CAPRICORN CONSERVATION COUNCIL
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The work of the Capricorn Conservation Council over the past year has continued to involve many dedicated people seeking to preserve our local environmental treasures while also supporting national and international issues.

A new conciousness is developing in the community of the long term problems facing the world because of our abuse of the environment. While this is encouraging much work must still be done to draw the connections to local and statewide issues. This places more demands on our organiser and dedicated volunteers in terms of both the scope of issues to be addressed and to meet requests from the community for information, research etc.

These demands as well as a change in our offices and the general increase in costs have now given rise to financial difficulties for the Council. These difficulties must be addressed urgently in the comming year.

The Capricorn Conservation Council has co-operated and worked with other environmental groups in our area over the past year and I believe the combined actions of all these groups have earned a new respect from within the general community and amongst the media and community leaders.

Even though long campaigns may not be resolved in line with our goals those who have dedicated their lives to these campaigns have added to the environmental consiousness of the whole community. This builds the base for the success of the many future campaigns which must be waged if our earth and quality of life are to survive.

I would like to thank those who have dedicated themselves to the work of the environmental movement in Central Queensland and to the work of the Capricorn Conservation Council. I believe that we will be able to effectively draw on the strength of people's concern for the environment in the comming year and develop the work of the Council to meet whatever issues we face.

Ron Leeks
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