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This year marks many milestones for the Tasmanian Land Conservancy – the single largest philanthropic investment in conservation in Australia's history through the New Leaf project, the TLC's 10th year of operation, the setting of a bold but achievable 2050 vision for Tasmania and this month, a transition in leadership.

Nathan Males has been an outstanding leader for the TLC. One of three co-founders, his passion, commitment and personal vision for conservation on private land in this state has been truly extraordinary. As a consequence, the TLC is what it is today, an organisation with a solid foundation and an exciting future.

It is an absolute honour to follow in his footsteps. This month, Nathan is retiring from his official duties as CEO of the TLC and passing the baton on to me. Nathan has pledged to continue his support and for that we are all enormously grateful.

I have been involved with the TLC almost since its inception when in 2002 Nathan invited me to become a part of this amazing organisation. I was a lawyer in private practice then and, in

my spare time, helped establish the TLC's constitutional and financial documents. I was the President of the TLC from 2004 to 2007 and joined the TLC staff in August 2009.

I have always been passionate about conservation. One of my earliest conservation memories is searching for orchids and Forty-spotted pardalotes in the Crown Land Reserve of white gums forest bordering my childhood home in Kettering in Tasmania's south. My undergraduate degree was combined in both Environmental Science and Law. I am also passionate about people and communities and our rights and responsibilities – particularly as we relate to our natural environment.

It is a joy and a privilege to be a part of an organisation that has achieved so much over the last ten years. Our vision and plan for the future is enormously exciting and we have a very talented group of people in our fabulous volunteer board, professional staff, dedicated volunteers and incredible supporters who together will turn that vision into a reality.

**Jane Hutchinson**



Skullbone Plains and the World Heritage Area



Skullbone Plains flora on a crisp April morning

Photo: Matthew Newton

Photo: Andy Townsend, Nature Photographers Tasmania

## TLC 2010-2011 year in review - highlights

The tenth year of operation of the TLC was a significant milestone and it has been a privilege to lead the organisation through its early years of development to this point.

This year's New Leaf project, which aims to redevelop a working forestry estate as a working conservation estate, is an extremely exciting project. I join our president Peter Bosworth in thanking all those involved and particularly Jan Cameron, Rob and Sandy Purves and Graeme Wood for their leadership of the New Leaf project.

The ten-year milestone has presented an opportunity to look forward. The TLC, with input from staff, volunteers, supporters and partner organisations, has recently concluded a major strategic planning process based around a vision for Tasmania to be a global leader in conservation and sustainability. Copies of the TLC Strategic Plan are available from our website or please contact us for more details.

Tasmania already holds one of the world's most advanced reserve systems covering around 44 per cent of the state's land. Through work over the last two years with partners in state government, we have identified the state's remaining unreserved areas of highest conservation value. These areas include native grasslands, woodlands, wetlands, forests and river systems, the majority of which occur on private land.

By working cooperatively with land-owners to identify and conserve areas of land with the highest conservation value,

Tasmania has the potential to show global leadership in the development of a system of reserves to provide safe habitat for the perpetual protection of our native flora and fauna.

The TLC's 2010-2011 Annual Report (available on our website or by contacting us) outlines our work towards achieving the six goals identified in our strategic plan:

- establishing a world-class system of reserves;
- striving for excellence in reserve management;
- building Tasmania as a centre for conservation knowledge and expertise;
- seeking innovative approaches to conservation;
- working with the community;
- striving for organisational excellence.

I am pleased to report that in 2010-2011 the TLC has made progress in each of these key areas as well as laying the foundations for achieving significant conservation goals over the next decade.

### A world-class system of reserves

In 2009 the TLC and the Department of Primary Industry, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) developed a systematic approach to conservation planning. This approach identified "focal landscapes" where conservation management is strategically important to conserve our most precious biodiversity on private land across Tasmania - as

reserves, or as elements within broader sustainable production systems.

In 2010-2011 we have continued to build our permanent reserves, revolving fund, and Protected Areas on Private Land (PAPL) programs in line with this strategic view of the ecological landscape.

We now have ten TLC permanent reserves, covering a total of 3398 ha. Nine of these reserves border other protected areas and contain at least 51 threatened plant and animal species. Our revolving fund has sold five properties in 2010-2011, purchased a further six and signed contracts on another five. The PAPL Program has had an exceptional year resulting in 17 covenants, including five as part of the Woodland Birds Project. These covenanted areas help to protect ten threatened ecological communities, 12 threatened animals and 13 threatened plants.

### Excellence in reserve management

In line with our increased landcare responsibilities resulting from the New Leaf purchase, a wide range of planning and maintenance activities have been undertaken in the last twelve months. We have expanded our in-house expertise and extended our network of conservation partnerships.

In 2010-2011 we received 565 volunteer days of help both on and off our reserves, amounting to \$131,520. This tremendous support of time and skills is greatly appreciated.



Common wombat - resident of Skullbone Plains permanent reserve



International student volunteers at Long Point

Photo: Andy Townsend, Nature Photographers Tasmania

Photo: Tim Devereux

## Year in review (continued)

### Centre for knowledge

This year the TLC set a new goal: to contribute to Tasmania becoming a centre for knowledge for biodiversity conservation and planning. The associated activities in making progress towards that goal are therefore also new.

We held initial discussions towards establishing an internationally recognised Protected Area Institute to up-skill Tasmanian protected area practitioners and to provide leadership for the sector across Australasia.

### Innovative approaches to conservation

Achieving long-term conservation outcomes requires us to explore new ways of 'doing business' to adapt to changing opportunities and issues. This is particularly the case where conservation values are interwoven with other landscape values such as food and fibre production, or energy generation. The TLC is working in collaboration with many partners to develop new models of practical sustainability such as the Midlandscapes and Biodiversity Offsets programs.

Initiated in 2007, Midlandscapes is a partnership between the TLC, Bush Heritage Australia and DPIWPE. It is a long-term program of action to protect up to 64,000 ha of key conservation assets on private land in the Tasmanian midlands.

2010-2011 saw the incorporation of the

Midlands Conservation Fund (MCF) which will be managed as a perpetual fund. The MCF's annual earnings will be used to establish long-term agreements with landowners to manage critically important conservation assets. The MCF has a dedicated governance structure that expresses to the community and donors our long-term commitment to the midlands.

The fund gratefully acknowledges the very generous support of the Myer Foundation Fund and Sidney Myer Fund 2009 Commemorative Grants Program, John T Reid Charitable Trust, and private donors.

Additionally, during 2010-2011 we continued to pursue the small but potential growth business opportunity of biodiversity offsets. As part of this program the TLC secured nine covenants to protect eagle habitat across 268 ha.

### Working with the community

This year the focus of the TLC's effort to provide opportunities and mechanisms for communities and individuals to achieve conservation has been the very exciting New Leaf project.

Fund-raising for this project and for the TLC's other conservation work has been an unparalleled success. A total of \$6,497,414 has been received in donations. Of that \$4.6 million was generously donated by Jan Cameron's Elsie Cameron Foundation. Over one million dollars was raised for the acquisition of the magnificent Skullbone Plains with

leading gifts from the Purves Environmental Fund and the Graeme Wood Foundation. This acquisition was also supported with funding from the Australian Government's 'Caring for our Country'. Further donations of nearly \$500,000 were received in this financial year for other conservation purposes.

Over this financial year we established another five individual funds as part of the TLC Foundation. The Fund now totals \$1,856,111 and the income derived provides for the long-term management of all TLC permanent reserves. A special thank you to those special supporters who are ensuring the TLC's conservation work remains viable.

### Organisational excellence

The TLC seeks to achieve best practice in governance and administration at minimal cost. To this end we have been working with our auditors to improve financial audit readiness each year.

Additionally the TLC's voluntary board continues to take its governance responsibilities very seriously. This year it conducted a governance assessment using the McKinsey Not For Profit Board Self Assessment. The results rated the TLC in the 'good' to 'distinctive' rating.

All our results have been made possible through cross-community support and I want to thank every individual, organisation and the Australian and Tasmanian governments who have made financial and in-kind contributions to the TLC's work.

Nathan Males



TLC Flat Rock reserve adjoining the Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary, southern midlands



Rose Boylan, Morgan Febey, Eva Kline and Kate Johnson from Devonport High School

## The TLC 10 year celebrations

We would love to have you and your family and friends join us on **Saturday 29th October**, between 9:30am and 5pm to celebrate the ten-year anniversary of the TLC at the Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary, adjoining the TLC's Flat Rock Reserve, near Bagdad, southern midlands.

Our vision for the future is for Tasmania to be a global leader in conservation and sustainability and whilst this vision is grand, it is incredibly important for us to celebrate what we have already achieved together.

The day will be a family-oriented affair with guided walks, children's events, bush BBQ and hopefully lovely balmy spring weather.

**Guided Walks:** Bring footwear that is suitable for walking on uneven or slippery surfaces. Also please bring a small day pack containing, sunhat, sunscreen, raincoat, jumper, snacks, lunch and drinking water. The tracks are easy walking with some climbs requiring moderate fitness and mobility.

### 10am - 2:30pm

Chauncy Vale to TLC Flat Rock Reserve lookout

### 11am - 2pm

The caves and Guvvy's Lagoon.

### 1pm - 2:30pm

Children's cave walk, including the secret cave.

### 2pm - 4pm

The Chauncy Vale house will be open to visitors for a \$2 donation per person.

### Additional activities:

#### 12pm - 3:30pm

In the undercover picnic area we will be hosting a bush BBQ with salads, wine, beer and soft drinks, served by the TLC team (gold coin donations gratefully accepted).

#### 2:45pm - 3:15pm

Official launch of Chauncy Vale's new interpretation panels.

#### 3:15pm - 4:30pm

At the hut we will be screening the film "They found a cave" released in 1962. Based on the novel by Nan Chauncy written in 1948, and inspired by Chauncy Vale, the movie tells the story of a young girl and her brothers who are evacuated from WWII England to Tasmania. Finding themselves in unfamiliar surroundings, in the care of "nasty old Ma Pinner" they hatch a plot to escape to a secret cave.

Hot drinks and children's face painting also available during the day.

**Parking:** Available on site.

**RSVP:** Please RSVP for the guided walks and for catering purposes by Thursday 20 October on (03) 6225 1399 or email [info@tasland.org.au](mailto:info@tasland.org.au).

We very much look forward to seeing you and your family and friends.

## Devonport High

Four Devonport High School students, Eva Kline, Rose Boylan, Morgan Febey and Kate Johnson, have developed an innovative and eco-friendly way to raise money for the New Leaf project by gathering used printer cartridges from the community and selling them to the Tasmanian Printer Cartridge Company.

Manager Paul French has agreed to purchase refillable cartridges for \$5 each, and to recycle any that cannot be re-used. The students have so far raised \$350 towards their \$735 goal.

This exciting project is an outstanding example of how young people can play an important role in preserving Tasmania's natural heritage.

Thank you girls and Paul for your initiative!

## Brian Barry 1940 - 2011

The TLC was very saddened to learn of the death of Brian Barry, TLC Treasurer from 2003 to 2006.

Brian - father of Karen Barry, who is married to Nathan Males, was a very important member of the TLC board in the early years. He was an accountant by profession and gladly donated his expertise to the TLC to ensure best practice in our financial reporting from the very beginning.

Described by many as the true essence of a "gentle man", he will be sadly missed by family and friends.

We are grateful to the following organisations for their support in recent months



## Properties for sale

By choosing to purchase property from the Tasmanian Land Conservancy you make an exciting, positive contribution towards conserving Tasmania's unique biodiversity. The TLC has selected every property primarily for its high ecological value, but each property offers an existing home or an attractive home site. Together, we build a network of areas cherished by owners for their natural values.

For more information please visit [www.tasland.org.au](http://www.tasland.org.au) and follow the [Property for sale](#) and [Property maps](#) links.

### Mount Arthur, Underwood

Mount Arthur is 28 kms from Launceston, overlooking the township of Lilydale. It is on the edge of the north-east wine region.

The tall wet eucalypt mountain forest features endangered wet White gum forest and permanent tree fern lined creeks which are home to endangered burrowing crayfish.

There are five property lots for sale on the lower slopes ranging from 18 to 42 ha.

Each property offers an attractive home site with a northerly aspect, good road access and views out to the valleys below and the surrounding forest and mountains.

A conservation covenant will protect the forest and its native plants and animals apart from 1 to 2 ha which will be excluded for the house or other development. These building areas are all located on land where the forest has been clear-felled in the past by the former owners.

*Prices range from \$65,000 to \$95,000 Contact Rod Pearse: 0429 179 100*



### Billy Blue Hill, Nubeena\*

This 46 ha of forested land on the Tasman Peninsula is only 4 kms from Nubeena and about 100 kms from the Hobart central business district. It has virtual coast frontage, level access off Roaring Beach Road into a cleared, sunny house site and spectacular coastal views. It is an ideal base for exploring the many recreational opportunities in the area and for the keen surfer, as it is only two minutes drive from Roaring Beach.

The native vegetation includes significant areas of Tasmanian Blue gum dry forest and Black peppermint and Silver peppermint forests on sandstone. The Silver peppermint forest also extends over a further 50% of the block on dolerite. All vegetation is in excellent natural condition throughout. An area fronting Roaring Beach Road has been previously cleared, giving good level access to the property.

This property offers excellent habitat for a number of threatened bird species, including the White-bellied sea eagle, Wedge-tailed eagle and Swift parrot, with a known active sea eagle nest in the area, making it an ideal location for bird watching enthusiasts.

*Offers around \$400,000*

*Contact Jim Mulcahy: 0424 505 184*



## Ben Nevis, Upper Blessington

Tall mountain forest on the side of Ben Nevis extending to the edge of the tree line with spectacular views. Experience the sense of isolation yet be within easy driving distance of Launceston, only 57 kms north. Play a role in restoring native forest after logging.

Two separate titles each of 121 ha.

*Offers around \$140,000 for each*

*Contact Rod Pearse: 0429 179 100*



## Shiny Grasstrees, Clarence Point\*

This 40 ha private haven conservation lifestyle property is located on the West Tamar near the popular coastal resort of Greens Beach, 40 kms north of Launceston. The property has unique and special values, with a large population of endangered grass trees and an endangered forest community. Access is via sealed road which continues on the Greens Beach at the western side of the entrance to the Tamar river.

Power, water and telephone are all available at the property boundary.

*Offers around \$165,000*

*Contact Rod Pearse: 0429 179 100*



## Roses Tier, Upper Blessington

Tall mountain forest at an altitude of 1000 metres next door to Ben Lomond National Park. Views up into the park and across to other mountains in the northeast highlands. Permanent creeks and mound springs and only 58 kms by road from Launceston.

There are three 40 ha properties for sale.

*Offers around \$75,000 each*

*Contact Rod Pearse: 0429 179 100*



## Apsley River, Bicheno\*

This stunning large conservation lifestyle property is 108 ha of forest and woodland on the outskirts of Bicheno, a seaside town on the east coast of Tasmania. The property is about 190 kms north or a 2.5 hour drive north of Hobart. It adjoins the Apsley River Conservation Area, has virtual frontage to the beautiful Apsley River and is only 4 kms from the entrance to the Douglas-Apsley National Park. The property offers spectacular views of the coast and a sunny, north-facing house site.

*Offers over \$250,000*

*Contact Jim Mulcahy: 0424 505 184*



## Risdon Peppermint, Brighton\*

There are stunning river views on this conservation lifestyle property. This peaceful and private 31 ha property overlooking the Derwent River is only 20 minutes drive north of the Hobart CBD. Forest and woodland cover most of the property, which contains a population of rare Risdon peppermint. It also has several great house sites and could accommodate small-scale agricultural or pastoral pursuits in the existing fenced paddocks.

*Offers over \$280,000*

*Contact Jim Mulcahy: 0424 505 184*



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*\* These properties were purchased by the Tasmanian Land Conservancy through a Revolving Fund, which is used to buy land with significant conservation values to protect forever through the use of a conservation covenant. The TLC's Revolving Fund is funded from a number of sources. The primary source is the Australian Government's Forest Conservation Fund. Other funding sources include the King Island Natural Resource Management Group and DPIPW. Money raised from the sale of Revolving Fund properties is directed into the purchase of other Revolving Fund properties in Tasmania, extending the value from every dollar within the Fund.*



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