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Annual report 2026

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As Permatil Global celebrates its sixth year of operation, we reflect on an extraordinary journey of growth, learning and impact. What began as a small initiative has evolved into a dynamic organisation, driven by a shared vision of supporting environmental regeneration, mitigating climate change and building resilient and sustainable communities everywhere. This year has been particularly significant, marking a period of expansion across projects, partnerships, impacts and key achievements.

Our vision continues to be simple: Permaculture. Everyone. Everywhere.

Recognising the global potential of the *Tropical Permaculture Guidebook* – International Edition (launched in 2018), led its producers to establish Permatil Global back in 2020. This provided the structure needed to drive the project forward, support Permatil's on-the-ground work in Timor-Leste, and strengthen permaculture collaboration and advocacy internationally.

Since then, Permatil Global has reached over 163 countries around the world and making practical permaculture knowledge more widely available than ever before with over 150,000 resource downloads of the guidebook in English and Tetum, six freely accessible permaculture demonstration videos and a growing network of global partnerships.

As Permatil Global grows, so too does the scale and impact of our work. Through our close collaboration with Permatil Timor-Leste and the PermaYouth Association (Timor-Leste), we have built a strong and enduring alliance that continues to deliver meaningful outcomes. At the same time, our advocacy efforts and partnerships with like-minded organisations is opening up a global network, enabling us to create, share and promote an ever-growing suite of high-quality, globally accessible multimedia permaculture resources.

Together, these collaborations are supporting communities around the world to strengthen food and water security, build climate resilience, and implement regenerative, nature-based solutions that deliver lasting environmental, social and economic benefits.

As we celebrate another year of growth and impact, we are pleased to present Permatil Global's Annual Report, highlighting the projects, partnerships, impacts and achievements that have contributed to advancing our vision of resilient and sustainable communities everywhere.



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A short history

Timeline: October 2018 to June 2026

October 2018
The Tropical Permaculture Guidebook – International edition (English) is launched online and in print

March 2019
The first seeds are sown for the creation of Permatil Global

June 2019
Board of Directors are established

October 2019
Constitution and 2020–2023 strategic plan are drafted

March 2020
Permatil Global is registered with ASIC

May 2020
Public Fund Committee is established to oversee use of public donations

October 2020
External Conduct Standards for working outside Australia are drafted

February 2021
Permatil Global is registered with Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC). Application pending for Registry of Environmental Organisations (REO)

April 2021
The Tropical Permaculture Guidebook reaches 100,000 resource downloads across 160 countries

October 2021
Permatil Global is successful in becoming a Registered Environmental Organisation

Permatil Global is granted deductible gift recipient (DGR) status in Australia

November 2021
Permatil Global commences working with Australian Volunteers International (AVI) – in developing a funding database

Permatil TL and Permatil Global, wins the LUSH Spring Prize 2021 – in the established projects category

May 2022
The Tropical Permaculture Guidebook – Tetum edition is launched online. English printed edition on sale in bookshops

June 2022
The Tropical Permaculture Guidebook is registered with the National Library of Australia (bibliography ID: 8613088) and the State Library of South Australia

The Tropical Permaculture Guidebook reaches 110,000 resource downloads across 160 countries + 30 territorial regions

Printed copies of *The Tropical Permaculture Guidebook* – Tetum edition are shipped to Dili, Timor-Leste

July 2022
Funding proposals are drafted for four new language editions of *The Tropical Permaculture Guidebook* – in French, Portuguese, Spanish and Indonesian

September 2022
The inaugural Music for the Environment event is held in Darwin

October 2022
Planning begins for the official Presidential launch of *The Tropical Permaculture Guidebook,* in Dili, Timor-Leste in 2023

November 2022
The Tropical Permaculture Guidebook is registered with an Australian library book selling agent

December 2022
Permatil Global's membership base grows to 81 supporters

Permatil Global branded t-shirts available for sale on the permatilglobal.org website shop

March 2023
Two-year funding agreement signed with Kiwa – International Union for Conservation of Nature initiative

April 2023
Permatil TL and Permatil Global present at the Australian Permaculture Convergence – South Australia

May 2023
Ego Lemos, founder of Permatil TL and co-founder of Permatil Global, is awarded the Medal of Timor and appointed Special Envoy – Ambassador for Environment, Culture and the Arts, Timor-Leste



June 2023
Partnership is formed with Permatil TL, Permatil Global, Knowledge Water (NT) and Yolŋu communities in East Arnhem Land

The Tropical Permaculture Guidebook reaches 128,000 resource downloads across 160 countries + 30 territorial regions

Planning begins for the inaugural International PermaYouth Convergence to be hosted by Permatil TL and Permatil Global in October 2025

July 2023
The Tropical Permaculture Guidebook was official launch by The President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, H. E. the Honourable J. Ramos-Horta at an event in Dili, Timor-Leste

Kiwa – International Union for Conservation of Nature initiative project commences

September 2023
Three-year funding agreement signed with Misereor for a water restoration project in Oecusse, Timor-Leste

October 2023
Permatil Global donates AUD$8,000 funding to support the establishment of the PermaYouth Association (Timor-Leste)

April 2024
Planning for the International PermaYouth Convergence 2025 continues

May 2024
Work on Volume 4 – Planting water, growing communities (*The Tropical Permaculture Guidebook)* commences

June 2024
Permatil Global 2024–2026 strategic plan is published

July 2024
Collaborations for potential new projects in Timor-Leste

Planning continues for the International PermaYouth Convergence (IPYC–2025) to be held in Timor-Leste in October 2025.

August 2024
Development of the Permatil Alliance between Permatil TL, Permatil Global and the PermaYouth Association

October 2024
Two new Australian Volunteer International (AVI) positions start in Timor-Leste

November 2024
A water catchment webinar series with Permaculture Britain is delivered, with participants from over 20 countries

December 2024
Permatil and Permatil Global present at the International Permaculture Convergence (IPC15) in Taiwan

February 2025
Filming production of Permatil Global's first three technique-based videos in Timor-Leste

Working with Arte Moris in Timor-Leste to create illustrations for new education resources

Permatil Global donates AUD$25,000 as a 'local contributor' to support the *Planting water, growing communities* project in Oecusse,Timor-Leste, funded by Misereor

March 2025
Funding secured Arnhem Land and Timor-Leste First Nations cultural exchange project

June 2025
Permatil Global's first three technical-based videos (Kiwa funded) are produced and online

The ***Collective Learning for Agroecology through Permaculture*** project with the Permaculture Association Britain (PAB) (Britain), and ten other global implementing partners is approved to start in late 2025

July 2025
Kiwa PRESERVE project led by WaterAid Australia, with Permatil Global as a key regional partner is given initial approval

Filming for three new technical videos (Misereor funded) in Ermera, Timor-Leste

Planning (including crowdfunding) continues for the International PermaYouth Convergence (IPYC–2025) to be held in Timor-Leste in October 2025

August 2025
The ***Collective Learning for Agroecology through Permaculture*** project starts, a 2-year initiative connecting and strengthening ten organisations across four continents

Project planning commences for the ***Water Resilience and Climate Research Partnership*** with WaterAid Australia, University of New South Wales (UNSW), Permatil (Timor-Leste), Partisipa and DT Global. Permatil Global will develop guidelines for Nature-based Solutions (NbS) for water catchment management, for national distribution and use by the Timor-Leste Government

September 2025
Planning and initial development of the Kiwa PRESERVE project continues, along with preparations for IPYC–2025



October 2025
With Permatil and the PermaYouth Association we delivered the world's first ***International PermaYouth Convergence*** (IPYC), from October 20–25, 2025 followed by three days of field trips to local water restoration and catchment management sites

November 2025
2024–25 Annual General Meeting is held online on Monday 24 November 2025

The ***Water Resilience and Climate Research Partnership*** including Nature-based Solutions (NbS) Guidelines for water catchment management is approved and commenced

The new Permatil website is live permatil.org

February 2026
Planning and development continues on the Kiwa PRESERVE project led by WaterAid Australia

March 2026
Nature-based Solutions (NbS) Guidelines for water catchment management draft content is developed and illustrations created.

Knowledge base resource development continues (Misereor-funded)

April 2026
The ***Collective Learning for Agroecology through Permaculture*** project continues with planning and development

May 2026
The ***Kiwa PRESERVE*** project led by WaterAid Australia is officially launched

An NbS Guidelines engineering review for baseline safe construction models is finalised

June 2026
Permatil Global's second three technical-based videos (Misereor funded) project, are finalised

An IPYC–2025 short video summary is finalised

NbS Guidelines first draft content and illustrations are completed

Watch this space!





Overview of the year

The 2025-26 year was marked by many achievements, strong results from our ongoing projects, and the launch of a number of exciting new collaborations.

A year of transition

Permatil Global began an important step in its evolution, moving beyond supporting roles in projects and the development of project-based resources to becoming a full project partner in multi-year collaborations. This transition supports the continuing growth of the organisation and strengthens its capacity to deliver meaningful outcomes at multiple levels, from policy and engagement through to community-based action. It also enables the development of a broader range of high-quality educational resources that enhance project outcomes while expanding access to practical knowledge for Permatil Global's growing international audience.

Permatil Global continues to:

- work closely with alliance partners Permatil and the PermaYouth Association in Timor-Leste)
- expand our capabilities and make better use of the diverse skills within our team
- grow our team and lay the foundations for future expansion
- build on existing partnerships while developing new strategic collaborations.

Strength of alliance

In October 2025, alliance partners Permatil, Permatil Global and the PermaYouth Association, hosted the world's first International PermaYouth Convergence in Timor-Leste.

Held in the beautiful mountain village of Fatuquero, in the District of Ermera, the six-day event brought together more than 600 youth from Timor-Leste and over 120 youth and supporters from 17 countries. Participants engaged in hands-on learning and knowledge exchange focused on permaculture, environmental stewardship, climate resilience, and leadership. The immersive camp also celebrated cultural diversity through local food, music, theatre, and dance – fostering connections and inspiring the next generation of environmentally-aware changemakers.

This is an achievement we are proud of, one that continues to deliver significant benefits and create new opportunities. It has strengthened and grounded our alliance partnership, both professionally through our shared work and personally through the friendships and associations we have built.

The Permatil Alliance continues to evolve, including the development of interconnected websites that showcase and link the work of all three organisations.





Active projects

New projects and activities reflect the strong foundations we have built and the dedication invested in developing partnerships, designing effective project plans, and strengthening our capacity to deliver meaningful outcomes. As we continue to grow, we are enhancing every aspect of our organisation, including governance, operations, engagement and organisational capability. We are refining our structures, strengthening connections across our work, improving efficiency, and creating new opportunities for sustainable growth and expansion.

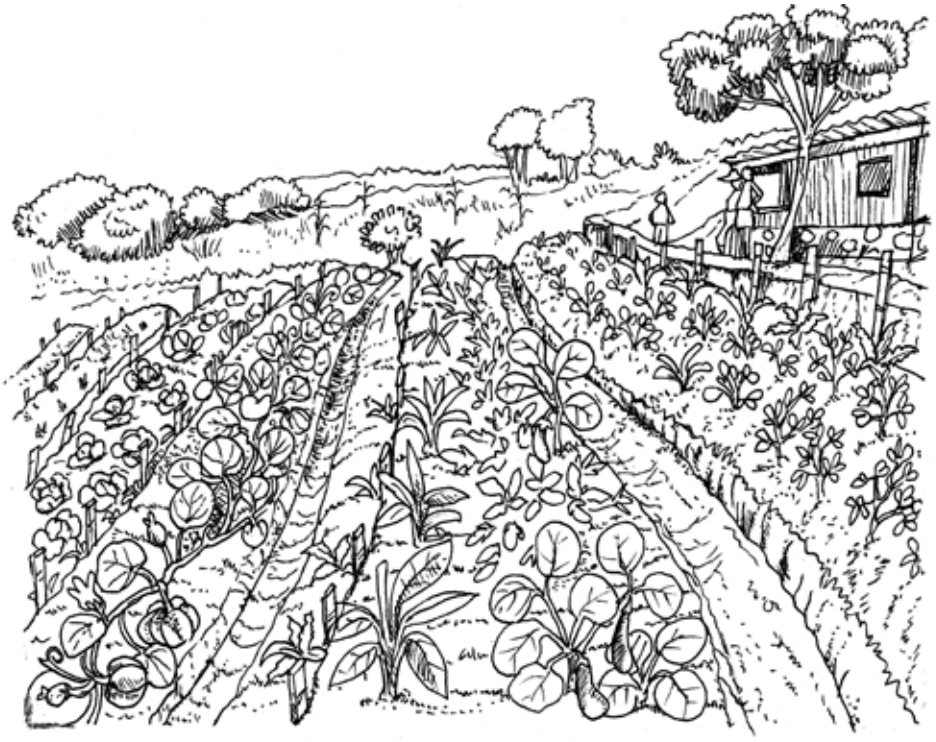
On the project level, three new multi-year projects have commenced.

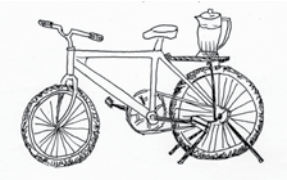
1. The ***Kiwa PRESERVE*** project (Pacific Resilience through Secure livelihoods, Ecosystem and Resource management, Valued culture and Equity) aim is to make Pacific Island ecosystems, economies and communities more resilient to the impacts of climate change.

   The project is funded by the Kiwa Initiative, led by WaterAid Australia and delivered in Timor-Leste, Papua New Guinea and Samoa from June 2026 to September 2029. The project is implemented alongside communities locally by sub-grantees Permatil (Timor-Leste), Permatil Global (Australia) and Live & Learn (Papua New Guinea and Samoa), together with WaterAid Timor-Leste and WaterAid Papua New Guinea.

2. The ***Collective Learning for Agroecology through Permaculture*** project is a two-year initiative coordinated by the Permaculture Association Britain (PAB). It is connecting and strengthening ten organisations from four continents through workshops, webinars, case studies and advocacy.

3. The ***Water Resilience and Climate Research Partnership*** with WaterAid Australia, University of New South Wales, Permatil, Partisipa and DT Global, through which Permatil Global will develop Nature-based Solutions (NbS) Guidelines for national distribution and use with the Timor-Leste Government.





Projects in the planning

Two further projects (conditionally approved) are currently in project planning phases:

1. ***Local Investment and Action For Climate Resilient, Water Secure and Healthy Farming Communities In Timor Leste*** – with partners the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the Timor-Leste Government and Permatil. The project will implement water catchment management approaches using permaculture in the Loes catchment, Timor-Leste's largest watershed. This area is home to 200 Aldeias (villages) and will restore 18,000 hectares of land through improved land management enhancing livelihoods, organic food-production and protected ecosystems.
2. ***Strengthening Indigenous Food and Water Systems in Timor-Leste*** is a new multi-year project with Permatil, the University of New South Wales (UNSW), Agora Food Studio and other partners.

Permatil Global continues to strengthen its platform for future growth, and the 2025–26 year has seen much of the foundational work undertaken in recent years begin to come to fruition. We are under no illusion that implementing these projects will bring its own challenges and require significant effort. However, we are excited to be contributing to initiatives that have the potential to deliver meaningful immediate and long-term impacts, from community through to international levels.

We are extremely grateful to be able to work with highly skilled and dedicated partner organisations that expand our vision and bring their expertise to the table, including WaterAid Australia and Timor-Leste, University of New South Wales, Permaculture Association Britain (PAB), Permaculture Australia and Münster University, Germany.

Permatil Global's original four strategic directions remain central to our framework.

1. Create and share the permaculture ***Knowledge Bank***
2. Grow permaculture awareness and networks
3. Support Permatil TL
4. Build a sustainable future for Permatil Global

With Permatil Global's 2024–2026 Strategic Plan coming to a close, it is with satisfaction that we can look at our directions and say that they have all been fulfilled and will continue to be expanded on in 2027 and beyond. Our future goal will remain the same – to enable communities everywhere to become permaculture literate and more water, food and climate resilient.





Working across our four priorities



Over the last year, the ***Planting water, growing communities*** projects managed by Permatil (TL) has expanded in Timor-Leste yet again, with support from the PermaYouth Association (TL) and Permatil Global.

This water catchment management and spring restoration technology uses low-cost permaculture design and nature-based solutions. Working together with community groups, Timor-Leste regional and national governments and NGOs, Permatil TL and the PermaYouth Association have delivered over 800 projects in communities across Timor-Leste, with this number growing by the month.

The project is recharging **100 million+ litres of water per year** to sub-ground aquifers, resulting in a substantial reduction in water run-off, erosion, land slips, and flooding, while also replenishing previously depleted water sources. It has improved the quality, volume, and accessibility to water for drinking, household use and food production. Communities from remote mountainous regions right through the river systems to coastal villages report improvements in health, education, livelihoods, social and economic participation, equality and the environment.

Permatil Global is providing vital support for this work to rapidly expand, playing a key role in securing funding contracts for multi-year projects across Timor-Leste. Permatil Global has also assisted within these contracts to develop further educational resources, expanding our online ***Knowledge Bank***, vital for embedding the technologies at community level and enhancing lifelong learning.

We are currently developing Nature-based Solutions (NbS) Guidelines in water catchment management as part of the ***Water Resilience and Climate Research Partnership.*** The NbS Guidelines are based on Permatil's highly-successful ***Planting water, growing communities*** engagement and implementation model and will become the national template for water catchment restoration across Timor-Leste. Distributed nationally, they will be used by the Timor-Leste Government, together with WaterAid Timor-Leste, National University of Timor-Leste, University of New South Wales and other partners.

The content and illustrations from the NbS Guidelines will be further developed and expanded to create the fourth volume of the *Tropical Permaculture Guidebook* – Planting water, growing communities, for global consumption.

Six short technique-based videos, focused on water catchment restoration strategies, have now been completed and are now online and globally accessible.

Collaborations with the University of New South Wales, WaterAid Australia, Partisipa, the Government of Timor-Leste and other partners are helping to build a strong evidence base for water catchment management interventions. By developing robust research, monitoring and evaluation systems, these projects are capturing the real-world impacts of change. This evidence is strengthening community awareness and support while providing the data needed to guide policy development and encourage broader adoption of these proven strategies by governments and international agencies.





The national PermaYouth movement has been growing rapidly in Timor-Leste over the past few years equipping new generations with the knowledge, skills, capacity and confidence to significantly improve rural livelihoods.

To date, 17 regional and national PermaYouth camps have engaged more than 9,000 young people aged 17 to 35. Following each camp, participants join a PermaYouth group in their region and work together to design and implement community activities based on the knowledge and skills they have gained. Ongoing support is provided throughout this process, and participants receive their camp attendance certificate upon successful completion of their community project. This approach ensures that learning extends beyond the camp itself, fostering continued engagement, knowledge sharing practical application, and lasting community impacts.

In 2025, the PermaYouth Association (Timor-Leste) focused on establishing its governance and operational framework, achieving official government registration as a not-for-profit organisation in May 2026. This milestone will accelerate and expand the Association's impact, enabling ongoing support, leadership development and engagement opportunities for PermaYouth participants beyond camp activities. Its national framework integrates with local PermaYouth groups, creating a stronger and more coordinated youth network.

As part of the Permatil Alliance, Permatil and Permatil Global work closely with the PermaYouth Association, providing ongoing financial, managerial, mentoring, communications and technical support. This partnership has helped strengthen the Association and expand opportunities for its members. As a result, a new generation of capable, informed and committed youth leaders is emerging.

In another major milestone, the highly successful and world-first ***International PermaYouth Convergence***, held in Timor-Leste in October 2025, has provided a significant boost to the momentum of the national PermaYouth movement.

Held in the mountain village of Fatuquero, Ermera, the six-day Convergence brought together more than 600 youth from Timor-Leste and 120 participants from 17 countries. Through hands-on learning, participants explored permaculture, climate resilience, environmental stewardship and leadership, while celebrating cultural diversity through local food, music, theatre and dance.

The next step is to develop an International PermaYouth Network. We continue to work with people and associations in various countries, such as Permaculture Association Britain (PAB), Permaculture Australia, South Korea Permaculture Network and more, to enable youth to grow, learn and connect.







The ***Permaculture in Schools*** program provides opportunity for children to learn about food, water and climate resilience in a 'living laboratory' with support from teachers and community volunteers. Recognised by the Timorese Ministry of Education, the program is now embedded in the national curriculum. To date 242 school gardens programs have been established across Timor-Leste directly benefiting over 41,000 students and their families.

By encouraging students to share their knowledge and practical skills at home, the initiative extends its impact far beyond the classroom. It has helped inspire a new generation of environmental stewards, with many students continuing their journey through the PermaYouth movement. The future is particularly promising, with Permaculture Learning now being introduced into the National Middle School Curriculum through lessons centred on planting and water. As the program expands into the senior school curriculum in the coming years, it is expected to inspire and empower even more young people to become involved in PermaYouth and environmental leadership.

Plans are also underway to begin working with the National University of Timor-Leste (UNTL). During 2026–27, significant progress is expected in integrating permaculture content into existing university courses, with the long-term goal of developing a dedicated permaculture program. This initiative will be delivered in collaboration with partner universities in other countries, fostering international knowledge exchange and strengthening academic pathways for permaculture education in Timor-Leste.

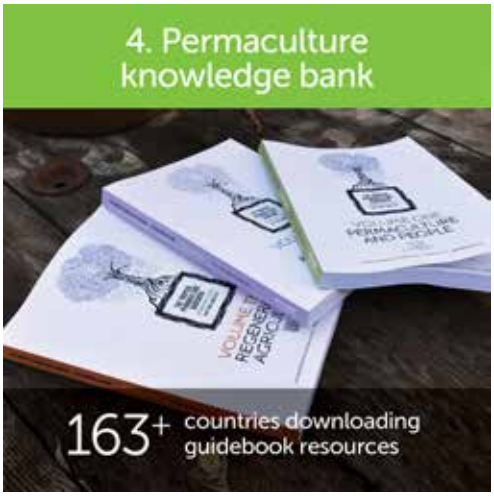
Permatil Global will continue to support the Permaculture in Schools program by developing educational resources, securing funding and partnerships for school gardens and projects, and sharing resources internationally. We will also work with Permatil and partners to develop university courses and supporting materials.





'I am currently planning on moving to my family home town in Haiti. Having a garden is very important, not just for my nutrition but my neighbors as well. It's very common to trade food from our gardens or livestock to have a well rounded meal. However, finding books that understand the soil erosion and vulnerability of the area is difficult. Thank you for giving me access to this knowledge'.

– Karlene Bienaime-Gruirrer



A gift of permaculture knowledge from Timor-Leste

The *Tropical Permaculture Guidebook* – International English and Tetum editions have been accessed in 163 countries and 30 territories the world over with 151,303 resources downloaded up to June 2026.

Currently comprising three volumes, the *Tropical Permaculture Guidebook* series continues to expand, with Volume Four, Planting water, growing communities, now in development. Drawing on Permatil's highly successful model, this new volume will provide a comprehensive, practical guide to water catchment and land management. Like the first three volumes, it will be richly illustrated and filled with detailed, hands-on information. Designed to complement the existing series, Volume Four will be globally relevant and applicable across a wide range of environmental, cultural and geographic contexts.

In addition to the English and Tetum editions, we are planning further translations, including the four key regional languages of French, Portuguese, Spanish and Indonesian. This will enable millions more people to access these resources in their first language.

A suite of new multimedia education resources is currently in development, with many more planned through newly approved and emerging projects. Together, these initiatives will substantially expand Permatil Global's ***Knowledge Bank***, increasing the accessibility, relevance and reach of its educational materials while meeting a wider range of end-user needs, including people with low-literacy or experiencing language barriers.

The new resources will include school readers for primary and middle school students, manuals for PermaYouth participants, and practical guides for trainers and farmers. A series of short videos and animations will also be produced, showcasing successful, low-cost permaculture techniques in accessible formats that are easy to learn from, share and apply. The first six videos have now been complete and available to watch on our newly launched YouTube channel. youtube.com/@PermatilGlobal

Permatil Global will also develop a series of comprehensive case studies showcasing Planting water, growing communities projects and the positive community impacts they are delivering.





Two of six demonstration videos available on Permatil Global's YouTube channel youtube.com/@PermatilGlobal



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Key activities

Governance

In 2025, responsibility for the Registered Environmental Organisation (REO) framework transitioned to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), requiring Permatil Global to make a number of constitutional amendments to ensure ongoing compliance.

As part of the transition, the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) provided Permatil Global with the option of continuing to manage donations through the existing Public Fund structure or transitioning to a Gift Fund. While both options require the same level of financial management and record-keeping, a Gift Fund does not require external oversight. This proposal was presented to members at Permatil Global's 2025 Annual General Meeting, where members voted in favour of transitioning from a Public Fund to a Gift Fund.

To formalise these changes, a Special General Meeting was held in July 2026 to adopt a new Constitution aligned with the updated requirements. The revised Constitution was unanimously endorsed, with 100 percent of members voting in favour.

Permatil Global extends its sincere thanks to retiring Public Fund Committee members Glenda Lasslett, Anne Smyth, Chris Adams, Liz Garrett, and the late Helen Hill, an original committee member, for their generous service and dedicated contribution to the organisation over the past six years.

International PermaYouth Convergence – 2025

The world-first ***International PermaYouth Convergence (IPYC–2025)*** was held in Timor-Leste in October 2025. In the beautiful mountains of Fatuquero, Ermera, 600+ youth from Timor-Leste and 120+ youth and supporters from 17 countries joined together for 6 days of learning and sharing on permaculture, environmental stewardship, climate resilience and leadership. The fully immersive camp celebrated cultural diversity and strength, local foods and nightly performances of music, theatre and dance.

The event was organised by alliance partners Permatil, Permatil Global and the PermaYouth Association, with the support of many dedicated volunteers and supporters. Bringing it all together required a tremendous amount of work and commitment, but it was unquestionably worth the effort. We are deeply grateful for the extraordinary generosity, support and contributions of so many people, all of which helped make the event such a remarkable success.

Permatil Global played an essential role:

- Coordinating the international participation and logistics, including for volunteers and presenters
- Managing the international funding support including the crowdfunding platform
- Working with Permatil to develop the IPYC–2025 program
- Supporting the pre-IPYC symposium presented by UNSW on Nature-based Solutions (NbS) for water catchment management.
- Planning and coordinating the post-camp field trips for international participants in Remexio, Maubissi and Atauro
- Communications, media and promotions strategic planning and implementation

Photography and videography for the IPYC–2025 was by Timorese filmmaker Bernadino Soares and his team including Mariano, Donny and Yor. They also produced a wonderful short video of highlights which is now on our Permatil Global YouTube channel. youtube.com/@PermatilGlobal (See photos from the event on the next page).



IPYC–2025 – a vibrant and engaging six-day event













See IPYC–2025 video here youtube.com/@PermatilGlobal

'THIS VIDEO HAS ENCAPSULATED THE EXPERIENCE SO WELL (IT) HAS BROUGHT TEARS TO MY EYES, THANKYOU SO MUCH! WHAT AN HONOUR TO HAVE BEEN THERE!'

– IPYC–2025 participant



Planting water, growing communities – Oecusse project

The ***Planting water, growing communities*** project, funded by Misereor and delivered by Permatil in Oecusse, Timor-Leste continued throughout 2025–26. As part of this work, Permatil Global supported the project by producing three new technical training videos filmed at Tilofe (permaculture farm) in Ermera, Timor-Leste, in collaboration with videographer Bernadino Soares and his team.

Following several rounds of editing and the creation of custom title illustrations by our long-term illustrator, Aziby, videos 4, 5 and 6 of the planting water series were completed:

- 04. Propagating Plants in a Small Nursery
- 05. Making and Using Compost
- 06. Making and Using Liquid Compost

These freely accessible resources continue to support knowledge sharing and practical skills development, helping communities strengthen sustainable food production, soil health and environmental resilience.

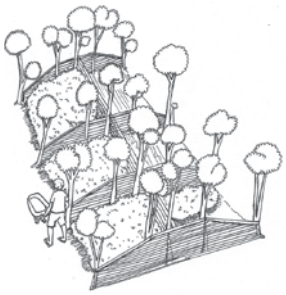
A big thank you to Maun Zecky and the Tilofe team, who not only starred in the videos but were also wonderful hosts throughout the three days of filming.

Strong progress has also been made on the facilitators guide, multiple farmers guides and updated primary school reader. We look forward to finalising these resources for ongoing use within the project and as valuable additions to our growing global ***Knowledge Bank***.

Permatil Global contributed AUD$25,000 to the Misereor project as a 'local contributor', in 2025 using funds generated through donations from Friends of Permatil Global and ***Tropical Permaculture Guidebook*** downloads directed to our Public Fund. This contribution aligns with the objectives established by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), which require donations received by Permatil Global to be used for environmental purposes, including supporting environmental projects and maintaining compliance obligations.



Planting water, growing communities – activities in Oecusse, Timor-Leste



Collective Learning for Agroecology through Permaculture

The ***Collective Learning for Agroecology through Permaculture*** collaboration brings together nine grassroots organisations from Latin America, Africa and Asia to support agroecological transitions and strengthen resilient food systems. Convened by the Permaculture Association Britain (PAB), the network includes partners from Guatemala, Ecuador, Peru, Argentina, Colombia, Uganda, Kenya, Nepal and Timor-Leste.

PAB will co-facilitate knowledge exchange among organisations led by Indigenous peoples, smallholder farmers, women, youth and displaced communities. By sharing community-led experiences that integrate agroecology and permaculture, the initiative aims to scale up effective local solutions that advance food sovereignty, environmental justice and climate resilience, while strengthening links between the two approaches through solidarity, mutual support and collective action.

The project centres on peer learning through regional workshops, cross-regional webinars and collaborative research focused on agroecology and permaculture themes.

Through the Permatil Alliance, Permatil Global will work alongside Permatil and the PermaYouth Association to contribute to the project's objectives. The collaboration presents a valuable opportunity to connect with like-minded organisations, share experiences and strengthen collective impact across globe.

NbS Guidelines

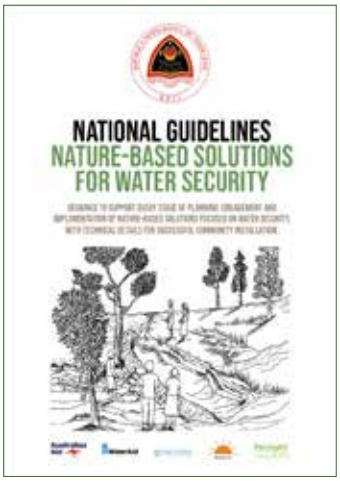
As part of the ***Water Resilience and Climate Research Partnership*** involving WaterAid Australia, the University of New South Wales (UNSW), Permatil, Partisipa and DT Global, Permatil Global is developing Nature-based Solutions (NbS) Guidelines for water catchment management for national distribution and use by the Timor-Leste Government.

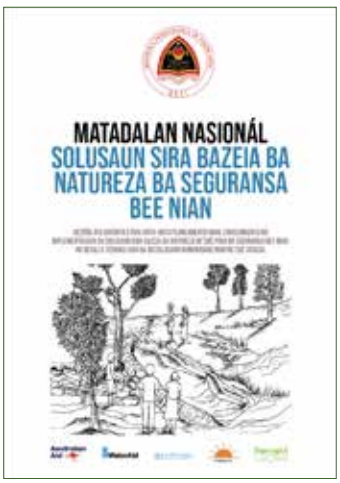
Drawing on Permatil's successful community-based approaches, the guidelines provide a practical framework for site selection, community engagement, technical design, training, implementation, community-led land management regulations, monitoring and ongoing management.

To strengthen the technical foundation of the guidelines, an independent engineering review of the proposed techniques was undertaken. The findings have been incorporated into both the text and illustrations to help minimise risk and improve implementation outcomes.

The first draft of the NbS Guidelines has been completed. Following a rigorous review and consultation process, the first edition is expected to be finalised by the end of 2026.







NbS Guidelines – draft English and Tetum cover designs



Kiwa PRESERVE

The ***Kiwa PRESERVE*** Project (Pacific Resilience through Secure livelihoods, Ecosystem and Resource management, Valued culture and Equity) represents a major milestone for Permatil Global. Following an extensive planning phase involving detailed activity design, budgeting and the establishment of working groups, the project officially commenced in May 2026.

Funded by the Kiwa Initiative, the project aims to strengthen the resilience of Pacific Island ecosystems, economies and communities to the impacts of climate change. Led by WaterAid Australia in partnership with WaterAid Timor-Leste, Live & Learn, Permatil Timor-Leste and Permatil Global, the initiative takes a holistic approach to improving the resilience of communities and ecosystems within targeted watersheds across Samoa, Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste.

Permatil Global's responsibilities include:

- development of educational resources
- leading the communications strategy and its implementation
- participation in the project management team
- regional online and in-country skills sharing and capacity building
- collection, integration and dissemination of water catchment-based traditional and cultural knowledge, in ways that are culturally appropriate and community-approved
- provision of technical support

This is an exciting and potentially transformative project that will not only create lasting benefits for target communities, but also develop a scalable template and resource base that can inform and support similar projects across the Asia-Pacific region and around the world.



Implementer sites

Kiwa PRESERVE is being implemented in four communities in Manufahi, Timor-Leste, 12 communities across East New Britain, and 11 communities across New Ireland, Papua New Guinea and two communities in Anoama'a West District, Samoa.
The project aims to help these Asia Pacific island communities to improve their ecosystems, economies and build stronger resilience to climate change.



Timor-Leste – Yolgnu partnership

The first outcome of this partnership was the participation of two First Nations Australians in the ***International PermaYouth Convergence – 2025*** in Timor-Leste, along with accompanying field visits. From all perspectives, the experience exceeded expectations. The knowledge and skills gained through exposure to Timor-Leste's home garden model are now beginning to take root in Rurrangala, Arnhem Land, Australia, offering an exciting foundation for future development.

Building on this success, further exchanges are being planned, including visits by Permatil and PermaYouth representatives to Arnhem Land, as well as return visits by Yolŋu and other First Nations participants to Timor-Leste. These exchanges will focus on cultural, food and music sharing, while also strengthening collaboration in food garden design and sustainable food production practices.



President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, H. E. the Honourable J. Ramos-Horta meets with Yolgnu Elder, Djimbalal (Centre) and Rod Baker at IPYC–2025





New websites

To further strengthen integration across the Permatil Alliance, dedicated websites for each partner organisation are being developed. These platforms will highlight the unique work of each organisation while demonstrating how the Alliance partners collaborateand support one another to achieve shared goals.

The Permatil website is already live, while the PermaYouth Association website and a major redevelopment of the Permatil Global website are currently in production.
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Three productive assignments in Timor-Leste

In a busy year, Permatil Global Co-Director Lachlan McKenzie travelled to Timor-Leste three times, spending around four weeks in-country during each visit in October 2025, March 2026 and June 2026.

The October trip focused on supporting the International ***PermaYouth Convergence – 2025***, while the March and June visits centred on key projects including ***Planting water, growing communities, Nature-based Solutions Guidelines, Collective Learning for Agroecology through Permaculture*** and ***Kiwa PRESERVE.***

Highlights of the trip included:

- meeting and beginning work with Théo Rocacher, a French volunteer supporting Permatil and Permatil Global projects in Timor-Leste
- attending a PermaYouth camp on Atauro Island and,
- visiting emerging eco-tourism ventures in Maubisse and Seloi.



The future is growing!

Permatil Alliance and new websites

We will work towards finalising and signing MOUs between Permatil Alliance partners, Permatil Global, Permatil and PermaYouth Association and the Alliance websites.

Partnering with Timorese creatives

The Permatil Alliance have had strong collaborations with various musical, illustrative and visual artists over many years. We are incredibly grateful for their contributions to our work that continue to add depth, beauty and life to our resources. We look froward to continuing this work in the years to come as our resource knowledge bank grows.

YouTube channel

Permatil Global now has a YouTube channel: youtube.com/@PermatilGlobal

This channel is home to an expanding library of Permatil Alliance videos, featuring archival footage, the first six videos from the Planting Water series, and highlights from the International PermaYouth Convergence 2025. We are excited to continue adding new content and sharing more stories, learning and inspiration in the years to come.

We're just getting going!

Continuing and expanding work will be a key focus over the next year, including work on the following projects:

- ***Planting water, growing communities*** project in Oecusse, funded by Misereor
- The ***Tropical Permaculture Guidebook*** – Volume 4 Planting water, growing communities
- ***Collective Learning for Agroecology through Permaculture*** project with Permaculture Association Britain (PAB)
- ***Kiwa PRESERVE*** project, led by WaterAid Australia
- ***Nature-based Solutions Guidelines***, led by WaterAid Timor-Leste

New projects under development

- The ***Local Investment and Action for Climate Resilient, Water Secure and Healthy Farming Communities in Timor Leste*** project, has been given full approval with the next stages of development and planning to commence.

  Funded by the Global Environment Facility, this six-year partnership between the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Timor-Leste, the Government of Timor-Leste, Permatil and Permatil Global aims to strengthen water security and climate resilience through a collaborative, landscape-scale approach. The project will build local and national capacity while promoting youth and women's leadership to empower the next generation of climate stewards. It will directly benefit 32,857 vulnerable people (50% women) across 200 aldeias (villages) and restore 18,000 hectares through improved land management, enhancing livelihoods, nutrition and ecosystem health.
- ***Strengthening Indigenous Food and Water Systems in Timor-Leste*** is a multi-year initiative that combines research, knowledge documentation and sharing, community-based projects, resource development, and the creation of educational curricula and courses. Led by the University of New South Wales (UNSW), the project brings together partners including Permatil, Agora Food Studios, the National University of Timor-Leste (UNTL), Münster University (Germany), and Permatil Global. Initial funding has been approved, and the project is currently in the planning and design phase ahead of implementation.



Building international collaborations

International PermaYouth Network

Following the highly successful IPYC–2025, we are working with participating national organisations to build an active global PermaYouth network that fosters future leadership and environmental stewardship.

As part of its new Youth in Permaculture initiative, Permaculture Australia sponsored three youth leaders to attend IPYC–2025. Permatil Global looks forward to further strengthening this partnership and expanding connections between Australian participants and the PermaYouth Association in Timor-Leste.

Permatil Global and Permatil will continue developing a long-term partnership with Aranya Agricultural Alternatives (Permaculture India), focused on knowledge exchange, resource sharing and collaborative resource development.

We are also working with the Permaculture Association Britain (PAB) and the Himalayan Permaculture Centre to develop collaborative project concepts, with the aim of securing funding for both online and in-country initiatives.

As opportunities arise, we will continue building partnerships with like-minded organisations. Across both existing projects and emerging concepts, we remain committed to strengthening research, monitoring and evidence-building activities that support the impact and scalability of Permatil Global and Permatil programs. This work will continue to grow through key collaborations, including those with the University of New South Wales and WaterAid Australia.









Financial report and organisational structure

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Financial report 2025–26

The 2025–26 financial year marked another important step forward for our organisation. Supported by a growing network of partners, donors, members, contractors and volunteers, we successfully strengthened our financial position for the coming year, while expanding the scale and impact of our work across multiple projects.

Our year of growth, with an increased pipeline of project funding for the 2026–27 year, diversified income streams, and continued investment in programs, will deliver tangible benefits for communities and the environment. Careful financial oversight has ensured resources are managed responsibly and directed towards achieving our strategic goals.

This annual financial report provides an overview of Permatil Global's financial activities and position for the year ending 30 June 2026. It demonstrates our commitment to transparency, accountability, and the effective use of our limited resources.

As we move into the next financial year, we do so with confidence, supported by a solid financial base and a clear vision for the work ahead.

Permatil Global's financial position has improved through fully funded projects, including a three-year ***Kiwa PRESERVE*** project in Timor-Leste, Papua New Guinea and Samoa. The total project fund is €4M, with Permatil Global to receive €500,000 (approx. AUD$800,000) for work we will undertake as a sub-grantee, led by WaterAid Australia. Other funded projects include the ***Planting water, growing communities*** in Oecusse; the ***Collective Learning for Agroecology through Permaculture*** with the Permaculture Association Britian, and the ***Water Resilience and Climate Research Partnership*** with WaterAid Australia.

It should also be noted that final payments for the Kiwa project (2023–25) totalling $2,150, and the Misereor project (2024–26) totalling $45,650, have been delayed by the funder and, as a result, are not included in this year's accounts as originally anticipated.

The year also brought a range of new opportunities and collaborations, including with the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the University of New South Wales, Misereor and other partners. These relationships are expected to develop into new projects and strategic partnerships over the coming 12 months.

Highlights

Project	Funds received (AUD)
Water Resilience and Climate Research Partnership	$11,980
Donations from *Tropical Permaculture Guidebook* downloads	$2,130
Donations from the Friends of Permatil Global	$15,835
Sales of guidebooks and merch	$2,504
Crowd funding	$8,730
Grant from Permafund	$4,000



Financial statements

Balance sheet

Permatil Global LTD
As at June 30 2026

	30 JUNE 2026
Assets	
Bank	
Permatil Global Fund	6,640.04
Permatil Global Operations	21,756.67
Permatil Global Sales	541.69
Total Bank	**28,938.40**
Current Assets	
Trade Debtors.	757.44
Total Current Assets	**757.44**
Total Assets	**29,695.84**
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
GST	(245.38)
Loan Account Permatil	4,267.36
Rounding	(0.09)
Total Current Liabilities	**4,021.89**
Total Liabilities	**4,021.89**
Net Assets	**25,673.95**
Equity	
Current Year Earnings	(17,142.22)
Retained Earnings	42,816.17
Total Equity	**25,673.95**



Financial statements

Profit and loss

Permatil Global LTD
For the year ending June 30 2026

	2026
Trading Income	
Bank Interest	272.24
Other Revenue	11,980.00
Postage	16.36
T shirts income	2,190.42
Tropical Permaculture Guidebook set	313.44
Total Trading Income	**14,772.46**
Gross Profit	**14,772.46**
Other Income	
Donation Event Fundraiser	8,730.80
Donations - FOPG	15,834.79
Donations - Online book	2,128.22
Total Other Income	**26,693.81**
Operating Expenses	
Bank Fees	97.24
Consulting and Accounting	3,685.00
Contractor Kargan Media	1,710.00
Insurance	1,365.52
IPYC	9,207.59
Kiwa Tranche 1 Work Plan	4,000.00
Kiwa Tranche 2 Expenses	4,868.68
Legal expenses	2,000.00
Misereor Tranche 1 Work Plan	8,149.96
Misereor Tranche 2 Work Plan	4,776.31
Postage expense	11.50
Printed T Shirts	3,679.79
Social Media consulting	500.00
Stationery	237.73
Stripe Fee	446.04
Subscriptions	613.56
Tech Subscriptions	646.75
WaterAid Partispa	8,345.46
Total Operating Expenses	**54,341.13**
Net Profit	**(12,874.86)**



Summary of financial activities

Accounting and bookkeeping

Permatil Global is fortunate to work with a great team of experts, who ensure our financial systems are in order and up to date. Thank you to bookkeeper Genevieve Guild and accountant Phil Hanson for their work during this financial year.

Annual Information Statement

As part of Permatil Global's Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) and the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) compliance, we submitted our Annual Information Statement in January 2026.

Members

As a membership-based organisation, Permatil Global is required to have a minimum of 50 members. We currently have 95 active members who are invited to attend and vote at our Annual General Meeting (AGM). Members are welcome to follow our progress through regular updates and encouraged to provide feedback and ideas. We welcome your contributions!

Board of Directors

Lastly, thanks must go to the Permatil Global Board of Directors for their energy, ongoing commitment, enthusiasm and expertise, without whom, realising our organisational goals for people and the environment would simply not be possible.

Organisational structure

Board members 2025–26

Eugenio (Ego) Lemos – Director
Lachlan McKenzie – Director
Lyn Jenkin – Director
Annie Sloman – Director
Deonizio (Izu) Pereira – Director
Zaquiel (Zecky) Martins Do Carmo – Director
Emma Coupland – Member
Robyn Erwin – Public Officer

Sub-committee (Public Fund)

Glenda Lasslett (Chair)
Anne Smyth
Chris Adams
Liz Garret

Operations and communications

Eugenio (Ego) Lemos
Lachlan McKenzie
Lyn Jenkin
Karen McDonald – website services
Alex Miller – social media services

Professional services

Genevieve Guild – bookkeeping
Phil Hanson – accounting
Sharrock Pitman Legal Pty Ltd
Bernardino Soares – film maker

Strategic partners

Permatil TL
PermaYouth Association TL

Key funders

Kiwa – International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
Misereor
WaterAid Australia

Supporter organisations

Permaculture Australia
Permaculture South Australia
Permaculture Association Britain
Santa Barbara Permaculture, USA.
University of New South Wales
Münster University, Germany
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WaterAid Australia
Partisipa
DT Global
Australian Aid
Permafund



The Tropical Permaculture Guidebook – International edition

151,300+

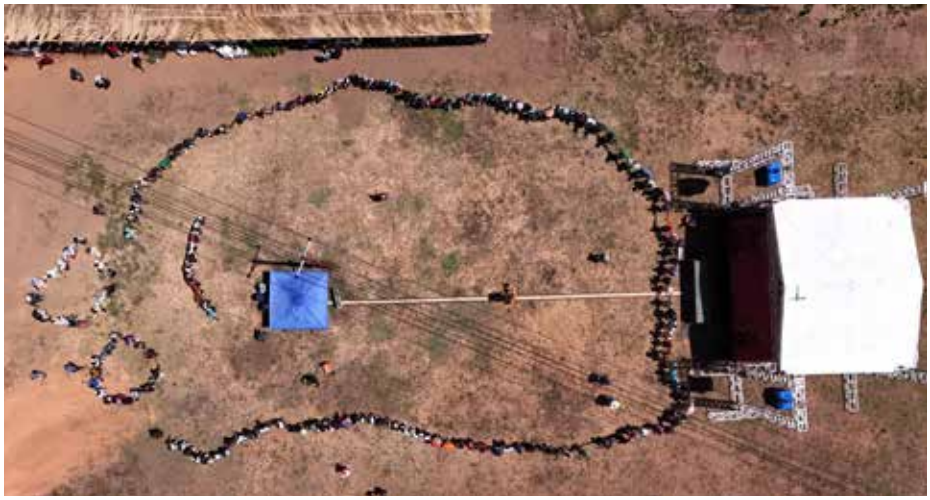
resources downloaded across 163 countries + 30 Territories











9,000+

PermaYouth participants from across Timor-Leste

800+

community water sources already restored, with 1000 more in progress





100 million+

litres of water returned to sub-ground aquifers annually

Thousands

of communities benefiting from access to clean, abundant water

Thank you!

'Infinity thanks'.

– Allly Palencia,
Ecuador