

# **Fungimap Inc.**

**Reg. No. A0047228L**

**Annual Report  
Year Ending 31 December 2014**

# FUNGIMAP - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## Year ending 31 December 2014

There were 194 members at 30 December, 2014, comprising 100 ordinary members, 75 concessional members and 19 associate members. The state with the most members is Victoria, but there is also good representation of members from across Australia. Membership is down from 220 in 2013.

The major event for Fungimap in 2014 was the Fungi Festival, held in Brisbane in April, running alongside the annual scientific meeting of the Australasian Mycological Society (AMS). The Brisbane Fungi Festival organising subcommittee comprised Blanche Higgins (chair), along with John Dearnaley, Diana Leemon and Richard Robinson (from AMS), Fran Guard (from Queensland Mycological Society) and Tom May. Blanche Higgins was responsible for overall co-ordination of the Festival. The Fungi Festival provided a welcome opportunity to work collaboratively with AMS and QMS. During the Festival, 74 people attended the day of talks on 'Why Mushrooms and Moulds Matter', with 16 presenters. Over the rest of the Festival, there were eight forays and field-based activities (including some specifically for children), 10 workshops and a masterclass on Boletes led by Roy Halling. In total, 128 people attended some part of the event. The Brisbane City Council and Scenic Rim Regional Council provided generous support for the Festival. The event ran smoothly, with high participant satisfaction (an average feedback score across all events of 4.3/5). However, even with grants, the financial loss was around \$5,000, taking into account the paid time of the Fungimap Coordinator, which was essential in ensuring the success of the event.

Planning commenced for Fungimap 8, the biennial Conference, to be held in Batemans Bay, New South Wales, in April 2015. The Fungimap 8 organising sub-committee was initially chaired by Blanche Higgins, along with Nikki Bennetts, Skye Moore, Teresa van der Heul and Tom Jeavons. Sapphire McMullan-Fisher took over as chair from August. The Ian Potter Foundation provided significant assistance towards the project: 'Fungimap 8: surveying for fungi, conference and community leadership program', that will assist with preparation of teaching modules and roll out of workshops at the Conference. The Sydney Fungal Studies Group also kindly contributed towards the operating costs of Fungimap 8.

Fungimap's staff of Coordinator and Data Coordinator efficiently looked after day to day operations, including co-ordination of events, memberships, book sales and website and the various databases of records and images. Blanche Higgins was Coordinator until resigning in July to take up further study, Sapphire McMullan-Fisher joined Fungimap as Coordinator in July. Alena Moison was Data Coordinator until resigning in November to take up a GIS role in state Government. Blanche and Alena made significant contribution to Fungimap, overseeing innovation in the website, e-commerce, social media, donations and image databases as well as being pivotal to delivery of major events over several years.

Some 4,525 records were added to the Fungimap database during 2014, bringing the total records to around 107,000. This compares to 5,499 records added in 2013. Records from Fungimap are accessible through the Atlas of Living Australia (ALA). Fungimap continues to be among the largest contributors of fungi records to the ALA, along with Australia's Virtual Herbarium (representing the combined state herbarium collections). The Fungimap image database, managed using the program Cumulus, now contains 8,282 digitised images of 727 species (compared to 7,387 at the end of 2013).

The Fungimap website remained relatively static during 2014, but remains a vital part of communication and sales for the organisation, featuring an online field guide, videos showcasing talks from events and a Kidzone, as well as enabling online sales of books, donations and event registrations. There were 13 posts to the Fungimap Blog during the year, including articles on fungi

art and fungi forays around Australia. Alison Pouliot kindly provided a number of articles for the blog.

The *Fungi Down Under* 2nd edition (FDU2) sub-committee continued work on text and images for use in the book, under the co-ordination of Pam Catcheside and Tom May. A working list of around 250 species has been developed, from which 200 will be selected for the book. Descriptions of most species have been completed and entered into the FDU wiki (collaborative editing space) for use in compiling and editing descriptions; mainly by Travis Heafield.

The Funding & Promotion sub-committee comprised of Sapphire McMullan-Fisher (Chair), Blanche Higgins and Tom Jeavons explored sources of funding for Fungimap. The other Fungimap sub-committees (Data & Images and Conservation & Biodiversity) were relatively inactive during 2014. A full listing of all Fungimap sub-committee members is provided on the Fungimap website.

Christina Hall provided valuable service as *Fungimap Newsletter* editor, with the support of Blanche Higgins and Tom May. Two issues of the *Newsletter* were distributed in 2014: issue 52 appeared in June (24 pages) and issue 53 in December (16 pages). The *Newsletter* is valued by members, but there were noticeably less contributions during 2014. This is partly because some regular sections of earlier *Newsletters* have been moved to the Fungimap website – such as the calendar of events. Nevertheless, the appropriate balance between a printed *Newsletter* and electronic communication (such as the Fungimap blog, social media and news sent out to members by email) is an ongoing issue. Ben Sharp looked after the Fungimap facebook page, ensuring a steady flow of interesting posts about fungi in a wide range of contexts — from science and conservation to engineering and art.

Volunteers play a vital role in the Fungimap office, and the following people gave their time in the office during 2014: Myriam Amiet-Knottenbelt, Wendy Cook, Melissa Green, Travis Heafield, Graham Patterson and Sara Romberg, across a variety of tasks, including checking and entering records and images, handling book sales, checking finances and producing maps. It was great to have the continued input of long-term regular volunteers Graham and Wendy and engagement with new volunteers Melissa and Sara.

In November, Tom May was awarded the Australian Natural History Medallion, in recognition of his contributions to the study of Australian fungi, especially his role in creating and fostering Fungimap. The nomination for the award was by Fungimap Inc.

The Committee elected at the 2013 AGM consisted of Tom May (President), Roz Hart (Vice-President), Paul George (Secretary), Tom Jeavons (Treasurer) and committee members Nikki Bennetts and Jasmin Packer. The Committee has members from New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia. The Committee met five times during the year.

Fungimap had a small profit of \$553, which was a much better result than budgeted for. A large proportion of expenditure was on staff salaries. A factor in the better than anticipated financial outcome was reduced spending on the Data Coordinator salary, due to Alena Moison taking maternity leave. However, some grants were received, the acquittal of which (and consequent expenditure) will occur in 2015.

The Austral Fungi Fund is the special fund that receives tax deductible donations under the Deductible Gift Recipient status granted to Fungimap. In 2014 donations to the Austral Fungi Fund totalled \$10,040 compared to \$1,315 in 2013 (and the grant from The Ian Potter Foundation of \$20,000 was also paid into the Austral Fungi Fund). There was no expenditure from the Fund. A significant proportion of the donations to the Austral Fungi Fund came from the new 'Sponsor a species' program, in which donors sponsor particular target species. Donations through 'Sponsor a species' support the work of Fungimap in advancing knowledge and conservation of Australian fungi, such as through publication of an enlarged and revised edition of *Fungi Down Under*. In addition, several members have elected to make regular donations, which is much appreciated.

Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne continued to provide valuable assistance in hosting the Fungimap office and employed the Coordinator and the Data Coordinator on behalf of Fungimap.

The Strategic Plan prepared in 2013 included some ambitious targets that were understood to require substantial external funding to be achieved, particularly in the areas of conservation and education. There has been no progress on funding these areas. There continues to be much interest by members and the broader community in these areas, but securing funding remains a challenge. In 2014, Fungimap was fortunate to receive for the first time a small grant from the Australian Government program of Grants to Voluntary Environment, Sustainability and Heritage Organisations; a program which has unfortunately now ceased operation.

During 2014, the financial management software package used by Fungimap for the last decade unexpectedly had to be updated. This was a major disruption to Fungimap activities and resulted in significant extra work for the Coordinator and Treasurer. In terms of financial management, it is apparent that the current cash basis for accounting is not able to take into account the way that projects are run over several years, with income and expenditure separated in time, such as for the Conferences. Consequently, it has been difficult to assess the financial viability of some projects. A move to an accrual system seems desirable. What is clear is that Fungimap has made losses on large events, such as Conferences and Fungi Festivals. Even though there have been high satisfaction levels among those participating, the paid time required by the Fungimap Coordinator to organise such events is not matched by registrations and grants. In the current Business Plan for Fungimap, the Fungimap Coordinator is being employed at three days per week through membership, book sales and event profits. Losses on the events make this arrangement unviable in the long term. Therefore, it will be important in 2015 for Fungimap to develop new models for events that match the needs of members, while at the same time being financially viable.

The Business Plan also recognised that ongoing funding of the Data Coordinator position has to rely on external funding. A contract with the Atlas of Living Australia was negotiated towards the end of 2014, to supply data and images to the Atlas, allowing several months support for a Data Coordinator. The position will be filled in 2015.

**Tom May**  
**President, Fungimap Inc.**

## **FUNGIMAP - FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **Year ending 31 December 2014**

The net result for the 12-month period is a surplus of \$553. This compares to a deficit for the previous year of \$34,016. Although an operating deficit was budgeted in 2014, the small surplus was achieved by additional grant income being received from The Ian Potter Foundation of \$20,000 for Fungimap 8 and additional donations received from members. Expenditure on salaries was smaller than expected because Alena Moison took 6-month's maternity leave from March to September, 2014.

As a change to previous practice, the 2014 Fungimap accounts have not been audited. This is in line with options available under new rules introduced in 2014 by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC), because Fungimap falls into the 'small organisation' category on the basis of its annual revenue being less than \$250,000.

**Tom Jeavons**  
**Treasurer, Fungimap Inc.**

**FUNGIMAP INC.**  
**No. AOO47228L**  
**PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31 DECEMBER 2014**

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
<b>INCOME</b>		
<b>Memberships</b>	6,622	7,084
<b>Sales</b>		
"Fungi Down Under" Retail	3,191	1,585
"Fungi Down Under" Wholesale	2,432	3,551
Books - Other Titles	9,340	3,310
Fungimap CD-ROM	0	18
Other Stock	423	680
<b>Project income</b>		
Registration	11,286	11,957
Accommodation	4,050	13,975
Food	1,778	14,236
Transport	117	582
Other project income	660	0
<b>Bank Interest Earned</b>	1,896	5,156
<b>Handling &amp; Postage</b>	1,744	685
<b>Donations</b>	10,040	1,316
Donations NON - DGR	0	554
<b>Grants</b>		
Various	0	18,590
Brisbane City Council	5,000	0
Scenic Rim Regional Council	5,000	0
The Ian Potter Foundation	20,000	0
Aust Gov GVESH0 Programme	2,000	0
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>	28	182
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>85,607</b>	<b>83,461</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>		
Fungi Down Under	1,373	1,398
Book Purchases - Other Titles	3,467	2,702
Newsletters and Brochure Print	20	373
Other Stock	1,571	863
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	6,431	5,336
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>79,176</b>	<b>78,124</b>

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**PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31 DECEMBER 2014 (continued)**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>General &amp; Administrative Expenses</b>		
Accounting & Audit Fees	0	1,000
Filing & Compliance Fees	51	50
Bank Charges	531	107
Merchant Card Fees	240	1,087
Paypal Commission	947	0
Subscriptions By Fungimap	551	1,018
Office Supplies	612	539
Postage Paid & Couriers	80	524
Late Fees Paid	2	0
Insurances	706	670
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Printing	0	44
Teleconferencing	1,168	274
Travel	76	0
<b>Employment Expenses</b>		
Coordinator Salary & on costs	53,382	72,288
Contractor Fees	500	0
<b>Project Expenses</b>		
Accommodation	13,073	8,593
Food	2,590	16,407
Travel	2,010	1,065
Transport	533	1,905
Equipment Hire	0	736
Other project expense	1,570	5,834
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>78,623</b>	<b>112,141</b>
 <b>NET PROFIT / (LOSS)</b>	 <b>553</b>	 <b>(34,016)</b>

**FUNGIMAP INC.**  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT**  
**31 DECEMBER 2014**

	2014	2013
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Bendigo Bank Cheque Account	14,337	17,716
Business Debit Card	127	50
Austral Fungi Fund	29,275	1,002
Austral Fungi Fund Term Deposit	7,249	7,000
Petty Cash	205	32
Term Deposit 2503	28,125	28,125
Term Deposit 2502	0	29,994
Undeposited Funds	307	179
Trade Debtors	0	595
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>79,623</b>	<b>84,692</b>
Inventory		
Books + Other Stock	6,087	-528
Books - Fungimap Published	1,918	3,234
"Fungi Down Under" Wholesale	-489	-433
Other Book Titles	1,478	2,117
Fungimap CD ROM	169	169
Other Stock	877	748
Book Revaluation Adjustment	-376	-268
<b>Total Inventory</b>	<b>9,665</b>	<b>5,040</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>89,288</b>	<b>89,732</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Trade Creditors	149	382
GST Liabilities		
GST Collected	27,976	22,592
GST Paid	-35,137	-27,222
GST Clearing	1,788	0
Total GST Liabilities	-5,373	-4,631
Import Duty Payable	0	21
Total Current Liabilities	-5,225	-4,228
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>-5,225</b>	<b>-4,228</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>94,513</b>	<b>93,960</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Retained Earnings	93,960	127,976
Current Year Earnings	553	-34,016
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>94,513</b>	<b>93,960</b>

Fungimap Inc. No. A 0047228L  
Report of the Committee of Management

Your committee is pleased to submit the financial accounts of Fungimap Inc for the calendar year January to December 2014.

The names of the committee members in office at the date of this report are:  
N Bennetts, P George, R Hart, T Jeavons, T May and J Packer.  
The Secretary of Fungimap Inc is P George.

The principal activities and objects of Fungimap Inc. are to promote and support the study and conservation of Australian macrofungi.

The net surplus for the twelve month period is \$553. No provision for income tax is required, as Fungimap Inc has been self-assessed as income-tax exempt.

No office holder has received or become entitled to receive, during or since the end of the reporting year, a benefit because of a contract made by Fungimap Inc with the office holder or any entity with which the office holder has a substantial interest.

During or since the end of the reporting year, Fungimap Inc has not entered into any mortgage or other arrangements affecting any of the property of the association. Fungimap Inc has not created any trusts, and is not a trustee of any trust.

Signed on 10/4/2015 in accordance with a resolution of the Committee of Management.

Committee member: T May (President)



Committee member: P George (Secretary)



Statement by the Committee of Management

The office holders declare:

(1) that the following financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the financial position of Fungimap Inc for the 12 month period 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014, and of the financial performance of Fungimap Inc for that period.;

(2) that at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due;

(3) that in the intervening period between 31 December 2014 and the date of this declaration, there have been no material changes to the affairs of the association.

Signed on 10/4/2015 in accordance with a resolution of the Committee of Management.

Committee member: T May (President)



Committee member: P George (Secretary)

