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# Annual Report 2015

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# OzGREEN Background



**OzGREEN** educates people around the world, enabling them to take action to improve their environment. For over 20 years OzGREEN has engaged, equipped and enabled people to become leaders of positive social change. OzGREEN is an independent not-for-profit that operates nationally in Australia and overseas in India, Latin America and East Timor. OzGREEN's unique approach incorporates citizen science, sustainability education, participatory leadership and community development, enabling people to innovate sustainability solutions themselves.



OzGREEN has involved hundreds of thousands of people who go on to take leadership roles in their schools, communities and workplaces.



**OzGREEN has won numerous awards, including:**

- The Eureka Prize
- Banksia Awards
- UN Media Peace Awards and Best Practice Case Study for the Australian Association for Environmental Education (NSW).
- in 2015 OzGREEN won a place in the prestigious Buckminster Fuller Catalyst program.



**GREEN GLOBE**  
Finalist 2014

# Chair Report

## Andrew Graham - OzGREEN Chairman



**Being involved** with the work of OzGREEN as Chair is very exciting, but also a daunting responsibility. It is not a role I thought I would ever do and one that I felt very privileged to be asked (encouraged) to take on last December. Over 20 years ago, I was inspired by the community based change work that OzGreen is founded on. It is inspiring to see it continue since that time and touch so many individuals and communities over the years. To play a role in keeping this going is a responsibility that the members of the Board have accepted and are currently taking on.

The Board has spent much of 2015 devoted to reviewing and recharging the strategy of OzGreen programs and processes, including looking at our funding model, staffing structures, marketing and positioning. A key focus for the Board is making sure the ideals, values and work of Sue and Col Lennox, as embodied through the YLTW program and community based sustainability

projects OzGreen have led and sponsored, can continue on for five, ten and another twenty years (and beyond). By doing this, we will be contributing to the creation of sustainable environments and communities for our future generations.

Thinking about the OzGreen future, I personally want to see the role of the OzGreen Board evolve to one where meetings become less about how we can service our short term liabilities and more about deciding which of the fantastic projects being led by the next generation of Youth Leading the World change agents we will fund and/or help create. This is the challenge for OzGreen and why as a Board we have been looking at ways to bring long term financial sustainability to our programs whilst retaining the ethical basis on which OzGreen is founded. The Board have committed to leading a new fundraising strategy and website strategy to broaden the OzGreen funding base and to help show off and sustain the great work progressed under the OzGreen banner.

I am looking forward to seeing the future of OzGreen take shape over the coming months and year, a time in which we hope will set OzGreen up for a long term viable and sustainable future.



# CEO's Report

## Sue Lennox OzGREEN Co-Founder and CEO



We run a leadership activity in YLTW where we get young people to solve a problem. We investigate two ways of going about it. We begin by experiencing a top-down leadership and change model. A group of volunteers act as experts and everyone else follows their instructions to untangle a human knot. It takes about 10 minutes. We then get the group to make another human knot and this time give them one instruction: "Do everything you can to untangle this knot". It takes about 10 seconds! Everyone works together, doing their part. The kids are astounded and excited. They quickly get our core message – *that it is up to us* – and if we all work together and do everything we can in our own sphere of influence, change can happen very quickly.

This is the essence of OzGREEN. We are spinning an interconnected web of change-makers, working locally and globally for ecological sustainability and social justice. Our focus is on supporting emerging leaders. The key qualities of this style of leadership are that it is inclusive, participatory, self organising, locally appropriate and globally connected.

Collaboration is key. As is recognition of the achievements of these change-makers. It is fuel to keep going. This year has been a big year for both. It builds confidence in the new business model we have adopted for Youth Leading the World (YLTW), where our focus is on training and supporting local change-makers to run the initiative in their own region, adapting to suit local needs. Our new approach has enabled us to deliver a tenfold increase in reach and a tenfold reduction in costs, whilst maintaining the program impact and outcomes of YLTW. We are delighted to have this recognised by the prestigious Buckminster-Fuller Challenge in 2015.

## Recognition

We are really excited to see so many of our partners and facilitators gaining recognition for their achievements. Highlights include:

- OzGREEN winning a place in the Buckminster-Fuller Catalyst Program 2015
- Jaden Harris winning ACT/NSW Young Achiever of the Year 2015
- Seda Hamoud winning Green Globe Young Sustainability Leader 2015
- SERES winning UNESCO Award 2015, Guatemala Energy Globe Award 2014
- OzGREEN Finalist 2014 Green Globe Award
- Swan Hill Rural City Council winning Victorian LGPro Award for Excellence in Sustainability Initiative 2014
- Erin Raggatt Victorian Young Achiever of the Year 2014

Jaden Harris and Seda Hamoud are our Keynote Speakers at the 2015 AGM.



# CEO's Report

## Collaboration

As I write the Bellingen Community has just celebrated the launch of the Bellingen Shire Learning Alliance and the Bellingen Sustainability Centre – “The Stables”. The Bellingen Shire Learning Alliance is a Shire wide alliance working collectively and independently to create a culture of lifelong learning for sustainability and ecological balance. OzGREEN HQ is now housed at the Stables.



*The Official Opening of the Bellingen Sustainability Centre with Special guest Costa*

### BSLA seeks:

- To create a strong platform for the gathering and sharing of resources and skills.
- To develop into a recognised leader in education and action for sustainability.
- To foster the emergence and growth of a green economy
- To encourage and build an emotional home for change-makers.
- The work to grow BSLA began 4 years ago.



# CEO's Report



## Buckminster Fuller Challenge Catalyst Program

This year OzGREEN has won a place in the prestigious Buckminster Fuller Challenge Catalyst program for YOUTH LEADING the World. OzGREEN has been acknowledged by the Buckminster Fuller Institute as amongst the top 10% of change-makers globally.

*"The Challenge Review Committee agreed that your proposal stood out as making an important contribution to the growing field of whole systems design, and BFI is therefore thrilled to invite you into our Catalyst Program. An offer of inclusion in this program is extended to only the top 10% of Challenge applicants. In a pool of hundreds of entries from 136 countries, this is a significant achievement. Congratulations!"*

*"OzGREEN is making an important contribution to the growing field of whole system design. Thank you for sharing your work with us, and your inspiring commitment to answering Buckminster Fuller's Challenge to: make the world work for 100% of humanity in the shortest possible time without ecological offense or the disadvantage of anyone".*

Launched in 2007, the Fuller Challenge has defined an emerging field of practice: the whole systems approach to understanding and intervening in complex and interrelated crises for wide-scale social and environmental impact. The entry criteria have established a new framework through which to identify and measure effective, enduring solutions to global sustainability's most entrenched challenges. The rigorous selection process has set a unique standard, gaining renown as "Socially-Responsible Design's Highest Award."

The Fuller Challenge attracts bold, visionary, tangible initiatives focused on a well-defined need of critical importance. Winning solutions are regionally specific yet globally applicable and present a truly comprehensive, anticipatory, integrated approach to solving the world's complex problems.

## Thank you

I would like to extend a special thanks to OzGREEN staff, volunteers, YLTW Facilitators, OzGREEN Board and OzGREEN Fund for the Rivers Board. You have enabled OzGREEN to shoot some big goals this year and helped to steady the course as we negotiate the exciting waters of seeking to change the course of history. Thank you all for your commitment, wisdom, patience and thoughtful advice.

Thanks also to Sharyn Wilson and Mark Caddy who stepped down from the OzGREEN Board this year.

## I would especially like to recognise and thank:

- Gabriel Anderson's achievements as Manager of the in the Hunter Valley GER and the Stepping Stones Projects. After over 10 years with OzGREEN, Gabe has returned to the NSW Northern Rivers in a new role. We would like to welcome Jaci Tebb as the new GER Hunter Facilitator.
- Corrina Grace and the Seres team in Central America for the outstanding contribution they are making to youth and the environment. YLTW was a seed for creating a new movement and organisation.
- MYRiveR Bremer Partners including Ipswich youth, Bundamba State Secondary College, Rosewood State High School, St Edmund's College, Ipswich City Council, Bremer River Fund and International River Foundation and the culmination of this great project when youth presented at the International RiverSymposium in Canberra.



# CEO's Report

- Prof Vishwambhar Nath Mishra and the Sankat Mochan Foundation team in Varanasi, India as they stepped up to carry on the Clean Ganges Campaign legacy of the late Prof Veer Bhadra Mishra. The SMF team has tirelessly lobbied for the adoption of appropriate solutions for cleaning River Ganges.
- Judy Charnaud, Luis Armando and the Green Timor Leste team for the continued success of the OzGREEN program in Timor Leste.
- Wendy Goldstein and the re-Generation Project team at Macquarie University.

## Thanks to OzGREEN partners and supporters

Sankat Mochan Foundation (Varanasi, India)

Green Timor L'Este (Oecusse, East Timor)

Seres, (Guatemala and El Salvador)

Great Eastern Ranges Initiative (GER) Partners Greening Australia, Nature Conservation Trust, National Parks Association, NSW Office for Environment and Heritage

GER Hunter Valley partners Tom Farrell Institute for the Environment, Conservation Volunteers Australia, Muswellbrook Shire Council, WetlandCare Australia, John Holland, Taronga Conservation Society, Landcare UpHunter, Hunter Local Land Services.

NSW Environmental Trust support for GER Hunter Valley.

Australian Government support for the GER Stepping Stones project in the Hunter Valley.

The Penn Foundation support for our East Timor program since 2007.

John Skipper Kelly Trust – supporting Youth Leading the World since 2010.

King & Wood Mallesons – providing pro-bono legal support since 2004.

Australian Charities Fund – corporate staff giving programs (including Sydney Opera House, Caltex and Foxtel).

Macquarie University and NSW Environment Trust partners for the re-Generation Project - inspiring youth to care for nature.





# Youth Leading the World



**YLTW brings youth together to tackle wicked challenges & create positive change.**

OzGREEN envisions a world where young people strive to care for themselves, their communities and the environment. We know from experience that when equipped with the right tools, young people can develop the skill and ingenuity to solve the biggest challenges the world faces for a sustainable future. Over 25 years we've delivered award winning and recognised best practise sustainability and leadership initiatives that empower and inspire youth to become active citizens and global change makers.



## Global Youth Wellbeing Index 2014

- Half the world's population is under the age of 25.
- 1.8 billion young people aged 10-24 years – largest youth generation in human history.
- 85% of the world's youth live in countries at or near the bottom of the wellbeing index.
- Australia comes out No1 – we have a BIG contribution to make!
- Now is the time to invest in strategic policies and programs that engage and equip youth to be productive and reach their aspirations.

YLTW enables this youth generation to thrive and become transformative leaders actively creating vibrant peaceful communities. Over the past 6 years, together we have built the social systems to extend the reach of OzGREEN's proven sustainability in action process, whilst minimising costs and carbon footprint. We have trained over 616 YLTW Facilitators, involved over 100 regions and inspired over 10,000 youth change-makers. Real time live online facilitator training has made the initiative accessible even to remote communities. By training and supporting local people, YLTW has become locally owned, driven and sustainable in the long term. Ultimately YLTW enables youth to become serial innovators and influencers, and is building a self-organising system of distributed leadership.

## YLTW Program



YLTW begins with an annual 3-day youth eco-leadership congress conducted in multiple locations connected by digital media, where youth design their own projects:

**INFORM:** local and global sustainability challenges and one planet living;

**INNOVATE:** action planning for personal and community change;

**INVOLVE:** connecting change-makers locally and globally.



On day 3 youth run a community forum for local leaders.



# Youth Leading the World



## YLTW 2014-2015

- 48 Leadership Programs run
- 2048 young people involved
- 106 Facilitators trained



## YLTW IMPACT

- 616 Facilitators Trained since 2009
- YLTW in over 100 regions across Australia and globally
- Over 10,000 youth change-makers equipped to become leaders, reduce their personal eco-footprint and create hundreds of youth driven action projects (eg school eco-clubs, tree planting, community gardens, solar power, community events, sustainable transport, no waste, habitat protection and restoration).
- Participants tell us the most significant outcomes for them are:
  - Increased understanding of climate change & sustainability (3/10 before to 8/10 after);
  - Increased personal confidence and leadership capacity (4/10 before to 9/10 after);
  - Increased connectivity with other change makers locally and globally (2/10 before to 9/10 after);



In the past year OzGREEN and YLTW partners and facilitators have received significant recognition. Highlights include:



- OzGREEN winning a place in the Buckminster-Fuller Catalyst Program 2015
- Jaden Harris winning ACT/NSW Young Achiever of the Year 2015
- Seda Hamoud winning Green Globe Young Sustainability Leader 2015
- SERES winning UNESCO Award 2015, Guatemala Energy Globe Award 2014
- OzGREEN Finalist 2014 Green Globe Award
- Swan Hill Rural City Council winning Victorian LGPro Award for Excellence in Sustainability Initiative 2014



**YLTW is now poised for scale. We invite you to get involved!**



*OzGREEN Facilitators at the Green Globe Awards*

# Youth Leading the World

## The re-Generation Project

The re-Generation Project is an action research project exploring how young people can inspire other young people to visit and care for our natural world. The goal is to build a movement of young people actively caring for nature. The study investigates what ways are the most effective in reaching and



inspiring young people in NSW about nature, from social media, multimodal media and/or action oriented activities. The study is being conducted by Wendy Goldstein at Macquarie University and is supported by a NSW Environment Trust Research Grant. OzGREEN partnered with the Macquarie University team to research the impact of youth designed and driven projects from Youth Leading the World.

- Festival for Our Future – Bellingen
- Seda Hamoud – Liverpool Girls High School Environment Club
- Kate Field and Maddie Hayton – Sustaining a youth movement in Muswellbrook
- #gen-nature - Facebook campaign
- Meagan Story - song "Voice"

Participants came together for a preliminary camp in November and participated in the IUCN World Parks Congress at Sydney Olympic Park. Sue Lennox presented a paper about Youth Leading the World at the Congress (see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bYmQgmVurKY>). Participants worked as co-researchers to plan and investigated ways of connecting people to nature.



# Youth Leading the World

## Bellingen - Festival for Our Future

Festival for our Future was an initiative from Youth Leading the World. Bellingen youth were concerned by lack of community understanding about the threats to the health of the Bellingen River. They sought to raise awareness about eco-footprint, threats to river health and actions to care for the river; encourage people to visit Northbank Community Garden and strengthen community. The event featured local youth bands playing, youth-led eco-workshops, garden tours and talks. The first event in August 2014 exceeded all expectations, attracting more than 400 people to participate. Our biggest delight was to see so many people stepping in and offering to help to make the day a success.



## “Voice” - using music to engage youth for nature

Meagan Story is YLTW Facilitator Sydney Northern Beaches. She is using music to reach out and communicate with other young people about concerns for the future, encouraging other young people to use their voice to call for change. Meagan wrote the song at the age of 15. Meagan is delighted by the impact of her song and would ideally like to record an album.

*“I feel as though I am expressing the opinions of a lot of people right around the world and I am saying what everyone is thinking”.* [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P\\_d5qLA-Qdl](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_d5qLA-Qdl)

## #Gen-Nature

#Gen-Nature created an online social media community of youth to make information about nature more accessible. We chose this project because we felt youth had a lack of interest in nature and wanted to do something about that. We were motivated by our passion for the natural world. We felt empowered to do something and felt we could make a difference. We set up a Facebook page #Gen-nature with 151 members. We made an average of 4 posts each week to this page in the period August 2014- April 2015 (total 202 posts).



# Youth Leading the World

An average 84 people are reached each week. On Twitter we had 268 followers & 1450 following and made 202 tweets (including sky news).

## Liverpool Girls High School Environment Club

Seda Hamoud's research was focused on how to grow a movement – she has been instrumental in growing the school environment group which has become the school's largest extra-curricular group with over 40 members. established vegetable and native bush tucker gardens in the school

- run a cross-school environmental congress in 2013 with 100 participants from the region
- spoken at the World Parks Congress in 2014
- been a participant in Macquarie University's ReGeneration project
- organised a youth congress in 2014 for over 600 students from over 30 primary and high schools.

Seda won the 2015 Green Globe Young Sustainability Champion <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/greenglobes/2015/lead-young.htm>

*Seda Hamoud - "Thanks Sue - I owe a lot of it to you!"*

## Muswellbrook – Sustaining Momentum of YLTW

Kate and Maddie from Muwellbrook focused on how to sustain momentum and transition leadership of YLTW. With Guidance from Kirsten Mcklmmie, YLTW has grown to involve over 200 young people in 2014. The challenge was to see the work they had begun sustained beyond their own involvement. They did this by directly advocating for new leaders to step up and be trained as YLTW Facilitators. They found that youth directly inviting other youth to step up was most effective. In 2015 a further 12 young people trained as YLTW Facilitators who went on to develop their own action projects and successfully involve a further 200 young people.

## Youth Leading the Mallee

More than 100 young people are now leading positive change in the Mallee region of Victoria after participating in OzGREEN's Youth Leading the Mallee (YLTM) project in 2015. YLTM aims to build the capacity of young people in the region, to become informed citizens actively involved in strengthening the wellbeing, resilience and sustainability of their communities. The YLTM project has been made possible through funding from ANZ Trustees, Swan Hill Rural City Council and the Mount Alexander Shire Council.

Young people from Swan Hill, Mansfield and Castlemaine participated in Youth Leading the World Congresses in their respective communities between March and July this year. Students from 10 primary and secondary schools identified local and global sustainability issues, measured their eco-footprints, visioned their future communities, brainstormed change ideas and developed action plans to take individual and community leadership on sustainability.

YLTM school Winters Flat Primary won several categories in Sustainability Victoria's 2015 ResourceSmart Education Awards, competing with more than 120 schools across the state.



# Youth Leading the World

OzGREEN would like to thank the project partners for their generous support, including Swan Hill Rural City Council, Up2Us Landcare Alliance, Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority and the 10 primary and secondary schools in the region.



# MyRiver



MYRiveR is a whole river basin youth engagement and environmental leadership program. The program enables young people to become citizen scientists, test the health of the environment; identify key environmental threats and values; develop their own vision and implement their own action plans to sustain the health of their local waterways.



To date OzGREEN has involved over 60 regional communities and 6,000 young people in MYRiveR in Murray-Darling basin, Hunter River basin, Cooks, Nepean & Georges River basins (Sydney), Onkaparinga River (Adelaide), Yarra River (Melbourne), Derwent River (Hobart) and also in India, Pakistan, Guatemala, El Salvador, Colombia, East Timor and Papua New Guinea



## Guatemala

In October 2014 OzGREEN Founders Sue and Colin Lennox travelled to Guatemala to conduct a MYRiveR skills training with community leaders from Guatemala and El Salvador. The training was an initiative of Seres, supported by WWF.

The project sought to build local capacity in 4 key ecoregions (Sierra Madre de Chiapas, the Central American Pine-Oak Forests, the Central American Montane Forests and the Central American Dry Forests) by training leaders about conservation issues and giving them the practical skills to implement projects that conserve biodiversity, raise awareness of socio-environmental issues and protect natural resources.



## MyRiver Bremer

In 2014 MYRiveR was also conducted across the whole Bremer River catchment in Queensland, involving 3 schools and 30 students, assessing 18 sites. Collating this local information enabled the students to develop a collective vision for the future of their catchment and 4 detailed action plans they will carry out to achieve their vision. Participants presented their findings, vision and action plans at a youth-led community forum, gathering community support for their plans. The highlight was a formal presentation of the outcomes at the International River Symposium in Canberra. OzGREEN worked in partnership with the Bremer River Fund, Ipswich City Council, the International River Foundation, Bundamba State Secondary College, Rosewood State High School and St Edmund's College.



# GER Hunter Valley

The Great Eastern Ranges Initiative (GER) is one of the largest conservation partnership projects in the world.



The GER is supporting biodiversity by protecting, managing and restoring the connectivity and habitat values of native vegetation across all land tenures in the Great Eastern Ranges Corridor. By maximizing the amount and quality of connected habitat available, the GER aims to maintain opportunities for species to persist and adapt to the effects of land use change, continued pressure from inappropriate disturbance and introduced species, and the potential worsening impacts of a changing climate. It is an adaptive response to mitigate the impacts of past changes, ongoing pressures and future threats to Australia's most biodiverse ecosystems which support the majority of our threatened plants and animals.

The GER is divided into a number of areas, each the responsibility of a partner. OzGREEN is lead partner of the Hunter Valley Partnership. Our responsibilities in the Hunter Valley for GER are significant and timely. The extent of coal mining activities in this space is an ongoing reminder of our insatiable needs as a species, and the impact those activities can have on other species. With less than 20% of natural vegetation left in the Hunter Valley, and relentless pressure for resources by many who may never have visited the Hunter Valley, our work to link those fragments is vital.

The GER Hunter partnership has had another productive year, with the Stepping Stones project continuing into its fourth year, and the start of a new project in partnership with John Holland and Taronga Conservation Society which will revegetate areas of the disused rail corridor between Merriwa and Sandy Hollow.

Long term staff member Gabriel Anderson moved on to a new position in the Northern Rivers after being involved in the GER Hunter partnership since its inception. Jaci Tebb has taken over the Facilitator role and has done a fantastic job, assisting with several new funding opportunities and engaging with landholders in the lower hunter to continue the on-ground works as part of the Stepping stones project.





# GER Hunter Valley

The Stepping Stones project revegetated 53 ha across 13 new “stepping stones” across the Hunter region. One of our main focus areas was McCully’s Gap in the Upper Hunter, with over 6000 trees planted across project sites in the area.

A number of community engagement activities were held including radio promotions, community bird monitoring days and our Youth Leading the World program. To date we have now engaged with over 2000 students through the Stepping Stones project.



We would like to thank the GER Hunter Steering Committee members for their contribution and support over the year:

- Leonie Winner – Conservation Volunteers Australia
- Ruth Hardy - Landcare UpHunter & Scone Landcare
- Gary Howling – Office of Environment & Heritage
- Joe Thompson - Hunter Local Land Services
- Louise Duff - Wetland Care Australia
- Steve Travers – Conservation Volunteers Australia
- Sharon Molloy – Office of Environment & Heritage
- Melinda Hale - Singleton Council
- Peter Horn – Hunter Coal Environment Group
- Suzie Worth – Wanaruah LALC
- John Hughson – Hunter Region Landcare Network
- Paul Smith – Upper Hunter Shire Council
- Tim Roberts – Tom Farrell Institute for the Environment
- Trina Holmes – Muswellbrook Shire Council
- Kirsten McKimmie – Upper Hunter Stepping Stones Project Facilitator



# Project Girl

## Growing Independent Resilient Leaders

- Project GIRL builds confident, capable, connected girls.
- Confident in themselves
- Capable of tackling the issues they face in their life and communities
- Connected to other girls and young women in their community and across Australia



Project GIRL is partnering with OzGREEN to address and reduce the inequity that girls experience in their life. Many girls lack the confidence, motivation and support to face and tackle the issues they experience in their lives and create the life they want for themselves. This is particularly true for Indigenous girls and girls living in remote and rural communities but the issues being faced can be experienced by any girl.

Project GIRL is addressing this by building confident, capable, connected girls. Girls who are confident in themselves, capable of tackling the issues they face in their lives and connected to other girls and young women from their community and across Australia.



Project GIRL currently has 3 programs:

- **G.I.R.L up** - a leadership and mentoring program developing girls' leadership skills, self-confidence, resilience, self-image, and motivation to take action in their lives. Each girl is then provided with a mentor for 12 months, further building support and positive role models into their lives.
- **Our place** – a digital media program that connects girls from different backgrounds, regions, communities and lifestyles to share their stories of who they are, where they live and what their life is like. This program connects girls into a network of other girls and young women, builds a sense of community and creates connections to help break down barriers and isolation. By sharing their stories the girls have the opportunity to build their aspirations, understanding and empathy for others.
- **Facilitator training** – by training local facilitators and mentors Project GIRL works in a local setting and is adapted to meet the needs of each community. This builds the capacity of local women and provides them with facilitation skills and support to work with girls from their community, empowering across generations and building connection and support into the girls' lives. Supporting and building the capacity of local women to deliver Project GIRL's programs also ensures community ownership and ongoing sustainability of the program.



# Clean Ganges Campaign India



**Swatcha Ganga Abhiyan (Clean Ganges Campaign)** is an initiative of the Sankat Mochan Foundation (SMF), a not for profit, secular organisation with a vision to see not one drop of sewage flowing into River Ganga at Varanasi.

The SMF office, research laboratory and environmental education centre are located on the banks of River Ganga at Tulsi Ghat.

## Swatcha Ganga (Clean Ganges) Campaign

1. Monitor River Health - We monitor river water quality and provide essential information to the public about the health of River Ganga in Vananasi and nearby cities Kanpur and Allahabad.
2. Educate and Engage Civil Society - We educate and engage civil society about the pollution of River Ganga and the ways that these problems can be solved.
3. Propose Technical Solutions - We propose effective technical solutions for sewage treatment that remove disease causing pathogens, require minimal energy to operate and treat sewage as an essential resource, so that water, nutrients and energy can be recovered and re-used.
4. Advocate for Ganga - We actively advocate for the adoption of effective strategies to clean River Ganga in the media and by directly lobbying key decision makers and Government agencies.
5. Leadership - We speak for Ganga with scientific know-how, local relevance, cultural authority, religious observances and historic commitment.



# Clean Ganges Campaign India

## SMF Key Actions 2014-15

- Continued monitoring of river water quality along religious bathing areas of Varanasi.
- Monitoring the health of air, water, soil, villagers and economy in the areas surrounding the proposed sewage treatment plants.
- Community education and engagement to facilitate informed and active participation in the Swatcha Ganga Campaign, including targeted programs for women and youth.
- Education of public and key stakeholders about effective sewage treatment, including public awareness events such as the World Water Day Human Chain joining hands along the river-front.
- Bringing people together to work for the best possible outcomes.
- Fostering local groups in the Ganges River Basin to organise and advocate for the health of their waters – including the launch of the new initiative on the Gomti River.



Established in 1982, the Swatcha Ganga Campaign of the Sankat Mochan Foundation (SMF) draws on the wisdom of an ancient culture and the world's best engineers, promotes the use of effective state-of-the-art sewage treatment and engages the creative involvement of community. Over the past 30 years SMF has implemented a wide range of strategies including mobilising public attention about river pollution, regular monitoring of river water quality, environmental education and leadership programs for youth and community, village safe drinking water programs, removing solid waste from Ganga water along the ghats, researching and advocating for effective sewage treatment systems to solve the problem.



# Clean Ganges Campaign India

Swatcha Ganga Abhiyan is unique community based solution to a major problem. The combination of effective engineering solutions combined with culturally appropriate community participation and persistent and sustained work to achieve the goal of stopping the flow of sewage into religious bathing areas of Varanasi, is a potent model and inspiration for many other river cities in India and beyond.

## SMF Governance

The Sankat Mochan Foundation was founded in 1982 by the late Professor Veer Bhadra Mishra (1939-2013) and a team of colleagues. Veer Bhadra Mishra was Professor of Hydraulic Engineering at Banaras Hindu University (BHU) and Mahant of the Sankat Mochan Temple. Until his last breath, Mahantji took a holy dip in River Ganga water everyday. Following his father's death in 2013, Professor Vishwambhar Nath Mishra became President of SMF and Mahant of Sankat Mochan Temple.

Today the SMF is governed by a dedicated team of honorary directors. They are advised by some of India's top engineers and scientists. They have collaborated with international Friends of the Ganges support groups in USA, Sweden and Australia for over 25 years.

## SMF Board of Directors

- Prof VN Mishra (President)
- Sri JS Sinha (Vice-President)
- Sri UC Tiwari Advocate (Secretary)
- Prof SN Upadhyay – Founding Director
- Prof SK Mishra – Founding Director
- Dr VN Mishra (Head of Neurology, BHU)
- Sri AK Sriwastava (Engineer)



## Corrina Grace - Founder and Executive Director

During the last financial year, SERES ran 26 multi-day sustainability leadership training programs, providing places to 631 youth from low-income peripheral and rural communities in Guatemala and El Salvador.



The programs were incredibly well received by participants and the broader community, where most have very limited opportunities to receive this type of personal development and empowerment program.

The programs have helped SERES continue to build and strengthen the local network of youth leaders, while also being a catalyst for multiple youth-driven community initiatives that are working at building healthier, more resilient communities.

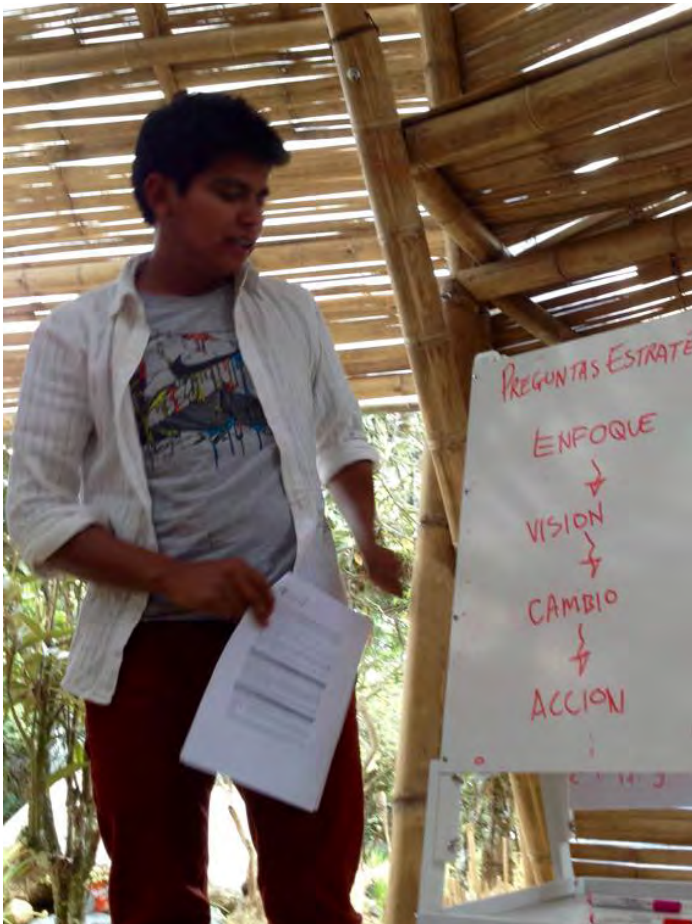


## News & Highlights:

- SERES announced finalist in the Equator Prize, 2015
- SERES announced one of three laureates in the UNESCO-Japan Prize for ESD, 2015
- SERES is invited to be an official partner of UNESCO's partner network for ESD
- SERES donated 25-acres to build new Sustainability Leadership and Learning Communitiversity
- Facilitators Abigail Quic and Antonio Sanchez were selected to participate in the 1st Latin American Academy for Socio-Environmental Leadership in the Dominican Republic.

We wish to thank and acknowledge OzGREEN for your continued partnership and support, and this work that we do together.

On behalf of the SERES team, gracias!



# East Timor

## Annual Report GREEN TL 2015

### Judy Charnaud, OzGREEN Timor Leste Program Manager

As per usual I spent the Timor Wet season in Sydney as due to heavy rain very little can be accomplished between December and March. I spent this time chasing funds, organising activities with schools for World Water Day, talking to Rotary Clubs throughout Sydney whilst GREEN TL spent the time planting trees and visiting our villages when possible.

### Bio-sand Filtration

GREEN TL continues with the clean water project with the purchase of 50 barrels for bio-sand filtration units. GREEN TL are putting these together and they will be delivered to several of the villages we work with. We visited a few of our villages – Bocosse, Maunaban, Lela Ufe to check on the bio-sand filtration units, replace some worn taps, and look at a well rehabilitation project. The original taps I bought in Darwin, many years ago have not been as successful as we hoped – they have worn out due to constant wear and tear, (a bit like me!) but we now have a new supplier, Rouse Hill Irrigation run by a Rotarian, and he supplies a much more durable tap.

GREEN TL has recently provided four BSF to Boaknana and the village is waiting on a lot more - our idea being that we get one into every household.

We visited Pune, the next village we want to work in, and began discussions. Luis is currently implementing a bronjong project (river side flood retention) on behalf of the district government on the river below their village.

In October we had a visit from Peder Pederson of The Charitable Foundation which funded the original VEAP project in Bocosse some years ago. Peder was interested in seeing how sustainable the project had been and was quite impressed by the results, especially when told by the villagers how successful the bio sand filtration units are - how much cleaner their water is and how much healthier the children are.

Youth in Action GREEN Games – basically a no-go this year, not without a lot of disappointment and a lot of trying. Because of various mix ups with ZEESM, the new Government Administration in Oecusse, Luis and I decided it was better to defer the games this year but definitely plan them for March 2016. Earlier this year GREEN TL sent out the invitations, bought the nets, soccer and volley balls, and had 500 t-shirts printed;

“Oecusse Ita Nia Visaun”

“Oecusse Your Vision”

“Oecusse Ita Nia Futuru”

“Oecusse Your Future”

in preparation for the games then ZEESM people told us they would be organising a sporting competition as part of the 500 year celebrations. They wanted GREEN TL to assist in this as Luis is well known for his organisational and leadership skills. I was quite happy to encourage his involvement as I thought it important that GREEN TL was seen to be part of the government-run program, (not so sure about that now!) We were told their games would commence in June or July so we deferred the GREEN Games, then we were told August and eventually the ZEESM Cup was played in September so we could have had ours earlier if ZEESM had been a bit more organised. On top of that the volleyball courts and basketball courts are in the process of being bulldozed as a new sporting arena is being built on the site. As of early November this complex was not yet completed.

Many people in Oecusse expressed their disappointment that we did not run the GREEN Games this year but I have promised that we will certainly have them early next year as once the 500 year celebrations are over the





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government will no longer be focused on Oecusse.

## World Water Day, 22nd March.

A very big thank you to all schools involved in the Oecusse project!

I organised the usual fundraising activities with schools in Sydney's North – Balgowlah Heights, Manly Vale, Beaumont Road, Harbord Public Schools, Killara High, Manly Selective and Kinma were involved. I gave presentations at each of the schools and the students then organised their fund raising activities – multi-day, barbecue, visiting local shopping centres, gold coin donation in a model well and such like. Over \$6500 was collected all of which will go towards the bio sand filtration units.

## Sustainable Environmental Management Plan, (SEMP)

I facilitated a SEMP with Balgowlah Heights Public School which involved organising students to carry out water, electricity, drains, garbage, bio diversity and resources audits. This was followed up with discussions between students, staff and parents as to how the school could improve its sustainability practices. The school was very pleased with the outcome and has already begun to act on the recommendations made. I have had interest from several other schools to facilitate a SEMP as these plans are now compulsory in all schools.

Rotary - Thank you to the amazing organisation which is Rotary!

I am a member of the e-club of Greater Sydney an on-line rotary club specifically for people such as myself who can not attend regular meetings. The Sustainable Village Project is accepted as a Rotary Australia World Charity, (RAWCS) project which means tax deductible donations can be made through Rotary and clubs throughout Australia can read about the project on the RAWCS website. I have made several new contacts this way from clubs in other states.

GREEN TL currently has a Global Grant with Brookvale and Dili Rotary Clubs, I have just completed the 6 month financial report and the project will be finishing early next year. The grant is for a village project, clean water and tree planting. Epping Rotary is raising funds for another Sustainable Village Project, probably the village of Pune. We have had preliminary discussions with the village but with the all-encompassing activities of ZEESM in Oecusse this year we will begin the VEAP 2016.

Manly Friends of Oecusse and Manly Council have donated \$12,000 to the GREEN TL project this financial year - \$6000 for the Games, \$1000 for car maintenance and \$5000 for clean water.

Success with the Work Visa

After 12 months of trying Luis and I finally got all the necessary paperwork together – 23 letters in all – and handed them to the Department of Labour and Solidarity. My work permit and visa arrived in September so I can now come and go via the border as often as I want. At least travel is easier if nothing else!



# **Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated**

ABN 82 828 395 461

## **Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended 30 June 2015**

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**Committees' Report**

**30 June 2015**

The committee members submit the financial report of the Association for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

**1. General information**

**Committee members**

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Andrew Graham	Chairman
Sue Lennox	Secretary
Colin Lennox	Treasurer-Joined Oct 2014
Michelle Walker	
Jaden Harris	
Richard Jones	Joined Oct 2014
Jody Hammond	Joined Oct 2014
Louise Johnston	Left Oct 2014
Mark Caddey	Left Oct 2015
Sharyn Wilson	Left Oct 2014
Gavin Keeley	Left Oct 2014

**Principal activities**

The principal activities of the Association during the financial year were the developing and maintaining of programs to harness the creativity and intelligence of people to build pathways to a sustainable future. The Association's programs are based on a 3 part methodology that enables informed participation, harnesses unique contributions and provides ongoing support through long term engagement.

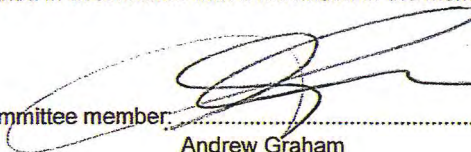
**Significant changes**


No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

**2. Operating results**

The surplus of the Association for the financial year amounted to \$ 36,816(2014: \$ 30,227).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee:

Committee member:   
.....  
Andrew Graham

Committee member:   
.....  
Colin Lennox

Dated this 12 day of November 2015



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**Auditors Independence Declaration To the Members of Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated**

In accordance with the requirements of section 60-40 of Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, as the auditor of Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2015, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Rupaninga Dharmasiri  
Partner

Chartered Accountants  
Level 3, 845 Pacific Highway  
CHATSWOOD NSW 2067

Dated this 11th day of November 2015



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**Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income**

**For the Year Ended 30 June 2015**

		2015	2014
	Note	\$	\$
Revenue	2	676,891	1,277,264
Employee benefits expense		(315,250)	(363,288)
Consultancy fees		(97,560)	(692,592)
Project costs		(81,798)	(48,001)
Workshops and meeting costs		(31,537)	(21,266)
Accounting fees		(25,037)	(24,387)
Travel and accommodation		(20,410)	(28,685)
Advertising & promotion		(16,457)	(1,867)
Rental expenses		(13,043)	(12,385)
Telephone		(7,818)	(7,221)
Insurance general		(6,424)	(6,571)
Printing and supplies		(1,083)	(1,865)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(959)	(3,025)
Refund of unspent funds		-	(9,003)
Other expenses		(22,699)	(26,881)
<b>Current year surplus before income tax</b>		<b>36,816</b>	<b>30,227</b>
Income tax expense	1(e)	-	-
<b>Surplus for the year</b>		<b>36,816</b>	<b>30,227</b>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>36,816</b>	<b>30,227</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated

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## Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	535,947	478,266
Trade and other receivables	6	15,350	27,380
Other assets		3,250	3,057
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>554,547</b>	<b>508,703</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	7	533	1,491
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>533</b>	<b>1,491</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>555,080</b>	<b>510,194</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	8	76,308	98,578
Employee provisions	9	44,424	50,443
Other liabilities	10	269,450	233,091
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>390,182</b>	<b>382,112</b>
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>390,182</b>	<b>382,112</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>164,898</b>	<b>128,082</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained surplus		164,898	128,082
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>164,898</b>	<b>128,082</b>

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**Statement of Changes in Equity**

**For the Year Ended 30 June 2015**

**2015**

	<b>Retained Surplus</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Balance at 1 July 2014</b>	<u>128,082</u>	<u>128,082</u>
Surplus for the year	<u>36,816</u>	<u>36,816</u>
<b>Balance at 30 June 2015</b>	<u><u>164,898</u></u>	<u><u>164,898</u></u>

**2014**

	<b>Retained Surplus</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Balance at 1 July 2013</b>	<u>97,855</u>	<u>97,855</u>
Surplus for the year	<u>30,227</u>	<u>30,227</u>
<b>Balance at 30 June 2014</b>	<u><u>128,082</u></u>	<u><u>128,082</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



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## Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

	2015	2014
Note	\$	\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Grants, contributions and receipts from customers	641,926	1,357,587
Payments to suppliers and employees	(721,658)	(1,341,040)
Donations received	131,667	102,546
Interest received	5,746	1,755
Net cash provided by operating activities	11 <u>57,681</u>	<u>120,848</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITY:</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,136)</u>
Net cash used in investing activity	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,136)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents held	57,681	119,712
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>478,266</u>	<u>358,554</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	5 <u><u>535,947</u></u>	<u><u>478,266</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

The financial statements cover Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated as an individual entity. Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated is a not for profit association incorporated in New South Wales under the *Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) 2009*, *Associations Incorporation Regulation (NSW) 2010* and Australian Charities and Not for profits Commission Act 2012.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 12 November 2015 by the Committee.

### 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### (a) Basis of Preparation

Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated applies Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements as set out in AASB 1053: *Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards* and AASB 2010–2: *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Reduced Disclosure Requirements* and other applicable Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements.

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB), Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) 2009, Associations Incorporation Regulation (NSW) 2010 and Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, as appropriate for not for profit oriented entities. The Association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected noncurrent assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

#### (b) Comparative Amounts

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

#### (c) Revenue and Other Income

The Association recognises revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured, it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity and specific criteria have been met for each of Oz Green Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated's activities as discussed below.

##### Grant revenue

Non-reciprocal grant revenue is recognised in the profit or loss when the entity obtains control of the grant and it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the entity and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before it is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

When grant revenue is received whereby the entity incurs an obligation to deliver economic value directly back to the contributor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and the grant revenue is recognised in the

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### 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

statement of financial position as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor, otherwise the grant is recognised as income on receipt.

The Association receives non-reciprocal contributions of assets from the government and other parties for zero or a nominal value. These assets are recognised at fair value on the date of acquisition in the statement of financial position, with a corresponding amount of income recognised in profit or loss.

#### Donations

Donations are recognised as revenue when received.

#### Rendering of services

Revenue in relation to rendering of services is recognised upon delivery of services to the customers.

#### Interest revenue

Interest is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

#### (d) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payable are stated inclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as part of receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

#### (e) Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the Association is endorsed as a Charitable Institution by the Australian Taxation Office and exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

#### (f) Financial Instruments

##### Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Association becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. For financial assets, this is the equivalent to the date that the Association commits itself to either the purchase or sale of the asset (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition these instruments are measured as set out below.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

### 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

#### (i) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial asset is derecognised.

#### (ii) Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial liability is derecognised.

#### (iii) Fair Value of Assets and Liabilities

Valuation techniques are applied to determine the fair value of all other assets and liabilities, including discounted cash flow analysis, recent arm's length transactions, reference to similar instruments and option pricing model.

#### (iv) Other

The association does not have any financial instruments classified as held to maturity, available for sale or at fair value through profit or loss.

### Impairment

At each reporting date, the Association assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired.

### Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual right to receipt of cash flows expires or the asset is transferred to another party, whereby the entity no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are discharged, cancelled or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

### Impairment of assets

At the end of each reporting period, the association assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount in accordance with another Standard (eg in accordance with the revaluation model in AASB 116). Any impairment loss of a revalued asset is treated as a revaluation decrease in accordance with that other Standard.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the association estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Where the future economic benefits of the asset are not primarily dependent upon the asset's ability to generate net cash inflows and when the entity would, if deprived of the asset, replace its remaining future economic benefits, value in use is determined as the depreciated replacement cost of an asset.

Where an impairment loss on a revalued asset is identified, this is recognised against the revaluation surplus in

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

respect of the same class of asset to the extent that the impairment loss does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus for that class of asset.

#### (g) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

#### (h) Trade Receivable and Other Debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts receivable from customers for professional services and goods sold in the ordinary course of business. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Accounts receivable are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any provision for impairment.

#### (i) Property, Plant and Equipment

Classes of property, plant and equipment are measured using the cost model as specified below.

Where the cost model is used, the asset is carried at its cost less any accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses. Costs include purchase price, other directly attributable costs and the initial estimate of the costs of dismantling and restoring the asset, where applicable.

##### Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis and therefore carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. In the event the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses are recognised either in profit or loss. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present.

The cost of fixed assets include expenditure that is directly attributable to the asset.

Subsequent cost are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the association and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are recognised as expenses in profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

##### Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight line basis over the asset's useful life commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

#### (i) Property, Plant and Equipment continued

##### Depreciation continued

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Plant and Equipment	20% - 33.3%

The assets' residual values, depreciation methods and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the item is recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they occur.

#### (j) Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

#### (k) Employee Provisions

Provision is made for the association's obligation for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages, salaries and sick leave. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The association's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and sick leave are recognised as a part of current trade and other payables in the statement of financial position.

##### Other long-term employee benefits

Provision is made for employees' annual leave entitlements not expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. Other long-term employee benefits are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures, and are discounted at rates determined by reference to end-of-reporting-period market yields on government bonds that have maturity dates approximating the terms of the obligations. Any remeasurements of other long-term employee benefit obligations due to changes in assumptions are recognised in profit or loss in the periods in which the changes occur.

The association's obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current provisions in its statement of financial position, except where the association does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting date, in which case the obligations are presented as current provisions.

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### 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

#### (l) Leases

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all of the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

Lease incentives under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

#### (m) Key Estimates

##### Impairment

The Association assesses impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluation of conditions and events specific to the association that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

#### (n) Economic Dependence

Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated is dependent on the Australian Government-Department of the Environment for the majority of its revenue used to operate the business. At the date of this report the committee members have no reason to believe the Australian Government-Department of the Environment will not continue to support Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

### 2 Revenue and Other Income

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
- Grants received	430,591	936,000
- Donations received	131,667	102,546
- Professional services fees	103,238	229,680
- Interest income	5,746	1,755
- Sponsorship and licensing fees	5,649	7,283
	<u>676,891</u>	<u>1,277,264</u>

(a) Grants received and professional fees received from Australian Government and third parties during the year is as follows:

	Unspent at 1 July 2014	Total Received	Recognised	Deferred
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Australian Government-Department of the Environment Biofund	188,000	460,000	402,000	246,000
Macquarie University	33,000	-	33,000	-
Others	-	30,000	30,000	-
	12,091	80,188	68,829	23,450
	<u>233,091</u>	<u>570,188</u>	<u>533,829</u>	<u>269,450</u>

### 3 Key Management Personnel Disclosures

The total remuneration paid to key management personnel of the Association is \$ 62,852 (2014: \$ 65,231).

### 4 Remuneration of Auditors

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Remuneration of the auditor of the Association, for:		
- auditing or reviewing the financial report	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>

### 5 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>535,947</u>	<u>478,266</u>

#### Reconciliation of cash

Cash and Cash equivalents reported in the statement of cash flows are reconciled to the equivalent items in the statement of financial position as follows:

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>535,947</u>	<u>478,266</u>



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6 Trade and Other Receivables

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	15,350	27,380
Provision for impairment	-	-
<b>Total current trade and other receivables</b>	<u><u>15,350</u></u>	<u><u>27,380</u></u>

(a) Financial assets classified as loans and receivables

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Trade receivables		
Total current	13 <u><u>15,350</u></u>	<u><u>27,380</u></u>

7 Property, Plant and Equipment

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Plant and equipment		
At cost	25,098	25,098
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(24,565)</u>	<u>(23,607)</u>
<b>Total property, plant and equipment</b>	<u><u>533</u></u>	<u><u>1,491</u></u>

(a) Movements in Carrying Amounts

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

	Plant and Equipment	Total
	\$	\$
<b>Year ended 30 June 2015</b>		
Balance at the beginning of year	1,491	1,491
Depreciation expense	<u>(958)</u>	<u>(958)</u>
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<u><u>533</u></u>	<u><u>533</u></u>

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**8 Trade and Other Payables**

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Unsecured liabilities		
Trade payables	5,625	39,266
Employee benefits	24,660	17,410
Accrued expenses	23,775	14,396
GST payable	22,248	27,506
	<u>76,308</u>	<u>98,578</u>

**(a) Financial liabilities at amortised cost classified as trade and other payables**

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Trade and other payables		
- Total Current	<u>76,308</u>	<u>98,578</u>
	<u>76,308</u>	<u>98,578</u>
Less:		
Employee benefits	<u>(24,660)</u>	<u>(17,410)</u>
Financial liabilities as trade and other payables	<u>51,648</u>	<u>81,168</u>

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**Collateral pledged**

No collateral has been pledged for any of the trade and other payable balances.

The average credit period on accounts payable and other payables is 3 months. No interest is payable on outstanding payables during this period.

**9 Employee Benefits**

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Current liabilities		
Provision for employee benefits	<u>44,424</u>	<u>50,443</u>

**10 Other Liabilities**

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Deferred income	<u>269,450</u>	<u>233,091</u>

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### 11 Cash Flow Information

#### (a) Reconciliation of result for the year to cashflows from operating activities

Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Surplus for the year	36,816	30,227
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities		
Non-cash flows in profit:		
- depreciation	958	3,025
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	12,030	55,120
- (increase)/decrease in prepayments	(193)	2,714
- increase/(decrease) in income in advance	36,359	7,591
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(22,270)	17,765
- increase/(decrease) in provisions	(6,019)	4,406
Cashflow from operations	<u>57,681</u>	<u>120,848</u>

### 12 Financial Information to be Furnished under Charitable Fundraising Act

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Fundraising Costs (A)	14,149	14,040
Gross fundraising income (B)	103,238	102,546
Fundraising surplus (C)	89,089	88,506
Cost of services provided (D)	502,463	1,104,637
Total expenditure (E)	640,075	1,247,037
Total Income (F)	676,891	1,277,264
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	%	%
Fundraising Costs/Gross fundraising income (A/B)	14	14
Fundraising surplus/Gross fundraising income (C/B)	86	86
Cost of services provided/Total expenditure (D/E)	79	89
Cost of services provided/Total Income (D/F)	74	86

### 13 Financial Risk Management

The Association's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, local money market instruments, receivables and payables.

The carrying amounts for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 139 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

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### 13 Financial Risk Management continued

		2015	2014
		\$	\$
<b>Financial Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	535,947	478,266
Trade and other receivables	6	15,350	27,380
<b>Total financial assets</b>		<u>551,297</u>	<u>505,646</u>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>			
Financial liabilities at amortised cost			
Trade and other payables	8	51,648	81,168
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>		<u>51,648</u>	<u>81,168</u>

### 14 Contingencies

In the opinion of the Committee of Management, the Association did not have any contingencies at 30 June 2015 (30 June 2014:None).

### 15 Related Parties

Other related parties include close family members of key management personnel.

Related party transactions during the year are as follows:

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Employment benefits to family members	<u>73,015</u>	<u>66,494</u>

### 16 Association Details

The registered office of the association is:

Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated  
4/82 Hyde Street  
Bellingen  
NSW 2454

**Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated**


ABN 82 828 395 461


**Committees' Declaration**

The committee members of the Association declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 3 to 17, are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not for profits Commission Act 2012, including:
  - a. Giving a true and fair view of its financial position as at 30 June 2015 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
  - b. Complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013; and.
  
2. There are reasonable grounds to believe that Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution passed by the board of directors.

  
Director .....  
Andrew Graham

  
Director .....  
Colin Lennox

Dated this 12 day of November 2015



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George P Rochios  
Mark W Willock  
Rupa Dharmasiri  
Alan M Perrott

## **Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated**

ABN 82 828 395 461

# **Independent Audit Report to the members of Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated**

### **Report on the Financial Report**

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2015, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the certification by members of the committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the association.

#### *Committees Responsibility for the Financial Report*

The committee of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements, the Australian Charities and Not for profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act) and for such internal control as the committees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Association's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committees, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

#### *Basis for Qualified Opinion*

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated to maintain an effective system of internal controls over donations, and other fundraising activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to those activities was limited to amounts recorded.



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## Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated

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### Independent Audit Report to the members of Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated

#### *Qualified Opinion*

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial report of Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated is in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2015 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards-Reduced Disclosure Requirements and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not for profits Commission Regulation 2013.

#### **Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

We also report that:

- a) the financial statements show a true and fair view of the financial result of fund raising appeals conducted during the year;
- b) the accounting and associated records have been properly kept during the year in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the regulations;
- c) money received as a result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year has been properly accounted for and applied in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the regulations; and
- d) at the date of the report, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Rupaninga Dharmasiri  
Partner

Chartered Accountants  
Level 3, 845 Pacific Highway  
CHATSWOOD NSW 2067

Dated this 12th day of November 2015



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## Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated

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30 June 2015

### Disclaimer

The additional financial data presented on Page 23 is in accordance with the books and records of the Company which have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our statutory audit of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2015. It will be appreciated that our statutory audit did not cover all details of the additional financial data. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on such financial data and we give no warranty of accuracy or reliability in respect of the data provided. Neither the firm nor any member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility in any way whatsoever to any person Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated in respect of such data, including any errors of omissions therein however caused.

Rupaninga Dharmasiri  
Partner  
Chartered Accountants  
Level 3, 845 Pacific Highway  
CHATSWOOD NSW 2067

Dated this 12th day of November 2015



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# Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated

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For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

## Profit and Loss Account

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Grants, donations and sponsorship	567,907	1,045,829
Professional services fees	103,238	229,680
Interest income	5,746	1,755
<b>Total income</b>	<b>676,891</b>	<b>1,277,264</b>
<b>Less: Expenses</b>		
Accounting fees	25,037	24,387
Advertising & promotion	16,457	1,867
Auditors remuneration	10,295	10,500
Bank charges	-	2,225
Consultancy fees	97,560	692,592
Depreciation	959	3,025
Entertainment	-	86
Insurance general	6,424	6,571
IT Expenses	3,264	2,028
Long service leave	(6,019)	4,406
Motor vehicle expenses	30	1,117
Other employee costs	670	63
Postage	414	400
Printing and supplies	1,083	1,865
Project costs	81,798	48,001
Refund of unspent funds	-	9,003
Rental expenses	13,043	12,385
Salaries	276,429	316,098
Salaries annual leave expense	7,250	(2,410)
Staff training	728	1,030
Subscriptions	433	95
Sundry expenses	8,263	10,430
Superannuation contributions	24,162	28,805
Telephone	7,818	7,221
Travel and accommodation	20,410	28,685
Workers compensation insurance	12,030	15,296
Workshops and meeting costs	31,537	21,266
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>640,075</b>	<b>1,247,037</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>36,816</b>	<b>30,227</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# OzGREEN Board



**Chairman**  
**Andrew Graham**

Andrew has recently joined NSW Roads and Maritime Services as Manager of Audit and Risk Management. His former role was Deputy Director of NSW Fire Dept. Andrew was a student at Freshwater High School and actively involved in the work that led Sue & Col to establish OzGREEN. He was guest speaker at our AGM / 20th birthday last year



**Treasurer**  
**Colin Lennox**

Colin is a Co-Founder of Oz GREEN, Convenor of the Oz GREEN Management Committee, Member of the Board of the Oz GREEN Fund for the Rivers Public Gift Fund and Executive Director.

Colin has a particular interest in the way the environment (particularly water) impacts on development in the majority world. His work with Oz GREEN has convinced him that there is a desperate need to work towards an equitable distribution of resources amongst all peoples of the world.



**Sue Lennox**

Co-Founder of Oz GREEN and CEO, To Sue, OzGREEN is not a job – it is her strategic response to her deep concern for the environment and her vision to build a more sustainable, peaceful and equitable world. Sue, along with her husband Colin, has been the driving force behind OzGREEN since it's inception. She has 30 years experience in environmental education program innovation, development, management and implementation in urban, regional, remote and Indigenous communities in Australia, India, Papua New Guinea, East Timor and Pakistan.



**Jaden Harris**

Jaden Harris is the co-founder and coordinator of the Sydney Youth Climate Action Network. SYCAN was founded in 2009 at an Oz Green's Youth Leading Australia congress. We started with about 30 members and most of us were in year 8 and 9. Our first year was filled with successes including Green Mob, where we all dressed in Green and wore Green body paint then flash mobbed in Manly Corso to ask people "what size are you?" and measure their eco footprints. We also helped organise Greenfeat, an environmentally themed Youth Week event with Manly and Warringah Councils. We gained heaps of new members and had dozens of successful street stalls. We then decided to start to build the network and create Branches around Sydney. First we had Northern Beaches and Inner West groups. Today, almost 2 years later we have branches in the North Shore, Northern Beaches, Inner West and Sutherland Shire. We now have over 650 members and are continuing to create new branches across Sydney. Jaden was winner of NSW-ACT Young Achiever of the Year in 2015



**Michelle Walker**

Michelle has been involved with OzGREEN since 2007, when she attended a Youth LEAD camp in Alice Springs and was moved by the young peoples' stories and the power of real listening. On behalf of OzGREEN, Michelle volunteered for the Clean Ganges Campaign in Varanasi, India, assisting to run the 2010 YLTW Varanasi congress and One Planet Week activities to reduce the eco-footprint of some Varanasi youth. She continues to support youth involved in the Clean Ganges Campaign and assists with OzGREEN online facilitator training over the web from her home in the Kimberleys, WA. With a degree in environmental science, she has worked in water conservation and water planning, and was a proud recipient of the NT Young Achiever ConocoPhillips Environment Award in 2007.

Michelle is passionate about the way OzGREEN programs connect people across the country and across the world, both face-to-face and using technology. As a board member, she is keen to help support the network of OzGREEN facilitators to achieve their sustainability goals.

# OzGREEN Board



## Jody Hammond

Jody has had more than 25 years experience in journalism, marketing, public relations and events management. She recently sold her award-winning public relations business, Write Away

Communication + Events, allowing her to spend more time on projects which accord with her personal values to promote sustainability and environmental awareness. In the past, Jody has held many positions in community groups using her expertise in PR and marketing as well as business development and education to help fulfil their goals.

Why OzGreen? I've always had a personal interest in sustainable practices, a genuine love of our land and a desire to help others. I am particularly passionate about ensuring our youths are well-educated, informed and develop great self-esteem. I have been observing some of the work OzGreen has done over the past couple of years and with those small insights have been attracted to its core principles, values and work the organisation undertakes. I am hoping that my skills and experience will be of benefit to the organisation whether it be media training, networking or general management.



## Hon Richard Jones

Richard was a member of the New South Wales Legislative Council 1988-2003. He was the first convenor of Friends of the Earth Australia and assisted in the founding of Greenpeace in Australia.

During his time in parliament, he voiced concern about environmental issues, including destruction of sand dunes at Myall Lakes.

Beyond his dedication to green politics and animal rights issues, he is also a vigorous proponent of alternative medicine.

## Fund for the Rivers Board

### Chairman

#### Colin Lennox

(BSc, Dip Ed)

Co-Founder of Oz GREEN, Convenor of the Oz GREEN Management Committee, Member of the Board of the Oz GREEN Fund for the Rivers Public Gift Fund and Executive Director.

Colin has a particular interest in the way the environment (particularly water) impacts on development in the majority world. His work with Oz GREEN has convinced him that there is a desperate need to work towards an equitable distribution of resources amongst all peoples of the world.

### Treasurer

#### Stewart Smith

(BSc. Hons, M. Env. Law)

Member of the Board of Directors of the Oz GREEN Fund for the Rivers Public Gift Fund. Stewart is an Environmental Research Officer with the NSW Parliament. "When visiting India and Nepal in 1989, I was really touched by the spirituality of the Ganges River. It crystalised for me the need for environmental education to play an important part in people's lives. I support OzGREEN because it is an incredible force in environmental education.

### Geoffrey Smith

(MSc)

Board Member OzGREEN Fund for the Rivers. Geoffrey is a Founding member of OzGREEN. Former State Waterwatch Coordinator, he is currently Natural Systems Program Leader with Blue Mountains City Council. Geoffrey's vision is for people to experience the sacred nature of all waterways as living systems essential to all life. Geoffrey has been active in promoting sustainable alternatives to address the Millenium Development Goals for Freshwater and sanitation at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in J'burg and the World Water Forum in Kyoto.

# OzGREEN Staff & Awards

Green Globe Awards Finalist 2014

Banksia Award Education Category Finalist 2008

Eureka Prize

National Museum of Australia Department of Environment and Climate Change Alan Strom Award for Environmental Sustainability Education, 2007.

Vodafone Australia Foundation World of Difference Awarded to Ben Taylor to work with OzGREEN in 2004

Social Ventures Australia BIGBOOST! Winners 2003 for Youth LEAD

Stormwater Industry Association Finalist in Award of Excellence for Environmental Education for Upper Parramatta River Catchment Education Kit 2003

Rivercare 2000 Award of Excellence 2000 for kids, companies and creeks Stormwater Action Projects

Environmental Educators of the Year - 1998 Association for Environmental Education (NSW)

NSW Government RiverCare 2000 Awards Finalist in Diamond Award 1997, 1998, 2000 Oz GREEN co- founder Sue Lennox, for outstanding contributions to achieving health in NSW rivers.

RiverCare 2000 Gold Award 1995 kids, companies and creeks Project

RiverCare 2000 Silver Award 1998 Dee Why WetlandCARE

RiverCare 2000 Accreditation

- "kids, companies and creeks" (1995),
- Our Place (1997),
- Dee Why WetlandCARE (1997),
- Stormwater Action Project (1998).

Banksia Environmental Awards Sue & Col Lennox winners of the Water Category 1996

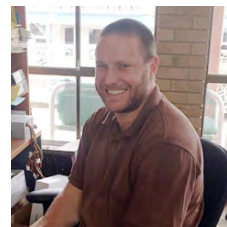
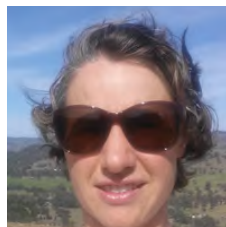
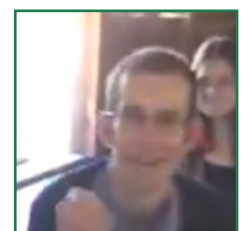
Banksia Environmental Awards Finalists in the Education & Training Category 1996

Metro Pride Award - Keep Australia Beautiful Council: Highly commended for the kids, companies and creeks Project 1996

United Nations Association Media Peace Awards Special Citation for Swatcha Ganga (Clean the Ganges) video, 1994.

United Nations Association Media Peace Awards Winner of major award "Fresh Water" video, 1991.

Keep Australia Beautiful Council - Landcom Sustainable Communities Award "Living Waters -Living Communities" 2001



Sue Lennox  
Colin Lennox  
Judy Charnaud  
Lena Hammond  
Jay Smith  
Jennie Fenton  
Jaci Tebb  
Rowan Lennox  
Denise Aitken

Co-Chief Executive Officer, Co-founder (B Sc Dip Ed)  
Executive Director, Co-founder (B Sc Dip Ed)  
East Timor Program Manager (B Sc Dip Ed FGAA)  
Youth Leading the World Program Coordinator  
Youth Leading the World Program Coordinator  
Youth Leading the World Program Coordinator  
Programs Coordinator Hunter Valley (B App Sc Hon)  
General Manager  
Admin Assistant

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