



Annual Report

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1.0 Chairman's Report

When I started to think about what I would include in my report to you for 2015-2016 I was acutely aware that it had been a very unusual year. Not only was it a turning point in the history of the organisation. It also required the exercising of many skills within the Board and the management team, not the least of which was patience and persistence in dealing with legal and bureaucratic processes.

Our annual meeting last year decided to morph Maroochy Waterwatch Incorporated under the Queensland Association Incorporation legislation, to a company limited by guarantee under the Commonwealth Companies legislation to be known as ECOllaboration. We adopted a Constitution for the new company as part of this process. The wheels were then set in motion to implement this decision, which unearthed many aspects which were time consuming and frustrating to deal with.

A Certificate of Incorporation for the new company was issued by the companies office in Canberra, but our company name was misspelt. We had to point out that this was invalid, the problem was theirs not ours and could we please have a certificate for ECOllaboration. I have a scan of the invalid certificate if it is ever needed. The result, however, was that ECOllaboration was not incorporated until July 2016.

Consequently, this report is technically for Maroochy Waterwatch, but we have operated the two organisations simultaneously and I will not add to the confusion by labelling events and actions as for one or the other unnecessarily. The finalisation of the affairs of Waterwatch as an incorporated organisation is an ongoing process. It involves many transfers and will only be completed when it is nested as a Branch with its own charter within ECOllaboration. In the meantime, our public face is ECOllaboration with a functioning Waterwatch branch and our business units.

The Board is very conscious of the pressures which fall on volunteers in community groups devoted to environment and conservation and the difficulties experienced in the governance of community not for profit organisations. ECOllaboration is only one strategy to deal with these pressures. We devoted a specifically organised half day session to charting the actions and processes which need to be adopted to ensure the resilience and growth of our organisation. This was supported and guided by a wide ranging industry analysis by our CEO. Industry in this context referred to the world which surrounds our organisation in its day to day activities.

It would not be unreasonable to say that governments at the commonwealth and state level have forgotten the community environment sector and have little if any appreciation of its needs. The Sunshine Coast Council is trying and stands out amongst the others, but it still sometimes trips over its own feet.

In these circumstances we have to be able to marshal our own resources to achieve our vision and mission and use the best governance practices in their application. As well as our technical strength as an organisation a breadth of relevant skills and experience within the Board is one of our key resources. Expressions of interest to join the Board have been invited through professional institutions and we have been able to expand the skills and experience base of its membership in business, finance, legal and governance aspects.

A detailed continuous forecasting process has been introduced covering all financial and related aspects as a decision making tool for the Board and the organisation.

This forecasting strategy is very demanding on the management team, but it has highlighted the need to find and capture new streams of income and finance and do more with what we have if we are to succeed.

More recently the Board has established an internal working group we are calling our Growth Committee, as this best describes its purpose. The first meeting of the committee has already pointed to the need to develop a Strategy Map linking all aspects of who we are, our aspiration, what we do and how, as well as charting how all of these aspects relate to one another. In today's complex world we need complex all-embracing mechanisms to achieve our goals. I am confident that through this committee we will be able to see the way forward in a structured and orderly manner, not by good luck alone.

I have been a member of this organisation for nearly 2 decades and involved in community based environment and nature conservation for years before that. My personal goal is to assist ECOllaboration to become a leading organisation in the field which can act as a guide to others with similar missions. Your Board I believe has the focus and skills to help you achieve this with your support and enthusiasm.

John F Dillon
Chairman
2 November 2016

2.0 CEO's Report

The 2015 2016 was the year of change after many years of planning and communicating with our members and stakeholders. The decision to transfer to a company limited by guarantee named ECOllaboration Ltd was easy to decide when comparing it to the amount of work it generated and continues to generate. The key factor was that we were issued with a different ABN which was not planned and this resulted in all permits, licences and registrations having to be reapplied in the new name and not being able to wind up Maroochy Waterwatch Inc until this has been sorted out. We are almost at the end of the transition with only a few more accounts to be organised.

In the meantime we continued to make some extraordinary headway in caring for our environment. Our volunteer programs received investment from numerous government sources including:

Sunshine Coast Council Environmental Levy Partnership

Qld Government's Everyones Environment Grant

Australian Government's 25 Landcare Anniversary Grant

Australian Government's Volunteer Grant

Australian Government's Work for the Dole

The programs enabled a range of community based volunteering and educational opportunities in water monitoring, river and marine debris removal and amphibian surveys involving hundreds of volunteers throughout the year.

Litter was quite a focus this year as we embarked on a marine debris program with Work for the Dole participants in not only picking up the rubbish on our beaches and within the dunes, but also analysing each bit of rubbish. We collected 30 000 items in 6 months. What were the worst offenders? Cigarette butts (3949), plastic packaging and film (4000+), plastic bits (2737), beverage containers (4173), straws (638) and tissues and sanitary items (552).



To add value to the knowledge we have been generating, the Sunshine Coast Council funded a Marine Debris Forum with Tangaroa Blue. There were 30 participants from council and community groups learning about the sources of marine debris and developing actions and reduction plans.



The highlight for me throughout the year was the reinstatement of our Skilling Queenslanders for work program where we employed and trained 25 locally unemployed people in Conservation and Business. Our employment rate continues to be above the government benchmark which is testament to the excellent training delivered with our partners, the Department of Employment and Training, the Sunshine Coast Council, Challenge Employment and Noosa Community Training Centre.



Our school based traineeship program remained strong with 3 students undertaking accredited on the job training in Business with support from Look Now Training.

Our stormwater quality monitoring program with Sunshine Coast Council entered its second year with an annual survey of over 100 drains, monthly monitoring at selected sites, industry surveys and education in the schools.

Additionally we also undertook several amphibian surveys as part of the environmental assessment for infrastructure projects. Compliance monitoring of a construction site was also undertaken before the release of water from sediment basins.

Our other natural areas management programs saw us complete planting 11 000 plants on the large scale Maroochy River Rehabilitation project along with other miscellaneous environmental offset plantings throughout the region with council. We also supported several landowners with weed management under their voluntary conservation agreements, worked on over 100 council reserves and supervised several community conservation programs. Other miscellaneous jobs included some project management with SEQ Water in the Wappa Dam catchment and undertaking weed surveys and eradication works as part of the Cooroy to Curra highway duplication with CPB Contractors.

Other investment from SEQ Catchments enabled 200ha of natural area under changed management with 50 landowners, community education and biocontrol release in relation to Cat's Claw Creeper.



Our Australian Green Army program consisting of 3 projects supported our National Parks in further weed removal, tree planting and track maintenance.

Supplying the plants for some of the revegetation works was our partnership with Coolum District Coast Care Group in operating the Coolum Community Native Nursery. The partnership and nursery celebrated its 10 year of operations and is now a vibrant community enterprise providing plants for revegetation, a place for volunteering and social inclusion and education opportunities.

Our educational outreach extended to over 20 schools with diverse subject matter from chemistry, maths, ecology, catchment management, water supply, water treatment and sewage treatment and career development and advice. Building on this in depth knowledge of the environment we have developed a partnership with Live It Tours to provide Eco Safaris to conference markets. We were also invited guest speaker at various forums and had a good media coverage on all sorts of topics from rubbish, sewage and development.

In keeping an eye on our waterways, we also reported only one industrial pollution incident this year.



As always, times ahead remain uncertain and the board and myself have embarked on financial forecasting as an added tool to proactively guide decisions. A Growth, Investment

and Risk Committee has been established to provide guidance on potential new areas of work to provide income streams that support our overheads and community endeavours. It is a tough industry however with the proper planning and foresight we will continue to provide the levels of support our environment and community needs.

All of this activity however cannot be undertaken without people power. Our volunteers are the backbone of the organisation and I would like to thank all those who have contributed their time and expertise. Supporting the programs and activities are our wonderful staff. Without their commitment to the organisation we would have a hard time organising everyone. Thankyou to everyone who made a difference this year and I look forward to continuing our quest for resilient landscapes managed by resilient communities.

We will continue to work with our partners, funders, supporters and stakeholders including:

PARTNERS

Sunshine Coast Council

*FUNDERS and
SUPPORTERS*

Department of
Employment and Training
Max Employment
Qld Department of
Environment and Heritage
Aust Department of
Environment
CPB Contractors
Healthy Waterways and
Catchments
SEQ Water
TCL Environmental
Challenge Employment
and Training
Aust Department of Social
Services
Kingfisher Bay Resort

Live It Tours

Petrie Creek Catchment

Care Group

Schools

CD Constructions

Mooloolah Waterwatch

and Landcare

Private landowners

STAKEHOLDERS

Maroochy River Resort

Sunshine Coast Surf Life

Saving

Noosa Community

Training Centre

Look Now Training

University of the Sunshine

Coast

Unitywater

Site Skills Training

Swan Boat Hire

Qld National Parks

Coolum District Coast

Care Group

Sekisui House

Palmer Resort

Alex Surf Club

Manpower

Landcare Australia

Fraser Island Natural

Integrity Alliance

Nambour Uniting Church

Volunteering Qld

Heritage Bank Ltd

Qld Water and Landcarers

Aust Charities and Not for

Profit Commission

Register of Environmental

Organisations

Sunshine Coast

Environment Council

Biosecurity Qld

Dept of Agriculture and

Fisheries

I look forward to working with the Board, staff and volunteers in the next 12 months and delivering more exceptional environmental and social programs for the community.

Cerran Fawns

Chief Executive Officer

14 November 2016

3.0 Operational Reports

3.1 Maroochy and Mooloolah River Patrols

Overview: The Maroochy Waterwatch River Patrol has been successfully operating since January 2007 under the direction of Maroochy Waterwatch with Cerran Fawns as CEO. Our modest 4.4 meter vessel powered by a 2009 year model Yamaha 50 HP Four Stroke Engine is kept in a compound at the Maroochy River Resort at BliBli, thanks to the generosity of the Management Team at the Resort, for whom we are forever grateful for this goodwill gesture, plus the fact that we have a rubbish disposal skip available exclusively for our purpose.

MooWatch (Mooloolah River Patrol) was established in 2014 from the donation of a boat from Thiess. The 4.8m Polycraft vessel with 70 HP engine is housed at the Sunshine Coast Life Saving Head Quarters with easy access to the Mooloolah River.

Operations: River Patrols currently consists of 50 volunteers with all Skippers holding current boat licences, operating (generally but not always) 5 days per week, weather & maintenance issues permitting. For safety purposes, the regular crew is a mandatory minimum of two (2) & some crews comprise 3 members. For Insurance purposes, all are members of Maroochy Waterwatch Inc. A daily report sheet is completed after each outing, which records the relevant information of items retrieved from the river, mangroves & river banks, including incidental or unusual sightings. There have been no reported accidents to date. Safety is paramount. A monthly report is provided to the Board Members of Maroochy Waterwatch Inc.



Statistics during this period:

- 50 volunteers contributing 1,181 volunteer hours (the same period last year was 1,320 hours).
- Retrieved 306 bags of general rubbish – estimated volume 15 300 litres.
- Retrieved 32 bags of recyclable rubbish - additional & not included in the above - estimated volume 1600 litres.
- A total of bagged and non bagged rubbish equates to approx 104m³ removed from the river systems each year.

- This project contributed to the improved habitat of the endangered water mouse by removing litter from the Maroochy and Mooloolah Rivers.
- The type of larger rubbish consisted of bottles, bags, pots, wood, metals, car bits, furniture, dead animals, clothing, thongs, shoes, bikes, cushions, whipper snippers, umbrellas, chairs, tyres, rubber mats, cigarette butts, buckets, crates, gas bottles, foam boxes, signs, fishing rods and reels, steel posts, rope, netting, surf boards, dingys, oars, lounges, balls, tarps, strollers and trolleys, tables, timber lengths, wire cages, tents and humpys, cables, turtle rescue, televisions, mattresses and topless maidens.
- The litter was removed from all navigable areas of the rivers using 2 boats and often walking along the banks. This included sandy river beaches, mangroves, remnant vegetation, urbanised areas and canals, instream, bed and banks, in trees and off bridges and piers.
- The total riverine habitat was improved with some members of the team having particular sites that they regularly go to whilst others being opportunistic in their rubbish hauls.
- This program engaged 50 volunteers with a waiting list of additional volunteers due to the need to cap numbers due to boat specifications.
- The program interacts with the public continually which provides a good educational opportunity about the river and its health.
- The litter problem is continual due to the urbanised catchments on the Sunshine Coast.
- Funded by the Sunshine Coast Councils Environmental Levy Partnership, 25th Anniversary Landcare Grants and Everyones Environment Grant.

3.2 Environmental Projects

This is a combined report for the Community Engagement Officer (Janine Bedros) and Environmental Project Manager (Jacqui Miley) roles. Jacqui resigned from the organisation at the end of the Financial Year and these two roles were combined into the Environmental Project Manager's role, now undertaken by Janine Bedros.

2015-16 has been a year of holding steady for Maroochy Waterwatch/ECollaboration's environmental and volunteer based projects. We continue to deliver on our key community partnerships in the areas of Water Monitoring, Frog Monitoring as well as our major consultancy project of Stormwater Monitoring for Sunshine Coast Regional Council. We also continue to deliver excellent service with our ECO Education workshops.

3.2.1 Community Water Monitoring

The Volunteers

Over the last 12 months we have fully completed the volunteer training and site risk assessment review. The major outcome of the training was detecting that Dissolved Oxygen is often measured incorrectly, with the majority of volunteers not creating a flow of water over the probe or not creating enough of a flow. This should be less of an issue from here on in with all volunteers in the network now having undergone re-training in the last 12-18 months. As a result of the site risk assessments, two sites were decommissioned and replaced due to safety concerns over the deteriorating condition of their access point.

Although we have had several volunteers leave the monitoring network over the last 12 months, the number of new volunteers has evened out the total at 59 volunteers. Over the last 12 months, we trained 13 new volunteers and re-trained 40 existing volunteers. The volunteer network is currently monitoring 72 sites including 6 new sites added this year (2 of these were replacing decommissioned sites).

The recent focus on volunteer training has shown the importance of periodically reviewing training in order to maintain data integrity. This was particularly relevant to the measurement of Dissolved Oxygen, which is a notoriously difficult but important parameter to measure. Re-training of volunteers was a time consuming process, which is difficult to justify considering the continual decline in funding available to run the program. For this reason, I have not been pushing to expand the monitoring network with new volunteers.



The Results

Dissolved Oxygen averaged at healthy levels over the financial year, however it does drop below the absolute minimum guideline level of 2mg/L at some sites during the warmer months of January to May. Turbidity can also increase at some sites during January to March due to heavy rainfall, however it is generally low to moderate throughout the rest of the year.

The general decline in funding for this long-lived program has resulted in little to no data analysis or reporting on the monitoring data. I have tried several times to engage a suitable volunteer to undertake this large-scale project but have not had any luck yet.

Up to this stage, the data collected has been entered and stored in an SEQ Catchments owned, web-based database called uniDap. Late 2015 SEQ Catchments announced that they would be building a new database to replace uniDap by March 2016. Maroochy Waterwatch had been providing feedback and attending meetings as part of the Steering Committee for the development of the new database. SEQ Catchments began transferring the historical monitoring data from uniDap into the new database in June 2016, however since then there have been delays in the testing phase of the new database and it is now not expected to be available until February 2017. This has left us in limbo in regards to data entry as we have stopped using uniDap once the historical data was transferred into the new database. I am looking forward to seeing what the new database can deliver in terms of more intuitive use for our data entry volunteers and automated reporting. I am anticipating that we will need to spend some time ensuring that our data has transitioned smoothly into the new database once it is available.

Funded by the Sunshine Coast Environmental Levy Partnership, SEQ Catchments and Everyones Environment Grant

3.2.2 Frog Monitoring

The frog monitoring survey saw a revamp this year with great success in regards to the way it was organised. We made some key changes which solved the issues we have had in the past with running out of time to complete all 15 surveys and volunteers dropping out midway through the monitoring program. These changes were to:

- Seek detailed availability information from volunteers before the roster was created to reduce the number of requests for changes
- Add volunteer contact details to Supervisor's phones using a synchronised contact list so that they could contact volunteers easily if changes were required at the last minute
- Add the roster to Supervisor's phones using a synchronised calendar so that updates to volunteer availability were immediately communicated
- Beginning the monitoring program on a set date, regardless of rainfall
- Not cancelling any scheduled monitoring events unless there was dangerous weather, lack of volunteers, or a Supervisor was not available

Due to these changes, this was the first year since I was involved in the frog monitoring program (since the 2013/14 year) that all 15 intended surveys were complete. We also had plenty of volunteers from beginning to end of the program. The changes have completely

changed the organisation and delivery of the Frog Monitoring program from what used to be a difficult logistical task to one that should run quite smoothly after further changes next year.

This year, we also made the decision to replace the EJ Foote Reserve monitoring site due to lack of frog sightings for several years. This site has had a lack of settled water in most years, and is also highly disturbed by the surrounding urban environment with run off being a major problem from nearby septic tanks and swimming pools. This year we moved the monitoring site to Chancellor Lakes at Sippy Downs. Although not as lush as EJ Foote Reserve, this area is comparable because it is a council protected reserve within an urbanised area. Although we only found common, introduced and high tolerance species at this site, it is still a valuable monitoring site as volunteers and particularly younger children were able to see most of the frogs, rather than just hear them as is the case at most other sites. In this way, moving to the Sippy Downs site better achieves one of the key aims of the survey, which is to engage the community to participate in the assessment of biodiversity on the Sunshine Coast.

The following list details the tolerance of the species we located within this year's survey:

High Tolerance Species

Striped Marsh Frog (*Limnodynastes peronii*)

Cane Toad (*Rhinella marina*) (Introduced)

Eastern Sedgefrog (*Litoria fallax*)

Medium Tolerance Species

Bleating Tree Frog (*Litoria dentata*)

Peron's Tree Frog (*Litoria peronii*)

Dainty Tree Frog (*Litoria gracilentata*)

Broad-palmed frog (*Litoria latopalmata*)

Stony-creek frog (*Litoria wilcoxii*)

Copper-backed Brood Frog (*Pseudophryne raveni*)

Litoria tyleri (Tylers tree frog)

Low Tolerance/Sensitive Species

Giant Barred Frog (*Mixophyes iteratus*) (*Endangered*)

Tusked Frog (*Adelotus brevis*) (*Vulnerable*)

Wallum Froglet (*Crinia tinnula*) (*Vulnerable*)

Wallum Sedge Frog (*Litoria alongburensis*) (*Vulnerable*)



There were 14 individual species recorded and 342 individuals recorded. Sadly, Cane Toads make up 58% of the individuals recorded.

The 2015/2016 survey has shown that there was an increase in frog sightings compared with the previous year, however this coincides with increased surveys and increased Cane Toad sightings. The number and type of species sighted is comparable with the previous year. It's heartening to note that the endangered population of Giant Barred Frogs remains healthy at Dulong, as does the population of vulnerable Wallum Froglet and Wallum Sedge Frog at Coolum. Both of these sites experience low level disturbance with the Dulong site being on private property and the Coolum site located in Noosa National Park (Perigian Section) protected from trampling by a board walk.

There was a total of 41 volunteers participating this year, not including a monitoring session conducted by Skilling Queenslanders for Work participants.



Funded by Sunshine Coast Councils Environment Levy Partnership

3.2.3 Office Based Volunteers

We continue to have an fantastic administrative volunteer team consisting of Lesya Roden, Gaye Luxmoore, and Daryl Scurr. Their familiarity with our organisation and the dedication with which they complete their roles has been invaluable, not to mention that they each brighten our office with their good cheer, and the staff all look forward to the days that they come in.

We have continued to take in workplace volunteers from USC, which assist greatly with delivering our environmental projects. Being at the start of their career, they also bring with them a fresh wave of learnings and enthusiasm to the workplace. We continue to receive many volunteer inquiries from graduates, the majority of them do not respond after the initial interview or return beyond a few visits. There may be a variety of reasons for this, but I

suspect that the majority are seeking ways to find work in the environmental sector and are simply shopping around for the best way to achieve this.

While this organisation thrives and provides a great service to the community with its intake of volunteers the process of interviewing, inducting and then ongoing supervision is time consuming and a new strategy for volunteer management is required moving forward. I am proposing changes to the way inductions are delivered, assigning volunteers with dedicated roles so that they have a sense of purpose when coming to volunteer with us, and improving our documentation of volunteer tasks to reduce one-on-one supervision time.

3.2.4 Stormwater Monitoring – Industrial

This was the initial program that began in 2014 with Sunshine Coast Council. The relationship began when Jacqui met one of the Stormwater engineers at an education day and grew from there. The key deliverables of this program are:

- An annual survey involving the assessment of 100 drains
- 16 of these drains were then monitored monthly, with an extra two added during the year
- An education program involving 15 schools across the region
- An industrial survey (30 land users surveyed about their knowledge of the stormwater system in their region).
- NEW this year: Macroinvertebrate monitoring at 9 sites monitored bi-annually
- NEW this year: the use of a health scorecard system



The Sunshine Coast Council has already advised us that they are looking to expand the monitoring program next year, and we are currently discussing with them what the new additions will be.

3.2.4 ECO Education Services

Education workshops have continued to be successful and has held steady with 23 excursions and incursions held this financial year. There is still much opportunity for growth in this area as our good service becomes better known. For example, I am aware of at least one OSHC booking from word of mouth and we have many schools returning to use our services year after year. Although we pride ourselves on customising our services to the needs of the schools, and I strongly believe in continuing to do so, I would like to see more “off the shelf” type packages offered to schools to reduce the amount of preparation time required for field trips and workshops.

Sandy has been invaluable with her knowledge of how schools operate, winning the \$10,000 Unity Water sponsorship, and promoting our services. Other than expanding the business, our next challenge will be keeping up with the role out of the new curriculum as each school (and even different subject within a school) will take this on board at different times.

The Eco Education Services we delivered in 2015/16 are listed below:

2015

July

Cotton Tree Kindergarten Incursion
Chancellor Park Kindergarten Incursion

October

Kingfisher Resort School Camp
Agnew College Catchment Excursion
Maroochydore State School Excursion

November

Kingfisher Resort School Camp

2016

February

Meridan State School x 2 Incursions
Chancellor Park Geography Excursion
Pacific Lutheran x 2 Incursions
Matthew Flinders Excursion
Narangba Valley SHS Excursion

March

St Johns College Excursion
Sunshine Coast Council OSHC

April

Matthew Flinders Year 11s Excursion
Unity College Incursion
Nambour Christian College Excursion

May

Good Shepherd Lutheran College Excursion
Narangba Valley SHS Excursion
Burnside High School Incursion
Bella Grace Early Learning Centre Buderim Incursion

June

Kuluin School OSHC

3.2.5 Plans for the 2016-2017 Financial Year

Woodford Bioblitz

Jacqui had been in contact with the Woodford Folk Festival Organising Committee to coordinate a BioBlitz during their Planting Festival. This involves volunteers getting involved in a full biological survey of all fauna and flora at the site. It was too short a timeframe to organise by May 2016, however there may still be a chance to have it running for 2017. Unfortunately not very much has progressed in this area since Jacqui left the organisation, and it is heavily reliant on securing external sponsorship to fund both our time and the time of the festival's organising committee.

Stormwater Monitoring

Discussion with the Sunshine Coast Council has indicated that this will be expanded slightly in 2017, and we are still in negotiation with about what this will involve.

ECOtourism

We have been contacted by Kingfisher Bay Resort on Fraser Island to put together Voluntourism package for schools and universities. The aim is to have the students "give back" to Fraser Island, while also having a good time. We are looking at packaging this as a "Citizen Science" experience and linking to existing programs such as ReefCheck, Mangrove Watch, and Seagrass Watch.

ISO Accreditation

It is becoming clear as we move forward and take on more commercial contracts that ISO Accreditation is a very important part of our future. This is a massive undertaking and it is difficult to move forward with the current demands on staff time. Jacqui had begun the process of documenting Environmental Project procedures before leaving the organisation, and I have since been making it a personal mission to continue the documentation in greater detail. I am particularly focussed on documenting our ECO Education workshops, which to date have mostly existing in people's heads and takes a huge amount of time to be recreated by new staff. Although this is taking a lot of time and effort to do, I have seen the benefits of such efforts with the Frog Monitoring and Water Monitoring program now running much smoothly and requiring less hands-on time to run, and am looking forward to rolling this out across the rest of the programs in the Environmental Projects portfolio.

3.3 ECO Education Outreach

This small investment ensures the smooth running of the program and provides data on our ECO Education activities for further improvement and marketing. Over the year we have undertaken the following activities:

- Developed new Eco Education brochures for Early Learning, Primary and High School – hard copy and PDF links – updating various information including contacts and photos
- Maintenance of Eco Education website and links to the Eco Education brochures
- Set up an Eco Education Facebook page – ongoing posts with schools field trip photos and information
- Maintenance of Heads of Department for Science and Humanities school contact lists – for North Coast (100 school contacts), Metropolitan (50 school contacts) and Darling Downs (31 school contacts) Education Qld Regions. Maintenance of contact databases for Early Learning Centres, Outside School Hours Care facilities, School Camp facilities.
- Collect and file information relating to our school field trips and workshops to enable greater learning exchange for presenters within our organisation and for those that may follow. Scanned hard copy school field trip booklets provided by schools into our electronic files for future reference
- Support the ongoing development of the school field trips and workshops we provide based on feedback from the teachers and Heads of Department and the curriculum needs of the school
- Ensure feedback received from the field trips and workshops delivered to school
- Redeveloped Booking form for Eco Education Services
- Developing greater knowledge of the curriculum connections with Eco Education Services particularly with high school Science, Marine Science and Geography subjects. Volunteer who is a trainee high school teacher at USC has provided syllabus information about the new Qld Curriculum to be rolled out in the next few years
- Find School Workshop website – provides regular leads for school workshops with some too far away to be viable for us. We have conducted a number of workshops from this site however including an Early Learning Centre in Buderim. We have a current inquiry for a series of science workshops in West Papua for next year.
- Arranged for Eco Education Service to be included as a Provider on the Marine Science Association website. Requests sent to Geography and Science Teacher Association websites for our inclusion on their also.
- Inquiry from a Townsville school inquiring about resource materials for Marine Science (most likely from Marine Science website) – discussed about what we could provide if running a field trip in Townsville (need three classes) and what fee to charge for providing resource information
- Application for Moreton Bay Regional Council's Waste Education Program 16/17 was submitted – but unsuccessful

- Applied for and was successful with a \$10,000 Seqwater's Water for Life Community Education grant
- Seqwater project – Teacher and HOD Professional Development day development and implementation – PD Flyer development – with feedback from a family member who is a HOD in a High School in Brisbane (this was most valuable along with advise on the best timing of a PD day for schools, PD Booking and Feedback forms, Certificate of Participation development, catering, Senior Geography curriculum unit knowledge to inform the development of the PD. Great interest in the PD day and it was well attended. Communication with participants leading up to the event; organise photos, post on Facebook and follow up feedback forms after the PD;
- Unitywater Community Sponsorship Program – currently developing an application for this program

Photos from Seqwater Water for Life Teacher PD Day:



3.4 Coolum Community Native Nursery

The nursery is a partnership between Maroochy Waterwatch and Coolum District Coast Care Group and is unique in its structure and operation. The land and infrastructure are now owned by the Palmer Resort and the condition of operation now rests with Sekisui House as part of Lend Lease's original development approval. As a result of all these changes, the nursery partnership has no long term leasing arrangements with a new lease yet to be realised. The uncertainty of tenure however has not affected operations to date with the nursery making a profit of over \$24539 from a total income of \$146147.

The nursery operates in a niche market selling salt harden local native species for both wholesale and retail customers. Retail custom continues to account for over 40% of sales which has been surprising as the target market has largely been wholesale sales. Miscellaneous sales

of bagged products and books also continue to increase possibly due to the increased traffic from local retail buyers.



Volunteers are the backbone of the nursery with over 60 registered volunteers contributing approximately 6000 hours to the nursery in seed collection, propagation and nursery maintenance.

Due to the continued growth of the nursery and to meet the Australian Accounting Standards, future financial reports will include inventory as a reporting item.

The partnership and management of the nursery look forward to a productive relationship in the coming years providing quality tubestock for coastal revegetation projects.

3.5 Catchment Services

The financial year started with the planting of 3900 trees on the recently won tender at Muller Park .

We subcontracted the bulk of the site preparation and planting to the Bunya Bunya Aboriginal Group. This partnership went well with their crew appreciating, rehabilitating a section of the Maroochy River that their ancestors had fished and hunted on. While this project was underway we heard that we had been successful in securing one of the Management zones ie Hinterland North as part of the Natural Areas management Contract of the Sunshine Coast Council. This was a great boost as it enabled some financial ongoing security as the Contract is for 3 years. We began it in October last year. It required the maintenance of 73 Council Reserves totalling 874 Ha. This is the largest zone out of 6 that the SCC awarded, the largest site within that; being Kirbys Rd Environmental Reserve totalling 237 Ha. This reserve is on the western side of the range. The other large reserve which is also the furthest to travel is Tuan Environmental reserve totalling 27Ha. We service both these reserves at least once a month for the total length of the contract. The downside of such a large area to manage is the travel compared to other zones that we were unsuccessful in gaining. The upside is it gives the work crew a variety of ecosystems to manage and gain experience. We began the year with a steady crew of 4 persons however towards the end of last financial year we were scheduling 2 crews daily totally 7 persons.

After successfully gaining the Hinterland North Contract we also gained 34 smaller reserves under 2 Ha in size which we are only servicing once per year. This has its logistical challenges as many of these small sites have difficulties in accessing and an abundance of weed species.

We also were successful in gaining a Wetlands management contract with the Lakes and Wetlands team at the Sunshine Coast Council and these sites total 10 sites in the Coolumberr region. We carried out weed maintenance totalling 34 visits over the financial year. Again treating weed species different from the Hinterland Contract.

As reported in the last financial year we were successful in winning the tender in rehabilitating a 2 Km stretch of the Maroochy River where the North meets the South. We successfully planted 11000 trees and are now in the 1st year of maintenance. Again the challenges there have been an abundance of weeds however the plantings are growing well and in late November the Sunshine Coast Council is including the project as a site visit with a bus tour for environmental volunteers to see the progress and improvement of this site. A major part of this contract was the frilling of the large Camphor over story along the river which has been successful and replaced with many of the original regional ecosystem species.



At the completion of the Muller park planting and carrying out the maintenance period we successfully gained an additional contract at Muller park to revegetate a portion of the foreshore to help protect the banks and existing large Cotton trees. This had been tried before however met with a lot of resistance by the fishing community who didn't want a vegetation

buffer. We changed our plan and did 4 landscape areas with a path between each to the water's edge. This has met with approval with the public which will go a small way to protecting a small bank section of the Maroochy River.

In the New Year we were successful in gaining a contract with CPB Contractors to carry out weed control of the new section of Bruce Highway between Traverston and Gympie. This job was a challenge to the crew as it was a job that needed to be done to satisfy Dept. Main Roads that the road reserve was free of declared weeds before the area was bulldozed to create the new highway. For 2 weeks we travelled to the site spraying predominantly Lantana. Another tender we have been continually delayed on delivering has been the landscaping of the Sunshine Coast Council Solar farm. At this point in time it is still being held up due to asbestos contamination. We were initially told that we would undertake this work in June.

The Skilling Queenslanders for Work team went well under Marcelo's leadership and 2 crews successfully gained their Cert 1 in Conservation and Land Management along with an ACDC licence and chainsaw ticket. Marcelo also successfully gained his Cert IV in Workplace Assessment. Unfortunately we missed out on the 3rd round however are applying for the next round.

This past financial year has been particularly busy however has passed incident free bar one lantana eye scratching Other than that we have had a good year from a Health and safety prospective with only the usually tick, wasp bite and jumping ant occasional sting.

Overall; everyone has worked particularly well; taking care in their work techniques and delivery. This next financial year will see a need to carefully work on strategies to reduce chemical usage as there is mounting pressure on the Sunshine Coast Council to reduce the herbicide usage within the Sunshine Coast Region.

We have kept records over the past year on herbicide usage only on SCC sites and for the record used 95.5 litres of Glyphosate on Council Reserves.



4.0 Audited Financial Statements (Maroochy Waterwatch)

5.0 Audited Financial Statements (Coolum Community Native Nursery)

**MAROOCHY
WATERWATCH
INC**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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AUDIT REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30TH JUNE 2016

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MAROOCHY WATERWATCH INC

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2016

2015		2016
\$		\$
	Income	
135,105.84	Grants and Funding Received	570,333.10
303,461.84	Contract Income	645,626.16
7,809.66	Interest Received	8,717.50
4,728.35	Administration Fee	4,726.02
13,652.37	Donations and Fundraising	418.00
1,090.00	Membership	721.00
99,590.07	Miscellaneous Income	22,899.82
4,656.32	Half Share Profit/Loss Coolum Community Native Nursery	12,269.95
<u>570,094.45</u>	Total Income	<u>1,265,711.55</u>

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report

MAROOCHY WATERWATCH INC

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2016

2015		2016
\$		\$
	Expenditure	
1,320.00	Audit and Accounting Fees	7,855.28
3,043.81	Advertising	676.22
33.70	Bank Charges	373.05
8,616.50	Business Planning and ISO Costs	857.44
550.00	Computer Expenses	2,452.67
20,414.43	Depreciation	24,822.40
867.33	Equipment Purchases	4,762.45
1,263.86	Health and Safety	6,825.87
17,816.47	Hire of Equipment	46,391.70
7,236.71	Insurance	6,235.09
400.00	Legal Expenses	336.00
1,232.60	Licenses, Registrations & Fees	638.02
1,380.37	Light & Power	2,192.96
5,276.64	Materials	23,891.85
8,066.38	Other Service Expenses	16,204.92
660.00	Postage	860.07
2,274.52	Printing & Stationery	1,986.05
4,951.48	Plants	28,709.89
83.71	Repairs and Maintenance	58.40
13,289.99	Rental - Premises	13,554.54
12,159.44	River Patrol	4,308.53
1,241.63	Staff Amenities	1,445.21
38,309.97	Superannuation	76,371.35
2,873.55	Telephone and Internet	4,124.31
1,543.88	Training	12,241.88
4,540.40	Travel Expenses	205.11
3,698.16	Travel Allowance	5,711.55
3,184.16	Uniforms	5,156.89
21,401.07	Vehicle Expenses	26,461.33
6,086.56	Volunteer Costs	1,424.37
441,600.81	Wages	867,619.36
<u>635,418.13</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>1,194,754.76</u>
<u>-65,323.68</u>	Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>70,956.79</u>

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report

MAROOCHY WATERWATCH INC

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 2016

2015 \$		2016 \$
	Members Funds	
418,077.27	Opening Balance	352,753.59
	Less Prior Year Adjustments	-8,271.85
-65,323.68	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure	70,956.79
<u>352,753.59</u>	Total Members Funds	<u>415,438.53</u>
	Represented by : -	
	Current Assets	
	Heritage Building Society	
25,047.62	- Working Account	81,421.35
2,864.59	- Fund Account	2,932.87
254,925.49	- Investment Account	235,785.49
	- Term Deposit	10,000.00
205.65	Petty Cash Float	350.00
65,859.61	Trade Debtors	257,268.03
	Prepayments	4,285.68
96.00	Electricity Bond	96.00
28,724.19	Half Share Coolum Community Native Nursery	40,994.14
<u>377,723.15</u>	Total Current Assets	<u>633,133.56</u>
	Fixed Assets	
210,253.33	Plant, Equipment, Office Furniture & Fittings at Cost	241,951.23
87,351.69	Less Accumulated Depreciation	129,463.93
<u>122,901.64</u>	Total Fixed Assets	<u>112,487.30</u>
<u>500,624.79</u>	Total Assets	<u>745,620.86</u>
	Less Liabilities	
57,690.56	Grants in Advance	145,768.35
18,217.96	GST Liability	33,470.60
12,505.29	Superannuation Liability	29,669.64
8,059.00	PAYG Liability	19,241.77
5,000.00	Salary Sacrifice Payable	
	TOIL Liability	3,912.00
	Personal Leave Entitlement	23,253.34
3,228.25	Sundry Creditors	7,830.45
4,858.41	Accrued Expenses	6,915.18
21,920.55	Provision for Long Service Leave	30,517.00
16,391.18	Provision for Holiday Leave	29,604.00
<u>147,871.20</u>	Total Liabilities	<u>330,182.33</u>
<u>352,753.59</u>	Net Assets	<u>415,438.53</u>

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report

Maroochy Waterwatch Inc

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements For the year ended 30th June 2016

Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies.

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland) and the committee. The Committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland) and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

Statement of Financial Performance
Accounting for Income Tax
Materiality

No other **applicable** Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues, Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

This financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis whereby Income and Expenses are brought into account as the Income is due to be received and Expenses are incurred.

The following **material** accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(a) Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under the Australian Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. No provision for income tax has therefore been made in these accounts.

(b) Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are recorded at cost. Depreciation has been calculated over the useful lives of the assets to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

© Payments to Members

There were no payments made to members of the Association in the form of remuneration.

Maroochy Waterwatch Inc

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements For the year ended 30th June 2016

(d) Stock

It is the accounting policy of the association not to reflect stock on hand in the Balance Sheet.

(e) Coolum Community Native Nursery

In accordance with a Partnership Deed dated 27th April 2009 Maroochy Waterwatch Inc and Coolum District Coast Care Group Inc entered into a partnership trading as Coolum Community Native Nursery. The profit for the period is shown as income in the Revenue Account and the value of the half share interest in the partnership is shown in the Balance Sheet. For full details refer to a copy of the Financial Statements for Coolum Community Native Nursery.

Maroochy Waterwatch Inc

Statement by Members of the Committee For the year ended 30th June 2016

The Committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee the financial report as set out:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of the Maroochy Waterwatch Inc as at 30th June 2016 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Maroochy Waterwatch Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
3. All expenses included on the Profit and Loss Statement for the Maroochy Waterwatch Inc for the year ended 30th June 2016 have been approved for payment by the Committee.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

President.....

Secretary.....

Treasurer.....

Dated this 23rd day of September 2016

**Independent Audit Report to the Committee of the
Maroochy Waterwatch Inc
For the year ended 30th June 2016**

Scope

We have audited the financial statements, being a special purpose financial report, of the Maroochy Waterwatch Inc for the year ended 30th June 2016. The Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland) and are appropriate to meet the needs of the Committee. We have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the Committee. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the Committee.

The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland) and the committee. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the Committee, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures include examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Association's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualification

As is common for organizations of this type, it is not practicable for the Association to maintain an effective system of internal control over receipts and payments until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, the audit in relation to these activities was limited to the amounts recorded.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation discussed in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial position of the Maroochy Waterwatch Inc as at 30th June 2016 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Michael T. Harper (Registered Company Auditor 6286)



Dated this 24th day of August 2016

COOLUM COMMUNITY NATIVE NURSURY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30TH JUNE 2016

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COOLUM COMMUNITY NATIVE NURSERY

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2016

2015		2016
\$		\$
	INCOME	
75,486.88	Sales Plants - Wholesale	87,820.41
<u>54,197.12</u>	Sales Plants - Retail	<u>58,326.91</u>
129,684.00		146,147.32
	Less Cost of Sales	
1,465.18	- Books	2,189.65
2,712.09	- Fertilisers and Chemicals	3,163.78
	- Miscellaneous Sale Items	450.90
6,524.74	- Mulch and Stakes	6,455.71
11,754.47	- Plants	16,857.07
	- Postage and Delivery	402.64
2,198.98	- Potting Materials	2,417.77
<u>3,642.42</u>	- Pots and Trays	<u>2,103.57</u>
<u>28,297.88</u>	Total Cost of Sales	<u>34,041.09</u>
101,386.12	Gross Profit on Plant Sales	112,106.23
	Other Income	
1,457.88	- Book Sales	2,241.74
1,365.85	- Grants Received	
1,200.00	- Hire of Equipment	1,369.79
7,738.06	- Bagged Products	10,508.57
	- Workshops	472.73
<u>1,167.49</u>	- Interest	<u>1,323.60</u>
<u>114,315.40</u>	TOTAL INCOME	<u>128,022.66</u>

COOLUM COMMUNITY NATIVE NURSERY

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2016

2015		2016
\$		\$
	EXPENDITURE	
330.00	Advertising	1,150.72
4,728.35	Administration Expenses	4,332.38
520.00	Audit Fee	520.00
931.88	Bank Charges	813.26
458.18	Computer Expenses	
1,403.92	Depreciation	
529.59	Electricity	386.84
583.72	Freight	212.05
	Fuel	29.85
64.25	Health, Hygiene and Cleaning	281.24
973.12	Licences, Registrations and Fees	1,874.30
	Office Supplies	504.45
1,483.52	Other Expenses	458.69
1,596.42	Small Tools and Equipment	108.35
470.71	Staff Costs	363.40
1,172.71	Insurance	1,565.31
1,217.06	Telephone	1,472.27
130.09	Printing and Stationary	304.07
399.45	Repairs	1,002.76
77.26	Safety Equipment	159.80
7,068.15	Superannuation	6,940.40
50.00	Training	
	Travel Expenses	69.27
299.75	Uniforms	1,243.16
1,658.90	Volunteer Expenses	2,149.72
76,384.00	Wages and Salaries	77,251.39
2,471.72	Workcover	289.08
<u>105,002.75</u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>103,482.76</u>
<u>9,312.65</u>	EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>24,539.90</u>

COOLUM COMMUNITY NATIVE NURSERY

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 2016

2015 \$		2016 \$
	PARTNERSHIP FUNDS - Coolum District Coast Care Group Inc & Maroochy Waterwatch Inc	
48,135.73	Opening Balance	57,448.38
9,312.65	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure	24,539.90
<u>57,448.38</u>	TOTAL PARTNERSHIP FUNDS	<u>81,988.28</u>
	REPRESENTED BY :-	
	CURRENT ASSETS	
22,802.65	Cash at Bank - Business Account	17,957.09
42,871.41	Cash at Bank -Websaver Account	75,184.71
200.60	Petty Cash on Hand	185.05
39,810.75	Sundry Debtors	3,941.05
	Accrued Expenses	1,445.42
<u>105,685.41</u>	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>98,713.32</u>
	FIXED ASSETS	
15,691.55	Plant and Equipment	15,918.82
7,737.55	Less Accumulated Depreciation	7,737.55
<u>7,954.00</u>	TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	<u>8,181.27</u>
<u>113,639.41</u>	TOTAL ASSETS	<u>106,894.59</u>
	LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	
6,600.66	GST Payable	2,810.97
3,018.35	PAYG Payable	3,880.45
1,557.96	Superannuation Payable	1,730.57
	Electronic Clearing Account	1,151.20
7,429.52	Trade Creditors	1,420.02
37,584.54	Grants in Advance	5,000.00
	Unearned Revenue	8,913.10
<u>56,191.03</u>	TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>24,906.31</u>
<u>57,448.38</u>	NET ASSETS	<u>81,988.28</u>

Coolum Community Native Nursery

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements For the year ended 30th June 2016

Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies.

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland) and the committee. The Committee has determined that the Coolum Community Native Nursery is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland) and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

Statement of Financial Performance
Accounting for Income Tax
Materiality

No other **applicable** Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues, Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

This financial report has been prepared on a cash basis whereby items are brought into account as money is paid or received, from the records of the Coolum Community Native Nursery.

The following **material** accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(a) Income Tax

The Coolum Community Native Nursery is exempt from income tax under the Australian Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. No provision for income tax has therefore been made in these accounts.

(b) Stock on Hand

The value of Nursery Stock including Green Stock held as at the 30th June 2016 has not been recognised in these financial statements. A stock take was carried out at year end which valued the green stock at the wholesale value of \$39,437.70.

© Payments to Members

There were no payments made to members of the Coolum Community Native Nursery in the form of remuneration.

Coolum Community Native Nursery

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements For the year ended 30th June 2016

(d) Partnership Funds

The Partnership Funds are held in equal shares by Coolum District Coast Care Group Inc and Maroochy Waterwatch Inc in accordance with the Partnership Deed dated 27th April 2009.

Independent Audit Report to the Committee of the Coolum Community Native Nursery For the year ended 30th June 2016

Scope

We have audited the financial statements, being a special purpose financial report, of the Coolum Community Native Nursery for the year ended 30th June 2016. The Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland) and are appropriate to meet the needs of the Committee. We have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the Committee. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the Committee.

The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland) and the Committee. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the Committee, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures include examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Association's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualification

As is common for organizations of this type, it is not practicable for the Coolum Community Native Nursery to maintain an effective system of internal control over receipts and payments until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, the audit in relation to these activities was limited to the amounts recorded.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation discussed in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial position of the Coolum Community Native Nursery as at 30th June 2016 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Michael T. Harper (Registered Company Auditor 6286)



Dated this 24th day of August 2016

Coolum Community Native Nursery

Statement by Members of the Committee For the year ended 30th June 2016

The Committee has determined that the Coolum Community Native Nursery is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee the financial report as set out:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of the Coolum Community Native Nursery as at 30th June 2016 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Coolum Community Native Nursery will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
3. All expenses included on the Profit and Loss Statement for the Coolum Community Native Nursery for the year ended 30th June 2016 have been approved for payment by the Committee.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

President.....

Secretary.....

Treasurer.....

Dated this.....day of.....2016