



The Norman Wettenhall Foundation

*enhancing and maintaining the vitality and diversity of the
Australian natural living environment*

Thirteenth Annual Report
2009

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The Norman Wettenhall Foundation

The Norman Wettenhall Foundation was established in 1997 by Melbourne paediatrician, Dr Norman Wettenhall, who died in 2000.

The Foundation acted as the culmination of Norman's lifelong love affair with the Australian bush and the birds and plants that inhabit it.

Foundation funds were raised from the sale of Norman's treasured natural history book collection, widely regarded as the most complete private collection celebrating the wonder and beauty of Australia's fauna and flora.



Norman Wettenhall

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Chairperson's Report

As the Norman Wettenhall Foundation has diversified, we thought it made sense to expand the number of trustees from five to nine, so that trustees could be given delegated responsibility in specialist areas of expertise, as well as for different regional restoration projects as they came on stream. Two of our strategic plan contributors Digby Race and Brian Snape were brought into the fold.

Last year, Digby added a new program to our armoury, the funding of three year Landscape Restoration fellowships. And this year the Foundation selected its inaugural Landscape Restoration Fellow, Robyn Edwards, the East Gippsland Regional Manager of Trust for Nature.

finances

Our finances are now in safe hands. Brian Snape has been appointed chair of our Finance Committee, which includes two new trustees – stockbroker John Bate, and a businessman with marketing experience, Peter Howie. The Foundation maintained its pace of giving throughout the GFC. We believed that the tough times made it even more imperative to keep on granting.

landscape vision

Most of the trustees live in the country and bring extensive rural networks as well as relevant expertise. Our goal as country people ourselves is not to remove people from landscapes, but to facilitate them to collaborate and create visions of a future where they begin to live more sustainably within those landscapes. We start from the premise that before you can connect landscapes, first you have to connect the people.

To achieve this, we believe, involves bringing all land managers on board in creating the vision – from those with the smallest lifestyle block through to farmers and park and catchment managers. Crucially, we believe that if all stakeholders are to take 'ownership' of the vision for their particular landscape, they must have an equal stake in its creation. While the idea to commence vision building might emanate from the 'top', whoever initiates the process has to bring as many stakeholders together right from the very start. And to ensure that big and small are on an equal footing, impartially sourced

staff and materials will need to be brought to bear – which is where the Foundation comes in.

This we describe as the 'bottom up' approach, one that attempts at the outset to build broad-based partnerships, which are inclusive and innovative, well-resourced and soundly facilitated. But it's too hard, takes too long, is too messy and too expensive, we hear people say.

Under the more traditional 'top down' approach, an agency, organisation or small committee of experts devises a landscape restoration plan, then attempts to sell it to the community under the guise of consultation. But while the plan may be brilliantly executed, nothing, at the end of the day, can disguise its essentially elitist origins. Those who live in the landscape are likely to remain uncommitted, unchanged and possibly unhappy that they were only consulted after the fact.

landscape restoration

The NWF has expanded our large scale, multi year landscape restoration projects to four with the inclusion of funding for the Otway Agroforestry Network's peer group mentoring program.

Peer group mentoring acts as a tool for extending the reach of project partners across extensive swathes of landscape – similar to the interactive mapping tool developed pro bono by software developer Spatial Vision for the Connecting Country project in Castlemaine.

Most rewardingly, Connecting Country has in the last few months succeeded in justifying Beth Mellick's and Geoff Park's faith and initiative, in particular, by magnificently leveraging the Foundation's \$80,000 input. Connecting Country has succeeded in gaining \$1.4 million over three years from the Federal Government's Caring for our Country program, so they can start implementing their vision for a more sustainable future. That's the sort of result that makes philanthropy worthwhile.

Gib Wettenhall
Chair



Executive Officer's Report

Another year with the Foundation, and I am continuing to learn a great deal about landscape restoration and natural resource management. I have been busy going on wildflower walks, geological excursions, bird counts, fungi workshops, spotlighting for Tuans - and this is in my spare time! Work and pleasure have definitely been blended together.



foundation grants

I am a firm believer that the small grants we give out to community groups are vitally important. Someone once told me that small grants take up too much time for big projects and aren't worth bothering with. That might be true for some, but for many small community groups across Australia, I have been able to see some very positive results from receiving the Foundation grants.

The small grants enable groups to produce guides, hold workshops, carry out research, create websites, and train community members in various aspects of science and monitoring. I have been delighted to receive copies of flora guides, bird guides, and moth books which have been professionally produced and used by groups to share knowledge, engage the local community, and increase general interest in biodiversity.

The RE Ross Trust also has the insight to know that the small grants can make a big difference to community groups, and their extra funds in our hands has helped to make a lot of people happy. We look forward to our continued relationship with the RE Ross Trust and encourage other groups to consider starting a granting scheme with us.

The Foundation has been actively participating in the Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network (AEGN) and because of the networking capabilities, has enabled us to work with groups like the Mullum Trust and private donors Ann and Bruce McGregor to co-fund projects. There is no shortage of good projects to fund, particularly around environmental education, and I am always willing to help groups or individuals find what they are looking for.

landscape restoration

We are endeavouring to engage funders and government in our approach to landscape restoration in SE Australia - the focus being on community driven whole of landscape projects that have the ability to engage private landholders. For us, landscape restoration is not necessarily about large-scale tree planting, but primarily about people and process, especially in the beginning.

This area of funding is where we will continue to place our larger grants and welcome interest from other grant makers.

I am looking forward to working with groups and projects in 2010 and thank the Trustees for their help and guidance.



Connecting Country project becomes an incorporated body. NWF presented the team with framed paintings of the spider orchid by local artist Bill McCallum (L to R: NWF EO Beth Mellick, Doug Ralph, artist Bill McCallum, Bernard Slattery, Marie Jones, and NWF Trustee Geoff Park)



Annual Memorial Lecture

Memorial Lecture Series

Held annually in the third week of November, the aim of the Norman Wettenhall Memorial Lecture series is to promote dialogue and debate in the environmental arena around the 'big picture' questions that are so often drowned out by the day to day disasters and the mainstream's preoccupation with celebrity sound bites.

The lectures are hosted by the Norman Wettenhall Foundation in association with Birds Australia, the Trust for Nature and Museum Victoria - all organisations that champion the environment and with which Norman was intimately involved, either as a chairperson or a trustee.

2009 Lecture

Taking the Long View - vision and transformation in an age of change

Speakers: Leon Costermans, Professor John Wiseman, Robyn Edwards

From space, our planet is a symphony of blue and green amidst swirling clouds. We often forget that the earth's land and oceans have not always been so benign. Life on earth has faced huge challenges in the past, from volcanism and ice ages to the sudden death following a meteor impact. Leon Costermans, well known environmental author and botanist, is about to publish a new book on geology and landscapes. As our first speaker, Leon set the scene with his graphic exposition of the underlying geological influences that have shaped the structure and content of south-east Australia's natural living environment.

There have been several major extinctions in the earth's past. Now we confront an enormous challenge of our own making. Normal political processes can't cope with this current environmental crisis. It is clear that we need a different sort of leadership, working towards creating and implementing an integrated, sustainable vision of the future.

Our second speaker, Professor John Wiseman, is the director of the McCaughey Centre at the University of Melbourne and the founding chairperson of Safe Climate Australia. He spoke of how we might work together to transform the way we live, giving examples of past inclusive approaches that have successfully negotiated a passage through times of turmoil.

Finally, Robyn Edwards from Trust for Nature provided a practical example of how leadership at the local level can effect landscape change for the better. Robyn is the inaugural recipient of a three year Landscape Restoration Fellowship from the Norman Wettenhall Foundation.

Fellowship

The Norman Wettenhall Foundation is proud to introduce our newest funding stream - the Landscape Restoration Fellowship. The Fellowship was born from our Landscape Restoration Workshops over the last two years, in which participants indicated that financial support for leaders and key people in the field were important factors associated with the success of conservation projects.

The Fellowship aims to make a significant difference to the capacity of a person to achieve the goals of a significant landscape restoration project.

The support of the Fellowship is valued at \$10,000 for up to three years. These funds are for use by the Fellow where this support is not otherwise provided and, in the opinion of the NWF, are likely to make a valuable contribution to the professional development of a person who is a leading participant in efforts to create resilient landscapes.

2009 Fellow

The Norman Wettenhall Foundation is very proud to announce the recipient of the 2009 Landscape Restoration Fellowship. Recognising leadership in the field of landscape restoration in SE Australia, the award has gone to Robyn Edwards.



Robyn Edwards

Robyn is the East Gippsland Regional Manager of Trust for Nature. She has also been instrumental in establishing the first Conservation Management Network in Victoria, the Gippsland Plains CMN. She has worked on the following: The Peregrine Falcon Project, the Scattered Trees Project, the Indigenous Training and Rainforest Restoration Project, the Grassland and Grassy Woodland ecosystems adaptive management trials and research, and various other restoration projects.

Robyn's award will help her to further develop her leadership skills while working for Trust for Nature and landscape restoration. She will be awarded \$10,000 for up to three years to assist with professional development. Robyn can use the money for training, professional development, conferences and travel.

Ms Edwards has already travelled to Kangaroo Island to inspect several restoration and conservation projects as well as a trip to Perth to take part in the SERI Landscape Restoration Conference and a tour of the Australian Wildlife Conservancy projects. We look forward to sharing Robyn's learnings.

Some of the grants awarded in 2008/09

Victorian National Parks Association
'Small Parks' Project
\$15,600

The VNPA is working collaboratively with regional and local conservation groups to build a community register of 'small parks' - areas of public land with good conservation values that are often poorly managed in the reserve system.

The register is to be used by government and community groups when working on landscape restoration and biolink projects, wildlife projects and climate change issues.

Areas to be covered by this grant are south west Victoria, and central Victoria. The VNPA will work with the Connecting Country landscape restoration project currently being run in and around the Mount Alexander Shire in central Victoria.



Entomological Society of Victoria
Moths of Victoria - an illustrated checklist
\$11,000

With this grant, author, Peter Marriott, has produced two beautiful books for those seeking to identify moths around their area. There was no comprehensive species list of moths and butterflies in Victoria, particularly moths.

These publications contain species lists, guides, illustrations and a CD. The first book is *Silk Moths and Allies* and the second is *Tiger Moths and Allies*. Sales of these books will help to fund the remaining books in the series.



Top: Members of the Connecting Country project in the Upper Loddon State Forest (photo: Yasmin Kelsall)

Bottom: Toothed Anthelid (*Anthela denticulata*), Nyora (photo: Peter Marriott)

Warby Range Landcare Group

Pythons, pastures, production
\$8,160

This project has been running since 2005 and is about managing land sustainably for the benefit of the iconic, endangered carpet python.

The aim has been to engage the community, build community capacity, and raise the profile of the python. This grant has funded landholder workshops and events, to provide information and practical tools to implement on ground restoration works for the benefit of the carpet python, including soil kits, species lists, aerial photos and lectures.



University of Melbourne

Is habitat restoration working? Determining and increasing the value of revegetation for biodiversity.
\$4,962

This PhD project by Sacha Jellinek aims to determine the effectiveness of revegetation works for biodiversity - studying numbers and types of vertebrate and invertebrate species in remnants, bare areas, and in corridors.

The study will look at whether to revegetate corridors or to increase remnants. Sacha has worked with Project Hindmarsh, Trust for Nature and the Regent Honeyeater Project.



Invasive Species Council

Understanding invasive species and their threats
\$9,000

These funds will support the publication of a series of short essays exploring key ecological and philosophical issues associated with invasive species.

The writers are Tim Low and Carol Booth, and the published material will be available on their website and will also be distributed to community groups. See www.invasives.org.au.



Top: Peter Mitchell conducting a native grasses ID session as part of the Pythons, Pasture, Production workshop (photo: Janice Mentiplay-Smith)

Middle: Bearded dragon (photo: Sacha Jellinek)

Bottom: An invasive pasture grass from Africa, gamba grass, both promotes fierce tree-killing fires and spreads after fire, a scenario likely to worsen under climate change (photo: Michael Douglas)

Padaminka Nature Refuge
Biodiversity of Sandfly Creek, Mackay
\$7,200

Author Maureen Cooper has produced a magnificent small book on the biodiversity of the Sandfly Creek wetlands in the Whitsunday region, complete with colour photos and information on each bird.

Sandfly Creek is home to a large variety of shorebirds, and the book is intended to raise awareness of the wetlands and to supply the community with a comprehensive resource on their local biodiversity.



Bush Heritage Australia
Jumpin' Flashjacks: recovery of bridled nail-tail wallabies on
Goonderoo Reserve, Queensland
\$8,340

This wallaby was 're-discovered' after being presumed extinct and only 200 are left in the wild. Bush Heritage are wanting to consolidate existing populations in order to save them from extinction. The aim here is to establish the extent to which this wallaby occupies Goonderoo Reserve (owned and managed by BH) using camera traps; improve the quality of habitat using fire management, weed control and regeneration; monitor and control predators; and monitor bridled nail-tail wallaby use of Goonderoo Reserve.



The Hills Shire Council, NSW
'Silent Night' community microbat study
\$4,588

This project aims to develop a community microbat monitoring scheme in order to collect data and provide information to the Council's biodiversity mapping project. Information collected will include the distribution and abundance of each microbat species.

The project will engage the community in biodiversity conservation and will collaborate with other groups to monitor changes in microbat biodiversity over time. The project also aims to provide information to the community via media and workshops. Funds were provided for the necessary monitoring equipment.



Top: Book launch by Councillor Karen May from Mackay Regional Council (left) and author Maureen Cooper (right)

Middle: Bridled nail-tail wallaby (photo: Bush Heritage Australia)

Bottom: Bat identification (photo: Jeff Doring)

landscape restoration projects

The **Connecting Country** project in the Mount Alexander Shire in central Victoria has certainly done us proud. The project was successful in receiving around \$600,000 from the Caring for our Country grants, and after our support over the last 2 years, has become an incorporated body.

The NWF Executive Officer offered this community money for a landscape restoration project back in 2007. They formed a Reference Group and began planning. Connecting Country produced a Biodiversity Blueprint, the document which guided the group and engaged the community. They produced a website and trialled a community web mapper. This mapper enabled the project to gather information about the whereabouts of fauna and flora on private land, leading to their successful federal government funding application.

It is our belief that financial support is needed at the beginning of a project to gather all parties together at the one table – to create a shared vision for their landscape, and to do it without the influence from any one group or government body. This is what we believe is a true 'bottom up' process and Connecting Country stands as our flagship landscape restoration project.



Beth and the NWF Trustees pore over maps with Maurie Dynon from the Guildford Landcare Group - a prominent member of Connecting Country (striped jacked)

In 2009 we began supporting the **Otway Agroforestry Network (OAN)**. OAN teamed up with the Upper Barwon Landcare Network to run a biolink-type project called 'Otways to the Divide – linking living landscapes and people'.

This joint initiative aims to create and enhance multipurpose biolinks using an extensive program of landholder education and innovative land management techniques delivered through focus farm groups.

The OAN's Peer Group Mentoring program is of particular interest to the Foundation and we hope to share this information with our other landscape restoration projects.

The Upper Barwon Landcare Network is also going to engage with the interactive mapping facilities provided by Spatial Vision and successfully trialled by the Connecting Country team.

Both groups have a solid history of leading community projects and we look forward to working with them into the future.

The **JARR Project** in Gippsland is all set to release their Biodiversity Blueprint document, after extensive landholder engagement, GISing and production of maps.

The H11 and H12 Community Action Group around Lake Bolac have carried out some survey work on ground water and distributed that information to landholders and other interested parties as part of their Salinity Footprint project. They have been busy doing fencing work on waterways this year and have a new grant to work on riparian vegetation and biodiversity.

We look forward to our continued relationship with these projects.

RE Ross Trust

Victorian Small Rural Grants Scheme, July 2008 to June 2009

The following projects have been proudly funded through the RE Ross Trust Victorian Small Rural Grants Scheme, as administered by The Norman Wettenhall Foundation.

Australian Platypus Conservancy

Development of a community-based monitoring program for platypus
\$7,690

This project will expand on a night trapping survey trial of platypus, into a wider community-based monitoring program.

Funds will be used to develop the methodology, roll out four other model programs, identify locations and potential partner organisations, hold information sessions, collate and analyse sightings data, publicise results and carry out a review.



H11 and H12 Community Action Group

Fiery Creek stream health: Chinaman's Swamp sub-catchment Project
\$8,000

This project in the Lake Bolac area proposes to undertake ongoing research to provide conclusive data on ground water salinisation, thereby providing information for use by the wider community in catchment management.

The community is concerned with the levels of salt reaching Lake Bolac from sub-catchments extruding salt to Fiery Creek which feeds the lake. The community is also concerned how salinity and sub-soil salinity are likely to affect agriculture, biodiversity and flora and fauna - particularly in the creek and lake. Results will be widely distributed to the community and future restoration works planned as this work is part of a large landscape restoration project.

Note: Trustee Bill Weatherly is a member of the H11 and H12 Group. He leaves the room whenever the NWF Board discusses this project.



*Top: Male juvenile platypus (photo: Geoff Williams)
Bottom: Salinity testing (photo: Bill Sharp)*

University of Ballarat

Evaluation of past habitat restoration efforts
\$5,000

After considerable investment in land restoration activities across the state, there is a need for ecological auditing. This project will look at past restoration works and assess: whether plant diversity and physiognomy involved help regenerate indigenous flora; how the site now benefits from an internal resilience; to what extent does the planting density and species mix influence the rate of natural recruitment? The study will use sites in western Victoria and include Leigh Creek, Glenelg River and the Surrey River.



Zoos Victoria

Return of the phasmid
\$10,000

Six years ago the Lord Howe Island stick insect was re-discovered (from extinction) and relocated to the Melbourne Zoo for a breeding program. After successfully breeding, the zoo now houses the largest collection of the Lord Howe Island stick insect in the world and insects have been returned to the island.

In order to restore a viable population of the insect to the island, the Melbourne Zoo has devised a unique, hands on education program. Schools will take part in looking after breeding insects for 18 months, being mentored by the zoo staff. The objective is then to release the insects back to Lord Howe Island. The grant will supply 25 schools across Victoria each with the kit needed to participate. The RE Ross Trust funded \$5,000 which will go towards implementing the scheme in rural schools and the NWF funded the other \$5,000.



Other projects funded by the Victorian Small Rural Grants Scheme this year include:

Hindmarsh Landcare Network

Biolink benefits – Hindmarsh community monitoring program
\$5,000

Regent Honeyeater Project

Habitat restoration for threatened species in the Lurg Hills
\$5,000

Broken Boosey Conservation Management Network

Monitoring the impact of fox control on the survival rates of bush stone-curlews
\$8,000

Top: Student doing survey work (photo: S.K.Florentine)

Bottom: Lord Howe Island stick insect (photo: Zoos Victoria)

report on distributions

Total Grants 2008-2009

FOUNDATION GRANTS

Australian National University - Eastern chestnut mice in the post-fire environment	4,814.50
Invasive Species Council, Inc - Understanding invasive species and their threats	9,000
Entomological Society of Victoria - Moths of Victoria - an illustrated checklist	11,000
Victorian National Parks Association - 'Small parks' project	15,600
Conservation Council, ACT Region - Gungahlin interactive	10,000
Latrobe University - Our forgotten pollinators: the importance of native bees as pollinators for four pea species in the Victorian midlands	5,000
University of Melbourne - Is habitat restoration working? Determining and increasing the value of revegetation for biodiversity.	4,962
Warby Range Landcare Group - Pythons, pastures, production	8,160
Padaminka Nature Refuge - Biodiversity of Sandfly Creek, Mackay	7,200
Regent Honeyeater Project - Habitat restoration for threatened species in the Lurg Hills (2 grants)	25,000
James Cook University, Cairns - Insect pollinators in natural and agricultural ecosystems in Australia's tropics	5,000
Greening Australia (ACT) - A long term birdseye view of revegetation on farms	10,000
The University of Sydney - Direct and indirect consequences of predation on the common ringtail possum	4,728
Australian Network for Plant Conservation Inc (ANPC) - Publication of <i>Minding our own biodiversity</i> (papers and outcomes from the ANPC's 2nd National Forum)	4,675
The Australian National University - Combining the old with the new: Aboriginal knowledge and satellite technology address the plight of a threatened species, the Australian bustard, in the Australian tropical savannas	5,000
Bush Heritage Australia - Jumpin' flashjacks: recovery of bridled nail-tail wallabies on Goonderoo Reserve, Queensland	8,340
The Hills Shire Council - 'Silent Night' community microbat study	4,588
Wellstead Historical and Heritage Committee - Wellstead taxidermy display	5,215
Zoos Victoria - Return of the phasmid	5,000
TOTAL FOUNDATION GRANTS	\$153,282.50

RE ROSS TRUST VICTORIAN RURAL SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

Australian Platypus Conservancy - Development of a community-based monitoring program for platypus	7,690
H11 and H12 Community Action Group - Fiery Creek stream health: Chinaman's Swamp sub-catchment Project	8,000
Broken Boosey Conservation Management Network - Monitoring the impact of fox control on the survival rates of bush stone-curlews	8,000
Regent Honeyeater Project - Habitat restoration for threatened species in the Lurg Hills	5,000
University of Ballarat - Evaluation of past habitat restoration efforts	5,000
Zoos Victoria - Return of the phasmid	5,000
Hindmarsh Landcare Network - biolink benefits – Hindmarsh community monitoring program	5,000
TOTAL RE ROSS TRUST VICTORIAN SMALL RURAL GRANT SCHEME	\$43,690

LANDSCAPE RESTORATION GRANTS

Connecting Country and the Castlemaine Field Naturalists Club - Swift parrot DVD (support from Melliodora Fund)	6,100
Connecting Country - Project worker and community engagement	30,000
Otway Agroforestry Network - Project worker and community engagement	30,000
TOTAL LANDSCAPE RESTORATION GRANTS	\$66,100

LANDSCAPE RESTORATION FELLOWSHIPS

Robyn Edwards	10,000
TOTAL LANDSCAPE RESTORATION FELLOWSHIPS	\$10,000

financial report 2009

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2009

INVESTMENTS	\$
Shares and notes quoted on prescribed stock exchange (cost \$2,290,762)	2,680,035
<i>Market Value as per Australian International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS)</i>	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	2,680,035
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	385,662
Trade and other receivables	69,803
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	455,465
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	
Other assets - office equipment	2,723
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	2,723
TOTAL ASSETS	3,138,223
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Provision for holiday pay	4,970
Trade and other payables	13,219
TOTAL LIABILITIES	18,189
NET ASSETS	3,120,034
ACCUMULATED FUNDS	
Capital gifts	1,599,676
Capital profits	1,004,331
Retained earnings	126,754
Reserves on revaluation	389,273
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS	3,120,034
INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008	
REVENUE	
Donations/gifts received	68,390
Income from investments	20,421
Other income	-
TOTAL INCOME	88,811
TOTAL GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES	96,549
NET PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	(7,738)
Distributions (grants to individuals and institutions)	273,073
UNDISTRIBUTED INCOME	(280,811)

donations

The Norman Wettenhall Foundation is a charitable trust with tax deductible status. Donations that extend the Foundation's ability to augment the wellbeing of the Australian natural living environment are always gratefully received.

The Norman Wettenhall Foundation is a leading agent of community-driven landscape restoration in south-east Australia. Since its inception, the Foundation has made grants of over \$1.5 million to support biodiversity conservation projects all over Australia.

Help us to make a difference by supporting the work of the Foundation. If ever there was a time to give, that time is now.

You can make a donation by sending a cheque made out to:
The Norman Wettenhall Foundation.

Many thanks go out to this year's private donors, many of whom are regular supporters.

Brian and Diana Snape	\$10,000
Joan Wettenhall	2,000
Dame Elisabeth Murdoch	1,000
Professor Carrick Chambers	250
Penelope and Murray Johns	100
Lynton and Susan Morgan	100
Harvey Wettenhall Lade	50
Julia Hurley	50
Alan Henry	50

Grants tied to specific projects or funding streams:

RE Ross Trust	\$55,000
Melliodora Fund (sub-fund of Melbourne Community Foundation)	6,100

trustees

Thanks go out to The Norman Wettenhall Foundation Trustees. They are a dedicated group of knowledgeable volunteers who make decisions on granting, policy and finances.

Congratulations go to Geoff Park who has won a number of awards this year, including the prestigious Eureka Prize by the Australian Museum. The award was for research by an interdisciplinary team with their project INFFER: Investment Framework for Environmental Resources.

We welcome new Trustees Brian Snape, Peter Howie and John Bate to the team. They now make up the Foundation's Finance Committee and are providing us with expert advice on financial matters.



Gib Wettenhall



Geoff Park



Bill Weatherly



Sarah Ewing



Adam Wettenhall



Digby Race



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