Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation acknowledges the Kabi Kabi/Gubbi Gubbi people, the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters on which we meet. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and recognise the strength, resilience and ongoing connection to country of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation acknowledges and thanks the many partners and stakeholders it works with to progress the aims of the UNESCO Man and Biosphere Programme within the Noosa Biosphere Reserve.

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Chair and Deputy Chair Summary

The NBRF Board recognise the Kabi Kabi people as the traditional custodians of Noosa Biosphere Reserve and recognise their dedication to environmental conservation. We also recognise that we are the custodians of much prior hard work by many others before us.

The Foundation's purpose is to play a leading role in preserving our Biosphere Reserve status by engaging, inspiring and facilitating with community and our partners, to promote a balance between nature, people and economy.

The 2021/22 year saw the retirement of Chair, Rex Halverson, Deputy Chair and Secretary, Greg Schuman and Director, Dr David Dique as they came to the end of their three-year terms. The work put in by Rex and Greg undertaking their governance duties must be acknowledged along with particular effort by Rex and David toward advancing wild Koala initiatives and Greg for marine species conservation. We extend our thanks and best wishes to them.

It was reassuring that the expressions of interest for Directors to fill their vacancies again resulted in a pool of well qualified and committed quality candidates. The Foundation was pleased to welcome Ms Jen Black, Dr Jan Green and Ms Lina Venables to the Board.

The Board commenced a review of its Strategic Plan with a view to strengthening efforts to reinforce the benefits of Noosa's UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status and raising the profile of the NBRF.

It is pleasing to note that the Auditors report has found the NBRF in a stable position with the principal activity of the Trust identified as supporting projects and ideas that enhance biodiversity conservation and promote sustainable living in the Noosa region.

The NBRF gratefully received the support and confidence of Noosa Shire Council as we continued our efforts to deepen and broaden our relationships.

The 2021 'Koala Gala' had the community frocking up for a cause that raised funds and awareness to protect Noosa's wild koala population. It was our second Gala and also the launch of the Noosa Biosphere Awards in what can only be described as a fantastic success.

The 2022 'Agri-Hub' Symposium aimed to build on the Noosa Hinterland Rural Enterprise Plan (REP) and attracted a range of participants from across the region.

This past twelve months has also seen an increased focus on research and community education with the commencement of two PhD projects and planning for Koalas on the Move and Surf Safe Noosa campaigns.

While we have already acknowledged the efforts of Directors past, we must also acknowledge and thank our dedicated NBRF team including Executive Coordinator, Sharon Wright, Marketing and Communications Consultant, Alison Cooper as well as our current Directors, advisors and volunteers for all the hours and unflagging efforts that they have contributed toward the sustainability of the Noosa Biosphere Reserve and success of the NBRF.

Fiona Berkin

Chair

Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation

Duncan Thompson

Deputy Chair

Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation

Financial report

The Auditors report and the statutory accounts are included in detail at Appendix B. The Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation is required to report against relevant accounting standards. This complicates the presentation as project funds can only be counted as income as they are earned (promised) and not when physically received as cash. The balance of the grant promised is held on the balance sheet as an asset with an offsetting liability. Also, the fiscal accounts consolidate the financials into one P&L. The management accounts measure financials by project and use cash-based accounting.

Statement of financial position

As of 30 June 2022, our financial position shows total equity of $218,109 with an operating result of $44,765 as represented by the net income and expenditure set out in the following sections.

NBRF has no significant capital assets. Our total assets are $360,505 of which $322,197 are the Foundation's bank deposits which reflects project funds not yet paid out or allocated.

Total liabilities are $142,396 and liabilities for planned projects are $126,347. The difference between assets and liabilities is a surplus of $218,109 carried forward to 2022/23 for the increased activity envisaged.

INCOME

NBRF had a total income of $274,115 for the financial year, made up of:

- $37,806 – Environmental Grant balance (NSC)
- $125,000 – Operational Grant (NSC)
- $28,651 – Fundraising income (Gala)
- $13,000 – Sponsorship (Gala)
- $16,284 – UNESCO Michel Batisse Award
- $53,374 – Donations

FUNDING & GRANTS RECEIVED

NBRF secured funding from Noosa Council Community, Environment and Climate Change Grant Project Round 17 for the following projects: Sustainability Forum and Data Portal. Sandy Bolton MP awarded a $10,000 Seeds for Change grant for the Noosa Wild Koala Conservation Fund. As a direct result of the Marine Symposium, NBRF also secured $50,000 from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for the implementation of a collaborative public education campaign around surf safety in Noosa – Surf Safe Noosa.

EXPENDITURE

Expenses totalled $229,350, made up of direct project related costs ($51,411) and operational related costs ($177,939).

GRANTS PROVIDED AND OTHER PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT	AMOUNT	RECIPIENTS
PhD Top-up Scholarships (x2)	$20,000	UniSC
UniSC koala vaccine trial	$5,000	UniSC
Noosa Wild Koala Fund video	$5,000	Panga Productions
Jane Goodall Foundation – Roots & Shoots mini grants x2	$1,000	Jarrah Small Spencer Hitchen
Virtual Songlines	$15,674	Bilbie Virtual Labs
Agri-Hub Survey & Symposium	$1,356 $3,381	PermEco Inc Various suppliers
Total Project Expenses	**$51,411 (incl. GST)**	

OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Operational expenses for the year of $177,939 were proportioned as set out in Figure 1.

The contract support staff are attributed to contractors supporting the Board by undertaking NBRF administration and external marketing communications.

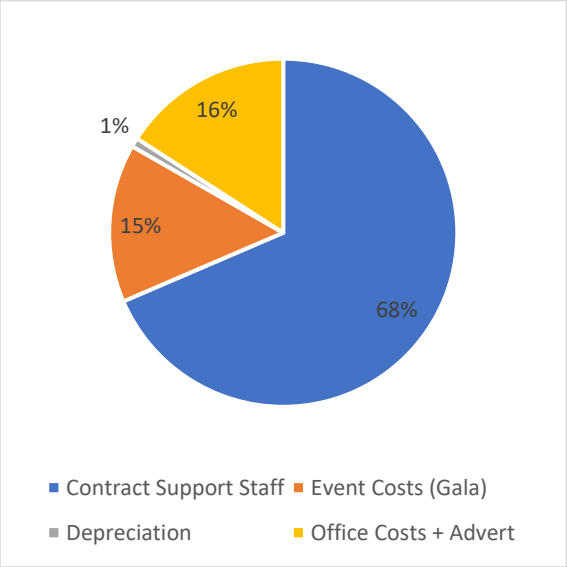


Figure 1: Operational Expenses

Our social media marketing aims to education, inspire and engage the Noosa community in their connection to living in a UNESCO biosphere reserve and promote awareness of how they can enhance outcomes. In the coming year the board will consider separating out general education funding from administration funding, reflecting expenditure more accurately.

Value creation

The Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The Board, and funds received, typically have a multiplier effect (the value of work performed or total project value in comparison to total funding received) that adds significant value to the Noosa Biosphere (Figure 2).

A conservative number has been estimated with the Chairperson spending on average 2 days a week and the remaining Board members spending approximately a half day per week on Foundation-related activities. Given the experience and seniority of the Board, we have assumed a consulting rate of $200 per hour for this comparison.

This multiplier effect represents significant value for the Noosa Council in continuing support that achieves tangible outcomes in across environmental, social, cultural and economic areas of the Noosa Shire.

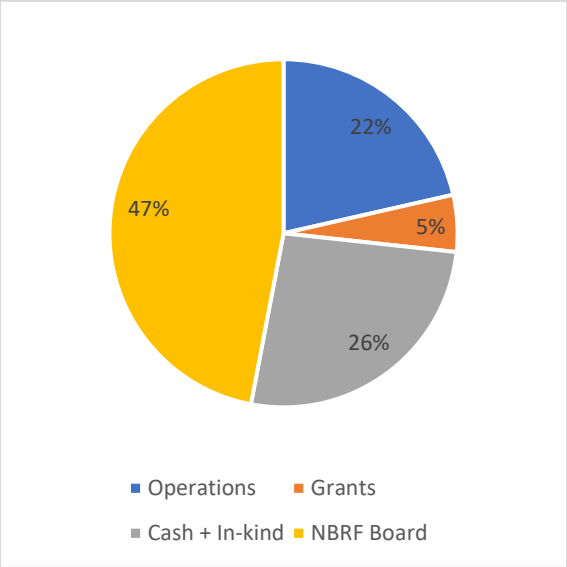


Figure 2: Value Creation

The Board

The Board is made up of seven volunteer Directors and one council appointed Director who collectively guide the direction of the Foundation and liaise with project stakeholders.

Directors are appointed for terms of one to three years to ensure creative stimulus is maintained and the broadest range of community skills and experience engaged.

The 2021/22 Board consisted of the following Directors: Rowan Rafferty (Chair), Duncan Thompson (Deputy Chair), Cr Tom Wegener (Council Representative), Prof Rod Smith, Jady Smith, Dr Jan Green, Linda Venables and Jennifer Black. The Board would like to thank outgoing Directors, Duncan Thompson, Prof Rod Smith and Jady Smith for their service over the past three years. Their considerable contribution to the good governance of the Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation is greatly appreciated. Director recruitment process will begin in August this year with new Directors to be confirmed at the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

Strategic Review

The Board initiated a review of the NBRF Strategy, facilitated by Directors Jen Black and Linda Venables, to ensure alignment with the Man and the Biosphere (UNESCO), maximum efficiency and use of resources.

This was undertaken in parallel with a review of the Constitution with the primary aim of addressing membership criteria and aligning to contemporary best practice and regulatory obligations.

NBRF refined the focus of the organisation, articulating a clear vision and approach to empower the community to drive behaviours to support environmental, social and economic harmony in the Noosa Biosphere Reserve.

OUR VISION

The Noosa Biosphere Reserve is increasingly valued as living proof that by respecting Country, and people living in harmony with nature, we inspire happy, healthy, thriving communities

OUR PURPOSE

The Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation celebrates the UNESCO Noosa Biosphere Reserve by engaging, inspiring and facilitating partners and community to promote a balance between people and nature.

As part of this process, the Board endorsed four strategic objectives:

1. maintaining UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status
2. inspiring positive behaviour change to conserve biodiversity and promote sustainable development
3. develop and support impactful long-term programs that create harmony between people, nature and economy
4. leverage our brand to attract purpose-led collaborations and partnerships

To deliver these objectives the Board has proposed to assign activities under three Sub-committees:

- Executive and Governance
- Projects and Programs
- Marketing, Communications and Fundraising

Whilst the Board retains overall accountability, individual elements of responsibility will be delegated to each Sub-Committee. These governance changes are due to take effect in the next financial year.

Executive Coordinator Report

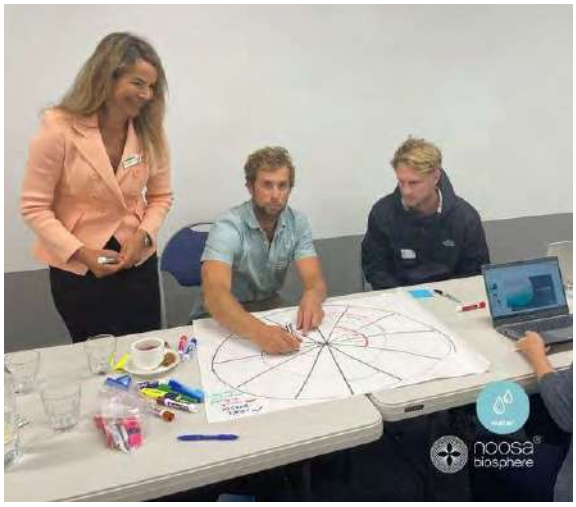
2021/22 has been very productive and highly successful year - key achievements include:

MARINE SYMPOSIUM OUTCOMES

A report for Noosa's preferred trial of shark control measures was submitted to The Queensland Government in July 2021. The State Government Shark Control Scientific Working Group consulted on the report and made their recommendations at a meeting on 24 August 2021 whereby they agreed to progress three of the four recommendations from the NBRF report:

- a bespoke surf safety public education campaign focused on local conditions
- a trial of shark-spotting drones in collaboration with Surf Life Saving Qld, subject to Noosa Shire Council approvals
- SMART drumlines trial was not supported at this time, however a trial of alternative drumlines to better target bull sharks will be developed.
- Seasonal removal of nets was not supported at this time.

The Foundation received $50,000 from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) as part of a collaborative agreement, to deliver the 'Surf Safe Noosa' campaign. The campaign includes a series of workshops targeted at local surfers, schools and tourist operators, led by shark expert Dr Andrew Chin, in August and campaign rollout in January 2023. DAF also committed significant funding for further research into bull shark movement and habitat use in southeast Queensland river systems led by Dr Bonnie Holmes (University of the Sunshine Coast) and Dr Johan Gustafson (Griffith University).



Surf Safe Noosa workshop facilitated by Dr Andrew Chin

NOOSA BIOSPHERE KOALA GALA 2021

On November 2nd NBRF held its annual fundraising gala - Noosa Wild Koala Gala 2021 at Peppers Noosa Resort & Villas. The event was a sell out success with 180 guests enjoying a stunning two-course meal created by celebrity chef Matt Golinski.

Emcee, Russell Ousley hosted an expert panel of koala researchers and conservation groups including Dr Romane Cristescu (UniSC), Prof Peter Timms (UniSC), Rosie Booth (Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital), Rachel Lyons (Wildcare Noosa) and Meghan Halverson (Queensland Koala Crusaders).

A highlight of the day was the sustainable eco-fashion parade curated by Carly Vidal Wallace, showcasing local Sunshine Beach State High School and TAFE students alongside exciting upcoming local designer, Teddy McRitchie.

We were very honoured to receive a personal message from Dr Jane Goodall recognising our koala conservation efforts, as part of our UNESCO Man and the Biosphere programme 50th anniversary.

Over $25,000 in donations was raised on the day, and with match funding from Queensland Koala Crusaders, we exceeded our target of $50,000.

Rowan Rafferty (NBRF), Meghan and Rex Halverson (QKC)

Sunshine Beach State High School students' designs

NOOSA BIOSPHERE AWARDS 2021

NBRF also launched the inaugural Noosa Biosphere Awards as part of the 50th Anniversary of the UNESCO MaB Programme, celebrating sustainability excellence within the Noosa Shire.

The Awards aim to recognise the individuals, community organisations and businesses making a difference in our community. An independent panel of judges assessed entries across four categories of Land, Water, Wildlife, and People & Economy. Winners were announced in a special ceremony at the 2021 Gala.

2021 Noosa Biosphere Awards Winners:

- **Land Category** – Noosa and District Landcare – Keeping it in Kin Kin project
- **Water Category** – Noosa Integrated Catchment Assoc
- **Wildlife Category** – Rachel Lyons, Wildcare Noosa
- **People & Economy Category** – Noosa Environmental Education Hub

Dahlia Mikhail receiving the People & Economy Award

SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

Thank you to our Award Sponsors: Noosa Council Economic Development Team; University of the Sunshine Coast; International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) and Tourism Noosa. Also our Gold and Silver Sponsors: Alsahwa, Noosa Beer, Your Local Lifestyle and Empire Art Photography.

Special thanks to our judges: Michael Donovan, Vivien Griffin, Judy Castledine, Phil Moran, Cr Tom Wegener, Cr Amelia Lorentson, Cr Karen Finzel and Cr Brian Stockwell for their time and commitment.

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Expert panel hosted by MC, Russel Ousley

NOOSA WILD KOALA CONSERVATION FUND

As a result of the success of the Gala, the Noosa Wild Koala Working Group was established in January 2022 to identify the best use of the funds raised at the Gala. Members include Noosa Council, Qld Department of Environment and Science, Qld Department of Transport and Main Roads, Queensland Koala Crusaders, University of the Sunshine Coast koala researchers and Wildcare Noosa. The working group agreed to pursue two projects: a Bluetooth app currently in development with Dr Romane Cristescu's team and CSIRO; and a public education campaign on road safety: Koalas on the Move. This project will launch in August 2022.

UNESCO MICHEL BATISSE AWARD

In September 2021, I was very honoured to represent the Noosa Biosphere Reserve and Noosa and District Landcare Group to accept the Michel Batisse Award for Biosphere Reserve Management at the UNESCO International Coordinating Committee 33rd annual conference held in Abuja, Kenya via Zoom. This coveted award has Noosa's standing on the world stage as a best practice model for Biosphere Reserves. My sincere thanks to Prof Peter Bridgewater for his unwavering support in developing the submission and Phil Moran and his team for "Keeping it in Kin Kin"!

Partnerships & Engagement

Noosa Shire Council

Noosa Shire Council remains a committed partner of NBRF and actively support our endeavours to ensure the Noosa Biosphere remains a 'celebration of community and environment'. The Sustainability Forum is due to launch in February 2023 with the view to bringing together social, economic and environmental sectors to tackle key regional issues by leveraging funding and shared resources. We are also working with Council to explore the development of a data research portal which aims to provide easy public access for Noosa Shire-related data.

We will continue to work closely with the Noosa community, our partners, and supporters to build on these relationships. We thank the Noosa Councillors and staff for their ongoing support.

Australian National MAB Committee

The AusMaB National Committee met twice in the last financial year. A joint letter co-signed by all the Biosphere Reserve (BR) Chairs was sent to then Minister for Environment, Hon Susan Ley, requesting ongoing funding which was rejected. A strategic workshop, hosted by Great Sandy BR, is scheduled for August 2022 to discuss a funding approach to the new Federal Government.

We were very pleased the Sunshine Coast Council was successful in gaining UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status in July 2022. Of the 738 UNESCO Biosphere Reserves globally, we are in a unique position whereby three BRs sit side by side. This opens up exciting opportunities for our region to lead sustainability research and education initiatives. The future looks bright!

University of the Sunshine Coast

The University of the Sunshine Coast (UniSC) and NBRF partnership continues to develop following the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2021. The MoU commits both parties to support and coordinate research and education that enhances biodiversity conservation and promotes sustainable living in Noosa.

PHD TOP-UP SCHOLARSHIPS

Expressions of interest were invited from UniSC researchers early in 2021. From an excellent candidature pool, two projects were chosen:

1. The Blue Biosphere: understanding human-wildlife interactions with iconic marine species in the Noosa Biosphere Reserve.
2. Forest conservation and planning for wildlife and people in the Noosa Biosphere Reserve.

Both projects attracted high quality candidates and are supported by strong supervisory teams promising successful outcomes. These projects are highly relevant to the current NBRF program and support the outcomes of the recent marine species and koala protection symposia convened by NBRF. The projects commenced in February this year.

KOALA VACCINE TRIAL

UniSC is leading a Phase 3 rollout of a koala chlamydia vaccine that has been developed over several years with a number of significant partners including the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital. The vaccine trial began in October 2021.

Queensland Koala Crusaders and Wildcare Noosa Koala Rescue have actively joined the program and will be recording sightings of all koalas in the field as a way of actively monitoring the vaccinated koalas.

Prof Peter Timms, who is leading the trial, was a panellist at the Wild Koala Gala 2021. The Foundation donated $5,000 towards this cutting-edge research from monies raised at the gala.

WIL STUDENTS – BUSINESS AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

The Management Committee and working groups focus on developing Work Integrated Learning (WIL) opportunities resulted in two UniSC undertaking placements with the Symposium team in the first half of 2022.

Placement 1 - Kyra Everson, Event Management

Placement 2 – Phoenix Keles, Creative Design

Kyra was instrumental in developing and implementing the event management plan and assisted with execution of both the community engagement sessions and the symposium. Phoenix developed a suite of marketing material including the Agri-Hub logo (featured below), social media tiles, a sophisticated brand board and print-ready files.

Agri Hub
NOOSA & REGION

Both students worked extremely well under pressure, were professional in their approach and delivery, and were a pleasure to have on the team. We wish both students all the best with their careers and look forward to welcoming new WIL students next year.

Media and Communications

The Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation continues to work to maintain regular communication and engagement with the Noosa community. Our focus in the year 2020/21 has been to continue building on the relationships, partnerships and connections built over previous years and after the success of the first Noosa Biosphere Gala.

Marketing

We have increased our effort to maintain an active social media presence and launched the monthly Your Noosa Biosphere News digital newsletter providing updates on projects, community engagements, and other related news and grants.

As part of this relationship building strategy, we refreshed our public-facing brand style. The aim was to update the identity of the Foundation to be more inclusive and community focused, while maintaining the existing Noosa Biosphere® registered trademarked logo under licence. The brand style highlights the Foundation's four pillars with iconography and a unique colour palette for each pillar. As part of this refresh, we updated our marketing signage for events and a marketing brochure to support public education of the Noosa Biosphere Reserve and the Foundation's activities. Public response has been positive with the eye-catching signage attracting interest at community events and new subscriptions to our digital mailing list.

Media communications

The Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation continues its efforts on building a positive and valued brand profile in the Noosa Shire.

Marketing and communications supported this effort by raising the profile of partner projects and key initiatives of the NBRF, through its social and digital channels, and earned media coverage. The 2021-2022 financial year reflected several profile-raising initiatives that have helped position the NBRF as a lead organisation in advancing environment and sustainability practices in the Noosa Shire, including:

- Winning the UNESCO Michel Batisse Award for Biosphere Reserve Management
- Launch of the Noosa Biosphere Awards program
- Sold out 2nd Noosa Biosphere Gala: 'Wild Koala Gala'
- Sponsorship of two Jane Goodall Institute Roots & Shoots Mini Grants to local youth projects
- Marine species protection program with DAF
- Noosa Region Agri-Hub initiative

We continue to place a priority on quality digital and social content. The Your Noosa Biosphere Newsletter receives a consistent open rate of around 50 percent, well above industry average (25% for non-profits).

MEDIA COVERAGE

Earned media continues to play a key role in our communication strategy. Local news media is an important channel to communicate positive local initiatives that benefit the Noosa Shire community.

Key media activity during FY2021-2022 has featured:

- OpEd piece by Former Chair Rex Halverson: Noosa Biosphere is a status we all own
- NBRF wins Michel Batisse Award
- Launch of Noosa Biosphere Awards program – an NBRF initiative
- Noosa Biosphere Wild Koala Gala
- Glossy Black-Cockatoo research project
- Q&A with incoming Chair, Rowan Rafferty
- Eco-Anxiety research project
- Roots & Shoots Mini Grants by Jane Goodall Institute
- Marine Species Protection – accepted recommendations by DAF
- Diablo Co Glossy Black-Cockatoo fundraising partnership
- Noosa Region Agri-Hub initiative
- Welcome Sunshine Coast Biosphere Reserve

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation active social channels are Facebook, Instagram and Linked In. Our social media presence aims to education, inspire and engage the Noosa community in their connection to living in a UNESCO biosphere reserve and our activities under the UNESCO MaB Programme.

The NBRF social accounts recorded outstanding results during FY22: Facebook page reached 53,466 accounts (up 540% on previous year); Instagram reached 3,954 accounts (an increase of 7.1K%). The primary demographic audiences are Women 73% aged 35-54.

Alison Cooper
Marketing Communications Consultant

Alison Jane Communications

Symposium

NBRF continued the Symposium model, in its role as a facilitator bringing together leading researchers, local and/or state government representatives, relevant community groups and stakeholders, as well as passionate individuals with local knowledge, to break down unintended silos, stimulate collaboration and initiate new projects and on-ground efforts focused on the problems, priorities and gaps identified by participants.

The ongoing success of NBRF symposiums has confirmed these events as an extremely effective method of identifying current and emerging issues, leveraging funding and resources, and ultimately creating real collaborative change. There is substantial opportunity to grow these events over time to become international conferences, raising the profile of Noosa as a world-leader in sustainable development and biodiversity conservation.

Agri-Hub

Introduction

On 11 June 2022 numerous community groups and leaders came together to share a common vision for Noosa's agricultural future as part of the Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation (NBRF) Agri-Hub Symposium. The event featured expert speakers across a wide array of subject areas, followed by a stakeholder workshop to identify key action areas. Pathways forward were discussed to realise common goals.

Overview by Cr Tom Wegener

The Agri-Hub Project shed light on the importance of local agriculture, the problems it faces, and brought forward solutions. The goal has been to further realise the recommendations of the Rural Enterprise Report (REP, supported by Country Noosa, Noosa Council and the NBRF) which was finalised in 2019. Through Covid, the report sat idle until the NBRF Agri-hub project was adopted and Rowan Rafferty NBRF chair, Zaia Kendall from PermEco and Country Noosa and Director Cr Tom Wegener led a round of public consultations on implementing the recommendations of the REP. The issues discussed included:

- Growing more nutritious foods for our residents
- Creating cohesive food-centred communities and facilitating farmers onto private lands
- Food resilience and short supply chains in response to climate change and world upheavals
- Using best practice agriculture to make land more productive and less silt into the rivers
- Create Noosa centric foodie culture and identity facilitate foodie tourism

The consultation process brought many groups and farmers together to identify a common vision for a vibrant food future for Noosa. This project culminated at the Agri-Hub Symposium at the Pomona Memorial Hall. Through the morning sixteen speakers brought the project into context and throughout the afternoon over fifty representatives shared views on plans and actions to move forward. The Symposium was documented in the Agri-Hub Symposium Report. This report will be the cornerstone for project advancement and funding for best practice agriculture in Noosa.

Conclusion

The collective vision is a productive, regenerative agriculture economy and community in Noosa's Hinterland. Numerous groups support this vision including Country Noosa, Permaculture Noosa, Tourism Noosa, Slow Food Noosa, Food Agriculture Network (FAN), NBRF, and Noosa Landcare. This strong engagement is in response to growing concern around local issues linked to agriculture. For example, the diverse concerns include the need for regenerative agriculture practices, silt washing into the rivers from poor agriculture practices and value chain initiatives to keep local food security and produce economically viable food.

The Grow for Noosa fund will be launched at the Noosa Biosphere Gala and Awards in November 2022.

Grow for Noosa Fund will launch at the 2022 Gala.

Project updates

The NBRF has continued to partner with universities and stakeholders to develop and deliver projects focusing on new research and innovative solutions that inform best practice management and enhance environmental, social and economic capital in the Noosa Biosphere Reserve.

Projects adhere to the aims of the UNESCO Man and Biosphere Programme and align with our four priority areas of Land, Water, Wildlife, and People & Economy.

Since its inception in 2015, the NBRF has funded 24 environmental conservation and socio-economic projects plus public education campaigns valued at more than $3.4 million. This is a 3:1 return on an investment of around $1 million from the Noosa Council and project partners.

Current Projects

UNISC PHD TOPUP SCHOLARSHIPS – ROD SMITH

As indicated in the 2020/21 Annual Report the NBRF has agreed to support two PhD candidates at the University of the Sunshine Coast (UniSC) in the form of a top-up of $10,000 per year for each candidate to the stipend provided by UNISC. The candidates to undertake projects within the biosphere reserve and that aim to advance the objectives of the biosphere reserve.

Expressions of interest were invited from UNISC researchers early in 2021. Twelve exciting proposals were received spanning diverse areas encompassing marine and coastal studies, threatened species protection, invasive species, forest conservation, biosphere governance and management, and rural and regional resilience. From this pool of projects four were short listed by a panel drawn from NBRF and UNISC and applications called from suitably qualified PhD candidates interested in those projects, ultimately leading to the selection of the two nominated scholarship projects:

1. The Blue Biosphere: understanding human-wildlife interactions with iconic marine species in the Noosa Biosphere Reserve.
2. Forest conservation and planning for wildlife and people in the Noosa Biosphere Reserve.

Both projects attracted high quality candidates and are supported by strong supervisory teams promising successful outcomes. Both are also highly relevant to the current NBRF program and support the outcomes of the recent marine species and koala protection symposia convened by NBRF.

The two candidates commenced their programs at the start of the 2022 academic year and are presently engaged in the necessary preliminary stages of literature review and preparation of their detailed research plans.

GLOSSY BLACK-COCKATOO BIOACOUSTICS MONITORING – JADY SMITH

Bushland Conservation Management (BCM) was engaged by NBRF to conduct a Glossy Black Cockatoo Conservation and Bioacoustic Monitoring Project across the Noosa region and surrounding area for the 2022 breeding season.

The goal of this project for the 2022 breeding season was to identify potential nesting sites, install bioacoustic sound recorders and utilise Dr. Daniella Teixeira's 'Call Recogniser' and gain data across the region giving an insight into the bird's movements, requirements and help guide future conservation efforts in key areas.

The bioacoustic monitor and call recogniser were used to identify any GBC's nesting sites. To date, nil GBC nesting locations have been observed during this period of reporting.

During the nesting period there were long stretches of rain and periods of heavy rain including flooding events, which affected the quality of the sound recordings during this period. Road noise, Crickets and Cicada also made for very noisy recordings.

There are still a small number of birds feeding across the Sunrise Beach locale.

According to our previous records the birds are likely to continue to return now to the Noosa region as feed trees are ripe.

A development at Sunrise Beach has cleared a large plot of a feeding site and it is yet to be understood the implications that will arise from the loss of this habitat locally. There appeared to be a dramatic decrease in the population during this period. This will be monitored over the next five years of the project.

Roosting, drinking and feed sites have been observed in three locations in the lead up and into the project at Sunrise Beach, Noosaville and Kenilworth. The observations include nil feeding activity across areas that have previously been heavy feeding sites.

Observations of some excellent natural hollows in potential habitat locations have been recorded. Visual inspections of both artificial and natural hollows will continue to be observed during the project. With little to no historic data and current information, natural hollows were observed on regular intervals and Bio-acoustic recorders installed in these locations.

Completed projects

- Noosa Environmental & Cultural Learning Trail

For more information on all our projects please go to the Projects page on our website.

Looking Ahead

To conclude, our vision for the Noosa Biosphere Reserve is to be increasingly valued as living proof, that, by respecting Country, and living in harmony with nature, we inspire happy, healthy, thriving communities.

I personally believe that we are entering a new age, a Prolific Age, where high value on Personal Freedom and concern for the Planet's Future will become the key drivers of this new age.

My personal vision is that the entire planet will transcend to a biosphere, a genuine balance between nature, people and economy that will deliver unprecedented environmental, social and economic outcomes.

I acknowledge that this is a vision of phenomenal and formidable proportions and I acknowledge that this will take time, but we are gaining momentum every day. Every day I become more and more aware of individuals and organisations, locally and globally, doing amazing things to make this a reality. The Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation is one such organisation.

However, we recognise our efforts can be fragmented and that we need to truly connect and embrace all like-minded organisations in our region to multiply our efforts and gain the momentum required and this is what we intend to do. We all need to connect and become one.

The Sustainability Forum due to launch in February 2023, will advance this connection, with the view to bring together social, economic and environmental sectors to tackle key regional issues by leveraging funding and shared resources

The Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation prides itself in the work it does in our region and recognises that it takes the entire community to embrace the Biosphere, and have it live on for all future generations.

Fiona Berkin
Chair

Appendix A - Projects

Glossy Black-Cockatoo Bioacoustics Monitoring

Bioacoustics monitoring of Glossy Black-Cockatoo nesting sites for habitat conservation in the Noosa Biosphere Reserve.

The Glossy Black-Cockatoo *Calyptorhynchus lathami* is a rare and threatened species, listed as vulnerable in Queensland. The Noosa Biosphere Reserve is considered a significant habitat of this black cockatoo with up to one third of the entire known population located in the region.

Glossy Black-Cockatoos are extremely loyal to their habitat and stay within their family groups. There are currently no known active or recorded, natural or artificial nesting sites in the Noosa Shire or Sunshine Coast. Thanks to citizen science observations achieved by the dedicated community at Sunrise Beach, we do know Glossies are breeding.

A key challenge in their recovery is breeding success. Pressures have been put on these large hollow dependant species by land clearing, logging, bush fires and fragmentation. The 2019 and 2020 bushfires in Peregian Springs and Cooroibah impacted feed tree sites and habitat trees in the Noosa Shire.

This project will utilise bioacoustic sound recorders with software to monitor and analyse calls of the Glossy Black-Cockatoo. Identifying successful nesting sites will enable better support and conservation management for local Glossy populations. This research can inform feed tree revegetation, watering hole rehabilitation, habitat protection and further nesting box installation in identified Glossy Black Cockatoo critical zones.

Bioacoustic sound recording software was developed by Dr Daniella Teixeira and has been successfully used in other parts of the country, in particular on Kangaroo Island.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Identify key Glossy Black-Cockatoo nesting sites in the Noosa Biosphere Reserve.
- New data on viable populations and key habitats in the Noosa Biosphere Reserve.
- Data collection of significant flora and fauna will be recorded within the reference zones.
- Document colonies from the hinterland to the coast. Identify family groups.
- Improve our knowledge of behavioural interactions between the Glossy Black-Cockatoos, the environment and key threatening processes
- Inform and support the Glossy Black-Cockatoo Resilience Action Plan in the Noosa Biosphere.
- Develop a new research technology and methodology that has potential to be replicated across species.

TIMELINE

Monitoring will take place during the breeding season between January to June 2022.

PROPONENT

Bushland Conservation Management

PARTNERS

Dr Daniella Teixeira, Noosa Shire Council, Sunshine Coast Council, University of the Sunshine Coast, Noosa and District Landcare, Glossy Black Conservancy, various Noosa Shire community conservation groups.

PROJECT VALUE

NBRF Funding	Cash and In Kind	Total Value	Leverage
$5,600	$47,481	$53,081	9:1

Tackling Eco-Anxiety

Tackling eco-anxiety in young people aged 18 – 28 through tree planting and off-setting transport emissions in the Noosa Shire.

This PhD research project is studying the relatively new topic "eco-anxiety", about which there is limited academic literature, despite a recognition that "eco-anxiety" is a growing problem. It will contribute new knowledge about the best ways to intervene to alleviate eco-anxiety and change behaviours to reduce the atmospheric burden of carbon dioxide.

The study will examine how tree planting to offset participants' own transport emissions could be used to assist in reducing eco-anxiety as well as understanding how eco-anxiety could be used to foster proactive sustainable behaviours in an under-represented population.

It will examine levels of "eco-anxiety" within a group of 120 people aged 18 -28 years old in Noosa. Levels of participants' eco-anxiety and pro-environmental behaviours will be measured pre- and post-intervention and analysed for trends. A sub-group of up to ten participants from each of the two intervention groups will also be interviewed to gain further understanding of their experience with eco-anxiety and the impact of the interventions.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

This study will contribute to collaborative management of the Noosa Biosphere by:

1) The tree planting exercise will have a direct impact on enhancing the biodiversity and natural systems of the biosphere by regenerating designated areas within the biosphere, using tree species indigenous to the biosphere

2) A large tree planting exercise will assist in Noosa's carbon drawdown, contributing to Zero Emissions Noosa's target to be net zero emissions by 2026.

REPORTS

Milestone 1 Report

Milestone 2 report due on 30 September

Final report due in February 2024.

TIMELINE

This project's tree planting activation commenced in early 2022 with post-intervention surveys and interviews later in the year.

PROPONENT

Central Queensland University

PROJECT VALUE

NBRF Funding	Cash and In Kind	Total Value	Leverage
$10,000	$24,272	$34,272	3:1

Noosa & Region Agri-Hub – Grow for Noosa

Supporting food resilience in the Noosa Biosphere Reserve.

The Noosa Agri-Hub aims to build on the Noosa Hinterland Rural Enterprise Plan (REP). The REP was supported by the Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation in 2018 with project partners Country Noosa, University of the Sunshine Coast, Noosa & District Landcare, Maroochy River Catchment Coordinating Committee, Burnett Mary Regional Group, Healthy Land & Water, and Zero Emissions Noosa.

The Noosa Hinterland Rural Enterprise Plan identified eight key recommendations.

OUTCOMES

We are now seeking to explore and further the creation of an accessible database, including registers of:

- landowners interested in having their land farmed
- local farming personnel
- other resources and equipment
- creation of legal frameworks to bring landholders and farmers together
- provision of information about training and education programs for prospective farmers and graziers
- increasing carbon capture and storage
- potential agri-tourism opportunities
- developing marketing and distribution channels for Noosa and region produce
- provide pathways for young entrepreneurs and women into Agriculture
- develop a Circular Economy in Noosa that provides jobs and economic diversity for the Noosa region
- educate community about the benefits of local, highly nutritious, seasonal, sustainably produced foods

PROJECT PARTNERS

Country Noosa, Noosa and District Landcare, Food Agribusiness Network

TIMELINE

The NBRF is continuing to seek community engagement to establish the appetite for formalising information collection and necessary actions, to achieve the aims set out above. The Grow for Noosa Fund was set up in 2022 to mobilise funds to bring these ideas to life.

Blue Biosphere

Understanding how iconic marine species use nearshore habitats in the Noosa Biosphere Reserve.

The Noosa Biosphere Reserve is home to a variety of iconic marine species including dolphins and sharks as well as an important 'humpback highway' during the humpback whale annual migration. The Noosa Biosphere Reserve's bays and beaches also play host to a suite of anthropogenic impacts in the water, including boating and shark control program gear (nets and drumlines). This research will fill the gap to understand how iconic marine species use the inshore waters of the Noosa Biosphere Reserve and how human activities may impact them.

Iconic marine species targeted for research in this study are whales, dolphins, and sharks, however researchers will also be looking out for rays and turtles they may find along the way.

Researchers will use shore and aerial-based observational surveys (using a theodolite and drone) as well as acoustic receivers deployed in the water to collect behavioural and ecological data on how these species use the Noosa Biosphere Reserve.

This information will be combined with environmental data and anthropogenic impacts (such as proximity to shark control program gear) to identify trends and make recommendations for the management of iconic marine species in the Reserve, so we can continue to enjoy the marine life in Noosa.

OUTCOMES

The intended outcomes of this project are:

- Generate new fine-scale insights into how iconic marine species such as Indo-Pacific bottlenose, Australian humpback and common bottlenose dolphins use aquatic habitats within the NBR.
- Quantify and map the relative biodiversity value of the aquatic habitats of the NBR to iconic marine species, and identify potential hotspots of cumulative anthropogenic impact.
- Improve understanding of the factors underlying human-wildlife interactions with iconic marine species in NBR waters, including the risks to non-target species associated with the shark control program, vessel interactions and underwater noise.
- Develop a data-driven approach to predicting interaction likelihood, such as time periods or environmental factors underlying when dolphins or whales are at greater risk of entanglement in shark control gear.

TIMELINE

This project commenced in January 2022 and is due for completion in December 2024.

PROPONENT

UniSC

Research Team: PhD candidate Georgina Dawson, Supervisors: Dr. Kylie Scales, Dr. Ross Dwyer, Dr. Bonnie Holmes, Dr. Javier Leon

PROJECT VALUE

NBRF Funding	Cash and In Kind	Total Value	Leverage
$30,000	$200,320	$230,320	7:1

Conservation Indicators

Selecting indicators of conservation success for nature and people in the Noosa Biosphere Reserve

Since 2007, Noosa Shire has held UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status in recognition of efforts to harmonise sustainable natural resource management with urban and economic development. Community participation is crucial to ensure the Noosa Biosphere Reserve conservation planning is driven by its best interest and knowledge. Through consultations we will select indicators to track progress and monitor success of conservation and community efforts across the Noosa Biosphere, and keep all stakeholders involved.

The project intends to consult the traditional custodians of the land within and surrounding the Noosa Biosphere – the Kabi Kabi and the Jinibara People, and multiple stakeholders, including governance, water, land, agriculture, and wildlife management authorities and organisations; sustainability, education, recreation/tourism, business, culture, and community groups and associations; academics; land managers; residents; tourists; and any other individuals, authorities or organisations with associations to the Noosa Biosphere.

Through participatory research and following international standard principles in monitoring and evaluation, the project aims to:

- Identify priorities for conservation, people and sustainable development; main threats, causes and potential solutions.
- Select priority environmental, socio-economic and management indicators, using an innovative new holistic method for ranking their relative importance to one another.
- Make an initial assessment of top-priority selected indicators as benchmarks for future progress.

OUTCOMES

The expected outcomes of this project are:

- Improved community engagement in the Noosa Biosphere Reserve planning and management;
- Improved conservation planning, monitoring, evaluation, reporting frameworks;
- Better conservation practices, that include social and cultural priorities, and support sustainable economic growth;
- More sustainable conservation policy and practice in the Noosa Biosphere, that also inspires similar initiatives across the world.

TIMELINE

This project commenced in January 2022 and is due for completion in December 2024.

PROPONENT

UniSC / Forest Research Institute

Research team: PhD candidate Rodrigo Oliveira; Professor Andy Marshall; Dr Romane Cristescu; Dr. John Meadows; Prof. Claudia Baldwin; Mr Mark Annandale.

PROJECT VALUE

NBRF Funding	Cash and In Kind	Total Value	Leverage
$30,000	$158,562	$188,562	6:1

Appendix B: Audited accounts

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Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
	$	$
Grants - Environmental	**37,806**	82,034
Grants - Operational	**125,000**	100,000
Fundraising income	**28,651**	21,361
Sponsorship income	**13,000**	2,001
Donations	**69,658**	685
Interest	**-**	6
Grants provided and other project costs	**(51,411)**	(87,125)
Contract support staff	**(121,968)**	(92,985)
Event costs	**(26,204)**	(16,801)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	**(1,496)**	(1,009)
Other expenses	**(28,271)**	(29,172)
Operating result from continuing operations	**44,765**	(21,005)
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	**-**	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	**44,765**	(21,005)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 $	2021 $
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		**322,197**	251,177
Trade and other receivables	4	**34,375**	24,538
Other assets		**-**	407
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		**356,572**	276,122
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment		**3,933**	3,933
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		**3,933**	3,933
TOTAL ASSETS		**360,505**	280,055
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	5	**16,049**	58
Other financial liabilities	6	**126,347**	106,653
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		**142,396**	106,711
TOTAL LIABILITIES		**142,396**	106,711
NET ASSETS		**218,109**	173,344
EQUITY			
Contributed equity		**10**	10
Reserves	7	**50,000**	-
Retained earnings		**168,099**	173,334
TOTAL EQUITY		**218,109**	173,344

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Equity
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

2022

	Note	Contributed equity	Retained Earnings	General Reserves	Total
		$	$	$	$
Balance at 1 July 2021		**10**	**173,334**	**-**	**173,344**
Operating result for the year		**-**	**44,765**	**-**	**44,765**
Transfers from retained earnings to general reserve	7	**-**	**(50,000)**	**50,000**	**-**
Balance at 30 June 2022		**10**	**168,099**	**50,000**	**218,109**

2021

	Contributed equity	Retained Earnings	Total
	$	$	$
Balance at 1 July 2020	10	194,339	194,349
Operating result for the year	-	(21,005)	(21,005)
Balance at 30 June 2021	10	173,334	173,344

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 $	2021 $
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Receipt from grants		**165,625**	143,000
Receipts from other revenue		**46,538**	25,817
Donations received		**69,658**	685
Interest received		**-**	6
Grants paid and payments to suppliers and employees		**(211,198)**	(251,506)
Net GST received from ATO		**1,893**	4,940
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	10	**72,516**	(77,058)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		**(1,496)**	(1,276)
Net cash used by investing activities		**(1,496)**	(1,276)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		**71,020**	(78,334)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		**251,177**	329,511
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year		**322,197**	251,177

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

The financial report covers Noosa Biosphere Reserve Trust as an individual entity. Noosa Biosphere Reserve Trust is a not-for-profit Trust, registered and domiciled in Australia.

The principal activity of the Trust for the year ended 30 June 2022 was the support of projects and ideas that enhance biodiversity conservation and promote sustainable living in the Noosa region.

The functional and presentation currency of Noosa Biosphere Reserve Trust is Australian dollars.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of Preparation

In the Responsible persons opinion the Trust is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.*

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, AASB 107 *Statement of Cash Flows*, AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors*, AASB 1048 *Interpretation of Standards* and AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures.*

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised as follows:

Grant revenue

Grant revenue is recognised in profit or loss when the Trust satisfies the performance obligations stated within the funding agreements.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before the Trust is eligible to retain the contribution, the grant will be recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until those conditions are satisfied.

The Trust receives operational funding (agreed on an annual basis) from Noosa Shire Council which is recognised in income when invoiced. Funding received to be expended on projects is recognised as income when expended.

(b) Income Tax

As the Trust is a charitable institution in terms of subsection 50-5 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*, as amended, it is exempt from paying income tax.

Notes to the Financial Statements

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

(c) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payable are stated inclusive of GST.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

(e) Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any allowance for expected credit losses. Trade receivables are generally due for settlement within 30 days.

(f) Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Trust prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

(g) Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

The Trust has adopted all standards which became effective for the first time at 30 June 2022, the adoption of these standards has not caused any material adjustments to the reported financial position, performance or cash flow of the Trust.

(h) New accounting standards for application in future periods

The AASB has issued new and amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods. The Trust has decided against early adoption of these Standards, but does not expect the adoption of these standards to have any impact on the reported position or performance of the Trust.

3 Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The responsible persons have not made any significant accounting estimates or judgements which are likely to affect the future results of the Trust.

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

4 Trade and Other Receivables

	2022 $	2021 $
Current		
Trade receivables	**34,375**	-
Deposits	-	23,136
GST receivable	-	1,402
	34,375	24,538

5 Trade and Other Payables

Current		
Trade payables	**6,410**	58
GST payable	**9,639**	-
	16,049	58

6 Other Financial Liabilities

Current		
Unexpended grants	**126,347**	106,653
Total	**126,347**	106,653

The above amount represents the balance of grants monies received held at the year end to be spent on environmental projects.

7 General Reserves

The general reserve records funds which have been set aside to be spent on a future specific purpose which is within the registered entity's objectives. Transfers to general reserves generally arise when income has been received to be expended on a specific purpose. In the period in which the expenditure is incurred by the registered entity a transfer will be made back to retained earnings from the general reserve.

The general reserve is made up of the following balances:

Noosa Wild Koala Initiative

	2022 $	2021 $
Transfer from retained earnings	**50,000**	-
Closing balance	**50,000**	-

Funds held within the Noosa Wild Koala Initiative reserve will be used to support new research and solutions to secure a sustainable future for wild koalas in the Noosa Biosphere Reserve. Additions to this reserve represent donations received and other monies raised for this specific purpose.

8 Key Management Personnel Remuneration

No remuneration was paid to key management personnel of the Trust in the year (2021: Nil).

Notes to the Financial Statements
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9 Auditors' Remuneration

	2022 $	2021 $
Remuneration of the auditor of the trust, SAAS Audit Pty Ltd, for:		
- auditing or reviewing the financial statements	**3,150**	3,100
Total	**3,150**	3,100

10 Reconciliation of result for the year to cashflows from operating activities

Operating result	**44,765**	(21,005)
Non-cash flows in profit:		
- depreciation	**1,496**	1,009
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	**(9,837)**	31,339
- (increase)/decrease in other assets	**407**	(16)
- increase/(decrease) in unexpended grants	**19,694**	(82,034)
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	**15,991**	(6,351)
Cashflows from operating activities	**72,516**	(77,058)

11 Economic Dependency

The Trust is dependent on operational funding and the provision of office space from Noosa Shire Council for its continued existence and ability to carry out its normal activities.

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Responsible Persons' Declaration

The responsible persons declare that in the responsible persons' opinion:

- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
- the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.*

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013.*

Responsible person .....

Duncan Thompson

Dated: 20 September 2022

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Independent Audit Report to the members of Noosa Biosphere Reserve Trust

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Noosa Biosphere Reserve Trust, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the responsible persons' declaration.

In our opinion the financial report of Noosa Biosphere Reserve Trust has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

(i) giving a true and fair view of the Registered Entity's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and

(ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Registered Entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Registered Entity's financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Responsible Persons for the Financial Report

The responsible persons of the Registered Entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act and the needs of the members. The responsible persons' responsibility also includes such internal control as the responsible entities determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the responsible persons are responsible for assessing the Registered Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the responsible persons either intend to liquidate the Registered Entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Independent Audit Report to the members of Noosa Biosphere Reserve Trust

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

SAAS Audit Pty Ltd

James Kenward
Director

138 Juliette Street
Greenslopes QLD 4120

Dated: 20/9/2022

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Disclaimer

The additional financial data presented on page 13 is in accordance with the books and records of the Trust which have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our statutory audit of the Trust for the year ended 30 June 2022. It will be appreciated that our statutory audit did not cover all details of the additional financial data. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on such financial data and we give no warranty of accuracy or reliability in respect of the data provided. Neither the firm nor any member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility in any way whatsoever to any person (other than Noosa Biosphere Reserve Trust) in respect of such data, including any errors or omissions therein however caused.

SAAS Audit Pty Ltd

James Kenward
Director

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Dated: 21/9/2022

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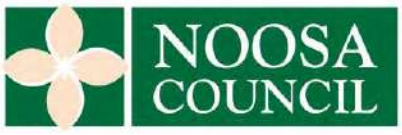
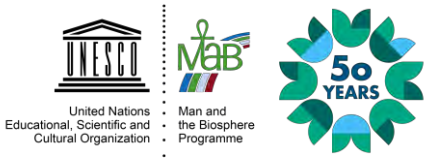
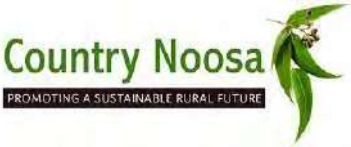
Profit and Loss Account

	2022 $	2021 $
Income		
Grants - Environmental	**37,806**	82,034
Grants - Operational	**125,000**	100,000
Interest income	**-**	6
Donations	**69,658**	685
Fundraising income	**28,651**	21,361
Sponsorship income	**13,000**	2,001
Total income	**274,115**	206,087
Less: Expenses		
Accounting and bookkeeping fees	**11,169**	7,595
Advertising and promotion	**4,843**	5,295
Audit fees	**3,150**	3,100
Bank charges	**458**	2,157
Computer expenses	**771**	308
Contract support staff	**121,968**	92,985
Depreciation	**1,496**	1,009
Donations	**-**	1
Event costs	**26,204**	16,801
Event tickets	**30**	485
Filing fees	**250**	383
General expenses	**68**	-
Grants provides and other project costs	**51,411**	87,125
Insurance	**407**	3,441
Meeting expenses	**1,959**	473
Postage	**131**	124
Printing and stationery	**1,332**	2,148
Staff amenities	**5**	-
Subscriptions	**1,872**	1,586
Telephone	**1,161**	1,159
Travel	**76**	36
Website expenses	**589**	881
Total Expenses	**229,350**	227,092
Operating result	**44,765**	(21,005)

Our Partners & Supporters







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