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2012

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Convenors Report

It has been a pivotal year for the organisation, in which we created and proved the benefits of a scalable model which involved us doing more “train the trainer”, than the delivery work ourselves. As a good example, this year we rolled out “Youth Leading the World” (YLW) to 27 locations, 90% of which were run independently of Ozgreen staff.

The economic climate continued to be challenging during the year, which resulted in decreased revenues from the previous year, and a constant challenge to cover our core costs. Our tight funding also limited the number of locations we were able to serve with YLW, and were unable to engage with needy locations such as Kiribati, due to technology limitations which needed investment we didn't have.

And as usual a very big thank you to all our staff, customers, partners and supporters, without whose generous support there would be no organisation.

Thanks

Julian Harris



CEO's Report

Emergence, Innovation and Resilience
Sue Lennox (OzGREEN Co-Founder/CEO)
Report to OzGREEN Annual General Meeting, 15 October 2012

We live in interesting times. As I write this report there are rapid changes unfolding – the impacts of living in a debt fuelled system requiring perpetual growth are being felt in our environment, our economy and our social systems. There have been unprecedented heat extremes in the northern summer. The Arctic reached a record low in September, well ahead of predictions. The International Monetary Fund warns that lack of action by the euro zone and USA could drag down the global economy. The shift of jobs offshore presents a huge challenge for Australia to reinvent itself. And we watch the quality of debate in the media and in Parliament with growing despair.

The two major concerns of young people involved in Youth Leading the World in 2011 were:

- Lack of community understanding about the severity and urgency of the climate, biodiversity, food, water, energy, financial and social challenges we face as a global community;
- Lack of leadership to address these challenges.



Are we on the cusp of change? We have the carbon tax. There has been a rapid increase in community uptake of renewable energy in Australia with 858,000 homes with roof top solar systems. The emergence of social media campaigns has created a platform for rapid response and calls for accountability and integrity. Just this week a campaign launch by change.org in response to comments made by a media shock jock generated over 100,000 signatures and created a media storm. Our Prime Minister stood up in Parliament with a strong and clear speech and the speech went viral globally – again forcing the media to report on it.

How is OzGREEN contributing to this shift? Our focus is on building youth and community capacity to tackle these challenges as informed citizens actively engaged in creating sustainable, resilient and socially just ways of living. We focus on strengthening key skills and capacity to be effective community change leaders:

- Strengthening capacity to analyse situations, innovate strategy and act creatively;
- Strengthening resilience and preparedness;
- Listening deeply to each other, our own Hearts and the Earth;
- Connecting change makers locally and globally.

Over the past 4 years we have been experimenting with ways to take our life changing youth education and empowerment programs to scale. Youth Leading the World began as an experiment in 2009 in 7 Australian locations, training 26 facilitators to run the program in their own local area. In 2010 we grew to 18 locations (50 facilitators trained) and in 2011 we grew to 26 locations running simultaneously (90 facilitators trained). As I write this report we are on track for YLTW 2012 to run in over 50 locations simultaneously 27-29 November, with the facilitator community growing to over 250 people, most of whom are making huge volunteer contributions.

Let me share three change stories – there are many many more where these came from. I would like to give special acknowledgement and thanks to the achievements of Nick Allardice, Judy Charnaud and Corrina Grace.

Nick Allardice: We first met Nick in Bendigo in 2003, as a participant in Youth LEAD. In his own words

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he was “too cool for school” and drifting. Through Youth LEAD he found focus and direction that saw him go on to excel at school and make huge contributions to OzGREEN (as a member of our Board) Oaktree, Australian Youth Climate Coalition and now as the lead of change.org in this region.

Judy Charnaud: Judy first joined OzGREEN as a teacher on Sydney's Northern Beaches. She was looking for a way to make a bigger contribution to our world, and we were looking for someone to spearhead OzGREEN's new program in Oecusse East Timor. Judy put her hand up. It is 12 years since that journey began. Now Judy spends 6-8 months of the year in Oecusse, working alongside Luis Armando (Director of Green Timor L'Este). Together they have engaged villages and households in creating safe water supplies with biosand filtration units, planted tens of thousands of trees and established the Youth in Action Green Games, this year involving over 35,000 people.

Corrina Grace: is the Founder and CEO of Project Seres, OzGREEN partners in Central America. In her own words, she is a refugee from the “millionaires factory”, who after a brief period of volunteering in Guatemala, decided to dedicate her life to this community. In a country where over 50% of the population is under 18 years of age, Corrina has effectively engaged young people as change leaders and grown the reach and impact of OzGREEN youth programs to engage over 400 young leaders over the past year.

Enjoy reading about OzGreen activities in 2011-12, including:

YOUth LEADing the World: this year running in over 50 locations simultaneously.

MYRiverR: Western Sydney, Prospect Creek; Upper Nepean and Georges River catchments in Wollondilly;

Great Eastern Ranges Initiative in the Hunter Valley region and membership of the GER Lead Partnership (www.greasterranges.org.au);

Thanks to our partners, supporters, staff, volunteers, Board and mentors:

Sankat Mochan Foundation (Varanasi, India) – OzGREEN's first partners (since 1992), working together with Friends of the Ganges in USA to care for River Ganga.

Green Timor L'Este (Oecusse) - with special thanks to Judy Charnaud and Luis Armando.

Project Seres – sustainability in action in Central America with special thanks to Corrina Grace and Antonio Sanchez.

OpEPA – sustainability in action in South America with special thanks to Catalina Savaria.

Great Eastern Ranges Initiative – partners Greening Australia, Nature Conservation Trust, NSW Office for Environment and Heritage and National Parks Association.

Great Eastern Ranges Initiative Hunter Valley - supported by NSW Environmental Trust.

InterfaceFLOR – partners in Southern Highlands hub (2010-2013).

Northern Territory Government – Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport support through EnvironmeNT Grants 2006-2012.

Skretting – partners in Tasmania 2011-2013.

TASSAL – partners in Tasmania 2010-11.

Stockland – partners in Merrylands and Yenorra (2011).

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Australian Government Clean Energy Future – Biofund supporting the Great Eastern Ranges Initiative Stepping Stones project in the Hunter Valley.

The Penn Foundation – for ongoing support of OzGREEN's East Timor program since 2007.

John Skipper Kelly Trust – support for ongoing support of OzGreen's youth leadership programs.

Water in the Landscape – Youth Leading Australia in Western Sydney in partnership with WSROC and NSW Environmental Trust.

Swan Hill Rural City Council – partners in the Murray-Mallee.

Mallesons Stephen Jaques – who have supported OzGREEN since 2004, providing pro-bono legal advice. Special thanks to David Storr, Rowan Russell and Karen Coleman.

Australian Charities Fund – for facilitating ongoing support through corporate staff giving programs (including Sydney Opera House, Caltex and Foxtel).

OzGREEN staff and volunteers have made an outstanding contribution this year. Thank you for everything. OzGREEN Board and OzGREEN Fund for the Rivers Board have helped to hold the rudder and steady the course as we negotiate the exciting waters of seeking to change the course of history. Thank you for your wisdom, patience and thoughtful advice.



Our YLTW Facilitator team.

About OzGREEN

Accelerating the Transition to Sustainability

OzGREEN educates, engages and empowers people to tackle critical environmental sustainability challenges (such as climate change and water) and become agents for positive social change. OzGREEN's transformative learning and leadership programs foster informed participation, harness people's special contributions and build pathways for ongoing engagement.

Formed in 1992, it now operates nationally across Australia and internationally in India, East Timor, Papua New Guinea and Pakistan.

The Sustainability in Action Process forms the core of all OzGREEN programs. It has been honed through 30 years of action research by OzGREEN Co-Founders, Sue and Colin Lennox. The process was piloted at Freshwater High School 1989-93 (resulting in school designation as a Centre of Excellence in Environmental Education, UN Media Peace Prize and National Youth Environment Award).

As a result they were invited to travel to India to help the Clean Ganges campaign. This journey was to change their lives. Seeing the beauty of River Ganga first hand and measuring the actual pollution levels, they realised the global water crisis was the critical issue for the Earth and decided to set up OzGREEN. The following year they left their work as teachers, sold their home and began work as two volunteers working out of a borrowed garage.

Today OzGREEN is a best practice provider of sustainability learning and leadership programs (Winner Eureka Prize for Sustainability Education 2007; AAEE Best Practice Case Study 2006; Matrix on Board Evaluation Report 2007). Sue and Colin are recognised as leading Social Entrepreneurs (winners Social Ventures Australia Big Boost 2002) and Sustainability Educators (Environmental Educators of the Year 1998; Top 100 Most Influential People in Sydney List Dec 07; Elders at AAEE Conference Darwin 2008; Canberra 2010).

Since inception, OzGREEN has worked with more than 500 schools, 500 businesses and many thousands of individuals. In FY08 alone, OzGREEN trained 1,100 sustainability leaders through its Youth LEAD, Leading with the Heart, MYRiveR and Living Communities programs, and involved a further 1,600 participants in sustainability education programs and 14,400 students and 12,000 households in sustainability events and actions in Australia (and an additional 20,000 internationally in East Timor, India and Papua New Guinea).

OzGREEN's leadership programs have resulted in an average 35% reduction in ecological footprint (measured pre and post programme), demonstrating the success of OzGREEN's success in harnessing personal capacity for change.



About OzGREEN

OzGREEN Objectives

Strengthen the capacity of people to tackle the environmental challenges of our time.

Build and support a network of sustainability leaders who are actively working for change in their community, business or school.

Innovate and scale educational processes that facilitate rapid transition to environmental sustainability.

Core Values

Sustainability: Learning to live within the limits of one planet, based on the principles of environmental sustainability:

- Equity for current generations (intra-generational equity);
- Equity for future generations (inter-generational equity); and
- Biodiversity conservation.

Enterprising approach: Educating and enabling people, organisations and communities to develop innovative sustainability solutions themselves.

Facing the sustainability challenge courageously: Keeping informed about environmental and sustainability issues as a basis for action. Being authentic and 'walking the talk'.

Transformative change: Connecting with our own hearts, each other and the earth to create life-changing outcomes.

Purpose

Building sustainable, resilient communities and organisations that can tackle the ecological and social challenges of our times.

Vision

A world in which people are in touch with and connected to themselves, other people, and the Earth so they know in their hearts that their actions are sustainable and they choose to make them so.

OzGREEN Programs

OzGreen programs form an integrated whole, each program building on the outcomes of the others. All programs are “shovel ready”, with a proven track record of effective change being delivered in urban, rural and remote communities. We have successfully layered these program in long term collaboration with a number of regions - it is these locations that are achieving outstanding outcomes and embedded community driven change.

PlanetSavers is an in-school program focused on engaging the whole school community in sustainable living - it is a great both as a follow up and lead in to Youth Leading the World.

Living Communities is focused on the wider community and trains volunteer Eco-team Leaders to deliver a sustainable living and community building program in their own local community (neighbourhood, workplace, club etc).

Leading 4 Change is a sustainability leadership intensive for community and school leaders (youth and adult) and is focused on building personal change-leadership capacity, with a focus on inclusive process, innovation, community development and participatory change. Participants in this program are potential facilitators of Youth Leading the World.

Youth Leading the World is the annual youth sustainability congress, conducted in multiple locations simultaneously, that brings it all together, celebrating achievements, reporting on progress, sharing great ideas and creating new ones. A national facilitator training program brings together change makers from across Australia and globally.

The Sustainability in Action Process forms the underpinning of all OzGREEN programs. It is an integrated transformative learning and leadership process that fast tracks transition to environmental sustainability. OzGREEN lifelong learning and leadership programs progressively build engagement with the sustainability challenge.

OzGREEN programs are transferable, scalable and facilitate long term engagement - critical for building community connectivity and resilience in challenging environments.

OzGreen programs create an integrated package for community capacity building and engagement. Each program builds on the



Youth Leading the World

YOUth LEADing the World (YLTW) seeks to accelerate the shift to fair futures by building a movement of inspired leaders. Building on learning from over 150 OzGREEN Sustainability Leadership Congresses conducted nationally and globally over the past 20 years, YLTW is based on a participatory learning and action process that enables young people to learn about sustainability challenges, inspires them to develop a sustainability vision and empowers them to take action to achieve their visions.

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OzGREEN piloted YOUTH LEADING Australia (YLA) in 7 locations in 2009. In 2010 it grew into Youth Leading the World (YLTW), running in 17 locations simultaneously (13 Australian, 4 international) in partnership with over 100 organisations. In 2011 it grew to 26 locations (12 Australian and 14 international) and 90 facilitators were trained. See promo clip <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=abciniHUJDY> and Swan Hill Congress highlights <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVku90M0Dpo>

Participants say the most significant outcomes are:
Increased understanding of climate change and other sustainability challenges (3/10 before to 8/10 after);
Increased personal confidence and leadership capacity (4/10 before to 9/10 after);
Increased connectivity with other change makers locally and globally (2/10 to 9/10) and;
Reduction of household eco-footprint.

Through YLTW Facilitator Training, people learn how to organise and facilitate YLTW in their own local area. Training includes measuring eco-footprint, participatory process, strategic questioning and deep listening skills, visioning, VIBRANT goals and action planning. The age range for facilitators in 2010 was 14-67 years (school students, Uni and TAFE students, professionals, teachers, mothers, fathers). International and interstate facilitators participate via Skype and Blackboard Collaborate. To date 160 facilitators have been trained.

PlanetSavers - schools eco-footprint program

OzGREEN involves the whole school community in learning to live with one planet. The program involves a series of workshops and follow up support:

Eco-Ambassador Leadership Training - 2 day program bringing together up for the students, teachers and parents who will lead PlanetSavers in their school.

School Eco-Footprint Workshop - Eco-Ambassadors support OzGREEN to facilitate a ½ day sustainability in action workshop in their school.

Parents and Teachers Workshop – 3 hour interactive workshop including tools for talking about challenging issues like climate change and supporting young people to act.

Follow-Up – OzGREEN supports Ambassadors as action plans are implemented and to measure the impact and outcomes of the project including reductions in eco-footprint.

Celebrate - Participating schools come together at the end of the year to share learning and successes at the YOUTH LEADING the World Congress in their local area.

Outcomes of the program include:

Increased understanding of local and global sustainability challenges;
Capacity to measure eco-footprint and set eco-targets;
Capacity to develop a sustainability vision and action plan;
Skills to support young people (and others) to live sustainably.



Students from the Newcastle Planetsavers

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MYRiver

MYRiver is a youth engagement and environmental education program targeting rivers that are most severely impacted by climate change and population growth (eg Murray-Darling Basin and Great Eastern Ranges). Participants conduct an eco-snapshot to check the health of their river, develop their own vision and action plans to care for their river.

MYRiver has been conducted in Murray-Darling basin since 2002; Hunter River basin, Cooks River basin (Sydney), Onkaparinga River (Adelaide), Yarra River (Melbourne) and Derwent River (Hobart). OzGREEN has involved over 4,000 young people from 50 regional communities and 100 schools in MYRiver to date.

Aims:

1. Enable young people to participate in real world science, tackle critical ecological challenges and build healthier, more resilient communities.

2. Build and mobilise catchment wide networks of young people actively working in their own community and beyond to care for the environment.

3. Foster the development of youth leadership and informed and active youth participation in the democratic process and civil society.

Key Activities:

Environmental Snapshot (Field Work): One-day field work per school to conduct an eco-snapshot of river health;

2-day Youth River Congress: Participants analyse data, identify ecological threats and values, develop a vision and action plans;

Community Environment Forum: 2-hour forum to report back to the community;

Follow-up mentoring and in-school support from OzGREEN;

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Water testing with students from the Southern Highlands in MYRiver.

Sustainability Leadership Programs

Leading for Change; Youth LEAD, Leading with the HEART and Teaching for Change

Transformative, participatory learning and leadership intensives and residential retreats that give people the tools and skills to unleash their passion, address critical sustainability challenges and lead change. Workshops feature skills training in ecological footprint assessment; strategic questioning, deep listening and critical thinking; participatory leadership; strengthening rational, emotional and spiritual intelligence; creative thinking, values and visioning; VIBRANT goal setting and action planning for personal sustainability and community change.

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Living Communities

Living Communities trains and supports community volunteers (Eco-team Leaders) to facilitate the program with their own community Eco-team (drawn from their neighbourhood, church, club, family or friends). Structured into 9 two-hour modules, the program can be flexibly delivered to match the needs of participants. Modules cover Sustainability and Eco-Footprint; Climate Change; Water; Energy and Transport; Biodiversity and Toxics; Food Security; Consumption and Waste; Sustainable Economies; Wellbeing. Each module involves hands-on learning; measurement of personal ecological impact; innovation of practical strategies to reduce ecological footprint; setting short and long term Eco-Goals; and reporting back on progress as your Sustainability Action Plan is implemented.

Measurable Outcomes are imbedded in the project design. Reduced ecological impact is tracked in terms of reduction of waste to landfill, energy and water as well as reductions in ecological footprint and increased personal capacity and well-being.

To date OzGREEN has trained over 250 Eco-team leaders and involved over 2,000 participants in corporate and community sectors.



Participants from Living Communities surveying their local areas eco footprint.

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Digital Media Training - Learning about capturing video and audio and interview skills.

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Facilitator and Digital Media Training

We have trained 160 people to facilitate YLTW in their own region (90 in 2011). Training includes measuring eco-footprint; facilitating participatory process; strategic questioning and deep listening skills; visioning; VIBRANT goals and action planning. The age range for facilitators in 2010 was 14-67 years (school students, Uni and TAFE students, professionals, teachers, mothers, fathers). Some international and interstate facilitators participated via Skype and Blackboard Collaborate.

The YLTW Congress follows OzGreen's sustainability in action process:

Day 1: Local Actions, Global Challenges - featuring presentations on up to date science about sustainability challenges such as population; resource use; water, energy and food security and climate change; measurement of eco footprint and visioning sustainable communities;

Day 2: Be the Change - Creating change brainstorming; sharing of ideas between locations; sharing inspiring change stories; and action planning to achieve vision through personal and community projects;

Day 3: Youth-led Community Forums – for government and local businesses, parents, teachers, principals and the public - designed and run by youth.

Participants say the most significant outcomes are:

- Increased understanding of about climate change and other sustainability challenges (3/10 before to 8/10 after);
- Increased personal confidence and leadership capacity (4/10 before to 9/10 after);
- Increased connectivity with other change makers locally and globally (2/10 to 9/10) and;
- Reduction of eco-footprint - average 50%.

SYCAN Sydney Youth Climate Action Network was established by a group of 14 year olds from different schools on the northern beaches following YLA in 2009. This team has organised and attended many local community events, running information stalls about climate change, inviting people to measure their eco-footprint and find out what they can do to reduce it. In 12 months SYCAN has grown from the original 8 members to 650 active members with 4 additional SYCAN groups starting up in Sydney and another in Brisbane.

One of the YLTW facilitators, Bell Toms (aged 15 years), has successfully reduced her family's eco-footprint by 75% and inspired other participants with her story, teaching them that lots of small changes can make a huge difference.

In 2011 YLTW has continued to grow with 90 facilitators trained and the program running simultaneously in Australia: Sydney Northern Beaches, Sydney West, Southern Highlands, Coffs Harbour, Byron Bay, Swan Hill, Albury-Wodonga, Melbourne, Hobart, Alice Springs, Darwin, Brisbane, Perth.

International: India (Varanasi and Punjab); Guatemala (2 sites); El Salvador; Colombia; Bangladesh, Nepal; Kyrgyz Republic; Cameroon; Pakistan and Philippines.

In 2012 we will be running in over 50 locations concurrently.

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Feedback

We have conducted formal and informal debriefs with staff and local coordinators in each location. We also asked youth participants for feedback at the conclusion of each congress.

For example:

Sydney Congress - Very Enjoyable 92% (37.5% rate as amazing); Very Interesting 96% (42% rate as extremely interesting); Very Relevant 87% (60% rate as extremely relevant); Overall excellence 88%

Swan Hill Congress - Very Enjoyable 93% (79% rate as amazing); Very Interesting 91% (44% rate as extremely interesting); Very Relevant 95% (51% rate as extremely relevant); Overall excellence 86%

Coffs Coast Congress - Very Enjoyable 95% (26% rate as amazing); Very Interesting 80% (25% rate as compelling); Very Relevant 93% (53% rate as critical); Overall excellence 91%

Participant Comments

I have become aware of what we can do and more confident to bring about change.

The most significant part of YOUTH LEADING Australia for me is believing that I have the capacity to make change through leadership.

I now know just how many people are out there creating and inspiring change and that people really do care about these issues.

I have a lot more self-confidence to voice my concerns and how we can create change in the community.

Teacher and Community Feedback

"As a teacher I had the most wonderful experience at the Southern Highlands YLTW. The last 3 days have inspired me and I cannot wait to share the ideas with my class - I know they will be excited too. We only had a small number of schools (3 to be exact), but boy did we achieve BIG things. All of the students put in a great deal of effort. Keep up the great work!" - Katrina Greig, Southern Highlands congress

"There is much more going on here than just the process, these students working together and sharing ideas is huge, I have never seen anything like it in all my years of teaching". - Teacher from Centralian Middle School (Alice Springs Congress)

"I was fortunate enough to be at the college yesterday and was able to watch the presentation. I was enthralled and so impressed with what the students envisaged, as well as the ethos of the OzGreen organisation." - Judith Price, (Coffs Harbour Community Forum)

Well done to all facilitators - the Alice Springs Community Forum rocked Young men from Ltyentye Aperte Aboriginal Community 100kms east of Alice told a story and danced as feral camels and horses around a polluted waterhole then built a fence and the water cleared!!! Very cool. Other young ones have started their own sustainability youth group and have applied for a \$10K grant. Jodie Clarkson (Alice Springs)

Great Eastern Ranges

In a continent of extraordinary natural diversity, the Great Eastern Ranges provide a unique opportunity to protect and maintain much of what remains of eastern Australia's rich natural and cultural heritage. From grazed foothills and farmed valleys of the coast to the remote wilderness areas of the Great Divide and Eastern Escarpment, the Great Eastern Ranges (GER) Initiative will create a network of areas managed for nature from central Victoria to far north Queensland.

The GER Initiative has established a foundation for widespread and lasting change in how society approaches the enormity of the challenges posed by climate change, the ongoing threat of habitat loss, pest and invasive species, as well as the need to think and act at much bigger scales than ever before. It provides an adaptive response to conserve and enhance Australia's most diverse environments which still contain the majority of our threatened plants and animals and provides clean water to more than 90% of our population.



The Great Eastern Ranges Lead Partners

Since commencing activities in July 2007, the GER Initiative has been highly effective in laying the foundations for the largest conservation program in Australia. The partnership between respected conservation organisations Greening Australia, Nature Conservation Trust, National Parks Association NSW, OzGREEN and NSW Office of Environment and Heritage provides high level direction, overall coordination and on-ground project delivery. The combination of non government conservation organisations working in partnership with government brings a unifying vision and a wealth and diversity of experience and expertise. As the initiative grows new organisations are joining the partnership. OzGREEN is facilitating the GER Hunter Valley partnership.

Key outcomes include:

- Formation of regional partnership networks in five priority landscapes involving over 100 regional, national and international partner organisations;
- Developing and successfully completing of over 60 partnership projects with regional partners, covering diverse themes from habitat management and Aboriginal engagement, to web- and tourism-based media promotions;
- Protecting over 8,000 hectares of habitat corridors in the most important areas;
- Gathering a wealth of scientific information and analysis to guide action and demonstrate the importance of the GER Initiative through a world-leading review of connectivity conservation principles.
- Achieving cross-sector acceptance and a high level of positive media visibility at local, national and international levels
- Developing plans for further expansion in NSW, ACT, Victoria and Queensland
- Attracting major sponsors and funding to support a wide range of partner activities including web and mobile information tool (Atlas of Living Australia), on-ground works and community events in the Southern Highlands Link, K2C and Slopes to Summit areas (Australian Government), and long term vegetation management activities through Property Vegetation Plans in the Hunter Valley (Xstrata).

Great Eastern Ranges

In November 2011, the NSW Government agreed to provide a further 4 years of support for the GER Initiative to facilitate growth and effective transition to independence.

The vision of the Great Eastern Ranges Initiative is:

“To conserve and manage a 3,600km ‘continental lifeline’ of habitats, landscapes and people, that will support the continued survival of native plants and animals along the great eastern ranges from the Grampians in Victoria to far north Queensland and maintain the natural processes on which they depend”

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Home on the range

Clean energy fund grant

By **FRANCES THOMPSON**
Upper Hunter Reporter

A HUNTER partnership has won almost \$460,000 from the federal government's clean energy fund that will help landowners play a role in a carbon economy.

Four partners, Muswellbrook Shire Council, OzGreen, Conservation Volunteers Australia and the Tom Farrell Institute will work with landowners from Merriwa, through the Muswellbrook area to the Watagans and Hexham.

The project is part of existing efforts to create the Great Eastern Ranges corridor from The Grampians in Victoria to Far North Queensland.

The Hunter is described as a “critical barrier” to completing the corridor because of wide-spread clearing.

OzGreen co-founder Sue Lennox said the Upper Hunter was a natural gap in the landscape and probably the most important link in creating the corridor.

“Research shows only 18 per cent of the pre-original vegetation remains,” Ms Lennox said.

“It is in more than 4000 isolated patches of less than 1.75 hectares.

■ THE battle against flatulent livestock has begun.

A group of Australian and Canadian scientists, called the Livestock Methane Research Cluster, aims to improve the measurement and management of methane emissions from the grazing lands of northern Australia.

“If you can't measure, you can't mitigate,” project leader Professor Deli Chen said.

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“We are keen to get landowners involved.”

Landowners will benefit from the carbon market system that offers tradeable carbon credits, or carbon farming.

The partnership met in Muswellbrook for the first time this week.

Ms Lennox said the Merriwa plateau was a key landscape because it could be linked to national parks in the area, including the Coolah Tops National Park.

“The Lower Hunter focus areas are of national and international significance, especially for migratory birds,” Ms Lennox said.

More details of the project will be released soon.

Great Eastern Ranges - Hunter Valley

In November 2011 the NSW Government announced 4.7 Million in funding for the Great Eastern Ranges Initiative. This funding from the NSW Environmental Trust was approved this May. This means the continuation of the five regional partnerships and a central coordination team as well as expansion into two new areas.

Despite the initiative being in a holding pattern for most of the year prior to this funding being announced a considerable amount has been achieved with a number of community engagement events, development of a new project – Stepping Stones, our first public promotion campaign and great media interest.

The Atlas of Living Australia (ALA), GER and OzGREEN piloted a community bird monitoring project in the upper Hunter using birds as indicators of habitat health and connectivity. The aim of this project is to establish a community based longterm monitoring network to assess changes in connectivity achieved by the GER. See the Hunter Bird Monitoring Project article for more information. This methodology has been taken up by the Hunter Central Rivers CMA as part of monitoring progress of on ground works in their Wybong Catchment Health Improvement Project.

This year the GER Hunter had a presence at the Tocal Agricultural College – thanks to sponsorship from the Hunter Central Rivers CMA. Gabe Anderson and Wayne Bedggood spoke to hundreds of people over the three days. In total 120 GER bags were given out, 137 postcards distributed plus 50 'What the is GER' and many other brochures. Great conversations were had and a number of people commented on what a great project it is. Gabe also gave a talk on the GER and the Atlas of Living Australia.



Hunter GER Facilitator Gabe Anderson and a local land owner at the Tocal Field Days 4-6 May 2012

A big thank you to the 2011/12 steering committee who have done a great job directing and supporting the project and making it a success, in particular our Chair Wayne Bedggood. Steering Committee members were:
Adrian Brown - Hunter Central Rivers CMA
Andrew McIntyre – NSW Office of Environment and Heritage
Craig Flemming – Muswellbrook Shire Council
Dave Brown - NSW National Parks and Wildlife
Gabriel Anderson – OzGREEN
Leonie Winner – Conservation Volunteers Australia
Nigel Charnock – Xstrata Coal
Peter Horn - Hunter Coal Environment Group
Sue Lennox – OzGREEN
Susan Rowe – Department of Primary Industries
Tim Roberts – Tom Farrell Institute for the Environment
Wayne Bedggood - Hunter Thoroughbred Breeders Association



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Stepping Stones Project

This year a partnership of OzGREEN, Muswellbrook Council, University of Newcastle Tom Farrell Institute for the Environment and Conservation Volunteers Australia with support from Hunter Central Rivers CMA, have received a biodiversity fund grant for \$2.7 Million over six years for the Stepping Stones project. "The Stepping Stones Project in the Hunter Valley Great Eastern Ranges corridor is supported through funding from the Australian Government's Clean Energy Future Biodiversity Fund."

The Stepping Stones project seeks to strengthen ecological connectivity enabling species movement across a critical pinching point in the overall GER corridor. The project will increase ecosystem resilience to climate change and development threats by strengthening connections between key habitat patches in:

- Merriwa Plateau - Link Liverpool Ranges, Coolah Tops and Towarri National Parks to Goulburn River and Wollemi National Parks in the south.
- Upper Hunter - Enhance key links from Wollemi National Park to Manobalai Nature Reserve and Barrington Tops National Park.
- Lower Hunter (Donaldson Conservation Trust Land) - Link Watagans National Park, Pambalong and Hexham Swamp Nature Reserves

The Stepping Stones project will promote connectivity conservation and enrol local landholders with the key message that where ever you are, you can contribute to biodiversity connectivity by making your place a "Stepping Stone". We will promote connectivity conservation through a series of televised regional community service announcements about the GER and conduct community information sessions and field days to promote the concept amongst land holders.

The project seeks to engage the public at three levels:

Firstly everyone has a role to play - a broad media campaign and appeal to landholders to make voluntary contributions in their own backyards.

Secondly encouraging voluntary efforts of landholders through training and support for on-ground works, including accessing carbon credits and cutting edge property and vegetation management planning tools developed by the Atlas of Living Australia (ALA) in partnership with OzGREEN and the GER.

Thirdly targeted on-ground works in locations of high connectivity conservation value in the Merriwa Plateau, Muswellbrook LGA (Upper Hunter Link) and Donaldson Reserve (Lower Hunter Link).

Great Eastern Ranges in the news

Media and communications continue to spread the word about the GER with a number of articles in newsletters and local and regional papers published this year.

In January 2011 Ian Pulsford, the previous manager of the Great Eastern Ranges Initiative was interviewed by Tim Flannery and John Doyle as part of their latest series 'Two and the Great Divide'. They were very interested in the vision and scope of the project and impressed with what we are achieving by coming together. They and the TV crew spent three hours interviewing Ian on Rossgole lookout in the Hunter Valley. The three part series showed on ABC television in February 2012.

Updates were provided in the newsletters of the Hunter Landcare Network and the Tom Farrell Institute for the Environment. Two GER Hunter Updates were distributed to a mailing list of over 230 people.

Two articles were printed in the Newcastle Herald about the Stepping Stones project -on the 12th and 23rd of May. Craig Flemming gave a radio interview on Local ABC on the 25th of May.

Great Eastern Ranges - Hunter Valley

Looking Ahead

Key deliverables for the period include:

- Facilitating the protection of 100 ha of priority habitat through in-perpetuity covenant agreements
- Facilitating the protection of 100 ha of key vegetation and links through term based voluntary arrangements
- Facilitating the term-based agreements to manage grazing, weeds, pests or other threatening processes or rehabilitate native habitat over 1 000 ha
- Leveraging cash and in-kind contributions to support the project
- Engaging and collaborating with new and existing partners
- Communicating effectively to partners and stakeholders
- Fundraising to support the longevity of the project
- Applying knowledge and sharing information

The Great Eastern Ranges initiative is supported by the NSW Environmental Trust.



Tree Planting in the Hunter

Great Eastern Ranges - Atlas of Living Australia

Atlas of Living Australia - Hunter Valley Bird Monitoring Project

Shannon Baunach-Greenfields, Birds Project Coordinator OzGREEN

<http://hunter.ala.org.au>

OzGREEN through our Great Eastern Ranges (GER) Hunter Valley partnership are working with the Atlas of Living Australia (ALA - a web-based encyclopedia of integrated biodiversity information – see www.ala.org.au), to develop tools for community engagement in citizen science and to improve the ALA's software, tools and services to meet the needs of regional NRM groups and the broader community.

We have done this through the Hunter Valley Bird Monitoring project, a citizen science pilot that has trialed ways to increase the quality, reliability and frequency of monitoring and reporting on using birds as indicators of ecosystem health.



Bird monitoring as part of the Hunter Valley Bird Monitoring Project

As the GER conservation corridors are established, it is important to monitor the effectiveness of revegetation works and changes in connectivity. This project involves establishing monitoring points across the Hunter Valley, and with the assistance of our local community and stakeholders, monitoring bird populations across the area. The initial baseline surveys provide information about the current health of ecosystems and in the longer term will provide information about the success of protecting and enhancing habitat and habitat corridors.

The Hunter Valley Bird Pilot project saw us trial and evaluate the use of different survey methodologies and develop a toolkit for use on future projects across the GER. Stakeholders we engaged with during the project include: local landholders; Scone High School and Muswellbrook High School; Landcare; Livestock Health and Pest Authority; CSIRO (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation); Hunter Valley Bird Observers Club; National Parks & Wildlife Service; and the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.

A total of seventy-two species were recorded during the winter and spring monitoring programs. These included a number of threatened and declining woodland species. These results were added to the ALA database and helped generate baseline data for a longer-term project. In addition we have informed the ALA Citizen Science capabilities which has resulted in a GER Hunter web presence with the purpose to increase the quality, reliability and frequency of reporting on birds as an indicator of ecosystem health.

"I have learnt all about biodiversity and why it's important to have patches of bush connected to other patches of bush, across the landscape" Brock Lloyd, Scone High School student

OzGREEN wishes to thank all those involved in this project. We especially wish to thank Andrew McIntyre from the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage for contributing his time and expertise both in the areas of birds and survey design during the pilot and Wayne Bedggood for hosting the Community Field Day at Cressfield.

Southern Highlands

The Southern Highlands Hub is an exciting collaboration between two leaders in the area sustainability, OzGREEN and Interface. Now in it's third year, this partnership aims to strengthen the capacity of young people to create sustainable communities in the Southern Highlands and South Western Sydney region. Key programs include MYRiveR Wollondilly and YOUTH LEADing the World. The program was facilitated by Sue Lennox and Ben Maron.

MYRiveR Wollondilly

MYRiveR Wollondilly focused on river health in the upper catchments of the Nepean and Georges Rivers. Both of these river systems are significant to both the health of the Sydney basin and also the great eastern ranges. The schools in attendance were Thomas Reddell High School and St Patricks College. Summary of MYRiveR Wollondilly School Action Plans

- School vegetable gardens
- A video to be posted and shared through YouTube
- Fund raising to supply clean drinking water to people in foreign countries.



Students Water Testing during MYRiveR Wollondilly

Youth LEADing the World 2011

In late November a YLTW congress was held at Appin Community Hall. The students were connected via Blackboard Collaborate to other locations around the world. The participating schools were, Scarborough Public, West Wollongong Public and Coniston Public school. YLTW Action Plans include:

- School group to raise awareness about sustainability, "Green Thumbs"
- School Gardens
- Nude food days
- School goat

Some of the most significant impacts from participating in these programs include ...
"The motivation for change..." Annon.

Being able to develop a plan to begin the change to make the world better...Thanks for an amazing time, and "for offering us the experience to help change the world ..." Nellie

"Developing a core of really inspiring students who will do stuff..." Wayne

As a teacher I had the most wonderful experience at the Southern Highlands YLTW. The last 3 days have inspired me and I cannot wait to share the ideas with my class - I know they will be excited too. We only had a small number of schools (3 to be exact), but boy did we achieve BIG things. All of the students put in a great deal of effort. Keep up the great work!

Plus a special shout out to Ben Maron! Amazing guy – Thankyou! (Katrina Grieg)

Southern Highlands

Youth Eco-Leadership Camp, Wooglemai

The program was conducted in partnership with the team from Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre. Thirty switched on young people turned up for the 5 day residential camp in August 2012 where OzGREEN delivered a hybrid of "PlanetSAVERS" and YouthLEAD, leadership training. For 2 days OzGREEN taught these young people essential leadership skills and training to deliver a 3 hour PlanetSAVERS workshop. Over Day 3 and 4 they worked with 7 local schools and over 200 students, teaching other kids how to reduce their ecological footprint. Day 5 saw a debriefing session where the previous two days were assessed and advanced leadership skills learned.

The interest in sustainability generated amongst this group of young people was fantastic with some of them signing up to do the 17-20 September Facilitator Training for Youth Leading the World. The combination of OzGREEN learning and leadership and outdoor nature challenges was fantastic.

The feedback from the schools involved was overwhelmingly positive. They found it amazing and inspiring to watch these young Ambassadors deliver PlanetSAVERS to fellow friends and students alike. Through running the program they gained confidence, leadership skills and focus and have since gone on to establish Environment Groups within their schools. Special thanks to St Helen's Park Primary School; Elderslie Primary School; Mawarra Primary School; Woodand Rd PS; Ambarvale HS; Leumeah HS; Campbelltown Performing Arts HS.



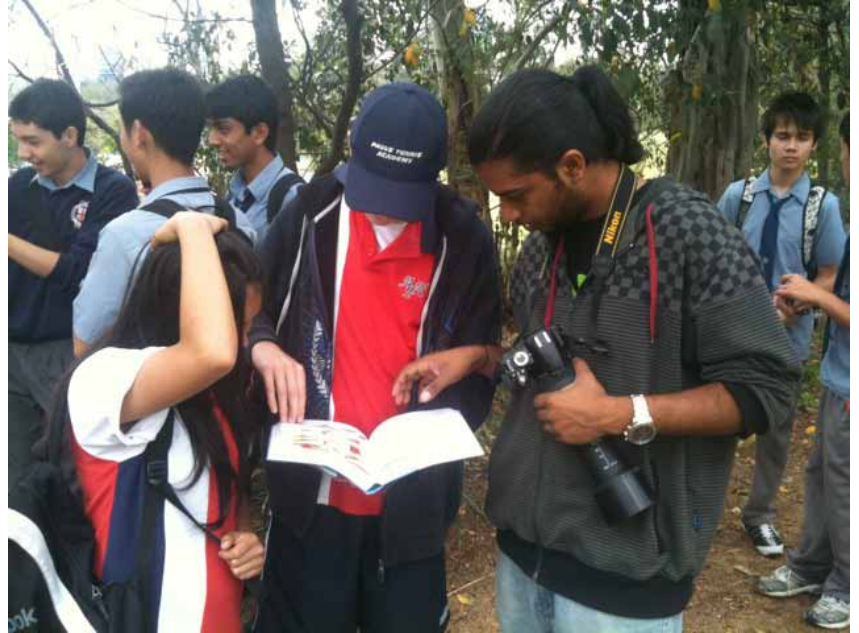
Young Leaders at the Youth Eco Leadership Camp

OzGREEN was shocked by the tragic fire that burnt down the Interface factory in Picton in early August 2012. Our hearts go out to our friends and colleagues as they reshape the presence of Interface in Australia and prepare to arise like a modern day sustainability phoenix from the ashes.

Water In The Landscape

Background

WITL is a cultural program set up by Western Sydney Regional Organising Councils (WSROC) to engage the Western Sydney community on water topics in the Western Sydney Landscape. The project was supported by the NSW Environmental Trust. OzGREEN facilitated an action research project that engaged young people in citizen science investigations of key water issues of their choice. Students picked topics related to their interests and local areas, from water pollution to biodiversity loss. The outcomes of this research were presented at the Western Sydney YLTW Congress in November, when students came together to develop action plans to tackle their concerns. The outcomes of this whole process were presented to local stakeholders at a youth run Community Forum.



Engaging young people in Citizen Science

Arthur Phillip High School

Research Topic – Biodiversity and Sustainable Waterways case study of Parramatta Park
Actions Plans – Students worked on a number of mini projects for the beginning of 2012, from school based recycling and awareness campaigns to community based educational programs and funky fundraising projects, all aimed at raising the awareness of human impacts on the local and global environment.

Kingswood High School

Research Topic – Pollution of South Creek
Actions Plans – Students of Kingswood high designed a community awareness campaign to build the awareness of the local residents on the issues, pollutants and health of South Creek.

Cambridge Park High School

Research Topic – Health of Werrington Lakes
Actions Plan – Students worked with school staff members on a number of school based projects which later on to be turned into community projects, such as CleanUp days of the lake and park with the help of students, staff members and parents.

Cerdon College

Research Topic – Health of Prospect Creek
Following YLTW, the students from Cerdon College presented to their principal and found out what the school is doing eg water tanks and solar panels. They are now working to tackle some of the other problems at school such as waste and recycling. One student has been working on her local Girl Guides group to get them to go green – see comment below.

'I am talking to my Guide group about going green. I showed them 'Four Years Go' and made them calculate their eco foot prints. We are currently trying to get our footprints down to one planet.

Water In The Landscape

Hurlstone Agricultural High School

Research Topic - biodiversity and water in the landscape.

YLTW provided the inspiration and motivation to re-invigorate the Environment Committee at the school – it now has 80 active members. After YLA they realised that the social problems in the world are linked back to the environmental problems and as a result have started a partnership with INTERACT at their school. They have re-assessed the goals and direction of the Environment Committee and are actively recruiting new members. Projects they are tackling include: researching grants, collaborating with the P&C, 1 million women program, plastic recycling options for the school, “no junk mail” movement. They have also established a sustainable garden at the school (with the official launch ceremony held in February) and undertaken major tree planting programs in the school and local area.

‘The YLA congress was incredible and really helped us work out what we want to do. This year so far we’ve already opened our sustainable garden and had one fundraising stall’. Dalena, Hurlstone Agricultural College (March 2012).

The group arranged a bushwalk with the National Parks Association who also participated in YLA (see NPA Newsletter attached). Six of the HAHS students participated in a recent leadership program run by OzGREEN for South Western Sydney schools. The HAHS Enviro Club will be actively involved in 2012 YES Conference. The school will host SW Sydney YLTW Congress in November 2012.



Some of the Water in the Landscape team

OzGREEN has been working in partnership with Stockland since 2010. Stockland's Yennora Distribution Centre is one of the largest distribution centres of its kind in the southern hemisphere. The site contains a riparian zone which is managed by the National Trust. For this reason a MYRiveR project with OzGREEN and four of the local schools in the area was launched.

Students and teachers from Granville Boy's High School, Saint Patrick's College, Merrylands High School and Cerdon College undertook water quality testing of the whole Prospect Creek catchment. The students were generally shocked with the health of the creek. The team from Central America also participated in field work as part of their month long training program.

The students came together for a 2-day congress to analyse their results identify threats to river health, create a vision for the future of the catchment and action plans. Their top concerns were:

1. Impact of water pollution on people, fish and life in the creeks.
2. High phosphate levels and algae blooms.
3. Lack of community involvement access/education.

Cerdon College presented these results at YLTW 2011 in Western Sydney. Two schools were assisted by OzGREEN to give presentations about MYRiveR to their school community.

Most significant impacts from participating in this program?

"Realising how important these rivers are..." Anon.

"Empowering students to be able to make changes in their community..." Anon

"Meeting new people (Central Americans are amazing!) and knowing that dreams aren't enough! We need action..." Madhu

"Learning and understanding much more about how to help the environment. Thank you for an amazing experience..." Calvin

Overall, the majority of participants rated the program as Excellent or Very Good (95%). All participants thought that the program was relevant to them, with 91% saying it was Extremely or Really Relevant.



Water testing with Students as part of MYRiveR Yennora

East Timor

Judy Charnaud

This, the 10th year of Independence, has been another exciting but frustrating year in Timor Leste. In the July newsletter I wrote:

“On May 20th 2002 I stood with thousands of others in Lifau, Oecusse, as we watched with tears in our eyes and our hearts overflowing with hope, the blue and white UN flag being lowered and the red, black and yellow of the Timor Leste flag raised in its place. It was a moment of pride for Luis, as he stood to attention at the base of the flag pole, representing his father, a leader who had been killed during the conflict. Luis tells me that the colours of the flag, taken from the Falantil fighting flag are very meaningful – red for blood shed during the 25 years of conflict, black for the past, yellow for a bright future and the white star for peace.”

The celebrations for independence, the election for President and then the election for government took a lot of time, effort and mental energy of the majority of the population so work was delayed in the earlier half of the year. This, plus visitors, car breakdowns, political unrest after the election and staff with bouts of malaria meant that nothing ran to schedule. GREEN TL is getting very good at planning, replanning and rescheduling! However not all woe as we actually achieved a lot.

Youth in Action GREEN Games. At the time of writing this report the games have not yet been completed but will be by the end of October. Another great success, the games have definitely become the major sporting event on the Oecusse calendar.

This year the slogan chosen for the t-shirts was:

Honra ba Memoria, Prepara ba futura

Honour the past, prepare for the future

Each year outcomes from the games exceed expectations. Number of participants, both direct and indirect have increased to the stage that it would be safe to say that more than half of the population of Oecusse would be involved in or at least aware of the games taking place – we reach up to 35,000 people!

Apart from the 1000 or more participants in the sporting competition, I am particularly pleased with the number of poor families who use the games as an opportunity of making some money by selling local delicacies such as spicy pancakes, fried bananas, sweets and ices. Every day of the games the children arrive with their goods to sell, in many cases the best income the family makes for the year.



Participants in the Volleyball contest at the GREEN Games

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The large and vocal crowds at each of the games attests to the enjoyment the supporters take from the games – it is not only the participants who enjoy themselves.

Provision of potable water

GREEN TL has put together 20 bio sand filtration units this year, some have been delivered to the village of Bocosse, others will go to Bona and one or more to the local clinics. We also tested a similar but smaller bio sand filtration unit, Hydroaid, which is imported by Dili Rotary, but found that even though the Hydroaid provides clean water it does not have the output of the GREEN TL designed unit so is not as suitable for a large family. GREEN TL supplied the materials for rehabilitation of a well in Bocosse and we have the materials ready for a second well in a yet to be chosen village. Monitoring in all the VEAP villages continues as time and the car permits!



Installation of a bio-sand filtration unit.

Tree planting

Last wet season 1000 trees were supplied to various villages and now that the Wet is imminent again we have another 1600 seedlings ready for distribution. Members of the Oecusse Youth Group nurture the seedlings throughout the year and then sell them to GREEN TL for \$1 each – a good source of income for them.

World Water Day

With the help of Manly Friends of Oecusse, several schools and restaurants on Sydney's Northern Beaches raised \$2620 to provide clean drinking water for villagers in Oecusse. The Sydney students enjoy helping others and at the same time learn about the difficulties of life in the small nation of Timor Leste

Youth in Action Our Environment Oecusse Funding from ETCAS

Students from all the local secondary schools have been invited to participate in this project which includes:

- A train the trainer workshop – 6 students from each school
- Six student led workshops in their schools
- World Environment Day, (WED), congress June 5th, 2013
- One Village Environment Action Plan implemented with student input
- Supply and deliver 16 bio sand filtration, (BSF) units
- Provide materials for rehabilitation of 2 wells
- Provide 1200 seedlings for planting in village

The project had to be postponed as we did not receive the full amount of money requested therefore a rewrite and rebudgeting was needed We have spoken to schools – all are keen to be involved, organised

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group of young people to participate, purchased materials for well rehabilitation, the youth group is nurturing tree seedlings and have put together BSF units and received training in their use and maintenance.

The project will finish with World Environment Day celebrations 2013.

Rotary support

GREEN TL, through my relationship with Rotary – I am a member of the Rotary e-club of Greater Sydney, (look it up on the web) has received a lot of support from various Rotary clubs. Nelson Bay Rotary gave us funding for the games, bio sand filtration units and have offered a scholarship for a young neighbour of mine in Oecusse, Fatima Nono to study medicine at Dili University. Dili Rotary through their International program donated 240 pairs of new sneakers – some we used for the games and others went to Topu Honis, the orphanage in Oecusse.

Oecusse Hospital staff were very excited to receive an ultra sound and foetal dopler, transported up here by members of Manly Friends of Oecusse, donated by Dave and Kerry Rickards of the DAK Foundation and also members of the e-club. DAK foundation have also donated money to assist with the VEAP program. Balgowlah Rotary has donated money for bio sand filtration units and to begin a new VEAP in a very isolated village, Maunaban. Hopefully this support will be on-going as several clubs on the Northern Beaches are keen to be involved with humanitarian projects in Timor Leste, in fact many already are.

As you can see another busy year in Oecusse.



The GREEN Games team

Friends of the Ganges

Friends of the Ganges Highlights 2011-12

This year has seen a huge amount of media coverage and community interest in the plight of River Ganga, but we have no action from the Government to report on. OzGREEN support for the Swatcha Ganga (Clean Ganges) Campaign in Varanasi has focused on community education and engagement activities – Youth Leading the World, World Water Day and Clean Ganga Now online campaign portal.

Youth Leading the World Congress in Varanasi 29 November-1 December Varanasi was one of the 27 locations to run YLTW congresses this year. The program was beautifully facilitated by Kabir Khan, Ashok Pandeyji, Rajesh Mishraji and a team of young people from Varanasi. One important outcome of YLTW has been to strengthen youth engagement in the Clean Ganges Campaign.

World Water Day Human Chain 22 March
Thousands of citizens and young people formed a human chain along the banks of River Ganga to celebrate the importance of the river to India's culture and wellbeing and to draw attention to the plight of the river. Water testing by the Swatcha Ganga Research Laboratory continues to demonstrate horrific levels of raw sewage entering the river.

Launch of Clean Ganga Now Online Campaign <http://cleanganganow.org/>
Australian volunteer Deepa Gupta has done an awesome job spearheading the establishment of an online campaign portal for the Clean Ganges Campaign. The initiative was launched by Honourable Justice Markandey Katju, Chair of Press Council of India, New Delhi at a Public Forum on the banks of River Ganga at Tulsi Ghat on the eve of World Water Day.



The Human Chain along River Ganga for World Water Day

Background

River Ganga (Ganges) is one of the greatest rivers of the world. For hundreds of millions of Indians, Ganga is the foundation of spiritual and physical life. The city of Varanasi has an ancient living heritage dating back over 3,000 years of continuous settlement. In Varanasi there are 30 sewer outlets which discharge sewage directly into Ganga along the ghats and cause heavy pollution of the river at Varanasi. The Swatcha Ganga Abhiyan (Clean Ganges Campaign) is an initiative of the Sankat Mochan Foundation (SMF / the Foundation). The Foundation is a not for profit, non secular organisation with a vision to see not one drop of sewage flowing into River Ganga at Varanasi.

OzGREEN has been supporting the work of the Foundation since a visit by Sue and Colin Lennox in 1992. Over the years this has involved assisting with water quality monitoring, establishing the Swatcha Ganga Environmental Education Centre, assisting with strategic planning, awareness raising and fundraising.

In July 2008 hopes were high that after more than 25 years of campaigning results were finally to be seen on the ground. The Indian Government had written to the Foundation asking them to prepare detailed plants for a trial of an appropriate sewage treatment system and that the Government would like to proceed with the development of an interceptor sewer along the bathing ghats in Varanasi. These are both initiatives developed by the Foundation after requests from the City Government. The SMF have submitted detailed project designs to the Government of India.

Friends of the Ganges

It would be exciting to report that works on these projects had commenced. Sadly, 18 months later, this is not the case. Detailed plans for the sewage treatment plant have been developed and submitted to the Government, money has been allocated, but so far there has been no action. Each time it seems as if the works are about to be given the go ahead another in the beaurocracy requests yet more information. This has been very frustrating for the Foundation (and all of us) as the information requested is invariably already contained in reports already submitted.

In light of these delaying tactics the Foundation has begun a campaign to bring pressure to bear to reach a resolution.

There are 3 main outcomes that need to be achieved in the short term from the campaign:

1. Release of funds and construction of the Ramana sewage treatment system.
2. Begin construction of the sewage interceptor to divert sewage to the north of the city where it can be treated.
3. Develop an wholistic plan for all of the Varanasi region, to avoid confusion and duplication.

OzGREEN wishes to express its deep appreciation and gratitude to all supporters who have donated to this campaign. At this time our support for the Foundation is made possible only by the goodwill of private donors.



OzGREEN is working in Central America in partnership with Project Seres in Guatemala and El Salvador and OpEPA in Colombia. Both organisations have been involved in the delivery of Youth Leading the World since 2010.

In 2011 OzGREEN was granted an Australian Leadership Award Fellowship from AusAID to bring a team of 6 Central American emerging leaders to Australia for a month long training program. Due to the outstanding results of the 2011 training program, OzGREEN was successful in gaining further support from AusAID in 2012. An additional team of 7 young leaders is involved in the 2012 program. These young people were participants in Youth Leading the World in 2011 (YLTW) and will help train facilitators for YLTW in Central and South America in 2012 (El Salvador, Guatemala, Colombia, Ecuador and Argentina).



The ALAF Team from Central America

Almost 50% of the population in Guatemala and El Salvador is under the age of 18. The Inter-American Development Bank identifies the region as highly vulnerable to the detrimental effects of climate change, predicting dramatic changes in the region's natural systems, affecting crop yields, the availability of water, energy production and irrigation (Analytical Framework for Climate Change Adaptation, 2010). The risks are highest amongst the region's poor, where over 17% of the population live below the poverty line.

The goal of the Climate Change Resilience Leadership Program is to develop in-country skills and capacity to address these critical issues. The Program works with existing grassroots organisations whose target audience is primarily youth and marginalized groups to build resilience to climate change through education, engagement with local communities, capacity-building and sustainable development.

The program includes training and mentoring in facilitation skills around climate change adaptation and mitigation for rural communities; skills development for participatory development and field water quality testing; site visits and field trips to experience sustainable technologies such as permaculture.

The Program is managed and delivered by OzGREEN and includes collaboration with other leading-edge research institutes and organisations working in sustainable development. The post-Fellowship support and programs are delivered by OzGREEN's regional partners, working to identify skills and knowledge deficits, develop and implement programs that address these concerns and cultivate the growth of capable leaders that will foster sustainable community development.

Previous program participants' achievements include establishing Casa Verde (Green House) community education centre to demonstrate permaculture and disaster preparedness in El Salvador; setting up an aquaponics business in Guatemala; and running climate resilience youth leadership programs in Central America involving an additional 400 young leaders.

"In our country we are used to a style of education that is very strict, very rigid and very technical" said

Latin America

Alba Aguilar from El Salvador. "Here we are learning with our hands, our heads and our hearts how to develop our own strategies and how to involve our communities directly in understanding and tackling the big challenges of climate change".

"Learning about water testing has been very important to me. The river next to my community is very contaminated and black. When there are water cuts (about 3 times a week), the children and the community have to drink this water. It makes me very happy to see the Bellinger River. All the rivers in my country are very polluted" said Juancho Diaz , also from El Salvador.

"In Guatemala we have big rivers, beautiful nature, but they are very polluted and people do not have access to them as they are in use by private corporations for irrigation. When the rivers leave these properties, they are no longer rivers, they are drains. Through this training, we are learning how to help the community understand the science of river health and climate change and how we can develop our own strategies to change things" said Marcos Silva from Guatemala.

Seres – www.projectseres.org

Seres mission is to build resilience to climate change within Central America through education and sustainable development. The organisation includes members from across Central America that are working within their communities to achieve sustainable change and climate change adaptation. Seres strategy is to work at the community-level, using participatory techniques and facilitating an interactive change process that empowers these groups to create their own long-term sustainable change. The work that Seres does and the programs that they provide include construction of infrastructure such as composting toilets and rainwater catchment tanks; teaching building methods such as earth-bag/super-adobe, ferro-cement and bamboo; appropriate technology such as water filters and biodigestors; and alternative agricultural practices such as permaculture. Climate change education and awareness underlies each of these programs, working to create resilient communities that are educated, empowered and aware.



Learning water quality monitoring techniques

OpEPA– www.opepa.org

OpEPA has been working for the past thirteen years in reconnecting children and youth to the Earth so that they can act in an environmentally sustainable way. We have achieved this by developing outdoor education programs for schools in Bogotá, taking children and young people to natural places to learn about the environment directly from the environment itself. Also, community building projects have been developed, in which local groups of children and young people have become leaders in their own communities, by ways of identifying environmental problems that affect their quality of life, proposing and implementing solutions and becoming agents of change. We have also produced educational material for teachers and students on topics such as water use and conservation, biodiversity, natural resources and carbon cycle, among others. Through the Ecoclubs model we have reached communities in many different parts of the country and strengthened them through their children and youth. Ecoclubs are groups of children and youth that have a sense of community and get together to act for the benefit of that community.

Cape York

OzGREEN has been conducting youth leadership and development work with communities in Cape York since 2009 when we were invited by the Cape York Institute to conduct a leadership program for 20 emerging youth Indigenous leaders from 10 communities. Following on from this Sue Lennox held community meetings in the Aurukun Community in April 2010. Working with Bruce Martin from Aurukun, Sue met with elders and members of the southern Wik clan to talk about their concerns and hopes, and to look at what they would like to see happen and how they can achieve their vision. In June 2011 we participated in the Laura Festival, meeting many wonderful Indigenous leaders. It was here that we first met the team from the Rare Earth Foundation and recognised our strong alignment.

In June 2012 OzGREEN partnered with Rare Earth Foundation, Street University and Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts to run a Youth Summit for young people from Aurukun, Weipa, Napranum and Old Marpoon in Western Cape York. The program was exhausting, exhilarating and produced some exciting results.

Fifty young people came together from western communities to find their own ways of tackling the challenges of most concern to them.

The most significant outcomes were seeing 50 young people step up and shine, the depth of dialogue around some very big challenges that they face in their communities, the amazing vision songs and dances they developed and the presentation they gave to QLD Government Ministers. Three delegates from the Youth Summit are training as facilitators for YLTW 2012, with plans to run a congress in Aurukun.



The Young Leaders at the Cape York Youth Summit

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Committees' Report

30 June 2012

Your committee members submit the financial report of the Association for the financial year ended 30 June 2012.

1. General Information

Committee Members

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

Julian Harris	Convener
Sue Lennox	Secretary
Nick Bearlin-Allardice	
Louise Johnston	Treasurer
Grahame Collier	Resigned December 2011
Sharyn Wilson	
Tim Hunt	Resigned 30 May 2012
Gavin Keeley	Appointed July 2012

Principal Activities

The principal activities of Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated during the Financial year were the developing and maintaining of programs to harness the creativity and intelligence of people to build pathways to a sustainable future. The Association's programs are based on a 3 part methodology that enables informed participation, harnesses unique contributions and provides ongoing support through long term engagement.

Significant Changes

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

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Committees' Report

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2. Operating Results and Review of Operations for The Year

Operating Result

The operating (loss)/surplus of the Association for the financial year amounted to \$ (116,877)(2011: \$ (52,780)). The Association is exempt from income tax.

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

Convener: 

Julian Harris

Treasurer: 

Louise Johnston

Dated this14..... day ofOctober..... 2012

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Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 30 June 2012

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Revenue and other income	2	490,889	734,009
Employee benefits expense		(311,317)	(424,455)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(6,699)	(8,700)
Project costs		(89,967)	(73,263)
Consultancy fees		(18,703)	(69,860)
Travel and accommodation		(64,455)	(55,122)
Workshops and meeting costs		(20,512)	(33,812)
Accounting fees		(22,946)	(29,512)
Rental expenses		(14,484)	(25,599)
Telephone		(13,767)	(17,081)
Insurance general		(6,231)	(6,422)
Printing and supplies		(1,767)	(12,644)
Loss on disposal of assets		(5,339)	-
Other expenses		(31,579)	(29,879)
Finance costs		-	(440)
(Deficit)/Surplus before income tax		(116,877)	(52,780)
Income tax expense	1(j)	-	-
(Deficit)/Surplus from continuing operations		(116,877)	(52,780)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		(116,877)	(52,780)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2012

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	564,490	238,036
Trade and other receivables	6	3,072	50,985
Other assets	7	3,500	9,225
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>571,062</u>	<u>298,246</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	8	5,826	16,259
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>5,826</u>	<u>16,259</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>576,888</u>	<u>314,505</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	120,643	81,727
Employee benefits	10	44,881	30,556
Other liabilities	11	392,075	58,997
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>557,599</u>	<u>171,280</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee benefits	10	-	7,059
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>-</u>	<u>7,059</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>557,599</u>	<u>178,339</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>19,289</u>	<u>136,166</u>
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		<u>19,289</u>	<u>136,166</u>
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>19,289</u>	<u>136,166</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2012

2012

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2011	136,166	136,166
Deficit for the year	(116,877)	(116,877)
Balance at 30 June 2012	<u>19,289</u>	<u>19,289</u>

2011

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2011	188,946	188,946
Deficit for the year	(52,780)	(52,780)
Balance at 30 June 2011	<u>136,166</u>	<u>136,166</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2012

	2012	2011
Note	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from customers	870,039	623,581
Payments to suppliers and employees	(543,822)	(737,023)
Interest received	1,841	2,643
Interest paid	-	(440)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	15 <u>328,058</u>	<u>(111,239)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	<u>(1,604)</u>	<u>(8,721)</u>
Net cash used by investing activities	<u>(1,604)</u>	<u>(8,721)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	326,454	(119,960)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>238,036</u>	<u>357,996</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	5 <u><u>564,490</u></u>	<u><u>238,036</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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

1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations and the *Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) 2009* and *Associations Incorporation Regulation (NSW) 2010*.

Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

These financial statements were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the committee onOctober 2012.

(b) Going concern

The Association recorded a loss of \$116,877 during the year and \$52,780 during the year ended 30 June 2011. As at 30 June 2012 the net assets of the Association amounted to \$19,289. Notwithstanding this the financial report has been prepared on the going concern basis. This basis has been adopted as the association has received a reasonable amount of funding for future projects and the committee believes that the Association will be able to generate a surplus in the near future and it will be in a position to pay its liabilities when they fall due.

(c) Comparative Figures

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

(d) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the asset.

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

(d) Property, Plant and Equipment continued

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

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

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Plant and Equipment	20% - 33.3%
Motor Vehicles	12.5%

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

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the statement of comprehensive income.

(e) Financial Instruments Initial recognition and measurement

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

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transactions costs, except where the instrument is classified 'at fair value through profit or loss' in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at either fair value, amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, or cost. *Fair value* represents the amount for which an asset could be exchanged or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in arm's length transaction. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

Amortised cost is calculated as:

- the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition;
- less principal repayments;
- plus or minus the cumulative amortisation of the difference, if any, between the amount initially recognised and the maturity amount calculated using the *effective interest method*; and
- less any reduction for impairment.

The *effective interest method* is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including fees, transaction costs

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

(e) Financial Instruments continued

and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life (or when this cannot be reliably predicted, the contractual term) of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Revisions to expected future net cash flows will necessitate an adjustment to the carrying value with a consequential recognition of an income or expense in profit or loss.

The classification of financial instruments depends on the purpose for which the investments were acquired. Management determines the classification of its investments at initial recognition and at the end of each reporting period for held-to-maturity assets.

(i) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets are classified at 'fair value through profit or loss' when they are held for trading for the purpose of short-term profit taking, derivatives not held for hedging purposes, or when they are designated as such to avoid an accounting mismatch or to enable performance evaluation where a group of financial assets is managed by key management personnel on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy. Such assets are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in carrying value being included in profit or loss.

The Association did not hold any Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss in the current or comparative financial year.

(ii) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost .

Loans and receivables are included in current assets, except for those which are not expected to mature within 12 months after the end of the reporting period.

(iii) Held-to-maturity investments

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets that have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments, and it is the Association's intention to hold these investments to maturity. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Held-to-maturity investments are included in non-current assets, except for those which are expected to be realised within 12 months after the end of the reporting period, which will be classified as current assets.

If during the period the Association sold or reclassified more than an insignificant amount of the held-to-maturity investments before maturity, the entire held-to-maturity investments category would be tainted and reclassified as available-for-sale.

The Association did not hold any held-to-maturity investments in the current or comparative financial year.

(iv) Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivative financial assets that are either not suitable to be classified into other categories of financial assets due to their nature, or they are designated as such by management. They comprise investments in the equity of other entities where there is neither a fixed maturity nor fixed or determinable payments.

Available-for-sale financial assets are included in non-current assets, except for those which are expected to be realised within 12 months after the end of the reporting period.

The Association did not hold any Available-for-sale financial assets in the current or comparative financial year.

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

(e) Financial Instruments continued

(v) *Financial liabilities*

Non-derivative financial liabilities (excluding financial guarantees) are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Fees payable on the establishment of loan facilities are recognised as transaction costs of the loan.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Association has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting date.

Fair Value

Fair value is determined based on current bid prices for all quoted investments. Valuation techniques are applied to determine the fair value for all unlisted securities, including recent arm's length transactions, reference to similar instruments and option pricing models.

Impairment

Objective evidence that a financial asset is impaired includes default by a debtor, evidence that the debtor is likely to enter bankruptcy or adverse economic conditions in the stock exchange. At the end of each reporting period, the Association assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset has been impaired through the occurrence of a loss event. In the case of available-for-sale financial instruments, a significant or prolonged decline in the value of the instrument is considered to indicate that an impairment has arisen.

Where a subsequent event causes the amount of the impairment loss to decrease (e.g. payment received), the reduction in the allowance account (provision for impairment of receivables) is taken through profit and loss.

However, any reversal in the value of an impaired available for sale asset is taken through other comprehensive income rather than profit and loss.

Impairment losses are recognised through an allowance account for loans and receivables in the statement of comprehensive income.

(f) Impairment of Non-Financial Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Association reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the statement of comprehensive income.

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

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

(g) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less which are convertible to a known amount of cash and subject to an insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

(h) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may satisfy vesting requirements. Those cashflows are discounted using market yields on national government bonds with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cashflows.

(i) Trade and Other Payables

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

(j) Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(k) Leases

Leases of fixed assets where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership that are transferred to the Association are classified as finance leases.

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

(l) Revenue and Other Income

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

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

(l) Revenue and Other Income continued

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

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

Revenue from the rendering of services is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers
All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(m) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

(n) Grants

Grants are recognised at fair value where there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and all grant conditions will be met. Grants relating to expense items are recognised as income over the periods necessary to match the grant to the costs they are compensating. Grants relating to assets are credited to deferred income at fair value and are credited to income over the expected useful life of the asset on a straight-line basis.

(o) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

Key estimates - impairment

The Association assesses impairment at the end of each reporting year by evaluating conditions specific to the Association that may be indicative of impairment triggers.

Key Judgments - Provision for Impairment of Receivables

The value of the provision for impairment of receivables is estimated by considering the ageing of receivables, communication with the debtors and prior history.

(p) New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods

The AASB has issued new and amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods. The Association has decided against early adoption of these Standards. The following table

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

(p) **New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods continued**
summarises those relevant future requirements, and their impact on the Association:

Standard name	Effective date for entity	Requirements	Impact
AASB 9 Financial Instruments and amending standards AASB 2009-11 / AASB 2010-7	30 June 2016	- Changes to the classification and measurement requirements for financial assets and financial liabilities. - New rules relating to derecognition of financial instruments.	The impact of AASB 9 has not yet been determined
AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement. AASB 2011-8 - Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 13 [AASB 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 2009-11, 2010-7, 101, 102, 108, 110, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 128, 131, 132, 133, 134, 136, 138, 139, 140, 141, 1004, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 2, 4, 12, 13, 14, 17, 19, 131 & 132]	30 June 2014	AASB 13 provides a precise definition of fair value and a single source of fair value measurement and disclosure requirements for use across Accounting Standards but does not change when fair value is required or permitted. There are a number of additional disclosure requirements.	The entity has not yet determined the magnitude of any changes which may be needed.
AASB 2011 – 4 - Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards to Remove Individual Key Management Personnel Disclosure Requirements [AASB 124]	30 June 2014	Remove individual key management personnel disclosure requirements (i.e. components of remuneration) for disclosing entities.	The entity is not a disclosing entity and therefore this will have no impact.
AASB 2011-9 - Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income.	30 June 2013	Entities will be required to group items presented in other comprehensive income on the basis of whether they are potentially reclassifiable to profit or loss subsequently (reclassification adjustments).	The items shown in other comprehensive income will be separated into two categories.
AASB 1053	30 June 2014	This standard allows certain entities to reduce disclosures.	The impact of this standard has not yet been determined as the entity has a choice on whether to apply
AASB 2010-10	30 June 2014	Makes amendments to AASB 1	No impact since the entity is not a first-time adopter of IFRS.

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2 Revenue and Other Income

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Operating activities		
- Grants received	188,406	524,952
- Donations received	111,969	164,377
- Professional services fees	14,920	12,926
- Sponsorship and licensing fees	173,753	29,111
- Interest income	1,841	2,643
Total Revenue	<u>490,889</u>	<u>734,009</u>

3 Auditors' Remuneration

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Remuneration of the auditor of the association, for:		
- Auditing or reviewing the financial report	<u>7,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>

4 Interests of Key Management Personnel

The totals of remuneration paid to the key management personnel of Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated during the year are as follows:

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Committee members		
Short-term employee benefits	82,604	79,897
Post-employment benefits	<u>7,434</u>	<u>7,190</u>
	<u>90,038</u>	<u>87,087</u>
Other		
Short-term employee benefits	19,859	36,606
Post-employment benefits	<u>1,787</u>	<u>3,294</u>
	<u>21,646</u>	<u>39,900</u>
	<u>111,684</u>	<u>126,987</u>

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

	Total Received	Deferred	Recognised as Income
	\$	\$	\$
GVEHSO	6,000	-	6,000
AusAID	100,790	75,790	25,000
Biofund	<u>276,000</u>	<u>266,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Total	<u>382,790</u>	<u>341,790</u>	<u>41,000</u>

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5 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>564,490</u>	<u>238,036</u>

Reconciliation of Cash

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to items in the statement of financial position as follows:

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>564,490</u>	<u>238,036</u>

6 Trade and Other Receivables

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	3,072	50,985
Provision for impairment	-	-
	<u>3,072</u>	<u>50,985</u>
Total current trade and other receivables	<u>3,072</u>	<u>50,985</u>

Credit Risk

The Association has no significant concentration of credit risk with respect to any single counterparty or group of counterparties.

The following table details the Association's trade and other receivables exposure to credit risk (prior to collateral and other credit enhancements) with ageing analysis and impairment provided for thereon. Amounts are considered as 'past due' when the debt has not been settled, within the terms and conditions agreed between the Association and the customer or counter party to the transaction. Receivables that are past due are assessed for impairment by ascertaining solvency of the debtors and are provided for where there is objective evidence indicating that the debt may not be fully repaid to the Association.

The Association does not hold any financial assets with terms that have been renegotiated, but which would otherwise be past due or impaired. The other classes of receivables do not contain impaired assets.

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6 Trade and Other Receivables continued

The balances of receivables that remain within initial trade terms (as detailed in the table) are considered to be of high credit quality.

	Gross amount \$	Past due and impaired \$	Past due but not impaired (days overdue)				Within initial trade terms \$
			< 30 \$	31-60 \$	61-90 \$	> 90 \$	
2012							
Trade receivables	3,072	-	-	-	-	2,750	322
Total	<u>3,072</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,750</u>	<u>322</u>
2011							
Trade receivables	50,985	-	-	395	17,000	200	33,390
Total	<u>50,985</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>395</u>	<u>17,000</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>33,390</u>

7 Other Assets

	2012 \$	2011 \$
CURRENT		
Prepayments	2,269	4,100
Deposits	1,231	5,125
	<u>3,500</u>	<u>9,225</u>

8 Property, Plant and Equipment

	2012 \$	2011 \$
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Plant and equipment		
At cost	21,509	31,806
Accumulated depreciation	(15,683)	(22,448)
Total plant and equipment	<u>5,826</u>	<u>9,358</u>
Motor vehicles		
At cost	-	12,500
Accumulated depreciation	-	(5,599)
Total motor vehicles	<u>-</u>	<u>6,901</u>
Total plant and equipment	<u>5,826</u>	<u>16,259</u>

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8 Property, Plant and Equipment continued

(a) Movements in Carrying Amounts

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

	Plant and Equipment \$	Motor Vehicles \$	Total \$
2012			
Balance at the beginning of year	9,358	6,901	16,259
Additions	1,604	-	1,604
Disposals - written down value	-	(5,339)	(5,339)
Depreciation expense	(5,136)	(1,562)	(6,698)
Balance at 30 June 2012	5,826	-	5,826
2011			
Balance at the beginning of year	7,774	8,464	16,238
Additions	8,721	-	8,721
Depreciation expense	(7,137)	(1,563)	(8,700)
Balance at 30 June 2011	9,358	6,901	16,259

9 Trade and Other Payables

	2012 \$	2011 \$
CURRENT		
Unsecured liabilities		
Trade payables	22,529	15,292
GST payable	43,855	6,576
Employee benefits	16,913	22,421
Sundry payables and accrued expenses	37,346	37,438
	120,643	81,727

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9 Trade and Other Payables continued

(a) Financial Liabilities at Amortised Cost Classified as Trade and Other Payables

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Trade and other payables:			
- Total current		120,643	81,727
Less:			
Annual leave entitlements		16,913	22,421
Financial liabilities as trade and other payables	13	<u>103,730</u>	<u>59,306</u>

10 Employee Benefits

	2012 \$	2011 \$
CURRENT		
Long service leave	<u>44,881</u>	<u>30,556</u>
NON-CURRENT		
Long service leave	<u>-</u>	<u>7,059</u>

11 Other Liabilities

	2012 \$	2011 \$
CURRENT		
Deferred income	<u>392,075</u>	<u>58,997</u>

12 Capital and Leasing Commitments

(a) Operating Lease Commitments

Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements

	2012 \$	2011 \$
Payable - minimum lease payments:		
- No later than 1 year	<u>-</u>	<u>6,094</u>

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13 Financial Risk Management

The main risks Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated is exposed to through its financial instruments are credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk consisting of interest rate risk.

The Association's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, local money market instruments, accounts receivable and payable.

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

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Financial Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	564,490	238,036
Trade and other receivables	6	3,072	50,985
Total financial assets		<u>567,562</u>	<u>289,021</u>
Financial Liabilities			
Financial liabilities at amortised cost			
Trade and other payables	9(a)	103,730	59,306
Total financial liabilities		<u>103,730</u>	<u>59,306</u>

Financial Risk Management Policies

The Committee of Management has overall responsibility for the establishment of Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated's financial risk management framework. This includes the development of policies covering specific areas such interest rate risk and credit risk.

Risk management policies and systems are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions and Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated's activities.

The day-to-day risk management is carried out by Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated's finance function under policies and objectives which have been approved by the Committee of Management.

Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated does not actively engage in the trading of financial assets for speculative purposes nor does it write options.

Mitigation strategies for specific risks faced are described below:

(a) Credit Risk

Exposure to credit risk relating to financial assets arises from the potential non-performance by counterparties of contract obligations that could lead to a financial loss to Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated and arises principally from Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated's receivables and bank balances

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13 Financial Risk Management continued

(a) Credit Risk continued

Credit risk exposures

The maximum exposure to credit risk by class of recognised financial assets at the end of the reporting period, excluding the value of any collateral or other security held, is equivalent to the carrying value and classification of those financial assets (net of any provisions) as presented in the statement of financial position.

The Association has no significant concentration of credit risk with any single counterparty or group of counterparties. Details with respect to credit risk of Trade and Other Receivables are provided in Note 6.

Trade and other receivables that are neither past due or impaired are considered to be of high credit quality. Aggregates of such amounts are as detailed at Note 6.

Credit risk related to balances with banks and other financial institutions is managed by a policy requiring that surplus funds are only invested with counterparties with a Standard and Poor's rating of at least AA-. The following table provides information regarding credit risk relating to cash and money market securities based on Standard & Poor's counter party credit ratings.

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Cash and cash equivalents			
- AA rated		564,490	238,036
		<u>564,490</u>	<u>238,036</u>

(b) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk arises from the possibility that Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated might encounter difficulty in settling its debts or otherwise meeting its obligations related to financial liabilities. The Association manages this risk through the following mechanisms:

- preparing forward-looking cash flow analysis in relation to its operational, investing and financial activities which are monitored on a monthly basis;
- monitoring deferred grants;
- obtaining funding from a variety of sources;
- maintaining a reputable credit profile;
- managing credit risk related to financial assets;
- only investing surplus cash with major financial institutions; and
- comparing the maturity profile of financial liabilities with the realisation profile of financial assets.

Typically, Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated ensures that it has sufficient cash on demand to meet expected operational expenses for a period of 60 days. As at 30 June 2012 all financial assets and financial liabilities are expected to mature within 12 months of the balance sheet date.

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13 Financial Risk Management continued

Financial assets pledged as collateral

No financial assets have been pledged as security for any financial liability.

(c) Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices.

i. Interest rate risk

Exposure to interest rate risk arises on financial assets recognised at the end of the reporting period, whereby a future change in interest rates will affect future cash flows or the fair value of fixed rate financial instruments.

Sensitivity analysis

The following table illustrates sensitivities to Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated's exposures to changes in the ASX 200 index. The table indicates the impact on how profit and equity values reported at the end of the reporting year would have been affected by changes in the relevant risk variable that management considers to be reasonably possible. These sensitivities assume that the movement in a particular variable is independent of other variables.

	Profit \$	Equity \$
Year ended 30 June 2012		
Increase /decrease in interest rate of 2% +/-	<u>11,299</u>	<u>11,299</u>
	Profit \$	Equity \$
Year ended 30 June 2011		
Increase /decrease in interest rate of 2% +/-	<u>4,761</u>	<u>4,761</u>

14 Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

In the opinion of the Committee of Management, the Association did not have any contingencies at 30 June 2012 (30 June 2011:None).

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15 Cash Flow Information

(a) Reconciliation of Result for The Year to Cashflows from Operating Activities

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

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Profit for the year	(116,877)	(52,780)
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities		
Non-cash flows in profit:		
-depreciation	6,698	8,700
- net loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	5,339	-
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	47,913	(23,802)
- (increase)/decrease in other assets	-	14,032
- (increase)/decrease in prepayments	5,725	-
- increase/(decrease) in income in advance	333,078	(83,983)
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	38,916	22,301
- increase/(decrease) in provisions	7,266	4,293
Cash flow from operations	<u>328,058</u>	<u>(111,239)</u>

16 Financial Information to be Furnished under Charitable Fundraising Act

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Fundraising Costs (A)	21,874	44,533
Gross fundraising income (B)	111,969	164,377
Fundraising surplus (C)	90,095	119,694
Cost of services provided (D)	467,259	563,507
Total expenditure (E)	607,766	788,609
Total Income (F)	490,889	737,037
	2012	2011
	%	%
Fundraising Costs/Fundraising income (A/B)	20	27
Fundraising surplus/Gross fundraising income (C/B)	80	73
Cost of services provided/Total expenditure (D/E)	77	72
Cost of services provided/Total Income (D/F)	95	77

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17 Association Details

The registered office and principal place of business of the association is:

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

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Bellingen

NSW 2454

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Committees' Declaration

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 3 to 23:

1. Present fairly the financial position of Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated as at 30 June 2012 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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

Convener 

Julian Harris

Treasurer 

Louise Johnston

Dated this 14 day of October, 2012



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

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

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2012, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and management's assertion statement.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

Management committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) 2009 and Associations Incorporation Regulation (NSW) 2010, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Basis of Qualified Opinion

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



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

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated as at 30 June 2012, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) 2009 and Associations Incorporation Regulation (NSW) 2010.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

We also report that:

- a) the financial statements show a true and fair view of the financial result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year;
- b) the accounting and associated records have been properly kept during the year in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the regulations;
- c) money received as a result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year has been properly accounted for and applied in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the regulations; and
- d) at the date of the report, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due subject to the matter disclosed under Note 1(b) to the financial statements - going concern.

Rupaninga Dharmasiri

Partner
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Dated this 15th day of October 2012



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Disclaimer

The additional financial data presented on pages 27 - 28 is in accordance with the books and records of the Association which have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our statutory audit of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2012. It will be appreciated that our statutory audit did not cover all details of the additional financial data. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on such financial data and we give no warranty of accuracy or reliability in respect of the data provided. Neither the firm nor any member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility in any way whatsoever to any person (other than Oz Green - Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (Australia) Incorporated) in respect of such data, including any errors of omissions therein however caused.

Rupaninga Dharmasiri

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Profit and Loss Account

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Income		
Grants, donations and sponsorship	474,128	718,440
Professional services fees	14,920	12,926
Interest income	1,841	2,643
Total income	490,889	734,009
Less: Expenses		
Accounting fees	22,946	29,512
Advertising	2,391	1,631
Auditors remuneration	7,000	10,000
Bank charges	2,285	2,739
Consultancy fees	18,703	69,860
Depreciation	6,699	8,700
Entertainment	96	-
Finance costs - external	-	440
Insurance general	6,231	6,422
IT Expenses	3,091	2,503
Lease rentals on operating lease	333	-
Long service leave	7,266	4,292
Motor vehicle expenses	1,634	147
Other employee costs	-	278
Loss on disposal of assets	5,339	-
Postage	3,067	2,219
Printing and supplies	1,767	12,644
Project costs	89,967	73,263
Rental expenses	14,484	25,599
Repairs and maintenance	130	49
Salaries	276,396	376,516
Sick leave	(5,508)	1,711
Staff training	50	50
Subscriptions	199	3,841
Sundry expenses	11,353	6,750
Superannuation contributions	25,604	33,096
Telephone	13,767	17,081
Travel and accommodation	64,455	55,122
Workers compensation insurance	7,509	8,512
Workshops and meeting costs	20,512	33,812
Total Expenses	(607,766)	(786,789)
(Loss)/Surplus before income tax	(116,877)	(52,780)

OzGREEN Board

Chairman - Julian Harris

Over the past 16 years Julian built and exited 2 leading edge technology services companies in the UK. Both had significant revenues, a well established blue-chip client base, and staff counted in the hundreds, and both were sold to large listed acquirers. Julian is passionate about the way technology can be used to change our lives for the better, and how technology can help us solve some of the environmental challenges facing our planet today. Julian was born in South Wales and now lives with his family in New South Wales, a journey he is enjoying immensely.



Nick Bearlin Allardice

Nick Bearlin-Allardice has been involved with OzGREEN since 2003 when he completed the Youth LEAD program in Bendigo. Since then, he has been a mentor to program participants, become a trained program facilitator, and been involved in national initiatives such as national conferences and thinks tanks. Currently Nick is also the Victorian Director of the Oaktree foundation; a youth run international aid and development agency. At 21 years old he manages a team of over 120 young people who have fundraised hundreds of thousands of dollars and through Oaktree's programs directly empowered tens of thousands of young people to take action and be leaders of change across the state.



Sue Lennox

(BSc, Dip Ed)

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



Treasurer - Louise Johnston

OzGREEN is an organisation I had been involved in through the youth programs, I am passionate about their objectives and methodology and wanted to contribute in a way that utilised my key skills so it would be more meaningful for myself and the organisation than unskilled volunteering.



Sharyn Wilson

Sharyn has been a supporter of OzGreen since 2007 and has completed the Leading with the Heart workshop. She has a Masters of Applied Science in Social Ecology and a deep passion for supporting sustainability and encouraging education of environmental issues. She is proud to support OzGreen as a board member.



Tim Hunt

(Resigned May 2012)

I am a part of Ozgreen because I believe. I believe that the support from our programmes truly helps to unleash the passion of young people and communities to change the way that they live. I believe so strongly in the work of Ozgreen, and am constantly amazed and inspired by the personal and community change that the work of our organization supports.



Gavin Keely

(Joined July 2012)

Gavin Keeley is an experienced Computer Scientist and business leader with a career spanning nearly 30 years in international consultancy and executive corporate roles across a diverse range of industry sectors.



Fund for the Rivers Board

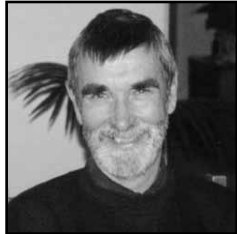
Chairman

Alistair Millar

(Resigned December 2011)

Alistair is owner and Managing Director of Southern Cross Packaged Goods Pty Ltd. He launched "Green Choice", Australia's first range of supermarket distributed environmentally responsible household cleaning products.

Alistair joined OzGREEN because of our "practical approach and impressive ability to solve water pollution problems".



Treasurer

Colin Lennox

(BSc, Dip Ed)

Co-Founder of Oz GREEN, Convenor of the Oz GREEN Management Committee, Member of the Board of the Oz GREEN Fund for the Rivers Public Gift Fund and Executive Director. Colin has a particular interest in the way the environment (particularly water) impacts on development in the majority world. His work with Oz GREEN has convinced him that there is a desperate need to work towards an equitable distribution of resources amongst all peoples of the world.



Secretary

Stewart Smith

(BSc. Hons, M. Env. Law)

Member of the Board of Directors of the Oz GREEN Fund for the Rivers Public Gift Fund. Stewart is an Environmental Research Officer with the NSW Parliament. "When visiting India and Nepal in 1989, I was really touched by the spirituality of the Ganges River. It 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.

Sharyn Wilson

Sharyn has been a supporter of OzGreen since 2007 and has completed the Leading with the Heart workshop. She has a Masters of Applied Science in Social Ecology and a deep passion for supporting sustainability and encouraging education of environmental issues. She is proud to support OzGreen as a board member.



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 Millennium Development Goals for Freshwater and sanitation at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in J'burg and the World Water Forum in Kyoto.

Oz GREEN Staff & Awards

Banksia Award Education Category Finalist 2008

Eureka Prize

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

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

Social Ventures Australia BIGBOOST! Winners 2003 for Youth LEAD

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

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

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

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

RiverCare 2000 Gold Award 1995 kids, companies and creeks Project

RiverCare 2000 Silver Award 1998 Dee Why WetlandCARE

RiverCare 2000 Accreditation

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

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

Banksia Environmental Awards Finalists in the Education & Training Category 1996

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

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

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

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



Sue Lennox
Colin Lennox
Judy Charnaud
Gabriel Anderson
Rowan Lennox
Denise Aitken
Shannon Baunach-Greenfields
Benjamin Maron
(BEd Primary, Grad Dip Outdoor and Environmental Education, Teacher L1 Yoga Australia)
Suthagar Karunanithi

Chief Executive Officer, Co-founder (B Sc Dip Ed)
Executive Director, Co-founder (B Sc Dip Ed)
East Timor Program Manager (B Sc Dip Ed FGAA)
Programs Coordinator Hunter (B App Sc Hon)
Finance & IT Manager (B Sc)
Office Manager
Program Co-Ordinator - ALA (B ES - Conservation Ecology)
Program Co-Ordinator - MYRiver Yennora and Wollondilly
Program Co-Ordinator - Western Sydney

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