International RiverFoundation
Annual Report 2012/13

Reviving the world’s rivers
About Us

The International River Foundation (IRF) is a not-for-profit organisation helping to revive the world’s rivers and the communities who depend on them. We do this through recognising, rewarding and applying best practice river management and restoration world-wide.

The IRF was established in Brisbane, Australia in April 2003, by a group of individuals and organisations passionate about sustainably managing rivers to achieve improved health, ecological, economic, and social outcomes. The IRF’s current Foundation Partners are Brisbane City, Thiess Pty Ltd, Albrecht Foundation and the Queensland Government.

Our Foundation is best known for awarding the most prestigious global river management award – the Thiess International Riverprize. To date, 15 international prizes have been awarded to the most awe-inspiring examples of river and basin improvements across four continents. In addition to the global prize, 13 Australian Riverprizes have been awarded since 2001 and the first IRF European Riverprize was awarded in 2013.

In addition to prizes, IRF establishes twinning projects between the winners and regions in need across the globe. This emphasis on knowledge exchange is now being enhanced through the International River Symposium which aspires to be a leading global conference focused solely on rivers. Our work in developing countries is augmented by sponsoring river professionals from these regions to attend the International River Symposium and through awarding the Ken Thiess Memorial Scholarship to applicants in developing countries.

In 2013 IRF commenced a process of renewal which has been seen a new Vision created - to become a truly global leader in supporting and fostering best practice river management and restoration, delivering superior economic, social and environmental returns.

Importantly the Plan aims to achieve financial sustainability by 2016-17.

Our Goals

To identify, recognise and reward the exceptional efforts of organisations in river management and restoration.

To catalyse the replication of best practice river management practices in regions of need, promoting long-term relationships for sharing knowledge.

To raise awareness of environmental, economic, social and cultural river values and the importance of integrated river basin management.

To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas, experiences and knowledge on sustainable river management.

To support the corporate social responsibility of companies by facilitating actions and projects in sustainable river basin management.

To promote co-operative, long-term relationships on river management between developing and developed countries.

To help maximise the effectiveness of global action to protect and revive rivers by building partnerships and alliances with organisations seeking similar outcomes worldwide.

To provide tangible and measurable economic, social and environmental outcomes on behalf of our sponsors.

Our Vision

To become a truly global leader in supporting and fostering best practice river management and restoration, delivering superior economic, social and environmental returns.
Since our last Annual Report the IRF has undergone significant changes in management and approach. In addition to the appointment of myself as Interim Chairman, I welcome Dr Nick Schofield as the new CEO, and Ms Leith Boully, Mr Kieren Perkins and Mr Philip Weller as new directors. Mr Weller is an IRF ambassador and will be a formal voice for IRF alumni on the board. I am also very pleased that Mr Martin Albrecht, Prof Bill Dennison, Ms Vicki Pethybridge, Dr Peter Rowley and Mr Michael Wright are continuing as IRF directors.

IRF’s new approach is embodied in a Business Plan covering 2013-14 to 2016-17. This ten-point Plan has already seen a revised IRF Constitution come into being that meets contemporary standards while firmly embedding Brisbane City, Queensland Government, Thiess Pty Ltd and Albrecht Foundation as core entities. The two key aspirations of the Business Plan are to re-engage the IRF with its Brisbane and Queensland roots, and achieve financial sustainability over the three years of the Plan. I am pleased to say that Brisbane City has already responded favourably to IRF’s new approach and pledged funding for three years. The new Plan has also garnered significant philanthropic support from Mrs Vera Thiess, Mr and Mrs Alec and Mary Peden and Mr Martin Albrecht, and additional in-kind support from Thiess Pty Ltd.

IRF is launching a number of exciting initiatives. Foremost amongst these is the International River Symposium which is now being fully managed by IRF. The 2014 event will be in Canberra in September 2014 and in Brisbane in 2015. Other initiatives include enhancement of the IRF program of sponsoring delegates from developing countries and establishing a world-wide IRF Alumni.

IRF is best known for awarding River Prizes to recognize and reward best practice river management and restoration. The 2013 Thiess International River Prize was awarded to the Mara River in Kenya, the first ever River Prize for Africa. This prize was awarded for overcoming significant challenges and collaborating with a raft of diverse stakeholders in order to implement the highly successful Mara River Environmental Management Initiative. The 2013 Australian River Prize was awarded to the Glenlyon Hopkins Catchment Management Authority for ‘innovation, an integrated approach and outstanding community engagement’. And the first ever European River Prize was awarded to the International Commission for Protection of the Rhine, recognising remarkable progress following over 50 years of river degradation and a chemical accident which caused widespread devastation.

I am confident that IRF’s re-birth will strengthen the Foundation and achieve outcomes for international and national river management on a new scale. Despite a tough funding environment for not-for-profits, our clear planning, innovation and focus on achieving environmental, social and economic outcomes will underpin a positive future.

Ms Sallyanne Atkinson AO
Interim Chairman

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As the new CEO to IRF in October 2013, I am heartened by the tremendous support I have received to date in addressing the organisation’s challenges. In particular I would like to acknowledge Martin Albrecht for his unwavering passion and persistence in breathing new life into the organisation and setting an inspiring vision for the future. In my first six months I have relied heavily on ongoing IRF directors, IRF ambassadors and most importantly our excellent and committed staff to advise me in leading the Foundation forward into its second decade.

2012 and 2013 saw good progress made on increasing IRF’s global reach. A major success was the inaugural IRF European RiverPrize which was awarded in Vienna in September 2013 to a sell-out crowd at the European River Restoration Conference gala dinner. This was the first of our new continental River Prizes, to be followed by North America in 2015. New Zealand has recently agreed to an IRF RiverPrize in 2015 and England is exploring its own IRF RiverPrize to feed into the European event.

An important part of winning a River Prize is applying the recognised best practices to countries and catchments in need of them. Ten international twinning projects and six Australian twinning projects have been established to date with three of these in 2012 and 2013. The most recent international twinning is between the Charles River, winner of the 2011 Thiess International RiverPrize, and the Jarabacoa Rivers in the Dominican Republic, focusing largely on the areas of community engagement, water quality and river restoration.

A new major addition to IRF’s core business is management of the International River Symposium recently transferred to us from the International WaterCentre. We have high aspirations for making this a leading global rivers event attractive to all river professionals. As Sallyanne has mentioned, we have some exciting new initiatives in mind which will be the subject of future reports.

Finally we are ever grateful to our dedicated sponsors without whose enthusiasm and passion for better rivers, basins and their communities world-wide, IRF would not exist.

I hope you enjoy the 2012-13 IRF Annual Report and as always look forward to your feedback.

Dr Nicholas Schofield
Chief Executive Officer
The International Riverfoundation wholeheartedly thanks the International, European and Australian:

**International**
- Ms Kerry Olsson, National Water Commission – ACT
- Dr Siwan Lovett, Australian River Restoration Centre – ACT
- Ms Leith Boully (Chair), Healthy Waterways – Qld
- Ms Beate Werner, European Environment Agency - Denmark
- Dr. Klement Tockner, Leibniz-Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries (IGB) - Germany
- Mr Alastair Driver, Environment Agency - UK
- Dr. Gaia Checcucci, Italy

**European**
- Ms Gayle Wood, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority - Canada
- Dr David Garman, University of Wisconsin – United States of America
- Mr Bart Fokkens, European Centre for River Restoration – The Netherlands
- Ms Leith Boully, Healthy Waterways – Australia
- Prof Stuart Bunn, Australian Rivers Institute – Australia
- A/Prof Eva Abal, International Water Centre – Australia
- Prof Paul Greenfield (Chair) Independent – Australia

**Australian**
- 2002 – Merri Creek – Victoria
- 2003 – Hunter River – New South Wales
- 2004 – Wollondilly River - New South Wales
- 2005 – Hunter River – New South Wales
- 2006 – Hunter Catchment – Western Australia
- 2007 – Murray Wetlands – New South Wales
- 2008 – Oxley Creek - Queensland
- 2009 – Condamine River, Toowoomba, Queensland
- 2010 – Derwent Estuary, Tasmania
- 2011 – Condamine River, Queensland
- 2012 – Condamine River, Queensland
- 2013 - River Rhine, All countries in catchment

2002 – Mekong River – Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand, Vietnam
2004 – Siuslaw Basin – USA
2005 – Sha River – China
2006 – Danube River – Europe
2007 – Danube River – Europe
2008 – Lake Yay – China
2009 – Danube River – Europe
2010 – Derwent Estuary, Tasmania
2011 – Charles River, USA
2012 – Condamine River, Queensland
2013 - Mara River, Kenya

**Riverprize**

Riverprize gives recognition, reward and support to those who have developed and implemented outstanding, visionary and sustainable programs in river management.

Riverprize is the world’s most prestigious environmental prize. The winners are encouraged to share knowledge and expertise with the prize money incorporating a twinning grant.

Riverprize winners 1999-2013

IRF European Riverprize Winners
- 2013 – River Rhine, All countries in catchment

Australian Riverprize winners
- 2013 – Glenelg River, Victoria
- 2012 – Condamine River, Queensland
- 2011 – Sunshine Coast Rivers, Queensland
- 2010 – Derwent Estuary, Tasmania
- 2009 – Oyster Creek, Queensland
- 2008 – Lake Macquarie – New South Wales
- 2007 – Murray Wetlands – New South Wales
- 2006 – Torrens Catchment – Western Australia
- 2005 – Bulimba Creek – Queensland
- 2004 – Bellara Lake – New South Wales
- 2003 – Hunter River – New South Wales
- 2002 – Murrumbidgee River - Victoria
- 2001 – Goulburn River Catchment – Victoria

Riverprize Judges 2013

International
- Prof Paul Greenfield (Chair) Independent – Australia
- A/Prof Ewa Abal, International Water Centre – Australia
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- Mr Alan Victory, Stanlo – United States of America
- Ms Gayis Wood, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority - Canada

European
- Mr Bart Fokkens (Chair), European Centre for River Restoration (Netherlands)
- Dr. Sera Denee, Italy
- Mr Maarten Gouma, Environment Agency – UK
- Dr. Vladimir Manasik, UN Development Program - Slovaky Republic
- Dr. Emanuele Torricelli, Lelinda Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries (IGF) – Germany
- Ms Mia Steen, Coca Cola, Belgium
- Ms Brita Werner, European Environment Agency - Denmark

Australian
- Ms Leith Boully (Chair), Healthy Waterways – Qld
- Prof Paul Greenfield, Independent – Australia
- Dr Arlene Harris-Buchan, Australian Conservation Foundation – Vic
- Dr Robert Love, Australian River Restoration Centre – ACT
- Ms Bradley Moogingi, Aboriginal Water Initiative – NSW Office of Water
- Mr. Kerry Olsson, National Water Commission – ACT

The International Riverfoundation wholeheartedly thanks the International, European and Australian judging panels for doing their time and expertise!

**2012 Winners**

**Thiess International Riverprize**

**Williamette River, Oregon, USA**

As the heart of a large, productive river basin in the most populous part of Oregon, USA, the Williamette River faces many threats: toxic chemicals, high water temperatures, a confined channel, dam-altered flows, loss of floodplain forests, population growth and climate change. However, in the last 10 years there has been a collaborative effort by watershed organisations, land trusts, farmers, cities, state agencies, and private foundations to improve the health of the Williamette and its tributaries. These groups are guided by a suite of scientific plans and studies, including the Willamette Restoration Strategy and the Williamette River Basin Planning Atlas, forming a framework for prioritising and tracking restoration efforts.

A new public and private funding partnership under the Meyer Memorial Trust, the State of Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board and the Bonneville Environmental Foundation is supporting projects to improve channel complexity, increase floodplain/river connections, and expand floodplain forests and riparian buffers.

Though the Willamette is cleaner today than it was 50 years ago, many reaches and tributaries do not meet current water quality standards. The river has been straightened and simplified, with riparian vegetation and bottomland forests replaced with agricultural and urban development. Flood control efforts have dramatically altered river hydrology. Four years after the funding partnership began restoration projects are now underway at 15 sites along the mainstem Willamette. These projects encompass over 2,500 acres of land – either undergoing active restoration or set aside for future projects through acquisition and easements.

On the mainstem Willamette, 12 organisations and more than 20 private landowners are currently engaged in restoration. Projects include invasive species removal, floodplain forest restoration, side channel reconnection, and the removal of dykes and revetments to restore

**Australian Riverprize**

**Condamine River, Toowoomba, Queensland**

Established in 2002 by the Australian government and Natural Heritage Trust, Condamine Alliance is the regional body for natural resource management (NRM) in the Condamine catchment. The Dee Why Demonstration Reach (Reach) in Southern Queensland is the state’s first native fish strategy demonstration reach. The Reach has become the flagship project for the broader Condamine River Rescue program led by Condamine Alliance.

The Condamine Alliance has earned a reputation amongst government and industry for being a high performing regional body that has forged strong partnerships and made significant contributions to the health and protection of the catchment. Today, it is the first regional NRM body in the world to have achieved certification against three international standards. World best practice, together with a dependable record for strong partnerships and made significant contributions to the health and protection of the catchment. Today, it is the first regional NRM body in the world to have achieved certification against three international standards. World best practice, together with a dependable record for strong partnerships and made significant contributions to the health and protection of the catchment.

The purpose of the Reach is to promote the importance of a healthy river system for native fish populations and the greater river catchment. This goal has been made a reality through the commitment of strong community and Indigenous engagement and a shared vision and partners to increase native fish populations to 60% of pre-European settlement levels by 2030.

Its passion and commitment is shared by many individuals and organisations with the catchment who have been instrumental to the creation and success of the Reach. By working together, Condamine Alliance and its community are confident the native fish will return.
2013 Winners

Thiess International Riverprize
Mara River, Kenya

The Mara River, a trans-boundary river, home to rich biodiversity and sustaining the lives of many, is the first river in Africa ever to be awarded the prestigious Riverprize in its fifteen year history.

With a clear vision and in anticipation of potential conflict arising over scarce water resources, the community based Mara River Water Users Association overcame significant challenges and successfully collaborated with farmers, community groups, NGOs, consultants and many other stakeholders to implement the Mara River Environmental Management Initiative. Key goals of the initiative include improved forest cover, easy access to water, creating awareness of the importance of biodiversity and improved income from the various conservation oriented activities.

This initiative has been very successful to date. Nine hundred farmers within the basin have been trained and their farms terraced, a forty kilometre stretch of newbank has been protected and the affected farmers provided with high value trees. Forty springs have been protected and are now providing clean water – reducing incidence of water borne disease and wasted time spent searching for water each day. Sixty community and school nurseries have been established as a source of income, and denuded lands have been completely reforested with a positive impact on biodiversity.

The Mara River initiative has been a community driven program. It has been conducted via collaboration with local, national and international partners. All partners have invested time and funds to produce an integrated approach to river basin management that can be looked on as a template for other African nations.

IRF European Riverprize
River Rhine, All countries in catchment

The River Rhine received the first ever European Riverprize in recognition of the remarkable achievements in integrated river basin management. The International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR) and other stakeholders have successfully implemented urban wastewater management strategies and dramatically improved the water quality of the Rhine. Additionally, the past fifteen years has seen the adoption of new, integrated policies, resulting in the restoration of a substantial area of floodplains in the densely populated Rhine delta.

Half a century of river degradation and a chemical accident in 1986 near Basel, Switzerland, resulted in hundreds of kilometers of river being polluted and the mass death of fish, eels and other aquatic organisms. As a result, those responsible for the River Rhine realised a fundamental shift in thinking was required for the management of this major transnational river.

Following investments by states, municipalities and industry, more than 96% of the 58 million inhabitants of the Rhine catchment are today connected to urban wastewater treatment plants. Many industrial sites now dispose of waste via modern treatment plants. As a result, water quality has improved considerably and oxygen levels are back to normal.

The chemical status of most groundwater bodies is good; inventories show fish species composition in the Rhine is almost complete, with 67 fish species detected. All historically identified species except for one have returned to the Rhine.

In addition to key river health improvements, the main aims of the ICPR include harmony in water use and environmental objectives under the European Union Water Framework. The ICPR is also working on flood prevention, adaptation to climate change, sustainable development, human health, and cultural heritage.

Australian Riverprize
Glenelg River, Victoria

The Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority received the Australian Riverprize for demonstrating success over a decade, through community supported river restoration activities; and by providing leadership to bring the Glenelg River to a higher level of health.

The Glenelg River, located in the south-west corner of Victoria, was at the point of ecological collapse ten years ago due to low flows, poor water quality, loss of habitat, and weed and carp invasion.

The Glenelg Hopkins CMA has rallied with farming families, conservation groups and industry within the basin to carry out the biggest river fencing and protection program in Victoria’s history. Over 600 property owners have constructed 1,600 kilometres of fencing, planted more than 500,000 trees and direct seeded 770 kilometres of riverway frontage.

Other achievements include 2000 hectares of cross-tenure weed control, opening 270 kilometres of the river to fish movement, and the establishment of an environmental flows entitlement.

The resulting river health improvements can be demonstrated by the recovery of native fish populations. The Glenelg River has managed to maintain its original native fish assemblage intact, and populations have increased by over 150% in restored reaches.

The project has pushed the boundaries of conventional river management. Original and innovative approaches have been used, from planning works to flood fencing, to tracking and eliminating carp.
**IRF Programs**

**Twinning**
The IRF Twinning program is underpinned by peer to peer learning and knowledge exchange programs that facilitate collaborative partnerships, capacity building, education and helps to restore river health across the world. Twinning links members from the IRF alumni network with river organizations in a variety of geographies in Australia and worldwide. The goal of Twinning is to take best practice ideas and knowledge globally and share these at a local level. Through Twinning partnerships, knowledge and skills are exchanged to ensure integrated river basin management practices are shared and the health of our rivers is improved for all.

**The Derwent River – D’entrecasteaux Channel/Huon Estuary Twinning Project**
Formed in 1999, the Derwent Estuary Program (DEP) is aimed at restoring and managing the Derwent Estuary. This estuary is highly significant to the people of Tasmania, with approximately 40% of Tasmania’s population living around the estuary’s margins. Additionally, the Derwent is an important ecosystem, supporting a number of species and habitats significant to the people of Tasmania, with approximately 40% of Tasmania’s population living around the estuary’s margins. Additionally, the Derwent is an important ecosystem, supporting a number of species and habitats.

After winning the 2010 Australian River Prize, the DEP embarked on a Twinning project with an immediately adjacent catchment, the D’entrecasteaux Channel/Huon Estuary. The Channel is affected by a number of environmental issues, including increased sewage and storm water discharges, clearance of foreshore vegetation, increasing numbers of introduced marine pests and weeds, risks associated with climate change, and barriers to fish movement. Twinning between the two channels will facilitate the development of best practice, and high levels of recreational boating and fishing.

To ensure the D’entrecasteaux Channel can be enjoyed for the future, the DEP formally launched the Twinning project in December 2013. The project aims to bring together existing science to better understand the waterway, promote the values of the Channel, improve the availability of information on the channel to all stakeholders, initiate a coordinated, collaborative approach to managing the Channel, in consultation with the community.

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**River Recovery**
The IRF has developed the River Recovery program for river restoration works around the world, coordinated in partnerships with local communities, businesses and governments. River Recovery projects implement on ground solutions, providing a vehicle for those passionate about river restoration to make a difference in the pursuit of healthy rivers and waterways. River Recovery focuses on both rivers and community, and is essential in realising meaningful, long-term results that change lives and improve rivers.

In 2012/13, the International RiverFoundation engaged in a number of River Recovery projects, both in Australia and abroad. These projects are ongoing and driven from the community level.

**Bremer River Fund**
The Bremer River Fund was established by the International RiverFoundation and the Ipswich City Council in 2010 to give back to the river and improve community health, quality of life, the local economy and the environment.

With the support of the International RiverFoundation, the Bremer River Fund focuses on restoring the health of the Bremer River catchment, by conservation and rehabilitation of waterways and waterlands, improving local access connectivity and recreational value for residents and tourists, celebrating the history of the river and promoting sustainable production and industry.

There have been a number of highlights in the efforts to restore the Bremer River. The Bremer River Fund received an Environment grant from the Queensland Government, as well as a grant from the Community Benefit Fund. Through these generous grants and ongoing community funding, more than 1800 trees have been planted along 2km of Bundamba Creek, the Evelyn Dodds Reserve has been restored with the support of the IRS, the Will Creek Rehabilitation project has been completed, and the history of the river has been celebrated through community events.

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**Ken Thiess Memorial Scholarship**
The International RiverFoundation proudly funds a scholarship to study the International WaterCentre’s Master of Integrated Water Management, a world-class post graduate program. We thank the Thiess family for their donation in memory of Ken Thiess, a young man who died performing engineering duties on the construction of the Snowy Mountains Scheme.

To date, the Ken Thiess Memorial (KTM) Scholarship has been awarded to five students. The first recipient of the Scholarship, Mr Ogie Ogoroki, graduated in 2010. In 2012/13, there were four students funded by the International RiverFoundation; Kundai Chihambakwe, Nkondla Nqoquqi, Indrawan Prabaharyaka, and Faisal Elias, who was awarded the KTM Scholarship in 2013. Boutthannath Mipav from Laos is our most recent scholarship recipient and she will begin her studies in 2014.

In 2011, the KTM funded Ms Kundai Chihambakwe to attend the International RiverSymposium in Melbourne. Kundai was able to display her research, and engage with water practitioners and academics on a variety of water related issues. The symposium was an opportunity for Kundai to learn more about integrating governance, people and policy into water management, areas closely related to her research.

“Attending the International RiverSymposium allowed me to take a further step into a part of the world which is still relatively new to me and come out with a different take and new insights on the importance of our world’s river networks” – Kundai Chihambakwe.

**Sponsored Delegates**
The IRF sponsored delegates program affords water leaders and practitioners in developing countries the ability to attend the annual International RiverSymposium. This program offers these individuals the chance to meet their peers, exchange knowledge and develop capacity through this international networking event. The International RiverSymposium is one of the few multidisciplinary global conferences with a central focus on river management and restoration, integrating academia, managers, industry and community stakeholders.

In 2012, IRF fully funded four delegates from Mongolia and the Philippines to attend the International RiverSymposium, held in Melbourne. This opportunity enabled water practitioners in developing countries the opportunity to build networks and participate in knowledge-sharing experiences. The delegates also attended a study tour of the Yarra River. The Sponsored Delegates program provides the platform for driving global sustainable river management outcomes.

In 2013, IRF funded five delegates from Indonesia, Kenya, Mongolia and the Philippines to attend the International RiverSymposium in Brisbane, Australia.

“My speech in front of an international audience became a highlight of my life in 2013. I felt pride in promoting the Cileueng River community group. It was beyond my imagination, standing in a prestigious forum along with international experts. Rivers are like blood in our body. They should be healthy and flow well. I believe that with cooperation, we can do the best for our rivers.” – Muhammad Maidlich.
Our Global Network
744 FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS

416 TWITTER FOLLOWERS

168 COUNTRIES ACCESSED IRF WEBSITE

19,237 VISITS TO IRF WEBSITE

8000+ E-NEWSLETTER RECIPIENTS

10,000 At least 10,000 people with access to improved water supply through the Tweed-Kenia Mentoring Partnership

4th Queensland River to win the Australian Riverprize – Condamine River Recovery

6th 2500 people picked up 67 tonnes of rubbish along the Ciliwung River, Indonesia

15th Ken Thiess Memorial Scholarship awarded to Bounthavivanh Mixap.

9th Sponsored delegates from developing countries fully funded to attend RiverSymposium

5th Ken Thiess Memorial Scholarship awarded to Faisal Elias.

14th THIESS INTERNATIONAL RIVERPRIZE awarded to MARA RIVER, KENYA.

1st EUROPEAN Riverprize launched

13th AUSTRALIAN RIVERPRIZE awarded to THE CONDAMINE RIVER, QLD.

13th AUSTRALIAN RIVERPRIZE awarded to THE GLENELG RIVER, VIC

2 Twinning programs in every continent (except Antarctica) including 2 new ones in 12/13 – Charles River & Derwent Estuary.

651 people received a free health clinic in Indonesia as part of the Ciliwung River Community Group activities supported by IRF.
IRF Partners

International River Foundation is grateful for the generous financial and in-kind support provided from a range of organisations and individuals who share our vision of a future in which all rivers and waterways are sustainably managed.

Foundation Partners

As a founding member of the IRF, and host city of two Australian Riverprize winners, we thank Brisbane City Council for their renewed support for the IRF and for their leadership, continued stewardship of rivers and water quality in Brisbane.

Our long-standing partnership with Thiess was extended during the period with a widened scope of partnership projects and staff engagement opportunities. We thank the executives and staff at Thiess who have shown marvellous support for the IRF and we look forward to a successful partnership over the next three years.

The IRF is honoured to be supported by the Queensland State Government. We thank the Queensland State Government as a founding IRF member and for the core funding of IRF activities, including flood recovery and community project investment.

In-Kind Supporters

IRF is reliant on the generous in-kind and pro bono support of a wide range of organisations and individuals. Our principal in-kind supporters are:

OceanaGold is a leading multinational gold producer with four operating gold mines and a portfolio of development and exploration assets on the South Island of New Zealand and in the northern Philippines. OceanaGold places great importance on responsible environmental management at its operations globally, and the company has developed and expanded a number of unique and innovative sustainable development programs.

As an award-winning specialist engineering and environmental consulting firm, the IRF is proud to work with BMT WBM on global river basin initiatives. BMT WBM provides expert advice to government agencies, mining companies, municipal and port authorities, development organisations and industry groups which we are able to extend through the IRF community of practice.

Coca-Cola has an excellent sustainability program and a vested interest in the sustainable management of water resources. As a sign of their support, Coca-Cola Europe has kindly sponsored the IRF European Riverprize.

One of Australia’s most iconic brands is also home to an impressive river restoration project along an historic section of the Jacob’s Creek in the Barossa Valley. We are proud to have Jacob’s Creek as a supporter and practitioner of river restoration.

The GEF IW:LEARN is a program that promotes knowledge sharing and learning among GEF International Waters projects and the country officials, agencies, and partners working on them. IRF would like to thank GEF IW:LEARN for supporting the Twinning component to the IRF European Riverprize.

Foundation Partners

The Albrecht Foundation

Our long-standing partnership with the Albrecht Foundation has enabled the IRF to provide life-changing education programs, including the Ken Thiess Memorial Scholarship, which flourishes with the aid of the IWC and Monash South Africa.

The Albrecht Foundation

The IRF sincerely thanks the Albrecht Foundation for the continued support of our core programs and for the long standing commitment to the IRF.

Sponsors

Australian Government

For five years, the Australian Riverprize was funded by the Australian Government’s Water Smart Australia program. We thank the Australian Government Department of Environment, for supporting excellence in catchment management and the opportunity to exchange valuable techniques and know-how across catchment boundaries.

THIESS FAMILY TRUST

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KALBITA PTY LIMITED

The IRF thanks the Peden Family for their support of knowledge exchange through the River Symposium, community development, safe water and sanitation in the developing world, especially in Kenya through the Tweed Kenya Mentoring Program and the Safe Water initiatives.

OceanaGold

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Corporate Governance

Board of Directors
A list of the Board of Directors as at 1 December 2013:

Interim Chairman
Ms Sallyanne Atkinson AO
Mr Martin Albrecht, AC
Ms Leith Boully
Professor Bill Dennison
Mr Kieren Perkins OAM
Mr Michael Wright

Changes to the Board of Directors
2013-current
The following people were appointed on to the International RiverFoundation Board of Directors:

Ms Sallyanne Atkinson AO November 2013
Ms Leith Boully November 2013
Mr Kieren Perkins OAM November 2013
Mr Philip Weller November 2013

The following people resigned from the International RiverFoundation Board of Directors:

Mr Barry Ball April 2013
Mr Peter Krause April 2013
Mr Jim Soorley, AM April 2013
Mr Rod Welford April 2013
Prof Paul Greenfield, AO September 2013
Prof Gary Jones September 2013

Changes to Company Secretary:

Mr John Hayes resigned as Company Secretary February 2013
Mr Matthew Reddy appointed as Company Secretary February 2013

Mr Matthew Reddy resigned as Company Secretary September 2013
Dr Nick Schofield appointed as Company Secretary October 2013

Public Fund Committee
The following were members of the Public Fund Management Committee according to Clause 10 of the International RiverFoundation Constitution as at the end of the 2012-2013 financial year:

Mr David Askern Appointed 11/08/03
Mr Bob Grice Appointed 10/11/05
Mr Doug McLaggan Appointed 27/10/05

Financial Summary
For financial year 2012-13

Income Statement for the year ended 30 June 2013

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<td>REVENUE FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS</td>
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<td>Sponsorship and Grants</td>
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<td>Donations</td>
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<td>Investment (losses) / earnings</td>
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<td>-27,205</td>
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<td>Government Assistance</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>200,000</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td>6,100</td>
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<td>EXPENSES</td>
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<td>Other expenses from ordinary activities</td>
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<td>Riverprize</td>
<td>357,438</td>
<td>158,218</td>
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<td>Riverknowledge</td>
<td>82,172</td>
<td>46,070</td>
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<td>RiverRecovery</td>
<td>62,953</td>
<td>26,705</td>
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<td>Twinning expenses</td>
<td>354,254</td>
<td>50,000</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>182</td>
<td>19,805</td>
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<td>Corporate support costs</td>
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<td>502,319</td>
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<td>DEFICIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE INCOME TAX</td>
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<td>(93,573)</td>
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<td>Income tax expense</td>
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<td>DEFICIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER RELATED INCOME TAX</td>
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<td>(170,341)</td>
<td>(93,573)</td>
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<td>NET DEFICIT</td>
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<td>(170,341)</td>
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Total changes in equity other than those resulting from transactions with owners as owners:

(170,341) (93,573)

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Balance Sheet for the year ended 30 June 2013

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<td><strong>ASSETS</strong></td>
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<td>Current assets</td>
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<td>Cash and liquid assets</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>1,168,420</td>
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<td>Receivables</td>
<td>204,100</td>
<td>16,299</td>
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<td>Non-Current assets</td>
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<td>Property, plant and equipment</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>1,986</td>
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<tr>
<td>Financial assets at fair value</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL ASSETS</strong></td>
<td>1,374,506</td>
<td>1,496,378</td>
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<td><strong>LIABILITIES</strong></td>
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<td>Current liabilities</td>
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<td>Payables</td>
<td>7</td>
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<tr>
<td>Deferred income</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>200,000</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL LIABILITIES</strong></td>
<td>981,359</td>
<td>932,890</td>
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<td><strong>NET ASSETS</strong></td>
<td>393,147</td>
<td>563,488</td>
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<td><strong>EQUITY</strong></td>
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<td>Retained profits</td>
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<td>393,147</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL EQUITY</strong></td>
<td>393,147</td>
<td>563,488</td>
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Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2013

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<td><strong>Total equity at the beginning of the financial year</strong></td>
<td>563,488</td>
<td>657,061</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Net income recognised directly in equity</strong></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Deficit for the year</td>
<td>(170,341)</td>
<td>(93,573)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total recognised income and expense for the year</strong></td>
<td>(170,341)</td>
<td>(93,573)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Transactions with equity holders in their capacity as equity holders</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total equity at the end of the financial year</strong></td>
<td>393,147</td>
<td>563,488</td>
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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2013

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<td><strong>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</strong></td>
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<td>Receipts</td>
<td>654,966</td>
<td>412,576</td>
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<td>Payment to suppliers and employees</td>
<td>(1,005,264)</td>
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<td>Interest received</td>
<td>41,122</td>
<td>91,380</td>
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<td><strong>NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</strong></td>
<td>(309,176)</td>
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<td><strong>NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES</strong></td>
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<td>Purchase of property, plant and equipment</td>
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<td>(4,925)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Withdrawal of financial assets at fair value</td>
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<td>741,632</td>
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<td><strong>NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES</strong></td>
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<td>736,707</td>
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<td><strong>NET CASH PROVIDED FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</strong></td>
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<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL NET INCREASE/ (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD</strong></td>
<td>(309,176)</td>
<td>(356,074)</td>
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<td><strong>CASH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR</strong></td>
<td>1,477,596</td>
<td>1,121,520</td>
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<td><strong>CASH AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR</strong></td>
<td>1,168,420</td>
<td>1,477,596</td>
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ACFID Code of Conduct

In the year 2012/13, the International RiverFoundation became a member of the Australian Council For International Development (ACFID), the peak council of Australian non-government organisations. As members of ACFID, the International RiverFoundation are signatories to the ACFID Code of Conduct, a document setting out the standards of accountability in the areas of; program principles; public engagement; and organisation. Compliance to the ACFID Code of Conduct demonstrates the high standards of the IRF.

The International RiverFoundation was welcomed as a provisional member of ACFID in December 2012, and ratified as a full member at the ACFID Annual General Meeting in October 2013. The IRF is excited to be an ACFID member, and will now qualify for many membership benefits and training programs.

Feedback is important to the International RiverFoundation. If you have an enquiry or wish to make a complaint about our service, please contact us via telephone on +61 7 3123 7767, or by email at info@riverfoundation.org.au.

For complaints regarding breeches to the ACFID code of conduct, please notify the ACFID Code of Conduct Committee via www.acfid.asn.au/code-of-conduct/complaints.
Partnering with Business

The growth of economies in the twenty-first century is inseparable from the global pursuit of sustainable development. The IRF’s commitment to sustainable development is underpinned by the following principles:

- Fresh water is a finite and vulnerable resource, essential to sustain life, development and the environment.
- River basin development and management should be science-based with a participatory approach involving users, planners and policy-makers at all levels.
- Women play a central part in the provision of water and the management of natural resources.
- Water has an economic value in all its competing uses and should be recognised as an economic good.

When put in to action, these principles are applied to IRF programs and projects that contribute to:

- The alleviation of poverty and disease
- Protection against natural disasters
- Water conservation and reuse
- Sustainable urban development
- Agricultural production and rural water supply
- Protecting aquatic ecosystems
- Resolving water and transboundary conflicts
- Building capacity and exchanging knowledge

The IRF seeks to work with the private sector and leading organisations that share these values and have a vision for sustainable development beyond regulation and business-as-usual operations.