

20 years looking after the **KIMBERLEY**

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Annual Report 2016

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

This year we are celebrating twenty years since EK was formed to fight the development of broad-scale irrigated agriculture in the West Kimberley, which would have resulted in the Fitzroy River being dammed and thousands of hectares of savannah woodland being cleared.

Back then, EK was a small but determined group of people who joined with Karrajari, Nyikina and Bunuba traditional owners and the wider community to protect the river and surrounds. In the time since, the organisation has grown slowly but steadily, with our activities expanding to encompass collaborative on-ground cultural and natural resource management projects (under the Kimberley Nature Project), advocacy work (in 2016, this included a marine park campaign and lobbying for the legal protection of the Fitzroy River system), a host of volunteer activities (weeding and seed propagation among them) and awareness-raising and education. What we have achieved in 2016 is outlined in the reports that follow.

Meanwhile, through the year, we have introduced improvements to the ways we interact with members, supporters, volunteers, other sectors and the wider community. Some of these have to do with the way we gather, analyse and provide information. EK's new website, soon to be operational, will allow people easier access to information and resources.



We have revamped the look of EK's well-regarded newsletter, which remains the most reliable source of news and comment dedicated to the Kimberley environment.

The present document, our second published Annual Report, is the result of our efforts to strengthen and more regularly communicate where we are heading, what we are doing, and what these activities have led to.

This year's financial reports have provided the organisation with a bill of good health. Aside from the successes with grants and strong relationships with funders and collaborators, this is due in large part to the good reputation of EK among the local and wider community, which we draw on for our members and volunteers, donors and supporters. The Annual Art Auction in Broome, our main source of self-generated income, which drew together artworks from across the Kimberley, attracted greater numbers of patrons than ever before.

Looking ahead, our overriding objective is clear: to ensure that we give the environment of the Kimberley the strongest possible voice through a combination of local collaborative projects, advocacy, education and volunteer opportunities.

Kate Golson
Chairperson, Environs Kimberley



EK staff at Gantheaume Point, Broome

EK has been dedicated to protecting the Kimberley's land and waters for twenty years.

This magnificent country faces many and increasing threats; too frequent fires, feral animals, weeds, broadscale land-clearing, dams, mining and encroaching industrial development are all putting our precious Kimberley environment at risk.

Our overriding objective is that the lands and waters of this special part of the world be protected and sustainably managed. We continue to work closely with Aboriginal ranger groups and local communities, and collaborate with a broad range of organisations and agencies, to achieve this end.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT



EK passed a remarkable milestone this year, 20 years of protecting the Kimberley, and we celebrated in typical Kimberley fashion at the Pearl Luggers, with members, guests, great food and the best music by the Pigrams and friends.

We had a lot to celebrate and have faced many challenges, which, without the loyalty of our members and supporters, we wouldn't have been able to surmount. Right now the Fitzroy River is flowing freely, James Price Point has been spared a gas hub, the Horizontal Falls has been protected from a copper mine and there is no coal mine in the Fitzroy Valley.

19 million hectares of the Kimberley has been National Heritage-listed by the Australian Government, and the WA Government has promised 30,000km² of marine parks, as well as the largest national park on the continent.

In 2015/16 we worked to support and encourage environmentally sustainable development but, despite the good news, we are facing new threats, including large-scale landclearing, mining in inappropriate areas and fracking. Overstocking by cattle continues to harm fragile ecosystems and wetlands. These pressures come in addition to climate change, wildfires, invasive weeds and feral animals. Our work has never been more necessary.

EK's 11 highly professional staff and 10 dedicated Board members have achieved much over the 2015/16 year, in conjunction with volunteers across the community who have run the EK market stall, the Broome Community Seagrass Project, the EK Art Auction and many other events and activities. Our relationships with partner groups and organisations continued to flourish in our quest to ensure that our combined conservation efforts are strategic, efficient and not duplicated.

Our Kimberley Nature Project work, with nine Aboriginal ranger teams and other community groups, is an outstanding example of combining western scientific knowledge with traditional ecological knowledge to get the best long-term conservation outcomes for country. Its success is epitomised in the Final Report for the Targeted Area Grant under the Australian Government's National Landcare Program 2013–2016.

The push for development in Northern Australia has continued through the year and has its roots in the *Developing Northern Australia White Paper*, with an emphasis on mega-scale industrial projects funded by a Northern Australia Infrastructure Fund. The State Government is on the record as saying that 5 million hectares are suitable for agriculture in the Kimberley.

We stood with Traditional Owners to stare down big cotton in the 90s, but we are now looking at a similar push in the Fitzroy Valley, where we are again campaigning for the river in the face of proposals for irrigated agriculture. We will be revealing industry plans for massive irrigation projects next year.

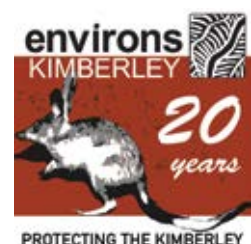
We were at the forefront of marine protection with our partners in *The Kimberley – Like Nowhere Else* alliance; the compelling case for meaningful protection with scientific standards for sanctuary zones was supported by over 50,000 people, who put in submissions for the Roebuck Bay, Horizontal Falls and North Kimberley Marine Parks.

Traditional owner concerns about fracking in the Fitzroy Valley led us to head out there to more thoroughly inform people of the problems. We flushed out plans for marinas proposed for Broome with a freedom-of-information request. Our call for transparency and democratic, community-based decision-making continued in 2015/16.

For 20 years we've been working hard to get information out into the public arena, to promote healthy discussion and to make informed decisions about development in the region.

This has only been made possible with community support and we thank all our supporters, donors, funders, partner organisations and collaborators for helping us achieve our goals over the past year.

Martin Pritchard
Director, Environs Kimberley



KIMBERLEY NATURE PROJECT

In 2015/16 the Kimberley Nature Project continued to evolve with the changing funding environment, whilst holding firm to our goal of protecting and documenting ecologically and culturally important species and ecosystems, and engaging and supporting local and traditional owner communities.



We successfully wrapped up our three-year Targeted Area Grant from the Australian Government, providing us with an opportunity to review what a productive and successful grant it was: 55 community field days; 48 communication activities; 10 workshops with Aboriginal governance bodies; 36 field trips with elders and youth; 4 publications or reports documenting indigenous ecological knowledge; 46 rangers contracted through fee-for-service arrangements; 23 community training sessions; 19 ecological surveys and 9 reports; over 23,000 ha surveyed/managed for weeds and feral animals; 45,072 ha managed for fire; and 10.4 km of fence erected to stop cattle from damaging wetlands.

Unfortunately, large multi-year core grants like this are now uncommon, reflecting the general decline in funding for Natural Resource Management and conservation projects in Australia. Despite this, we still managed to secure enough funding to maintain projects and our seven fantastic staff by drawing from 16 smaller grants and contracts, where previously they were funded from 5. Despite the increased grant writing, management and reporting load, we are still kicking cultural and conservation goals in the Kimberley.

We continued our work documenting and conserving priority and threatened ecological communities. On the Dampier Peninsula we worked with Bardi Jawi Aamba and Oorany Rangers, Nyul Nyul Rangers, communities and community groups to conduct ecological surveys, weed and fire management around Monsoon Vine Thickets. We have enhanced coordinated weed management in Minyir Park with the support of Nyamba Buru Yawuru and funding from Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW) by developing standardised surveys and a weed management plan. We extended ecological mapping of Monsoon Vine Thickets of the Limestone Ranges, working with both the Bunuba and Wunggurr Rangers in the Oscar and Napier Ranges. Additionally, we are continuing our work mapping the Cable Beach Ghost Gum (*Corymbia paractia*) and associated priority ecological community in conjunction with the Broome Botanical Society. Lastly, we helped establish the West Kimberley Threatened Flora and Ecosystems recovery team with Department of Parks and Wildlife.

The Kimberley Community Seedbank project has sprouted and grows from strength to strength. Earlier in the year a number of successful workshops engaged Aboriginal women ranger groups to build skills in seed collecting, processing, storage and propagation. One workshop took four women rangers to Perth for training with the APACE community seedbank and nursery, and Kings Park. The seedbank is increasingly able to provide support for ranger groups in seed collecting, is developing facilities for seed storage and viability testing, and establishing links with conservation seedbanks to better include Kimberley threatened plant species. The seedbank is also investigating opportunities to develop plant products, which can enable rangers to become more engaged in the conservation economy.





Coordinators Dr Malcolm Lindsay
and Louise Beames



The Broome Community Seagrass Monitoring Project uses citizen-scientists to monitor Roebuck Bay's ecologically and culturally important seagrass habitat through twelve seagrass monitoring sessions a year. The project also held a number of beach clean-ups along Roebuck Bay's foreshore in conjunction with the Roebuck Bay Working Group and the Broome Chamber of Commerce and Industry. This year marks the tenth year of the Seagrass Project and will culminate in a 10 Year Report Card, where we will analyse, present and celebrate the scientific and social outcomes of the project, and show trends in the seagrass meadows of Roebuck Bay.

The Kimberley Bilby Project has hopped along, gathering momentum and gaining partnerships. In conjunction with WWF Australia, and more recently DPaW, we are working on coordinated Bilby survey effort and management with seven ranger groups across the region. To help this, Environs Kimberley coordinated a Kimberley convoy of six ranger groups and three partner organisations to attend the Indigenous Bilby Knowledge Festival in Kiwirrkurra, Australia's most remote community. This festival brought together Aboriginal groups and ecologists working on Bilbies in Australia to network and share ecological and cultural knowledge.



Lastly, the Kimberley Nature Project has supported better conservation management and planning within Aboriginal groups. With the Bunuba people, KNP, in collaboration with Bush Heritage, is conducting Healthy Country Planning, a process that allows the Bunuba community to prioritise conservation actions to protect cultural and ecological targets and manage threats across their whole country for the next 10 years. With the Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative in Victoria, we are developing a business plan guiding sustainable enterprise that protects and conserves natural and cultural heritage at Wurdi Youang. Wurdi Youang is an IPA in consultation, a site of extreme cultural significance to Wathaurong/Wadawurrung people, and home to critically endangered plains grasslands.

The Kimberley Nature Project would like to thank our major project partners: the Bardi Jawi, Nyul Nyul, Yawuru, Karajarri, Gooniyandi, Bunuba, Wunggurr and Paruku Rangers and associated communities; WWF-Australia; the Kimberley Land Council; Society for Kimberley Indigenous Plants and Animals; Bush Heritage; Broome Botanical Society; Seagrass Watch; Roebuck Bay Working Group; and the Department of Parks and Wildlife.

The KNP would also like to thank our fabulous funders: Rangelands NRM, Australian Government's National Landcare Program, West Australian Government's NRM Program, WWF-Australia, Belgiorio-Nettis fund, Coast West, Shire of Broome, Kimberley Ports, Norman Wettenhall Foundation, Foundation for Regional & Rural Renewal, Eucalypts Australia and the Hoffman Foundation.



KIMBERLEY MARINE PROJECTS

Jason Fowler, Marine Project Officer

This year has developed as the most exciting and progressive period ever seen for conservation planning on the Kimberley coast. As promised, the WA Government announced the draft management plan for the Lalang-Garram Horizontal Falls Marine Park and Oomeday National Park in October 2015.

These plans will provide some protection for one of the most stunning areas of the Australian coastline, though falling short of world-standard protection by 6%. The plan has some other major flaws, such as the Turtle Reef (Ganbadba) Sanctuary Zone being left open to the development of ship-loading and mining-related infrastructure. After a furious three months of campaigning and submission-writing, we hope that the State Government will amend these obvious deficiencies in the final plan.

The mighty, 1.8 million-hectare North Kimberley Marine Park, which stretches from Camden Sound to the WA-NT border, was announced in February 2016. This park is far more complex than the Horizontal Falls park, with four traditional owner groups taking part in jointly managing the park. Again, the 21% set aside in sanctuary zones falls short of the international benchmark. A further 14% is proposed as recreation and cultural heritage zones; however, oil and gas and mining interests have steadily crept closer to the coast, highlighting the need for further protection.

Both of these marine park proposals fail to meet the international standard for marine protected areas, which has been set at 30% sanctuary zoning or 'no take' areas.



It is widely accepted that without at least 30% set aside in sanctuaries the marine park will not deliver the full conservation benefits and fish stocks are unlikely to recover fully. A report commissioned in November by EK and the Wilderness Society showed that a world-class Great Kimberley Marine Park (with 30% sanctuary zoning) would double the local tourism economy and deliver an extra \$98 million per year in ecosystem services.

When the draft plan for the Horizontal Falls Marine Park was released for public comment, EK and partners led the charge to set new state records for submission numbers. The plan for the Horizontal Falls Marine Park received over 19,000 submissions, while the one for the North Kimberley Marine Park came a close second, with over 17,000 submissions. These efforts not only highlight the importance of the Kimberley coast, but also place huge pressure on government planners to provide the real protection this coast merits.

As a marine scientist I find it very satisfying to see our persistent efforts make a real difference to the protection and promotion of such a magnificent coastline. It was certainly a very good year for the Kimberley coast.



EK EVENTS

Tess Mossop,
Events
Coordinator



ANNUAL ART AUCTION



The EK Art Auction, now in its 13th year, is one of the Kimberley's premier art events and a significant date in Broome's social calendar. This year was no exception, with over 500 people attending and just under 100 pieces of art sold.

The Art Auction is EK's major fundraiser, but it also supports local artists — and vice versa. This year EK again received terrific backing from Kimberley artists and art centres and, through this collaboration, raised over \$40,000 for EK.

EK would like to thank everyone who supported this event, with special thanks to Troppo Sound, Chris Maher, all the artists and art centres, and to all the volunteers, and EK Board and staff members, who ensured that this great event was a success once more.

CELEBRATING TWENTY YEARS OF EK

This year also marked the 20th birthday of Environs Kimberley and we celebrated in style. EK put on a festive night with a slide-show illustrating 20 years of EK action projected onto the sails of the luggers, and dished up copious amounts of delicious food. Over 300 members and friends were serenaded by the sweet sounds of the Steve Pigram Quartet and other gifted local musicians on the edge of Broome's beautiful Roebuck Bay.

EK founders Pat Lowe and Finn Pedersen, EK Chair Kate Golson and EK Director Martin Pritchard gave rousing speeches, and MC and longstanding Board member, Peter Mitchell, read out a message from former Director Maria Mann. There were special messages of support sent via video from George Negus and Kirsty Cockburn, John Butler and Mama Kin, and Bob Brown.

Environs Kimberley would like to extend a huge thank-you to everyone who made this great event possible and to all those who have supported us so generously over the past 20 years. A special thanks goes to the Pearl Luggers, to

EK's dedicated staff, the Board and volunteers, the Stephen Pigram Quartet and Broome musicians Tanya Ransom, Albert Wiggan, Tonchi and George Bishop; to Jason Fowler and crew for the delicious food; to Chris Hill for lighting and to all the contributors of raffle prizes.

It's been an incredible 20 years of campaigns and camaraderie for the Kimberley. EK survives and thrives with support from its members and the community; we can't do without it. Here's to another 20 years protecting the Kimberley.



TREASURER'S REPORT



Laurel Sutcliffe

The 2015/16 Financial Year has been another strong year for Environs Kimberley; while total income was down on the previous year, the amount of non-grant income increased significantly, providing a net surplus for the year.

Total Income was \$974,760 (2015: \$1,204,019). Of this, Grant Income for projects was \$530,610 (2015: \$934,607), an indication of the reduced levels of funding currently available to many NGOs.

Income from Donations, Fundraising and Memberships increased to \$267,735 (2015: \$227,407), again highlighting the Board and staff's efforts to ensure continued funding to meet all of our needs.

Total Expenditure was \$950,810 (2015: \$1,057,009), the decrease largely a result of decreased expenditure and activity on grant-funded projects.

Employment Costs continue to be Environs Kimberley's biggest expense, although the current year has seen a small decrease. 2016: \$614,793 (2015: \$639,437).

Operating costs have increased by a small amount to \$196,844 (2015: \$188,834), with increased fundraising costs outweighing general savings across the board.

Expenditure on Projects accounted for 61% of our spending, with 39% on Advocacy, Governance, Fundraising and Administration.

Operating surplus for 2016 of \$23,950 (2015: \$147,010) gives Environs Kimberley Members Funds totalling \$448,434 (2015: \$424,484).

Increases in cash balances \$736,996 (2015: \$622,484) exceed increased Liabilities of \$362,239 (2015: \$298,069), meaning the organisation remains in a very sound position as it moves into the new financial year.

EK would like to thank Kevin Smith for his assistance with this report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30th June 2016

	2016	2015
ASSETS	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	736,996	618,308
Trade & Other Receivables	17,386	21,014
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	754,382	639,322
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, Plant and Equipment	56,291	79,052
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	56,291	79,052
TOTAL ASSETS	810,673	718,374
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and Other Payables	294,498	231,325
Provision	43,741	62,566
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	338,240	293,892
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provision	24,001	0
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	24,001	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	362,241	293,892
NET ASSETS	448,434	424,484

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN EQUITY

For the year ended 30th June 2016

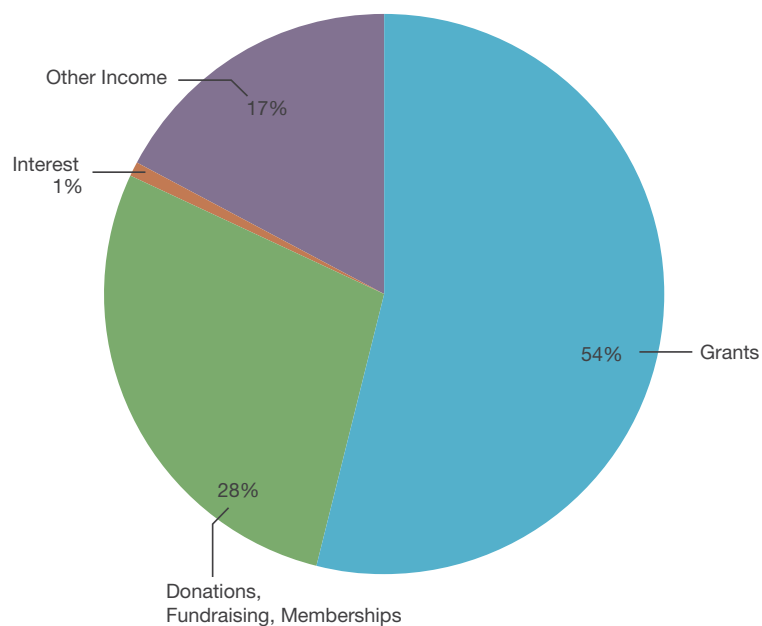
	Retained Earnings	Assets Gifted	Total members Funds
	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at 1st July 2014	274,859		274,859
Net income to members	147,010		147,010
Asset gifted		2,615	2,615
Balance at 30th June 2015	421,869	2,615	424,484
Balance at 1st July 2015	421,869	2,615	424,484
Net income to members	23,950		23,950
Balance at 30th June 2016	445,819	2,615	448,434

INCOME STATEMENT

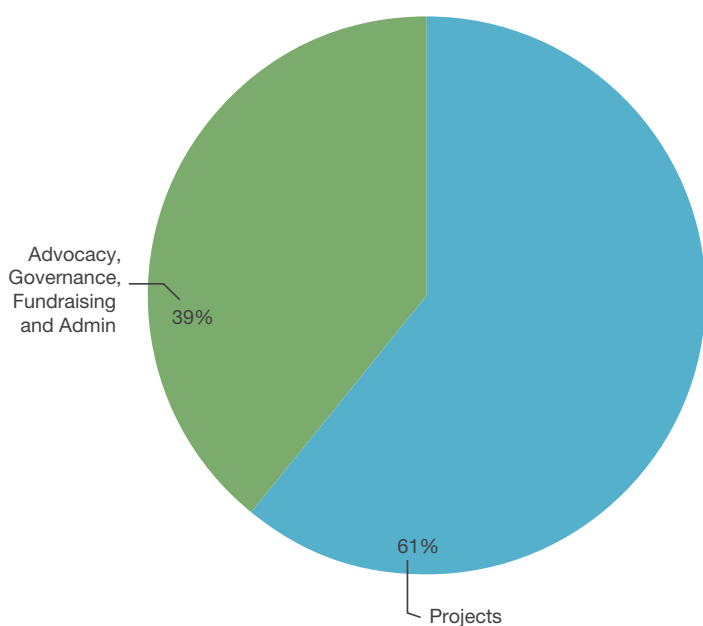
For the year ended 30th June 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Grant Income	530,610	934,607
Donations, Fundraising, Memberships	267,735	227,407
Interest	7,654	11,679
Other Income	168,761	30,327
TOTAL INCOME	974,760	1,204,019
EXPENDITURE		
Employment Costs	614,793	639,437
Project Costs	139,173	228,737
Operating Costs	196,844	188,834
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	950,810	1,057,009
NET INCOME	23,950	147,010

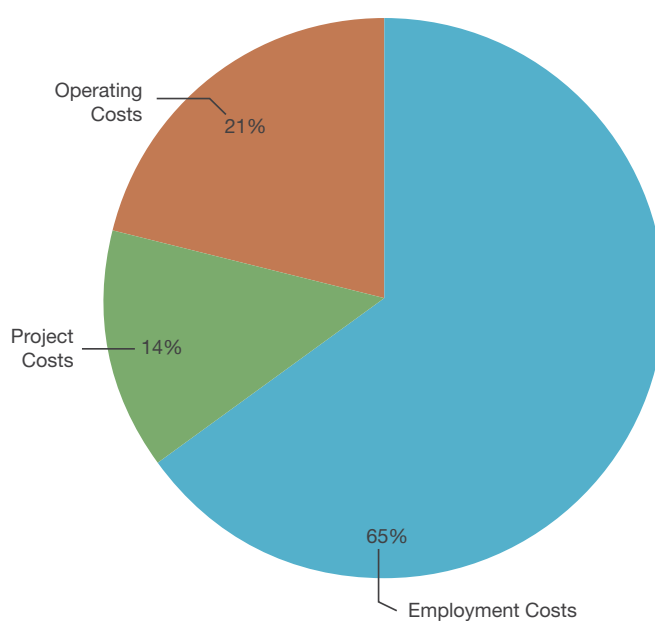
WHERE WE GET OUR MONEY FROM



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HOW WE SPEND OUR MONEY



EK STAFF



Martin Pritchard – Executive Director

Raised in a farming hamlet in Wales, Martin has extensive agricultural experience gained in England, Wales, New Zealand and Australia. His qualifications include a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the University of Essex and a Postgraduate Diploma in Policy Studies, specialising in ecologically sustainable development, from Murdoch University. Martin moved to Australia in 1999, and worked on threatened species and catchment management

in the south-west of Western Australia. He chaired a number of environmental non-government organisations and was appointed by Western Australian Government ministers to various boards, including the Geopraphe Catchment Council. He has been Executive Director of EK since 2008. Martin says: 'I love Australia. It's an incredible country with totally fascinating places and one of the longest cultural histories on the planet. I love the landscapes, I love the people, it's captured my heart and soul.'

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Dr Malcolm Lindsay, Coordinator, Kimberley Nature Project

Malcolm grew up in Melbourne, and completed a science degree with first class honours, majoring in marine and terrestrial ecology and conservation, at the University of Melbourne. After graduating, he joined Australian Marine Ecology – a private consultancy – where he participated in or led projects for industry, community and

government clients. The projects ranged in size from small to million-dollar assignments. After a string of overseas volunteer roles, Malcolm did an internship at the Charles Darwin Research Station in the Galapagos Islands, where he assessed coral health. He then completed a PhD at the University of Melbourne, focusing on the biological oceanography of Wilsons Promontory in Victoria. He moved to Broome in 2012 to become one of two coordinators of the Kimberley Nature Project. Malcolm sees the work of EK as very important and says he took up the role because he was 'interested in helping to protect the species and ecosystems of the Kimberley in a way that was supportive of Indigenous culture, knowledge and rights'.

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Jason Fowler – Marine Projects Officer

Jason grew up in Carnarvon and spent his youth diving, fishing and surfing all over WA, and in particular Ningaloo. He has worked on prawn trawlers from Fremantle to Cape York and spent several years pearling for Paspaley and Maxima Pearls. In 2000 he completed a Bachelor of Science, majoring in marine biology and aquaculture, from James Cook University. After moving back to Broome he went into business and started Serendipity Herbs and later the

12-Mile Café. Jason joined EK in 2013 and is working with the state government and stakeholders on the planning and establishment of the Great Kimberley Marine Park. This work will ensure the Kimberley coast achieves a high level of protection.

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Christine Elsasser – Administrator and Finance Officer

Christine, who grew up in Germany, completed a Master of Arts in German medieval literature. Before she got her degree she worked in the production department of a publishing house, calculating costs and organizing the printing and binding of books. After moving to Australia in 1998 she worked in various office roles for a number of organisations, including Magabala Books, Australia's only Aboriginal publishing

house. Since joining Environs Kimberley in 2007, Christine has been our administration and finance officer.

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Louise Beames, Coordinator, Kimberley Nature Project

While growing up on a farm in Victoria, Louise collected and propagated native seeds to restore intensively degraded areas. In 2002, she completed a Bachelor of Science after studying ecology, zoology and botany at Melbourne University. In 2005, whilst working as an applied ecologist and operations manager for an environmental management consultancy company, she gained a first-class honours

degree in applied biology at Victoria University. Louise joined Environs Kimberley in 2007 as Community WEED Project Officer, and worked with Aboriginal ranger groups and other volunteer groups on community-led conservation projects. In 2009 she developed and led the West Kimberley Nature Project, collaborating with ranger and community groups to research, manage and protect key eco-cultural values in the Dampierland bioregion. This was instrumental in achieving an endangered listing for Dampier Peninsula monsoon vine thickets under the Commonwealth EPBC Act. The West Kimberley Nature Project evolved into the larger Kimberley Nature Project, of which Louise is now one of two coordinators.

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Julia Rau – Project Coordinator, Broome Community Seagrass Monitoring Project

Julia is originally from Berlin and has a degree in tourism and outdoor adventure education from the University of St Mark and St John in Plymouth in England. Since moving to Australia in 2006, Julia has lived and worked mainly in the Kimberley and is passionate about the conservation of the region's cultural and natural landscapes. From 2007 to 2011 she worked as

the remote area team leader for Conservation Volunteers Australia and led many volunteer projects throughout the Pilbara and Kimberley regions. Julia took over the coordination of the Broome Community Seagrass Monitoring project in early 2014 and works with many dedicated volunteers, scientists, stakeholders and other supporters of this important project.

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**Ayesha Moss, Project Officer,
Kimberley Nature Project**

Ayesha is a project officer with the Kimberley Nature Project team and spent most of her life in Brisbane and Melbourne. She has a Bachelor of Science (Honours) and a Diploma of Information Systems from the University of Melbourne and a Diploma of Project Management from Central Institute of Technology. She worked in geographical information system (GIS) mapping, waterway strategic management

and community education to reduce litter in waterways. After relocating to Derby, she found a rewarding and challenging role in health promotion and community development. In 2014 a move to Broome gave her the opportunity to tie together community development and natural resource management within the Kimberley Nature Project. She also enjoys working with the SKIPA community group.

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**Dr Steve Reynolds, Project Officer,
Kimberley Nature Project**

Steve is originally from Western Australia and completed his Zoology degree in Perth. After graduating he worked for an environmental consultancy and took part in terrestrial vertebrate fauna surveys in various Western Australia bioregions. He moved to Darwin, where he completed his doctorate on the ecology of frogs in the monsoonal environments of the Top End.

Since then he has been a researcher and teacher in ecology and animal physiology at Charles Darwin University. Steve is the creator and host of the university's award-winning Massive Open Online Course (MOOC): 'Charles Darwin, Evolution and Tropical Australia'. Steve joined the Kimberley Nature Project team in 2014. He has done botanical research in the monsoon vine thickets of the Dampier Peninsula, in the Bunuba limestone and the wetlands of Karajarri country. He has also undertaken biodiversity surveys and searched for rare fauna. He will be monitoring sites for wildlife prior to the arrival of cane toads. He flies the EK drone.

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**Kylie Weatherall, Project Officer,
Kimberley Nature Project**

Kylie was born in Northam in Western Australia and has a lifelong love of the state's wide-open landscapes and natural environment. She studied biological sciences at Murdoch University and has a Postgraduate Certificate in Indigenous Management Studies from Edith Cowan University. Kylie also holds qualifications in fine art, conservation and land management. She has worked in human services, community

development, tourism and art and science. Kylie joined our organisation in 2011 and works as a Project Officer for the Kimberley Nature Project. She is also the contact person for the Society for Kimberley Indigenous Plants and Animals (SKIPA), a local landcare group.

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Tessa Mossop – Administration Officer

Tessa is originally from a small coastal town on the mid-north coast of NSW. She completed a combined law and communication degree at the University of Newcastle and was active in various environmental and community-based organisations during this time. After graduating Tessa worked in North-east Arnhem Land as solicitor with the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency before moving to Broome in 2011. Tessa joined EK in 2014 to assist with

administration and coordinating events, including our largest fundraiser, the annual EK Art Auction.

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**Neil Hamaguchi, Project
Officer, Kimberley Nature Project**

Neil is a Broome local, who knows the area intimately from his time as a pearl diver, fisherman and guide. After finishing school in 1980, he worked as a pearl diver for Pearls Propriety Ltd (PPL). He went on to establish Hamaguchi Pearls in Goudon Bay with his father and brothers, and helped run the company for 15 years. Neil continued to work in the pearling industry as a skipper for Paspaley until 2007. Then he

did charter fishing at Montgomery Reef, Collier Bay, Rowley Shoals, Scott Reef, the Lower Ord River and all the way down to Ningaloo. He also served as a guide at Geikie Gorge, running boat tours for the then West Australian Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC). Of Japanese, Chinese, Scottish and Aboriginal descent, Neil loves being a Kimberley person and enjoys camping, fishing and writing poetry about subjects such as the Bilby.

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ENVIRONS KIMBERLEY BOARD



Kate Golson, Chairperson

Kate is a community-based researcher with an interest in community development and organisational change. Kate has consulted for a range of organisations including the Nulungu Research Institute at the University of Notre Dame, the University of Western Australia, Pew Charitable Trusts, the Kimberley Land Council and the Kimberley Institute. She has also consulted for government environment departments at both state and federal

level. Kate has worked with Kimberley communities and organisations on projects concerned with sustainable development, conservation and land management, tropical river research, oral history, native title and cultural heritage protection. Born in Canberra and raised in Papua New Guinea and England, she holds an MA in Anthropology (Development Studies) from Sydney University. Kate joined the Board of EK in 2007, inspired by 'the considered and informed activism of co-founder Pat Lowe' and has served as Chairperson of the Board since 2010.



Bruce Goring, Vice Chair

Bruce is General Manager of Marrugeku, an intercultural dance theatre company in Broome, and an Adjunct Research Fellow at the University of Notre Dame's Nulungu Research Institute. His previous roles include Acting Assistant Director, Land, for the West Australian Department of Indigenous Affairs, and Manager of the Native Title Services Unit of the Kimberley Land Council. He has held lectureships at the Centre for Indigenous

Australian Cultural Studies at the University of Western Sydney and the Department of Teaching and Curriculum Studies at the University of Newcastle. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the University of Newcastle and a Master of Social Science (Environment and Planning) with Distinction from RMIT University. Bruce was previously a member of the Academic Council of the University of Notre Dame and is on the Editorial Board of *Coolabah*, journal of the Australian Studies Centre at the University of Barcelona.



Laurel Sutcliffe, Treasurer

Laurel, a teacher at Broome Senior High School, previously spent 20 years at Yakanarra Community School near Fitzroy Crossing, where she served as School Administrator and Principal. Laurel holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Diploma in Education from Melbourne University. After graduating, she taught at schools in Victoria and Papua New Guinea before moving to the Kimberley in 1986 to work in Aboriginal education. She joined EK in its early days of

campaigning against a dam on the Fitzroy River and was motivated to join the Board because she cared about preserving the natural environment. Laurel says: 'I love being a member of EK and hanging out with like-minded people. The staff members are friendly, fervent and funny. As a member of EK, I feel optimistic about the future.'



Jan Lewis, Secretary

Jan is an educator and community services professional, who joined the Board because of a strong sense of the escalating threats to the Kimberley. A long-term Kimberley resident and avid volunteer bird researcher, she is Secretary of the Dinosaur Coast Management Group. Her previous roles include Secretary of the Broome Bird Observatory Committee, Secretary of the Marna Jarndu Women's Refuge, committee member of the Wyndham Action Group and

Chairperson of Women for One World. Once a public servant and later an Oxfam employee, she has worked as a high-school teacher in the United Kingdom, Zambia and the Bahamas, and an adult educator at TAFE in the Kimberley. Jan holds a Masters in Development Studies from Murdoch University, an Honours degree in Geography from Leeds University and a Postgraduate Diploma in Education from Bristol University.





Shaun Clark

A landscape supervisor, Shaun has a particular interest in Indigenous knowledge of fauna and flora. A former Geikie Gorge National Park ranger, he has had a long-term involvement with the Indigenous communities of the Dampier Peninsula and significant environmental management experience. Shaun has worked in many fields, including computer programming, agriculture, horticulture, irrigation, landcare and Indigenous community development. He

has taken part in various environmental projects in the West Kimberley such as weeding, bush regeneration and coastal protection. Shaun says, 'From campaigns to standing up for the voiceless flora and fauna to working with Aboriginal rangers to create a better understanding and protection of the nature of the North-west of Australia, EK takes us down the path we should have always been headed down: looking after the country.'



Carmel Leahy

An upper primary teacher at Yiyili Aboriginal Community School, Carmel has previously served as a literary specialist at Broome Senior High School and taught at Nyikina Mangala Community School and various other schools and institutions. Author of the Society for Kimberley Indigenous Plants and Animals (SKIPA)'s *Guide to growing a garden in Broome*, she participated in the society's weeding and conservation projects with Goolarrabaloo

Rangers and volunteers. Her work for EK has included preparing herbarium samples for the West Kimberley Nature Project. Among her qualifications is a Bachelor of Education in Multicultural Education from Edith Cowan University and a Masters in Applied Linguistics from Charles Darwin University. As a teacher at Yakanarra Community School in the 1990s, Carmel helped develop the school from its rudimentary beginnings in a bough-shed to a proper school with a full-time principal, four teachers and an adult education facility.



Craig Phillips

A member of the EK Board since 1999, Craig owns a computer IT sales-and-service company. He has served on the boards of the Broome Chamber of Commerce, the Small Business Centre West Kimberley and St. Mary's College. His previous roles include Managing Director of OEM Supplies — Northwest, and before that Victorian sales manager of Columbus Mufflers and West Australian sales manager of Lukey Mufflers. Craig was born in Melbourne and

moved to Broome in 1994. He says, 'The Kimberley is special country, which has captivated my heart, but the people that EK has attracted, volunteers and staff, have been my true inspiration. We have a team of professional scientific and cultural experts and active carers and I am proud to be a part of EK.'



Jeremy Cussen

Jeremy is a youth worker with a passion for engaging the community in environmental education. He grew up in Australia and Papua New Guinea and has worked for various non-government organisations. His previous roles include fundraiser for Greenpeace in Melbourne and photographer and assistant for a Uniting Care health education project in Vanuatu. Jeremy moved to the Kimberley in 2012 and spent five years as a youth worker in Broome and Halls

Creek. Jeremy has recently moved to Victoria to work for the Department of Education and Training as a Youth Programs Officer. Jeremy says he joined the Board of EK because he wanted to be 'an advocate and link for youth to engage with conservation and environmental action through a grassroots community organisation'.



Peter Mitchell

CEO of the Men's Outreach Service in Broome, Peter is a founding member and former chair of Environs Kimberley. He has significant experience in local community development and governance, including a six-year stint as an elected member of the Broome Shire Council, and membership of the St Mary's College School Board. After he completed a BA degree at Curtin University, his early working life was mostly spent in fieldwork in outback WA, in the mining and surveying industries. Since he moved to the

Kimberley in 1988, his roles have included Telecentre Coordinator for Broome and Halls Creek, and field officer for the Department of Child Protection and Kullarri Employment Services. Peter's passions are engaged by conservation and sustainability, Aboriginal empowerment, the Kimberley, music — and football.



Kat Taylor

Kat is an environmental consultant with extensive experience working for Aboriginal and environmental non-government organisations, including the Kimberley Land Council in Broome and the Centre for Appropriate Technology and Arid Lands Environment Centre in Alice Springs. She is an environmental educator and water specialist with a special focus on drinking-water supply risk management. Currently studying

for a doctorate, Kat holds a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science (Honours) plus a Bachelor of Science in Conservation Biology from Murdoch University. The roles she has held range from Natural Resource Management Officer of the West Australian Department of Water in Perth to co-presenter of The Sound Environment on Radio Goolarri. Kat moved to Broome in 2010 and says, 'It is inspiring to see EK's staff and supporters working on wonderful projects that support a positive future.'

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Bob Brown

President, Bob Brown Foundation & former Senator & Leader of the Australian Greens.

The efforts by Environs Kimberley are vital to protecting the precious heritage of the Kimberley. Its dedicated team provides vital facts to inform the public and hopefully helps to influence government decisions. Without Environs Kimberley a valuable voice in saving our environment would be lost. Keep up the good work!

Di Morrissey, author.

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