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Stop the Toad Foundation Annual Report 2009/10



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BACKGROUND

The STOP THE TOAD FOUNDATION is a not-for-profit organisation incorporated in Western Australia in October 2005 with the primary purpose of preventing the invasion of cane toads into Western Australia. The strategic focus of the Foundation is to alert all Australians to the potential impacts of the cane toad and to try to engage everyone in the protection of Western Australia from the toad's imminent invasion.

The Committee of Management of the STTF was established at an inaugural AGM on 27 October 2005. It has held 8 meetings in the 2009/10 financial year.

This report covers the period from 1 July 2009 to the end of its fifth financial year, 30 June 2010.

The Foundation secured \$204,000 of Federal Government funding through their Caring for our Country grants scheme in late 2009. Some of this funding was used in the 2009-10 financial year to prepare for The Great Toad Muster 2010. The remainder will be used in the next financial year.



An adult cane toad is blocked by one of STTF's exclusion fences.

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 3



Promoting community awareness at the Kununurra Agricultural show.

CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

Cane toads are a noxious pest. Since their misguided release into the sugar cane fields of Queensland seventy five years ago they have spread in vast numbers across northern Australia, from Queensland into the Northern Territory, with disastrous results for native wildlife. And now they are in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

Community groups here and in the Northern Territory have worked tirelessly to slow the toads down and, I'm pleased to say, without these efforts, toads would have reached the Kimberley a lot sooner than they have. Our committee members, patron, staff and volunteers deserve every credit for their efforts to bring people and ideas together in the cause of toad control.

We now stand at the end of our fifth year of operations and our results to date are enormously encouraging. After wide consultation with scientists, indigenous stakeholders, and toad specialists from all over Australia we are better placed than we were five years ago to have an impact on the westward movement of the toad.

The Foundation's Committee of Management is enormously grateful for the wave of support we have benefited from. Thanks go especially to our primary sponsor, the Federal Government, and to our other major sponsor, the ABN Foundation. Special thanks also go to Lotteries West, The Richardson Foundation, The Melbourne Community Foundation, Fremantle Ports, Panoramic Resources, CSPB, Matso's Broome Brewery, The Fosters Group, Kununurra TAFE and the Department of Corrective Services- Wyndham.

But most importantly to all those volunteers who did their bit to reduce the cane toad threat to WA this year, those who cooked, drove, answered phones, created spreadsheets, spoke to schoolkids, told their friends and relatives, charged batteries, or caught, killed and counted toads in the heat, thank you and congratulations on an amazing effort.

On behalf of the Committee of Management of the Stop The Toad Foundation I would also like to thank our staff who worked so hard and so well under such testing circumstances to maximize and guide the volunteer effort this fifth year.

Robert Edel



**Chairperson
Stop The Toad Foundation (Inc)**



Robert Edel
STTF
Chairperson

TOADS IN A NUTSHELL

Cane toads (*Bufo marinus*) were introduced to Queensland by the Bureau of Sugar Experimental Stations at Meringa in 1935 in a failed attempt to control a sugar cane pest. Since then cane toads have devastated the biological landscape of Queensland, northern New South Wales and the Northern Territory.

The cane toad is recognised by the IUCN (the World Conservation Union) and the Global Invasive Species Programme as one of the world's 100 worst invaders. The National Cane Toad Taskforce has recognized growing evidence and concern about the impact of cane toads on Australia's ecosystems. The cane toad has been listed as a key threatening process in Australia.

Cane toads are both aggressive predators and highly toxic when eaten by other animals (this includes the toad's eggs and tadpoles). They have an instant and deadly impact on anything that bites them. Cane toads feed on a broad variety of prey items including insects; small reptiles and frogs. They even eat ground-nesting bird chicks and eggs. They out-compete native species for food and shelter sites and (having no natural enemies) can deplete resources so severely that their impacts are major.

Cane toads are very adaptable and can infiltrate urban areas, grasslands, woodlands, sand dunes, coastal heath, mangroves and the margins of rainforest. They are prolific breeders with large females recorded as producing 30,000 eggs at a time. The eggs are capable of surviving in freshwater systems and brackish systems with salinity levels up to 15%.

Cane toads have spread from Queensland, south into New South Wales and east into the Northern Territory, devastating ecosystems throughout Arnhem Land and Kakadu. In the Northern Territory there is evidence of localised extinctions of northern quolls (*Dasyurus hallucatus*), severe population declines of large predatory reptiles such as the varanid (monitor) lizards. Reports of deaths of freshwater crocodiles, water birds, freshwater fish and turtles are accumulating.

The first cane toad was found at the Northern Territory/Western Australia border in February 2009. They have since moved 50kms west into the East Kimberley town of Kununurra and the surrounding world-class RAMSAR wetlands of Lake Argyle, Lake Kununurra and the Ord River. 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 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.

THE SEASONAL STRATEGY

The Stop the Toad Foundation (STTF) cane toad strategy is centered around an annual Muster; a volunteer, community based event which aims to remove as many toads as possible from the western frontline through the combined effort of hand collection, trapping and fencing. The Muster is held at the end of the northern dry season, when water is scarce and cane toads are most vulnerable. This usually occurs in September/October and the Muster runs for approximately one month.

In the four years of its field operations, STTF has removed 175,000 cane toads (and thousands of metamorphs and tadpoles) during their annual Muster with the help of over 340 volunteers. The Muster has also allowed STTF to trial different methods of cane toad control to determine which are more efficient in completely clearing areas of toads. The Foundation developed exclusion fencing in 2007 and trialled it on a broad basis during the 2008 and 2009 Muster.

The fencing strategy relies on the toads' need to get access to water to rehydrate every four days. Denied access to water, the toads must find other sources of moisture. Those that strike out towards other water points die rapidly in the barren land. The point at which they are forced to go searching is usually when they are most critically in need of water and most vulnerable to dehydration. The majority remain at the fence and are easily collected at night.

The Foundation's exclusion barrier fencing strategy was used on a broad scale for the first time during the 2008 Muster and again during the 2009 Muster. This method was found to be an extremely efficient method of collecting and removing cane toads from the northern landscape. The fencing strategy has contributed to the removal of 110,000 cane toads collected during the 2008 and 2009 Musters and was used on both man-made and natural water bodies with equal success.

The fencing strategy has a significant potential to be used across northern Australia as a tool for cane toad control as the fences are cost effective, easy to erect, wildlife friendly and can guarantee to remove all toads in a specific area. They could be used to protect areas of high biodiversity and National Parks. The fences also have broader application to protect property within towns and to restrict the potential of 'hitch-hiker toads' to reach more sensitive environments from transport and trucking facilities.



Volunteers erect an exclusion fence on Auvergne cattle station during the 2009 Muster.

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.

- Continued support for Frogwatch toad expert Graeme Sawyer to develop strategies that complemented the outcomes sought by the Foundation and meets the aims of the Seasonal Strategy Plan.
- Liaised with the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) and Kimberley Toad Busters (KTB) and local landholders to collect intelligence on the extent and position of the current toad front line.
- Supported the Northern Land Council Ranger group to continue toad control work in the Timber Creek area for STTF.
- Field trips to the control area for the purposes of:
 - surveillance
 - site evaluation for fencing trials
 - trapping and hand-capture operations
 - Base-camp sites
- Volunteer recruitment and training:
 - Held information evenings throughout the State
 - Organise all food, accommodation and transport from Kununurra for volunteers
 - Provide all on-ground training to volunteers
 - Arrange volunteer insurance via DEC and ensure their health and safety at all times
 - Ensure our team leaders in the field have first aid training
- The Foundation held its fourth Great Toad Muster from 12 September to 12 October 2009. Exclusion fencing was used for the first time in a National Park, Keep River National Park, and was found to be very efficient.
- In conjunction with the Wyndham Corrective Services, the Foundation used the exclusion fencing strategy to protect properties in the town of Kununurra from cane toads.

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 full time Strategic Campaign Manager throughout the 2009/10 financial year.
- Employed a part time staff member to fill the role of Community Campaigner.
- Developed a strategy for recruiting volunteers for The Great Toad Muster 2009.
- Maintained two second-hand Toyota Troupe carriers to operational readiness.
- Purchased and prepared a range of other essential machinery and equipment to operational readiness, including EPIRBs, UHF radios, handheld GPS units, first aid equipment, etc.
- Established asset management and maintenance regimes for vehicles, machinery and other equipment.
- Initiated logistical planning regimes for on-ground control operations including toad surveillance work in preparation for The Great Toad Muster 2009.
- Purchased materials to undertake exclusion fencing during the 2009 Muster.
- Worked with Kununurra TAFE and Wyndham Corrective services in the pre-fabrication of fences for the 2009 Muster.



Volunteers on the 2009 Great Toad Muster.

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

- Continued to raise the profile of the issue to all Australians, especially those in the populous south of the State. 50 press, radio and TV interviews were produced and conducted in the 2009/10 financial year (see Appendix 2 for full details).
- Ran a National Eradication Program for all community groups across Australia. STTF offered financial support to any group interested to encourage others to get involved in the campaign. A national tally was recorded.
- Conducted many awareness raising exercises throughout the year, such as talks to schools and interested clubs, and ran a stall at the 2009 Kununurra Agricultural show.
- 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 the 2009 Muster and ongoing activities of the Foundation
- Produced printed materials for use in awareness raising and to build support for the campaign, including:
 - The Great Toad Muster 2009 posters (2,000 printed and distributed 2009/2010)
 - Production of STTF/Frogwatch Fencing DVD (hundreds distributed 2009/2010)
 - Numerous special purpose flyers and email updates
- Continued to function as a member of the Stakeholders Reference Group (SRG) in Kununurra administered by DEC for all those involved in cane toad control in WA.
- Undertook many contacts with WA and Federal Ministers for Environment, and encouraged them to support on-ground community-based control initiatives.
- 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 only employs one full time staff member, Kim Hands, as the Campaign Manager. As part of her duties, she carries out administrative duties.
- The Foundation employed a part time staff member, Lucy Simnett, as the Community Campaigner in March 2010. Lucy is also involved in administrative duties as part of her role.
- The engagement of volunteers to assist with administrative tasks such as mail outs, organising volunteer evenings and plans for the Great Toad Muster 2009.
- 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)
 - The Strategic Campaign Manager renting an office by the day whilst working in Kununurra.

Fundraising:

- Fundraising is important to the ongoing success and achievement of the Foundation's aims. STTF successfully secured a further \$60,000 in 2009 from a philanthropic foundation to fund operations for the 2009 Great Toad Muster. STTF was also successful in winning a grant from Lotteries West for \$56,000 to purchase new safety equipment for The Great Toad Muster.
- 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.
- The STTF website has an online donation system, which receives weekly donations between \$20-\$1000. STTF was very grateful to receive a large donation from the Richardson Foundation in 2009-10.
- STTF sells Bumper car stickers for \$2 to raise funds the Foundations operations.

POSTSCRIPT: A BRIEF REPORT ON THE GREAT TOAD MUSTER 2009

A report on The Great Toad Muster 2009 is available in entirety on STTF's website www.stopthetoad.org.au however the following is a summary.

Stop The Toad Foundation's (STTF) fourth annual Great Toad Muster (GTM) was held from 12th September until 12th October 2009. Toad control was carried out on over 40 sites in 5 locations including Newry Cattle Station, Legune Cattle Station, Auvergne Cattle Station (including the Amanbidgi area) Keep River National Park and the shores of Lake Argyle. These areas are along the frontline of toads migrating west from the Northern Territory into Western Australia.

During this four week period, a total of 42,386 cane toads were removed from an overall area of approximately 6000sq kms. Thousands of metamorphs and tadpoles were also removed. Assuming that half the adult cane toads caught and destroyed by STTF volunteers were females, each capable of producing approximately 20,000 eggs per year, we have actually prevented the potential of a further 423,860,000 new toads getting a grip on our landscape.

The Muster supported, on average, 35 volunteers per night for 30 nights, contributing to 1050 days of effort towards cane toad control.

The first National Eradication Week was held in conjunction with the last week of the Muster, from the 3rd October until the 11th 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. This national endeavour demonstrates that people power is an important part of the fight against the toad.

Toads were removed using different toad-busting methods depending on the size of the site, the surrounding environment and accessibility to the water body. The Foundation's exclusion barrier fencing strategy was again used on a broad scale on man-made and natural water bodies. It was trialled for the first time in a National Park, Keep River National park, and was found to be an extremely efficient method of collecting and removing cane toads from the northern landscape.

Research by STTF and Frogwatch in the Northern Territory has shown that by using fences in comparison to just hand busting, efficiency of toad eradication is trebled (<http://www.stopthetoad.org.au/main/videos.php>). Research by Dr. Mike Letnic from the University of Sydney in September 2009 also supports the eradication impact of fences (Pers. Comm. 9th November 2009).

The fencing strategy has a significant potential to be used across northern Australia as a tool for cane toad control as the fences are cost effective, easy to erect, wildlife friendly and can guarantee to remove all toads in a specific area. They could be used to protect areas of high biodiversity and in National Parks in Western Australia. The fences also have broader application to protect property within towns and to restrict the potential of 'hitch-hiker toads' to reach more sensitive environments from transport and trucking facilities.

THE YEAR AHEAD

We stand at the end of our fifth year of operations with encouraging results. The success of STTF's fencing method during the 2009 Great Toad Muster has further confirmed our strategy and strengthened our resolve. We now look forward.

The Foundation's focus for toad control will change in the following financial year. The strategy in previous years has been to reduce the number of cane toads entering WA. The aim for 2010 will be to protect biologically significant areas surrounding the WA/NT border, as well as trying to reduce the number of cane toads already in The Kimberley and heading towards the Kimberley. To achieve these goals, three base camps will be set up near Point Springs Nature Reserve, inside the Keep River National Park and on the edges of the RAMSAR listed Lake Argyle during the 2010 Great Toad Muster, which will run from September 11th until October 11th.

We will be supporting an honour student from Monash University during the 2010 Muster who will study the impact of the exclusion fences on native wildlife and toads. We will also support other appropriate research and development into biological controls.

As part of STTF's aim to work in the local community, the Foundation was involved in fencing off properties in Kununurra to protect them from cane toads in 2009-10. The Foundation will continue this program in the following financial year and extend it to tourism sites such as hotel pools and picnic areas within the Kununurra area.

The Stop the Toad Foundation is dedicated to the defence of Western Australia's biodiversity and is committed to fighting the toad in a strategic manner, bringing teams of volunteers and professionals together in a complementary action.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEMBERSHIP:

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

- Chairperson: Robert Edel (DLA Phillips Fox)
- Vice-chair: Russell Gueho (Northern Habitat - Kununurra)
- Secretary: Vacant position
- Treasurer: Kenneth Bradley (Workability)
- Dr Andrew Storey (University of WA)
- Dr Helen Robertson (Murdoch University)

(At the time of the Foundation's AGM 26th November 2009).

The Foundation's Patron is WA writer Tim Winton.

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 MEDIA EXPOSURE 2009/2010

| DATE | MEDIA TYPE | SUBJECT |
|-----------|---------------|---|
| July-Oct | Radio | RED FM sponsored STTF for \$6000 worth of advertising on the community board |
| July- Oct | Website | Muster listed as an event on the Kununurra Visitor's Centre webpage |
| 7-Jul-09 | Radio | Canberra 2CC interviewed Kim re: Muster 2009 |
| 7-Jul-09 | Radio | ABC SE NSW Ian Campbell interviewed Kim re: Muster 2009 |
| 14-Jul-09 | Radio | ABC Cairns Interviewed Kim re: Muster 2009 |
| 18-Jul-09 | Radio | 107.3 Heritage FM Interviewed Kim re: Muster 2009 |
| 20-Jul-09 | Radio | ABC Hobart Interviewed Kim re: Muster 2009 |
| 29-Jul-09 | Radio | 89.7FM Kim interviewed re: Muster 2009 |
| August | Magazine | News Paws Magazine (Perth Zoo) article mentioned Perth zoo staff involved in Muster |
| 8-Aug-09 | Radio | Volunteers WA did a promotion on Capital Radio on our behalf |
| 20-Aug-09 | Media release | Toad Musterers gather in the north: armed and ready |
| 21-Aug-09 | Radio | Kim interviewed on ABC re: Muster |
| 24-Aug-09 | Newspaper | Article in West Australian re: Muster with photo of Kim and toad fence |
| 27-Aug-09 | Newspaper | Kimberley Echo – small paragraph about Muster coming up |
| 28-Aug-09 | Newspaper | Examiner – Muster 2009 and story on volunteer Gary Pike |
| 29-Aug-09 | Newspaper | The Post – article about Muster and volunteers |
| 31-Aug-09 | Newspaper | The West Australian announces CFoC funds to STTF, KTB and Sydney University |
| 31-Aug-09 | Radio | ABC Katherine interview Kim re: funding |
| Spring | Magazine | Conservation Council magazine article about Muster |

| DATE | MEDIA TYPE | SUBJECT |
|-------------|-------------------|---|
| 1-Sep-09 | Newspaper | Financial Review interviewed Kim re: CFoC funding |
| 3-Sep-09 | Newspaper | Kimberley Echo announces CFoC funding |
| 7-Sep-09 | Newspaper | The Australian interviewed Kim for The Weekend Australian re: start 2009 Muster |
| 8-Sep-09 | Radio | Kim interviewed on ABC Cairns |
| 8-Sep-09 | TV | Drasko Jankovic from GWM interviewed Kim on phone re: start of Muster results |
| 17-Sep-09 | TV | Freelance journalist Vicky Biorac filmed on site action at Muster |
| 18-Sep-09 | TV | Vision from Vicky was on Channel 10 and WIN |
| 24-Sep-09 | Newspaper | Article about Muster 2009 in Kimberley Echo |
| 27-Sep-09 | TV | ABC Interviewed Rob Edel re: Muster update |
| 29-Sep-09 | TV | GWN did an update of the Muster |
| 30-Sep-09 | Media release | Muster update |
| 1-Oct-09 | Newspaper | The West Australian – small paragraph update on Muster results |
| 7-Oct-09 | Radio | Murdoch Radio interviewed Russell Gueho re: Muster |
| 10-Oct-09 | Newspaper | The Age journalist and Muster volunteer Liz Minchin wrote an article about what it's like to be a volunteer on the Muster |
| 15-Oct-09 | Newspaper | Muster update in Broome Advertiser |
| 15-Oct-09 | Radio | Curtain University radio interviewed Kim re: Muster results |
| 16-Oct-09 | Media release | N.E.W. week ending as a success |
| 16-Oct-09 | TV | Channel 10 interviewed Rob Edel re: Muster and toads found in Lake Argyle |
| 21-Oct-09 | Radio | Kim interviewed by Eion Cameron ABC Perth |
| 2009-10 | Magazine | Information about checking your load in the Caravan Industry Association Magazine |
| 1-Dec-09 | Magazine | The Greener Times article- summary on Muster results 2009 |
| 2010 | Magazine | Australia's North West Tourism advertisement for STTF |

| DATE | MEDIA TYPE | SUBJECT |
|-------------|-------------------|--|
| 5-Feb-10 | Radio | Kim Interviewed on 6PR with Howard Sattler drive home |
| 10-Mar-10 | Radio | Kim Interviewed on 6PR with Howard Sattler drive home |
| Autumn | Magazine | Greener Times article about 2010 Muster and STTF starting to recruit volunteers |
| 22-Apr-10 | Newspaper | Kimberley Echo – STTF plans to fence properties in Kununurra |
| 29-Apr-10 | Newspaper | Broome Advertiser – STTF fencing properties and working with the Wyndham Corrective services |
| 6-May-10 | Newspaper | Kimberley Echo – STTF fencing properties and working with the Wyndham Corrective services |
| 11-Jun-10 | Radio | SBS Sydney – Kim interviewed re: Muster plans 2010 |
| Winter | Magazine | Article in FAT magazine – for backpackers re: how to become a volunteer on the Muster |
| 23-Jun-10 | Radio | 720 ABC Eion Cameron plug on Volunteer Information evening coming up |

APPENDIX 3: PRE – FOUNDATION HISTORY

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).

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 begin 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.

REGISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

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Statistical Return of Tax Deductible Donations

FINANCIAL YEAR ended 30 JUNE 2010

Full Name of Organisation: Stop The Toad Foundation

Australian Business Number: 76065342634

Name of Public Fund: Stop The Toad Fund

Postal Address: 2 Delhi Street, West Perth. 6005

Telephone No: 08 94207266

Internet Address: www.stopthetoad.org.au

Email Address: kim@stopthetoad.org.au

Contact Details (Please include title ie Dr, Mr, Mrs etc)

Name: Ms Kim Hands

Position (eg President, Secretary): Strategic Campaign Manager

Mobile No: 0400130397

Email Address: kim@stopthetoad.org.au

Membership

How many members did the organisation have at 30 June 2010? 5

Public Fund Account Details

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Account Name | Stop The Toad Fund |
| Bank/Credit Union Name | National |
| Branch Name | West Perth |
| BSB No. | 086 492 |
| Account No | 593279923 |

Public Fund Management Committee

Please list below the members of your public fund management committee. If you have made changes to the committee and have not informed the Department, then you will need to detail the changes below and enclose a nomination form for any new members.

Current Membership

| No. | Full Name of Committee Member |
|-----|-------------------------------|
| 1. | Robert Edel |
| 2. | Ken Bradley |
| 3. | |
| 4. | |
| 5. | |
| 6. | |
| 7. | |
| 8. | |
| 9. | |
| 10. | |

New Members (that have not been communicated to the Department – need to fill in a nomination form for each member and enclose with the statistical return)

| No. | Full Name of New Committee Member |
|-----|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | Russell Gueho |
| 2. | |
| 3. | |
| 4. | |
| 5. | |

Former Members (whose departure has not been notified to the Department)

| No. | Full Name of Former Committee Member |
|-----|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | Rosh Ireland |
| 2. | |
| 3. | |
| 4. | |
| 5. | |

Public Fund Donations

Please list donations to your Public Fund for the financial year ending 30 June 2010.

| Type of Donations | Number of Donations* | Donation Amount |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Money | 30 | \$ 62,246.70 |
| Property | | \$ 0 |
| Deductible contributions | | \$ 0 |
| TOTAL | | \$ 62,246.70 |

***NOTE:** Deductible contributions are contributions received by a deductible gift recipient for fundraising events that it organises within Australia. Eligible fund raising events include:

- fetes, balls, gala shows, dinners, performances or similar events;
- events comprising sales of goods if selling such goods is not a normal part of the supplier's business; and
- events that have been approved by the Commissioner of Taxation as a fundraising event.

There are two types of eligible contributions:

- a right to participate in a fundraising event (for example, the purchase of a ticket to attend a charity ball), and
- a successful bid at a charity auction conducted by a DGR.

To be tax deductible:

- the contribution must be money over \$250; property purchased during the 12 months before making the contribution and valued at more than \$250, or property valued by the Commissioner at more than \$5,000; and
- the benefit received by the contributor must be no more than 10% of the value of the contribution or \$100, whichever is less.

For further information on deductible contributions, refer to the Australian Taxation Office's website at www.ato.gov.au/nonprofit/content.asp?doc=/content/56543.htm&page=2&H2.

Property Donations

Please provide a brief description of property donated to the public fund for the financial year ending 30 June 2010.

| Description of Property | \$ Value |
|-------------------------|----------|
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| TOTAL | |

Expenditure of Public Fund Revenue

Expenditure of public fund monies for the financial year ending 30 June 2010.

| Description of Expenditure on the Natural Environment | \$ Value |
|--|--------------------|
| Administration costs (eg stationary, electricity, telephone, rent etc) | \$ |
| Coasts and oceans | \$ |
| Conservation covenants | \$ |
| Environmental advocacy (this should include all monies spent on advocacy) | \$ |
| Environmental education | \$ |
| Environmental Defender's Office costs | \$ |
| Fundraising and campaign support | \$ |
| Greenhouse/air quality | \$ |
| Inland waters (excludes salinity) | \$ |
| Land conservation (excludes national/state parks, reserves, includes salinity) | \$ |
| National parks, state/territory parks, local reserves | \$ |
| Native animal welfare (ie care and rehabilitation of injured native animals) | \$ |
| Pollutants, toxics, nuclear waste | \$ |
| Renewable energy | \$ |
| Species conservation (excludes native animal welfare) | \$62,246.70 |
| Sustainable development | \$ |
| Waste management | \$ |
| Other (please identify) | \$ |
| Total | \$62,246.70 |

Audited Annual Financial Statement

An audited annual financial statement must be provided with the statistical return for the organisation and its public fund.

The Department does allow the organisation's annual financial statement to be for other annual periods than the standard financial year eg 1 January to 31 December.

Constitutional Documents

The Department has an interest in any amendments to your organisation's constitution as any change may affect the public fund. If the constitution has been amended and you have not provided a copy to the Department, then you will need to submit it with the statistical return.

Environmental Outcomes

Please provide (as an attachment) a brief description of the outcomes achieved in the financial year ending 30 June 2010 using public fund gifts (donations).

Declaration

Declaration (to be signed by one of the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Officer or Trustee)

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the information entered above is correct.



Signed _____

Name Robert Edel

Position Chair Person

Date 29/10/10

Please post or email to:

The Administrator
Register of Environmental Organisations
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts
GPO Box 787
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Phone: 02 6274 1467

Email: reo@environment.gov.au

Web: www.environment.gov.au/about/tax/reo

(If you choose to email the statistical return, please ensure that all documents have been signed off).

STOP THE TOAD

KEEP WA CANE TOAD FREE

Stop the Toad Foundation (Inc)

Annual report: July 2009- June 2010

The STOP THE TOAD FOUNDATION (STTF) is a non-government, non-profit organisation incorporated in Western Australia in October 2005 with the primary purpose of preventing the invasion of cane toads into Western Australia. The strategic focus of the Foundation is to alert all Australians to the potential impacts of the cane toad and to try to engage everyone in the protection of Western Australia from the toad's imminent invasion.

The STTF cane toad strategy is centered around an annual Muster; a volunteer, community based event which aims to remove as many toads as possible from the frontline through the combined effort of hand collection, trapping and fencing. The Muster is held at the end of the northern dry season, when water is scarce and cane toads are most vulnerable. This usually occurs in late September/early October and the Muster runs for approximately for one month. STTF relies on volunteers and the generosity of corporate and private individuals to ensure that the Musters are held safely and successfully.

During the financial year July 2009 – June 2010, STTF held its 4th Great Toad Muster from 12 September to 12 October 2009, operating on the NT side of the WA – NT border. Almost 45,000 cane toads were removed from the westward moving populations with the help of 120 volunteers from all over Australia and overseas. The 2009-10 financial year also included expenditure for the planning of the 5th Great Toad Muster, due to be held later in 2010 from 11th September until 11th October.

The total amount donated to STTF during the financial year July 2009 – June 2010, was \$62,246.70. All funds were spent on Species conservation through the Great Toad Muster operations.

Yours sincerely,



Kim Hands
Campaign Manager
Stop the Toad

STOP THE TOAD FOUNDATION (INC)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 JUNE 2010

STOP THE TOAD FOUNDATION (Inc)

STATEMENT BY COMMITTEE

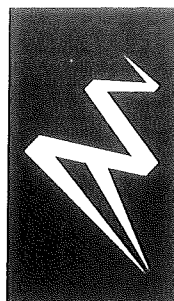
I hereby certify that.

1. The attached Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement for the year ended 30 June 2010 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 2010 have been deposited to the nominated Bank West Account.
3. All payments made by the Stop the Toad Foundation (Inc) for the year ended 30 June 2010 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.

Mr Robert Edel
Chairman

Date: 9/9/10





Anderson Munro & Wyllie

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STOP THE TOAD FOUNDATION (INC)

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

Scope

We have audited the attached special purpose financial report of Stop the Toad Foundation (Inc) for the year ended 30 June 2010. The Executive is responsible for the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Trust and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of Stop the Toad Foundation (Inc). No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Council's financial reporting requirements. 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.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements. (These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements).

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualification

Stop the Toad Foundation (Inc) is a non profit organisation which depends on grants, donations and fund raising activities as its main sources of income. It is not practicable to establish controls over donations, fund raising activities and other cash receipts until their initial entry in the accounting records. Therefore our audit testing of donations, fund raising activities and other cash receipts was limited to the amounts recorded.

Qualified Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements the financial position of Stop the Toad Foundation (Inc) as at 30 June 2010 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Anderson Munro & Wyllie
ANDERSON MUNRO & WYLLIE
Chartered Accountants

Billy-Joe Thomas
Director

Perth, Western Australia

Dated 21 September 2010

Stop The Toad Foundation Inc

City West Lotteries House
2 Delhi Street
West Perth. WA 6005
Western Australia

Balance Sheet

As of June 2010

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Assets

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Current Assets | | |
| Main Acc #592933700 | \$10,777.36 | |
| Maximiser Acc #592365993 | \$142,169.42 | |
| Fund #593279923 | \$7,261.41 | |
| Debit Card acc#797539221 | \$5,528.12 | |
| Undeposited Funds | \$12,000.00 | |
| Trade Debtors | \$465.00 | |
| Total Current Assets | | \$178,201.31 |
| Other Assets | | |
| Prepayments | \$2,622.78 | |
| Total Other Assets | | \$2,622.78 |
| Plant & Equipment | | |
| Plant & Equipment | \$131,554.77 | |
| Plant & Equip Accum Dep | -\$60,286.44 | |
| Total Plant & Equipment | | \$71,268.33 |
| Total Assets | | \$252,092.42 |

Liabilities

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Trade Creditors | \$18,849.76 | |
| GST Liabilities | | |
| GST on sales | \$4.80 | |
| GST on purchases | -\$553.05 | |
| Total GST Liabilities | | -\$548.25 |
| Payroll Liabilities | | |
| PAYG Withholding Payable | \$1.05 | |
| Leave Provision | \$620.85 | |
| Total Payroll Liabilities | | \$621.90 |
| Total Current Liabilities | | \$18,923.41 |
| Total Liabilities | | \$18,923.41 |
| Net Assets | | \$233,169.01 |

Equity

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Retained Earnings | \$85,885.71 | |
| Current Year Earnings | \$147,283.30 | |
| Total Equity | | \$233,169.01 |

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Profit & Loss Statement

July 2009 through June 2010

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| | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Income | | |
| Donations | | \$78,793.41 |
| Fundraising | | \$3,181.82 |
| Bank interest | | \$1,674.97 |
| Grants | | |
| Grant from Lotterywest | | \$55,951.07 |
| Dept of the Environ & Water | | \$1,500.00 |
| Depart Environment & Heritage | | \$234,054.55 |
| Melbourne Community Foundation | | \$10,000.00 |
| Total Income | | <u>\$385,155.82</u> |
| Expenses | | |
| Operations Costs | | |
| Administration cost | \$11,391.59 | |
| Bank fees | \$848.43 | |
| Depreciation Accum | \$14,988.69 | |
| Business Insurance | \$2,494.83 | |
| Catering | \$368.86 | |
| Rent | \$2,700.00 | |
| Vehicle licencing & Insurance | \$5,500.00 | |
| Freight | \$90.91 | |
| Postage | \$2,246.93 | |
| Office Supplies | \$536.38 | |
| Legal & accounting fees | \$1,476.34 | |
| Photocopying | \$600.00 | |
| Fundraising | \$798.16 | |
| Volunteer Support | \$1,636.36 | |
| Care for Country | | |
| Telecommunications | \$7,271.71 | |
| Vehicle Fuel | \$6,705.85 | |
| Vehicle Maintenance | \$7,221.95 | |
| Promotional Material | \$4,159.42 | |
| Camp Equipment | \$42,176.27 | |
| Contract Work | \$4,545.45 | |
| Research | \$3,000.00 | |
| Reports | \$1,603.00 | |
| Fencing Material | \$13,336.77 | |
| Flights and Accomodation | \$5,520.80 | |
| Food & Camp Expenses | \$19,373.44 | |
| Satellite Phone Hire | \$56.55 | |
| Employment Expenses | | |
| Professional development | \$254.55 | |
| Employee accomodation | \$1,300.00 | |
| Superannuation | \$6,300.01 | |
| Wages | \$72,812.53 | |
| Leave Provision | -\$4,038.67 | |
| Workers' Compensation | \$595.41 | |
| Total Expenses | | <u>\$237,872.52</u> |
| Net Profit / (Loss) | | <u>\$147,283.30</u> |

STOP THE TOAD FOUNDATION (INC)

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

NOTE 1 – STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements are a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the accounts preparation requirements of the council. The executive has determined that the council is not a reporting entity.

No applicable Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied in the preparation of this report.

The statements are also prepared on an accrual basis. They are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The operations of the Council and the Trust have been separated for financial reporting purposes to accommodate management decision making.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous year unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of these statements:

DEPRECIATION OF FIXED ASSETS

Depreciation has been charged on fixed assets at rates assessed to write-off the cost of each of the assets over their economic life.