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**Project Numbat Incorporated
Annual Report 2009-10**

Mission

Community awareness and involvement in the conservation of our unique mammal emblem.

Objectives

1. To enhance efforts to conserve the numbat and its natural habitat.
2. To assist the Numbat Recovery Team with conservation activities including research and reintroduction programs.
3. To assist in the protection and restoration of current and former numbat habitat.
4. To promote and assist landholder participation in feral animal control programs, in cooperation with the relevant Government Agencies.
5. To promote and assist community awareness of the numbat and the need to support its recovery via the media, schools, local shows etc.
6. Develop collaborations with other community organisations and action groups with similar objectives to pool resources to achieve identified outcomes.
7. To undertake fundraising activities to support numbat conservation.
8. Undertaking education and community awareness programs promoting the significance of the numbat and its habitat.
9. Supporting on-ground work that directly assists the conservation of the numbat and its associated habitat.
10. To establish and maintain a public fund to be called the Numbat Conservation Fund for the specific purpose of supporting the objectives of Project Numbat.

Executive Committee Members 2009-10

CHAIRPERSON

Daniel Scarparolo (January 2010–June 2010)
Vicki Power (May 2009–October 2010)

VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Jasmine Ferguson (October 2009–June 2010)
Lesley Wall (May 2009–October 2009)

SECRETARY

Janet Reid

TREASURER

Eva Wiehl (January 2010–June 2010)
Daniel Scarparolo (May 2009–January 2010)

COMMITTEE

Nola Edgar (until February 2010)
Dani Jose
Renee Kruger
Emily Trainer
Sean Van Alphen
Lesley Wall

REPRESENTATIVES

Christine Cooper: Curtin University
Susanne Dennings: Malleefowl Preservation Group
Tony Friend: Dept of Environment and Conservation
Manda Page: Australian Wildlife Conservancy
Vicki Power – Representation Coordinator

Chairman's Report and the Year that Was

Support for the Department of Environment and Conservation

In the 2009-10 financial year we provided the Department of Environment and Conservation with \$1500 to fund an aerial survey for radio-collared Numbats in Coconarup. This was the second survey Project Numbat funded and topped off \$5500 provided to DEC for Numbat recovery work since Project Numbat began in 2006. We are continuing with our support of DEC in a financial capacity and commenced a fundraiser for radio collars for the December 2010 release of captive-born Numbats.

Our members assisted DEC with on-the-ground radio-tracking efforts in October 2009. This annual event is a favourite of our members and takes place in Dryandra Woodland over two weeks as volunteers track Numbats in the area.

We are also hoping to help DEC by developing Numbat survey teams to determine numbers of Numbats in areas that haven't been surveyed for some time. The planning for this project is in the early stages but we intend to mobilise teams of members to search for Numbats in sites such as Dryandra, Perup and Batalling. The aim is to build a better picture of the wild Numbat population. More information on this program will be available as it is developed.

Termite Surveys at Mt Gibson

In August 2009 and May 2010, Project Numbat members travelled to the Australian Wildlife Conservancy's Mt Gibson site to participate in termite surveys. Mt Gibson is set to become AWC's newest sanctuary and it is hoped Numbats will find a home here. However, before this can be determined, the area must be surveyed for the Numbat's food source – termites. Surveys took place in winter and summer weather to get a good idea of the termite numbers. In July 2009 489 galleries were found while in May 2010 only 152 were found. The May survey was intended to be during warmer weather, however, it happened to be a cold month which may explain the lower numbers of termites found. As the Mt Gibson project progresses, Project Numbat is keen to remain involved.

Education Program

On the awareness raising side of our operations, we completed an education program for primary school children. Two packages have been developed: one for kindergarten to year 3, and another for years 4 to 7. The packages include presentations designed for each phase of development, and pre- and post-activities. This is a significant achievement for Project Numbat and is a particular area of focus for the organisation. The program was first used on 28 June to a group of year 1 students who responded positively to the presentation and activities. The next phase in our education program is to develop packages for secondary school and community groups. Thank you to Sophia Spencer and the Education Sub-committee for their work in developing this impressive resource.



Numbat with pouch young in Dryandra.

Events

We attended a number of events over the year, including the Narrogin Show, World Animal Day at Perth Zoo and Quiz on Legs at Kings Park, as well as hosting our own weekend getaway for about 25 members to Dryandra Woodland in May 2010. This was a great opportunity for us to get into the Numbat's home territory and explore. Thanks to Tony Friend from DEC we even came up-close to a radio-collared female Numbat and her four pouch young. This was definitely a highlight in a very successful weekend. We hope to these weekend trips on a regular basis.

Tax Deductibility Application

Project Numbat submitted an application to be on the Register of Environmental Organisations which will entitle us to tax deductibility status. It has been a long process to pull together the application which included holding a special general meeting to alter our constitution in October 2009 and create a board of management to oversee the Numbat Conservation Fund, however, we are very glad it has been submitted. Thanks must go to Janet Reid and Karen Rusten for their hard work on this important requirement for our organisation. We are hopeful that being able to offer people the opportunity to make their donations tax deductible will make us a very attractive option for them to donate to.

Farewell to Committee Members

We said goodbye to a few committee members last year including Lauren Hinkley, Nola Edgar and the founder of Project Numbat, Vicki Power. Vicki was instrumental in the establishment of Project Numbat in 2006 and her expertise regarding Numbats and their conservation helped the group leap forward in its mission. While Vicki is no longer chairperson, she remains involved with Project Numbat, as the coordinator between the committee and our representative appointees. Vicki is also Project Numbat's representative on the Numbat Recovery Team and she maintains an active role in the education sub-committee.

Numbat Recovery Team

Project Numbat attended the two Numbat Recovery Team meetings held in 2009-10. This group is made up of DEC, AWC, Perth Zoo, Arid Recovery and Project Numbat. Its purpose is to recommend recovery actions for the Numbat's survival. We are proud to be a part of this team as it helps us to target our activities where they are most required. Sadly, the Numbat is continuing to suffer declines in the wild mostly due to feral predators (cats and foxes). The next few years are going to be critical for the marsupial and Project Numbat is going to ensure it plays a key role in raising awareness of the Numbat and contributing to its conservation.

Finally, thank you to the past and present committee for their hard work throughout 2009-10. We have a big year ahead of us.

Daniel Scarparolo
Chairman



Termite Survey Team in Mt Gibson.

Treasurer's Report

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2010

	2010		2009
Assets			
Bankwest Business Bonus Account	13,218.11		7,012.34
Westpac	595.66		-
Westpac Numbat Conservation Fund	1.00		-
Petty Cash	2.05		2.05
Float	50.00		50.00
Stock on Hand	1,413.00		1,304.75
Total Assets	15,279.82		8,369.14
Liabilities			
Equity			
Profit Earned this year	6,910.68		2,090.84
Retained Earnings	8,369.14		6,278.30
	15,279.82	-	8,369.14

Treasurer's Report (continued)

Profit and Loss for the Period 1 May 2009 to 30 June 2010

	2010		2009
Income			
Merchandise sales	1,978.00		2,109.50
Opening Stock	1,304.75		1,460.84
Purchases	458.70		1,054.98
Closing Stock	(1,413.00)		(1,304.75)
Cost of sales	350.45		1,211.07
Net Sales	1,627.55		898.43
Memberships	5,464.00		2,500.00
Marketing and Promo	-		550.00
Donations	1,223.75		1,349.95
Fundraising	5,231.35		2,676.15
Funding	300.00		797.00
Unaccounted	(13.20)		50.00
Bank interest	0.01		-
Total income	13,833.46	-	8,821.53
Expenses			
Administration	1,485.09		1,317.87
Donations	250.00		-
Fundraising	2,541.09		1,171.66
Funding	2,450.00		2,500.00
Bank fees	31.60		71.80
Marketing and Promo	165.00		1,669.36
Total Expenses	6,922.78		6,730.69
Net Income	6,910.68		2,090.84

Independent Auditor's Report

To the members of Project Numbat Incorporated

I have in accordance with the scope, which has engaged me to check the financial report of Project Numbat Incorporated audited the accompanying financial report, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2010, and the income statement for the year ended 30 June 2010. The scope did not require me to form an opinion, however I have found the financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of Project Numbat Incorporated as at 30 June 2010 and of its financial performance for the year then ended. I have not formed a view on the 2009 comparative figures presented.

The Committee of Project Numbat Incorporated is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the financial report is appropriate to meet the reporting requirements of the constitution and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Committee's responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report.

As part of the audit I found that receipts are not always issued for merchandise sales. I recommend going forward wherever possible Project Numbat Incorporated consider issuing receipts for all merchandise sales made to comply with section 7(C) of the constitution. This will also enable Project Numbat Incorporated to ensure that all merchandise sales are complete and accurate.

I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

In conducting the audit, I have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.



Nayna Raniga CA

6 September 2010

Memberships

Memberships have continued to grow over the year. At the end of June 2010, we had 125 members. The introduction of a three-tier membership product at last year's AGM has seen many people take up the three and five-year option. Both represent a saving to our members but also aid us in maintaining members over a longer period and reducing administration.

Project Numbat Online

Project Numbat's website continues to be a useful portal for the dissemination of information, news, activities and business related functions (donations, merchandise, memberships). The website received 9,303 visits from 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010, which is an increase of 33% over the same period last year.

We also launched a Facebook Fan Page and Twitter account for Project Numbat which are growing in popularity and increasing our profile. Information about our activities and upcoming events is posted to these two sites (and our website) to maximise our exposure.

Fundraising

Rostrata Primary School held two fundraising barbecues for us in December 2009 which were a huge success. As well as raising funds, we talked to a lot of people about the work we do. Thank you to Rostrata for asking us along and giving us such a wonderful avenue to let children (and their parents) know about the Numbat. This is the second year we have held these barbecues at Rostrata Primary School and look forward to doing so again next year. Thank you to Supa IGA Innaloo and Schweppes for their donations of food items.

Fundraising with Cadbury's Chocolates continues to be a high earner for Project Numbat.

Special Thanks

Hilton Veterinary Clinic has been a great support to us by displaying a Project Numbat donation tin in their reception area. This is a great help to us in our fundraising and exposure and thank you for your support.

Thank you to all our donors for contributing that little bit more to our organisation. Every little bit counts and we are rapidly working towards our inclusion on the Register of Environmental Organisations so we can achieve tax deductibility status.

Thanks to Perth Zoo, Project Numbat is able to hold its monthly meetings in a location that is central to our committee, well equipped and, best of all, free of charge. Project Numbat values Perth Zoo's support and the close relationship between the two organisations.

Thank you to Nayna Raniga for auditing the Project Numbat accounts this year free of charge.