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CEO REPORT 2013

Hi Members

The Wonnarua Nation had a good year in terms of progress in a number of areas. We have implemented our new company WMR Pty Ltd Wonnarua Mine Rehabilitation Pty Ltd which has 3 directors who are John Lester, Tony Hanrahan and Tracy Meekin. They have advertised for the Supervisor and Labourer positions to start the company. We are 100% shareholders in WMR Pty Ltd they have also submitted a Development Application to Singleton Shire Council to develop the Nursery at Camberwell Village 15 minutes from Singleton and 15 minutes from St Clair Mission.

There are a number of major mines already interested in buying and planting our trees on mine sites when the Nursery is set up, so progress is really happening in this area and we hope to have a successful business year in 2014.

More good news - the Environment Minister Robyn Parker accepted our written submission to gazette 2 areas on our property we own at Carrowbrook which was the former St Clair Aboriginal Mission site.

The 2 areas protected now are the corroboree ground and the former Church. The Minister will be visiting our property on the 12th October next month to officially gazette this site.

This is a very significant achievement from the board and we will be looking at gazetting more Aboriginal places of significance in Wonnarua Country now, and in the future.

The other good news is RMS Roads and Maritime Services have funded our submission to develop the first stage of the proposed Wonnarua Cultural Park. The first stage is to engage a company to prepare the DA to Singleton Council and install a hall building on our property. This has been a pain staking task and took 5 years to approve and many meetings so thanks to all directors involved past and present and for members being patient.

We have also been successful in another submission to RMS in naming the bridges and rest areas along the Hunter Expressway in Wonnarua Names. This is another outstanding achievement by the board. The official opening of the highway is expected in December this year and we will keep you all updated on the exact date.

Keith Rogers and myself worked on an application to Coal and Allied to fund an office, the CEO position and our next WNAC strategic plan. We are happy to announce that this has been funded through a partnering agreement. This was a significant achievement in identifying ways to save WNAC money and keep developing our goals.

The Health and Education fund has delivered significant outcomes for our members this year (see graph attached). The board volunteer their own time in managing these funds and special thanks needs to go to them and Ineke Henskens who helps manage these programs for our members. The Board still feels more applications for Health and Education should be sought from members.

We engaged Norm Laing an Aboriginal person to look at giving us strategic direction with Native Title issues and a workshop was organised to look at how we can move forward on this issue. The development of a Native Title strategy is an ongoing process.

The WNAC, Wonnarua Elders Council and Madoo Land Fund executives held a workshop this year to develop a MOU to work together and look at other partnerships within our organisations. Two of the organisations have developed strategic plans with WNAC to update its plan in coming months. I am very confident this year we will have all 3 organisations working together to create social and economic benefits to descendants of Sarah Madoo.

The Wonnarua Reclamation committee have met a number of times this year to develop important issues like developing our Wonnarua language, finalising our traditional boundary's project, completing our family tree, sourcing funding to make more possum skins etc. We also applied to the government to fund a CD and book called Wonnarua Pathways and still waiting for a decision. We will keep members updated with these outcomes as we progress.

In terms of culture and heritage issues we have worked hard this year with the mining companies especially Glencore and have developed 2 CD's and completed 2 ACHMP Aboriginal Culture Heritage Management Plans with our Elders who live in the area. If these 2 mines are approved next year, the recommendations in the ACHMP will be implemented and this is expected to create direct benefits for the Nation.

I would especially like to thank Keith Rogers. He has been our consultant for 5 years from when WNAC came out of administration. His knowledge, assistance and timeless work in delivering policy and procedures and good corporate governance, to the Board, will surely be missed

I am pleased to announce the board have selected me as fulltime CEO for 12 months I will be putting 100% effort to deliver the strategic direction the board requires and make sure our members, the descendants of Sarah Madoo, benefit from their decisions.

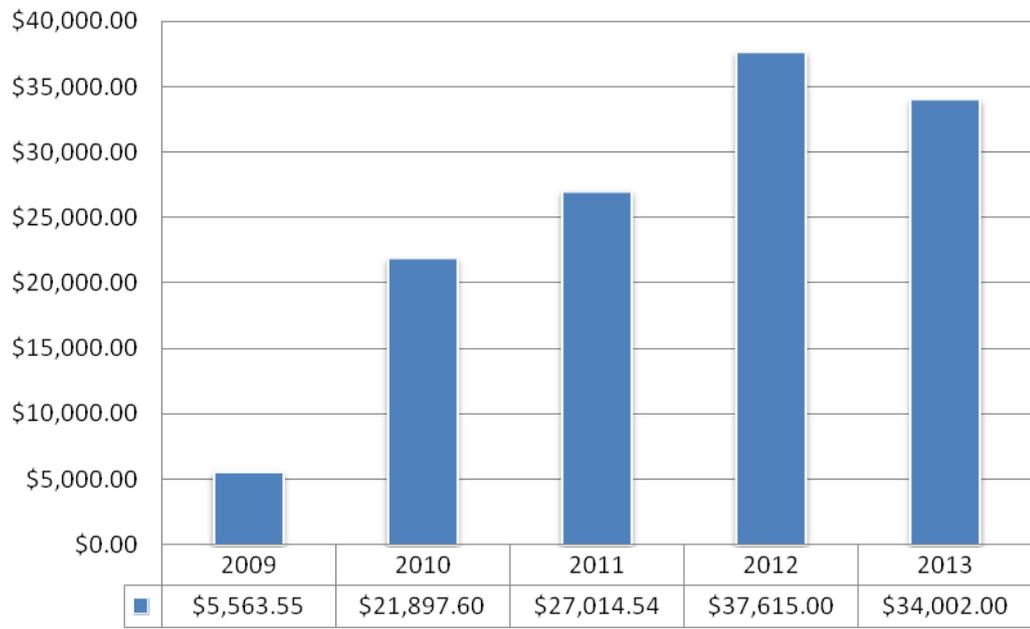
Yours Truly

Laurie Perry

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CEO WNAC

Health Fund Expenditure



Education Fund Expenditure

