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## Convenors Report

2014 has been another challenging and rewarding year for OzGreen. Challenging in managing the continued disruptive environment in which we operate, as well as managing the inevitable change of people that any organisation has to face, but rewarding in seeing the continued great outcomes and recognizing the individual contributions that has made and will continue to ensure that OzGreen is a force for good in the world well into the future.

The organization leadership has been bolstered with he arrival of new people on our board that provides an important diversity of capability that is essential in the governance of any organization, along with the continued excellent leadership shown by Sue Lenox. Throughout our organisation too, individuals have stepped up to the challenges this year, and I would especially like to recognise Gabriel who has provided exceptional leadership in our Stepping Stones project.



I am personally pleased to see that our flagship programme of Youth Leading The World continues to be a key driver of our agenda and it's recognition continues to garner support both in Australia and Internationally.

2014 has also seen a somewhat return to the organisations founding routes in clean rivers with the establishment of the Bremer River partnership in Queensland, a scheme that is sure to be repeated elsewhere and for which OzGreen is primed to be an ideal partner as they get created.

Inevitably people need to move on and I would like to express by personal gratitude for the great service Louise has provide as treasurer over the last 4 years. It has been a privilege and pleasure to work with you.

Sadly I too will be stepping down from the organization after two years, but I am immensely proud of what has been achieved and I am humbled by the endeavors of all of the people I have met and collaborated with over this time. Know that I will continue to espouse the virtues of OzGreen whenever and wherever I am able, as I continue to cheer you on from the sidelines.

Finally thanks as always to our donors large and small, our employees and countless volunteers – in a world that continues to reveal the need for what OzGreen stands for, be emboldened by knowing your cause is true and just.

Gavin Keeley



#### **Stepping Up and Recognition**

Sue Lennox OzGREEN Co-Founder and CEO

This has been a year of stepping up and recognition for the OzGREEN team and our partners. Stepping up to the challenges of these times, stepping up the contributions we are making towards more sustainable and just futures and stepping up recognition for what we are achieving.

With the escalation of global sustainability challenges such as climate change, in 2009 OzGREEN decided we need a new business model. One that would reduce costs and increase participation and impact. We decided to switch our focus to training and supporting local people to run OzGREEN's lifechanging programs in their own region.



Five years on our new approach has enabled us to deliver a ten-fold increase in reach and a tenfold reduction in costs, whilst maintaining the program impact and outcomes of Youth Leading the World (YLTW).

Ultimately what I love about Youth Leading the World is that we all benefit – the planet, the participants and our partners. This year we have seen our partners take out some major awards. As this report is goes to print, the OzGREEN team were excited to find out that we are finalists in the prestigious Green Globe Awards.

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. During the year we were delighted to welcome Jaden Harris and Andrew Graham to the Board. Thank you all for your commitment, wisdom, patience and thoughtful advice.

Special thanks also to Gavin Keeley and Louise Johnston who will be stepping down from the OzGREEN Board this year. Gavin has made important contributions to the governance of OzGREEN in the role of Chairman. Louise joined the Board in 2010, making a key contribution in the role of Treasurer for the past 4 years.

### I would especially like to Recognise:

**Gabriel Anderson's** achievements in stepping up to manage the Stepping Stones Project in the Hunter Valley.

**Ruby Tavener** – an amazing 16 year old who stepped up to speak at TEDx Bellingen about her involvement in Youth Leading the World. (See http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OqSFQCIZMEg)

**Swan Hill Rural City Council** for the contribution they are making to youth in the Murray-Mallee, winning the 2014 Sustainability





Award of Excellence Victoria Local Government Awards for Youth Leading the Mallee.

**Erin Raggatt** for her outstanding contribution to youth in the Murray-Mallee, and the recognition she deserves as winner of the 2014 Young Achiever of the Year at the Victoria Local Government Awards.

Corrina Grace and the Project Seres team for the outstanding contribution they are making to youth and the environment in Central America. YLTW was a seed for creating a new movement and organisation. This year Seres won the National ENERGY GLOBE Award in Guatemala. (See http://www.energyglobe.info/guatemala2014?cl=english)



**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.

**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, especially the Youth in Action Green Games.

### Thanks to OzGREEN partners and supporters

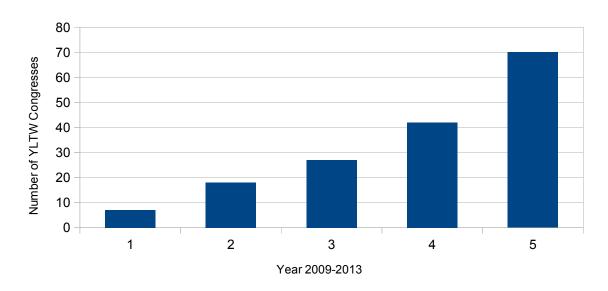
- Sankat Mochan Foundation (Varanasi, India)
- Green Timor L'Este (Oecusse)
- Project Seres, Central America
- Great Eastern Ranges Initiative (GER) Partners Greening Australia, Nature Conservation Trust,
   National Parks Association, NSW Office for Environment and Heritage
- NSW Environmental Trust 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 new partners for re-Generation Project inspiring youth to care for nature.

## Youth Leading the World

Young people have a big stake in how well we tackle our major sustainability challenges. Youth Leading the World (YLTW) is creating an interconnected global community of youth change-makers, tackling the sustainability crisis together, through innovation and community driven change. By training and supporting local people to run YLTW in their own region, OzGREEN has been able to take it's award winning sustainability in action process to scale, whilst minimising costs and carbon footprint. The real time live online facilitator training program that underpins YLTW has made the initiative accessible even to remote communities.

With the escalation of global challenges such as energy, food, water & climate change, OzGREEN decided we needed a new business model. One that would reduce costs, increase participation and impact. We decided to switch our focus to training and supporting local people to run our life-changing programs in their own region.

#### Growth in YLTW Sites 2009-2013



Over the past 5 years, Youth Leading the World (YLTW) has been able to deliver a tenfold increase in reach and a tenfold reduction in costs, whilst maintaining program impact and outcomes. Imagine thousands of young people coming together in their own region, across the planet, to tackle local and global sustainability challenges and plan together how they can make a difference. By training and supporting local people, YLTW becomes embedded as a locally owned and driven initiative, and has proven sustainable in the long term. YLTW began in 7 regions in 2009 and has quickly grown to benefit 70 regions in 2013, directly involving over 10,000 youth. To date OzGREEN has trained over 500 YLTW Facilitators from across Australia and globally.

Young leaders doing things they never thought were possible. Like Jaden Harris, who set up the Sydney Youth Climate Action Network at the age of 14. And Vanessa Moskal who at the age of 20 was elected to local government. And Sindy Tang who at the age of 16 decided she could organise and run Youth Leading the World in her own school. And Ruby Tavener who trained as a YLTW Facilitator when she was 15 and received a standing ovation from the audience during a recent TEDx talk.

Ultimately what we love about Youth Leading the World is that we all benefit – the planet, the participants and our partners. We have seen our partners take out some major awards. As this Annual report goes to print, the OzGREEN team are delighted to learn we are finalists in the prestigious Green Globe Awards. YLTW Places 2009-2013 - Many of these regions have run multiple congresses.

### Youth Leading the World

#### **Australian**

Adelaide, Albury, Alice Springs, Bathurst, Bellingen, Bendigo, Blue Mountains, Bright, Brisbane, Broken Hill, Broome, Byron Bay, Canberra, Cape York, Castlemaine, Coffs Harbour, Darwin, Gosford, Hobart, Ipswich, Lismore, Mackay, Melbourne, Muswellbrook, Nambucca Heads, Newcastle, Nimbin, Norfolk Island, Perth, Port Macquarie, Swan Hill, Sydney (Eastern Suburbs, Hornsby, Liverpool, Macarthur, North Sydney, Northern Beaches, Parramatta, Penrith, Randwick), Toowoomba, Wagga, Wodonga, Wollondilly, Wingecarribee, Yamba

#### International

Bangladesh, Canada, Colombia (2 sites), Costa Rica (2 sites), East Timor, Guatemala & El Salvador (32 sites), Hawaii, India, Irvine USA, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, Uganda

#### **YLTW People**

YLTW Facilitators underpin the success of the program. They are the glue that connects participating regions together and the people who hold YLTW together in their own region. Each year, each facilitator contributes a minimum of 200 hours of volunteer and in-kind support to YLTW. To date we have trained 500 people across Australia and globally and from a wide range of backgrounds and a wide age range 12-64 years and wide range of backgrounds (youth, youth workers, local and state

government staff, teachers, university and TAFE students, professionals, corporate executives, mothers, fathers). Here are a few of their stories.

Ruby Tavener is a 16 year old, year 11 student from Coffs Harbour in NSW. She's passionate about environmental issues and making change in the world. This environmental activism was inspired by her experience with Youth Leading The World. She first participated in YLTW in 2010 when she was a year 7 student. She went on to influence her family to reduce their eco-footprint to "one planet living". Ruby trained as a YLTW Facilitator in 2012 and has helped to run 3 YLTW Congresses since then. In October 2013, Ruby was invited to speak at the BellingenTEDx event. Here is her story.https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OqSFQCIZMEg&feature=youtu.be



**Seda Hammoud** reckons YLTW completely changed her outlook on dealing with environmental and leadership problems, giving her a set of skills that she will cherish for many years to come! Seda organised and facilitated YLTW Liverpool 2013 for 90 youth from SW Sydney.

#### **Cr Vanessa Moskal**

When the idea of YLTW was first conceived, Vanessa was a year 12 student at the Northern Beaches Secondary (Manly Campus). She was one of the people who said YES this is a great idea. Vanessa trained as a YLTW Facilitator and ran her first YLTW congress during her "schoolies week" in November 2009. Vanessa has continued to be the mainstay and lead YLTW Facilitator on the Northern Beaches for the past 5 years. In 2012 she was elected as the youngest ever Councillor on Warringah Council.

## Great Eastern Ranges - Hunter Valley

This year The Hunter Great Eastern Ranges Project has had two major on ground works projects – Stepping Stones and the Tocal College Demonstration project. This has generated stronger engagement with the partners involved. We continue to engage new organisations in the program and are working strongly with the community including private landholders. In particular, engaging with landholders through Stepping Stones on-ground works and workshops is significantly increasing the impact and awareness of the GER within the community and achieving great outcomes.

Thanks to the Stepping Stones project and an additional full time facilitator the project has had a significant boost in its visibility, reach and effectiveness in the Hunter. We have engaged strongly with existing partners such as Conservation Volunteers Australia, Muswellbrook Council, The Tom Farrell Institute for the Environment, Tocal Agricultural Institute and the Hunter Local Land Services (formerly CMA). We have formed new relationships with the Department of Primary Industries, Upper Hunter Weeds Authority, Upper Hunter Shire Council and Wetland Care Australia.

During the year the GER Hunter Project has:

- Engaged 113 private landholders in training and property planning using the Atlas of Living Australia.
- Completed 94 projects with 71 private landholders across the Hunter Valley.
- Completed 646 ha of restoration and weed control and 162 ha of connectivity plantings.
- Increased the number of active organisations from 20 to 34 including recruiting two new organisations onto the Steering Committee.
- Run five awareness raising events (information sessions) and participated in two field days, engaging a total of 1,114 people
- Developed partnerships with four additional organisations.
- Engaged 42 secondary school students in Youth Leading the GER.
- Engaged 33 primary school students in bird monitoring training.
- Engaged 162 people in the project directly.
- Hosted annual partners forum 19 Nov 13, 34 attendees.
- Hosted launch of the GER Landcare grants program attended by 40 people representing 28 organisations.
- Participated in two field days, reaching approximately 900 people, and presented at one conference with an audience of 200 people.
- Presentation to Wollombi Landcare



## Great Eastern Ranges - Hunter Valley

#### **Case Study**

Stepping Stones project unites landholders in tackling noxious weeds on local creek

The Stepping Stones project supports landholders to engage in biodiversity conservation regardless of property size. The project aims to create or enhance patches of native vegetation that act as stepping stones for species movement across the landscape. These Stepping Stones provide key links between habitat and enable connectivity between larger conservation areas.



The Stepping Stones project has been rolled out across the Hunter Valley with a focus on Merriwa Plateau, Muswellbrook Shire and the Lower Hunter Green Corridor (in particular the Donaldson Conservation Trust Area). The response to the project has been fantastic with over 150 landholders engaged to date. The project has completed a total of 646 ha of restoration works and 162 ha of connectivity plantings. In the Lower Hunter this amounts to 8575 ha of connected vegetation. One particular focus area in the Upper Hunter is Martindale.

Martindale Creek winds its way through agricultural properties along the valley floor at Martindale, near Denman. This is a beautiful part of the world, surrounded by native-vegetation-covered ridges that creep all the way down to the alluvial flats where farming has made its claim on the land. Sometimes dry as a bone, sometimes swollen with rainwater runoff, this creek is an important part of life in Martindale. But the creek is being choked by an invasion of Green Cestrum (Cestrum parqui), a class 3 noxious weed, and African Boxthorn (Lycium ferocissimum), a class 4 noxious weed,

The Stepping Stones Project is working with landholders along Martindale creek to bring these two weeds under control. From a single point of contact with one property owner, interest in the project has spread and Stepping Stones has been able to support weed control projects across 13 properties stretching 15 km along the creek.

Recognising that the creek knows no boundary lines and what's at the top will eventually spread to the bottom, local landholders have formed a new Landcare group. We look forward to news of their first working bee!

The strongest engagement this year has been with landholders – both with the 96 directly involved in projects and over one hundred participating in workshops and training. Mainstream media and websites continue to extend the reach of the program. Overall there were a whole range of engagement techniques used including websites and newsletters, landholder training workshops, community forums, information sessions, stalls, talks, presentations, community planting events and cold calls to landholders. The most successful strategies have been information sessions and community events along with word of mouth. We have been particularly successful spreading the message through existing networks and people that know each other (including neighbours). The annual partners forum continues to be important in keeping people and key organisations engaged and informed and enrolling new members. This year 22 people new people attended the forum representing 9 new organisations, three of which are now represented on the Steering Committee.

Overall over 1700 people have been engaged directly and potentially over 349,000 reached through mainstream media and newsletters (this excludes all websites as well as partner communication and media). Of the 1700, over 1100 people were reached through talks, presentations and field days. One hundred and thirteen (113) participated in workshops and training, 93 were involved directly in projects and meetings and a further 268 were reached through awareness raising events.

## Great Eastern Ranges - Hunter Valley

This year we have probably reached the most people we ever reached. We have moved beyond the original 20 organisations to engage with some new groups taking the number of active organisations to 34. We have also engaged with hundreds of private landholders through the Stepping Stones Project.

GER Hunter is supported by the NSW Government through its Environmental Trust.

The Stepping Stones Project is an initiative of the Hunter Valley Great Eastern Ranges and is supported supported by the Australian Government. Project partners are OzGREEN, Conservation Volunteers Australia, Muswellbrook Shire Council and The Tom Farrell Institute for the Environment.

The Tocal College Demonstration Project is supported by the Great Eastern Ranges and the NSW Government through its Environment Trust.





MYRiveR Bremer is a whole river basin youth engagement and environmental education project for high schools in the Ipswich region. 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. The project is a collaboration between OzGREEN, the Bremer River Fund, Ipswich City Council and the International River Foundation.

MYRiveR Bremer was conducted across the Bremer River catchment during 2014, 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.

#### **Engaging schools**

Bundamba State Secondary College, Rosewood State High School and St Edmund's College have been enthusiastic partners for MYRiveR in 2014.

#### **Catchment Eco-Snapshot**

Youth participated in citizen science, investigating 18 sites across the whole river basin. Habitat assessments, physical, chemical and biological parameters including dissolved oxygen, phosphates, faecal coliform, salinity, turbidity, temperature, pH and on-site observations (over 180 tests). We were delighted to be supported by volunteers from Birds Queensland to conduct extensive bird surveys.

#### **Youth River Congress**

2 day youth congress involved 30 students to analyse, reflect, plan, vision and act.

#### **Community Forum**

2 hour Community Forum facilitated by youth participants, attended by 30 guests

#### **Youth Action Plans**

Innovative school action plans developed and implemented;

Community Branches – propagating plants and participating in community tree planting events Schools river-art competition

Brekkie on the Bremer held 25 May involving about 40 people, including local MP Sean Choate and Ipswich City Councillors

Phosphate survey

Fortnightly interschool enviro club meetings

#### **International RiverSymposium**

A group of 17 traveled to Canberra 14-16 September, to present the outcomes of MYRIveR Bremer 2014 at the International RiverSymposium. See http://riversymposium.com/program-2014/special-sessions/ozgreen/



Bird Watching as part of MYRiveR Bremer

## MyRiver Bellinger

MYRiveR Bellinger is a whole river basin youth engagement and environmental education program. The program enabled 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 the Bellinger River catchment. The project was supported by a grant from Bellingen Shire Council.

In 2014 MYRiveR Bellinger directly involved 50 participants in citizen science, taking an ecological snapshot of river health of 18 sites across the whole Kalang and Bellinger River basins. Participating schools included Bellingen High School, Chrysalis Steiner School, Urunga Public School and Bishop Druitt College.

A 3-day Youth Leading the World Congress was conducted at The Youth Hub during World Environment Week at the beginning of June. Although 35 youth registered to participate in the congress, unfortunately 2 schools pulled out on the morning of the event, leaving only 12 participants. A 2-hour youth-led Community Forum was conducted on World Environment Day (5 June) involving a further 40 people from the region.



Festival for our future - organised by MyRiver Belinger Participants

Participating youth developed action plans for 2 projects they would like to undertake in the Bellingen Shire. The first was to organize a community awareness raising event. The second was to undertake riparian zone plantings along the Beliinger River.

The first action plan "Festival for our Future" was implemented on 30 August in partnership with Northbank Community Gardens and Mid-Coast Communities. Over 400 people participated in the program that featured:

- Youth MC;
- Youth presentations about the health of the Bellinger River;
- Tours of the community garden, workshops in bee keeping, propagation and composting;
- Measuring ecological footprint;
- Local food prepared by local people;
- Ppening of the "pathway to the future" new accessibility path at the community garden;
- Pathway to the future parade;
- Local youth bands.

Feedback from the event has been very positive and follow up actions are being planned.

## Project Seres

Since 2010, OzGREEN and have celebrated SERES dynamic and productive colearning partnership that helped to establish peer-relationships between emerging young leaders in Australia and Central America and an international learning community of development and sustainability practitioners working on environmental justice, sustainability and climate change issues.

This partnership continues to flourish and offer opportunities for learning and exchange of new tools and techniques that can help us amplify the creativity, capability and capacity of young leaders who are bringing about much-needed social change and leading the creation of healthy, thriving and resilient communities.

Supported by a grant from WWF's Russell E. Train Education for Nature program, OzGREEN co-founders Sue and Colin Lennox will be

traveling to Guatemala in October to stay at the SERES Embassy and Ecology Center where they will deliver a residential training program in Sustainable Watershed Management to eleven young sustainability leaders.

This is one of three new workshops that are being piloted in 2014 under SERES new Sustainable Livelihoods program, which aims to provide emerging young leaders that are actively working on a community-based initiative with the advanced skills and knowledge required to increase the impact of their projects by at least 6 times. The other two workshops that will be piloted this year are Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Agriculture (also supported by WWF) and Creative Confidence and Digital Storytelling (sponsored by Adobe Youth Voices and Taking It Global).

#### **Our Impact**

To-date, SERES has trained over 1,400 young sustainability leaders in 4 years, representing more than 200 communities from Guatemala and El Salvador;



SERES youth leaders learn about the connection between food, biodiversity conservation and agriculture in our Sustainability Livelihoods Program



Our new Food program will promote a native food industry that incorporates traditional ingredients into "modern" cuisine, and builds pride in the cultural food system amongst the younger generations;

## Project Seres

We have run over 50 leadership programs and helped form more than 52 youth environmental committees. Collectively our youth leaders have planted almost 7,000 trees, implemented 10 community gardens and cleaned over 14km of shoreline. We are now offering 5 different sustainability leadership programs, run by SERES local ambassadors and facilitators in English, Spanish and 3 indigenous languages (Kakiguel, Quiché and T'zutujil);

#### **Highlights**

In March this year, we finished the all-bamboo construction of our new Embassy and Ecology Center which provides a training and demonstration space for local youth to receive workshops, and for the local community to connect with SERES;

SERES wins national Energy Globe award for Sustainability in Guatemala;

SERES invited to UNESCO's World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development in Japan this November as part of a special youth delegation;

SERES invited to speak at Civil Society Week in Johannesburg this November, presenting on our work in youth civic engagement and leadership;

Executive Director Corrina Grace has been selected as a Fellow of the Central American Leadership Institute

We have officially partnered with Play for Peace, and our facilitators will be undertaking their in-field training to

receive official accreditation as Play for Peace facilitators;



Trainers from the Instituto Mesoamericana de Permacultura (IMAP) work with SERES facilitators to provide the 5-day residential Biodiversity and Sustainable Agriculture program

#### **Looking Forward**

Coming up in November, our local town of San Juan del Obispo will be overrun with SERES Youth Leaders as we host our annual Youth Sustainability Summit. This year we will bring 70 young leaders together for 4.5 days of workshops, skills-building, personal and professional development, leadership and community-building;

## Project Seres

With physical construction finished, we will be continuing to work on finishing the SERES Ecology Center and opening up to the community in the beginning of 2015;

In 2015, we will be launching two new programs:

Partnering with international eco-chef Roger Feely from Soul Cocina in San Francisco, we will be running a new series of sustainability education programs focused on health, nutrition and Real Food;

Building on from our foundation of Sustainability Leadership programs, we will be piloting a new Sustainability Pathways 9-month Fellowship program;



SERES working with Play for Peace at our Facilitator Training Program in July



#### Judy Charnaud

The "Oecusse Special Social Economic Zone 20 Year Plan" - the development plan put together by the government, is turning out to be quite controversial. Some people feel that Oecusse is being sold out to the highest bidder and will be "owned" by foreign investment, others see it as an opportunity for growth and employment, some as over development, others as complete "pie in the sky" and never likely to happen. Discussions continue and hopefully community opinion will be taken into account and a worthwhile project developed. My main concern is that a lot of money will be poured into the enclave, and will benefit the few- certainly not the impoverished villagers in the mountains! Hopefully the culture, tradition and environment of Oecusse won't be destroyed in the rush to make money from rich tourists for even richer investors.

It is important that people like Luis Armando, Director of GREEN TL, have their say to ensure that the community voices are listened to and the project is environmentally and economically sustainable and culturally sensitive.

#### Youth-in-Action GREEN Games

The eighth annual Youth in Action GREEN Games were completed in July. Despite a few hitches, the 2014 games were a success, GREEN TL is determined that the 2015 Games will be even better and we will run the full competition!

Once again we had visitors from Rotary Australia who attended a few of the games. They were not there for the Grand Finals but did see volley ball and soccer semi finals. Both the Rotarians and their wives were impressed by the dedication shown by the GREEN TL staff and committee, the professional way the games were run and the standard of play and refereeing. They commented on the size of the spectator crowd and the enthusiasm shown by everyone.

Congratulations to Luis Armando, Director GREEN TL and his staff, Campar and Lafu, to Games Organisers Merkuru and Lopo and the Games Committee.

#### **Providing Clean Water**

GREEN TL can not provide these bio-sand filtration units fast enough – many villagers in Oecusse are requesting them. So far we have supplied several villages - Bocosse, Bona, Oetulo and several households throughout Oecusse town. Fifty three bio-sand filtration units delivered and many more needed! Lack of clean water is one of the major problems in Oecusse, the government has plans for a water treatment plant in the 20 year plan but this will service the main town and the new luxury hotels only! I can see people queuing at the water theme park with their buckets to collect the daily supply of clean drinking water!!

A bio sand filtration unit is simply a large container, (plastic barrel or cement tank) containing specific layers of pebbles, grit and fine sand. Water poured into the top of the unit slowly percolates through the sand and grit to a pipe in the bottom of the container. Hydrostatic pressure, pushes the water up to the outlet tap from where it can be collected.

With use over a period of several weeks, micro organism from the source water collect on the upper layer of fine sand to develop a bacterial layer which assists in the removal of pathogens by biological (anaerobic) processes. An important design adaptation of our bio sand filtration unit ensures that there is always some water in the tank above the sand so the biological layer survives.

The slowest step in making these is collecting the correct sizes of pebbles and gr it – many hours are spent by the river sieving sand!



#### **World Water Day, 22nd March**

Once again several schools in Sydney helped out with raising funds for the people of Oecusse. I spoke to seven schools – in fact for a few weeks it was just like being back teaching – lots of talks and lots of very interesting questions raised by the students. The majority of students seem very upset by the inequality and the fact that so many people live under such poor conditions whilst in Australia we take things such as clean water and electricity for granted. Fund raising was very successful and the schools involved – Balgowlah Heights, Harbord, St Kevins, Manly Vale, Beaumont Road, Manly Selective and Barrenjoey donated over \$5011. I hope to get more schools involved next year.

#### **Forest Rehabilitation**

Our tree planting project continues with schools and communities helping out in this. Each year several hundred native tree seedlings are provided, some planted years ago are now very impressive tall trees!

### **Thank you Donors**

I am humbled and pleased to know that there are several organisations and individuals who see the value in the Oecusse project and are prepared to donate their time, enthusiasm and funds to help. Several Rotary clubs, the Penn Foundation, Manly Friends of Oecusse, Manly Council, Peter Fitzsimons and several private donors give money for the Sustainable Villages Project and the GREEN Games – I can not thank them enough for the encouragement given to me and the assistance provided to the well-deserving people of Oecusse.











Some of the action from the GREEN Games.

## Friends of the Ganges

The 2013 – 14 year has been a year of change for our partner, The Sankat Mochan Foundation (SMF). The transition to the new Mahantji and President of SMF, Vishwambhar Nath Mishra has been taking place during this time. This process has been one of carefully measured steps as Mahantji assumes the various roles of his new position. In November Sue and Colin Lennox travelled to Varanasi to work with SMF and Friends of the Ganges US to develop strategic plans for the upcoming years.

The state of the Ganges River came to national prominence during the Indian National elections which were held in India in May. Mr Narendra Modi announced that he would contest the seat of Varanasi in his campaign to become Prime Minister of India. During the campaign all parties pledged to clean the Ganges River. Upon winning the seat of Varanasi Mr Modi was installed as Prime Minister as leader of the BJP Party.

In the early days of the new government cleaning Ganga was given a high priority. Mahantji was invited to participate in a meeting with the newly constituted Ministry for Ganga to propose ways to achieve the cleaning of Ganga by 2019. With this national interest Mahantji ad SMF have been able to attract considerable media interest for their proposal for sewage transport and treatment in Varanasi.

With this promising start it has been disappointing that the announcements of the Government have been more concerned with development of the river for

commercial activities. SMF is continuing to lobby hard for genuine efforts to ensure that not a drop of sewage and pollutants go into the river.

Throughout the year SMF has continued to monitor water quality in the stretch of River Ganga in Varanasi. The Swatcha Ganga Research Laboratory continues to be an important part of the campaign, highlighting the levels of pollution in the river right where people perform their religious bathing rituals.

In January the SMF laboratory team travelled to Allahabad for assess the water quality at the Ganga – Yamuna confluence duing the two important bathing days of Mauni Amavasya and Vasant Panchami. On these days millions of devotees come to take a holy dip at the confluence of these two rivers with the mythical Saraswati River. Results showed Faecal coliform levels between 11,000 and 20,000. (Indian recommended standards state that Faecal coliform levels should be less than 500)

November 28-29 saw over 100 students from 6 different schools come to Tulsi Ghat for the Youth Leading the World event. These students made pledges to take actions to reduce their own ecological footprints and to spread environmental awareness in their schools and neighborhoods.

On World Water Day, 22nd March, schools and citizens of Varanasi again gathered to form a human chain along the banks of the river to celebrate the importance of the river to India's culture and wellbeing and to draw attention to the plight of the river.



### Friends of the Ganges

World Environment Day, 5 June, was again celebrated with a photographic exhibition in honour of Prof. Veer Bhadra Mishra. The exhibition is displayed on the banks of the river at Tulsi Ghat and is designed to engage the public and raise awareness of the Swatcha Ganga (Clean Ganges) Campaign.

Whilst the solution is technical the decisions needed are political. SMF continues to work to engage people and to lobby the Government with its straightforward message:

- Not a single drop of sewage into Ganga along the bathing ghats of Varanasi.
- An appropriate and effective system of sewage capture and treatment that meets the needs of the city, as approved by the Supreme Court of India in 2008.\*(details below)
- Implementation of a plan before the next election cycle: 30 years is enough.



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**Financial Statements** 

For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

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#### Committees' Report

30 June 2014

The committee members submit the financial report of the Association for the financial year ended 30 June 2014.

#### 1. General information

#### Committee members

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

Gavin Keeley

Chairman

Sue Lennox

Secretary

Louise Johnston

Treasurer

Julian Harris

Nick Bearlin-Allardice

Resigned during the year

Resigned during the year

Michelle Walker

Mark Caddey

Sharyn Wilson

Joined July 2014

Andrew Graham Jaden Harris

Joined July 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 \$30,227(2013: \$78,565).

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

Committee member:

Committee member: ..

Gavin Keeley

Louise Johnston

## Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

		2014	2013
	Note	\$	\$
Revenue	2	1,277,264	734,652
Consultancy fees		(692,592)	(82,090)
Employee benefits expense		(363,288)	(338,703)
Project costs		(48,001)	(88,577)
Travel and accommodation		(28,685)	(33,034)
Workshops and meeting costs		(21,266)	(21,616)
Accounting fees		(24,387)	(23,772)
Rental expenses		(12,385)	(11,100)
Refund of unspent funds		(9,003)	\$
Telephone		(7,221)	(9,343)
Insurance general		(6,571)	(6,723)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(3,025)	(4,899)
Printing and supplies		(1,865)	(2,609)
Other expenses	_	(28,748)	(33,621)
Current year surplus before income tax		30,227	78,565
Income tax expense	1(e) _	<u>-</u>	-
Surplus for the year		30,227	78,565
Other comprehensive income	_		=
Total comprehensive income for the year	4 <u></u>	30,227	78,565

### **Statement of Financial Position**

### As At 30 June 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	478,266	358,554
Trade and other receivables	6	27,380	82,500
Other assets	1 <del></del>	3,057	5,771
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		508,703	446,825
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	·		
Property, plant and equipment	7 _	1,491	3,380
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	_	1,491	3,380
TOTAL ASSETS	_	510,194	450,205
LIABILITIES CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	8	98,578	80,813
Employee benefits	9	50,443	46,037
Other liabilities	<sup>10</sup> _	233,091	225,500
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	_	382,112	352,350
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>.</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	_	382,112	352,350
NET ASSETS	_	128,082	97,855
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		128,082	97,855
TOTAL EQUITY	=	128,082	97,855

### Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

2014

	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2013	97,855	97,855
Surplus for the year	30,227	30,227
Balance at 30 June 2014	128,082	128,082
2013		
	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2012	19,290	19,290
Surplus for the year	78,565	78,565
Balance at 30 June 2013	97,855	97,855

### **Statement of Cash Flows**

### For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Grants, contributions and receipts form customers Payments to suppliers and employees Interest received Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	12	1,460,133 (1,341,040) 1,755 120,848	485,058 (692,132) 3,591 (203,483)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITY: Purchase of property, plant and equipment Net cash used in investing activity	-	(1,136) (1,136)	(2,453) (2,453)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	- 5 <u>-</u>	119,712 358,554 478,266	(205,936) 564,490 358,554

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

#### For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

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 and Associations Incorporation Regulation (NSW) 2010.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on .... September 2014 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 1153: Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards and AASB 20102: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) 2009 and Associations Incorporation Regulation (NSW) 2010.

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 and Associations Incorporation Regulation (NSW) 2010. 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 statement of financial position as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor, otherwise the

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

#### 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

grant is recognised as income on receipt.

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.

#### Sponsorship and licensing fees

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is presented net of returns, discounts and rebates.

#### **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 custmers.

#### 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

The Association is 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

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

#### 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

recognition theses instruments are measured as set out below.

(i) Loans and receivables

Trade and other receivables are measured at amortised cost using effective interest rate method.

#### (ii) Financial liabilities

Non derivative financial liabilities are recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### (iii) Fair value

Fair value is determined based on current bid prices for all quoted investments. 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. The assessment will consider both external and internal sources of information. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of that asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value-in-use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is immediately recognised in profit or loss.

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

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#### 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

#### (g) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand and demand deposits which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### (h) 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 year.

#### 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.

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

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 occur.

#### (i) Employee benefits

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.

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#### 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

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.

#### (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) Critical accounting estimates and judgments

#### Key estimates - impairment

The Association assesses impairment at the end of each reporting year by evaluating conditions 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.

#### **Employment benefits**

For the measurement, AASB 119: Employee Benefits (September 2011) defines obligation for short-term employee benefits as obligations expected to be settle wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting of period in which the employee render the related services. As the association expects that most employees will not use all of their annual leave entitlements in the same year in which they are earned or during the 12 month period that follows (despite an informal association policy that requires annual leave to be used in specific period), the committee members believe that obligations for annual leave entitlements satisfy the definition of other long term employee benefits and, therefore, are required to be measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees.

#### (I) 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.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

#### 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

#### (m) Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

During the current year, the following standards became mandatory and have been adopted retrospectively by the Association:

- AASB 119 Employee Benefits
- AASB 2012-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards Disclosures Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

The accounting policies have been updated to reflect changes in the recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income and expenses and the impact of adoption of these standards is discussed below.

The Association reviewed the annual leave liability to determine the level of annual leave which is expected to be paid more than 12 months after the end of the reporting period. Whilst this has been considered to be a long-term employee benefits for the purpose of measuring the leave under AASB 119, the effect of discounting was not considered to be material and therefore has not been performed.

#### (n) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations

The AASB has issued new and amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods. The Association has decided against early adoption of these Standards. The following table summarises those future requirements, and their impact on the Association:

Standard Name	Effective date for entity	Requirements	Impact
AASB 9 Financial Instruments and amending standards AASB 2010-7 / AASB 2012-6	30 June 2016	Changes to the classification and measurement requirements for financial assets and financial liabilities.	The impact of AASB 9 has not yet been determined as the entire standard has not been released.
		New rules relating to derecognition of financial instruments.	
AASB 2011-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Trans- Tasman convergence – Reduced Disclosure Requirements	30 June 2014	Highlights the disclosures not required in AASB 1054 for entities applying the RDR.	Little impact since the disclosures are not included in the RDR financials.
AASB 2011-4 - Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards to Remove Individual Key Management Personnel Disclosure Requirements [AASB 124]	30 June 2014	Remove individual key management personnel disclosure requirements (i.e. components of remuneration) for disclosing entities.	Since the entity is not a disclosing entity, this standard has no impact.
AASB 2012-9 Amendment to AASB 1048 arising from the Withdrawal of Australian Interpretation 1039	30 June 2014	Removes reference to withdrawn Interpretation 1039.	No impact on the financial statements.

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

#### (n) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations continued

Standard Name	Effective date for entity	Requirements	Impact
AASB 2012-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities [AASB 132]	30 June 2015	This standard adds application guidance to AASB 132 to assist with applying some of the offset criteria of the standard.	

#### 2 Revenue and Other Income

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
- Grants received	936,000	351,325
- Professional services fees	229,680	3,925
- Donations received	102,546	147,553
- Sponsorship and licensing fees	7,283	228,258
- Interest income	1,755	3,591
	1,277,264	734,652

#### Income received from Australian Government during the year is as follows:

	Total Received	Recognised as income	Deferred
	\$	\$	\$
Australian Government Department of the Environment	966,000	778,000	188,000
Biofund	<u>115,000</u>	82,000	33,000
Total	1,081,000	860,000	221,000

#### 3 Key Management Personnel Disclosures

The total remuneration paid to key management personnel of the Association is \$ 65,231 (2013: \$ 88,823).

### 4 Remuneration of Auditors

	2014 2013	2013	
	\$	\$	
Remuneration of the auditor of the Association, for:			
- auditing or reviewing the financial report	10,500	10,000	

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

### For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

Cash at bank and in hand   2014   2013   \$   \$   \$   \$   \$   \$   \$   \$   \$	5	Cash and cash equivalents		
Reconciliation of cash   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:    Cash and Cash equivalents   2014   2013   358,554			2014	2013
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:  2014 2013 \$ \$ \$ Cash and cash equivalents			\$	\$
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:    2014   2013   \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$		Cash at bank and in hand	478,266	358,554
Statement of financial position as follows:   2014   2013   \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$		Reconciliation of cash		
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Cash and cash equivalents         478,266         358,554           6 Trade and other receivables         2014         2013           CURRENT Trade receivables         27,380         82,500           Provision for impairment         -         -           Total current trade and other receivables         27,380         82,500           (a) Financial assets classified as loans and receivables         2014         2013           Trade receivables         2014         2013           Total current         27,380         82,500           7 Property, plant and equipment         27,380         82,500           7 Property, plant and equipment         PLANT AND EQUIPMENT           Plant and equipment         Plant and equipment		· ·	2014	2013
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2014   2013   \$   \$   \$   \$   \$   \$   \$   \$   \$		Cash and cash equivalents	478,266	358,554
2014   2013   \$   \$   \$   \$   \$   \$   \$   \$   \$				
CURRENT   Trade receivables   27,380   82,500	6	Trade and other receivables	0044	0040
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Trade receivables Total current  PLANT AND EQUIPMENT Plant and equipment Plant and equipment		Total current trade and other receivables	27,380	82,500
Trade receivables Total current  7 Property, plant and equipment PLANT AND EQUIPMENT Plant and equipment		(a) Financial assets classified as loans and receivables	SERVICE N	1027444902X
Trade receivables Total current  27,380 82,500  7 Property, plant and equipment PLANT AND EQUIPMENT Plant and equipment				
Total current 27,380 82,500  7 Property, plant and equipment PLANT AND EQUIPMENT Plant and equipment			\$	\$
7 Property, plant and equipment PLANT AND EQUIPMENT Plant and equipment				
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT  Plant and equipment		Total current	27,380	82,500
Plant and equipment	7	Property, plant and equipment		
		PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
		Plant and equipment		
3,,,,,		At cost	25,098	23,962
Accumulated depreciation (23,607) (20,582)		Accumulated depreciation	(23,607)	(20,582)
Total property, plant and equipment		Total property, plant and equipment	1,491	3,380

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### Property, plant and equipment continued (a) Movements in Carrying Amounts 7

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

	the end of the current infancial year.	Plant and Equipment \$	Total \$
	Year ended 30 June 2014		
	Balance at the beginning of year	3,380	3,380
	Additions	1,136	1,136
	Depreciation expense	(3,025)	(3,025)
	Balance at the end of the year	1,491_	1,491
8	Trade and other payables		
		2014	2013
		\$	\$
	CURRENT		
	Unsecured liabilities		
	Trade payables	39,266	11,333
	GST payable	27,506	19,062
	Employee benefits	17,410	19,820
	Sundry payables and accrued expenses	14,396	30,598
		98,578	80,813
9	Employee Benefits		
		2014	2013
		\$	\$
	Current liabilities		
	Provision for employee benefits	50,443	46,037
10	Other liabilities		
		2014	2013
		\$	\$
	CURRENT		
	Deferred income	233,091	225,500
		N-	

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

Total Income (F)

### For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

### 11 Leasing Commitments

11	Leasing Commitments			
	(a)	Operating leases	2014	2013
			\$	\$
		The association leases its premises at 4/82 Hyde Street, Bellingen NSW 2454 under a non-cancellable operating lease which expires		
		year periods ending	13,739	11,100
12	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:	2014	2013
		Surplus for the year	\$ 30,227	<b>\$</b> 78,565
		Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities	00,227	70,303
		Non-cash flows in profit:		
		- depreciation	3,025	4,899
		Changes in assets and liabilities:		
		- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	55,120	(79,427)
		- (increase)/decrease in prepayments	2,714	(2,271)
		- increase/(decrease) in income in advance	7,591	(166,575)
		- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	17,765	(39,830)
		- increase/(decrease) in provisions	4,406	1,156
		Cashflow from operations	120,848	(203,483)
13	Finai	ncial Information to be Furnished under Charitable Fundraising Act		
		5500	14 2013 \$ \$	
		Fundraising Costs (A)	<b>15</b> ,000	
		Gross fundraising income (B)	<b>546</b> 147,553	
		Fundraising surplus (C) 88,5	132,553	
		Cost of services provided (D) 1,104,6		
		Total expenditure (E) 1,247,0	<b>656,087</b>	

1,277,264

734,652

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

#### 13 Financial Information to be Furnished under Charitable Fundraising Act continued

	<b>2014</b> %	<b>2013</b> %
Fundraising Costs/Gross fundraising income (A/B)	14	10
Fundraising surplus/Gross fundraising income (C/B)	86	90
Cost of services provided/Total expenditure (D/E)	89	70
Cost of services provided/Total Income (D/F)	86	63

#### 14 Financial Risk Management

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

The totals 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:

- ·	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Financial Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	478,266	358,554
Trade and other receivables	27,380	82,500
Total financial assets	505,646	441,054
Financial Liabilities		
Financial liabilities at amortised cost		
Trade and other payables	98,578	80,813
Total financial liabilities	98,578	80,813

#### 15 Contingencies

In the opinion of the Committee of Management, the Association did not have any contingencies at 30 June 2014 (30 June 2013:None).

#### 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

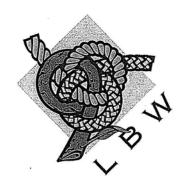
#### Committees' Declaration

The directors of the Association declare that:

- The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 2 to 16, are in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) 2009 and:
  - a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Requirements; and
  - give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2014 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the Association.
- In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee

Director		
	Gavin Keeley	
Director	ur <u>l</u>	
,	Louise Johnston	
Dated this 13th	day of October 2014	



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### 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 2014, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, 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 committees' declaration on the annual statement giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the association.

### Committees Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committees 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 and Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) 2009 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.

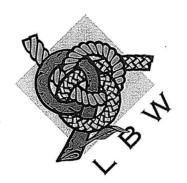
We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

#### 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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**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 Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) 2009, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of Associations Incorporation Regulation (NSW) 2010 of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2014 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards-Reduce Disclosure Requirements.

#### 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

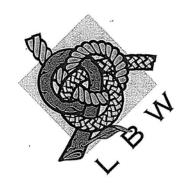
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### Disclaimer

The additional financial data presented on 21 is in accordance with the books and records of the Association which have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our statutory audit of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2014. 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 (other than 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 day of Oclober 2014





### For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

### **Profit and Loss Account**

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Income		
Grants, donations and sponsorship	1,045,829	727,136
Professional services fees	229,680	3,925
Interest income	1,755	3,591
Total income	1,277,264	734,652
Less: Expenses		
Accounting fees	24,387	23,772
Advertising	1,867	11,199
Auditors remuneration	10,500	10,000
Bank charges	2,225	2,350
Consultancy fees	692,592	82,090
Depreciation	3,025	4,899
Entertainment	86	-
Insurance general	6,571	6,723
IT Expenses	2,028	3,900
Long service leave	4,406	1,157
Motor vehicle expenses	1,117	899
Other employee costs	63	37
Postage	400	323
Printing and supplies	1,865	2,609
Project costs	48,001	88,577
Refund of unspent funds	9,003	2
Rental expenses	12,385	11,100
Repairs and maintenance		7
Salaries	316,098	294,668
Sick leave	(2,410)	2,907
Staff training	1,030	=
Subscriptions	95	225
Sundry expenses	10,430	4,718
Superannuation contributions	28,805	26,294
Telephone	7,221	9,343
Travel and accommodation	28,685	33,034
Workers compensation insurance	15,296	13,640
Workshops and meeting costs	21,266	21,616
Total Expenses	1,247,037	656,087
Surplus before income tax	30,227	78,565

## OZGREEN Board

### Chairman **Gavin Keeley**

Gavin Keeley is an experienced Computer Scientist and business leader with a career spanning



nearly 30 years in international consultancy and executive corporate roles across a diverse range of industry sectors.

### 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.



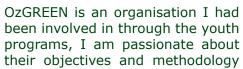
Sue, along with her husband Colin, has been the driving force behind OzGREEN since it's inception. She has 30 years experience in environmental education program innovation, development, management and implementation in urban, regional, remote and Indigenous communities in Australia, India, Papua New Guinea, East Timor and Pakistan.

### Michelle Walker

(Joined Feb 2013)

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 ecofootprint of some Varanasi youth. 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.

### Treasurer Louise Johnston





and wanted to contribute in a way that utilised my key skills so it would be more meaningful for myself and the organisation than unskilled volunteering.





Masters of Applied Science in Social Ecology and a deep passion for supporting sustainability and encouraging education of environmental issues. She is proud to support OzGreen as a board member.

### Mark Caddey

(Joined May 2013) Mark has 25 years' experience as with the NSW Department of Education and have taught agriculture, science,



environmental and sustainability education. Recently his work has involved revision sustainability education through a new curriculum framework and the Australian Curriculum. am the chair of Australian Association of Environmental Education in NSW and as a team we are developing a new framework for education for sustainability for the community of NSW. He sees OzGreen as being a key player in the community environmental education, engagement and action. The focus on building capacity in young people to take on and solve the complex environmental issues is both exciting and challenging.

## 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.

### **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.

## 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

**Sharyn Wllson** 

in environmental education.

Sharyn has been a supporter of OzGreen since 2007

and has completed the Leading with the Heart workshop. She has a Masters of Applied Science in Social Ecology and a deep passion for supporting sustainability and encouraging education of environmental issues. She is proud to support OzGreen as a board member.



## Oz GREEN 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 Gabriel Anderson Rowan Lennox Denise Aitken Dane Owen 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)
Programs Coordinator Hunter Valley (B App Sc Hon)
Finance & IT Manager (B Sc)
Office Manager
Data Entry Assistant

## Supporters & Partners

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Mount Alexander Shire Council

Waverley Council

Holroyd City Council

Penrith City Council

University Western Sydney

Charles Sturt University

Nambucca Shire Council

Woollahra Municipal Council

Bellingen Shire Council

Alpine Shire Council

Brisbane City Council

Bathurst Shire Council

University of Tasmania

Queensland Murray-Darling Basin Committee

Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre

North Sydney Council

Muswellbrook Shire Council

Hornsby Girls High School & Normanhurst Boys High School

Liverpool Girls High School

Gosford City Council

Bishop Druitt College, Coffs Harbour

Eco-Norfolk

Swan Hill Rural City Council