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Annual Report 2017

In loving memory of Colin Lennox 1952-2017



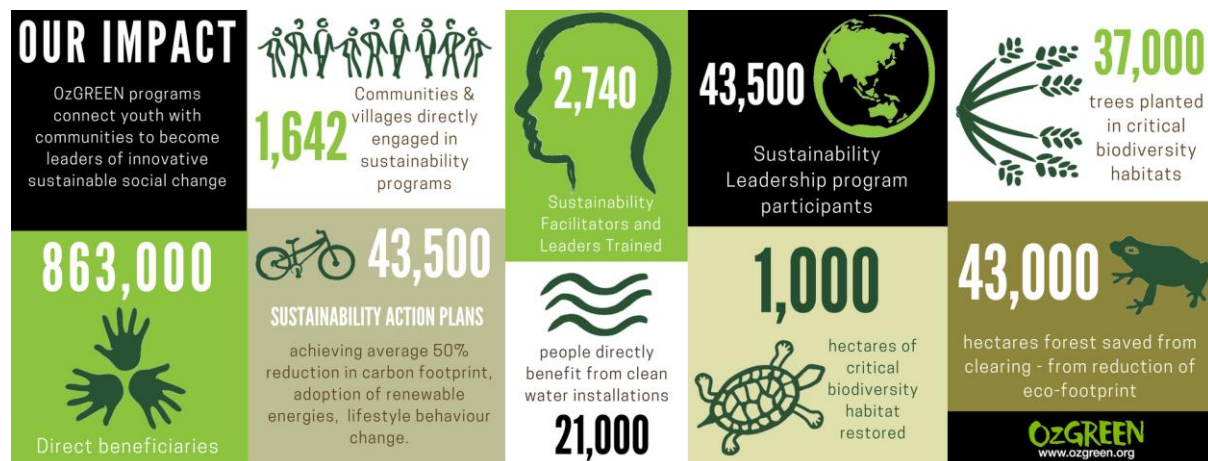
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OzGREEN

OzGREEN was founded in 1992 by Sydney science teachers Colin and Lennox. OzGREEN is an independent not-for-profit that operates nationally in Australia and overseas in South Asia, South-East Asia & Pacific, Latin America and East Timor. Over the past 25 years, OzGREEN’s award winning sustainability learning and leadership programs have involved hundreds of thousands of people around the world. OzGREEN’s unique approach incorporates citizen science, sustainability education, participatory leadership and community development, enabling people to innovate and implement their own sustainability solutions. OzGREEN proven programs have been recognised by the Buckminster-Fuller Catalyst Program, Eureka Prize, Banksia Awards, UN Media Peace Awards, Green Globe Awards, and UNESCO Wenhui Award Finalist 2016.



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Chair's Report

Andrew Graham, Chair OzGREEN Board

2017 has been a very challenging year for OzGreen in many ways.

Significantly, OzGreen lost one of its guiding lights and founders with the passing of Col Lennox in February this year. Words in an annual report can't do justice to the everlasting contribution Col made to the lives of those who have been part of the OzGreen journey and its programs. Col is and always will be missed. Col has left a lasting legacy, regardless of what happens next for OzGreen.



OzGreen has also been responding to financial pressures after the final year of grant funding supporting the Stepping Stones project concluded on 30 June 2017. The team involved through OzGreen in the Great Eastern Ranges initiative did a great job in achieving the final deliverables in our funding agreement - locking up critical conservation habitat in the Hunter.

OzGreen is currently focusing on leveraging its significant volunteer and community networks to continue delivery of its core education and youth leadership programs. The focus for OzGreen in the short term will be to build its regular donor base, realise opportunities to partner in delivering its award winning youth leadership program Youth Leading the World (YLTW), and to explore fee for service options in the environmental education sector.

Despite the challenges that 2017 has thrown up, support for the OzGreen cause remains strong with significant reach and influence being experienced globally through YLTW youth leaders in various corners of the world and locally through local river health campaigns such as the Bellingen Riverwatch program.

Col Lennox gave his heart and soul to OzGreen and the people and environments it connected with. With a strong local leadership team at the helm in 2018 to support Sue and Rowan in taking OzGreen forward, and a program that brings its heart and soul to social and environmental leadership, I am sure OzGreen will continue to thrive.

Co-Founder's Report

Sue Lennox

This year has been the most difficult we have faced as an organisation, with the sudden illness and death in February, of my husband of 43 years and OzGREEN Co-Founder Colin Lennox. I have been on leave for the last 12 months, doing what I can on a voluntary basis. I am only now beginning to slowly emerge from a deep fog of grief. As time goes by, my capacity to endure is strengthening and I am slowly adjusting to a different way of being. As I begin to focus my energy on going forward, I have three personal priorities for OzGREEN:

- Youth Leading the World (YLTW)
- The health of the Bellinger River and the critically endangered Bellinger River Turtle
- Swatcha Ganga (Clean Ganges) Campaign

One thing we have witnessed during the year is that there is immense goodwill and support for OzGREEN. We were also delighted to receive significant recognition:

- Finalist Green Globe Award Sustainability Champion (October 2016)
- Finalist UNESCO Wenhui Award for Education Innovation. I attended the award ceremony in Beijing (November 2016).



GREEN Globe Award Ceremony, October 2016



UNESCO Wenhui Award Ceremony in Beijing, November 2016

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 helped us to steady the course as we navigate through a very difficult period.

Since Colin and I founded OzGREEN nearly 25 years ago, our work has touched the lives of hundreds of thousands of people. Now more than ever, we need your support. OzGREEN has an important role to play in igniting the spark for a whole new generation of change-makers, equipping them with key skills and enabling them to become inspiring innovators who are part of a thriving and interconnected global network. We have proven programs, a proven track record and global recognition for our impact.

You can help OzGREEN to engage more youth and community sustainability leaders in our [transformative learning and leadership programs](#):

- Make a regular monthly [tax deductible donation](#) or one-off donation to OzGREEN.
- Volunteer your time and skills – for example hosting YLTW in your region.
- Partner with OzGREEN and introduce us to potential partners in your network.

Youth Leading the World (YLTW)

Sue Lennox

Imagine thousands of young people coming together to tackle global sustainability challenges and lead positive social change. Youth Leading the World (YLTW) is bold initiative from OzGREEN that is mobilising the next generation of social innovators. Through YLTW young people become:

- INFORMED: about sustainability challenges and sustainable living.
- INVOLVED: inspired and equipped to lead positive social change.
- INTERCONNECTED: youth change-makers connected locally and globally.

OzGREEN trains local people to run YLTW in their own region, strengthening capacity, sustainability, resilience and vibrancy of regional communities. YLTW begins with an annual 3-day youth environmental leadership congress conducted simultaneously in multiple locations. Since YLTW began in 2009, it has reached over 100 regions globally, trained 927 YLTW Facilitators and directly involved over 15,000 young people.

Participants say the most significant impacts for them are greatly increased understanding of climate change and sustainability, increased motivation, personal confidence and leadership capacity and connections with change-makers locally and globally.



YLTW Congress North Sydney



YLTW Facilitator Training Cambodia

YLTW Activities 2016-2017

- 127 new YLTW Facilitators trained and 1134 youth leaders engaged.
- YLTW Hunter Valley (NSW) involved over 200 young people. Organised and facilitated by Lena Hammond with support from Jane Grant, Sue Lennox and OzGREEN Ambassador Jackson Barry.
- YLTW Canada Facilitator Training in Nelson organised by YLTW Regional Coordinator Barbarah Nicol and Lena Hammond (YLTW Trainer).
- YLTW Facilitator Training in Darwin, supported by the NT Government.
- YLTW in SE Asia – Facilitator Training in Cambodia organised by Regional Coordinator Vanh Mixhap, with support from Piseth Kim. YLTW trainers included OzGREEN volunteers Sue Lennox, Ali Thwaites and Ruby Tavener. Partnering with AYL (ASEAN Youth Leaders Association) to conduct a workshop for over 120 young leaders during the ASEAN Youth Exchange on Education in Vietnam.
- YLTW in North Sydney organised and facilitated by OzGREEN Ambassadors Ann-Charlott Paduch, Alex Will, Jasmine Ahmed and Ninelle Lopatinsky.

Bellingen Riverwatch

Jane Grant (Bellingen Riverwatch Coordinator) and Sue Lennox

“Bellingen Riverwatch – Our Rivers, Our Future” (BR) is an innovative citizen science program, developed by OzGREEN and the NSW Office of Environment & Heritage (OEH) Citizen Science Unit and Saving Our Species program. BR bring together scientists and community to monitor the health of the Bellingen and Kalang Rivers.

The project grew out of OzGREEN’s MYRiveR Bellingerr project that has engaged local schools in water testing since 2010. With growing concern about the state of the river, Sue Lennox contacted the OEH Citizen Science Unit to invite closer collaboration. BR was launched on World Turtle Day in May 2017.

The program's objectives are to:

- Build capacity in the community to gather consistent water quality data for the rivers in Bellingen Shire to assist with threatened species conservation and environmental management actions.
- Increase awareness and understanding of river health and threatened species leading to an increase in community environmental stewardship.
- Disseminate results and research outcomes to relevant stakeholders.

The data gathered is being used to support the recovery of endangered species, including the critically endangered Bellingen River Turtle *Myuchelys georgesi*. (Cann, 1997). A group of over 38 dedicated community volunteers and 5 local schools monitor riverhealth on the 2nd Tuesday and Wednesday of the month.



Critically Endangered Bellingen River Turtle

Community water testing

Hands-on testing is augmented with other community activities, including Meet the Scientists and Community Information Sessions. In November, staff from OzGREEN and students from Bellingen High School participated in a survey of the Bellingen River Turtle. OzGREEN plans to run a YLTW Congress in March 2018 to bring participating schools together to analyse their data and plan for further action.

Bellingen Riverwatch works in partnership with Bellingen Shire Council, NSW Waterwatch, Western Sydney University, Taronga Zoo Sydney, Bellingen Landcare, Earthwatch Institute, Eco Logical Australia, North Coast Local Land Services, Jaliigirr Biodiversity Alliance and Orama Primary School, Chrysalis Steiner School, Bellingen Primary School, St Mary's Bellingen Primary School, and Bellingen High School.

GER Hunter Valley Partnership

Rowan Lennox

Stepping Stones Project

This year saw the successful completion of the “Stepping Stones” project in the Hunter Valley. The project was lead by OzGREEN as part of the Great Eastern Ranges (GER) Hunter Valley Partnership and supported by a grant from the Australian Government Biofund. This 6-year project aimed to improve wildlife connectivity across the Hunter region of NSW. Working with over 200 private landholders in the region, the project has achieved some significant outcomes in a critically important landscape:

- 78,000 stems planted.
- 500ha of revegetation works.
- 1043ha of weed removal.
- 56km of riparian zone protected.
- 39km of fencing erected.



Stepping Stones finished on a very strong note, with a waiting list of landholders eager to undertake restoration and regeneration works. We are looking for other opportunities to allow this work to continue.

The project was a great demonstration of what the Hunter GER partnership, including Conservation Volunteers Australia, Muswellbrook Council and the Tom Farrell Institute, can achieve when working together. Special thanks also to Gabriel Anderson and Jaci Tebb for coordinating the project.

John Holland Rail Corridor Restoration Project

In its second year, this project restored a second section of the disused railed corridor between Merriwa and Sandy Hollow in the Upper Hunter. This region has been identified as a critical link in small fauna dispersal by the GER team. The site is embedded in the ‘GER Upper Hunter Link’, it has a rich biodiverse area on either side of the track and the habitat is well suited for critically endangered species such as the regent honeyeater.

Local schools were engaged in seed collection and planting and learned about the key role their area plays in the movement of wildlife.

Clean Ganges Campaign

Sue Lennox

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. OzGREEN and SMF have partnered since 1992.

The SMF focus attention on 5 key areas:

- **Monitor riverhealth** – the Swatcha Ganga Research Laboratory (SGRL) is a joint initiative of SMF and OzGREEN. The lab monitors river water quality and provide essential information to the public about the health of River Ganga in Varanasi and nearby cities Janpur and Allahabad.
- **Educate and engage civil society** about the pollution of River Ganga and the ways that these problems can be solved.
- **Propose effective technical solutions** for sewage treatment that remove disease causing pathogens, are energy efficient to operate and treat sewage as an essential resource, so that water, nutrients and energy can be recovered and re-used.
- **Advocate for Ganga** including the adoption of effective strategies to clean River Ganga in the media and by directly lobbying key decision makers and Government agencies.
- **Leadership** - speaking for Ganga with scientific know-how, local relevance, cultural authority, religious observances and historic commitment. Partnering with OzGREEN to train the next generation of leaders through Youth Leading the World (YLTW).



Colin Lennox water testing training – River Ganges 1992



By Anuj Agrawal
(Right) Prof Vishwanbhar Nath Mishra (President SMF) lobbying for Ganga

Activities 2016-17

- Upgrade of the SGRL through a generous grant from the Australian High Commission Direct Aid Program. This grant application was prepared by Colin Lennox and Rajesh Mishra in October 2016. It was the last significant work that Col completed for OzGREEN prior to his death in February. The new lab will be inaugurated in February 2018, along with the celebration of the Silver Jubilee.
- SGRL continued to monitor river water quality along religious bathing areas of Varanasi throughout the year.
- 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.

- Fostering local groups in the Ganges River Basin to organise and advocate for the health of their waters – including the Swatcha Gomti River project.

OzGREEN has partnered with the Sankat Mochan Foundation (SMF) in Varanasi, India since 1992 when OzGREEN founders Sue and Colin Lennox first travelled to India for the River Ganges Teacher Forum. They provided water testing equipment and trained 40 local volunteers, in a project that was the forerunner to the Swatcha Ganga Research Laboratory. They gained a deep insight into how important the Ganges was to the people and forged their own deep connection.

This experience was life changing for Sue and Colin. They realised the work they had begun at Freshwater High School had global applications, triggering an intense need to work towards improve the global water crisis and protect the environment. Sue & Col decided to dedicate their lives to this work, and quit their jobs as teachers to set up OzGREEN. OzGREEN and SMF have partnered for over 25 years, with some of our achievements including:

- Providing training and equipment to SMF to establish the Swatcha Ganga Research Laboratory to conduct water quality testing
- Establish Friends of the Ganges in Australia in 1994
- Establish Swatcha Ganga Environmental Education Centre at Tulsi Ghat 1999.
- Designing and raising funds mini-tube wells. The first mini-tube well is launched at Kamauli Village by Australian MP Richard Jones MLC. 8 tube-wells followed 2000-2002, benefiting over 10,000 people.
- Engaging over 4,000 youth in leadership programs 2002-2016



Prof Veer Bhadra Mishra (SMF Founder-President 1982-2013) and Colin Lennox inaugurating village water supply 2002



Gopal Pandey and Ramchandar testing water quality of Ganges River in Varanasi

SERES – Central America

Sara Hurtarte, Abigail Quic and Corrina Grace

SERES works to unleash youth leadership for a resilient future. We provide empowering opportunities for young people that engage them as the principal agents of change, connecting their skills and passions with the most pressing community needs, and helping them to develop a skill set that allows them to start creating positive social change where they are.

SERES's youth leaders are the “unlikely” leaders, on the front lines of enormous political, social, environmental and economic changes making a stand for justice and equality, for people and the planet.

Our training programs help emerging young leaders build core competencies for effective sustainability leadership, providing the tools for both personal and societal transformation. During the period from July 2016 to June 2017, 685 youth from Guatemala and El Salvador joined SERES network through the following programs:

- 24 Activate Community Congresses, 527 participants
- 4 Sustainable Livelihoods Program – 86 participants
- 1 Annual Youth Summit – 43 participants
- 2 Catalyzers Training – 29 participants
- 2 National Ambassador Meeting – 26 participants



Shaping and Building Regional Resilience

SERES trained youth leaders are increasingly being called upon as representatives of the youth voice on issues such as water, climate, education, regional resilience and youth violence. In turn these platforms provide these young leaders with a space from which they can advocate for a socially-just climate resilience agenda and work to influence policy, practice, regulations and public opinion. The following are some of the events where SERES's youth network were represented:

- UNESCO Key Partner's Meeting Global Action Program for Education for Sustainable Development (July 2016)
- Central American Vulnerability Summit for civil society actors (July 2016)
- Violence Impacting Youth in Latin America Summit (October 2016)
- Annual conference for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) (October 2016)

- UNESCO's conference for UNESCO-Japan Prize winners (January 2017)
- Internal Dimensions of Climate Change Program by Global Peace Initiative Women (January 2017)
- UNESCO's Peace and Education for Sustainable Development Week (February 2017)

SERES and OzGREEN

Corrina Grace founded SERES in Guatemala in 2009. In 2010 Corrina participated in YLTW Facilitator Training online, running the first YLTW Congress in Guatemala in November of that year (Youth Leading for Pachamama). Following the resounding success of this program, *Corrina realised the potential for youth focused leadership and a transformational approach to youth engagement, education and empowerment.* YLTW became a seed for creating a new movement and organisation.

OzGREEN and SERES partnered in 2011 and 2012 to conduct two, 5-week Climate Resilience Leadership Programs for emerging leaders from Central America, providing training in sustainable agriculture, renewable energy and OzGREEN programs. The programs were supported by the Australian Government "Australian Leadership Awards Fellowship". In 2014 Colin and Sue Lennox were invited to Guatemala to provide further training to the SERES team in river health and water quality monitoring.

In 2017 SERES Program Coordinator Abigail Quic came to Australia for a 3-month internship with OzGREEN. Aby is a YLTW Facilitator, Fellow of the Climate Resilience Leadership Program, and Regional Coordinator of YLTW in Latin America. Aby stayed with Sue, working with her on the Lennox family farm to learn more about sustainable living. Aby shared learnings and insights about SERES work in Central America. Sue shared OzGREEN's journey and learnings. Aby participated in OzGREEN activities including Bellingen Riverwatch and the YLTW Planning workshop, providing valuable input into setting the directions for YLTW going forward. The internship was a wonderful opportunity to deepen the SERES-OzGREEN friendship and create the ground work for further collaboration.



Aby and Vincent Anthony working together on YLTW Strategic Plan, September 2017



Aby participated in Bellingen Riverwatch, water testing with community volunteers - *Faecal coliform* testing with Toni Wright-Turner



Timor-Leste

Judy Charnaud

Even with a few months out due to government elections and very heavy rain, 2017 has been another busy and successful year for OzGREEN and GREENTL in Oecusse.

Youth-in Action GREEN Games

The 11th Annual *Youth-in-Action* GREEN Games were held during May – June in Passabe which is in the sub-district of Oesilo at the end of the worst road in Timor-Leste! Passabe is right on the border between Indonesia and Timor-Leste so we were visited by TNI, the Indonesian border soldiers. They came as invited guests, friends, this time!

Along with the usual soccer and volleyball we added tug-of-war, (dada tali) to the agenda and each aldea, (small suburb) entered a men's and women's team! The men took the competition very seriously with straining muscles, gritted teeth and determination, the women certainly strained their muscles but to them it was more for fun and laughter!

Each year the *Youth-in-Action* GREEN Games have the same aims, same outcomes, similar agendas, but there is always an unexpected highlight or two thrown in by the local community. This year it was the excitement, fun and laughter of the tug-of-war and the joyful singing and dancing after the closing ceremony. A cavalcade of players and their supporters, either walking or on motorbikes, carried the trophies proudly around the town, we could follow their progress by the sound of their voices echoing across the valley!

Overall the **Youth in Action GREEN Games** 2017 was another outstanding success. Each year I am amazed at the effort and enthusiasm of the organising committee inspired to do their best by Luis Armando, Director GREEN TL. A fantastic offspin from the games this year was that a Youth Group from Padeai, who have been on the GREEN Games Committee for a few years, organised their own soccer competition for 9 – 15 year olds. We provided some funds and a little organisational advice. A great initiative on the part of the Youth Committee!



Cabbages!



Youth in Action Green Games Tug-of-War

Clean water - wells and bio-sand filtration units

GREENTL continues in Bocosse – we have now rehabilitated eight wells, provided four pump systems and three more bio-sand filtration units to add to the 35 already in the village and replaced several of the taps on older units with a much sturdier set-up. Each household bio-sand filtration unit provides clean water to a family of 10 or more – these units are very

stable, need little maintenance and if well looked after will last a life-time, only needing replacement of sand/grit after 10 or more years. A few are getting to that age!

My neighbours have also been given a bio sand filtration unit. We have not put together as many this year as we normally do as the blue barrels are becoming very difficult to find – our usual supply from across the border in Keffer seems to have dried up!

An exciting project – building a water supply system - will begin in Pune in 2018. GREEN TL facilitated a very successful community meeting, visiting Rotarians measured the potential line for the pipeline and a design is imminent. The plan is slightly more complicated than first thought but it is achievable with labour from the community and funds from Rotary. The first step is to fence the water source, and build wells so that the current water soak can be diverted into a holding tank. The water can then be piped downhill to the school and onto three smaller communities. Gravity feed all the way. I have not as yet tested the water for faecal coliforms but by the looks of it the count will be very, very high. Once the water supply reaches the school, (over 500 pupils) a large scale bio-sand filtration unit may be needed!

Vegetable Gardens.

GREEN TL has supplied pumps and piping for watering vegetable gardens in Bocosse and Passabe. There are now three very healthy mixed gardens in Bocosse and twenty community gardens in Passabe. Enough vegetables for feeding the family and selling the remainder!

Christmas Donations!

I have several students keen to continue schooling next year so thanks to individual donations they will be able to do so. We also supplied a few piglets as an investment to two families. Other gifts will have to wait until the New year when the roads become passable again.



Fixing a broken water pipe



Installing a new water pump

OzGREEN in Timor Leste – Background

OzGREEN began working in Timor Leste in August 2000, when Sue Lennox and then Board Chair Dr Peter Macdonald undertook a scoping visit. During this trip we asked 2 key questions – what is the area of greatest need? and which areas are getting the least attention for the international community. We repeatedly found the same answer – Oecusse.

In January 2001 OzGREEN's conducted the first Village Environmental Action program training in Oecusse, led by Colin Lennox and Judy Charnaud. We worked in partnership with local NGO FFSO. Judy has gone on to dedicate her life to Oecusse for the past 17 years, making an outstanding impact through huge personal commitment.

OzGREEN Board



Andrew Graham - Chair

Andrew works within Transport for NSW as the Director of Audit and Assurance within Roads and Maritime Services. He was previously the head of the Governance and Legal Office for Fire & Rescue NSW. Andrew was a student at Freshwater High School and actively involved in the work that led Sue & Col to establish OzGREEN.



Sue Lennox - Secretary

Sue is Co-Founder and CEO of OzGREEN. Sue has played a key role in the design and delivery of OzGREEN programs since it began in 1992. She has over 30 of 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 Central America.



Colin Lennox – Treasurer (July-December 2016)

Colin was Co-Founder of OzGREEN, a Member of the Board of the Oz GREEN Fund for the Rivers Public Gift Fund and Executive Director of OzGREEN. Colin played a key role in the design and delivery of OzGREEN programs, as well as day-to-day management. Colin resigned from his role as Treasurer in December, due to poor health.



Rowan Lennox – Treasurer (January – June 2017)

Rowan has worked with OzGREEN for over 15 years, most recently as General Manager and project manager of the Stepping Stones Project in the Hunter Valley Rowan has a Bachelor of Environmental Science from Macquarie University.



Jaden Harris is the Co-Founder, Chief Operating Officer at [Forever Network](#). He is co-founder and coordinator of the Sydney Youth Climate Action Network (SYCAN), which was founded in 2009 at an Oz Green's Youth Leading Australia congress. Jaden was winner of NSW-ACT Young Achiever of the Year in 2015.



Jason Errey is Director of OEMG Global. He brings a strong background in Environmental and Oceanographic industry including extensive experience in managerial roles in Australia and the Middle East. Jason brings strong project and team management skills and experience working in remote areas with teams incorporating a variety of nationalities and cultures. Jason joined the OzGREEN Board in 2015.



Anton Juodvalkis Manager Governance and Engagement at Bellingen Shire Council. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering and Postgraduate Certificate – Applied Finance and Investment. Anton brings a wealth of strategic planning experience to OzGREEN.



Steve Doyle is Bellingen based and a long-term friend to OzGREEN. In his role as founder of Bellingen Solar, he organised support for YLTW in Kiribati. He has also visited the Swatcha Ganga project in India.



Rachael Stewart-Rattray has worked for over 10 years as a business analyst and project manager. Growing concern for environmental issues led her to study a Master of Environmental Management, receiving the 2009 Harding/Orica award for academic excellence. Since then her experience has focused on sustainability projects for local government, the community and in public infrastructure. Rachael lives in Bellingen, has trained as a YLTW Facilitator and assisted OzGREEN with business planning for many years.

OzGREEN Fund for the Rivers Board

Chair Colin Lennox (BSc, Dip Ed) (July 2016-January 2017)

Co-Founder of OzGREEN, member of OzGREEN Board, Chair of the Board of the Oz GREEN Fund for the Rivers Public Gift Fund and Executive Director of OzGREEN. 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.

Stewart Smith Treasurer

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 crystallised 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.

OzGREEN Staff

Sue Lennox	Chief Executive Officer, Co-founder (B Sc Dip Ed)
Colin Lennox	Executive Director, Co-founder (B Sc Dip Ed)
Judy Charnaud	East Timor Program Manager (B Sc Dip Ed FGAA)
Rowan Lennox	General Manager, GER Hunter Valley Partnership (BSc)
Lena Hammond	Youth Leading the World Program Coordinator
Jaci Tebb	Hunter Valley Stepping Stones Project Coordinator
Denise Aitken	Online Coordinator (to December 2016)
Jane Grant	Administration, Events & Bellingen Riverwatch Coordinator

OzGREEN Key Volunteers

Vanh Mixhap	YLTW Regional Coordinator, SE Asia
Barbarah Nicol	YLTW Regional Coordinator, Canada
Ann-Charlotte Paduch	YLTW Regional Coordinator, North Sydney
Abigail Quic	YLTW Regional Coordinator, Latin America
Ali Thwaites	YLTW Lead Facilitator and OzGREEN Ambassador
Ruby Tavener	YLTW Lead Facilitator and OzGREEN Ambassador
Vincent Anthony	OzGREEN Ambassador
Jackson Barry	OzGREEN Ambassador
Matthew Barry	OzGREEN Ambassador
Katie Field	OzGREEN Ambassador
Seda Hamoud	OzGREEN Ambassador
Vaishnavi Pasupati	OzGREEN Ambassador
Megan Story	OzGREEN Ambassador
Yasmine Ahmed	YLTW Intern (Macquarie University)
Ninelle Lopatinsky	YLTW Intern (Macquarie University)
Alex Will	YLTW Intern (Macquarie University)
Piseth Kim	YLTW Intern (Cambodia)



OzGREEN Awards and Recognition

UNESCO Wenhui Award Special Commendation 2016

Buckminster-Fuller Challenge Top 10% 2015

Green Globe Awards Finalist 2014 & 2016

Banksia Award Education Category Finalist 2008

Eureka Prize 2007 - National Museum of Australia Department of Environment and Climate Change Alan Strom Award for Environmental Sustainability Education

Vodafone Australia Foundation World of Difference Award 2004

Social Ventures Australia BIGBOOST! Winners 2003 for Youth LEAD

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

Keep Australia Beautiful Council - Landcom Sustainable Communities Award 2001

Sue and Colin Lennox, Environmental Educators of the Year 1998 (Association for Environmental Education NSW)

NSW Government RiverCare 2000 Awards:

- Finalist in Diamond Award 1997, 1998, 2000 OzGREEN Co-founder Sue Lennox, for outstanding contributions to achieving health in NSW rivers.
- Rivercare 2000 Award of Excellence 2000 for kids, companies and creeks Stormwater Action Projects
- 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 Swacha Ganga (Clean the Ganges) video, 1994.

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

OzGREEN Partners

