



Annual Report 2017-2018

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For Annual General Meeting Thursday 25th October 2018

During 2017-2018 the Werribee River Association continued an emphasis on improving their position and supporting our vision of having the river '*...in a state of excellent environmental health, providing health giving benefits and pride to the community.*'

1. Strategic Planning

As determined by our strategic plan WRivA sought to fill all committee positions, upskill committee members, improve our governance, budget and sponsorship position, continue advocacy on important issues, and took action on:

- attending professional development in strategic planning, marketing and social media
- continuing the search for an on-river location to base our organisation
- building our relationships with local business
- seeking membership of the Wyndham Tourism & Business Committee
- investigating membership of the Committee for Wyndham

2. Funding

WRivA has diversified its funding sources, and is investigating further initiatives in this area of their work.

The sponsor of our Riverkeeper program is Melbourne Water, who in the past year also provided a community support grant and project grants for two planting projects.

In the past year we have received two grants from the City of Wyndham, a Community Environment Grant and a Strengthening Community Grant.

Holcim Lafarge Werribee has supported our litter and planting projects through their funding and participation in corporate clean-up and planting activities.

The EcoCentre St Kilda has provided us with opportunity through the Port Philip Bay fund to manage Living Water Work Bees which have benefited WRivA and a local College, as well as from our participation in their microplastics research.

Valuable support for our litter and other programs has come for the City of Wyndham, Bunnings Hoppers Crossing, and Wyndham Harbour as well as a range of organisations.

We also received payments on a fee for service basis for education and citizen science activity conducted for others.

WRivA made an application to be included on the Register for Environmental Organisations on Thursday 12th July 2018. If granted, we will be able to apply for philanthropic funding of projects, thereby giving us more control over

our future. To gain deductibility gift recipient (DGR) status, it is necessary to be included on that register. A decision isn't expected until early to mid-2019.

We have engaged a bookkeeper through our accountants and business advisers Johnsey Rosen, Accountants and Business Advisers of Werribee. The bookkeeper is currently preparing to begin management of accounts and payroll.

3. Professional Appointments

It was also very exciting for WRivA to employ our first professional staff during the past year.

Our Science Officer Teresa Mackintosh began on Wed 21 March 2018, to manage the successful Port Phillip Bay Fund grant 'Bridging Troubled Waters' project. The project will run for two years and is mapping pollution in the waterways of Wyndham.

Our Litterblitz Officer Claudine Lagier began on Monday 9 September 2018, to manage the successful Port Phillip Bay Fund grant 'Litterblitz' project. The project will run for two years and is to develop more activity about aspects of the litter plague which are of concern in Wyndham and the broader community.

4. Marketing

As part of our strategy plan, WRivA worked on building its exposure to the community, and encouraging community members to take part in positive activity, which would help promote the health of the Werribee River and other waterways.

Our members led initiatives to market WRivA. John Marks instigated the purchase of a new marquee complete with logos of WRivA and the Waterkeeper Alliance. We have used the marquee successfully at the Rotary Fun Run, but at two events with which were not as successful; the Weerama Festival on Sunday 2 March 2-18, and the Point Cook Pop-up Park on Saturday 14 April 2018 were both rained out!



WRivA sponsored the Rotary Club of Wyndham River Fun Run in Werribee on Sunday 4 March 2018, set up our new marquee, and had a team of ten members attend to promote the organisation, handle queries and conduct simple activities for children. We received many mentions on the PA system and featured on the event web page and fliers. Later, when evaluating the day WRivA concluded we attained great coverage before and on the day; the participants were just right for our desired audience, young, active and from a wide area.

Photo right: WRivA's marquee at Wyndham Rotary Fun Run River Fun Run

Early in 2018, members John Marks and Gary Gale created the Friends of Cobbledick's Ford, and held four planting days, a mix of week and weekend days. Participants such as Wyndham Central College VCAL students and local people joined in to help this excellent initiative become a long-term prospect, as a plan is being drafted for 2019 and beyond.

Member Lisa Field created Love Our Street 3030, a sister-litter initiative to Beach Patrol 3030, and starting on Sunday 27 May 2018 and is now working on the second Sunday of each month cleaning up litter in the Werribee CBD. **See logo inset.**

One highlight of that program was the community planting at the Werribee Railway station on Saturday 6 October 2018, which arose from discussions with the station staff. An excellent initiative.



The Winter Autumn Forum, held at Wyndham Central College on Thursday 30 August was particularly successful, with a range of our activity displayed, spoken about, shown in presentations and well received by an audience of around eighty people including senior school students, staff from Melbourne Water, City of Wyndham, Werribee Open Range Zoo and community members. The students spoke to and demonstrated their work with WRivA and how it linked to their curriculum.

Because of the very tragic deaths of seven platypus discovered on Saturday 8 September 2018 in the Werribee River at Davis Creek, WRivA experienced a lift in our Facebook reach data. In one week the incident had a reach of 130,000 and our 'likes' increased by 400. Also because of the incident, WRivA is taking part in the design of a signage project incorporating awareness of dangers to wildlife and other issues, with the City of Wyndham and Melbourne Water.

Thanks to Gary Gale, we investigated and launched our new branded kayaks on Sunday 30th Sep 2018, in front of thirty attendees at a platypus environmental DNA session at Bungey's Hole Werribee. The kayaks have been very useful in one major litter clean up at Guyra Court Werribee, and appear to have proved their worth.

5. Publicity

During the 2017-2018 year, we gained increased media exposure for Werribee River Association in a range of ways:

An article was published in the Landcare Magazine Summer 2018 Issue 71 entitled 'Recycled Water Project Greens Carranballac College' which acknowledged our work.

Quote:

"With advice from experienced Waterwatch practitioners from the Werribee River Association and Melbourne Water, students undertook water quality testing of the wetlands, did local wetland bird observations, visited the Western Treatment Plant and studied migratory bird species and their flight pathways along the East Asian flyway. The students also began their own long journey through the Kids Teaching Kids (KTK) program."

WRivA's role in the 'Rivers of the West' campaign gave rise to:

- An article 'Rivers of the West' The Age Sat 6 Jan 2018 p.1,6&7
- An article 'The Ignored Way Out West' The Age Tue 9 Jan 2018
- An interview of the Werribee Riverkeeper on 3CR on Monday 19 Feb 2pm

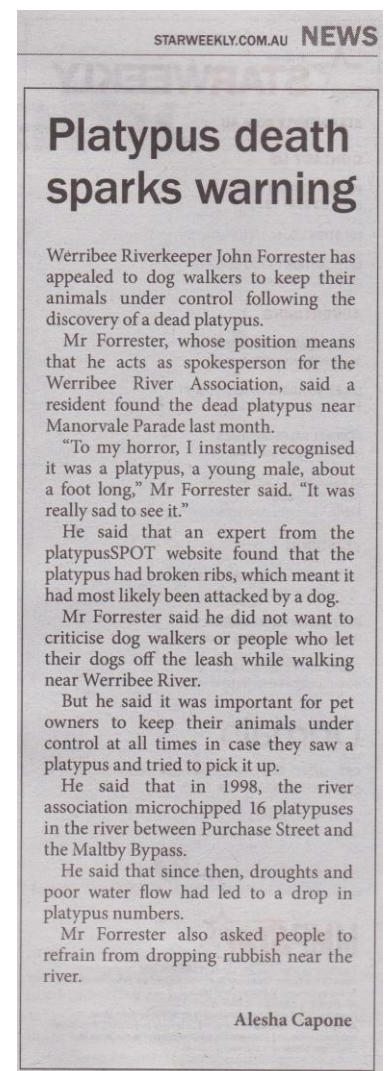
The sad discovery of one juvenile male platypus was reported by the Werribee Riverkeeper in the local Starweekly newspaper *Platypus Death Sparks Warning* p.7 Wednesday May 9 2018.

A discussion on ABC Radio 774 Melbourne Breakfast Thursday 19 Apr 2018 with the Werribee Riverkeeper and David Astle covered a range of matters around the health of our waterways.

During the interview John Forrester said, quote:

"...with urbanisation of course, in the last twenty to thirty years we've had rapid amounts of stormwater, far more water going into the river than ever used to be the case, because the land used to hold the water whereas now we put it into pipes and drains and away it goes and it's in the river in an hour or less than an hour after it falls. And of course, that's taking things with it like litter of course which is the obvious, but the less obvious things like pollution and so forth from cars and detergents and dog droppings.... So the quality of waters in the rivers are very badly affected."

WRivA featured in the local newspaper another six times represented by Beach Patrol 3030, Love Our Street 3030 and in relation to the platypus net tragedy.



All editions of our bi-monthly newsletter were indexed during the year, in anticipation of that newsletter being retired, and now progress is underway to publish a regular Mailchimp newsletter.

A blog of up to four news items is being trialled on the home page of our website.

Other recognition happenings occurred in various locations and media:

- Waterwatch PowerPoint presentation by Melbourne Water's Richard Akers in February 2018
- City of Wyndham's *Habitat Heroes Herald* issue 3 - March 2018
- Waterwatch Recognition Event: Sat 14 Jul 9.30am-11am Melbourne Zoo
- EcoLiving Centre Wyndhamvale public showcase event: Sat 28 July 10am till 2pm
- Melbourne Water Kids Teaching Kids Conference Melbourne University Tue 23 Oct 2018

WRivA enhanced its active Werribee Riverkeeper Facebook page by naming four administrators to increase the numbers of items, and to cross promote our programs. WRivA created Facebook pages for Love Our Streets 3030, Beach Patrol 3030 and Friends of Cobbledick's Ford, as well as creating a Litterblitz Instagram account.

6. Election Statement

This report is an edited version of the original statement which was used as a press release. The original can be seen on our website.

The Werribee River Association (WRivA) is a not-for-profit organisation which has worked as a waterways protector for the Werribee River since 1981. WRivA hosts the Werribee Riverkeeper who acts as the voice of the river, its catchment and its local waterways. In keeping with WRivA's advocacy role, and as it did in the 2014 State Election campaign, the Werribee River Association released a position statement on six main issues of importance to the health of the Werribee River:

Planning: Planning needs to ensure the future health of the Werribee River and the requirements of a rapidly growing human population. Government needs to state clearly that planning controls and the Victorian Civil & Administrative Tribunal are to act for the community as it is they who have to live with decisions impacting on the Werribee River and its future. Such procedures and tribunals need to ensure a fully accessible river and a healthy community.

Community Access: The recent announcement of 'Waterways of the West' by the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Water will bring long awaited thinking and initiatives to the catchments of the west. With no referral authority in the Werribee catchment till 2005, when Melbourne Water boundaries were extended, there is a need for consideration of special funding and innovative arrangements to raise the standard of water quality, waterway management, planning, allowing increased access and health giving open spaces around the waterways to the satisfaction of a community which has low levels of public space and requires outdoor exercise and recreation, wild play places and experiences.

Photo right: *The Maltby Bypass complex of bridges provides a litter strewn, unsightly, unsafe and difficult access into Werribee River Park, a large open space but with no easily found access road, car park or toilets.*



Our Forests: The Werribee River is a major waterway in the urban growth expansion area to the west of Melbourne. The headwaters of the rivers must be protected by declaration of the recent Victorian Environmental Assessment Council 'Central West Investigation' recommendations. Parks Victoria should be permanently and securely funded to become the well-resourced guardians of those headwaters.

Water Quality: Water quality in most areas of the Werribee Catchment is very poor to only fair at best. Farm runoff and stormwater are proving to be the greatest threat to the health of waterways, and the ability of people to fish or swim, or use the waterways in any way is greatly inhibited. Despite urban sensitive water design initiatives, our waterways are continuing to deposit nutrients and too much water too quickly into our waterways.

Water Extraction: Storage of water from headwaters for irrigation in Pyke’s Creek, Merrimu and Melton reservoirs, leads to unnatural river flow in summer and none in winter or spring. Environmental flows need to be given higher priority and desalinated water at a very reasonable cost to the farmer will provide health for the Werribee River.

Litter: Litter threatens water quality, amenity, tourism, platypus, fish, birds, community good-will and threatens the life of the river itself. We need improved litter-smart legislation for manufacture, selling and disposal of packaging to make manufacturers, retailers and users accept more responsibility, increased assistance to local government, and a container deposit scheme.

7. Alliances

We took an active part in three important campaign in the last year, and both gained considerable success:

Environmental Justice Australia (EJA) led the ‘Rivers of the West’ (ROW) campaign whereby the management of waterways of the west was promoted as being in need of law reform. Our partners were the Friends of Maribyrnong Valley and Friends of Steele Creek. Most other groups concerned about the state of their waterways, and the benefits they bring, took part in the campaign. We were pleased to be present at the Victorian State Governments announcement of the ‘Waterways of the West’, (WOW) on Tuesday 28 August 2018, an initiative to roll out the main principles and actions of the Yarra River Act onto the waterways of the west of Melbourne. Thanks to EJA’s inspirational work and the community pulling together, a Ministerial Advisory Committee will report to the Government on recommended initiatives for the waterways of the west.



Photo above: ROW participants at launch of WOW.

Yabby nets, which are unsafe for platypus, rakali and turtles, were targeted by a campaign which sought to ban the nets. An alliance was formed from groups across Melbourne and were led by Doug Gimesy and Josh Griffiths. The campaign gradually gathered momentum. WRivA was proud of junior member Jasmine Thomas presenting our support for the ban at the local City of Wyndham Environmental Forum and in a local schools public speaking event. The message spread across Australia and retail outlets joined the campaign one by one, and eventually the Victorian State Government announced a ban of the nets from July 2019. An excellent outcome.

WRivA was also pleased to have taken part in a collaborative research project to establish what would make a credible and sustainable waterway protector network, funded by the Lord Mayors Charitable Foundation, and implemented by the three Waterkeeper organisations in Melbourne, Port Phillip Baykeeper (EcoCentre), Werribee Riverkeeper (WRivA) and the Yarra Riverkeeper (Yarra Riverkeepers Association). That project yielded much information for future strategic and practical action, and reinforced the worth of an alliance on common issues between those organisations.

8. Platypus Deaths

Two sad events happened in the past year to the endangered population of platypus in the lower Werribee. One juvenile male platypus was found dead in the Werribee River at Manorvale Parade Werribee on Wednesday May 9 2018. Platypus scientist Josh Griffiths inspected the body once retrieved from the river. The young male had crushed ribs, which could have been the cause of death, possibly by a domestic pet.

Then the most disturbing story of all, five months later, on Saturday 8 September 2018 seven platypus were found trapped and drowned in a hoop net at the junction of Davis Creek and the Werribee River.

Thanks go to member Lisa Field, who passed on information to us given by Michelle Wallis, whose daughter Amanda found the net while kayaking for litter.

WRivA posted the matter on our Werribee Riverkeeper Facebook page, where it was shared many times, and reached many people.

Fisheries and Wildlife officer Mike Sverns instigated a full investigation, and took details of at least one post writer to check out a likely suspect. The outcome of their investigations are unknown.

A number of media outlets covered the matter:

ABC Online, ABC Radio Melbourne, K Rock Radio, Daily Mail Sydney.

Local newspaper used DELWP media release.

PETA (People for Ethical Treatment of Animals) ran their own Facebook coverage.

WRivA released a press release on Mailchimp, and copied that on various Facebook pages.

Fortunately we recorded a video of a platypus downstream just some days later, and have had sightings since then, so it is hoped that such a number of deaths won't endanger the local population too much.

9. Membership of Waterkeeper Alliance

WRivA continued its affiliation with Waterkeeper Alliance, first undertaken in 2014. Affiliation entitles WRivA to host the role of Werribee Riverkeeper.

The Werribee Riverkeeper attended the last annual Waterkeeper conference in Buffalo New York in June 2018. The annual conferences are to be held every second year from now on, with regional conferences to take place in the alternate year.

The conferences are important to build networks, discover similarities and contrasts in issues, and to improve the capability of the member organisations from around the world.

10. Participation & Submissions

The very successful co-design process of the Melbourne Water Healthy Waterways Strategy (HWS) for the Werribee River and its waterways, has taken place over the last two years. WRivA has had many members contributing to that process and looks forward to the implementation stage. The process was repeated across Melbourne for the five major catchments, and brought to life the many different attributes of each catchment, and at the same time the common concerns of all in this rapidly developing city.

The HWS also gave much information to the 'Rivers of the West' campaign, and provided a great deal of reflection on matters relating to the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation's research project into a waterway protector network.

The City of Wyndham's Environment & Sustainability Portfolio, which deals with waste, climate change, environment and many other matters, comprises Councillors, council staff, and community members. WRivA has four members serving on that committee Kathryn Williams, Suelin Haynes, Bruce Boddington and John Forrester.

WRivA has submitted various points to the Wyndham Coastal Strategy, which will oversee the longest length of undeveloped coastline around Port Phillip Bay. WRivA has three members serving on the steering committee, Kathryn Williams, Suelin Haynes, and Bruce Boddington. We look forward to the outcomes of this much-needed strategy.

WRivA contributed to the City of Wyndham's Wyndham Park Master Plan during 2017-2018, and looks forward to the on-ground works commencing in late 2018.

WRivA has provided its vision to the City of Wyndham's Chirnside Park Master Plan in 2018, based on improved community access, an upgrade to riverbank management and facilities, and better usage of existing land with a more modern appearance in facilities and greater whole of community outcomes.

Some other events WRivA attended during the year were:

- National Carp Control Plan Briefing
Wednesday 15 November 2017
- Coastal Champions Forum Tue 23 November 2017
- DELWP Landcare discussions Thursday 1 February 2018
- Legal Moves Workshop NFP Law Wednesday 7 March 2018
- City of Wyndham Tourism networking event
Thursday 22 Mar 2018
- Wadawurrung Tour Harpley Friday 27 April 2018
- Werribee Township Regional Park Briefing
Wednesday 13 June 2018
- EcoCentre social media and marketing Jul-Aug 2018
- Where's the Funding? Monday 24 September 2018
- RMIT Plastics Forum Thursday 14 December 2018
- Sustainability Victoria's Waste Conference Bendigo Tuesday 23 and 24 October 2018



Photo above: Wyndham Tourism Networking Event

11. Working with Others

The southern hemisphere's only 'Plastics Lab' was formed after a Port Philip Bay Fund grant enabled RMIT to start the lab, with partners, Yarra Riverkeepers, EcoCentre St Kilda and Werribee River Association to research into the kinds of plastic being found in our waterways and what is what is physically happening to the plastic.

We worked with Love Our Street 3030 and Boomerang Alliance to create a logo for the Plasticfree Victoria Alliance.

WRivA continued to work with Melbourne Water on:

- Environmental DNA Platypus Surveys
- Healthy Waterways Strategy
- Melbourne Water tours of catchment for its staff
- Community planting projects
- And others

WRivA continued to work with City of Wyndham on:

- Environment & Sustainability Committee
- Heritage Tree Register
- Coastal Management Plan
- Wyndham Refuse Disposal Facility & Waste Management Community Reference Group (CRG)
- Riverkeeper Walk Wyndham Learning Festival
- Litter initiatives
- And others



Photo above: Tour lower Werribee catchment Tue 17 Oct 2018

WRivA continued to work with Parks Victoria on:

- Planting Projects
- Bird Surveys
- Point Cooke Beach Patrol 3030 clean-ups
- Mambourin on-site Initiative
- People & Parks Foundation initiatives

We are continue to build relationships with corporate partners:

- Holcim Lafarge Wests Rd Werribee – funding, planting and litter clean-ups
- Hungry Jacks staff western suburbs - litter clean-ups
- Grill'd Pacific Plaza Werribee - fundraising
- Werribee Open Range Zoo – in beginning stages
- Wyndham Tourism & Business Committee – in beginning stages
- Committee for Wyndham – in beginning stages



Photo above: Planting with Holcim

12. Working in Schools

- Carranballac College Clean-up Australia Day – Over 30 sites and formed basis of their successful application for Living Water Workbees grant
- Suzanne Corey HS - Cheetham Creek vegetation project inspection and on-site school grounds plan
- Wyndham Central College – VCAL invertebrates and River Detective work
- Westbourne Grammar School - Two VCE River System lessons
- Manorvale PS Art Project – Werribee River scenes and wildlife
- Carranballac College Kids Teaching Kids program – River Detectives, Love Your Locals, Environment Forum
- Theatre Program 'Return of the Plastic Time Monster' - 9 schools

13. Participatory Activities

Activities where WRivA was seen by many people included:

- Rotary River Fun Run
- Point Cook Open Spaces Trivia Night
- Weerama
- Point Cook Pop-up Park
- Autumn Forum
- Theatre program
- Riverkeeper Walk Wyndham Learning Festival
- Beach Patrol 3030 regular events
- Love Our Street 3030 regular events



Photo above: Point Cook Open Spaces Trivia Night

14. Communications

Facebook Page

The Werribee River Association Facebook page has been maintained since March 9 2011, and has featured a posting on average every few days.

Members are encouraged to submit material for posting or comment.

Date	Likes	Increase
Mar 9 2011	0	
Oct 2012	94	94
Oct 2013	178	84
Oct 2014	285	107
Oct 2015	621	336
Oct 2016	1112	491
Oct 2017	1415	303
Oct 2018	2016	651

Twitter

Twitter activity began on 7th June 2014 as @werribeerivkeep with a tweet on the success of the June platypus survey from the Werribee Riverkeeper. WRivA's latest tweets have been advocacy for litter-smart legislation.

Date	Tweets	Increase	Following	Followers
Jun 7 2014	0			
Oct 2015	444	444	178	137
Oct 2016	567	123	228	192
Oct 2017	763	196	275	267
Oct 2018	957	194	279	335

Newsletter

Progress on the Mailchimp emails newsletter has been slower than anticipated

Website

Our website has had an upgrade this year, changing in appearance and content. We are still working on immediacy and participatory capability.

Email

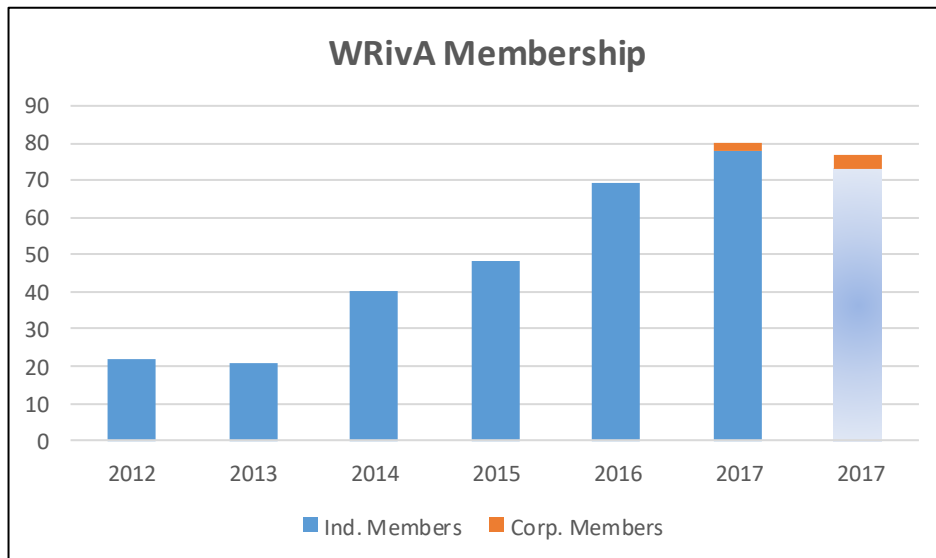
Currently, WRivA's general email address is werribeeriver@gmail.com, but we have begun using werribeeriver.org.au addresses which will become the norm over time.

15. Membership

WRivA currently has 73 financial members, and over 40 non-financial at the time of publication.

Our corporate memberships have grown from two to four this year, with the Australian India Foundation Inc. and the Werribee Open Range Zoo joining Leadwest and Wyndham Secondary College as corporate members.

Accessing easier membership of WRivA has been given priority in the past year and on-line application and payments are a work in progress.



16. Thank you.

WRivA wishes to thank all of its volunteers, members and committee for contributing to WRivA's purposes over the past calendar year.

In particular, Terry Scott deserves thanks for his high standard of work as WRivA's committee secretary, and for his wise guidance over a number of years, and through amendments to our own rules, which have not only been valuable in the short term but have greatly helped our progress toward DGR status.

Thanks also to Robyn Thomas who is relinquishing the role of treasurer, but choosing to stand again as a member of the committee. Robyn has guided us through a period where we have seen increased financial growth and financial governance, and when we have begun employing staff to increase our capacity to contribute to our work.

WRivA has grown as an organisation in a number of ways and is approaching a position where it can become a more sustainable waterway protector, developing in the community an appreciation of the river, educating and inspiring actions to protect it, and enabling wild and iconic places to survive for people to connect with it.

I wish to pass on my thanks to all as I stand down from the position of president, and thank those people who have stepped up to take on new positions of responsibility, and continue to build the future of WRivA and the health of and the community pride in the Werribee River and its catchment's waterways.

John Forrester

President

Thursday 25 Oct 2017



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Garry Johnsey NTA AF ATl
Nicole Rosen B.Bus FCPA

18 October 2017

The Treasurer
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The QuickBooks file and bank accounts have been reconciled and reviewed and, in our opinion, represent a true and fair recording of the movements in the receipts and payments of the Werribee River Association Inc. for the period 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2018.

Nicole Rosen FCPA
Director

Werribee River Association (Reg No A0017169K)

INCOME & EXPENSES

October 2017 - September 2018

	TOTAL
Income	
Bank Interest	587.81
Donations	149.00
Grants	207,346.76
Membership	
Membership - Corporate	200.00
Membership - Family	630.00
Membership - Individual	360.00
Total Membership	1,190.00
Program Fees	22,800.00
Services	1,600.00
Total Income	A\$233,673.57
GROSS PROFIT	A\$233,673.57
Expenses	
Accounting and bookkeeping	4,317.40
Advertising and marketing	
Promotional Clothing	1,333.20
Promotional Materials	836.30
Sponsorship	1,180.00
Total Advertising and marketing	3,349.50
Catering / Refreshments	764.26
Community Program Delivery	4,258.36
Community Program Development	1,129.09
Conferences	4,766.90
Education Program Development	1,812.00
Educational Program Delivery	860.85
Insurance	501.90
Meals and entertainment	6.40
Office Equipment	1,413.95
Office expenses	205.92
Other External Services	1,729.70
Outdoor Equipment	4,713.43
Plants	14,051.00
Postage & shipping	133.70
Printing, stationery & supplies	550.87
Project Officer	13,657.12
Project studies, surveys, assessments	6,078.88
Registration and insurance	234.70
Subscriptions	588.01
Travel expenses	1,223.99
Uncategorised Expense	61.67
Water science services	15,000.00
Website	685.00
Total Expenses	A\$82,094.60
NET EARNINGS	A\$151,578.97

Note

Funds from previous financial year:

Cash Account:	\$59,390.32
Future Fund (Term Deposit):	\$20,000.00
Petty Cash Account:	\$ 454.26
Public Fund Account:	\$ 500.74
Total Opening Funds:	\$80,345.32

Closing bank account balances as at 30 Sept 2018:

Cash Account:	\$ 203,527.41
Future Fund (Term Deposit):	\$ 25,470.00
Petty Cash Account:	\$ 2,424.17
Public Fund Account:	\$ 502.71
Total Closing Funds:	\$ 231,924.29

Financial achievements and growth this year includes

- Engaging a bookkeeper for financial payments, record-keeping and reporting
- Registration for GST in progress
- Increasing assets in our Future Fund
- Grants from Melbourne Water (RiverKeeper Program, Planting - Nature Links, Planting - Presidents Park Islands, Group Support)
- Grants from Holcim
- Grants from Dept Environment Land, Water & Planning (Bridging Troubled Waters, Litter Blitz)

Robyn Thomas
Treasurer - Werribee River Association
Dated: 25 October 2018

WERRIBEE RIVER ASSOCIATION INC. (Reg No A0017169K)

BALANCE SHEET

As of September 30, 2018

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Liabilities and shareholder's equity	
Shareholders' equity:	
Net Income	151,578.97
Opening balance equity	57,382.73
Retained Earnings	22,962.59
Total shareholders' equity	A\$231,924.29
Total liabilities and equity	A\$231,924.29

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PROFIT AND LOSS

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