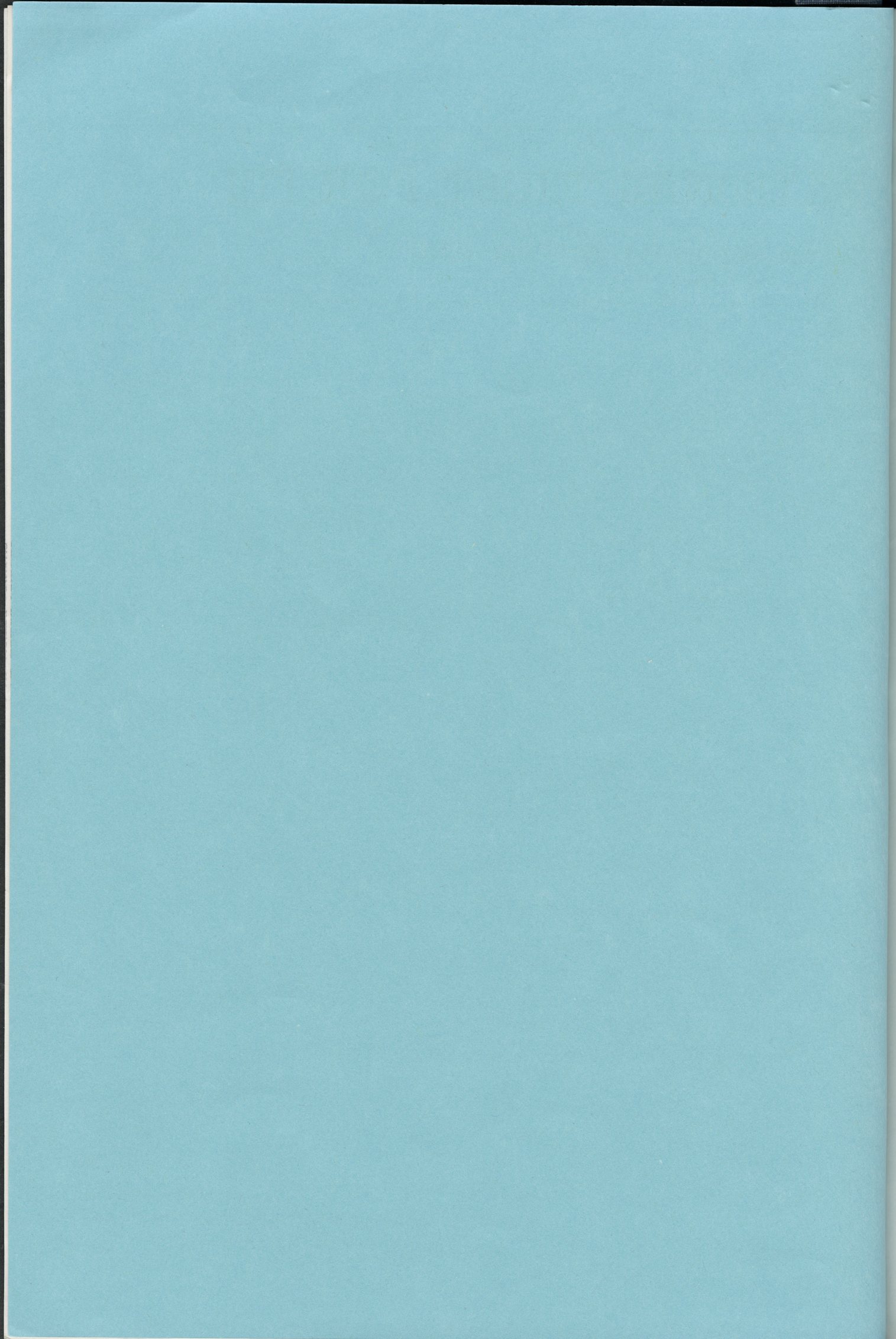

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INTRODUCTION

Now in its twelfth year of existence, the National Trust for Fiji continues its dedicated efforts with little effect on Fiji's development strategy.

Our environment and our cultural and historic heritage are valuable gifts to a nation that need to take central place in any formulations of policies for national development. Yet the Trust's efforts in 1982 to ensure this process, were little effective.

The need for more information gathered through research, the need for objective analysis of the interaction of development processes in the environment and the need for strong direction and advocacy have all been felt very strongly.

PROJECTS AND INTERESTS

A. National Parks and Reserves:

The National Trust for Fiji together with the Native Land Trust Board prepared a project document for the Dakua Forest/Amenity Area in Vanua Levu. The document was submitted to various funding agencies and has yet to receive a positive response.

Birandra Singh, the Trust's Conservation Officer attended the Third World National Parks Congress in Bali, Indonesia from 11th to 22nd October 1982. Mr. Singh presented a paper on "Conservation Practices in the Oceania Realm.

The Trust had renewed its application for lease over Nukulau, Natadola and Deuba Crown Lands. None of these have so far been approved.

B. Yaduatabu Iguana Sanctuary:

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The Trust donated library books from the Borron House to Levuka Library. It also obtained a Crown lease and a tenancy agreement for the Patterson Memorial Gardens.

C. Momi Gunsite:

This area has remained almost the same as in the previous year and the part-time Caretaker has continued to maintain and clean the area.

D. Borron House:

During the year major renovations and additions were carried out by the Ministry of Works.

The household effects not required by Ministry of Foreign Affairs were stored at Don Burness' and B. Singh's place. Valuable items had been temporarily stored at the Fiji Museum. Most of these items have since been removed to Pacific Harbour where the Trust has been given free storage space.

The Borron House library books were donated to the Levuka Library.

The lease documents for the use of this property by the Government as a VIP Guest House have not been completed to-date.

E. Colo-i-Suva Forest Park:

The Trust contributed financially to the maintenance and upkeep of the "Nature Trail".

It also provided a small sum for realigning the access road.

F. Laucala Beach Estate Ring-ditch-fort:

Prison Services cleared this site twice and due to lack of funding no proper developments could be carried out. This site is scheduled for opening in May 1983.

G. National Arbor Week:

The National Trust's Conservation Officer took part in the National Arbor Week celebrations as well as visited the Deuba Primary School with the Forestry Education Officer.

H. Carbon-dating of Trees:

The National Trust had decided to launch an appeal for funds to be able to carry out carbon-dating of some of the prime specimens of indigenous timber trees to be able to date the actual age of some forest that is being removed.

There was a generous donation from Burns Philp (SS) Company Limited and this together with other smaller donations await further funds before the project can be implemented.

I. Levuka M.H. Building:

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J. Native Plants:

During October the Trust organised a field trip to Nadarivatu to photograph and make records for educational purposes of some of the lesser known plants. Included in the trip was a botanist from the Herbarium.

K. National Environment Exhibition:

The National Trust for Fiji also organised the National Environment Exhibition in Labasa from 31st May to 5th June during the Environment Week.

Government agencies and schools put on displays and posters. The Exhibition ended with the World Environment Day Oratory Contest. It was the first one organised outside Suva.

L. Conservation and Development Seminar:

A three day seminar including a field trip was organised by the Trust which was funded by the Hanns Seidel Foundation.

The seminar involved about six overseas government participants and thirty local participants many of whom were middle and senior level decision makers.

From views aired the participants hoped the Trust would be able to organise similar seminars at the divisional level.

M. Cultural Heritage Conservation Seminar:

Conclusion:

The Chairman attended this seminar in Hawaii from 21st July to 4th August. The National Trust continued to in 1982. Trust's activities and objectives have not been effected fully due to lack of management and experienced staff. It is vital to the life of the Trust that a Director be recruited. The Government's assistance is required in

N. Environmental Management Committee:

this regard.

The Trust Conservation Officer has represented the Trust at the monthly meetings of the Environment Management Committee and helped in the preparation of submissions.

O. National Conservation Strategy:

Twenty-one.

The Trust will co-ordinate the preparation of this document which will be funded by International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources but is awaiting an official approval of the Fiji Government.

P. Publicity:

A number of T-shirts were printed and put on sale to promote conservation and the National Trust for Fiji.

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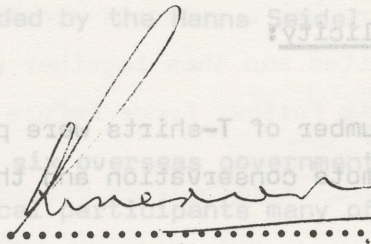
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NATIONAL TRUST FOR FIJI

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

NATIONAL TRUST FOR FIJI

YEAR

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1982

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THE REVENUE FOR THE YEAR WAS DERIVED FROM -

GRANTS -

Government of Fiji	2	45,000	45,000
World Wildlife Fund	3	2,240	-
Government of Fiji - subsidy for fencing material	4	418	-
Membership Fees		199	116
Sale of Grass Book		34	327
Donations		5	5
Bank Interest		-	877
Refunds		558	196
Sale of misc. items		56	32
Sale of Natl. House		-	55
Consultancy		-	360
Borron House	5	32,750	-
Special Projects	6	309	-
TOTAL REVENUE		\$82,764	\$46,968

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THE EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR WAS INCURRED ON -

Salaries, wages and related payments		14,545	12,553
Maintenance and preservation of Borron House		4,840	25,257
Office requisites, printing and advertising		601	364
Telephone and postal charges		642	532
Travelling and Meeting expenses		2,343	1,526
Cleaning, rent, electricity and insurance		1,247	1,182
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Office equipment, furniture and fittings		4,050	59
Expenses in connection with conferences		2,750	617
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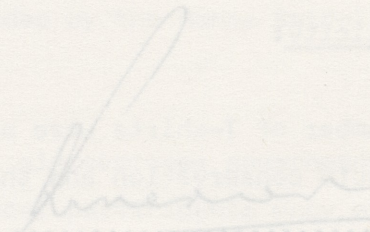
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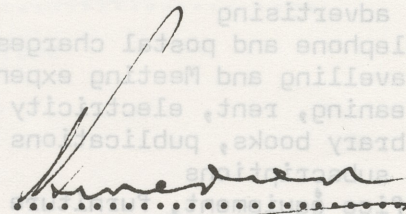
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Motor Vehicle		6,250	-
Maintenance and running expenses of vehicle		1,673	1,817
Green Books		-	220
Photography and maps		35	61
Expenses on projects - local funds		3,148	1,452
Environmental Exhibition and World Environment Day		1,163	434
Heritage		41	53
Establishment of national parks and reserves and Iguana reserves		-	1,636
Arbor Day		-	13
Entertainment expenses		-	301
Miscellaneous		20	6
Grant Colo-i-Suva reserve		700	-
		<u>44,738</u>	<u>48,752</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>\$44,738</u>	<u>\$48,752</u>

THE NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR WAS	38,026	(1,784)
THE SURPLUS BALANCE AT 1 JANUARY WAS	8,831	10,615
LEAVING A BALANCE OF TRUST'S FUND AT 31 DECEMBER OF	<u>\$46,857</u>	<u>\$8,831</u>

THIS BALANCE WAS REPRESENTED BY -

Cash in hand and at bank	7	<u>\$46,857</u>	<u>\$8,831</u>
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(The accompanying notes are to be read in conjunction with this financial statement)


 Mr. Robin Mercer
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NATIONAL TRUST FOR FIJI

NOTE 2: BORRON HOUSE

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1982

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

NOTE 1: Set out hereunder are the significant accounting policies adopted by the National Trust for Fiji in preparation of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 1982. Unless otherwise stated, such accounting policies were also adopted in the preceding year.

a) Basis of Accounting

The cash basis of accounting is adopted for all financial transactions.

b) Acquisition of Assets

It is also the policy to charge to income the full cost of assets at the time of acquisition. Stores are charged to relevant expenditure items at the time of purchase. The control over assets is exercised through inventories and stores records of quantities but not of value. Real estates donated to the National Trust comprise:

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| 1.1.1977 | Laucala Beach Estate, Suva C.L. 5891,
2 acres 3 roods 16.9 perches. |
| 16.6.1977 | Borron House, Suva C.T. 14682,
7 acres 3 roods 19.6 perches together with
substantial buildings and household contents. |
| 1.9.1979 | Morris Hedstrom's Building, Levuka
C.L. 5882, 1 rood 6.7 perches together with
wood and iron house. |

NOTE 2: UNDISCLOSED PAYMENTS

Apart from the Government Grant of \$45,000 received by the Trust in 1982, expenditure of \$113,468 met by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Tourism from vote under its control for renovation to Borron House, has not been shown in the accounts.

NOTE 3: WORLD WILDLIFE FUND

The Fund made available the money to cover the subsistence and travelling expenses of the Conservation Officer who attended the World National Parks Congress in Bali, Indonesia.

NOTE 4: SUBSIDY - IGUANA PROJECT

Subsidy received from Agriculture Department for the purchase of fencing material for Iguana Project, Yaduataba.

NOTE 5: BORRON HOUSE

Under provision made by the donor in his Will the maintenance and preservation of Borron House was to be met from income derived from investment of \$30,000 bequeathed to the Trust. The sum of \$32,750 received from the executors of the estate includes \$2,750 for interest.

NOTE 6: SPECIAL PROJECTS

Contributions received from individuals and private enterprise to meet the cost of the establishment of forest park and amenity reserve in Vanua Levu, publication of "Wildlife of Fiji", and carbon-dating of logs.

NOTE 7: CASH IN HAND AND AT BANK

Petty Cash	49
Cash at bank (Cheque Savings Accounts)	13,999
Term Deposit - Borron Trust Fund	32,750
Savings Account	59
	<u>\$46,857</u>

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