



Cover photo: Rachael Maza in BEAUTIFUL ONE DAY. Photo by Heidrun Löhr.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE

In 2012 ILBIJERRI Theatre Company smashed our previous box office records, won the Sidney Myer Performing Arts Award and was nominated for our first ever Helpmann Award. It was truly a big year from start to finish.

To launch 2012, we presented the tale of TIDDALIK THE THIRSTY FROG at the Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre of Melbourne Museum. TIDDALIK played to over 12,000 children and parents. As ILBIJERRI's first foray into children's theatre, the story engaged with the next generation and throughout the season their young faces beamed with delight at our retelling of this iconic Dreamtime story.

For the Sydney Festival, Gary Foley performed his theatrical history lesson – a tribute to a life lived in the spirit of resistance. FOLEY engaged audiences young and old with the stories of Aboriginal Australia, in his telling of the little known history of its struggle for justice and self-determination.

In February ILBIJERRI presented CORANDERRK: WE WILL SHOW THE COUNTRY for the City of Melbourne's inaugural Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival. Playing to a full house at Federation Square, the show received great audience and critical acclaim.

Uncle Jack Charles continued to charm audiences across the country, performing JACK CHARLES V THE CROWN at the Perth Festival, to international presenters at the Australian Performing Arts Market and for the Adelaide Cabaret Festival.

Our work BODY ARMOUR travelled to 96 venues across regional, remote and metropolitan Australia. It performed in justice centres, remote community centres and schools spreading the message about the importance of Hepatitis C prevention and treatment to audiences most at-risk.

A comedy about a massacre, BINDJAREB PINJARRA was presented by ILBIJERRI at the Footscray Community Arts Centre. The show beautifully retells through improvisation and comedy the devastating massacre at

Bindiareb.

As an Indigenous theatre company, we are driven to tell the stories that must be told. Our new work, BEAUTIFUL ONE DAY, a co-production with Belvoir St Theatre and Version 1.0 was performed in the upstairs theatre of Belvoir St in Sydney. The work is based on the long history of Palm Island and the death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee in 2004. The performance struck hard in the minds of audiences, driving Palm Island back onto the national political agenda.

To finish the year we celebrated the wealth of Indigenous talent in Victoria with the Victorian Indigenous Performing Arts Awards. Partnering with 3KND, Songlines, Arts Victoria and Circus Oz, we presented nine awards across the categories of theatre, music and broadcasting.

Year in, year out, ILBIJERRI makes a valuable and long-lasting contribution to Australia's theatrical landscape, and in 2012 we continued to stand out and push the boundaries.

Gavin Somers President

Rachael Maza Artistic Director

Lachade Mux

Brad Spolding General Manager



MISSION

ILBIJERRI creates challenging and inspiring theatre by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists that gives voice to our cultures.

VISION

Our voices are powerful in determining the future of Australia. Our culture is respected, celebrated & embraced.

WHAT WE VALUE

THE POWER OF INDIGENOUS VOICES

We work with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander storytellers (writers, directors, actors, key creatives and theatre practitioners) to tell our stories through theatre.

INDIGENOUS PROTOCOLS AND WAYS OF WORKING

We respect our people, community and artists by working in accordance with the Australia Council for the Arts 'Performing Arts: Protocols for Producing Indigenous Australian Performing Arts', and encourage other theatre practitioners to work in accordance with these protocols.

SELF DETERMINATION

We encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to be involved in key decision making processes within ILBIJERRI, including creative and administrative decisions.

RESPECT

We respect, celebrate, and embrace the cultural diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, our stories, our culture and our experiences.

INDIGENOUS DIVERSITY

We always give our fullest respect to our people, our Elders, our culture and country and to all peoples who share this land of ours.



2012 MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

SIDNEY MYER PERFORMING ARTS AWARD

Group Award for 2012

HELPMANN AWARD NOMINATION - JACK CHARLES V THE CROWN

Rachael Maza - Best Director Nominee Jack Charles - Best Actor Nominee

BEAUTIFUL ONE DAY

Premiere season at Belvoir St Theatre.

CORANDERRK

Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival. Sold out season.

FOLEY

Sydney Festival Season.

JACK CHARLES V THE CROWN

Perth International Arts Festival Season.

BODY ARMOUR

National regional tour of 85 performances across 4 states.

PRODUCTIONS 2012

FOLEY

Gary Foley's self-titled one-man show is both a personal narrative and an account of an untold Australian history. The work was co-commissioned by the Sydney Festival and the Melbourne Festival in 2011. After a successful premiere season at the Melbourne Festival, Foley graced the stage of the Sydney Opera House as part of the Sydney Festival.

SYDNEY FESTIVAL SEASON

24 - 29 January 2012 Number of performances: 6 Number of audience: 1,195

CREATIVE TEAM

Director Rachael Maza
Co-devisors Gary Foley & Jon Hawkes
Lighting & Audio Visual Design Danny
Pettingill
Audio Visual Design Peter Worland
Set & Costume Design Emily Barrie
Sound Design Anna Liebzeit
Research Edwina Howell

Production & Technical Management Bluebottle

Production Manager Frog Peck **Stage Manager** Blair Hart

CORANDERRK: WE WILL SHOW THE COUNTRY

CORANDERRK is an inspiring and provocative work that transports audiences back to the 1881 Inquiry of the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station. The work premiered in 2011 with a sold out season at La Mama. In 2012, it featured in the inaugural Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival and in the Sydney Opera House Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander program.

MELBOURNE INDIGENOUS ARTS FESTIVAL

11-12 February 2012 Number of performances: 2 Number of audience: 850

SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

28 June - 1 July 2012 Number of performances: 4 Number of audience: 1,315

CREATIVE TEAM

Bronwyn Pringle

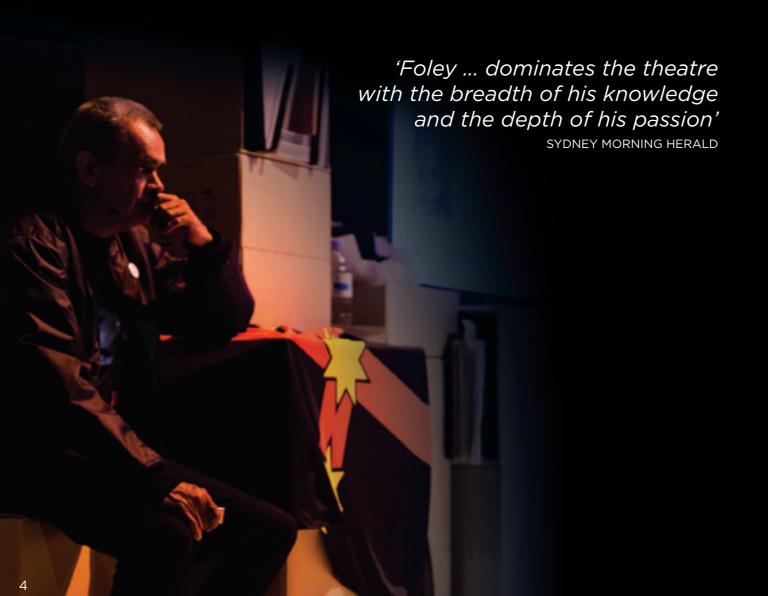
Performers Tony Briggs, Syd Brisbane, Jim Daly, Peter Finlay, Greg Fryer, Liz Jones, Tom Long, Kelton Pell, Melodie Reynolds and Jason Tamiru

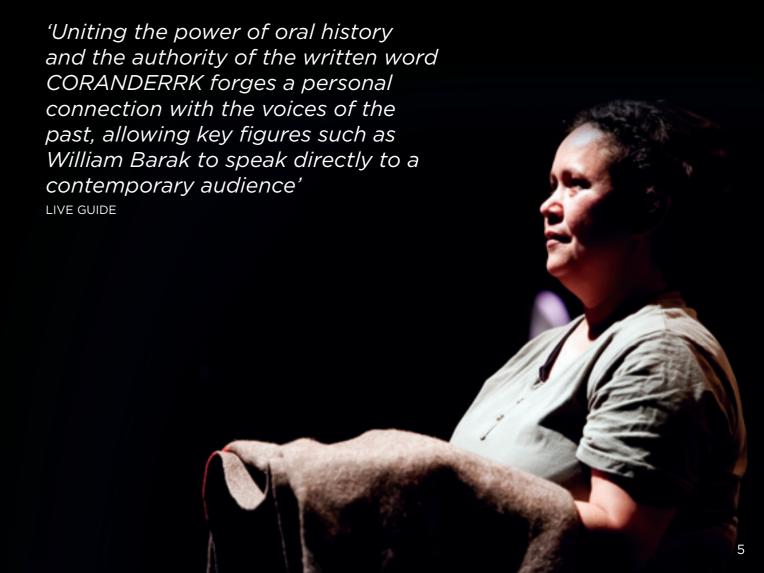
Concept Giordano Nanni **Director** Isaac Drandic

Adapted By Andrea James and Giordano

Set Design Darryl Cordell
Costume Design Emily Barrie
Audio Visual Design Peter Worland
Sound Design Ben Grant
Lighting Designer & Production Manager

Stage Manager Jessica Smithett





JACK CHARLES V THE CROWN

For its third year in repertoire JACK CHARLES V THE CROWN toured to the west coast where Uncle Jack's charisma and phenomenal tale engaged and enlightened audiences.

PERTH INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL

11-23 February 2012 Number of performances: 11 Number of audience: 2,120

ADELAIDE CABARET FESTIVAL

23 June 2012 Number of performances: 2 Number of audience: 290

CREATIVE TEAM

Performers Jack Charles
Guitar & Violin Nigel Maclean
Percussion Phil Collings
Bass Mal Beveridge
Writer Jack Charles & John Romeril
Director Rachael Maza
Dramaturg John Romeril
Script Consultant Melanie Beddie
Set & Costume Designer Emily Barrie
Lighting Designer Danny Pettingill
Musical Director Nigel Maclean
Audio Visual Designer Peter Worland
Production Manager Blair Hart
Stage Manager Bianca Eden

'A well-crafted piece of theatrical cabaret. This show literally embodies a significant slice of theatrical and social history. An open-hearted crowd-pleaser.'

BEAUTIFUL ONE DAY

BEAUTIFUL ONE DAY is a theatrical documentary about the irrepressible life and times of Palm Island. ILBIJERRI, Belvoir and version 1.0 came together in 2011 over a shared sense of outrage at the injustices surrounding a death in custody in 2004. But, encouraged by the Palm Island community, BEAUTIFUL ONE DAY looks for a way to turn outrage into real understanding and new possibilities. At its heart is a determined struggle to understand the persistent heavy-handedness of white Australia.

BELVOIR ST THEATRE

17 Nov - 23 Dec 2012 Number of Performances: 41 Number of Audience: 9.864

CREATIVE TEAM

Devisor/AV Designer Sean Bacon
Devisor/Performer/Cultural Consultant
Magdalena Blackley
Devisor/Performer Kylie Doomadgee
Devisor/Performer Paul Dwyer
Devisor Eamon Flack
Devisor/Performer Rachael Maza
Devisor/Performer Jane Phegan

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Devisor/Performer Harry Reuben

Devisor David Williams

Set & Costume Designer Ruby Langton-Batty **Lighting Designer** Frank Mainoo

Composer & Sound Designer Paul Prestipino Stage Manager Edwina Guinness



'Led by seasoned performers Rachael Maza... the cast weaves reportage, interviews, transcripts and documents with sound and video to create a vivid, poignant, political and often unexpectedly funny work of theatre that demands our full attention, deserves it and rewards it.'

SUN-HERALD SYDNEY



BLACK WRITERS LAB

April - June 2012 Arts House, North Melbourne

For its third year in a row, BLACK WRITERS LAB continued to deliver professional tailored, industry standard skills training for new, emerging and established Indigenous artists wanting to explore their capacity for script writing. A vital component of the Artist Development Program, the BLACK WRITERS LAB feeds the ecology of Indigenous theatre making through the creation of new work.



'What a fantastic show. Your professionalism and performance was great. Wish you all the best and hope you fellas come back to see us soon.'

AUDIENCE MEMBER, WILCANNIA

BODY ARMOUR

Since its premiere in 2010, BODY ARMOUR has visited schools, prisons, juvenile justice centres and community organisations across 96 locations and reaching audiences of over 5,000 people.

2012 NATIONAL REGIONAL TOURING

4 June - 27 September 2012 Number of performances: 85 Number of audience: 5,129

CREATIVE TEAM

Performers Leroy Parsons, Maurial Spearim & Uraine Mastrosavas

Director Margaret Harvey
Writer Kamarra Bell Wykes
Dramaturge John Romeril
Set & Costume Designer Alison Ross
Sound Designer Anna Liebzeit
Tour/Stage Manager: Bec Cooen

Body Armour was supported by

Hepatitis Victoria, VACCHO, CERSH, Hepatitis Western Australia, Hepatitis South Australia, Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia, Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network, Hepatitis New South Wales and AHMRC

TIDDALIK THE THIRSTY FROG

Collaborating with Bunjilaka, we recreated an iconic Aboriginal creation story from Victoria's Gippsland region. This lively performance was an excellent addition to their school holiday program.

MELBOURNE MUSEUM

3 - 31 January 2012 Number of performances: 69 Number of audience: 12,071

CREATIVE TEAM

Performers Uraine Mastrosavas and Uncle Herb Patten



Director Margaret Harvey **Production Designer** Alison Ross **Sound Designer** Anna Liebzelt **Production Manager** Bronwyn Pringle



'BINDJAREB PINJARRA is devised theatre at its finest. It's well-paced, with relaxed delivery... This funny and searching quest into the darker corners of our nation's past is... a moving tribute to the beauty and endurance of indigenous culture.'

THE AGE

BINDJAREB PINJARRA

BY THE PINJARRA PROJECT AND DECKCHAIR THEATRE

Presented by ILBIJERRI and Footscray Community Arts Centre

A brilliant improvised comedy about WA's Pinjarra Massacre. Created and performed by Nyoongar and Wadjella (whitefella) actors, BINDJAREB PINJARRA demonstrates extraordinary risk taking through its fusion of history, outrageous comedy and physical theatre.

FOOTSCRAY COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

13 June - 16 November 2012 Number of Performances: 7 Number of Audience: 723

DEVISED & PERFORMED BY:

Kelton Pell Frank Nannup Isaac Drandic Phil Thomson Geoff Kelso Sam Longley

VIPA AWARDS

26 November 2012 Wonderland Spiegeltent, Dockland

The Victorian Indigenous Performing Arts (VIPA) Awards have been presented by ILBIJERRI for 15 years to celebrate the outstanding achievements in the Indigenous performing arts across Victoria. In 2012, we partnered with 3KND and Songlines Aboriginal Music Victoria to expand the scope and breadth of the awards to include three categories: theatre, music and broadcasting.

In addition to the awards, through the support of Arts Victoria, we presented a Professional Development Scholarship to the recipient of the Uncle Jack Charles Award, Jason Tamiru for his outstanding work at Malthouse Theatre.

2012 VIPA AWARD RECIPIENTS

Margaret Harvey VIPA 2012 Uncle Bob Maza Award

Presented by ILBIJERRI for significant contribution over a number of years.

Uraine Mastrosavas VIPA 2012 Aunty Eleanor Harding Memorial Award

Presented by ILBIJERRI to encourage and support an emerging talent.

Jason Tamiru

VIPA 2012 Uncle Jack Charles Award

Presented by ILBIJERRI for an outstanding achievement over the last 12 months and includes a \$6,000 professional development scholarship supported by Arts Victoria.

Lee Morgan

VIPA 2012 Contribution to the Victorian Indigenous Music Industry Award

Presented by Songlines for lifetime achievement.

Benny Walker VIPA 2012 Most Promising Act of the Year Award

Presented by Songlines to encourage and support an emerging talent.

Yung Warriors VIPA 2012 Song of Year Award

For 'Standing Strong' presented by Songlines for recognising significant artistic success in the last 12 months.

Gary 'Gilla' McGuiness VIPA 2012 Services to Broadcasting Award

Presented by 3KND for lifetime achievement.

Janina Harding & Kim Kruger VIPA 2012 Broadcaster of the Year Award

Presented by 3KND for recognising outstanding achievement over the last 12 months.

Dylan Clarke VIPA 2012 Best New Victorian Broadcaster

Presented by 3KND to encourage and support an emerging talent.



WAREHOUSE SALON



5 June 2012 Arts House, North Melbourne

Rachael Maza commissioned Rant n Rave Radio to present a night of jokes and ultimatums to mark World Environment Day at The Warehouse.

LISA MAZA

20 September 2012 Napier Street Theatre, South Melbourne

A keen participant of the BLACK WRITERS LAB, Lisa has worked closely with a dramaturge over the last 12 months to develop a script tentatively titled EVEN CAGED BIRDS SING. Funded through a City of Melbourne grant, ILBIJERRI supported Lisa through the grant application process and worked with her to produce the public outcome – a showing of the first full length draft.

CREATIVE TEAM
Writer / Performer Lisa Maza
Director Rachael Maza
Dramaturge Melanie Beddie
Musician Matthew Hovell





LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY

ILBIJERRI is Australia's leading and longest running Indigenous theatre company. We play a vital role in representing Indigenous performing arts in Australia. As one of only two professional Indigenous theatre companies, we lead and advise the performing arts community on how to collaborate and engage with Indigenous people in a respectful and genuine way.

CAPACITY BUILDING

We are committed to presenting our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stories with integrity. At the heart of this commitment is the principle of self-determination. We continually strive for Aboriginal control of the company both artistically and administratively. However, we are pragmatic about the shortage of skilled Indigenous arts workers. As industry leaders we are dedicated to the development, training and mentorship of the next generation of Indigenous artists and arts workers as they establish themselves. This not only builds the capacity of our organisation but of the sector as a whole, further cementing the place of Indigenous performing arts as a pillar amongst the broad Australian cultural landscape.

ARTIST DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

ILBIJERRI's Artist Development Program has been established to support the exploration of Indigenous ways of working and making theatre. This program generates the opportunity for creative conversations, skills training and a culturally supported safe space for the conception of new works. Through this program, ILBIJERRI hopes to build on the opportunities we create for Indigenous artists and lead the national conversation on what is Indigenous Theatre.

PRODUCTION HISTORY

2012

FOLEY Sydney Festival

JACK CHARLES V THE CROWN

Perth International Arts Festival, Adelaide Cabaret Festival. Helpmann Award Nomination

BODY ARMOUR National Tour

CORANDERRK: WE WILL SHOW THE COUNTRY

Sydney Opera House, Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival, Federation Square

BINDJAREB PINJARRA

Footscray Community Arts Centre

BLACK WRITER'S

BEAUTIFUL ONE DAY

Belvoir Street Theatre

VIPA AWARDS

Spiegeltent Docklands

TIDDALIK THE THIRSTY FROG

Bunjilaka, Melbourne Museum

2011

FOLEY Melbourne Festival

JACK CHARLES V THE CROWN

Belvoir St Theatre, Brisbane Festival

CORANDERRK: WE WILL SHOW THE COUNTRY

La Mama Courthouse

BODY ARMOUR Victorian Tour

WADDAWEWANT

Worawa Aboriginal College

BLACK WRITER'S LAB

Bunjilaka

LAB

2010 2009

JACK CHARLES V THE CROWN

Melbourne International Arts **Festival**

CORANDERRK: WE WILL SHOW THE COUNTRY

La Mama Courthouse

BLACK SHEEP: GLORIOUS BAASTARDS

Melbourne International Comedy Festival

BODY ARMOUR

Victorian Tour

20 YEARS: BOLD, BLACK, BRILLIANT, **ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION**

Bunjilaka, Melbourne Museum

VIPA AWARDS

BLACK WRITER'S

2008

SISTERS OF **GELAM**

Malthouse Theatre

A BLACK SHEEP WALKS INTO A BAA

Melbourne International Comedy Festival

CHOPPED LIVER National Tour

VIPA AWARDS The Toff in Town

MAN

SONGLINES OF A MUTTI MUTTI

North Melbourne Town Hall

JACKY JACKY IN THE BOX

Federation Square Installation

DIRTY MILE

Fitzroy Walking

CHOPPED LIVER

National Tour

VIPA AWARDS The Famous Spiegeltent

2013 **PROGRAM**

JACK CHARLES V THE CROWN

2013 National Tour 1 May - 18 August 2013

BEAUTIFUL ONE DAY

Melbourne Season November 2013

CORANDERRK

Belvoir Season 7 December 2013 - 5 January 2014

BLACK WRITERS LAB

Metro Program March - June 2013

BLACK ACTORS LAB

May - August 2013

BLACK WRITERS LAB

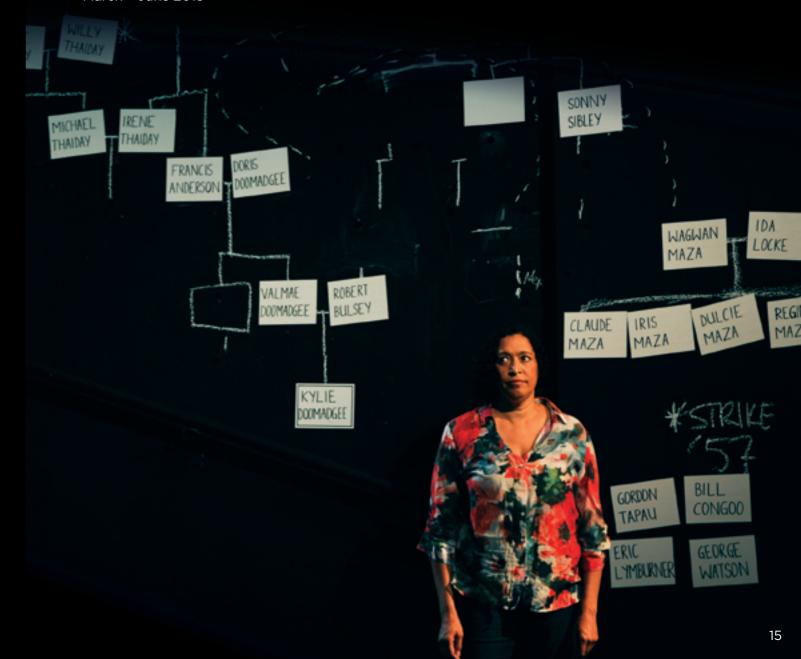
Regional Program August - October 2013

BODY ARMOUR

Victorian Regional Tour August 2013

SCRIPT ASSESSMENT **PANEL**

Ongoing 2013 - 2014



FINANCIALS

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT		2012 \$	201
	IN COMP		
	INCOME	702.050	205 071
	Event Income Other Activities	302,658 0	265,63! 1,83
	Philanthropy & Donations	10,350	
	Other Income	28,505	30,23
			50,96
	Government Grants Funds Received & Transferred	744,751 84,266	482,326 24,679
	TOTAL INCOME	1,170,530	855,668
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	EXPENSES		
	Salaries, Wages & Fees	750,159	566,528
	Presentation & Touring	271,394	133,743
	Other programs	13,755	16,152
	Marketing	37,806	43,686
	Infrastructure Costs	96,385	89,146
	TOTAL EXPENSES	1,169,499	849,25
	NET PROFIT	1,031	6,41
STATEMENT OF		2012	201
FINANCIAL POSITION		\$	9
	CURRENT ASSETS		
	Cash & Cash Equivalents	478,945	507,828
	Trade & Other Receivables	11,601	12,646
	Other Current Assets	22,019	59,154
	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	512,565	579,628
	TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	O	(
	TOTAL ASSETS	512,565	579,62
	CURRENT LIABILITIES		
	Trade & Other Payables	27,352	27,37
	Short-Term Provisions Payable	19,554	15,78
	Grants Carried Forward	0	84,266
	Income in Advance	236,784	224,360
	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	283,690	351,784
			331,73
	TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	0	(
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	283,690	351,784
	NET ASSETS	228,875	227,844
	EQUITY		
	Retained Earnings	227,844	221,43
	Current Earnings	1,031	6,41
	TOTAL EQUITY	228,875	227,844

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