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Message from the CEO and Acting Chairperson

Australia is facing an extinction crisis of unprecedented magnitude since European occupation. Over 1,890 species are listed as threatened under Australia's **Environment Protection** and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. Yet. this is conservative tally as many more are yet to be listed. Most of Australia's threatened species occur nowhere else in the world. Over the past 20 years, 7.7 million hectares of threatened species habitat has been destroyed in Australia, constituting 85% of terrestrial threatened species habitat. These losses are catastrophic, yet this situation will only worsen as Australia heads further into climate breakdown.

The Threatened Species Conservancy (TSC) was founded to combat these enormous losses and this last year we were privileged to be able to speak on behalf of Australia's threatened species at the Victorian Enquiry into Ecosystem Decline. The Standing Committee on Environment and Planning listened as TSC spoke of the systemic failures that are allowing our natural heritage to be lost forever and the ways in which we can resolve these issues. TSC made recommendations that the Victorian Government fund a comprehensive threatened species program run by an independent non-government body such as the Threatened Species Conservancy. In addition, we recommended that Zoos and Botanic gardens are adequately funded to run ex-situ programs and that funding is consistent and on-going.

This last year has been a busy time with the development of many new and exciting projects and partnerships all whilst working in the challenging times of COVID. We spent much of this year focusing on the implementation of our thirteen threatened species recovery programs.

This year we finalised our 'Rainforest Germplasm Pilot Project' that will lead into a long-term program to collect and store rainforest germplasm from across Victoria's rainforests for use in future translocations and genetic rescues.

Australian rainforests are considered some of the nation's rarest ecological communities comprising only 2.7% of Australia's native forests and less than 0.2% of the area of Victoria. These ecological communities are patchily distributed throughout the coastal regions of Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Northern Territory, Western Australia and Tasmania. These forests represent the oldest surviving vegetation communities on the continent and support a great diversity of native flora and fauna, including a number of highly threatened species that are dependent on the conservation of these threatened ecosystems.

In partnership with Deakin University, we undertook many weeks of survey and monitoring work for the Vulnerable Pinktailed Worm Lizard (Aprasia parapulchella). These surveys included the gathering of DNA to assess whether the Victorian population is genetically distinct from the populations in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) and New South Wales (NSW). We also gathered eDNA samples to test an innovative approach to monitoring these elusive lizards. We established our first formal Recovery Team to oversee the recovery of these vulnerable species and

the development of a Recovery Plan.

The finalisation of a three-year project to establish a translocated population of the Critically Endangered Southern Shepard's Purse (Ballantinia antipoda) was a hardearned achievement. This project presented many challenges and whilst we would love to say that we have found the winning technique to translocate this species, in reality we have ended up with more questions than answers. We will endeavour to continue this important work next year to ensure this species does not slide into extinction.

Continuing on from our work on 'Butterfly Community No 1' on Mount Piper, to survey this listed community and train volunteers in butterfly identification, we have been investigating a Victorian statewide recovery program for the Critically Endangered Small Ant-blue Butterfly (Acrodipsa myrmecophila) and the Endangered Large Ant-blue Butterfly (Acrodipsas brisbanensis). These species have seen dramatic declines in population size and distribution over the last few decades and are now on the brink of extinction.

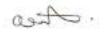
Our Harrow Wattle Recovery Program in NSW made huge strides this year with the development of a translocation plan and the installation of a 300 square metre exclosure plot. Harrow Wattle (Acacia

acanthoclada subsp. acanthoclada) is a shrub listed as Endangered under the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016. Only eight populations exist in the wild in NSW. We have been working in partnership with Traditional Owners and State Government to establish a herbivore-protected population on private land. This project mitigates the effects of climate change on species by boosting existing populations and creating a seed orchard for future translocations.

During this time, we said farewell to our Chairperson, Anna Murphy and we recruited a new Director of the Board, Dr. Derek Ball. Derek is a marine biologist and conservation ecologist who has worked for over 30 years in threatened species, and broader landscape and seascape management. He has worked within the public, private and not-for-profit sectors and is an experienced company director. Derek is a very strong advocate for collective impact - the art of building resourceful and innovative teams which can collectively solve our most pressing problems in the conservation of our natural environment.

On behalf of the Threatened Species Conservancy, we would like to thank all our partners, volunteers, donors and funding bodies for their support this year. We look forward to working with you again next year to save Australia's plants and animals from extinction.





Abi Smith Chief Executive Officer



Ben Thomas Acting Chairperson

KEY IMPACTS



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RECOVERING THE ANT-BLUE BUTTERFLIES

In Victoria, the Small Ant-blue Butterfly (*Acrodipsa myrmecophila*) and the Large Ant-blue Butterfly (*Acrodipsas brisbanensis*) are listed as Critically Endangered and Endangered, respectively. Many of the locations where these species have previously been found have been impacted by bushfires. These species have seen dramatic declines in population size and distribution over the last few decades and are now on the brink of extinction.

Our newest initiative aims to save these iconic species by establishing a strategic recovery program across Victoria, starting at Kinglake National Park. We will run training sessions for the community on survey techniques and butterfly identification. Using this knowledge we will undertake butterfly surveys with trained volunteers.

We have partnered with:
The Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife
Parks Victoria
DELWP
BEAM Environmental
Friends of Mt Piper





HARROW WATTLE RECOVERY PROGRAM

Harrow wattle (*Acacia acanthoclada* subsp. *acanthoclada*) is a threatened shrub, listed as Endangered under the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016. In NSW, Harrow wattle is threatened by land clearance, overgrazing from goats, domestic stock, kangaroos and rabbits.

Our Harrow Wattle Recovery Program in NSW (Rick Farley Soil Conservation Reserve) made huge strides this year with the development of a translocation plan and the installation of a 300 square metre exclosure plot.

We have partnered with:

Mothers Ancestral Guardians Indigenous Corporation
DPIE
Biodiversity Conservation Trust





SAVING THE PINK-TAILED WORM LIZARD

In Victoria, the Pink-tailed Worm Lizard (*Aprasia parapulchella*) is restricted to woodlands of the Bendigo region and is almost entirely surrounded by residential development, placing it at great risk of local extinction due to domestic cats, fuel reduction burning, and habitat loss. Current monitoring methods for this species are highly invasive.

This year, we undertook many weeks of survey and monitoring work, which included the gathering of DNA to assess whether the Victorian population is genetically distinct from populations in other states. We gathered environmental DNA samples to test an innovative approach to monitoring these elusive lizards. We established our first formal Recovery Team and recovery Plan to oversee the recovery of this vulnerable species.

We have partnered with:

DELWP

Parks Victoria

Australian National University

The Dja Dja Wurrung

Deakin University

Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

Arthur Rylah Institute





VOLUNTEERING INNOVATION FUND

The Fryerstown Grevillea (*Grevillea obtecta*) is a small shrub endemic to the Fryerstown region in Central Victoria. The species is listed as "rare in Victoria" on the DELWP 'Advisory List of Rare Or Threatened Plants In Victoria'. It is a member of the 'holly-leaf' grevillea group, which are narrow endemics (restricted to very few populations) that occur in Victoria and South Australia. Many grevilleas in this group have experienced significant population declines in recent years and most are threatened. In particular, the Fryerstown Grevillea is likely to be experiencing a rapid decline with a loss of approximately 30% of its population size.

This project will create an innovative citizen science project to monitor and survey for the threatened Fryerstown Grevillea. This will allow us to design recovery programs based on the most up-to-date information about population survivorship and threatening processes. It will also provide valuable data to enable us to evaluate and improve our recovery programs. We will develop a tablet-based data gathering interface (DGI) to facilitate the collection of monitoring and survey data by volunteers in the field in real time. We will develop a cloud-based Geographical Information System (GIS) project that allows data uploads from the DGI for long term storage, mapping and data analysis of threatened species data.

We have partnered with:

Parks Victoria





MONITORING BUTTERFLY COMMUNITY NO 1 AT MT PIPER

Butterfly Community No. 1 is a unique ecological community comprising a large number of threatened butterfly species in The Mt Piper Nature Conservation Reserve.

We completed our project to inform a threatened butterfly recovery strategy at Mt Piper using citizen science. Volunteers were taught to identify rare and endangered butterflies, and record them using a digital system so that the information is available for scientists. An education event was held not only to teach participants to identify and record local butterflies, but to raise awareness of the ecology and conservation of these highly threatened species and the value of the region.

We have partnered with:
Friends of Mt Piper
South West Goulburn Landcare
Beam Mitchell Environmental Group
Melbourne University
Community Environment Program





RAINFOREST GERMPLASM CONSERVATION PROJECT

Climate change poses one of the biggest threats to rainforest ecosystems (they were widespread across Victoria when the climate was cooler) and large tracts have been lost to bushfires (particularly in 2019/20). These fragile and beautiful ecosystems are also heavily impacted by human activity such as timber harvesting, disease and land clearance.

This year we finalised our 'Rainforest Germplasm Pilot Project' that will lead into a long-term program to collect and store rainforest germplasm (seed and other reproductive material) from across Victoria's rainforests for use in future translocations and genetic rescues. We raised community awareness about the importance of rainforest in Victoria. Citizen science was an integral part of the success of this project.

We have partnered with:
The Australian PlantBank
Victorian Conservation Seedbank (Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria)
Helen Macpherson Smith Trust





The Southern Shepherd's Purse (*Ballantinia antipoda*) is a tiny, annual plant that is only found in south–eastern Australia and is Critically Endangered. It is one of Australia's rarest plant species and faces imminent extinction. It is primarily threatened by climate change and damage to moss mats where it lives by animals such as pigs and rabbits, and by competition with weeds.

We completed our three-year project to establish a translocated population of the Southern Shepard's Purse (*Ballantinia antipoda*). It was an incredibly challenging task and the species has proved to be difficult to translocate, making conservation efforts for this rare plant even more important. We will continue our work on the Southern Shepherd's Purse to make every effort to prevent its extinction in the imminemnt future.

We have partnered with: DELWP



The support of almost one hundred volunteers has made this year a successful and enjoyable one. We would not be able to do the great work that we do and are very thankful to you all for your time and passion to help us save threatened species.

THANK YOU

OUR PARTNERS





















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OUR PEOPLE

THE TEAM

Abi Smith CEO

Anna Murphy
HEAD OF FLORA ECOLOGY

Dr Heidi Eager STRATEGIC ADVISOR

Gypsy Shepherd SOCIAL MEDIA ADVISOR

Sarah Grinlinton
RECOVERY TEAMS AND VOLUNTEER
COORDINATOR

Derek Smith

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND
SAFETY

Julia Askeland
TECHNICAL OFFICER (FLORA)

THE BOARD

Ben Thomas ACTING CHAIRPERSON

Morri Young SECRETARY

Jacki McAvenna TREASURER

Abi Smith DIRECTOR

Derek Ball DIRECTOR



FINANCIAL REPORT

In the opinion of the Committee of Management of Threatened Species Conservancy Inc.:

- 1. The financial statements and the notes to the financial statements:
 - a). comply with Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, the Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012 and the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission Act 2012; and
 - the financial statements and notes are drawn up to give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2021 and the performance, as represented by the results of its operations for the year then ended; and
 - 2. At the date of this declaration, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Threatened Species Conservancy will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee made pursuant to Section 60.15 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2013* and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

- B-	Allichera		
President	Treasurer		

Dated: 27 September 2021

STATEMENT PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Income		
Consulting Fee Income	12,112	136
Donations	8,814	5,090
Grant Income	180,781	37,947
Interest Income	4	8
Membership Income	334	80
Other Revenue	5,000	15,000
Total income	207,055	58,261
Expenses		
Accounting Fees		
Advertising	5,561	317
Allowance Milage Reimbursement	469	575
Annual Leave Expense	-	2,380
Bank Fees	6,956	-
Consulting Fees	18,837	9,367
Depreciation	156	3,006
Field Work Expenses	26,215	-
General Expenses	14,141	415
Insurance	556	508
Motor Vehicle Expenses	95	58
Office Expenses	1,648	7
Printing & Stationery	94	1,185
Subscriptions	727	1,406
Superannuation	9,901	3,623
Telephone & Internet	30	21
Travel National	3,946	230
Wages & Salaries	111,815	38,596
Total expenses	201,147	61,716
Profit/(loss) for the year	5,908	(3,455)

Other comprehensive income		
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	5,908	(3,455)

The Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	154,462	115,339
Trade and other receivables	3	-	1,653
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		154,462	116,992
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant & equipment	4	1,023	679
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		1,023	679
TOTAL ASSETS		155,485	117,671
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	5	35,673	2,125
Unexpended Grants	6	117,130	118,772
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		152,803	120,897
TOTAL LIABILITIES		152,803	120,897
NET ASSETS		2,682	(3,226)
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus/(deficit)		2,682	(3,226)
TOTAL EQUITY		2,682	(3,226)

The Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

NOTE 1: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial report is a special purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined and the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* and 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*; and AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures*.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

(b) Functional and presentation currency

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

(c) Going concern

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

(d) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are carried at cost. All assets are depreciated on a diminishing value basis over their useful lives.

The depreciation rates used for each class of asset are as follows:

- •Furniture & Equipment 10% 25%
- *Leasehold improvements 5% 20%

(e) Trade and other payables

Trade payables and other payables are carried at amortised cost and represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the association prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid and arise when the Association becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services

(f) Employee benefits

Wages, Salaries, Annual Leave and Long Service Leave

Liabilities for wages, salaries, annual leave and long service leave that are expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date represent present obligations resulting from employees' services provided to reporting date. They are calculated at undiscounted amounts based on remuneration wage and salary rates that the Association expects to pay as at reporting date including related on-costs, such as workers compensation insurance and payroll tax.

Superannuation

The amount charged to the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income in respect of superannuation represents the contributions made by the Association to superannuation funds.

NOTE 1: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(g) Revenue

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Association and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

Rendering of services

Revenue in relation to rendering of services is recognised depends on whether the outcome of the services can be measured reliably. If this is the case then the stage of completion of the services is used to determine the appropriate level of revenue to be recognised in the period. If the outcome cannot be reliably measured then revenue is recognised to the extent of expenses recognised that are recoverable.

Grant Income

Grant income received, other than for specific purposes, is brought to account over the period to which the grant relates to.

Interest Income

Interest income is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Deferred Income

Unspent income received in relation to specific projects and events is not brought to account as revenue in the current year but deferred as a liability in the financial statements until spent for the purpose received.

(h) Income Tax and Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The Association is a tax-exempt entity for the purposes of Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act* 1997.

(i) Leases

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all of the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

(j) Comparative amounts

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

(k) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

The AASB has issued new and amended Accounting Standards that have mandatory application dates for future reporting years. The application of these Accounting Standards are not expected to have any significant impact on the Association's financial statements. Consequently, they have not been specifically identified here.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
TSC Operating Account	138,510	108,547
TSC Savings Account	15,952	6,792
	154,462	115,339
NOTE 3: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Sundry Debtors	-	1,653
	-	1,653
NOTE 4: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Computer Equipment		
At cost	3,506	3,006
Accumulated depreciation	(3,006)	(3,006)
	500	-
Office Equipment		
At cost	1,409	1,409
Accumulated depreciation	(886)	(730)
	523	679
Total property, plant & equipment	1,023	679
(ii) Reconciliation of the carrying amount		

Movements in the carrying amount classes of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the

current and previous periods.

Additions

Disposals

Depreciation expense

Balance at the beginning of financial year

Written down value at end of financial year

3,685

(3,006)

679

679

500

(156)

1,023

Accounts Payable	10,998	(205)
Superannuation	1,357	2,330
PAYG payable	6,974	-
GST payable	9,388	-
Provision for Annual Leave	6,956	-
	35,673	2,125

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
NOTE 6: UNEXPENDED GRANTS		
B. antipoda Safeguarding	-	9,950
Bushfire Recovery	81,117	-
Butterfly Community	118	17,770
Fryerstown Grevillea	15,822	-
Harrow Wattle	17,068	-
Rainforest Germplasm	-	30,000
Pink Tail Worm Lizard	-	60,000
Blue Butterflies	1,983	-
Others	1,022	1,052
	117,130	118,772

NOTE 7: COMMITMENTS & CONTINGENCIES

The Association has no commitments or contingencies as at the reporting date.

NOTE 8: RELATED PARTIES

The Association has had no related party transactions for the year.

All committee members act in an honorary capacity. No Committee member received or was entitled to receive a fee solely by virtue of their position as a committee member.

NOTE 9: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association.



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COMPILATION REPORT TO THREATENED SPECIES CONSERVANCY INC.

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Threatened Species Conservancy Inc., which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. These have been prepared in accordance with AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, described in Note 1 to the financial statements. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in Note 1.

The Responsibility of The Committee

The Committee of Threatened Species Conservancy Inc. are solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements, the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information and for the determination that AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements* is appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that the financial statements were prepared.

Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the Committee, we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements* and APES 315 Compilation of Financial Information.

We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statements in accordance with AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements* described in Note 1 to the financial statements. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

Assurance Disclaimer

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, we are not required to verify the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the information provided to us by management to compile these financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on these financial statements.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the Committee who are responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them. Accordingly, these special purpose financial statements may not be suitable for other purposes. We do not accept responsibility for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.

Stephen O'Kane Partner

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