

# **STOP THE TOAD**

**KEEP WA CANE TOAD FREE**

## **Stop the Toad Foundation Annual Report 2012/13**



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## BACKGROUND

The Stop the Toad Foundation (STTF) is a not-for-profit, non-government organisation incorporated in Western Australia in October 2005.

When field operations began in 2006, the Foundation's main aim was to prevent cane toads from invading Western Australia. During the 2006-2010 Great Toad Musters, STTF removed 175,000 cane toads heading towards WA, but was not able to entirely prevent them from entering the State.

In 2011, The Foundation decided to change its strategy of toad control to protect specific high biodiversity areas and create sanctuary zones for native wildlife using exclusion fences in The Kimberley. The Emma Gorge Sanctuary Project was created in collaboration with El Questro Wilderness Park and the Australian Geographic Society. This project is the first ever attempt in Australia at creating a 'toad-free sanctuary' and study the biodiversity of the surrounding area before and after toads arrive.

The STTF strategy during the 2012-13 financial year continued to focus on The Emma Gorge Sanctuary Project.

The Committee of Management of the STTF was established at an inaugural AGM on 27 October 2005. It has held 4 meetings in the 2012/13 financial year.

This report covers the period from 1 July 2012 to the end of its eighth financial year, 30 June 2013.



*Discovery of the Scaly-tailed possum (Wyulda squamicaudata) occurred in Emma Gorge in 2011. The possum had not been seen in the east Kimberley since 1917.*

## OBJECTS OF ASSOCIATION

- (a) To prevent the migration of cane toads into Western Australia.
- (b) To fund, develop, install and operate toad trapping devices and other toad control mechanisms with the aim of preventing cane toads entering Western Australia.
- (c) To protect Western Australia's native fauna and flora from the infestation of cane toads.
- (d) To educate the public on the risks and danger posed by cane toads and the ways to prevent the migration of cane toads into Western Australia.
- (e) To conduct and finance research into the development of effective methods of controlling, reducing or eliminating cane toad populations.
- (f) To implement cane toad control measures in Western Australia in the event that populations of cane toads are established in the State.
- (g) To carry out activities that promote or to facilitate the above objectives, including fund raising activities.
- (h) To establish and maintain a public fund to be called the "Stop the Toad Fund" for the specific purpose of supporting the environmental objects/purposes of the Association. The Public Fund is established to receive all gifts of money or property for this purpose and any money received because of such gifts must be credited to the Public Fund Bank Account. The Public Fund must not receive any other money or property into the Public Fund Bank Account and it must also comply with subdivision 30-E of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

*Stop The Toad Foundation (Inc.) Rules of Association – Clause*



*Signage for the Emma Gorge Sanctuary project and a cane toad deposit bin*

## CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

I have been involved with STTF for over five years. Even though my role within the organisation has changed, the reason behind my involvement has not; I am passionate about protecting WA's biodiversity, and especially The Kimberley's biodiversity, from the cane toad. And I know this passion is shared by the rest of STTF's Committee of Management.

The best part of being involved with a community organisation is the people I have met along the way - in particular, the volunteers. I'd like to say a huge thankyou to all the volunteers who have dedicated hours of their time in helping STTF remove hundreds of thousands of toads from the landscape and building kilometres of fence line. You are my inspiration to continue the fight against the toad and without your hard work; we could not have accomplished half of what we have over the past eight years.

STTF relies on government grants, corporate sponsorship and private donations to keep The Foundation operating. On behalf of STTF's Committee of Management, I would like to say thank you to Jane Fenwick and Sandra Maynard. The Foundation is extremely grateful for their support. Special thanks also go to Matso's Broome Brewery, Carlton United Breweries, The Australian Geographic Society and El Questro Wilderness Park (Delaware North).

We now stand at the end of our eighth year of operations. Even though STTF's strategy to combat toads has changed, our vision has not. We will continue to do what we can to protect the biodiversity of WA from the cane toad.

Yours sincerely,



**Kim Hands**  
**Chairperson**  
**Stop the Toad Foundation (Inc.)**



Kim Hands  
STTF  
Chairperson

## TOADS IN A NUTSHELL

Cane toads (*Bufo marinus*, revised to *Rhinella marina*) were introduced into Australia in 1935 in an attempt to control pest beetles in the sugar cane industry. They were unsuccessful in their control efforts, but very successful at invading the ecosystems of Australia's north. Cane toads were originally released in Gordonvale in Queensland, but have spread west and south to now cover 1/3 of Australia.

As cane toads have spread across Australia, they have left a trail of ecological destruction in their path. They affect native wildlife in complex and numerous ways including lethal toxic ingestion for predators, predation on native species and competition for food and habitat. Key species that have been shown to be directly negatively affected by cane toads in Queensland and the NT include goannas, freshwater crocodiles, snakes, quolls and native frogs.

Over the past 30 years, there has been a lot of effort and both Federal and State Government's funding poured into research for a biological solution to control the cane toad. Some ideas have included using a virus to interfere with the metamorphosis process, the introduction of sterile males into the population, using sex pheromones to attract toads and lure them into a trap, and using a lung parasite to weaken the population. Despite scientists' best efforts, an answer has not been found.

Community groups across Australia have also put a huge amount of effort into controlling toads using manual methods such as hand collection, trapping and fencing. Whilst this effort has played an important educative role in the community, it also hasn't managed to eradicate toads in Australia.

The first cane toad was found at the Northern Territory/Western Australia border in February 2009. They have since moved 300kms west into The Kimberley and have spread through The Purnululu National Park. There is great concern that if toad numbers aren't controlled, they will decimate many species that are unique to Western Australia. CSIRO predictions warn that unless stopped, cane toads will colonise Perth and could even eventually infest areas as far south as Margaret River.

The downstream environmental, social, economic, health and cultural impacts of toad colonisation of Western Australia (and in other areas of Australia) are potentially enormous. The impact on tourism in the Kimberley alone could be worth many millions of dollars each year.

STTF is committed to thorough exploration of all potential methods to eradicate or significantly impact upon the advancing front and protecting sites of State and National significance within Western Australia.

## REPORT ON ACTIVITY

This report on the achievements of the Stop The Toad Foundation should be read in conjunction with the Foundation's Strategic Plan (see Appendix 1).

### 1) OPERATIONS AND TRAINING:

**Primary Goal: To implement the most thorough on-ground control operations achievable to slow, and if possible halt, the westward movement of cane toads; and to effectively deal with any (hitch-hiker) outbreaks ahead of the front.**

**Secondary Goal: In the advent of cane toads entering Western Australia, to minimise their spread and the harm they do to natural systems and ecological communities.**

- STTF continued to monitor and maintain the Emma gorge fence at El Questro Wilderness Park and remove as many toads as possible from the surrounding area in conjunction with El Questro staff and volunteers.
- Carried out the third biodiversity survey of the Emma fence area in conjunction with the Australian Geographic Society and independent scientists to determine the impact of toads on native wildlife.
- Field trips to the control area for the purposes of:
  - surveillance
  - fence maintenance
  - trapping and hand-capture operations

### 2) LOGISTICS:

**Primary Goal: To deploy the necessary people, machinery, equipment and supplies reliably and cost-effectively - where needed, when needed.**

- Continued to employ a Strategic Campaign Manager for part of the 2012/13 financial year. Due to funding constraints, the position was terminated in September 2012. The Strategic Campaign Manager joined the Committee of Management.
- Maintained two second-hand Toyota troop carriers and other essential equipment to operational readiness.
- Established asset management and maintenance regimes for vehicles, machinery and other equipment.
- Liaised with El Questro Wilderness Park management, independent scientists and the Australian Geographic Society for the Emma Gorge Sanctuary Project.
- Purchased materials to maintain the Emma Gorge Sanctuary fence.



## **INFORMATION (& COMMUNICATIONS):**

**Primary Goal: To establish and maintain high levels of information flow, to and from the Foundation, which maximise:**

**a) intelligence gathering to satisfy our knowledge needs, and**  
**b) stakeholder awareness, participation and support**

- Conducted over 20 awareness raising exercises all over Australia, such as talks to schools and interested clubs (see Appendix 2 for full details).
- Maintained STTF website to promote awareness of the issue and act as a conduit for enquiries, donations, etc. The website contains:
  - All relevant information on the activities of, and publications by STTF
  - A comprehensive list of links to STTF media releases
  - A secure online donations facility
  - An automated letter page through which supporters could make relevant politicians aware of their opinions
  - An opt-in/opt-out eNewsletter list
  - Updates and e-newsletters relating to ongoing activities of the Foundation
- Produced printed materials for use in awareness raising and to build support for the campaign, including The Emma Gorge Sanctuary Project information sheet and posters to be displayed at El Questro Wilderness Park.
- Produced interpretation signs to be displayed alongside the Emma Gorge Sanctuary fence and at the beginning of the Emma Gorge walking track.
- Conducted ongoing liaison with available expertise in cane toad ecology/behaviour and control techniques.
- Maintained a database of more than 2500 individuals and organisations interested in the issue. Distributed monthly e-newsletters to those on the database.

## **4) ADMINISTRATION (AND FUNDRAISING):**

**Primary Goal: To develop and operate an administration which effectively supports the work of the Foundation while remaining as lean as possible.**

- The Foundation employed one part time staff member, Kim Hands, as the Strategic Campaign Manager for July-August 2012. As part of her work, she carried out administrative duties. After leaving staff, she joined the Committee of Management and continued to carry out administration duties for The Foundation.
- The engagement of volunteers to assist with administrative tasks such as mail outs and organising volunteer evenings.
- Ensured appropriate and adequate insurance cover for all staff and volunteers and developed a risk management plan.
- The Foundation's identified objective of finding cost effective approaches to operating from multiple locations was met by:



- Forging an agreement with the Conservation Council of WA to be:
  - providers of key administrative functions (e.g. book keeping),
  - a centre of Perth-based operations, and
  - 'front-of-house' for the Foundation (phone number, reception, etc.)

### **Fundraising:**

- Fundraising is important to the ongoing success and achievement of the Foundation's aims. STTF successfully secured a further \$50,000 in 2012/13 from a philanthropic individual to fund operations for the Foundation.
- Continued relationship with Matso's Broome Brewery where 10 cents from every glass of 'Hit the Toad' lager is donated to the Foundation to assist with the ongoing battle against the toad.
- Continued relationship with Carlton United Breweries where \$1 from every carton of Carlton Mid sold in the northwest of WA is donated to STTF.
- The STTF website has an online donation system, which receives weekly donations between \$20-\$1000.
- STTF sells car bumper stickers for \$2 to raise funds the Foundations operations.

### **POSTSCRIPT: A BRIEF REPORT ON THE EMMA GORGE SANCTUARY PROJECT**

The Emma Gorge fence is now in its third year of operation. It has had varied successes but probably the best outcome is the biodiversity survey data collected over the past three years. This data has allowed research scientists the opportunity to collect data pre and post toad arrival – something that hasn't been done sufficiently in QLD or NT.

Data collected from the Emma Gorge Sanctuary Project has been written into a scientific paper and in the process of being submitted to scientific journals. It is titled 'Mass movement across a landscape reveal that vertebrates use gorges as dry season refugia in a tropical woodland savannah' by Sean Doody, Simon Clulow, Dominic d'Amore, Geoff Kay, David Rhind, Steve Wilson, Ryan Ellis, Christina Castellano, Colin McHenry, Michelle Quayle, Kim Hands and Michael Bass.

Another major success of the project is the increased community awareness of the cane toad issue in The Kimberley. The fence line is very visual and interpretive signs have been erected in the area to explain the background of the Emma fence. The project has allowed tourists to be involved with the monitoring of the fence line, to view native animals at night time and to carry out toad control.

The Emma Gorge Fence Project will run for at least another two years, and depending on its success, continue for years after that.

## **THE YEAR AHEAD**

STTF now stands at the end of their eighth year of operations. Even though STTF's strategy to combat toads has changed since 2006, their vision has not. STTF will continue to do what they can to protect the biodiversity of WA from the cane toad.

During the following financial year, STTF will turn its focus to science and supporting research, rather than manual control. STTF is working in collaboration with chief scientists Sean Doody, Colin McHenry and Simon Clulow on 'Project Kimberley' to find a scientific solution to the cane toad issue (see [www.projectkimberley.org](http://www.projectkimberley.org) )

STTF will continue to monitor the success of the Emma Gorge fence trial. In conjunction with scientists and El Questro Wilderness Park, the Foundation will carry out the fourth biodiversity survey in the Emma Gorge area in early-mid 2014 to determine the impact of the toad on native wildlife.

It is important that the fence continues to be monitored for native wildlife impacts, presence of toads and any required maintenance. The fence line is conveniently located 1km away from the Emma Gorge resort, where El Questro staff are stationed all year round. This makes it very easy to include monitoring the fence as a weekly, or even daily, routine at no cost.

STTF will also continue to run our education program aimed at raising the awareness of the cane toad issue in W.A. and encourage members of the public to become involved in the fight against the toad.

## **COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEMBERSHIP:**

The Committee of Management of the Stop The Toad Foundation Inc. is comprised of:

- Chairperson: Kim Hands
- Vice-chair: Gary Pike
- Treasurer: Vacant position
- Secretary: Vacant position
- Russell Gueho (Northern Habitat)
- Robert Edel (DLA Phillips Fox)
- Graeme Sawyer (Frogwatch NT)

The Foundation's Patron is WA author Tim Winton.

(At the time of the Foundation's AGM 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012).

## APPENDIX 1: STRATEGIC PLAN

As well as the Seasonal Strategy, an overarching strategic plan for the activity of the organisation has been in development. It identifies the following goals and key objectives and these have shaped the Foundation's activity throughout the year:

### **1) Operations and Training**

**Primary Goal: To implement the most thorough on-ground control operations achievable to slow, and if possible halt, the westward movement of cane toads; and to effectively deal with any (hitch-hiker) outbreaks ahead of the front.**

**Secondary Goal: In the advent of cane toads entering Western Australia, to minimise their spread and the harm they do to natural systems and ecological communities.**

- Conduct on-ground cane toad control activities to deliver maximum impact on the advance of the front.
- Design and implement a rapid response capability to effectively deal with toad incursions ahead of the front (by toads which hitchhike on vehicles), in concert with responsible government agencies.
- Develop a culture of safety and implement and maintain robust safety procedures at all times for all Foundation staff and volunteers.
- Develop a training program, which ensures that all Foundation staff and volunteers are adequately prepared for all activities and all foreseeable contingencies.
- Develop and promote sound holding and disposal procedures for toads captured.
- Protect the environment in all phases of operations to the maximum extent possible.

### **2) Logistics**

**Primary Goal: To deploy the necessary people, machinery, equipment and supplies reliably and cost-effectively - where needed, when needed.**

- Establish cost-effective and secure processes for provisioning of all field activities.
- Develop a transport capability for moving people, machinery, equipment and supplies through the landscape.

- Establish a vehicle and equipment control register including repair and maintenance schedules for all STTF assets.
- Establish cost-effective production processes for traps and other in-field requirements.
- Establish temporary field operations centres as required.

### **3) Information**

**Primary Goal: To establish and maintain high levels of information flow, to and from the Foundation, which maximise:**

- **intelligence gathering to satisfy our knowledge needs, and**
  - **stakeholder awareness, participation and support**
- Create and maintain awareness of, and support for, the Foundation and its objectives and activities at local, state and national levels.
  - Establish relationship with a broad range of stakeholders prepared to assist the Foundation achieve its objectives.
  - Identify clear, simple and direct pathways for interested parties to find ways of assisting and engaging the Foundation.
  - Identify all Foundation knowledge needs and ways to fulfil them.
  - Identify all Foundation Research and Development priorities and develop plans to satisfy them.
  - Satisfy all needs for centralised information and data management on toads, control results, volunteers and stakeholders.

### **4) Administration**

**Primary Goal: To develop and operate an administration which effectively supports the work of the Foundation while remaining as lean as possible.**

- Achieve sound but efficient Human Resource Management outcomes to ensure staff and volunteers are the right people in the right roles, adequately trained and resourced to do the job.

- Find cost effective approaches to operating from multiple locations including front of house, secretarial support, communications, financial management, accounting and auditing.
- Fulfil the Foundation's duty of care to its staff and volunteers by providing best practice risk minimisation strategies and adequate insurances at all times.
- Ensure that all licences, permissions and permits required by the organisation are in order at all times.
- Create an organisational structure and system of governance and decision making which is robust and accountable but also transparent, responsive and inclusive.
- Raise sufficient funds to enable the operations of the Foundation.

## APPENDIX 2: STTF EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS 2012/2013

MONTH	No. PEOPLE	PRESENTATION FOR WHO AND WHERE
JULY	60	Perth Garden Club, Wembley Downs
AUGUST	35	Gardeners' Circle Northern Suburbs Group, Greenwood
AUGUST	5000	Stall at National Science Week Festival, Perth City
SEPTEMBER	25	Claremont-Nedlands Lions Club, Nedlands
SEPTEMBER	65	Retirees Forrestfield, Woodlupine
OCTOBER	48	Kalamunda Probus Club, Kalamunda
APRIL	35	University of the Third Age, Lesmurdie
APRIL	230	Perth City Council Morning Show, Perth Town Hall
MAY	30	Toad App Launch, UWA, Nedlands
MAY	28	Pemberton District High School (Yr6), Pemberton
MAY	45	Pinjarra Rotary Club, Pinjarra
JUNE	48	York Garden Club, York

### **APPENDIX 3: THE JOURNEY SO FAR; CANE TOADS AND STTF**

**1935** - 102 cane toads (a native of south/central Americas) brought into Australia by Meringa Sugar Experimental Station (Cairns)

**1936** - 3400 juvenile toads released into cane fields in a failed attempt to control cane beetles

**1980** – First reports of cane toads arriving in Arnhem Land (NT)

**1984** - Reports of cane toads beginning to impact on Kakadu National Park (NT)

**1999** - Reports of cane toads in Katherine area (NT)

**February 2004** - Cane toad Forum in Cairns produces climate projection maps that indicate likely future extent of infestation for WA (Kimberley and Kalbarri to Esperance).

**March 2004** – Ian Morris from Frogwatch NT sighted a large male toad 5km east of the Victoria River roadhouse.

**April 2004** – Northern Habitat (an organisation from Broome and Foundation member-to-be) produces a discussion paper "Tourism Nightmare" and follows up with "Toad Strategies". Both are sent to government and industry and they receive a strong response from Kimberley Tourism Industry who request that a position statement be sent to State and Federal parliamentarians.

**December 2004** – Northern Habitat brings Graeme Sawyer (future Foundation Regional Coordinator) to Broome and Kununurra for public meetings and presents information on what could be achieved with cross community support. The message – Keep Toads out of WA.

**February 2005** – Northern Habitat press releases point to failures by past political parties to address the cane toad issue adequately. The State Government begins to develop a policy specifically for the control of cane toads. Local candidates in the Kimberley make commitments to address the issue if elected.

**March 2005** – The East Kimberley community with Kimberley Specialists and future Foundation board member Dr Andrew Storey (University of WA) hold the Kununurra Cane Toad Forum and sponsor attendance from 28 experts and presenters. Evidence suggests that a serious attempt at toad control is possible. Hon. Robin Chapple drafts a petition for the Legislative Council and over 300 signatures are collected in its first day. The Conservation Council of WA decides to support the fight and suggests a number of strategies including developing a stand alone Foundation to attract government and public contributions to support on-ground control activities.

**May 2005** – Over 500 signatures to a petition are tabled in Parliament by Robin Chapple (Greens WA) for Legislative Council Environment Committee.



**June 2005** – A public meeting is organised in Perth by the Conservation Council of WA. Presenters are: Russell Gueho (Northern Habitat), Graeme Sawyer (Northern Frogwatch), Alan Thompson (Save Endangered East Kimberley Species), Dr Judy Edwards (former WA Minister for the Environment) and Tim Winton (Author). WA govt. announces a further allocation of \$900,000 to the fight and calls on the Federal Government to match this commitment.

Northern Habitat invites author Di Morrissey and naturalist Ian Morris to present at a fundraising film night in Broome in late June and the attraction results in an article in the Bulletin magazine.

**August 2005** – State Government announces \$1 million towards toad control. \$500,000 to a public awareness and education campaign and \$500,000 to be issued to Stop the Toad Foundation upon incorporation.

70th Anniversary of the original release of cane toads into Qld  
– 19th August 1935

**September 2005** – CALM releases draft WA cane toad control strategy.

First toad busting weekend organised by Kimberley Specialists and Frogwatch at Victoria River introduces volunteers to cane toads and outlines identification, safe handling and disposal. Northern Habitat represented by Russell Gueho. Conservation Council of WA represented by Lisa Brideson.

**October 2005** – Stop The Toad Foundation incorporates.

**December 2005** – A State Government contribution of \$500,000 to the Stop The Toad Foundation is received and cleared.

**February 2006** – First staff members hired for STTF, including Campaign Manager Dennis Beros based in Perth and Field coordinator Derek Monk based in Kununurra.

**March 2006** – Graeme Sawyer from Frogwatch NT and Derek Monk found 10 male toads at the Gregory Can in Gregory National Park.

**September 2006** – First Great Toad Muster held from 23<sup>rd</sup> September until 31<sup>st</sup> October. A total of 48,374 toads were removed by 126 volunteers.

**February 2007** – Board Member Russell Gueho takes over the position of Campaign Manager, in a voluntarily capacity.

**March 2007** – Gregory National Park fencing trial began. The project was financially supported by DEC. Muyalee Women's Ranger group (a Timber Creek indigenous Community Development and Employment Program) assisted with the ongoing management of the fence line.

**September 2007** – Second Great Toad Muster held from 22<sup>nd</sup> September until 14<sup>th</sup> October. A total of 12,004 toads were removed with the help of 30 volunteers. Exclusion fencing was developed during the

Muster.

**May 2008** – Kim Hands is hired as the new Campaign Manager.

**September 2008** – Third Great Toad Muster held from 20<sup>th</sup> September until 18<sup>th</sup> October. A total of 68,325 toads were removed with the help of 70 volunteers. Exclusion fencing was trailed for the first time on a broad basis and found to be very efficient.

**February 2009** – Cane toads reach the WA border.

**June 2009** – STTF enter into a partnership with the Northern Land Council to continue the monitoring of the Gregory fence line and carry out toad control around the NT/WA border area.

**September 2009** – Fourth Great Toad Muster held from 12<sup>th</sup> September until 12<sup>th</sup> October. A total of 42,386 toads are removed with the help of 120 volunteers. Exclusion fencing is used in Keep River National Park.

**October 2009** – The first National Eradication Week held from the 3<sup>rd</sup> October until the 11<sup>th</sup> October. A total of 4922 toads were removed by community groups from areas across QLD, northern NSW, NT and WA. Volunteers contributed 329 days of effort towards cane toad control.

**March 2010** – The second National Eradication Program begins and continues for six months. STTF offers financial support to community groups across Australia.

**June 2010** – STTF and Wyndham Corrective services use permanent fencing to protect domestic properties in Kununurra from toads.

**August 2010** – 75th Anniversary of the original release of cane toads into Qld – 19th August 1935.

**September 2010** – Fifth Great Toad Muster held from 11<sup>th</sup> September until 11<sup>th</sup> October. A total of 20,679 toads were removed with the help of 104 volunteers. The first permanent toad exclusion fence was erected in conjunction with DEC at Point Spring Nature Reserve. Permanent fencing was also erected at various popular tourism sites around Kununurra during the Muster. Tourism sites included the Lake Argyle Tourist Village, the Kununurra Country Club Resort and the Lakeside Resort.

**November 2010** – The Gregory fence trial finished and the fence is removed.

**May 2011** – A 1.4km permanent fence is erected at Emma Gorge in the El Questro Wilderness Park. This project is the first ever attempt in Australia at creating a 'toad-free sanctuary' and protecting a site before toads arrive in the area. The project is a joint venture between STTF, Dr. Sean Doody, El Questro Wilderness Park and The Australian Geographic Society.

**June 2011** – First Biodiversity survey is carried out around the Emma Gorge fence line to determine what native wildlife is in the area pre-toad arrival.

**September 2011** – The fence line at Emma Gorge is extended 300 metres up either side of the escarpment, making the fence 2km in total length.

**March 2012** – Cane toads reach Emma Gorge, El Questro Wilderness Park.

**April 2012**- Second Biodiversity survey is carried out around the Emma Gorge fence line to determine if toads have affected native wildlife.

**April 2013** – Third Biodiversity survey is carried out around the Emma Gorge fence line to determine the impact of toads on native wildlife.

**STOP THE TOAD FOUNDATION (INC)**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**30 JUNE 2013**

**STOP THE TOAD FOUNDATION (Inc.)**

**STATEMENT BY COMMITTEE**

I hereby certify that.

1. The attached Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement for the year ended 30 June 2013 is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies in Note 1 to the accounts.
2. All receipts due to the Stop the Toad Foundation (Inc) during the year ended 30 June 2013 have been deposited to the nominated National Australia Bank Account.
3. All payments made by the Stop the Toad Foundation (Inc) for the year ended 30 June 2013 have been made approved Association business.
4. Nothing has come to my attention that would indicate that the financial statements are inaccurate, inappropriate or otherwise misleading.
5. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Stop the Toad Foundation (Inc) will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.



Kim Hands  
Chairperson

Date: 15/10/13

**Stop The Toad Foundation Inc***City West Lotteries House**2 Delhi Street**West Perth, WA 6005**Western Australia***Balance Sheet****As of June 2013**

	2013	2012
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets		
Main Acc #592933700	\$78,527.28	\$2,208.16
Maximiser Acc #592365993	\$11,679.01	\$22,607.17
Fund #593279923	\$100.15	\$420.15
Debit Card acc#797539221	\$229.83	\$812.84
Undeposited Funds	\$5.74	\$0.59
Trade debtors	\$0.00	\$16,500.00
Total Current Assets	\$90,542.01	\$42,548.91
Other Assets		
Prepayments	\$3,246.39	\$3,414.00
Total Other Assets	\$3,246.39	\$3,414.00
Plant & Equipment		
Plant & Equipment	\$103,070.95	\$131,554.77
Plant & Equip Accum Dep	(\$71,821.13)	(\$82,553.36)
Total Plant & Equipment	\$31,249.82	\$49,001.41
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$125,038.22</b>	<b>\$94,964.32</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Trade Creditors	\$340.14	\$2,884.70
Accruals	\$395.00	\$0.00
GST Liabilities		
GST on sales	(\$0.01)	\$1,500.00
GST on purchases	(\$35.00)	(\$84.70)
Total GST Liabilities	(\$35.01)	\$1,415.30
Payroll Liabilities		
Payroll Superannuation Payable	\$0.00	\$969.23
PAYG Withholding Payable	\$0.00	\$0.17
Accrued Wages	\$0.00	\$1,615.38
Leave Provision	\$0.00	\$289.26
Total Payroll Liabilities	\$0.00	\$2,874.04
Total Current Liabilities	\$700.13	\$7,174.04
Total Liabilities	\$700.13	\$7,174.04
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$124,338.09</b>	<b>\$87,790.28</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Retained Earnings	\$87,790.28	\$81,107.19
Current Year Earnings	\$36,547.81	\$6,683.09
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$124,338.09</b>	<b>\$87,790.28</b>

**Stop The Toad Foundation Inc***City West Lotteries House**2 Delhi Street**West Perth. WA 6005**Western Australia***Profit & Loss Statement**

July 2012 through June 2013

	2013	2012
Income		
Donations	\$81,608.50	\$86,262.00
Fundraising	\$0.00	\$29,045.00
Miscellaneous funds	\$0.00	\$6.35
Bank interest	\$371.84	\$1,412.05
Total Income	<u>\$81,980.34</u>	<u>\$116,725.40</u>
Expenses		
Operations Costs		
Administration cost	\$1,957.78	\$9,516.88
Bank fees	\$518.24	\$768.27
Bad debt	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Depreciation Accum	\$6,454.11	\$9,970.25
Loss on disposal of asset	\$442.93	\$0.00
Business Insurance	\$2,213.99	\$2,131.57
Catering	\$0.00	\$58.18
Rent	\$880.00	\$2,700.00
Vehicle licencing & Insurance	\$2,700.36	\$5,162.21
Postage	\$64.23	\$0.00
Office Supplies	\$572.35	\$0.00
Office on costs	\$1,371.95	\$5,483.70
Membership fees	\$60.00	\$60.00
Legal & accounting fees	\$1,600.45	\$1,512.00
Promotional Material	\$374.40	\$578.00
Education	\$0.00	\$838.06
Fundraising	\$398.15	\$797.75
Volunteer Support	\$1,508.07	\$0.00
Emma Gorge		
Food & Camp Expenses (EG)	\$165.55	\$2,727.36
Fencing Material (EG)	\$0.00	\$2,552.81
Vehicle Fuel (EG)	\$252.54	\$1,290.06
Vehicle Maintenance (EG)	\$1,392.68	\$1,452.80
Flights and Accomodation (EG)	\$50.15	\$1,269.49
Employment Expenses		
Superannuation	\$654.23	\$5,282.33
Wages	\$6,502.34	\$57,885.68
Leave Provision	(\$289.26)	(\$2,485.22)
Workers' Compensation	\$588.18	\$489.59
Rounding	(\$0.89)	\$0.54
Total Expenses	<u>\$45,432.53</u>	<u>\$110,042.31</u>
Net Profit / (Loss)	<u><u>\$36,547.81</u></u>	<u><u>\$6,683.09</u></u>



# STOP THE TOAD FOUNDATION (INC)

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

### NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements are 'Special Purpose Financial Reports' and not 'General Purpose Financial Reports'. Stop the Toad Foundation (Inc.) is of a type identified in Statement of Accounting Concepts 1 as a non-reporting entity, because in the opinion of the members there is unlikely to exist users who are unable to command the preparation of financial statements tailored so as to satisfy all of their information needs. Therefore there is no requirement to apply Australian Accounting Standards and Australian Accounting Interpretations in the preparation and presentation of these financial statements, and none have been adopted.

The financial statements are prepared in order to satisfy the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1987 (WA) and the Stop the Toad Foundation (Inc.), and have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention and the accruals basis.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by Stop the Toad Foundation (Inc.) in the preparation of the financial statements:-

(a) Property Plant & Equipment

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis so as to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life to the entity.

(b) Deferred Expenditure

All expenditure incurred on projects for the following financial year is deferred as a prepayment in the current year.

(c) Revenue

Grant revenue is recognised in the income statement, when it is received.

Donations are recognised as revenue at the earlier of when received or when the donor can demonstrate they made the donation.

Interest revenue and distribution income from investments is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Revenue from rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont.)

(d) Employee Benefits

Provisions for employee entitlements in relation to annual leave are brought to account, based upon employees pro-rata entitlement calculated at current rates of pay.

(e) Income Tax

Stop the Toad Foundation (Inc.) is exempt from income tax under section 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, as amended.

(f) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expense and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

NOTE 2: GOING CONCERN

The organisation is reliant upon raising further funds through donations or grant funds in order to continue as a Going Concern.