



Sustainability



Education



Cooperation



Research



Mission

**To facilitate awareness and local action
For sustainable living to protect and enhance biodiversity.**

OBJECTIVES

- To provide a base, resources and support for community-based environment groups within the Port Phillip region by managing and developing a community resource centre;
- To provide information or education to the general public to promote sustainable living and reduce the adverse impact of human activities on terrestrial and marine ecosystems;
- To facilitate collaborative projects between community groups, educational institutions, government agencies, and the corporate sector to protect and enhance the natural environment;
- To facilitate research and monitoring of air and water quality, and flora and fauna populations and their habitats;
- To promote ecologically sustainable development principles, including the use of renewable energy, recycling and waste minimisation, chemical-free horticulture, and soil conservation;
- To establish and maintain a Public Fund to be called the "Port Phillip EcoCentre Public Fund" for the specific purpose of supporting the environmental objects/purposes of the Port Phillip EcoCentre Inc.

The Port Phillip EcoCentre Inc., a not-for-profit 'umbrella' environment organisation, is a resource for groups, individuals and the business community in the City of Port Phillip and its wider region. The EcoCentre is located in the St Kilda Botanical Gardens on the corner of Blessington and Herbert Streets in St. Kilda.

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President's Report

During the past year we have, amended our constitution, formed alliances and partnerships with five new schools, continued to improve EcoHouse as community facility and acted with vigour as an advocate on behalf of the environment.

The year has seen a mix of organisational consolidation and practical projects. Organisation matters have centred on the successful negotiation of a long term sponsorship agreement with the City of Port Phillip, enabling employment of additional staff to broaden our capacity to deliver environmental programs.

Among other things, the additional staff has enabled us to forge effective partnerships with local schools. Integrated Environmental Programs (practical projects alongside curriculum-based activities) are underway at Christian Brothers College, St Kilda Park Primary, St Kilda Primary and Middle Park Primary. Preliminary discussions are in train with several other schools with a view to develop similar programs.

The Westgate Park Community Photography Exhibition highlighted the EcoCentre's ability to engage with and bring together a wide cross section of the community. Groups involved included Holden, Landcare Australia, Friends of Westgate Park, Albert Park Primary School,



Parks Victoria, City of Port Phillip, City of Melbourne, and a host of community photographers.

But all of these things are only possible by the solid foundation that good constitution provides. The constitution of an organisation must reflect the current situation of the organisation. Our previous constitution, which gave no place for affiliates,

was clearly out kilter with the requirements of our organisation as it presently stands.

A special general meeting held in September was held and duly amended it.

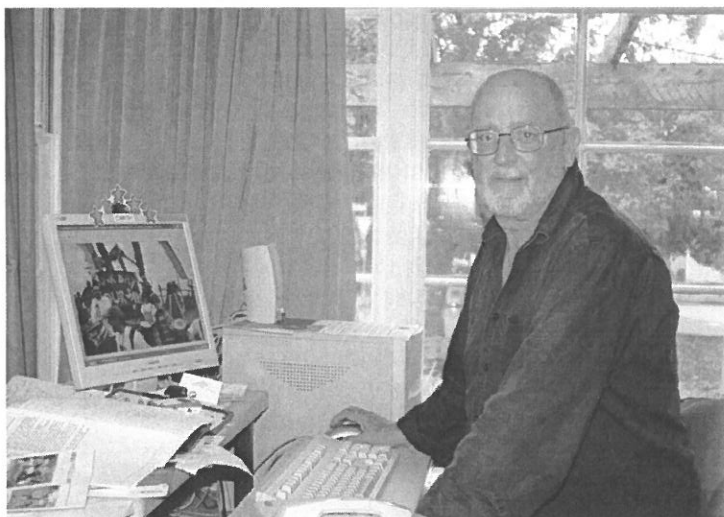
Our new constitution, which expanded our committee to ten with three reserved positions for affiliates, will enable us to have informed discussions and make better decisions to the benefit of our members and affiliates.

We have of course been grateful to all our sponsors but special mention must be made of the support we receive from the City of Port Phillip without whom we would be unable to continue.

I believe that if we continue to expand and reach out to the community in a similar fashion to this year our future is very bright.

Geoffrey Barry.

President



Financials

Treasurer's Report July 1, 2004 – June 30 2005

It's been a great year.

There has been a fundamental shift in our financial management due to the signing of the sponsorship agreement with the CoPP (Oct 04) and the EcoCentre's subsequent organisational restructure.

We are utilising some financial savvy. Funds not required in the short term were invested at Bendigo Community Bank and returned \$2,863 in interest. Furthermore the increased sponsorship from CoPP enabled us to employ David Giles and consequently receive an extra \$3,000 Employment Incentive Contribution from Holmesglen Employment Services.

Several sources of income received for specific projects in the 2004 year were not replicated in 2004-05 - most significantly, Kangan Batman TAFE Work-for-the-Dole Grant (\$26,400); and the City of Port Phillip (CoPP) SCPI Project grant (\$10,909). But these were replaced by sponsorship (Contribution to Expenses) received from City of Port Phillip (up \$46,353), and Landcare Australia (up \$14,000). Venue hire increased from \$401 to \$1,582. This was augmented by new sources of income such as Seminars & Education, combined with Ecohouse tours generating \$2,982.

Overall we have increased our income in 2004-05 by \$36,160!

Currently, our largest 'liability' is staff. We are now an employer of approx. 3 fulltime equivalent staff (about \$85,000!!!). They are busy generating and delivering the wide range of projects & programs now offered by the EcoCentre.

Well done everyone & good luck to the new Treasurer.

Michele Hodes

Independent audit report to the members of Port Phillip EcoCentre inc.

Scope

I have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Port Phillip EcoCentre Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2005 as set out on pages 1 to 5. The Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Vie.) and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. I have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of Port Phillip Eco Centre Inc. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Vie.). 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.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respect, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Association's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of Port Phillip EcoCentre Inc. presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Port Phillip EcoCentre Inc. as at 30 June 2005 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

BUCKLEY & CO.

Chartered Accountants

Martin Buckley

Financials

Port Phillip EcoCentre Inc. Balance Sheet. As At 30 June 2005

Equity	2005	2004
Accumulated Surplus Brought Forward	326,777	323,406
Operating Surplus For Year	22,047	3,371
Total Equity	\$348,824	\$326,777
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank - Administration Account	24,096	-
Cash at Bank - General Account	3,019	3,921
Cash at Bank - Public Fund	12,862	17,061
Cash at Bank - Work for the Dole	1,951	10,643
Investment - Cash Management Account	19,997	10,000
Investment - Term Deposit	13,069	15,000
Petty Cash	648	-
Sundry Debtors	700	-
Total Current Assets	\$76,342	\$56,625
Non Current Assets		
Eco House, at cost	260,519	260,019
Plant & Equipment, at cost	19,065	13,061
Total Non Current Assets	\$279,584	\$273,080
Total Assets		
Current Liabilities		
PAYG Payable	5,372	1,160
GST Payable	-	1,768
Superannuation Payable	984	-
Employee Entitlements	746	-
Total Current Liabilities	\$7,102	\$2,928
Net Assets	\$348,824	\$326,777

The accompanying Notes form part of this financial report.

Port Phillip EcoCentre inc. Statement of income and expenses for the year ended 30 June 2005

Income	2005	2004
Landcare Australia	24,600	10,000
Book & DVD Sales	2,305	5,262
Membership	468	1,400
Donations	2,141	9,964
Gift Pack Sales	36	257
Sundry Income	93	1,414
Interest	2,863	-
WFD Contribution	2,229	-
Venue Hire	1,582	401
Seminar & Education	2,235	-
Eco Centre Tours	747	-
Eco Fair	497	-
City of Port Philip Contribution to Expenses	124,424	78,071
City of Port Philip SCPI Project Grant	-	10,909
NED program (Central Bayside Community Health Service)	135	-
Lentil as Anything 'Which Chair' project (CoPP)	6,000	-
'Social Traders' project (CoPP City Development)	4,546	-
Blessington Street Festival (Acland Street Precinct Traders)	1,364	-
Administrative Contributions	-	805
Employment Incentive Contribution	3,000	-
Community Garden Management Fee (CoPP)	1,778	-
Kangan Batman TAFE WFD Grant	-	26,400
Total Income	181,043	144,883

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Port Phillip EcoCentre inc. Statement of income and expenses for the year ended 30 June 2005

Expenses	2005	2004
Frog Project	-	14,353
Administration Fees	-	805
Advertising	2,719	105
Bank Charges	346	105
Contractors	23,264	-
Catering	3,613	1,259
Computer Costs	7,631	-
Consultants Fees	3,777	220
Gardening	1,020	2,138
Audit Fees	1,750	-
Office Supplies	1,143	-
EcoFair	577	-
Internet Access	286	1,168
Insurance	1,605	475
Lodgement Fees	227	32
Penguin Project	-	7,819
Printing & Stationery	3,141	389
Quicksilver Project	285	4,585
Registrations	35	64
Repairs & Maintenance	2,168	1,305
Replacement Co-ordinator	-	6,215
Replacements	170	1,347
Book Royalty Payments - Earthcare	-	2,633
Seminars & Training	1,059	-
Staff Amenities	47	135
Staff Training	1,776	273
Subscriptions	680	124
Sundry Expenses	944	2,109
Superannuation	6,589	-
Travelling Costs	564	-
Telephone	2,490	-
Wages	75,759	15,331
Materials	9,888	-
Electricity	962	-
WorkCover	539	452
West Gate Project	1,856	-
SCPI Project	2,086	-
City of Port Phillip Payment of Expenses	-	78,071
Total Expenses	158,996	141,512
Operating Surplus	22,047	3,371

The accompanying Notes form part of this financial report.

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Vic.). The committee has determined that the EcoCentre is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Vic.) and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

- AAS 3 Accounting for Income Tax
- AAS 5 Materiality
- AAS 8 Events Occurring After Reporting Date
- AAS 17 Accounting for Leases

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on a cash basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

- (a) Fixed Assets
 - Fixed assets are not being depreciated.
- (b) Income Tax
 - The EcoCentre is exempt from income tax.

Major Projects

New Environmental Directions Report

Since July last year, the NED group have been faithfully attending the Eco Centre on Mondays. NED (standing for New Environmental Directions) is a group of clients from the Central Bayside Disability Service in Sandringham, and through the Eco Centre have gained an opportunity to connect with our environment and learn about why places like the Eco Centre exist. In return, they have provided us with their contributions to several projects that the Eco Centre is affiliated with, as well as some delicious lunches and raucous sing-along to boot!

The main project that NED has an ongoing relationship with is the Westgate Park revegetation project. Recently, through meetings and consultation with Westgate personnel, George, Tony and Naomi, and Central Bayside staff, we have agreed upon and set aside an area for the NED crew to work on their own little slice of the park. A small grant for clothing for the clients has been received for the project, and outcomes of other larger grants for planting and site materials are pending.

Ownership of this project has given the participants a great sense of pride and contribution, as well as commitment and responsibility. Seeing the site change and improve, the plants grow, the birds feeding among their work inspires and motivates the group to continue their work, and allows them to feel valuable in their role at the park. There is no doubt that their help is greatly appreciated!

Other activities that the group participate in are cooking days at the Eco Centre, which is an opportunity for clients to learn about food and their environment, and for Geoff Barry to show off his well-practiced cooking skills! Baking bread from scratch, learning about vegetarian cooking, where food comes from and ways of being more sustainable in the kitchen are all important concepts put forth in these sessions. And at the end we are all well fed and satisfied! Yoga with Heidi at



The NED group take a break from planting at Westgate Park

Yogaguerilla is a regular feature, as well as music sessions led by Kirsty. The clients also maintain their own workbooks detailing their activities and what they learnt from them, as well as pictures and photographs of their adventures.

Earlier in the year, some work on the foreshore included participating in a Blue Wren Survey, and conducting litter surveys at West Beach. The litter survey was conducted in line transects and quadrats, collecting all kinds of waste from these areas, and documenting the sources of the items. These results are to be included in an official report produced by the Eco Centre to raise awareness and lobby companies to accept responsibility for the consumer waste that is produced from their products.

The NED program is continuing to evolve and expand, and the benefits to both clients and community are far reaching. It has proven to be a very positive and worthwhile program, which shall continue to inspire and educate, improving our mutual understanding.

New Technology at the EcoCentre

Over the past year the EcoCentre has gradually been upgrading its technology, becoming a more efficient organisation, providing modern facilities for our affiliates, members, clients, volunteers and employees.

We have three modern computers available for use in the resource room, using the Windows operating system and Office suit. All the PCs are now networked, allowing the sharing of printers, files, CD/DVD reader/burners. Energy efficient liquid crystal display (LCD) monitors have replaced the eye straining, space hungry cathode ray tube (CRT) monitors. Internet access is now via a broadband connection and a wireless router is available for visitors with wireless capable laptops.

A TV, video, DVD player, laptop computer and data projector are available to aid presentations in the meeting room amongst other uses.

The black and white photocopier has been replaced by a modern colour copier/printer/scanner, which has been put to use printing the annual report you are now reading!



I hope our users obtain maximum benefit from these new facilities, any training or assistance is readily available.

David Giles, IT Officer

Major Projects

Integrated Environmental Programs (IEP)

In 2005 the Port Phillip EcoCentre developed a new venture, the Integrated Environmental Program (established with funding from Holden). This program is designed to develop partnerships between the local community and the Port Phillip EcoCentre to achieve sustainable living solutions locally. The Integrated Environmental Program is currently directed at local schools and several successful partnerships have already been formed. In partnership, the EcoCentre has created and delivered education units on rainwater harvesting, ecology of Westgate Park, indigenous garden design, vegetable propagation, sustainable waste solutions, and environmental monitoring. The aim of the program is to deliver education and to implement practical changes in school grounds that will reduce the ecological footprint of each school. Practical projects currently being undertaken between schools and the EcoCentre include; installation of rainwater tanks to harvest rainwater to water gardens and flush toilets, construction of productive gardens and construction of 2 frog bog wetland systems, energy and water audits to install more efficient appliances.

The main focus for student learning will be to foster greater awareness of environmental issues through the development of environmental education programs. Educational units have been tailored around the practical projects to allow students to develop practical experience in sustainable issues and principles. Through these programs, environmental understanding will become an integral part of our students' lives and our local schools will be operating in a more sustainable manner.

Pyrrou Chung,
Education Officer

Julia Martin,
Projects Officer



HOLDEN



Affiliate Reports

Park Community Association Inc.

It has been another very good year for the Association. The emphasis has been on planting to fill the gaps where previous plantings have been lost, mainly through drought. We can be very satisfied with the results. We planted 3000 plants throughout the year, with a further 2000 going in on National Tree Planting Day in July.

Overall, we have now planted more than 60000 plants, with thousands more regenerating from seed. We can justifiably claim to have made a lasting impression on Albert Park Reserve. We were pleased to have once again raised the interest of industry groups to help us in this work, including the ANZ Bank and consultants, Booz, Hamilton and Allen. We were supported by approximately 200 volunteers and received advice, guidance and facilities from organisations such as Naturelinks, the St Kilda Indigenous Nursery Co-operative and Parks Victoria.

In addition, Parks Victoria supported the project financially and physically with the result that we were able to install another stone "Meeting Place" – this one facing the Junction Oval. We also benefited from a special \$1.3m grant made available to Parks Victoria by the Minister for the Environment, Mr John Thwaites, for general upgrade work in the Park. These funds enabled Parks Victoria to undertake a total clean up of not only the Corroboree Tree area, but also the adjoining Remnant Redgum Triangle north of Junction Oval. The result has been a full rejuvenation of the area, including additional seats/improved paths and the creation of a more welcoming ambience. In the May budget the Minister announced a further increase in Albert Park funding. This has ensured that funds are available for vital ongoing maintenance. The Minister generously thanked members of PCA personally for their tireless work over the past 7 years at an on-site function held in July.

The year has also been another success socially, with spirited debate over many shared lunches and a most enjoyable weekend escape at Portarlington and Swan Bay.

We have relatively few plants left to plant and firm arrangements are now in place for on-going maintenance of our work. For us, 2005 should be a little less physically demanding. The emphasis will be on designing and installing interpretative signs.

Thanks to all those who have again given so willingly of their time, advice and physical help. The project has shown once again the strength of the community in working together in a good cause.

John Addie
President.

Affiliate Reports

Earthcare.

Earthcare has had another very busy year, continuing with our well-known projects – the Little Penguin Study and indigenous plantings, our newer projects – Rakali Watch, Port Phillip Nature Watch, and stepping up our involvement in the campaign against the proposal to deepen the shipping channels in Port Phillip Bay.

In 2004/05, we continued to hold our committee meetings every second (odd) month and our general members meetings, with special guest speakers, every other (even) month. **Guest speakers** for 2004/05 were: Mr David Bryant, a diving instructor, who spoke passionately about the **underwater treasures of Port Phillip Bay** and its marine parks; Zoe Hogg, Coordinator of the St Kilda Little Penguin Study gave a lively talk about **"The Secret Life of Penguins"**; Stuart Cochrane, author and publisher of **"Frogs of the Mornington Peninsula and Surrounds"**, who gave a most entertaining talk about the frogs that are found in the City of Port Phillip and what we can do to maintain the current populations and habitats and Geoffrey Good, President of the **Port Phillip Conservation Council (PPCC)** gave a comprehensive address about the history of the PPCC and the impressive range of activities it has been involved in since its formation. Earthcare joined the PPCC in 2004.

In October, we wrote to the CEO, Mayor and Councillors of the City of Port Phillip outlining our concerns about the deterioration of the **Natural Heritage Areas**. We have now established a regular program of meetings with Spotless staff, including in the lead up to planting days at particular sites. We hope this will result in better outcomes in the next twelve months.

Membership of the **Penguin Study Group** is as strong as ever and detailed information is collected regularly twice a month. The detail is of great importance now that we have channel deepening issues and we are also being helped by commercial fishermen who give us information about penguin feeding sites. **Penguins on St Kilda Breakwater Papers 2004** was published in print and on CD and joins our other publications in the National Library Canberra, and in other libraries.

The huge storm in February caused a lot of damage to the breakwater and much of the smaller rock fill washed into penguin burrows. A lot of the vegetation has been dislodged or buried but seems to be rallying. Few penguins seem to have been killed by the storm.

Since two big storms, we have had very few sightings of **rakali** in the Elwood Canal or Albert Park. However, healthy numbers of rakali have been observed living in or around the St Kilda Breakwater.

For the coming year we will evaluate the **Rakali Watch** and discuss future directions. Planning for a Rakali Symposium in late 2005 is well under way with several key people stating they would like to be involved. Keep watching the Earthcare Newsletter for details.

Port Phillip Nature Watch (PPNW) has now been operating for two years and as a result we are obtaining a better understanding for the species diversity, particularly of birds within the City of Port Phillip.

Earthcare volunteers helped to coordinate **St Kilda Harbour Coast Action Day** on Sunday June 6, 2004. Activities included North Pacific Sea Star collection, spreading seaweed on the breakwater and touch tanks at the rotunda, planting, litter collection, weed control, storm water quality analysis, and eco-tours.

Earthcare has continued to take a strong interest in the proposed **channel deepening in Port Phillip Bay** by the Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC). Earthcare is part of the **'Blue Wedges Coalition'**, which is made up of concerned individuals and commercial, recreational and community groups from around the Bay.

Earthcare submitted a response to the Environmental Effects Statement (EES) that was released on 5 July 2004, in which we raised our serious concerns about the inadequacy of the EES process in general, threats to the general health of Port Phillip Bay and adverse impacts on the Little Penguins. We also made a submission to and appeared at the Panel Hearing in November 2004 and a submission to Planning Minister, Rob Hulls in response to the report of the Independent Panel on the EES.

Earthcare News is produced every second month. As always, Earthcare projects and activities are carried out by our enthusiastic and dedicated members and supporters. **Thank you** also to the EcoCentre and to Neil Blake in particular for ongoing support.

St Kilda Organic Food Cooperative (SKOF)

St Kilda Organic Food Cooperative operates successfully from the EcoHouse between 10.30 - noon every Saturday for the past year. On Fridays organic fruit and vegetables are delivered to the EcoHouse. On Saturday morning skof members (4 rosters rotate weekly) sort boxes into the number preordered for that week, other skof members collect their boxes and sometimes additional produce and products are available. skof members enjoy the location of the EcoHouse and find it a social, interactive space. It is grateful for the EcoHouse for making room to operate. skof members would like to continue

operating at the EcoHouse. skof continues to donate to EcoHouse: oranges, cleaning grade tea tree oil, fruit fold ups, apple/pear juice for ride to work day 2005, soap and dishwashing liquid since before retrofit. New cooperation - trialing a box with Windsor food security group, October 2005. skof welcomes all to skof.

St Kilda Indigenous Nursery Cooperative (SKINC)

Nursery

Lots of changes in the nursery this year. Firstly four of our long-term nursery staff began full-time work elsewhere – we went from many people, all working part-time, to a few people working (more or less) full-time. Secondly we had a change in the Council contractor that we work with as Spotless took over the care of the Natural Heritage areas in Port Phillip – it's been good getting to know firstly Jo and now Natalie and her crew who are doing a great job under difficult constraints. Thirdly we took on a Work for Dole crew that has been helping us propagate plants and improve our site. The boys have also been going out planting so they've been able to watch the progress of our plants from seed sowing to planting in the ground.

Our main activity with the EcoCentre this year was being involved in the fledgling EcoFair. We had plant stalls most months – a lot of fun sitting in the sun, listening to Neil and Tony on their ukuleles and eating lentil burgers. In particular we held our two large plant sales for the year (spring and autumn) at the EcoFair which were both fantastic events attracting many more plant lovers than we usually do in Williamstown Rd. Definitely something that we'll continue in the future.

With so much to adapt to it's been hard to carry out many other projects but look for our new website soon (www.skinc.com.au).

Landscaping

The landscaping division of the co-op had a good year. There are no real changes to report, just steady progress in designing and planting indigenous gardens within Melbourne's sandbelt region. Clients continue to come to SKINC to either change their existing gardens or to get help in designing new gardens.

One of the most exciting gardens I designed was a huge garden in Port Melbourne. It was an empty canvas except for the rubble and the weeds and has been transformed into the beginnings of a unique and beautiful garden. We sowed a *Microleana* (indigenous grass) lawn, and the clients and I are currently managing its and the rest of the garden's progress.

I also worked on a couple of those enormous nature strips in Middle Park, which brought me a little bit closer to my plans (or shall I say plot) of revegetating every single nature strip in that area, all that lawn will one day be gone!!

Anna

Tony Gardner

They say nobody's perfect, but Tony's unwavering temperament, application of practical skills, versatility, personality, and ukulele playing definitely put him in the running. He has been a consistent contributor to the EcoCentre in many roles over the past 5 years; as a committee member, horticulturalist, Acting Coordinator.... and did I mention ukulele player? Gardner by name and nature, Tony and family (Gabrielle and Curtis) have recently transplanted to Gippsland. We wish them well and thank them for all their friendship and local action for a global future.



Noel Gilcrist



Every good idea needs a champion.... and when it comes to champions there are none more champion than Noel. She's been the mainstay of the EcoCentre's education team since its inception in 2003. A long list of superlatives could be used to describe her contribution, but Noel is not one

for extravagance. Suffice to say, it's her rare capacity to focus on the task *and* enjoy the moment that has made her such an invaluable and popular member.

Noel brings extensive teaching experience to the team, along with good humour and two feet planted firmly on the ground. Either by design or just happy circumstance, she's provided a mentoring role to everyone involved and the rapidly expanding EcoCentre Integrated Environmental program is testimony to her great contributions.

Ferenc Matzken

Ferenc is definitely a player on the world stage. What else can you say about someone of Dutch extraction who lives in Carnegie and works in Africa. Happily, he also manages to fit in some quality time with the EcoCentre and has been instrumental in developing several fund-raising submissions.

As Ferenc's forte is community development he has a natural affinity with the EcoCentre philosophy. His calm and logical approach, all round good humour, and extraordinary ability to grasp and articulate concepts gives us real impetus in the never-ending quest for project funding.



Management Committee 2004-05

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Michele Hodes, Treasurer
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B'nai B'rith Environment Group
Community Air Monitoring
Earthcare St Kilda
Friends of Port Melbourne's Foreshore
Friends of St Kilda Botanical Gardens
Friends of Westgate Park
Garden of Eden
Park Community Association
Port Phillip Bicycle Users Group
Quolity LETS
St Kilda Community Gardens Club
St Kilda Indigenous Nursery Cooperative
St Kilda Organic Food Cooperative
Ragged Trouser Theatre
Veg Out Community Artists Garden

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