable	221,360.57	132,247.63
Other Current Assets		
44 · Sundry Debtors & Prepayments	15,373.70	3597.96
Total Other Current Assets	15,373.70	3597.96
Total Current Assets	329,168.83	325,182.88
Fixed Assets		
70 · Database	4,625.00	0
32 · Plant & Equipment		
56 · Accum. Deprec - Motor Vehicles	-5,266.66	-4200.91
57 · Accum. Deprec - P&E	-10,668.40	-6002.59
32 · Plant & Equipment - Other	80,940.33	49066.10
Total 32 · Plant & Equipment	65,005.27	38,862.60
33 · Land & Buildings		
59 · Property Improvements	12,429.09	0
55 · Acc. Deprec - Land & Buildings	-37,500.00	-25,000.00
33 · Land & Buildings - Other	1,100,000.00	1,100,000.00
Total 33 · Land & Buildings	1,074,929.09	1,075,000.00
Total Fixed Assets	1,144,559.36	1,113,862.60
Other Assets		
71 · Seedbank	240,000.00	
24 · Term Deposits	52,630.00	10,630.00
31 · Stock on Hand	8,075.57	8001.18
35 · Investments	5,000.00	0
Total Other Assets	305,705.57	18,631.18
TOTAL ASSETS	1,779,433.76	1,457,676.66
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
39 · Trade Creditors	16,231.31	45,402.87
Total Accounts Payable	16,231.31	45,402.87
Credit Cards		
48 · Adelaide Bank - VB02 CD	101.85	
51 · Adelaide Bank - VB05 AP	148.28	
52 · Adelaide Bank - VB06 RT	62.65	
58 · Adelaide Bank - VB09 RB	1,093.00	55.56
Total Credit Cards	1,405.78	55.56
Other Current Liabilities		
Income Received in Advance		
3800 · IRA - Other	185,279.20	242,742.06
3801 · IRA - ElectraNet	50,226.76	
3802 · IRA - Carbon	51,635.00	
Total Income Received in Advance	287,140.96	242,742.06
Provision for Leave		
7 · Long Service Leave Prov.	76,406.84	80,289.06
8 · Annual Leave Prov.	87,407.21	67,321.29
Total Provision for Leave	163,814.05	147,610.35
2200 · Tax Payable	25,072.13	32,969.39
37 · 3rd Party Funds in Trust	106.20	-1,000.00
43 · Interest Free Loans	30,000.00	30,000.00
60 · Superannuation Payable	20,793.34	12,418.20
61 · PAYG Payable	30,532.00	12,378.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	557,458.68	477,118.00
Total Current Liabilities	575,095.77	522,576.43
TOTAL LIABILITIES	575,095.77	522,576.43
NET ASSETS	1,204,337.99	935,100.23



Trees For Life has achieved another successful trading year especially given the uncertainty in the economy for much of the year.

The financial accounts show a surplus of \$29,304 for the 2009/10 year, compared to \$69,678 for the 2008/09 year. Our budgeted surplus for the year was \$30,000.

Revenue has risen by 7.1% and expenses by 9.2% compared to the previous year.

The major source of revenue increase was in fee for service contracts. Salaries for our professional and administration staff was the major increase in expenditure.

The year has seen us again reduce our reliance on government grants whilst moving toward more reliance on fee for service and fundraising. Income from grants has fallen from \$736,493 to \$507,929, a reduction of 31%. It has been a major achievement to maintain the funding of our various programs whilst experiencing a decline in revenue from government and NGO grants.

Our net asset position has increased from \$935,100 to \$1,204,338. The major increase has been to introduce, for the first time, the estimated value of the substantial Seedbank. This is a very valuable resource for Trees For Life for the funding of future projects.

Each year produces fresh challenges and the 2010/11 year will be no exception. We are again budgeting for a surplus of \$30,000. The major financial issues that will arise in 2010/11 include

funding of our computer software upgrade and the implementation of our own Carbon Program to replace Carbon Neutral.

As this will be my last report to the members as Treasurer, I wish to thank the Board, the CEO and the staff for their support to me over the last few years. I also express my appreciation to the members and the volunteers of Trees For Life for their continued support of this wonderful organisation. In particular I would also like to personally thank Carmel, Kate and Alison for their tireless work and their unbridled enthusiasm toward the Trees For Life cause.

David Bradley
Treasurer
October 2010

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF TREES FOR LIFE INCORPORATED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010**

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Tree For Life Incorporated, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2010, and the income statement for the year then ended a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the board.

Board's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The board of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985 and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The board's responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. 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 judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation and fair presentation of the 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 association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluation the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the board financial reporting under the Associations Incorporations Act (SA) 1985. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

We believe that 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 Australian professional accounting bodies.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Trees For Life Incorporated, as at 30 June 2010 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

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