

**Otway Coast Committee
Annual Report
2016-2017**



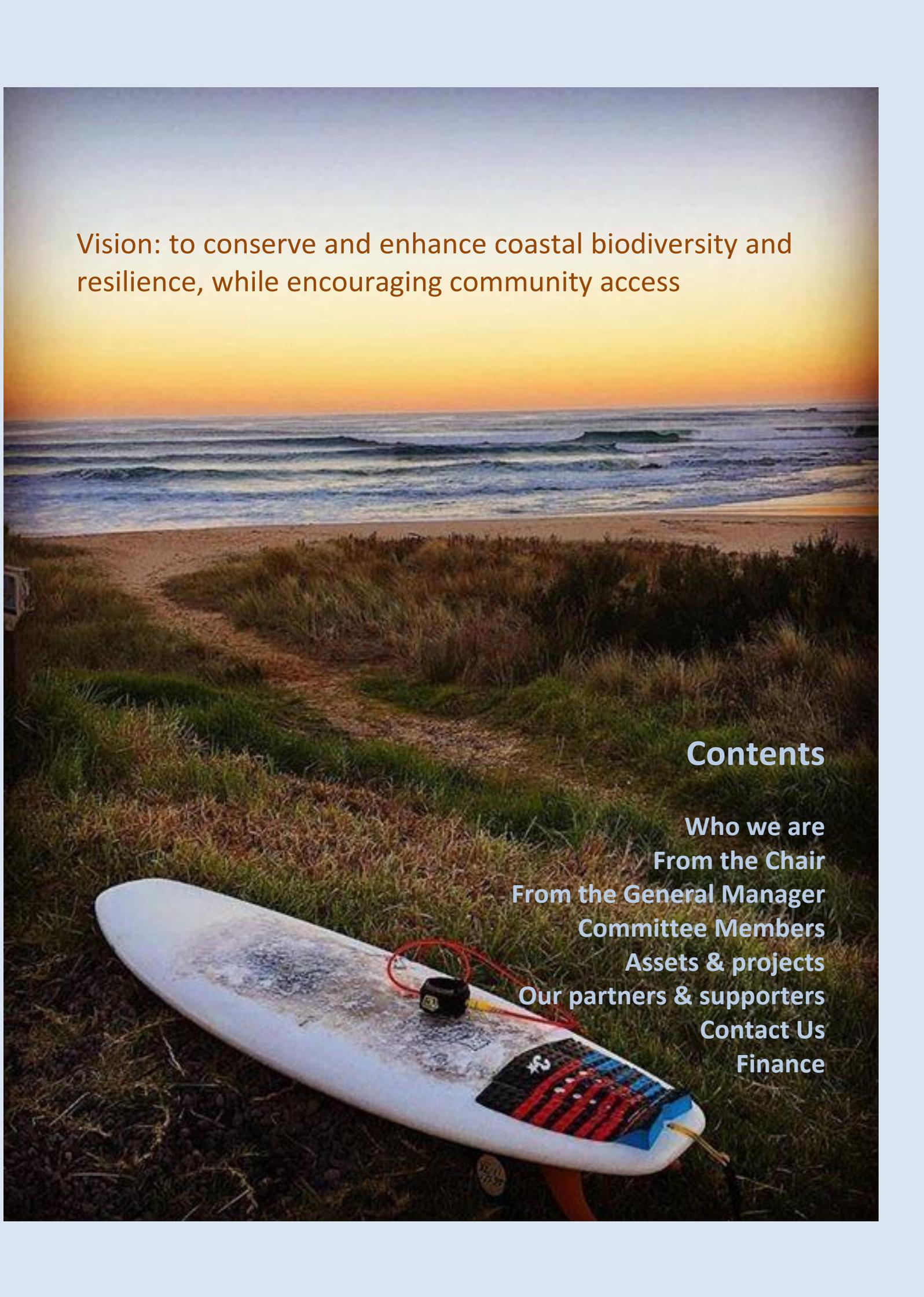
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Vision: to conserve and enhance coastal biodiversity and resilience, while encouraging community access

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Who We Are

Otway Coast Committee wishes to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the country for which we have management responsibilities, and wishes to pay its respects to their Elders, past and present.

Otway Coast Committee is a not-for-profit, community-based organisation responsible for managing coastal Crown Land reserves along the heritage listed Great Ocean Road in Victoria.

Otway Coast Committee is a Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Category 1 Committee of Management, established under the provisions of the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978*, to manage sections of Crown Land along the coast from Marengo to Separation Creek. We establish the broad strategic direction for the development and management of the land we are responsible for, including business planning and preparation of budgets, and take a long term view when making decisions about the future of the coastline.

The Committee is accountable to the Victorian Government, via DELWP, for the efficient and effective governance and management of the coastal public land under its control. The Crown Land

Reserves we manage provide significant economic benefits for local communities and are managed to operate sustainably with minimal environmental impacts. These coastal reserves provide an inspiring and memorable setting for people living along, or visiting, the Otway Coast, and they complement the adjacent Great Otway National Park.

Our long term vision, developed in consultation with other stake holders and the Community, is that these Reserves will continue to provide for the protection of significant environmental and cultural values, and will be managed sustainably. We aim to undertake integrated planning and provide clear direction for the future. This will ensure the sustainable use of natural coastal resources, and that development on the coast is located within existing modified and resilient environments where the demand for development is evident and the impact can be managed.



From the Chair

As you will read further in this 2016-2017 Annual Report, the OCC is completing some major projects as well as facing a rapidly increasing demand for facilities and services.



Take a moment and imagine what our coast will be like with a further doubling in visitor numbers. This

increase is predicted to occur in the next few years, and be quite frank, much of the infrastructure along our coast is already struggling to cope with the current demand.

Over the past couple of years there has been a significant improvement in the OCC budget. An excellent result achieved by a determined effort by both staff and Committee members. This is coupled to a more collaborative engagement process with other agencies and organisations with responsibilities along our coast. The works just completed at Mounts Bay, between Marengo and Apollo Bay, are a good example of this collaborative approach led by the DELWP team at Barwon South West and its Anglesea office. This work has temporarily protected the assets in the area, The Great Ocean Road pavement, Sewer and Water mains, Great Ocean walking track, and the Barham river wetlands.

We all have a good understanding of the coastal processes, ongoing monitoring is in place, clear inter agency responsibilities and a 3 year plan with the first year successfully completed on time and within budget. Sounds great doesn't it?

Has there been any funding for years two and three of the plan? No.

How about maintenance funding? No.

The funding boom and bust of our State election cycles is not helping the development and funding of regional priority projects, and the maintenance of existing assets, both natural and human-made, is hardly the stuff for ribbon cutting headlines. I believe these two things, identifying and committing long term funding to regional projects on a priority basis, and funding the ongoing maintenance of our assets will produce the best long term, value for money, benefits for the coast and its users.

The OCC is committed to developing such strategies internally. Mounts Bay demonstrates how we still have a long way to go to achieve committed long term results.

The OCC is both part of, and a partner in, this very slowly evolving process. Just keeping up with, let alone being ahead of the dual effects of Climate Change and Population/Visitor growth, is a massive challenge for us all.

From the General Manager

The 2016-2017 Financial Year has been another good but also another challenging year.

We have almost come to a close on projects at Wye River after the devastating bush fires that went through the community back in 2015, and due to safety issues associated with



other ongoing works by the Colac Otway Shire (COS) and VicRoads (VR) we have not been able to complete the remaining works on Paddy's Path.

We have also spent a lot of time, resources and effort on erosion mitigation not only at Marengo, but in Apollo Bay and Wye River. Many of you would have seen the first lot of works in Apollo Bay with trucks operating on the foreshore beach from Wild Dog Rd along the foreshore to just up past Cawood St. This work seems to be successful at the moment and is holding up reasonably well to the high tides and swells we continually receive.

The second lot of Sand renourishment works was out at Mounts Bay Marengo, however the constant high tides and swells have removed much of the sand that was moved into place. In spite of this, the sand replenishment has actually assisted in minimizing the rate of erosion that we were originally faced with. We are constantly meeting with Government bodies and relevant stake holder groups to determine how best to address and minimise the rate of sand movement

along this section of coast. Finding a solution is a massive challenge, but a challenge we are not backing away from. These projects have been completed on time and on budget with the support and assistance of the team at Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP).

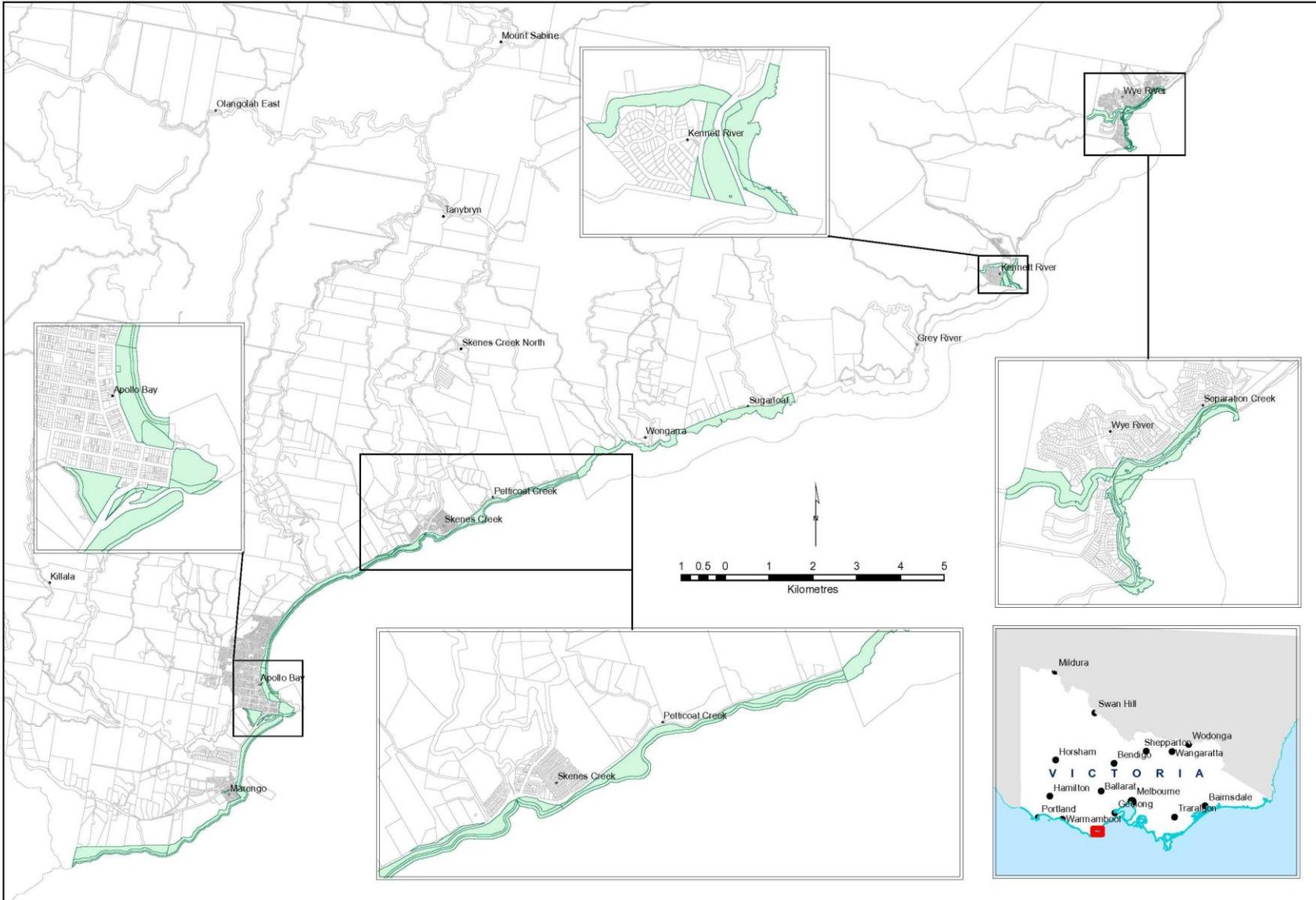
The other large project the Committee has been working on, and which seems to be gathering a lot of public support is the Apollo Bay to Skenes Creek Trail Project. Although this project is still only a feasibility study, it's good to see the community having input into the project.

In the 2017-2018 financial year the Apollo Bay, Marengo and Skenes Creek communities will have a chance to have input into a Foreshore Precinct Plan. The Precinct Plan will guide the redevelopment of the Foreshore area between the service station and the Golf Club car park.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our committee members, staff, Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning (DELWP), other partner organisations and importantly our volunteers for their hard work and commitment over the past twelve months. We are grateful for your support and look forward to working towards our goals over the year ahead.

I look forward in the coming year to ensuring we remain focused on our mission - "Committed to Sustainable Management & Caring for our Coast & Community".

OTWAY COAST COMMITTEE MANAGED CROWN LAND



Areas of Coastal Crown Land managed by Otway Coast Committee

Committee Members

The 2016-2017 Committee comprises seven members appointed by the State Minister responsible for the Environment.

Andrew Buchanan (Chair)

Andrew has lived in Skenes Creek since 1987, when he established and managed Wild Dog Trading Co in Apollo Bay. In 1989 he was elected as a Coastal Riding Councillor, served on many committees up until Council's amalgamation in



September 1994, and as a member of the Planning Committee, helped drive the establishment of the first planning

scheme for the Otway Shire.

Andrew's commitment to coastal planning led to his appointment as the first Community Representative to the original Foreshore Committee, and is the current Chair of the Otway Coast Committee. Andrew is also a founding member and Chair of the Apollo Bay & District Health Foundation, and contributes to a number of other local groups. Andrew has a passion for remote-area travel to exotic places...and fishing!

Robyn Adams (Deputy Chair)

Robyn has had a house in Kennett River since the early 90's and, has been a member of the Otway Coast Committee since 2005.

Robyn is an ecologist with post graduate qualifications in plant ecology, and until "retiring" in



2009, worked as a Senior Lecturer in Conservation Ecology, and in Environmental Science, for Deakin University. Her research interests are in fire ecology and native vegetation management.

Robyn is a volunteer fire-fighter with Christmas Hills Fire Brigade, and during her long active membership, has held many roles including managing finances, maintaining records, managing and delivering training, as well as fighting fires. Robyn is a Qualified Workplace Trainer and Assessor, is a CFA Driver Educator, and is Secretary to the Nillumbik Group of Fire Brigades.



Graham Costin

Graham was born in Apollo Bay. Although he has travelled extensively for work, he



has always maintained strong connections with the Otway Coast. Graham now enjoys semi-retirement at Skenes Creek, being the fifth generation of his family to live in the Apollo Bay area.

Graham has had a long domestic and international consulting career in infrastructure planning, management and governance. He has worked for the Australian Government and international development banks, often leading multi-discipline specialist teams in challenging environments. His consulting career followed senior positions in local government and water agencies. He has lectured in environmental and municipal engineering at Deakin University. He was a member of the Otway Coast Water Board, and later a member of the merged Colac-Otway Coast Water Board (now part of Barwon Water).

In 2002, Graham was awarded the Australian Overseas Humanitarian Service Medal for his work as the United Nation's Director of Water and Sanitation in post-conflict Timor-Leste.

Graham was appointed to the Otway Coast Committee in July 2015. He is chair of the Committee's Apollo bay to Skenes Creek Stage 2 Coastal Discovery Trail (WD2SK) sub-committee, and a member of the OCC's finance subcommittee. He is committed to the sustainable management of the Otway Coast's stunning landscape and rich heritage.

Graham strongly advocates for community consultation, good governance, private sector partnerships and risk management.

Dianne Clark

Born and educated in Melbourne, Dianne has, for the past 24 years owned property at Skenes Creek and has lived there permanently for the past 7 years.

Dianne holds a Business Studies qualification and has been a member of the Australian Human Resources Institute and Institute of Company Directors. Her career over the last 30 years has been in Management Consulting and Personnel Selection and Search.

Dianne commenced this experience with the Hay Group, an international Management Consultancy where she was involved in production of their Salary & Remuneration Reports. She has established a recruitment company prior to working as a Director/part owner of a recruitment group part owned by a 2nd tier Chartered Accounting Group. She has worked across a variety of industry segments dealing with selection/search at a senior management level.



Since retirement, Di has held voluntary non-executive director roles including: Conservation Ecology Centre based at Cape Otway, the Apollo Bay & District Health Foundation and is a Committee Member of the Otway Coast Committee and currently serving her second term.

Bruce Adams

Bruce was appointed to the Otway Coast Committee in July 2015. He is a resident of Melbourne but has a holiday house in Apollo Bay.

Bruce founded a Consulting Engineering business in 1991 which is focused on Structural and Civil Engineering, primarily involved in multi storey building structures. It has grown to a staff of 50 people in Melbourne, Sydney and Geelong.



Bruce's family started holidaying in the Apollo Bay area in the early 1980's and all

developed a great love of the natural features of the area, beaches, coast and the Otways. They eventually purchased a holiday house in Apollo Bay, and now Bruce's grandchildren are holidaying with them.

Bruce's desire in seeking to join the OCC was to contribute his engineering and business experience to the Committee and to ensure that the local coastal features we all love, remain intact, as much as is possible, for the enjoyment of our grandchildren and their children.

Bruce is looking forward to providing continued input so that, as features such as beach accesses, walking paths etc are upgraded, they are sustainable through the environmental challenges facing us all.

Jenni Johnson

Jenni is a primary school Principal, and long-time annual camper at the Wye River Foreshore Camping Ground.

Jenni, who was a member of the Wye River Foreshore

Committee of Management until its amalgamation with the Otway Coast Committee, has been on the OCC now for two terms.



Geoff Quinn

Geoff lives in Essendon, has a house at Kennett River, and was a Committee member between 2012 and December 2016, when he resigned to follow other interests.

Geoff worked in the Education Department of Victoria for 32 years, and has worked as a

volunteer with Australian Volunteers International and TEAR Australia in Zambia, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia and in Bangladesh.

Geoff has been a member of the Kennett River Association from 2004 and President from 2009.



Anthony Alfirenko (General Manager)

Anthony lives in Apollo Bay, and has been the Committee's General Manager since early 2015. Anthony is responsible for the management of the day to day business of the Committee, as well as oversight of the Apollo Bay Recreation Reserve and the beachfront camping ground at Wye River.



Anthony is a committee member and volunteer of the Apollo Bay Hawks Football Club and a committee member and volunteer with Apollo Bay Ocean Rescue.

David Martin (Business Manager)

David is the Business Manager of the Otway Coast Committee. He began in this newly created role in May 2017.

He manages the financial affairs of the OCC, along with the day to day running of the caravan parks. He has a long history in banking and finance, and more recently office management roles.

He is a resident of Colac, however he and his family spend a lot of their own time in Apollo Bay.

Staff

The Committee is supported by a number of permanent and seasonal staff, overseen by the General Manager. There is also a network of volunteer groups who assist from time to time with natural resource management activities along the coast.



Erosion mitigation work along Apollo Bay foreshore

Major Assets

Otway Coast Committee generates its revenue from the operation of the Wye River Camping Ground and the Apollo Bay Recreation Reserve Caravan Park, as well as from a small number of licences and leases. The main leases are Marengo, Skenes Creek and Kennett River Caravan Parks, Apollo Bay Golf Course, and the Telstra lease at Wye River.

All revenue is directed back into maintenance and management of OCC assets. A substantial proportion of OCC's activity is ongoing maintenance, repairs to foreshore assets, caravan park infrastructure, and erosion mitigation and repair. Larger projects usually depend on OCC obtaining grants and sourcing external resources.

Major Assets

Otway Coast Committee directly manages approximately \$6 million worth of coastal assets, including:

- approximately 30km of coastal crown land, mostly concentrated along the foreshore of the six townships, and most requiring regular mowing
- Apollo Bay Recreation Reserve and Caravan Park
- Wye River Camping Caravan Park
- Wye River Walk, Kennett River riverside reserve, and Paddy's Path at Wye River
- numerous beach access points, electric BBQs, picnic pavilions, picnic tables and seating and car parking areas
- several public toilets in Wye River, Skenes Creek and Apollo Bay
- playgrounds on Apollo Bay foreshore reserve, and at Wye River
- Apollo Bay foreshore skate-park and fountain
- Great Ocean Walk Trailhead & gardens at Apollo Bay



Major Activities and Projects

The activities of the Otway Coast Committee are guided by our Coastal Management. The Plan outlines the overall direction of the OCC, and lists the short, medium and longer-term projects which the OCC and the community see as important to the successful management of the coast. The CMP can found on the Committee website at <http://www.otwaycoast.org.au/index.php/about-us/coastal-management-plan>.

OCC income is supplemented from time to time by various grants and other opportunistic income, and the commencement and completion of other projects is largely dependent on the availability of surplus finances, and grants from various sources.

Major Activities & Projects Completed in 2016-2017

- ❖ BUDGET: A detailed budget preparation process and format has been developed, and accepted for the 2017-2018 financial year. The appointment of a Business Manager has greatly improved the OCC's financial processes.
- ❖ WILD DOG-SKENES CREEK TRAIL (WD2SK): The Committee, in collaboration with Apollo Bay Chamber of Commerce, Skenes Creek Association, Colac Otway Shire and the State Government, has prepared a brief for a full feasibility study of the WD2SK Trail
- ❖ ASSETS: A detailed Register of Assets managed by the Committee has been completed, and will inform the budget for asset maintenance and replacement
- ❖ BEACH EROSION: A Sand Management Plan for replenishment of beach sand at Apollo Bay and Mounts Bay "erosion hotspots" has been developed in partnership with DELWP, and is being implemented.
- ❖ FORESHORE REMEDIATION: Soil remediation works for the high-use area of the Apollo Bay foreshore has been completed in preparation for the development of a Foreshore Precinct Plan.
- ❖ PLAYGROUND: Replacement of the children's playground at Wye River
- ❖ RIVER WALK: Completion of the Wye River Walk along the River from the bridge to the end of the public Crown land
- ❖ COOPERATION: Throughout the 2016-2017 year, the OCC has continued to develop a strong and co-operative network of stakeholders and other community groups
- ❖ CARAVAN PARK FACILITIES: Improved the facilities and fire-safety infrastructure at both caravan parks, and completed a "re-branding" of the Wye River Camping Ground and the Apollo Bay River to Reef Camping Ground

Major Activities & Projects Proposed for 2017-2018

- ❖ **PRECINCT PLAN:** Development of a foreshore precinct plan for the high-use area of the Apollo Bay foreshore
- ❖ **MOU:** Renew a Memorandum of Understanding with Colac Otway Shire
- ❖ **WALKING TRAILS:** Work towards an upgrade of the Apollo Bay/Marengo path, in partnership with Colac Otway Shire
- ❖ **COMMS STRATEGY:** Develop a Communications and Engagement Strategy to support and guide its engagement with stakeholders and community groups
- ❖ **MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS:** Review and prepare new contracts for mowing and cleaning for Wye River and Apollo Bay foreshore
- ❖ **RISK MANAGEMENT:** Develop and implement Emergency Management Plans for Wye River and Apollo Bay Camping Grounds, and audit the health and safety of the cypress trees along the Apollo Bay foreshore

Project Reports

Wild Dog to Skenes Creek Trail: The Committee collaborated with the Apollo bay Chamber of Commerce, Skenes Creek Association, Colac Otway Shire and the State Government, to progress the section of walking and bicycle trail between Wild Dog Creek and Skenes Creek (Stage 2).

These organizations formed a Steering Committee during 2016-2017, and prepared a Project Brief to undertake a full feasibility study of Stage 2. The brief included ecological, environmental, economic benefit, heritage, consultations, geomorphologic and geotechnical assessment. Preliminary engineering and architectural designs will be prepared, and capital and maintenance costs identified. The feasibility study will be undertaken by an experienced consulting firm, and anticipated to be completed by the end of 2017. Stage 2 of the Trail is expected to improve road safety, enhance community health and wellbeing, and attract tourism.

Beach Erosion- Mounts Bay and Apollo Bay Beach:

Storms caused to significant erosion and damage to beach infrastructure along the foreshore between Marengo (Mounts Bay) and Tuxion Road (Apollo Bay). The Sand Management Plan was completed and sand re-nourishment carried out to mitigate the issue. Large volumes (approx. 14,000 cubic meters) of sand were relocated to several of the most eroded areas. Safety fencing was erected, along with anti-erosion fencing was installed, and beach access points and stairs replaced.



Our Partners and Supporters

Otway Coast Committee would like to thank the following groups for their continued support and assistance throughout the year:

- ❖ Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning (DELWP)
- ❖ Apollo Bay Chamber of Commerce
- ❖ Township Associations at Wye River & Separation Creek, Kennett River and Skenes Creek
- ❖ Southern Otway Landcare Network
- ❖ Colac Otway Shire
- ❖ VicRoads
- ❖ Parks Victoria
- ❖ Regional Development Victoria
- ❖ Corangamite Catchment Management Authority
- ❖ Barwon Water
- ❖ The Western Coastal Board
- ❖ Surf Life Saving Victoria and associated clubs
- ❖ Birdlife Australia
- ❖ Sport and Recreation, Victoria
- ❖ Local businesses, and the residents and local and international visitors who enjoy this beautiful section of Victoria's coastline

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Finance

**Otway Coast Committee
Financial Statements and Auditor's Statement
For the Year Ended 30 June 2017**

**OTWAY COAST COMMITTEE
STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Camping Fees	965,151.67	887,819.09
Foreshore Rent	107,052.91	167,853.36
Foreshore Income - General	53,213.61	76,047.35
Grants	695,894.60	98,230.95
Interest Received	10,178.14	2,247.62
Sundry	246.00	892.00
Workcover Recoveries	38,983.60	-
	<u>1,870,720.53</u>	<u>1,233,090.37</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Accounting & Legal Fees	54,335.71	57,067.30
Advertising	5,995.98	4,845.12
Bad Debts	21,953.45	15,206.20
Bank & Merchant Fees & Interest	6,347.01	7,478.27
Consulting	3,400.00	330.00
Contract Cleaning & Chemicals	139,601.22	143,421.87
Depreciation	7,566.23	-
Equipment	-	6,739.10
Equipment Hire	4,805.97	3,574.74
Freight	-	1,407.50
Garbage Collection & Sanitary Services	50,753.67	44,218.40
Gas and Electricity	61,497.23	63,653.34
IT Expenses	6,552.62	9,627.62
Insurance	9,018.53	7,762.81
Licenses & Permits	2,383.74	-
Fines/Penalties	7,773.00	-
New Works/Projects	637,937.82	73,447.33
Office Supplies	2,596.81	3,043.10
Payroll Tax	367.67	-1,154.07
Provision for Employee Entitlements (Movement)	4,235.57	14,766.49
Repairs & Maintenance	101,335.40	74,981.52
Security	11,424.00	9,792.00
Staff Training	521.45	1,163.55
Sundry	3,321.35	2,803.83
Superannuation	48,792.25	48,166.73
Supplies	8,811.69	7,199.54
Telephone & Internet	11,950.64	11,983.78
Travel, Accommodation & Entertainment	301.63	25.45
Vehicle Expenses	18,752.02	14,361.25
Wages	533,789.54	532,859.69
Water	23,289.24	35,841.91
Work Clothes	2,496.10	3,707.29
Workcover	16,597.30	13,965.91
	<u>1,808,504.84</u>	<u>1,212,287.57</u>
Surplus for Year before Capital Grants	62,215.69	20,802.80
Capital Grants	115,161.80	-
Surplus for Year	<u><u>177,377.49</u></u>	<u><u>20,802.80</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements
This statement should be read in conjunction with the attached audit report

**OTWAY COAST COMMITTEE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2017**

	2017	2016 Restated
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bendigo Bank Cheque Account	147,244.91	848,799.07
Bendigo Bank Credit Card	1,005.77	669.66
Bendigo Bank GST Holding Account	25,304.48	17,934.43
Bendigo Bank Grant Holding Account	394,280.12	126,020.67
Accounts Receivable	41,163.38	39,711.20
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>608,998.66</u>	<u>1,033,135.03</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, Plant & Equipment	139,429.88	26,504.38
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>748,428.54</u>	<u>1,059,639.41</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	30,123.01	77,738.46
Other Creditors	1,000.00	110.00
Prepaid Grants	370,233.61	740,202.93
GST Payable	7,037.95	81,789.13
PAYG Withholding Payable	7,749.74	10,976.75
Superannuation Payable	11,510.47	9,661.46
Provision for Annual Leave	32,565.46	30,151.37
Provision for Long Service Leave	16,045.48	9,139.00
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>476,265.72</u>	<u>959,769.10</u>
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provision for Long Service Leave	5,437.00	10,522.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>481,702.72</u>	<u>970,291.10</u>
	<u>266,725.82</u>	<u>89,348.31</u>
MEMBERS FUNDS		
Retained Surplus at Beginning of Year	89,348.31	42,041.13
Prior Period Adjustment	-	26,504.38
Surplus for Year	177,377.49	20,802.80
Accumulated Funds at End of Year	<u>266,725.80</u>	<u>89,348.31</u>

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**OTWAY COAST COMMITTEE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

NOTE 1: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Basis of preparation

In the Committee's opinion, the entity is not a reporting entity as there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. These are special purpose financial statements prepared for the Committee's purpose. The Committee has determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of the members of Otway Coast Committee and the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978.

Historical cost convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income Tax

Under current legislation Otway Coast Committee is exempt from income tax.

Investments

Investments held are recognised at cost.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Revenue and Other Income

Sales revenue including interest revenue is recognised when it is received or receivable.

Donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

Grant revenue is recognised based on the stage of completion of the project which is measured by reference to the expenses incurred. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Goods and Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of the GST is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the assets and liabilities statement.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable include amounts due from customers. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Accounts Payable and Other Payables

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

Property, Plant & Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and /or any accumulated impairment losses, if any. Such cost includes the cost of replacing part of the property, plant and equipment and borrowing costs for long-term construction projects if the recognition criteria are met. When significant parts of property, plant and equipment are required to be replaced at intervals, the Committee recognises

**OTWAY COAST COMMITTEE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

NOTE 1: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED

Property, Plant & Equipment (continued)

such parts as individual assets with specific useful lives and depreciates them accordingly. Likewise, when a major inspection is performed, its cost is recognised in the carrying amount of the plant and equipment as a replacement if the recognition criteria are satisfied. All other repair and maintenance costs are recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

Depreciation is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each part of an item of property, plant and equipment. Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Plant and equipment	3 to 10 years
Motor vehicles	8 years
Low value pool	4 years
Park Improvements	40 years

The carrying values of property, plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying values may not be recoverable. If any such indication exists and where the carrying values exceed the estimated recoverable amount, the assets are written down to their recoverable amount, being the higher of their fair value less costs to sell and their value in use.

An item of property, plant and equipment and any significant part initially recognised is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in the statement of comprehensive income when the asset is derecognised.

The assets' residual values, useful lives and methods of depreciation are reviewed at each financial year end, and adjusted prospectively, if appropriate.

Fully depreciated property, plant and equipment are retained in the financial statements until they are no longer in use and no further charge for depreciation is made in respect of these assets.

A change in accounting policy to account for property, plant & equipment in accordance with AASB 116 resulted in restatement of retained earnings in 2016 financial year (increase of \$26,504.38) compared to previously reported results. Property, plant and equipment were expensed in previous financial years.

Employee Benefits

Short-term employee benefits

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

Other long-term employee benefits

The liability for annual leave and long service leave not expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected

The Otway Coast Committee on behalf of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning maintains the public parks and reserves around the coastal area covering Wye River to Marengo. It also manages the operation of the Apollo Bay Recreation Reserve and Wye River Foreshore Camping Ground.

**OTWAY COAST COMMITTEE
ANNUAL STATEMENTS GIVE TRUE AND FAIR VIEW OF FINANCIAL POSITION AND
PERFORMANCE OF COMMITTEE**

We , being members of the Committee of Otway Coast Committee certify that:-

- 1 The statements attached give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of Otway Coast Committee during and at the end of the financial year of the Committee ending on 30 June 2017.
- 2 At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Otway Coast Committee will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Committee Member:


Jennifer Johnson

Committee Member:


BRUCE ADAMS

Dated: 16 February 2017

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF OTWAY COAST COMMITTEE

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Otway Coast Committee (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, the statement of profit or loss for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the certification by Members of the Committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Association.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial report gives a true and fair view, in all material respects, of the financial position of Otway Coast Committee as at 30 June 2017 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the association and the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

It is not practicable for Otway Coast Committee to maintain an effective system of internal control over cash receipts until their initial entry in the accounting records. Therefore, we were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence about the amount of cash revenue recorded for the year ended 30 June 2017, and our audit in relation to revenue was limited to amounts recorded. Consequently, we were unable to determine whether any adjustments to this amount were necessary.

We were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence about the carrying value of Otway Coast Committee's plant and equipment as the cost of purchases prior to 30 June 2016 have been expensed and were not shown in the statement of financial position in previous financial years. Accordingly, no depreciation expense was recorded in relation to plant and equipment in the statement of profit or loss in previous financial years. The statement of financial position for the year ended 30 June 2016 has been restated based on management's estimation of carrying value of the Committee's plant and equipment cost in previous financial year, as a result of a change in accounting policy in the current financial year to account for plant and equipment in accordance with AASB 116 *Property, Plant and Equipment*.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also

fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements which describes the basis for accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Otway Coast Committee to meet the requirements of the committee. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report

The Committee of the Association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the reporting requirements of the committee and Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

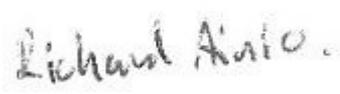
In preparing the financial report, the Committee of the Association is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Committee of the Association either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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RICHARD AINIO
Partner

Dated: 16 February 2018