

2014/15  Bjarne K
Dahl Trust

ANNUAL REVIEW

Eucalypts, an Australian Icon

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About Our Benefactor

In 1928, at the age of 30, Klaus Bjarne Dahl ventured from Norway to Australia to take up the position of forest assessor with the Forests Commission of Victoria. In 1946, still with the Forest Commission of Victoria, Dahl was appointed Head of the Victorian Forest Assessment Branch.

In 1948, Dahl became the Chief Land Purchasing Officer at Australian Paper Manufacturers, where he stayed until 1961. During this period he travelled extensively throughout Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland.

Throughout his life, Dahl bought land and managed forests as a private investment and, with other fortuitous investments, expanded his private wealth. During his career, he developed a true affinity with the Australian bush and, in

particular, a love of the Silvertop Ash (*Eucalyptus sieberi*) – so much so that he bequeathed all his property to the Forests Commission of Victoria (as of 2015, the Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning) to be established as a Trust focused on eucalypts. Dahl recalled:

“I was once a Chief Forester, and I owe [the] Forests Commission of Victoria a great deal of gratitude for giving me in 1928 the opportunity to make good in my profession.”

Dahl died in 1993 and his estate has been professionally managed and grown by Perpetual Trustees, as directed in his will.



By the time he arrived at APM, Bjarne Dahl had advanced from the days of the packhorse to the latest tool of a modern forest assessor – the helicopter.

Chair's Overview

Welcome to the 2014/15 Annual Review for the Bjarne K Dahl Trust. Included in this review is an overview of achievements and activities; and information about the grants awarded in our Grants Programs and some of our plans for the Trust in the next year. This review covers the period from July 2014 to June 2015.

Between the launch of the Bjarne K Dahl Trust in August 2010 and the end of June 2015, the Trust has distributed more than \$932,000 in grants to some 70 organisations, groups or individuals across Australia.

During the 2014/15 financial year, funds were distributed to high-quality projects through our Small Grants Program. Highlights included Primary Connections developing a curriculum package for year four students based on the life cycle of River Red Gum. Another was the University of Melbourne project, developing genomic tools for eucalypt selection in revegetation programs under changing climate scenarios.

The Trust continues to work closely with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning in Victoria and I thank Adam Fennessy, the Department's Secretary, for his support. I am fortunate to work with an active and knowledgeable Board of Managing Trustees and I thank each of them for their dedicated contributions.

This year we appointed a full-time Chief Executive Officer, Dr Bram Mason, who commenced in late March 2015. We also moved our office from Ross House in Flinders Lane Melbourne to The Royal Society of Victoria building at La Trobe Street Melbourne. Ross House was a great incubator for our Trust and now we look forward to building our partnership with The Royal Society of Victoria over the coming years.

We thank Alex Fearnside for his time as our interim Executive Officer until March 2015.

The Trust is a member of both Philanthropy Australia and the Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network and I acknowledge their valuable support.

I look forward to expanding our work and partnerships in the coming year, please feel welcome to visit our website, Facebook and Twitter pages or contact our office should you require more information about the Bjarne K Dahl Trust.

Alison H Teese OAM
Chair



Alison Teese

The highlight of the year was the launch of the Australian Book Review environment issue in November 2014.

The Australian Book Review Bjarne K Dahl Trust Fellowship Essay for 2014 was awarded to Danielle Clode for her essay, 'Seeing the woods for the trees'. We thank our partner, the Australian Book Review, for their efforts with this project.

We also awarded the inaugural Bjarne K Dahl medal for outstanding contribution to the conservation of eucalypts to Dr Dean Nicolle of Currency Creek Arboretum in South Australia. Dr Nicolle also presented at the National Eucalypt Day 2015 event at the Cranbourne site of the Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria.

I was also fortunate to attend the Norman Wettenhall Foundation Rural Event in December 2014 that celebrated 20 years of the Regent Honeyeater Project.

We heard from Ray Thomas the project manager, and toured nursery operations and landholders properties where restoration works are being undertaken to enhance habitat for the Regent Honeyeater. The Dahl Trust was a proud sponsor of this event.



Alison H Teese OAM and Adam Fennessy, Secretary of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning with Dr Dean Nicolle, Currency Creek Arboretum at National Eucalypt Day 2015. Photo copyright: Dahl Trust

About Us

The Bjarne K Dahl Trust is a philanthropic fund established from a bequest from Bjarne K Dahl to focus on the iconic Australian eucalypts. The Trust was formally established in 2007 through an Order of the Supreme Court of Victoria as an independent Trust, separate to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning of Victoria. In 2009, the Board of Managing Trustees was appointed and the Trust formally commenced operations in 2010.

Our Vision

We envisage a public inspired by and appreciative of eucalypts.

Our Mission

To honour and fulfil Bjarne K Dahl's wishes and legacy we will direct our resources towards areas that have the greatest potential for impact, in order to promote, establish, cultivate and conserve eucalypts, and educate the public in these matters.

Our Focus

- ✦ The establishment, promotion, cultivation and conservation of eucalyptus trees.
- ✦ The education of the public in the establishment, cultivation and conservation of eucalyptus trees.

Left to right – Professor David Cantrill, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Sebastian Chapman (Secretaries delegate), Hannah Snape (past Administrative Officer), Professor Leon Bren (Trustee), Dr Dean Nicolle (recipient of inaugural Bjarne K Dahl medal), Dr John Miller AO (Trustee), Alison H Teese OAM (Chairman of Bjarne K Dahl Trust), Christopher Lloyd (Trustee), Professor Pauline Ladiges AO FAA (Trustee), Ken King (Deputy Chairman of Bjarne K Dahl Trust), Dr Bram Mason (CEO), Alex Fearnside (interim EO). Not present, Nick Lilley (Trustee).

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Governance & Management

Members of the Board of Managing Trustees

- ✦ Ms Alison H Teese OAM, Chair
- ✦ Mr Ken King
- ✦ Dr John Miller AO
- ✦ Professor Leon Bren
- ✦ Professor Pauline Ladiges AO FAA
- ✦ Mr Nick Lilley
- ✦ Mr Chris Lloyd
- ✦ Mr Adam Fennessy, Secretary, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Victoria
- ✦ Mr Sebastian Chapman, Delegate to the Secretary, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Victoria

Staff

- ✦ Mr Alex Fearnside, Executive Officer (from January 2014 to April 2015)
- ✦ Ms Hannah Snape, Project Officer (to May 2015)
- ✦ Dr Bram Mason, Chief Executive Officer (from March 2015)



National Eucalypt Day and the inaugural Bjarne K Dahl Medal

On 23 March, the Bjarne K Dahl Trust in partnership with Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria celebrated National Eucalypt Day 2015. The Dahl Trust instituted a Medal to recognise a significant, sustained contribution in one or more of the fields of: forestry, scientific research, conservation, community projects or education associated with eucalypts and with demonstrated benefit to Australia.

The awarding of the Medal is based on demonstration of the candidate's excellent contribution in one or more of the above fields and carried out in Australia. The medal will be awarded from time to time and presented in association with the Trust's celebration of National Eucalypt Day.

The inaugural Bjarne K Dahl Medal was awarded to Dr Dean Nicolle from Currency Creek Arboretum (www.dn.com.au) who has provided an outstanding contribution to eucalypt conservation and education. The Dahl Trust thanks the Secretary of the Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Mr Adam Fennessy, for presenting the medal to Dr Nicolle.



Guests during National Eucalypt Day 2015 celebrations enjoy the eucalypt walk at the Australian Garden, Cranbourne. Photo copyright: Dahl Trust



Chris Russell Director of Cranbourne Gardens – Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Alison H Teese OAM – Chairman of the Bjarne K Dahl Trust and Adam Fennessy – Secretary of the Victorian Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning discuss the design and progress of the Australian Garden at Cranbourne. Photo copyright: Dahl Trust

Friends, grantees and guests joined us to hear presentations from Professor David Cantrill, Chief Botanist and Director Plant Sciences and Biodiversity, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, speaking on the evolutionary history and iconic status of the eucalypt. We also heard Bjarne K Dahl medallist, Dr Dean Nicolle of Currency Creek Arboretum, enthusiastically speak on the hundreds of unique forms of eucalypt he has collected and on live display at Currency Creek.

We filmed an introductory video to the Trust and National Eucalypt Day and both presentations by Professor Cantrill and Dr Nicolle. The three videos can be viewed on the Dahl Trust YouTube Channel.

The Trust plans to celebrate National Eucalypt Day each year through events around the country with our grantees and fellow eucalypt enthusiasts.

Projects Funded 2014/15

Small Grants Program

The 2014/15 Small Grants Program supported 10 high-quality projects across Australia. The Trust focused on selecting projects that would have real impact on protecting or enhancing eucalypts and engaging the public in educational activities around eucalypts.

One round of grants was distributed in 2014/15, with a combined total of \$113,300.

Project Name	Organisation	State	Funding
Aboriginal Scar Trees: Significance, Conservation and Management of Veteran Eucalypts in the Landscape	The Hut Environmental and Community Association Inc. (THECA)	QLD	\$14,600
Black Gum Recovery: Promotion and protection of endangered <i>Eucalyptus aggregata</i>	Woodend Landcare Inc.	VIC	\$1,400
Bloodwood eucalypt diversity – one or more genera?	The University of Melbourne	VIC	\$15,000
Creating Eucalypt Hot Spots in Midland Schools	Greening Australia	TAS	\$15,000
Education on Eucalypts	The Association of Hazaras in Victoria Inc.	VIC	\$3,300
Endangered Eucalypt Ecosystems on the Sunshine Coast	Noosa and District Landcare Group	QLD	\$14,800
Improving landscape-scale strategies for restoration of coastal koala habitat	Brunswick Valley Landcare Inc.	NSW	\$11,500
Making La Trobe University’s eucalypt collection publicly accessible	Botany Department, La Trobe University	VIC	\$7,700
Nardoo Hills Reserve Eucalypt Management	Bush Heritage Australia	VIC	\$15,000
Towards a novel perspective for eucalypt revegetation under climate change – genomic approaches for identifying climate adaptation in Grey Box, <i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i>	The University of Melbourne	NSW	\$15,000

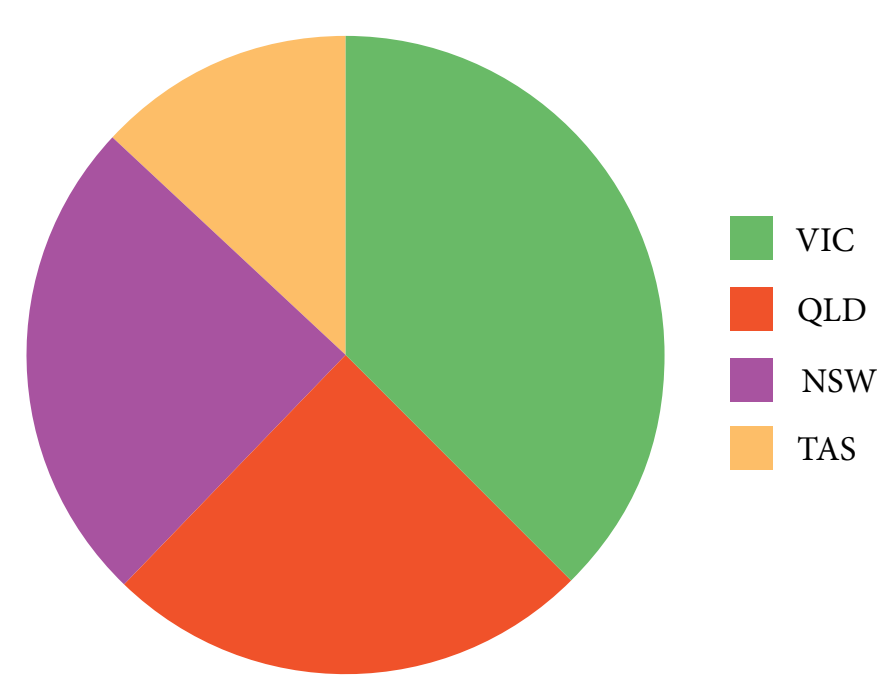


Figure 1: Geographic distribution of Small Grants in 2014/15

Multi- Year and Special Grants funded in 2014/15

In 2014/15, the Bjarne K Dahl Trust provided \$54,681 to three projects.

Project Name	Organisation	State	Funding 2013/14
Kimberly to Cape – Eucalypts of Northern Australia	Northern Territory Environment Centre	QLD, NT, WA	\$23,181
Primary Connections	Australian Academy of Science	VIC	\$16,500
Bjarne K Dahl Fellowship and Sponsorship	Australian Book Review	VIC	\$15,000

Featured Projects

Nardoo Hills, Eucalypt Management

Bush Heritage Inc.

The Nardoo Hills Reserve at Wedderburn in North-Central Victoria contains nearly 1,000 hectares of grassy temperate woodlands, dominated by Grey Box (*Eucalyptus microcarpa*), Yellow Box (*E. meliodora*) and Yellow Gum (*E. leucoxylon*) managed by Bush Heritage Inc. The property has unique pockets of Mallee among the box-woodland. The density of large (more than 80 cm diameter at breast height [dbh]) and very large (more than 105 cm dbh) eucalypt trees, and the amount of fallen timber, is higher than in most remnant woodlands in the Goldfields bioregion. This makes the reserve a valuable refuge for threatened fauna that rely on these type of woodlands, such as the temperate woodland bird community listed under the Victorian *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*.

The main activity funded by the Dahl Trust was the construction of a cleared fire break through pasture land on the far North Western boundary of the reserves. This mineral earth break serves as a fire break in the event of a wildfire, and is used in fuel reduction burns to create a 20 metre barrier against potential fires coming in from Westerly or Northerly directions.

Spiny rush control was also funded but application of herbicide had to wait until sufficient soil moisture to facilitate herbicide uptake. Spiny Rush has now been sprayed. The dry conditions have also delayed native flora seed being sown in the erosion site as this needs to occur post-Spiny Rush control.



Spiny rush (Juncus acutus) after herbicide application at Nardoo Hills Reserve, Central Victoria



*Mallee and Grey Box at Nardoo Hills Reserve, the eucalypts being protected by Dahl Trust funded firebreaks.
Photo: Dr Bram Mason*

Propagation and Regeneration of the Yellow Box and Blakely's Red Gum

Bowning and Brookham Districts Landcare Group Inc.

In January 2013 the Cobbler Road bushfire destroyed more than 14,000 hectares of private rural land in the Bowning and Brookham districts of NSW. This fire had a significant impact on remnant Yellow Box, Blakely's Red Gum and other native species. Many significant trees were lost.

The project aimed to propagate eucalypt species of this Endangered Ecological Community and make these seedlings available to affected landowners and other members of the local community.

The first year of eucalypt seed propagation was considered very successful, with 10,000 pots sown. Two associated workshops had good attendance with topics on seed collection and cleaning, and Box Gum Woodland conservation presented.



Maree O'Shea admiring and recording propagation efforts of the Bowning and Brookham Districts Landcare Group.



Brittle Gum propagation by the Bowning and Brookham Districts Landcare Group.

Manawarnti All the trees

Kurungal Council Inc.

A booklet was prepared about the local uses of some of the eucalypt species of the Kurungal Council Inc. community region, about 120 km south-east of Fitzroy Crossing in the central west Kimberley, north-west Western Australia.

The booklet highlighted the artwork that local artists make from and about eucalypts. It included the names of the trees in two local languages – Walmajarri and Gooniyandi and highlights the traditional uses of eucalypt products. Project partners included: Ngurra Arts staff and artists; Walmajarri and Gooniyandi language specialists; Yiriman Project / Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre; Marninwarntikura Womens’ Resource Centre; and Environs Kimberley.



Ghost gum (*Corymbia flavescent*) otherwise known as Walarri or Jarlpari by the Walmajarri and Gooniyandi people is used for making ngurti (collamon) and jara (shields). This is one of many eucalypts described in the booklet ‘Manawarnti – all the trees’. Photo: Pauline Ladiges

Update: Eucalypts of Northern Australia

Environment Centre Northern Territory

In 2014 and 2015 the Environment Centre Northern Territory and Project Manager Dr Clare Taylor continued work on the project *Eucalypts of Northern Australia*. This work is being implemented with funding from the Dahl Trust as part of the Kimberley to Cape initiative.

This initiative is an ambitious and important program that aims to bring together all relevant stakeholders to create a sustainable and resilient future for Northern Australia. It focuses on enhancing natural and cultural values and strengthening communities through fostering social and economic development within this context. *Eucalypts of Northern Australia* is one element of this overarching program, which aims to assess the conservation values of the savannah woodland types that span the North of Australia and develop appropriate management techniques that contribute to the Kimberley to Cape goal.

Recommendations on addressing threats and listing of threatened species under relevant legislation have been

a focus for 2014 and 2015. These recommendations came from the scientific report: *Eucalypts of Northern Australia – An Assessment of the Conservation Status of Taxa and Communities*. First steps were to identify the cause and effects of some of the threats listed and document those processes in a theory of change diagram.

The theory of change diagrams will then inform actions to mitigate and manage threats to the tropical savanna woodland, the next priority for the project. A communications strategy has also been a focus to strategically direct communication messages and keep key stakeholders informed about the project and pressures being applied to the tropical savanna woodland.

More information on this project and links to the full and summary reports are available at www.kimberleytocape.net.au/eucalypts-of-northern-australia.



The Great Western woodlands of the tropical savanna and salt lakes of Western Australia. Photo: Steve Mathews

All Projects Funded

Since its launch, the Dahl Trust has provided more than \$932,000 in funding through our Small Grants Program and our Multi-Year and Special Grants.

Small Grants Program

2010 and 2011

- ▶ Know Your EucalyptsSouthern ● Tablelands Ecosystems Park ● ACT/NSW ● \$7,500
- ▶ Survey of the Threatened Species -Eucalyptus benthamii ‘Camden sub-population’ ● Mr Kaiyeroo Love (Individual) ● NSW ● \$11,060
- ▶ Nardoo Hills Reserve Management Operations ● Bush Heritage Australia ● VIC ● \$14,663
- ▶ Central Victoria’s Important and Threatened Eucalypt Species – Educating in Identification, Conservation and Cultivation ● Connecting Country Inc. ● VIC ● \$4,500
- ▶ Development of the Eucalyptus Arboretum in the Melton Botanic Garden by Friends ● Friends of the Melton Botanic Garden. ● VIC ● \$15,000
- ▶ Gum Meeting Place: Eucalyptus camaldulensis of the Merri Yarra Confluence ● Merri Creek Management Committee ● VIC ● \$7,500
- ▶ Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne, Eucalypt Festival 2011 ● Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne ● VIC ● \$6,500
- ▶ Linking Up: an online web page and social media community resource and landholders, education portal for tree growers, planters and landholders ● TreeProject ● VIC ● \$12,506
- ▶ Flowering Signatures of Important Eucalypts: Creation of a Nationally Accessible Database ● University of Melbourne, Department of Forest and Ecosystem Science ● VIC ● \$10,000
- ▶ Watch Them Grow ● Armidale Pine Forest Committee ● NSW ● \$14,500
- ▶ Assessment of Tall Eucalypts in North-Eastern NSW for World Heritage listing ● NSW ● National Parks Association ● NSW ● \$11,000
- ▶ River Red to Snow. A film about the Eucalypts of Slopes to Summit ● Slopes to Summit ● NSW ● \$15,000
- ▶ Trees after Yasi. What next? ● James Cook University ● QLD ● \$10,000
- ▶ Improved Protection for the Nationally Endangered Miena Cider Gum ● Tasmanian Land Conservancy ● TAS ● \$10,000
- ▶ Promotional and Educational Photograph Book of East Gippsland’s Eucalypts ● Ms Jill Redwood (Individual) ● VIC ● \$10,000
- ▶ Locating and Recording Water Trees ● Goldfields Land and Sea Council (Ngadju Aboriginal Corp.) ● WA ● \$12,645
- ▶ Regional Variation in the Salmon Gum communities of the Great Western Woodlands ● Ms Judith Harvey (Individual) ● WA ● \$8,000
- ▶ Eucalypt Arboreta Enhancement ● Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust, Mount Annan ● NSW ● \$14,900
- ▶ Protecting Our Eucalypt Forests ● Pullen Pullen Catchment Group Inc. ● QLD ● \$10,000
- ▶ Eucalypt Demonstration Planting Project for Dairy Industry and General Community ● DemoDAIRY Research and Demonstration Farm ● VIC ● \$5,030
- ▶ Arboretum Planting to Showcase WA Gimlet Eucalypts ● Golden Valley Tree Park Inc. ● WA ● \$7,470
- ▶ Eucalypt Discovery Walk ● Friends of the Australian National Botanic Gardens ● ACT ● \$11,950
- ▶ Documenting the History of Eucalypt Science in Australia ● University of Melbourne, scholarships Research Centre ● ACT ● \$15,000
- ▶ Myrtle Rust. A New Threat to Australia’s Biodiversity ● Australian Network for Plant Conservation Inc. ● Aust-wide ● \$10,000
- ▶ Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens Arboretum – Interpretive Signs for Eucalypts of the Region ● Friends of Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens ● NSW ● \$8,650
- ▶ South East Queensland Eucalyptus Seed Collection and Propagation ● Greening Australia ● QLD ● \$6,000
- ▶ Doggrell Tree Protection Area, Como, Kin Kin ● Noosa and District Landcare Group ● QLD ● \$11,440
- ▶ Recovering the Nationally Endangered Mt Compass March gum (Eucalyptus paludicola) on the Fleurieu Peninsula in South Australia ● Nature Conservation Society of South Australia ● SA ● \$14,880
- ▶ Eucalypts of the Castlemaine Region. Expansion of existing workshop project ● Connecting Country ● VIC ● \$5,000
- ▶ Taxonomic revision of Eucalyptus wimmerensis ● Mr Kevin Rule (Individual) ● VIC ● \$2,600
- ▶ Ecological Thinning Trial at Bush Family Reserve ● Trust for Nature ● VIC ● \$13,000
- ▶ Guide to the Eucalypts of Fitzgerald Biosphere ● Mr Nathan McQuiod (Individual) ● WA ● \$12,500
- ▶ Building Generational Resilience of Iconic Eucalypt Woodlands. The Application and Assessment of Practical Approaches to Regenerate Wheatbelt Woodlands ● Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management Inc. ● WA ● \$15,000

2012

- ▶ Cattle Creek Riparian Restoration with Eucalyptus camaldulensis ● Northern Gulf Resource Management Group ● QLD ● \$12,500
- ▶ Gum Nuts: Education and Conservation of Tasmanian Eucalypts ● Greening Australia ● TAS ● \$13,500
- ▶ Enhancing Conservation Strategies for the Critically Endangered Eucalyptus morrisbyi ● University of Tasmania ● TAS ● \$12,000
- ▶ Environmental Detectives. What Gum is That? ● Bass Coast Landcare Network ● VIC ● \$8,200
- ▶ Enabling Volunteers and Landcare Groups to Restore Eucalypts to the Victorian Volcanic Plains ● Lismore Land Protection Group ● VIC ● \$4,500
- ▶ Protecting Eucalypts from Fire in Western Australia ● Bush Heritage Australia ● WA ● \$13,000
- ▶ Fire as a Tool for Restoration of Degraded Eucalypt Woodlands ● University of Western Australia ● WA ● \$13,500
- ▶ Eucalyptus of Western Australia’s Wheatbelt ● Mr Malcolm French (Individual) ● WA ● \$15,000

2012 continued

- ▶ Imaging and On-line Access of a Significant Eucalypt Herbarium Collection ● University of Melbourne ● VIC ● \$15,000
- ▶ Environmental Tacklers Learning Group ● Mill Park Heights Primary School ● VIC ● \$2,000
- ▶ Prioritising Conservation Areas In Northwest Victoria Based on Mallee Eucalypt Species ● University of Melbourne ● VIC ● \$15,000
- ▶ Using Foliar Chemical Traits as a Tool to Help Conserve Genetic Diversity in the Threatened Species Eucalyptus froggattii ● University of Melbourne ● VIC ● \$12,850
- ▶ Genotypic and Chemotypic Diversity of Eucalyptus moluccana and Its Role In Psyllid-Caused Dieback ● University of Western Sydney ● NSW ● \$10,000

2013

- ▶ Seed2Tree 2013 ● HotRock ● WA ● \$12,500
- ▶ Gum Tree Corridor Stories. The Eucalypt Interpretation Project ● Friends of the Gold Coast Royal Botanic Gardens ● QLD ● \$9,000
- ▶ Phillip Island – Eucalyptus Care, Protection and Education project ● Philip Island Nature Parks ● VIC ● \$14,900
- ▶ Manawarnti – All the Trees ● Kurungal Council Inc. ● WA ● \$15,000
- ▶ Conservation Strategies for Riverina Black Box Woodlands ● Hay Trees on Plains Landcare Inc. ● NSW ● \$15,000
- ▶ Adaptation and Diversity of Eucalypts in the Greater Blue Mountains: Conservation of the ‘Green Ashes’ ● University of New South Wales ● NSW ● \$7,500
- ▶ Otway Eucalypts. Education and Conservation in a High Risk Fire Community ● Kawarren Recreation Reserve Committee Inc. ● VIC ● \$15,000
- ▶ Propagation and Regeneration of the Yellow Box and Blakely’s Red Gum ● Murrumbidgee Landcare Association Inc. ● NSW ● \$15,000

2014

- ▶ Aboriginal Scar Trees: Significance, Conservation and Management of Veteran Eucalypts in the Landscape ● The Hut Environmental and Community Association Inc. (THECA) ● Qld ● \$14,600
- ▶ Black Gum Recovery: Promotion and protection of endangered Eucalyptus aggregata ● Woodend Landcare Inc. ● Vic ● \$1,400
- ▶ Bloodwood eucalypt diversity – one or more genera? ● The University of Melbourne ● VIC ● \$15,000
- ▶ Creating Eucalypt Hot Spots in Midland Schools ● Greening Australia ● TAS ● \$15,000
- ▶ Education on Eucalypts ● The Association of Hazaras in Victoria Inc. ● Vic ● \$3,300
- ▶ Endangered Eucalypt Ecosystems on the Sunshine Coast ● Noosa and District Landcare Group ● QLD ● \$14,800
- ▶ Improving landscape-scale strategies for restoration of coastal koala habitat ● Brunswick Valley Landcare Inc. ● NSW ● \$11,500
- ▶ Making La Trobe University’s eucalypt collection publicly accessible ● Botany Department, La Trobe University ● VIC ● \$7,700
- ▶ Nardoo Hills Reserve Eucalypt Management ● Bush Heritage Australia ● VIC ● \$15,000
- ▶ Towards a novel perspective for eucalypt revegetation under climate change – genomic approaches for identifying climate adaptation in Grey Box, Eucalyptus microcarpa ● The University of Melbourne ● NSW ● \$15,000

Multi Year and Special Grants

Pre 2013

- ▶ Eucalypt Festival ● Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne ● VIC ● \$7,000
- ▶ Capturing Flora: Three hundred years of Australian botanical art ● Art Gallery of Ballarat ● VIC ● \$10,000
- ▶ Documenting the history of Eucalypt Science in Australia Stage 2 ● University of Melbourne ● VIC ● \$15,000
- ▶ Digital imaging and online access of a significant eucalypt research collection ● University of Melbourne ● VIC ● \$15,000
- ▶ Kimberly to Cape – Eucalypts of Northern Australia ● Northern Territory Environment Centre ● QLD, NT, WA ● \$50,000
- ▶ Annual Rural Event ● Norman Wettenhall Foundation ● VIC ● \$3,000

2013

- ▶ Kimberly to Cape – Eucalypts of Northern Australia ● Northern Territory Environment Centre ● QLD, NT, WA ● \$15,000
- ▶ Bjarne K Dahl Memorial Boardwalk ● Lake Mountain Alpine Resort ● VIC ● \$30,000
- ▶ Discover Eucalypts ● Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne ● VIC ● \$28,100
- ▶ Bjarne K Dahl Fellowship and Sponsorship ● Australian Book Review ● VIC ● \$15,000
- ▶ Building Wild Seed Resources of Threatened Eucalypts ● Australian Seed Bank Partnership ● ACT ● \$48,285

2014

- ▶ Kimberly to Cape – Eucalypts of Northern Australia ● Northern Territory Environment Centre ● QLD, NT, WA ● \$23,181
- ▶ Primary Connections ● Australian Academy of Science ● VIC ● \$16,500
- ▶ Bjarne K Dahl Fellowship and Sponsorship ● Australian Book Review ● VIC ● \$15,000

Finances

The Bjarne K Dahl Trust is a Discretionary Investment Trust that operates on a Not-for-Profit basis. The Trust is an Australian Tax Office-endorsed Charitable Institution and is entitled to GST concessions and income tax exemptions. The Trust’s investment assets are managed by Perpetual Trustees as an ethical and socially responsible investment fund and the Trust banks with Bank Australia (formally known as BankMECU) for operational purposes.

A Summary of the Trust’s income for the year ended 30 June 2015 and financial position as at 30 June 2015 is provided below. This summary is from the Trust’s financial report for the year ended 30 June 2015.

BJARNE K DAHL TRUST Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2015		
	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Revenue and other income		
Other revenue	540,769	490,638
Less: expenses		
Grants	(123,784)	(321,586)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(1,575)	(1,450)
Occupancy expense	(5,665)	(3,583)
Advertising expense	(5,013)	(4,206)
Salaries and contractor expense	(118,593)	(63,529)
Investment portfolio manager fees and charges	(52,287)	(60,082)
Donations	(5,000)	-
Other expenses	(34,465)	(22,387)
	(346,382)	(476,823)
Surplus	194,387	13,815
Other comprehensive income		
Items that will not be reclassified to profit and loss		
Unrealised gains on investment portfolio	243,147	461,003
Other comprehensive income for the year	243,147	461,003
Total comprehensive income	437,534	474,818

BJARNE K DAHL TRUST Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2015		
	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	235,155	648,994
Receivables	63,438	55,034
Financial assets	8,341,175	7,565,011
Other assets	224,255	185,321
Total current assets	8,864,023	8,454,360
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	3,822	3,953
Total non-current assets	3,822	3,953
Total assets	8,867,845	8,458,313
Current liabilities		
Payables	13,298	41,300
Total current liabilities	13,298	41,300
Total liabilities	13,298	41,300
Net assets	8,854,547	8,417,013
Trust funds		
Trust funds	7,106,694	7,106,694
Reserves	839,683	596,536
Accumulated surplus / (losses)	908,170	713,783
Total trust funds	8,854,547	8,417,013

Looking Ahead

In the coming year, the Trust will continue to work towards the goals set in our 2012-15 Strategic Plan, a copy of which is available to download from the resources section of our website.

In 2015/16 we will operate as a grant-making body through our successful Small Grants Program and our focussed multi-year and special grant program.

Some of our new activities include:

- Our partnership with The Royal Society of Victoria and the joint scientific symposium titled ‘Conserving Eucalypts – the why and the how’ to be held on 18 March 2016.
- Our ongoing partnership with the Australian Book Review, which will include the launch of the ABR’s second Environment Issue in late 2015.
- Strengthening our public education role through our partnership with Primary Connections, which will see materials on eucalypts developed for use in the National Curriculum.
- Reviewing the results of a recently completed survey of our stakeholders’ knowledge of the Trust and suggestions for our future communication methods and information content.
- Continue to work with existing and new partners to support and promote the Australian eucalypt icon.

Finally, we are looking forward to the Trust’s third National Eucalypt Day in March 2016 and presentations from eucalypt experts at the Eucalypt Symposium being held with The Royal Society of Victoria on the 18 March 2016.



Snow Gum (E. pauciflora) at Lake Mountain. Photo: courtesy of DELWP

“How forests beneficially affect a clime, how they supply equable humidity, how they afford extensive shelter, create springs, and control the flow of rivers: all this the teachings of science, the records of history, and, more forcibly still, the sufferings or even ruin of numerous and vast communities, have demonstrated in sad experiences, not only in times long past, but even in very recent periods.”

BARON VON MUELLER (June 1871) First Government Botanist for Victoria and Director of the Botanic Gardens of Melbourne on the importance of eucalypt forest and forest culture in a public lecture at the Melbourne Industrial and Technological Museum.

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