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QCC acknowledges that we meet and work on the land of the Jagera and Turrbal. We wish to pay respect to all Elders — past, present and future — and acknowledge the important role all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people play in protecting, conserving and sustaining Queensland's environment.



Emily Kain | Chair

Report from the Chair

2022 has been a year of solid growth for Queensland Conservation Council with new staff, expanding areas of work and significant achievements in implementing our strategic plan.

We're now past the halfway point of our 2020-23 Strategic Plan and there are campaign wins aplenty in taking action for a safe climate and protecting nature and biodiversity as you'll read from Dave and the staff. We've also made significant progress in our other strategic focus areas – moving beyond colonial practices, bringing people together to create change and aligning our organisation for growth and change.

In our work to **move beyond colonial practices**, we have adopted our *Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan*, and staff and executive have completed cultural competency training. Additionally, we have adopted a pay the rent policy which sees one percent of our turnover given to First Nations-led work, to be overseen by our new Protect Country Strategist, Sherie Bruce.

QCC's Collaborative Campaign for a strong, independent Environmental Protection Agency launched this year and represents a shift in the way we **bring people together to create change**. This campaign is member-led, developing the leadership and campaign capacity of our member groups as we work to strengthen Queensland's environmental governance. We have continued to grow our Ministerial Environment roundtables and will host our first ever QCC Symposium in December with state and federal environment Ministers in attendance.

The organisation has grown and matured significantly this year, as we **align for growth and change**. Some new staff positions have been created, others reimaged, and there has been a focus on ensuring the right systems, processes and rhythms are in place to support the staff to achieve and thrive at work.

Our budget is now around \$2 million, up from \$800,000 three years ago. Fundraising income is up 70 percent on last year, further decreasing our reliance on government and grant funding in order to ensure our financial sustainability and independence as an organisation.

We now have a staff team of 15, having welcomed six new employees — Anthony Gough as Deputy Director, Nicky Moffat as our Protected Areas Campaigner,

Natalie Frost as our Nature Campaigner, Edwina Cameron as our Digital Coordinator, and Cassandra Bennett as our Administration Officer. We are also extremely pleased to be welcoming our Deputy Chair Sherie Bruce to the staff team as our Protect Country Strategist, QCC's first ever identified position and First Nations staff member. All of these new staff are excellent at what they do, it's exciting to see such talent being brought into our organisation.

We have said goodbye to our Manager Liz Murphy-Forester, our Fundraising Coordinator Rebecca McDowell, our Nature Campaigner Jon Ferguson, Digital Coordinator Charlotte Mellis, Finance Officer Carolyn, and campaign consultant Jonathan Schleifer. I would particularly like to recognise Liz's dedication to QCC over many years. Her tenacity, attention to detail and commitment to great governance will be missed. It's been hard to say goodbye to so many valued staff members from QCC, but all of them have continued in new important roles in the conservation and social justice movements.

The Executive Committee has welcomed Peter Ardnt, Stephanie Grorud, and David Curmi, but we have said goodbye to Narelle McCarthy and Jackie Turner. More recently our Deputy Chair Sherie Bruce transformed from executive to staff member.

Being on QCC's Executive Committee is both a great honour and a significant commitment. As the organisation has grown rapidly, the Executive has worked behind the scenes to ensure that the governance and policies of the organisation are enabling this growth. We have begun a constitutional review, and implemented a Resignation, Retirement + End of Contract Policy, and revised our probation and exit interview processes.

2022 has been a transformative year for climate and nature in Australia. The country voted for climate action and integrity in government, the Queensland Government invested an historic \$300m to expand protected areas, and released the ten year Energy and Jobs Plan. QCC has been an integral part of these movements that have been building for years in Queensland and across the country.

We saw some massive wins this year. We are more powerful than ever, and ready for what comes next.



Report from Director

Dave Copeman | Director

Vladimir Ilyich Lenin is quoted as saying, “*there are decades where nothing happens: and there are weeks where decades happen*”. While this year doesn’t quite match the Russian revolution for eventfulness, it does feel like it has been transformative for Australia’s climate and biodiversity policy.

After a decade of government inaction, defensive campaigns and swings backwards and forwards in momentum in action on climate change, this year’s Federal election was a surprisingly decisive event. Climate was undoubtedly one of the key issues across Australia that resulted in a redrawing of Australia’s political geography.

I’m pleased to report that this year, QCC was successful, working in partnership with others to put climate on the agenda in Queensland.

One of the most significant lessons for me out of the 2022 election was the reflection and learning that the climate movement has engaged in since 2019 and the resulting discipline that the whole movement demonstrated.

We responded to the catalysing events of the 2019 bushfires and the 2022 summer floods in a united, strategic manner, with messages and tactics that connected with the vast majority of Australians who wanted their governments to do more on climate, but also wanted to hear about the opportunities and jobs that would flow from transforming our economy.

I am confident that in Queensland, QCC was at the forefront of this.

The ClimateActionNow signs we designed and tested were distributed across Australia in their tens of thousands, by a multiplicity of movement partners, including the 17,000 that we shared with Queenslanders.

This year started on 31 December with the release of the long-awaited 2018/19 Statewide Landcover and Trees Survey. Buried on the last day of the year, it showed the bad news that deforestation in Qld is as high as it has been in history, with 680,688 hectares of forests and woodland cleared. In response, we have launched a campaign, and re-formed the Queensland Forests Alliance to fight to close the loopholes and improve.

We demonstrated the failure of our environmental governance and regulation to prevent climate disastrous projects, and persuaded the Deputy Premier to call in Clive Palmer’s Alpha’s power station. The Qld and Federal Government have indicated their opposition to Palmer’s Central Qld Coal mine, and we look forward to it being rejected.

We were also successful in our National Parks for Life campaign, winning a commitment of \$300m in new funding for expanding protected areas - the largest ever funding announcement for new national parks in Australia’s history. We also saw the handback of Jardine River National park to the traditional owners, marking an important step towards addressing the dispossession and displacement of traditional owners that has been the persistent outcome of colonisation. We have been organising citizens scientists in state forests to document the ecological values we must protect from destructive native time logging.

In October, we saw the announcement of the Government’s Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan. After years of work by QCC, fighting against inane assertions that coal power stations would stay open, we finally saw the Queensland Government announce a plan to close their coal fired power stations by 2035, and transform our energy generation and transmission system. The estimated \$61bn in investment makes it clear the scale of Queensland Government’s ambition, and their commitment to invest in renewable energy and storage. The level of community support for the plan and the increased renewables targets demonstrates there is considerable scope for further wins, to bring forward the timelines, and minimise the environmental impacts of this new necessary infrastructure.

The campaign to powerup Qld with renewable energy continues, but this Jobs and Energy plan is a significant outcome after many years of advocacy and campaigning that pre-dates my time with QCC, and I want to acknowledge the vision of Lou Matthiesson in launching this campaign, and the essential support and leadership from the Sunrise Project, and the excellent work of the QCC climate team.

QCCs members, supporters, donors, staff and executive members have all played significant roles in achieving some of the results we have seen this year. In every case QCC has worked in partnership with other climate and conservation organisations, and together we have persuaded the Queensland Government to act.

This year has made it clear our vision and theory of change is correct and that campaigning and building people power is the most important thing we can do to address the twin climate and biodiversity crises we face.

In 2022, we have demonstrated the transformative nature of this power in Queensland and across Australia. We’re only gaining momentum, so I am deeply optimistic for what 2023 will bring.

About QCC

Queensland Conservation Council is Queensland’s peak body for environmental groups. Since 1969 we have worked with our member groups and communities to restore and nurture our environment, leading state-wide campaigns and supporting local and regional campaigns.

Our Purpose

Uniting people in a powerful movement for nature and climate justice.

Our Vision

A healthy environment and safe climate for all.

Theory of Change

QCC is building and coordinating a diverse and powerful grassroots movement to protect nature, and fight for a safe climate for all.

If we coordinate, resource and grow a diverse grassroots movement that takes collective action on a shared vision for a safe climate and nature conservation,

then corporate and political decision makers will respond to our demands for action,

because they recognise our power to influence key parts of public opinion and stakeholder attitudes, and their self-interest in acting upon our demands.

The staff and executive committee of QCC have agreed on this theory of change for our organisation. The theory of change combined with our strategic plan means that we are very clear about the purpose of our work and how we will achieve some very ambitious goals.

OUR VALUES

Conservation | Courage | Authenticity
Community | Credibility | Inclusivity



Executive + Staff

Executive

All Executive Committee members have been involved in sub-committees throughout the year. All of QCC's Executive Committee members are voluntary and their commitment and care for the organisation in the last twelve months has made it much stronger and more effective.

2021/22 Executive Committee

Chair

Emily Kain

Deputy Chair

Sherie Bruce

Secretary

Lucy Graham

Treasurer

Peter McCallum

General Members

Jackie Turner

Stephanie Grorud

Terry Pinnell

David Curmi

Peter Ardnt

Staff

QCC's staff team at the end of this year is made up of:

- Dave Copeman, Director
- Anthony Gough, Deputy Director
- Maggie McKeown, Climate Campaigner

- Hayley Troupe, Volunteer Coordinator & Nature Organiser
- Clare Silcock, Energy Strategist
- Nigel Parratt, Water Policy Officer
- Jen Basham, Climate Organiser
- Simona Holzer, Climate Mobiliser
- Jen Acklin, Organising Coordinator
- Edwina Cameron, Digital Specialist
- Natalie Frost, Nature Campaigner
- Nicky Moffat, Protected Areas Campaigner
- Jasmine McGuire, Fundraising Administrator
- Sherie Bruce, Protect Country Strategist
- Cassandra Bennett, Administration Officer

We have also employed the services of Michael Massingham, Nick Murray, and Karen Ng from MGI South Qld Pty Ltd for our bookkeeping and accounts.

We also said goodbye to the following staff over the course of this year.

- Jon Ferguson, our Nature Campaigner
- Charlotte Mellis, our Digital Coordinator
- Bec McDowall, our Fundraising Coordinator.
- And Liz Murphy-Forester, our longstanding Manager

All of these staff made significant contributions to QCC, and we remain grateful for their contributions!

Governance

QCC is a not-for-profit incorporated association under the Association Incorporations Act 1981(QLD) and a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).

QCC fulfils its governance obligations through reports and returns, as required, to the ACNC, the Office of Fair Trading, and the Register of Environment Organisations through the Australian Tax Office.

Under our Constitution, QCC is governed by an Executive elected by member organisations at the Annual General Meeting. The Executive's primary role is the good governance of QCC, including developing and monitoring long term direction and goals. The Executive appoints and manages the Director and ensures the organisation complies with legal obligations, remains financially viable and proactively manages risk. All executive members volunteer their time and are elected for a one year term.

Sub-committees

In 2021 QCC's Executive Committee, staff and volunteers have worked together on several Executive sub-committees. Sub-committees meet at least once a month and report to the Executive Committee on their work including any recommendations. The

sub-committees that worked hard this year were:

- Fundraising sub-committee
- Governance sub-committee
- Finance sub-committee
- Decolonisation sub-committee
- Public Fund Management committee
- Human Resources sub-committee

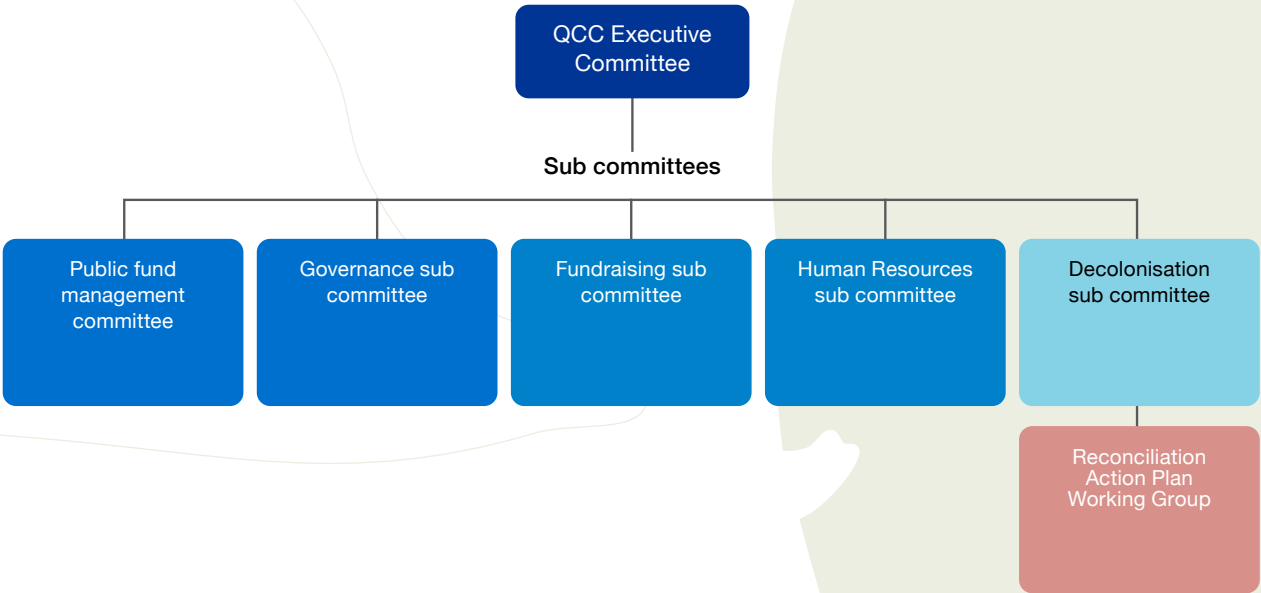
Thank you for your support

We greatly appreciate the kind contributions of our supporters, donors, volunteers, ambassadors, government and non-government organisations who share our passion for Queensland's unique environment.

Donors

We are grateful to the many supporters who donated to the Queensland Conservation Council.

Thank you to everybody who supported through regular giving, one of our appeals, or through one of our campaigns.



Philanthropy

We would like to acknowledge the wonderful contributions of our major donors and philanthropists whose generosity supports us in our purpose.

- Michael and Margaret Williams
- Mary Maher
- Jeff and Julie Wicks from ACME Foundation
- July McLennan
- Helen Beazley
- James and Meta Goodman from the Goodman Foundation
- Angela Whitbread
- The Myer Foundation
- The Community Impact Foundation

Grant partners and philanthropic support

QCC would like to express our genuine gratitude to the fabulous organisations that have provided significant donations and grants to support our work in 2020-21. Our major funders often provide vital advice, ideas and feedback, and together we are achieving great things for our environment. In particular we'd like to acknowledge:

- The Queensland Department of Environment and Science
- The Australian Climate and Biodiversity Foundation
- Pew Charitable Trusts
- Solutions for Climate Action - a project of Climate Action Network Australia

Current Members

- Alliance to Save Hinchinbrook Inc.
- Anglican Church Sth QLD - Social Responsibilities Committee
- Animal Liberation Queensland
- Australian Conservation Foundation
- Australian Marine Conservation Society
- Australian Rail Tram and Bus Union
- Australian Rainforest Conservation Society Inc.
- Bayside Creeks Catchment Group
- BirdLife Southern Queensland
- Birds Queensland
- Bribie Island Environmental Protection Assoc. Inc.
- Cairns and Far North Environment Centre (CAFNEC)
- Capricorn Conservation Council
- Catholic Justice & Peace Commission of Brisbane
- Centenary and District Environment Action Inc.
- Community Alliance for Responsible Planning (CARP)
- Conondale Range Conservation
- Darling Downs Environment Council
- Environment Council of Central Queensland
- Energetic Communities
- Fraser Island Defenders Organisation
- Friends of Stradbroke Island
- Friends of the Earth Brisbane
- Gecko Environment Council
- Gladstone Conservation Council
- Householders' Option To Protect The Environment (HOPE) Inc.
- Invasive Species Council

- Karawatha Forest Protection Society Inc.
- Koala Action Inc.
- Mackay Conservation Group
- National Parks Association of Queensland
- Noosa Parks Association
- North Queensland Conservation Council
- Numinbah Valley Environmental Education Centre
- Positive Change For Marine Life
- Protect The Bush Alliance
- Queensland Water and Land Carers
- Redlands 2030 Inc.
- Reef Check Australia
- Save Our Waterways Now Inc.
- Solar Citizens
- Sunshine Coast Environment Council
- Sustainable Population Australia
- The Bimblebox Alliance Inc.
- The Wilderness Society Ltd
- Toowoomba Field Naturalists Club
- Wide Bay Burnett Environment Council
- Whitsunday Conservation Council
- Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland
- Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland, Logan Branch
- Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland, Sunshine Coast & Hinterland Inc
- Wildlife Preservation Society QLD, Bayside
- Zero Emissions Brisbane



Tracking QCC's Strategic Goals

Taking action for a safe climate

Throughout this year, QCC has campaigned alongside other organisations to achieve net-zero emissions for Queensland before 2050 and to promote a low-carbon economy to ensure a safe and just climate for all in the future.

We have chosen to play a lead role in the campaign to accelerate Queensland's transition to renewable energy, since the electricity sector is one of our largest sources of climate pollution and technical solutions are readily available.

This year we have worked extensively with our member groups, supporters and allies on the campaigns below. We have had extraordinary support from our volunteers, supporters, donors and allies and we are making an impact.

Climate and Energy

There has been a very welcome movement in climate and energy policy and politics in Queensland this year. We helped build a chorus of calls for climate action through fence signs, news articles and lobbying. This made this election a climate election. It also made space for the Queensland Government to finally talk about replacing coal in the *Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan*.

The increased renewable energy target, 70 percent by 2032, has recently been endorsed by the Queensland opposition, the LNP.

But Queensland's emissions remain high, with limited plans to reduce sectors other than energy, power prices are through the roof contributing to the cost

of living crisis and planning needs to start now to ensure the large-scale development of renewable energy and pumped hydro can be biodiversity-positive.

QCC's role in bringing people together, generating public interest and providing policy solutions will continue to be critical over the next year.



Campaign

We created a series of reports and news coverage outlining the increasing costs of coal fired power station to Queensland, the achievability of reaching high levels of renewable energy and the ways that renewable energy and storage could have reduced power prices including:

- Report on how 2 wind farms would have saved 25 percent on power bills -
 - » *Qld power bills set to rise nine percent* - Guardian article featuring QCC



- Report on how batteries would have saved Queenslanders \$100million during the February energy crunch.
- ABC news coverage of how rooftop solar and large scale renewables brought power prices down by nine percent, which also got In Qld coverage.
- Report on how Qld could reach 50 percent renewables by 2025.

This helped allow the Government to talk about and set a schedule for coal replacement in the September 2022 Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan, which also included an increased renewable energy target.

It also showed the Government's reliance on large-scale transmission and storage to "keep the lights on", and provide publicly-owned jobs. We will continue to work to increase the Queensland Government's commitment to build storage and renewables sooner to reduce reliance on expensive coal, and partner with other groups to understand the best equity, nature and climate storage solution.

We also worked with groups around Queensland particularly Cairns and Far North Environment Centre and RE-Alliance to develop shared ways to talk about the potential conflicts between biodiversity and renewable energy. We are continuing to develop messaging on biodiversity positive potential developments, as well as advancing mapping to understand the scale of the problem and creating shared principles with Government-owned developers to work towards a positive climate, cultural and biodiversity outcome through the renewable energy transition.

We continued to oppose new coal and gas developments in Queensland, particularly Clive Palmer's Galilee coal power station and organising groups to push back against the watering down of decarbonisation plan requirements in the Qld Resource Industry Development Plan. The Galilee Coal Power station was "called in" by Deputy Premier Miles in December 2021.



QCC's protestors outside Waratah Coal's Headquarters.



CLIMATE ACTION NOW

Campaign

Climate Action Now was a pivotal campaign in the lead up to the Federal Election. A shared national campaign, of which QCC helped lead in Queensland, working alongside members and allies. By the end of the election we had:

- Distributed around 17,200 CAN signs and stickers across Queensland and Northern NSW.
- Hosted 15 market stalls, 9 High Vis actions.
- Doorknocked over 4,040 houses across Brisbane.
- Handed out thousands of *Climate Temperature Checks* at 2 key pre-polling booths, and 10 strategic polling booths on election day.
- Reached over 67,330 via social media with over 4,177 interactions.
- Supported, participated or generated myriad other events, actions, news articles, and cheeky visual effects across neighbourhoods.

It was a massive team effort, with all staff working hard to support volunteers. And it worked!

With significant swings towards candidates with better climate policies and climate change rated in the top

three election issues - particularly in the inner city Brisbane seats where we had focused most.

The simplicity and visibility of the campaign was at the heart of its effectiveness. The level of collaboration and camaraderie, not just between large eNGO's, but with smaller organisations, and local grassroots groups, was perhaps unprecedented in the recent past. It was certainly key to its success.

The big win to place climate on the agenda at a federal level really put into focus on the work that is still to be done at a state level.

Post-election we pivoted to a state focus, building our movement and refining our strategy. This will continue to be a key focus heading into 2023 as we aim to ramp up Queensland's climate ambition.



Protecting Nature and Biodiversity

In July this year, the conservation status of one of Queensland's most loved mammals, the Greater Glider, was changed from Vulnerable to Endangered on the federal government's list of threatened species.

A few decades ago this quirky character of the Aussie bush was common in the wild, often spotted on night-time walks in forested areas. Its plight reflects a global crisis leading for calls to protect 30 percent of nature worldwide by 2030.

The need for a swift and dramatic expansion of protected areas has never been greater. Our campaign goal of doubling the area of permanently protected nature reserves to 17 percent (it is currently 8.7 percent) is reflected in the Queensland Government's *Protected Areas Strategy 2020-2030*, and this year a major funding milestone was achieved that we hope will enable this work to gain momentum.

In June, the Palaszczuk Government announced \$300 million toward protected area growth and management, including \$200 million over four years for land acquisition and \$50 million for capital works.

This is the largest single investment in national parks acquisition in Queensland's history, and QCC's advocacy, in coordination with our partners in the environment movement, contributed to the outcome.

The 30 percent by 2030 goal has been adopted by 100 countries, including the Australian Government in October this year, when a national aim of 'no new extinctions' was also announced.

While funding and detailed plans around this goal now need to be released, the national policy permits a significant reframing of state policy and targets.

In the coming year, QCC will remain focused on creating urgency around the need to expand protected areas and adequately resource their management.



Deforestation campaign

This year, we launched a campaign to end deforestation in Queensland. Eastern Australia is a global deforestation hotspot, and Queensland still has the highest rate of land clearing in Australia.

Each year the state government releases data on clearing rates, known as the *Statewide Landcover and Trees Study (SLATS)*. In December 2021, the SLATS report was released and detailed shocking levels of deforestation. In 2018/2019 680,688 hectares (ha) of woody vegetation was cleared.

In response, QCC developed a strategic deforestation campaign that seeks to:

- Protect 100 million hectares of natural forest and woodlands to preserve native wildlife and the special places we love. Protect our climate for our health and safety, by removing hundreds of millions of tonnes of carbon pollution from our atmosphere.
- Protect our forests and woodlands by ensuring 100 percent of Queensland beef is farmed responsibly.



Lopper removing tree by tree in koala habitat for housing, Springfield. Courtesy The Wilderness Society.

A key element of the campaign is the formation of the Queensland Forests Alliance. The alliance brings together the Australian Conservation Foundation, The Wilderness Society, World Wide Fund for Nature to advocate for the urgent regulatory and legislative reform needed to protect nature.

We have made the case for greater action with our investigation into massing clearing at Wrotham Park west of Cairns by Consolidated Pastoral Company. This gained national media coverage, featuring in the 7:30 report which exposed the legal loopholes that allow rampant clearing.

Forest Watch

As part of our National Parks for Life campaign, we see protecting native forest currently held within state forests as a priority.

Research commissioned by QCC revealed that 70,000 hectares (ha) of state forest in South East Qld is of high conservation value. Despite this, most of the area is currently being logged or is scheduled for logging up until the end of 2024 when logging in SEQ is due to end.

We launched an exciting new project called 'Forest Watch' to build more active support for the protection of these forests. Using iNaturalist app we are creating a network of citizen scientists and supporters who are building a connection to the forests while highlighting why these areas are important to protect.

So far, we have held five bioblitz events involving 100 participants and formed a volunteer working group who have been helping to organise the events and build the network. People involved in Forest Watch are also heading out into state forests in their own time to see what they can find. Bioblitz participants, as well as others on iNaturalist have observed 1300 different species within SEQ state forests.

The next step for the project is to look at ways we can use the growing network to build awareness and support and increase pressure on the state government. This might be more targeted (species or location) citizen science events, MP meetings, creative actions and media.



EPA Collaborative campaign

17 member groups met to make a joint decision to run a collaborative statewide campaign on the need for an independent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Queensland.

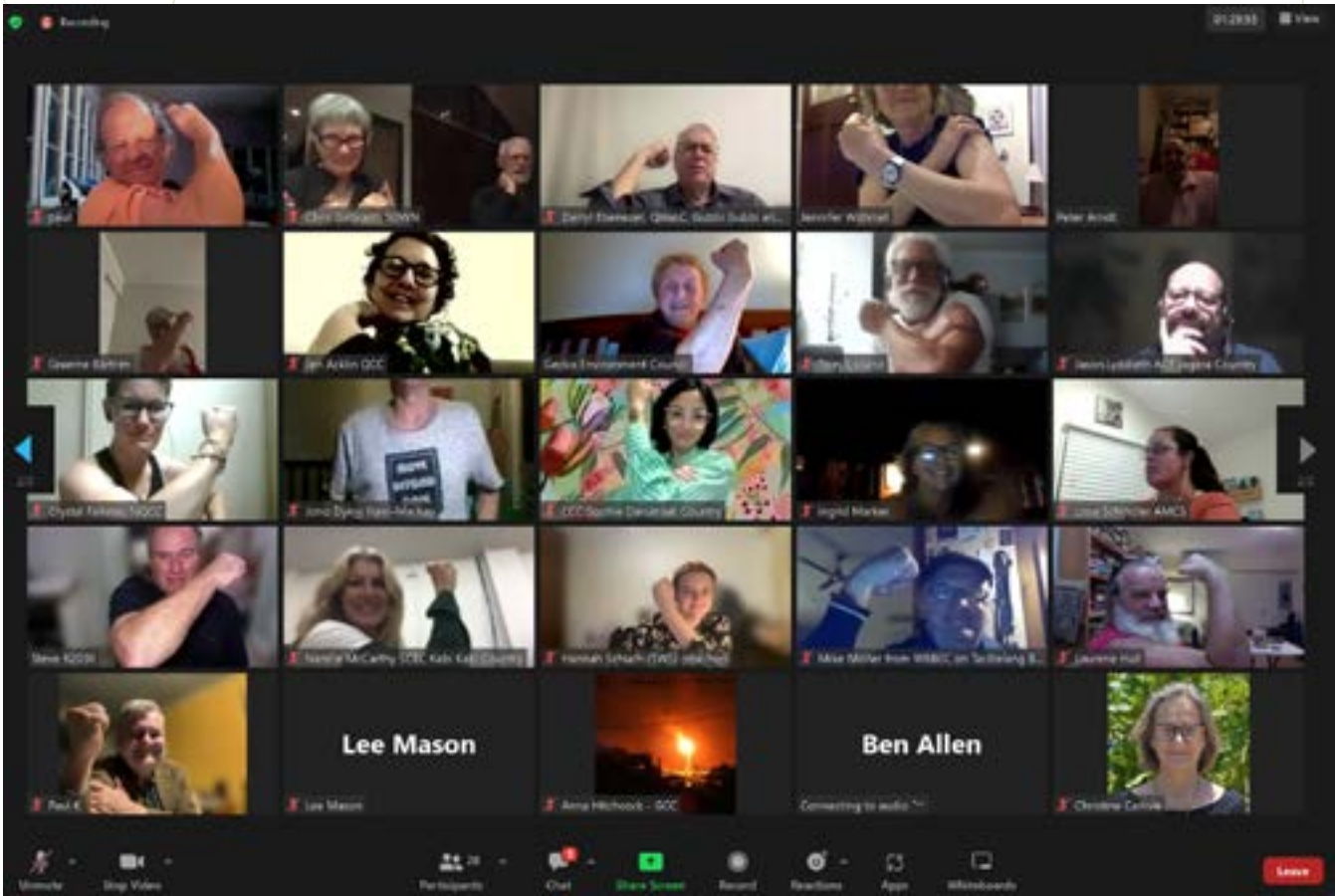
A coordination team was developed from QCC member groups and the Environmental Defenders Office (EDO).

Achievements of the campaign team include:

- Mapping member groups and engaging 52 groups through surveys, a joint submission, over the phone, on zoom and in meetings.
- Preparing and running a session at the June Queensland Environment Roundtable (QERT) to educate groups about an EPA and at which 18 member groups provided feedback on key elements.

- Creating a messaging document and joint submission which saw 35 groups sign on to our demand for a stronger EPA.
- Creating resources which groups were encouraged to adapt for their own campaigns to educate groups and the campaign team about the legislative process to help understand opportunities for intervention.

What we have learnt is that there is a lot of work required to get us all on the same page about what an independent EPA should look like. This key to our next steps is working with groups to publicise to their supporters and community the connection between an EPA and the local projects impact.



QCC Water Policy Project

Over the past year, QCC has continued to advocate for improvements to be made to the way Queensland’s water resources are managed and used to deliver better outcomes for the state’s freshwater species and ecosystems.

Key outcomes over the last 12 months include:

- Gaining an extension of the moratorium on new groundwater extraction for commercial purposes at Springbrook and Tambourine Mountain.
- Influencing the Australian Labor Party’s election commitments to deliver the Murray Darling Basin Plan on time and in full, re-establish the National Water Commission and refresh the National Water Initiative.
- Influencing the Albanese Government’s decision to revoke the previous government’s commitment to fund the Urannah Dam (\$483 m) and Hells Gate Dam (\$5.4 b) in the Burdekin Basin.
- Preparing submissions to water plans, government policies and parliamentary inquiries and,
- Assisting QCC member and other groups oppose new dams.

Key water policy issues the QCC will be working on over the next year includes:

- Ensuring the Albanese Government delivers the Murray Darling Basin Plan on time and in full,
- Lobbying the Queensland Government to introduce legislation requiring local governments to reduce urban water use before building new water supply infrastructure,
- Ensuring that water required to fill and operate proposed Pumped Hydro Energy Storage projects and to produce hydrogen does not cause adverse environmental impacts,
- Lobbying the Queensland Government to amend the current threshold for adding purified recycled water to SEQ drinking water supply in order to defer the need to build additional desalination plants and other new water supply infrastructure and,
- Continuing to prepare submissions to draft water plans, water related policies parliamentary inquiries.

Moving Beyond Colonial Practices

One of our core organisational focus areas is to ‘move beyond colonial practices’. As the peak body for conservation groups in Queensland, we have an important role to play in acknowledging the colonial history of conservation and ensuring the work we do is supporting and centering First Nations voices.

The main way we are making sure we are taking tangible steps towards this is through our *Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan*. A Reflect RAP is all about looking internally to set up appropriate governance, policies and processes to ensure we are a culturally safe organisation to work with First Nation peoples.

In 2022, we’ve completed First Nations group mapping, cultural competency training, workplace cultural safety workshop and policies/guidelines for engaging with First Nations groups.

We’ve also been encouraging reconciliation work through our sphere of influence, sharing reconciliation resources with member groups and volunteers and supporting member groups to explore possibilities of taking on their own reconciliation action work (e.g. our RAP launch and workshop with AMCS). The majority of our Reflect RAP actions are either complete or in progress and our launch and workshop reached at least

a dozen Queensland organisations. We were also very excited to hire Sherie Bruce as our Protect Country Strategist. Sherie will further help guide our work towards reconciliation.

In 2023 we want to build more First Nation relationships and continue to work towards ensuring that First Nation voices are supported and centred within our campaigns. We will complete our Reflect RAP in approximately May, and look at starting an Innovate RAP, which will involve strengthening relationships, engaging and empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples within the work we do.

We’ve learnt that progressing RAP work requires Staff and Executive members to be personally dedicated to the work and give at least an hour each week to actively progress the RAP actions.

We’ve also learnt that many of our members are either supportive of QCC pursuing this work or interested in taking on some of this work themselves.

Bringing People together to create change

Queensland Environment roundtable (QERT) and Ministerial Environment roundtable (MERT) meetings

QCC typically runs two Ministerial Environment Roundtable (MERT) meetings a year, engaging a broad range of member groups to progress their campaigns and interests with the Environment Minister.

This year, we only have one MERT to realign the MERT timing in late February 2023.

At the beginning of 2022, 37 member groups responded to a survey which we used to identify common themes for the MERT that could build our capacity to work collaboratively.

We experimented with expanding the purpose and length of the June Queensland Environment Roundtable (QERT) to bring together members and allies outside of the regular MERT attendees, and continued the themes of strategising around key

campaigns, building relationships, training and skill sharing, open space planning and planning for the MERT. We exceeded our goal of 30 key leaders of Qld eNGOs attending the June QERT, a growth from 14 leaders attending in November 2021.

Evaluation for the MERT & QERTs were largely positive and identified improvement in areas such as focusing on new topics and questions at the MERT and considering bigger picture issues like election commitments, and targeting some parts of the QERT to specific audiences.

Volunteers and Interns

This year, we have seen more than 140 passionate volunteers and interns contributing to the work of QCC. Volunteers and interns have worked across our Climate Action Now campaign, nature campaigns, volunteer support, member support as well as helped with data, event organising and research projects.

Early in the year, volunteers got involved with our Climate Action now campaign to help distribute thousands of signs by door knocking, running market stalls and taking part in road side actions, collectively volunteers contributed over 600 hours of their time.

We still have a long way to go but it is thanks to volunteers like these, and others working on similar campaigns across the country, that we finally have a federal government who is taking climate change seriously.

A small team of committed volunteers also organised our second Saving Wild Homes art competition. This year, it was an all ages competition, using art and story as a way of highlighting why protected areas are so important. We received more than 70 entries featuring some very powerful artworks. To promote the art comp volunteers held a number of pop up art exhibitions. Volunteers have also been helping to organise and build our new Forest Watch project, focused on State forests.

We are looking forward to seeing what next year brings and how we can get more volunteers involved across our work. With the end of the year comes a time for reflections and working with volunteers to plan what's next.



Member Support Team

The Member Support Team (MST), a volunteer-run team has been meeting regularly to support our members. This year, they clarified their purpose and identified supporting activities.

Their purpose is to

- Set up QCC with processes and documents to share with HUMAN (QCC staff, volunteers and Member Groups) so that they can have a consistent and replicable on-boarding operational and offboarding experiences and
- Set QCC up with processes and documents to detail our TECHNOLOGY, purpose and use so that they can get on with doing the work.

Some examples of their work are:

- a fortnightly comms scan of all member groups to contribute to the member update,

- organising the learning hub/governance training,
- preparing a thorough overview of QCC for volunteers,
- supporting preparation and running of the QERT.

The team operates with a very high level of autonomy, supporting groups like Bribie Island Environment Protection Association to share their story with their community.



Aligning the organisation for growth and change

Supporters and Audience Growth

In a digital age, QCC's success is increasingly defined by the audiences we have built online and how we're able to leverage those audiences to support our work and take action.

With that in mind, 2022 has been a year of focusing on the growth of our digital channels. Our supporter database is on track to almost double in size by the end of the year. Our social media channels have also experienced significant growth in both audiences and engagement.

We've worked with our internal team and with external specialists to develop campaigns designed to boost engagement and effectiveness across our channels, ensuring more Queenslanders than ever before are across the issues we're advocating on.

As we continue to build our following into 2023, we'll look at new ways to invite this audience to support our campaigns through taking action online and in person.

We'll also look at the QCC brand and identity itself and how and why we speak to Queenslanders on a range of issues, to further align the organisation for growth and change.

Fundraising growth

The funds we raise are essential to QCC's independence, creativity and ability to achieve our goals, to protect nature and biodiversity and safeguard the climate for future generations.

As we continue to implement our Fundraising Strategy, QCC has developed our diversified fundraising program that will enable us to continue to expand our work over the years to come.

We are grateful to our donors for their ongoing support and generosity. With the incredible support of our donors, individual donations increased from \$26,828 to 48,981, an increase of 82%. Regular giving from our Nature Guardians increased from \$14,592 to 39,000, an increase of 167%. These donations will enable us to fund long-term initiatives and programs to create a better future for Queensland's environment.

Organisational growth

In our strategic plan, QCC has identified the need to align our organisation for growth, so that we can be more powerful and able to act on climate, and protect nature. Our organisational growth has focused on achieving these ends. We have sought additional

resources to support campaigning to end out of control landclearing, connecting to the strong history QCC has held in these areas and meeting the moment of the recent SLATS report. We expanded our climate organising team to seize the opportunity of the 2022 Federal election. We have hired a digital coordinator, to ensure that our campaign messages are reaching wider audiences. Growth in our grants and fundraising has provided the resources to prioritise building capacity in working with First Nations, with the employment of Sherie Bruce as Protect Country Strategist.

This growth has allowed us to do more, but it hasn't come without growing pains. Growth in campaigning, organising and digital communications has required greater support and management, and we were pleased to welcome Anthony Gough as a Deputy Director. QCC staff has grown to 15 members, and we are just hitting our straps. We are investing in training, with a number of staff completing training with the Community Organising Fellowship and the Queensland Community Alliance and the Institute for Managers and Leaders.

Treasurer's Report

QCC Treasurer's Report 2021-22

Queensland Conservation Council's budget is growing and our financial position is strong. In the 2021-22 financial year, our total income (excluding funds for distribution to regional organisations) was \$1,662,336, up from \$1,025,939 in 2020-21. This significant growth in funds allowed us to invest in new staff and additional campaign focuses and achieve the results documented elsewhere in this Annual Report.

The substantial increase in QCC's income resulted from carefully planned and coordinated efforts to attract grants and donations. QCC is now recognised as a vital organisation to achieve social change on nature and climate in Queensland. That has come about thanks to the great work of Queensland Conservation Council's Director, Dave Copeman, our Fundraiser, Bec McDowell, and our other staff. That recognition made the task of

raising additional funds much more productive.

We acknowledge the generous ongoing support of the Queensland Government through the Department of Environment & Science. We also acknowledge the generous funding we have received from individual donors and philanthropic organisations in 2021-22. Thank you all.

This will be my last report as I will be stepping down from my role as Treasurer. I have enjoyed the opportunity to support QCC's growth over these past two years and look forward to watching the organisation develop over the years to come.

Peter McCallum
Treasurer, QCC

Queensland Conservation Council Inc

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Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 2022

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Queensland Conservation Council Inc
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Committee's Report
For the year ended 30 June 2022

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the Queensland Conservation Council Inc for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Committee Member

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

Emily KAIN
Peter McCALLUM
Sherie BRUCE
Lucy GRAHAM
Jackie TURNER
Terry PINNELL
Peter ARNDT

Principal activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were:

The Queensland conservation Council is the state's peak non-government environment group. We have been working to protect, conserve and sustain Queensland's unique environment since 1969. We achieve our goals by advocating with Government, engaging with the community and informing through the media. We work together with our fellow conservation groups across the state to engage and coordinate with organisations, communities and individuals to protect nature for current and future generations.

Significant Changes

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

Operating Result

The surplus after providing for income tax for the 2022 financial year amounted to:

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



Emily KAIN



Peter McCALLUM

29 November 2022

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Income and Expenditure Statement
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	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Income			
Project income	3	2,137,872	1,420,711
Donations received		93,764	58,258
Interest received		1,265	2,297
Government subsidies received		-	116,436
Other income		14,435	13,549
		<u>2,247,336</u>	<u>1,611,251</u>
Expenditure			
Accounting and audit fees		13,500	1,750
Bank charges		1,864	741
Depreciation expense		1,871	1,138
Fundraising expense		31,466	13,202
Rental expense		9,219	55,314
Project costs	4	896,640	743,315
Office expense		109,963	118,409
Salaries and wages		934,714	511,975
Superannuation expense		88,112	44,687
Depreciation – ROU Asset		38,400	-
Interest Expense – Lease		5,190	-
Loss on sale of property, plant and equipment		-	1,513
		<u>2,130,939</u>	<u>1,492,044</u>
Current year surplus before income tax		116,397	119,207
Income tax expense		-	-
Net profit attributable to the association		<u>116,397</u>	<u>119,207</u>
 Increase (decrease) in retained profits due to:			
Retained Profits		-	60,196
Total revenues, expenses and valuation adjustments attributable to the association and recognised directly in equity		<u>-</u>	<u>60,196</u>
 Total changes in equity of the association		<u>116,397</u>	<u>179,403</u>
 Operating retained profits		421,223	241,820
Net profit attributable to the association		116,397	119,207
Transfer of capital profits reserve		-	60,196
Closing retained profits		<u>537,620</u>	<u>421,223</u>

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Queensland Conservation Council Inc
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Assets and Liabilities Statement as at 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Current assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5	750,972	772,775
Trade and Other Receivables	6	101,914	7,766
Other Current Assets	7	27,094	13,584
Total Current Assets		<u>879,980</u>	<u>794,125</u>
Non-Current assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment	8	3,993	5,172
Right of Use Asset	9	99,840	-
Total Non-Current assets		<u>103,833</u>	<u>5,172</u>
Total Assets		<u>983,813</u>	<u>799,297</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	10	111,574	31,758
Project Funding in Advance	11	167,338	307,272
Other Current Liabilities		13,009	22,271
Employee Provisions		42,744	16,773
Lease Liability - Current		45,716	-
Total Current liabilities		<u>380,381</u>	<u>378,074</u>
Non-Current liabilities			
Employee Provisions		3,931	-
Lease Liability – Non-Current		61,881	-
Total Non-Current liabilities		<u>65,812</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>446,193</u>	<u>378,074</u>
Net assets		<u>537,620</u>	<u>421,223</u>
Members' Funds			
Retained Earnings		537,620	421,223
Total Members' Funds		<u>537,620</u>	<u>421,223</u>

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Queensland Conservation Council Inc
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Notes to the Financial Statements
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Note 1. Significant accounting policies

Basis of preparation

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act of Queensland. In the opinion of the committee the Association is not a reporting entity because there are no users who are dependent on its general-purpose financial statements. For the purpose of preparing the financial statements, the Association is a not-for-profit entity.

These are special purpose financial statements that have been prepared for the purposes of complying with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Associations Incorporations Act of Queensland 1981, the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and associated regulations. The officers have determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of the members of Queensland Conservation Council Incorporated Association Special Purpose.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements specified by the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 'Presentation of Financial Statements', AASB 107 'Statement of Cash Flows', AASB 108 'Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors', AASB 1048 'Interpretation of Standards' and AASB 1054 'Australian Additional Disclosures', as appropriate for not-for-profit oriented entities.

The Association has concluded that the requirements set out in AASB 10 and AASB 128 are not applicable as the initial assessment on its interests in other entities indicated that it does not have any subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures. Hence, the financial statements comply with all the recognition and measurement requirements in Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

Critical accounting estimates

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Association's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 2.

Revenue recognition

The Association recognises revenue as follows:

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

The association has applied AASB 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers (AASB 15) and AASB 1058: Income of Not-for-Profit Entities (AASB 1058) using the cumulative effective method of initially applying AASB 15 and AASB 1058 as an adjustment to the opening balance of equity at 1 July 2019. Therefore, the comparative information has not been restated and continues to be presented under AASB 118: Revenue and AASB 1004: Contributions.

Contributed Assets

The association receives assets from the government and other parties for nil or nominal consideration in order to further its objectives. These assets are recognised in accordance with the recognition requirements of other applicable accounting standards (eg. AASB 9, AASB 16, AASB 116 and AASB 138).

On initial recognition of an asset, the association recognises related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions, revenue or contract liability arising from a contract with a customer).

The association recognises income immediately in profit or loss as the difference between initial carrying amount of the asset and the related amount.

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Note 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Revenue recognition (continued)

Operating grants, donations and bequests

When the association receives operating grant revenue, donations or bequests, it assesses whether the contract is enforceable and has sufficiently specific performance obligations in accordance with AASB 15.

When both these conditions are satisfied, the association:

- identifies each performance obligation relating to the grant
- recognises a contract liability for its obligations under the agreement
- recognises revenue as it satisfies its performance obligations.

Where the contract is not enforceable or does not have sufficiently specific performance obligations, the Association:

- recognises the asset received in accordance with the recognition requirements of other applicable accounting standards (for example AASB 9, AASB 16, AASB 116 and AASB 138)
- recognises related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions, revenue or contract liability arising from a contract with a customer)
- recognises income immediately in profit or loss as the difference between the initial carrying amount of the asset and the related amount.

If a contract liability is recognised as a related amount above, the Association recognises income in profit or loss when or as it satisfies its obligations under the contract.

Capital Grant

When the Association receives a capital grant, it recognises a liability for the excess of the initial carrying amount of the financial asset received over any related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions, revenue or contract liability arising from a contract with a customer) recognised under other Australian Accounting Standards.

The association recognises income in profit or loss when or as the association satisfies its obligations under the terms of the grant.

Interest

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Income tax

As the association is a charitable institution in terms of subsection 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, as amended, it is exempt from paying income tax.

Goods and Services Tax

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

Cash flows are included in the Cash Flow Statement on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority are classified as operating cash flows.

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Note 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Current and non-current classification

Assets and liabilities are presented in the statement of financial position based on current and non-current classification.

An asset is classified as current when: it is either expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in the Association's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is expected to be realised within 12 months after the reporting period; or the asset is cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is classified as current when: it is either expected to be settled in the Association's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is due to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period; or there is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other liabilities are classified as non-current.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Trade and other receivables

Other receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any allowance for expected credit losses.

Property, plant and equipment

Each class of leasehold improvements, property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all property, plant and equipment is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association, commencing from the time the asset is held for use. Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

Class of Fixed Assets

Office Equipment

Depreciation Rate

0-33%

Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Association prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

Employee benefits

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

Impairment of Assets

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

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Leases

The association as lessee

At inception of a contract, the association assesses if the contract contains or is a lease. If there is a lease present, a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability is recognised by the association where the association is a lessee. However, all contracts that are classified as short-term leases (lease with remaining lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets are recognised as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. Initially the lease liability is measured at the present value of the lease payments still to be paid at commencement date. The lease payments are discounted at the interest rate implicit in the lease. If this rate cannot be readily determined, the association uses the incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are as follows:

- fixed lease payments less any lease incentives
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or rate, initially measured using the index or rate at the commencement date
- the amount expected to be payable by the lessee under residual value guarantees
- the exercise price of purchase options, if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise the options
- lease payments under extension options if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise the options, and
- payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the exercise of an option to terminate the lease

The right-of-use assets comprise the initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability as mentioned above, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date as well as any initial direct costs. The subsequent measurement of the right-of-use assets is at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the lease term or useful life of the underlying asset, whichever is the shortest. Where a lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflect that the association anticipates exercising a purchase, the specific asset is depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset.

New Accounting Standards and Interpretations not yet mandatory or early adopted

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet mandatory, have not been early adopted by the Association for the annual reporting period ended 30 June 2022. The Association has not yet assessed the impact of these new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations.

Note 2. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

Lease term

The lease term is a significant component in the measurement of both the right-of-use asset and lease liability. Judgement is exercised in determining whether there is reasonable certainty that an option to extend the lease or purchase the underlying asset will be exercised, or an option to terminate the lease will not be exercised, when ascertaining the periods to be included in the lease term. In determining the lease term, all facts and circumstances that create an economical incentive to exercise an extension option, or not to exercise a termination option, are considered at the lease commencement date. Factors considered may include the importance of the asset to the Association's operations; comparison of terms and conditions to prevailing market rates; incurrence of significant penalties; existence of significant leasehold improvements; and the costs and disruption to replace the asset. The Association reassesses whether it is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option, if there is a significant event or significant change in circumstances.

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Note 3. Project Income

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
DES Group Funding	255,000	255,000
DES Group Funding for Distribution	586,201	583,799
Climate Action Now	50,698	114,861
Beyond Coal 2021 & 2022	759,521	188,475
Water Catchment	145,000	-
National Parks 2021 & 2022	135,318	195,147
ACBF 2022	208,995	-
Climate Change	(2,861)	-
Green Recovery	-	50,479
QCF Strategic Plan	-	20,776
WWF 2019-2021	-	10,000
Reconciliation	-	2,174
Total Project Income	<u>2,137,872</u>	<u>1,420,711</u>

Note 4. Project Costs

DES Group Distribution	586,201	583,799
Climate Action Now	40,352	3,669
Beyond Coal 2021 & 2022	129,199	16,317
National Parks 2021 & 2022	35,336	32,879
ACBF 2022	103,035	-
QCA Regional Organising	1,500	46,000
Reconciliation	1,017	6,591
QLD Community Foundation	-	20,776
QLD Renewable Jobs	-	19,204
Fundraising Training	-	14,080
Total Project Costs	<u>896,640</u>	<u>743,315</u>

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Note 5. Current assets – Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
MECU – Operation AC	375,525	379,511
MECU – Public Fund	135,907	153,422
MECU – Debit Card	1,095	2,078
Term Deposit – 4973	162,820	162,414
Term Deposit - 8578	53,265	53,079
Term Deposit – Fundraising	22,360	22,271
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>750,972</u>	<u>772,775</u>

Note 6. Current assets – Trade and Other Receivables

Trade Debtors	95,628	-
Sundry Debtors	-	1,794
GST Receivable	6,286	5,972
Total Trade and Other Receivables	<u>101,914</u>	<u>7,766</u>

Note 7. Current assets – Other Current Assets

Prepayments	13,510	-
Security Bond	13,584	13,584
Total Other Current Assets	<u>27,094</u>	<u>13,584</u>

Note 8. Non-current assets - Property, Plant and Equipment

Office Equipment - at cost	16,305	15,613
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(12,312)	(10,441)
Total Property, Plant & Equipment	<u>3,993</u>	<u>5,172</u>

Note 9. Non-current assets – Right of Use Asset

Right of Use Asset	138,240	-
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(38,400)	-
Total Property, Plant & Equipment	<u>99,840</u>	<u>-</u>

Note 10. Current liabilities - Trade and other payables

Trade Creditors	67,526	-
Accrued Expenses	5,869	1,192
Unearned Income	4,440	-
Wages Payable	12,921	-
Superannuation Payable	3,626	15,530
PAYG Withholding Payable	17,192	15,036
Total Trade and Other Payables	<u>111,574</u>	<u>31,758</u>

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Note 11. Project Income in Advance

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Beyond Coal 2021	85,380	324,901
Climate Action Now	26,565	8,639
ACBF 2022	22,725	-
National Parks 2021	17,809	(27,469)
National Parks 2022	14,859	-
DES Funding for Distribution	-	1,201
Total Project Income in Advance	<u>167,338</u>	<u>307,272</u>

Note 12. Events after the reporting period

No matters or circumstances have arisen since 30 June 2022 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the association's operations, the results of those operations, or the association's state of affairs in future financial years.

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Statement by Members of the Committee
For the year ended 30 June 2022

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

In the opinion of the Committee the Income and Expenditure Statement, Statement of Financial Position and Notes to the Financial Statements:

- i. Presents fairly the financial position of Queensland Conservation Council Inc as at 30 June 2022 and its performance for the year ended on that date
- ii. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due

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



Emily KAIN
Chair

29 November 2022



Peter McCALLUM
Treasurer

29 November 2022

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF QUEENSLAND CONSERVATION COUNCIL INC

Report on the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Queensland Conservation Council Inc ("the Association"), which comprises the asset and liabilities statement as at 30 June 2022 and the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by members of the committee.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2022, and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with Associations Incorporation Act 1981 Queensland and *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012*.

Basis for Opinion

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

Independence

We are independent of the Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (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.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose to assist the Association to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 Queensland and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the Management Committee

The Management Committee of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and for such internal control as the executive committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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In preparing the financial report, the Committee are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have 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 Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individual or in 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/Home.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.



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SHAUN LINDEMANN
PARTNER

28 NOVEMBER 2022
BRISBANE