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Purpose of the Environment Centre NT:

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From the Convenor

By Debora Hall

This year the Environment Centre of the NT (ECNT) has re-emerged as a vibrant advocate for the Northern Territory's environment. The Reports to this AGM are great testimonials about the work that is being done.

In August 2016 Glenn Evans took on the job of Acting Executive Officer. Then in February 2017 Shar Molloy became the Director of the ECNT and Pedro Najera started as the Community Action Officer. Our AGM is an opportunity to publicly thank them for the expertise, energy and passion they have put into their roles on a daily basis.

In 2016/2017 the ECNT received the first \$100 000 of five years of funding from the Northern Territory Government. After several thin years without recurrent funding this money has been welcome. It has enabled the ECNT to employ staff on secure contracts. The ECNT's government grant has been supplemented with generous donations from philanthropic trusts, organisations with common goals and the ECNT's individual supporters.

These statements of purpose guide and determine our priorities.

The ECNT has launched Territory Guardians. This monthly giving program will provide ongoing funds to enable the ECNT to take on many more of the threats to the Territory's environment. I encourage you to consider becoming a Territory Guardian. The ECNT has reviewed its Strategic Plan and com-

mitted to:

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The ECNT has taken up many opportunities to engage with government and private interests who want to 'develop' the North. The common thread of these proposals is economic development. The ECNT does not reject economic development, but argues strenuously for a bottom line that takes in environmental, social and cultural sustainability. If these plans proceed in their current form the Territory's wild and rich environment will be sacrificed for short-term financial gain. The powerful people who would like the Territory's moratorium on fracking to be lifted exemplify this type of thinking.

In addition to members and individual supporters the ECNT has worked closely with a number of other organisations over the past year. Of special note is the Environment Defenders' Office who have been an outstanding ally in the ECNT's campaign work on important issues such as the Port Melville Marine Supply Base.



The Management Committee of the ECNT has made a substantial contribution to the organisation's good governance in 2016-17. Two members of the Committee deserve special mention. Di Koser, a Life Member of the ECNT and long-serving member of the Committee agreed to take on the role of Treasurer.

Over the past year she has conscientiously applied herself to this important role including seeking out training and finding a book-keeper for the ECNT. The other person who has done an exceptional job is Dominic Nichols. He chaired a group of members who have reviewed the twenty-four year old Constitution. This was a big task and its completion is a significant achievement.

Last week a friend told me that her nine year old had seen new-born Flat-back turtles make their way into Darwin Harbour. Fifteen years ago my daughter saw the same thing and she has never forgotten it. We have the absolute privilege of living in this place at this time. We also have a responsibility to other living beings and those who come after us. Let's continue to stand up and be counted as ECNT members and as ECNT supporters. We do make a difference.





From the Director

By Shar Molloy

Dear members, supporters, donors and partners,

We are able to write this report in celebration and hope, due to your support of the Environment Centre NT (ECNT), through some of our most challenging times. This last financial year has been a renewal for us, going from just keeping the doors open with our Acting Director working part-time, to now having a permanent Director and a Community Action officer.

We are also able to employ a project officer and support a group of wonderful volunteers. A big thank you goes to the Management Committee who worked ongoingly through 2016 and 2017 to support the organisation's renewal. This enabled ECNT to be in the best possible state to allow the new incoming staff to get on with the important job of engaging the community, government and private sector about important environmental issues in the Top End.

With 'policy funding' being granted to ECNT by the NT Government, we were able to respond to the government and engage the community in many important reviews and submissions through 2017. This included a review of the Territory environmental regulations and environmental assessment laws, inquiry into hydraulic fracturing, the road map to renewables and the environmental impact assessment for McArthur River Mine. We continue to advocate for strong protection of our environment through all these ongoing reviews and implementation into 2018.

A strong voice for the environment is also being heard through our representation on the Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee and Power and Water Customer Advisory Council.

Through 2017, we have engaged the community in many important and inspiring events. This included co-sponsoring Tim Flannery's appearance at the Seabreeze festival and hosting national events, including Transitions Film Festival and Sustainable House Day. We continue to support and co-run events and actions with Climate Action Darwin including a full house showing of the film 'Before the Flood' and advocating with incoming City of Darwin councillors, for strong climate action.

As we move into 2018, we are leading a passionate and committed community project to reduce plastic waste at our Darwin Markets and advocating for a strong response to the growing problem of E-Waste. Waste Free NT is an alliance with ECNT, Arid Lands Environment Centre and various community groups including Plastic Free Darwin and Useless Plastic with an aim to have a coordinated effort to advocate for waste reduction initiatives at a Territory level. We continue to keep our COOLmob program alive, knowing that energy efficiency is an important part of the mixture to reducing our greenhouse gas emissions.



With our reduced capacity from previous years, it is vital that we are part of effective collaborations and partnerships.

ECNT has secured both upstairs units at 98 Wood street to enable likeminded organisations to be under the same roof to support collaborations and coordinated action. Currently Lock the Gate, Pew Trusts and Australian Marine Conservation Society (AMCS) are organisations that we closely work with.

ECNT is part of Keep Top End Coast Healthy alliance with AMCS and Pew Trusts. We are working together to secure strong marine outcomes through the Coastal and Marine Management Strategy. We also advocate for development to be ecologically sustainable and preserve conservation values with our current attention on the Roper River, Gunn Peninsular and Glyde Point regions.

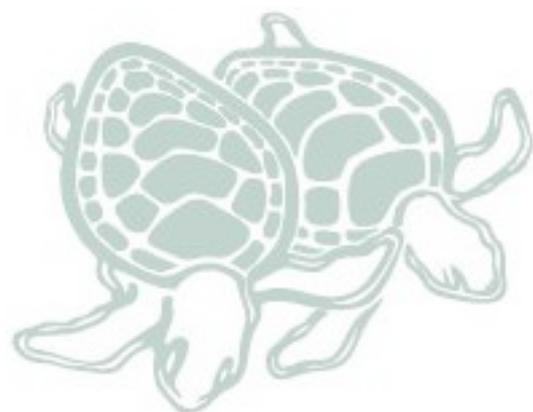
With significant economic challenges being experienced within the Northern Territory, it is imperative that we maintain our loud voice calling for development that is sustainable and protects conservation values. Your support and involvement is vital to us maintaining our relevance and influence.

Be involved! Become a member, join our monthly giving program and be a 'Territory Guardian'. Consider leaving a living legacy through your will, become an ECNT volunteer or join one of our organisation working groups. Follow us on social media and consider writing

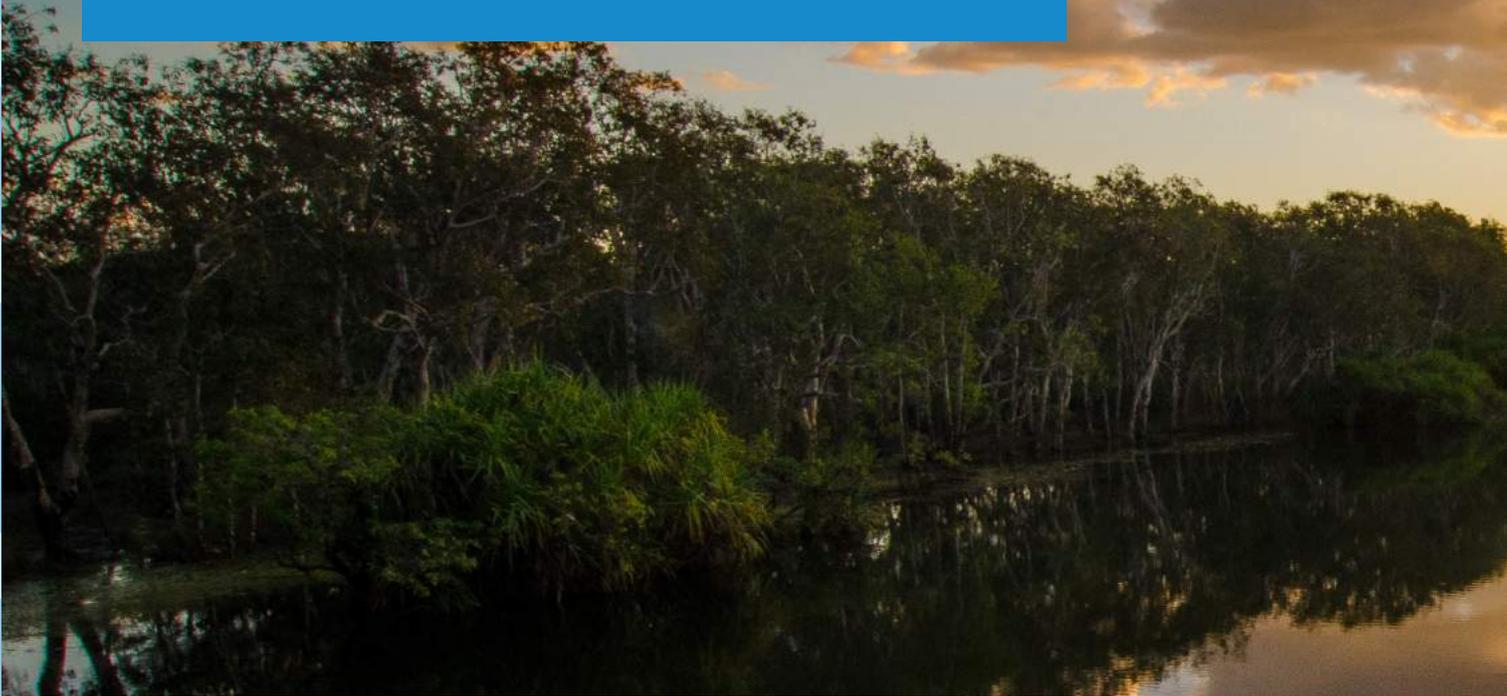
or meeting your local Member of Parliament to discuss the many environmental issues facing the NT. Our united voice and action truly make a difference and are needed to protect the places and community we care about.

Thank you again to all our members, supporters, donors and partners for working with us on our shared goals.

Our office is located on Larrakia Country and we acknowledge the important work Larrakia Rangers do in managing land and sea in the Darwin region.



Our Successes at a Glance



After six years in the making, we launched 'a guide to Wildlife and protected areas of the Top End'. A guide of over 700 common, interesting and iconic species to inspire connection and protection of our unique NT wildlife.

Five years of policy funding from the NT Government secured

Supported the visit of Professor Tim Flannery to Darwin in collaboration with Sea-breeze Festival

Advocated for strong protection of the NT environment and water during the inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing.

Urged the NT Government to recognise that economic growth cannot occur in isolation from addressing the challenge of climate change and called for their 10 year economic plan to foster a shift to a low carbon economy

Continued to work closely with Climate Action Darwin calling for a 'net zero emissions by 2050' target and strong and effective action to reach the target of 50% renewables by 2030.

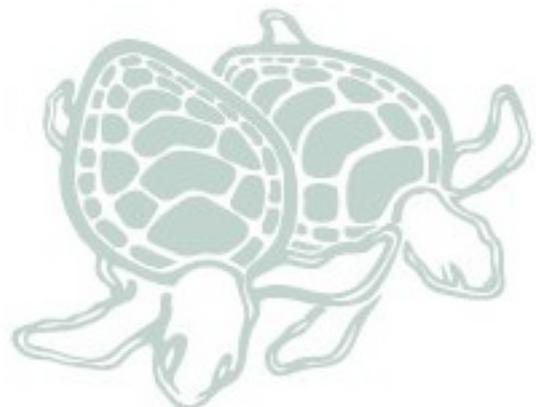
As part of the Keep Top End Coasts Healthy alliance with Pew Trusts and Australian Marine Conservation Society, ensuring the unique cultural, conservation and lifestyle values of the Top End's coasts and seas are secured through the Coastal and Marine Management Strategy.

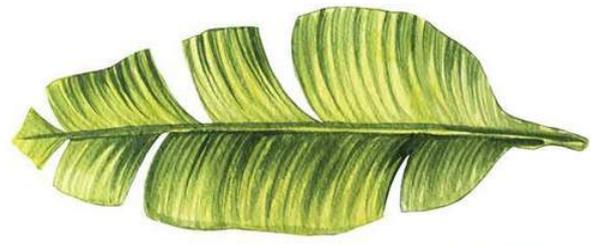
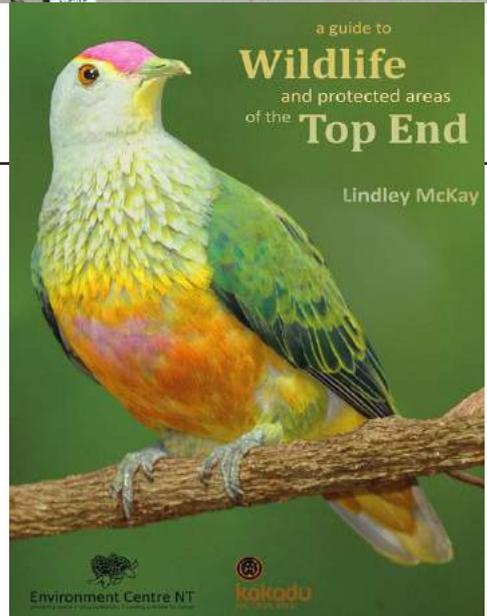
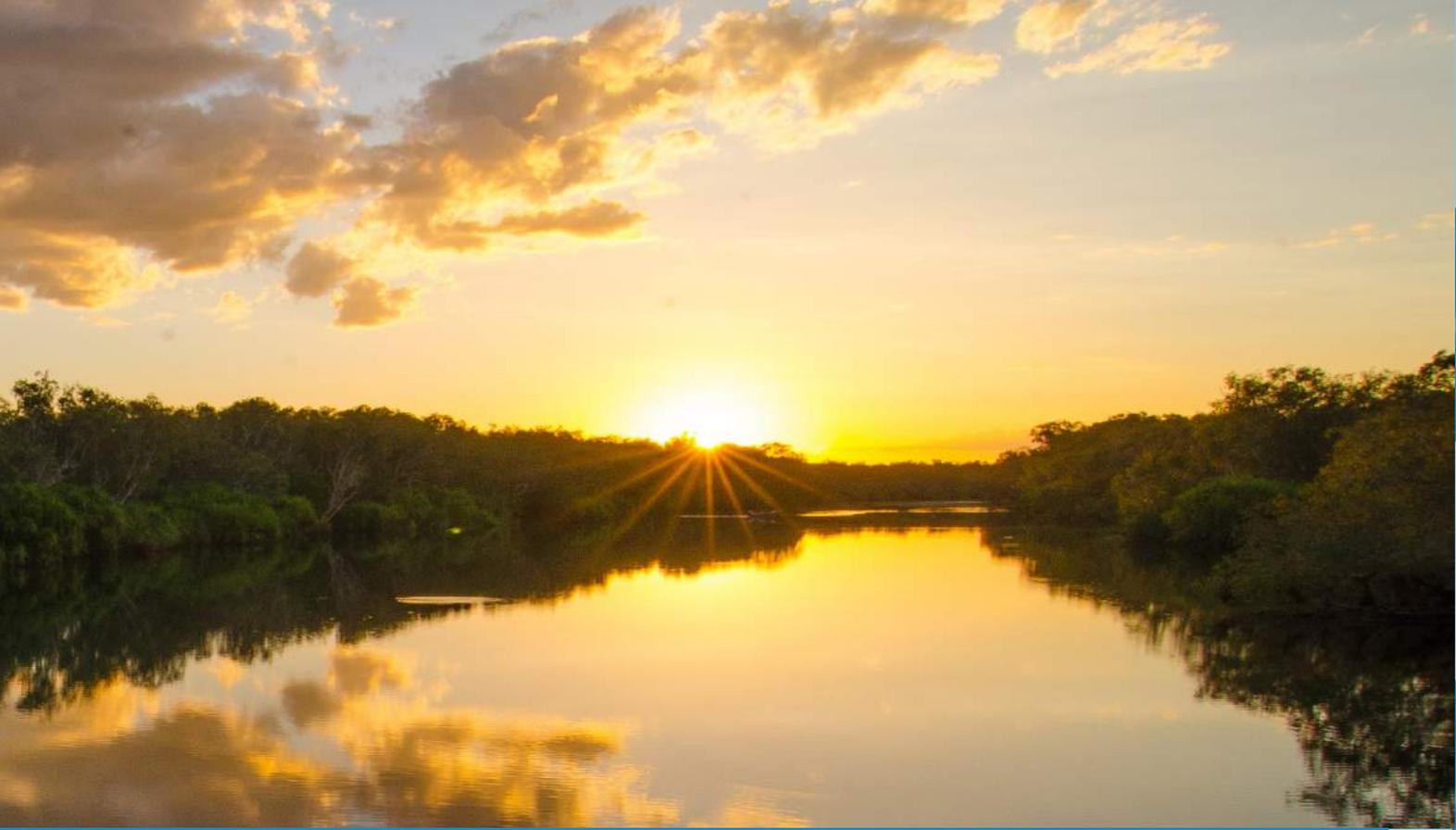
We stand with Traditional Owners of the Borroloola region to call for effective and immediate rehabilitation of the McArthur River mine ensuring the health and protection of their community and Country.

COOLmob presented the Sustainable House Day 2017 and provided research and education into reducing e-waste in the NT.

Through community collaboration and support we have established the alliance 'Waste Free NT' with the first major project being to reduce single use plastic waste at our Darwin markets.

Our presence on the Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee and Power and Water Advisory Council where advocate for conservation outcomes and call for ecological sustainable principals to be upheld in development decisions.





WASTE FREE NT



Our Strategic Focuses

Protecting and Restoring Nature

With a new Labor government and the receipt of the policy funding, 2017 has been a year of responding to various government reviews, inquiries and development applications advocating for strong conservation outcomes and true ecological sustainable development.

Our task is to raise awareness within the community of the value of the Top End's biodiversity, ecosystems and ecological processes that support the unique and invaluable cultural, conservation and lifestyle values that we all love and treasure. Through information and education the community is then engaged to advocate for and protect these natural values now and for future generations.

We have an invaluable opportunity to contribute to lasting environmental outcomes through engaging in the Environmental Regulatory Reform process being undertaken by the NT Government. In these challenging economic times where there is intensified push to 'develop' the north, the community needs greater access to influencing the decisions and ensuring the environmental values of the Top End are protected. We will continue to engage in the regulatory reform process into 2018 and encourage

our supporters and members to be engaged also.

Into 2018, we will be highlighting concerns of large scale deforestation of native vegetation and advocating for economic support for land owners to manage for conservation outcomes.

We will also continue to campaign for conservation values to be protected in the Gunn Peninsular and Glyde Point areas in the face of proposed developments including a prawn farm hatchery, residential subdivision and possible port. We will maintain our call for a ban on fracking to protect our lands, waters, food production, tourism industry, communities and climate.

Climate action and shifting to renewables

We work closely with Climate Action Darwin to raise awareness, educate and engage the community and government on the impacts of pursuing a fossil fuel economy, its effect on climate change and the need for renewables as an alternative. Our collaboration involved running awareness raising events throughout the year including the showing of the movie 'Before the flood'. The movie was followed up with a panel



discussion about the implications of climate change on the Top End.

Climate Action Darwin were also present with an information stall at our Transitions Film Festival showing of 'Power to Change' Energy Rebellion. Climate Action Darwin, alongside the Environment Centre NT, have also contributed greatly to raising awareness of potential greenhouse gas emissions from fracking developments during the inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing. Both groups have also been actively engaged in the Road map to Renewables process with the NT Government to advocate for effective action to meet our NT target of 50% renewables by 2050 and call for a strong emissions target of net zero emissions by 2050.





Sustainable Communities

Transitions Film Festival

The Environment Centre NT hosted the Transition Film Festival (TFF) 2017. On July the TFF spanned its activities over four days, with four venues across Darwin and Palmerston. TFF showed six engaging documentaries as a part of the Darwin Fringe Festival. The support of the Darwin and Palmerston community was outstanding.

In the opening night on the Nightcliff Foreshore on 8 July, the TFF had over 200 people came along to watch the documentary A Plastic Ocean. This overwhelming beginning led nicely into a relaxed Sunday at the Museum and Art Gallery NT, where we showed the documentaries New Economy and Reuse.

Monday and Tuesday at the Deckchair cinema also did not disappoint! We left with more insight into renewable energy and the importance of seeds. The documentaries were Power to Change and Seed the Untold Story. We were also given a good lesson about the negative impacts of the fashion industry at Goyder Square with the film RiverBlue.



Sustainable House Day

This year Sustainable House Day made a fantastic comeback to Darwin's sustainable living calendar in August 2017. SHD is the only event in Darwin that physically shows the public practical ways that they can be more sustainable in their homes in the Top End. The event was hosted by COOLmob and saw more than 350

people making 637 visits to five inspiring and beautiful homes. The homes showcased passively cooled design and energy efficiency features, edible/native gardens, backyard chickens and bees and solar energy systems. Homes also featured engaging and informative talks from sustainability experts on the topics of tropical architectural design, food plants and native plants in domestic gardens, and residential solar in the NT.

Sustainable House Day proved successful in providing visitors with useful advice and ideas, and helping people feel empowered to make their homes more sustainable and suited to a tropical climate. There were many positive comments about the day including this one, 'I loved the selection of houses and speakers, they were all very inspiring. I have gained many ideas for my garden and future additions to make my living more sustainable'.

COOLmob is also pleased to announce that they are set to host Sustainable House Day again in Darwin in 2018. If you have devoted your time creating a more sustainable home and are passionate about sharing your journey with others, then contact COOLmob and register your interest for 2018.

Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival

On May ECNT worked in conjunction with the Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival to bring Professor Flannery, the former chief commissioner of the now defunct Climate Commission to speak at the festival and to the ECNT Annual Fundraising Film Night.

Professor Tim Flannery participated in several events around Darwin sharing his views on the potential environment issues that the NT could face if the NT Government decide to invest into the gas infrastructure or fracking. The professor also shared with the Darwin community the fantastic opportunities that the NT has in renewable energy.



Volunteering

We are working on making our volunteering opportunities easy, fun and socially engaging. During the year we worked hard to improve our process to make volunteering easier. We created new volunteer opportunities that allowed potential volunteers to join us to protect the places we love in the Top end.

We kept the engagement with our irreplaceable long term volunteers who had been supporting us for years. We also recruited ten new volunteers who, all together, made an invaluable contribution to all of ECNT's achievements this year.

A job being done by volunteers on a regular basis is the vital one of systematically sorting the contents of approximately 70 boxes of files of ECNT, COOLmob and LIEEP collected over many years. The 'Team' includes Cathy Flint, Jenny Norris, Jane Schneider and from time to time Rosemary Harbridge.

These wonderful and dedicated volunteers have been working on this project for over a year and have sorted and listed contents of about two thirds of the boxes. They plan to continue until they finish. The result of this project will be an accessible, permanent record of ECNT, COOLmob and LIEEP activities for the future. This is a hugely important task and we thank the volunteers for their professional and systematic approach to something that many of us would find daunting!

Thanks to all our volunteers who help us to deliver our events, projects and campaigns such as the Transition Film Festival 2017, Sustainable House Day 2017, the ECNT Annual Fundraising Film Night and the Volunteer Social Event. We will continue working to improve our volunteer operations, making attractive options to volunteer in ways that are meaningful but easy, fun and socially engaging in the Darwin community.

Ewaste

Electronic waste (e-waste) is now the fastest growing waste stream in Australia, as people purchase increasing amounts of ever-cheaper electronic products.

The E-waste Education project is hosted by COOLmob and the Environment Centre NT (ECNT) and funded by the NT Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA). The purpose of the project is to help increase the uptake of electronic products recycling across Darwin and to raise awareness of other ways to minimize e-waste: rethinking, reducing, reusing and repairing. We are spreading the message about e-waste by creating a web portal and educational materials, delivering workshops in schools and hosting informative stalls at festivals.

The project also aims to measure the current awareness, attitudes and opinions about e-waste in Darwin and to help identify barriers and potential opportunities for future improvements to e-waste management practices in Darwin.



About Us

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The Environment Centre NT goals are:

Goal 1 - Campaigns & Projects

The ECNT's campaigns and projects are transformative, inclusive and knowledge-based.

Strategies:

1.1 Raise awareness, educate and engage the community and government on the impacts of pursuing a fossil fuel economy, its effect on climate change and the need for renewables as an alternative.

1.2 Raise awareness, educate and engage the community and government about the value of and threats to the Northern Territory's biodiversity, ecosystems and ecological processes.

1.3 Initiate and support campaigns and projects that foster sustainable communities through alliances, networks, advocacy and education.

Goal 2 - Financial Viability

The ECNT's income base is secure, diverse and growing.

Strategies

2.1 Ensure we have systems to maintain accurate financial records.

2.2 Secure necessary fund to cover costs of operating expenses, and the functions of Director, Community Action Officer, Policy officer and Book keeper

2.3 Encourage business alliances to provide discounts to ECNT members

Goal 3 - Community Engagement

The ECNT is effectively engaging communities, land holders, business and governments to actively and ethically support our campaigns and projects.

Strategies:

3.1 Raise awareness about key environmental issues to build membership and public support for campaigns and projects among Territorians.

3.2 Broaden our engagement by aligning with a wide range of stakeholders.

3.3 Host public events to increase engagement, income, capacity-building and influence.

3.4 Produce and sell products and services that raise our profile, and help Territorians to protect our unique environment and live sustainably.

3.5 Increase our membership, supporter and donation base.

Goal 4 - Reputation & Communications

The ECNT is well-known and held in high regard for the effectiveness of our communications, campaigns and projects.

Strategies:

4.1 Support our members' interests in our campaigns and projects, as the peak community sector environment organisation in the Territory.

4.2 Communicate effectively, passionately and professionally.

4.3 Attract, retain, inspire and train staff, volunteers and committee members who have a diversity of skills, experiences and backgrounds to collectively reflect the composition and aspirations of our members, supporters and partners.

4.4 Broaden and deepen alliances with ethical organisations to underpin our reputation.

4.5 Ensure our policies, procedures and governance is effective, evidence-based and ethical.



Our Supporters and Partners

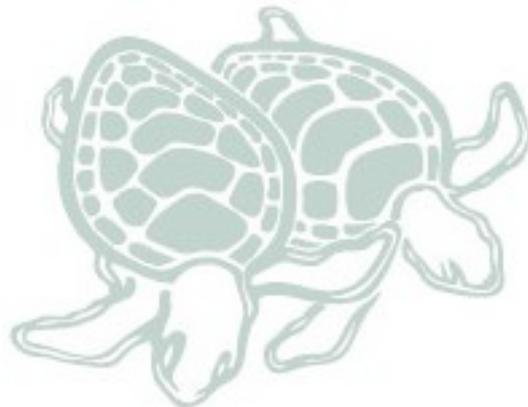
We thank the following for their financial support:

City of Darwin
NT Environment Protection Authority,
Northern Territory Government
City of Palmerston
Major donors
Members
Territory Defenders, our monthly giving program
Darwin Airport
Parks Australia
Mullum Trust
Purves Environmental Fund

We thank the following organisations for partnering with us on a broad range of projects and events:

Climate Action Darwin
Environment Defenders Office
PLan
Arid Lands Environment Centre
Australian Conservation Foundation
The Mulch Pit
Nightcliff Sea Breeze Festival
Borroloola Art Gallery
Jack Green
Jenny Norris
Therese Ritchie
Arid Lands Environment Centre
Australian Conservation Foundation
Australian Marine Conservation Society

Deckchair Cinema Darwin
Lakeside Drive Community Gardens
Country Solar NT
Charles Darwin University
CDU Horticulture
Top End Native Plant Society
Outdesign
Simon Scally
Alternative Technology Association
Keep the Top End Coasts Healthy





Our People

The Environment Centre NT is an incorporated Association established under the Association Act (NT) and governed by a Board established under a Constitution.

Management Committee members are elected by our members. Management Committee members in 2016/17 were:

Drew English
Dianne Koser
Jenny Norris
Heleana Wauchope-Gulwa
Lloyd Beck
Eileen Tuite
Hugh Wallace-Smith
Deb Hall
Michael Fonda
Justin Tutty
Glenn Ewers
Michael Brand
Billie McGinley
Dominis Nicholls

Our Staff 2016-17

Shar Molloy
Pedro Najera
Glenn Evans
Sharon Curren
Christine Michael

Our regular dedicated volunteers:

Cathy Flint, Jenny Norris, Jane Schneider, Diane Koser, Leesa Maree, Miguel Tovar, Zoe Abott, Jessica Barwell, Celina Padilha, Daphne Rodriguez, Gerorgia Glenn, Natalia Nour,

Members of the Working Groups

Dirk Peek, Bryn Wackett, Katherine Marchment, Saul Dalton, Andris Bergs, Max Atkinson, Diana Rickard and Greg Chapman.





Environment Centre Northern Territory Incorporated

Special Purpose Financial Report
for the year ended 30 June 2017

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Year Ended 30 June 2017

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Committee Statement

Environment Centre Northern Territory Incorporated
Year Ended 30 June 2017

The Committee members submit the financial report of the Environment Centre Northern Territory Incorporated (the "Association") for the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The names of Committee members throughout the year and up to the date of this report are:

Drew English	Deb Hall
Dianne Koser	Michael Fonda
Jenny Norris	Justin Tutty
Heleana Wauchope-Gulwa	Glen Ewers
Lloyd Beck	Michael Brand
Eileen Tulte	Billee McGinley
Hugh Wallace-Smith	Dominic Nicholls

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activities of the Association during the relevant financial year were to address all major environmental and sustainability issues facing the Territory.

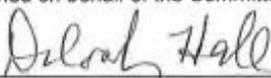
OPERATING RESULT

The net loss of the Association for the financial year ended 30 June 2017 amounted to \$1,431 (2016: \$ 54,802 loss).

In our opinion:

1. The accompanying financial report as set out on pages 6 to 10, being a special purpose financial report, is drawn up so as to present fairly the state of affairs of the Association as at 30 June 2017 and the results of the Association for the year ended on that date;
2. The accounts of the Association have been properly prepared and are in accordance with the books of account of the Association; and
3. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.


Title Committee Member

Darwin

Date: 26/9/17


Title COMMITTEE MEMBER

Darwin

Date: 26/9/17



Independent auditor's report to the members of The Environment Centre NT Inc.

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying special purpose financial report of The Environment Centre NT Inc. (the "Association"), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2017 and the income statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes, and the committee statement.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the Basis of Qualified Opinion section of our report, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Environment Centre NT Inc. as at 30 June 2017 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial report.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

1. As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable to establish an efficient system of internal control over income, other than grant income, prior to its initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding such income was limited, our audit in relation to income, other than grant income, was restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion whether the income the association received is complete.
2. We were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to satisfy ourselves with respect to the accuracy and completeness of opening balances. Since opening balances enter into the determination of the financial performance, we were unable to determine whether adjustments might have been necessary in respect of the income and expenditure for the year reported in the income statement.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the independence requirements.

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

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Association meet the needs of the *Associations Act* and the Association's constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Act* and the Association's constitution and have determined that the accounting policies used as described in Note 1 are appropriate to meet the needs of the Association and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2017 as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the registered entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Merit Partners



Statement of Profit and Loss

Environment Centre Northern Territory Incorporated
Year Ended 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Income			
Fundraising and Donations		49,165	92,063
Grant Income		101,500	243,684
Interest Income		4,297	17,997
Membership Income		2,122	1,953
Merchandise Income		9,047	6,402
Other Income		26,671	172,067
Rental Income		9,888	6,360
Sponsorship Income		500	10,500
Unexpended Project Balances b/fwd		132,471	1,260,798
Unexpended Project Balances c/fwd		(80,000)	(132,471)
		255,661	1,679,402
Expenses			
Administration Expenses		59,559	61,154
Bad Debt		-	409
Computer & IT		4,177	3,600
Conference & Consultants		12,460	518,636
Communications		3,752	28,041
Finance Costs		743	1,803
Insurance		4,618	17,553
Other Expenses		22,310	87,721
Program Related Expenses		10,025	162,357
Rent		25,800	35,200
Utilities		2,015	3,259
Wages and Salaries		111,633	814,471
		257,092	1,734,204
Deficit for the year		(1,431)	(54,802)

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Balance Sheet

Environment Centre Northern Territory Incorporated
As at 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents		173,000	278,049
Trade and Other Receivables	2	12,938	12,071
Prepayments		9,433	-
Total Current Assets		195,371	290,120
Total Assets		195,371	290,120
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	3	7,973	47,785
Other Financial Liabilities	4	84,195	132,471
Employee Provisions		3,400	8,630
Total Current Liabilities		95,568	188,886
Total Liabilities		95,568	188,886
Net Assets		99,803	101,234
Accumulated Funds			
Balance at the beginning of the year		101,234	156,036
Current year deficit		(1,431)	(54,802)
Total Accumulated Funds		99,803	101,234

Notes to the Financial Statements

Environment Centre Northern Territory Incorporated

Year Ended 30 June 2017

NOTE 1. Summary of significant accounting policies

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

(a) Basis of preparation

These financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared for use by the members of the Association. The Committee have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. The financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Act* and the Association's constitution. The Association is a not-for-profit entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

(b) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash includes cash on hand and in banks. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition and that are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

(c) Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are stated at their nominal values, less any provision for doubtful debts.

The provision for doubtful accounts is the estimated amount of probable losses arising from non-collection based on past collection experience and review of Association's management on the current status of long-outstanding receivables.

Bad debts, if any, are written off during the year when receivable is considered worthless.

(d) Trade and other payables

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

Accruals are liabilities to pay for goods or services that have been received or supplied but have not been paid, invoiced or formally agreed with the supplier, including amounts due to employees.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Environment Centre Northern Territory Incorporated

Year Ended 30 June 2017

NOTE 1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(e) Revenue recognition

Revenues are recognised at fair value of the consideration received net of the amount of goods and service tax (GST). Exchanges of goods or services of the same nature and value without any cash consideration are not recognised as revenues. The following recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

Grants

Grants are recognised as revenue in accordance with the year in which the service to which they relate is performed. Grant received or receivable in respect of services that will be provided in future years, are treated as a liability. The portion of grants unspent at year end, is transferred to current liabilities as unexpended grants and carried forward to the next financial year.

Fundraising and Donations

Fundraising Income and Donations are recognised when the Association obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

Membership income

Revenue is brought to account when received.

Interest

Revenue is recognised as the interest accrues using the effective interest method.

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

(f) Employee entitlements

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in current liabilities in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Non-accumulating sick leave is expensed to profit or loss when incurred.

(g) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office (ATO). In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as a current asset or liability in the statement of financial position.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Environment Centre Northern Territory Incorporated
Year Ended 30 June 2017

NOTE 1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(h) Income tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under item 8.1 of Section 40-50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(i) Going Concern and economic dependency

During the year the Association received grants from government departments and other funding bodies. The Association also conducted fund raising activities and received donations. The future operations of the Association depends on the continuation of these income sources.

	2017 \$	2016 \$
NOTE 2: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Trade Receivables	4,235	10,856
Other Receivables	8,524	1,215
Accrued Income	179	-
	12,938	12,071
NOTE 3: PAYABLES AND ACCRUALS		
Trade Creditors	1,652	13,327
Other Payables	1,191	12,621
Accrued expenses	2,975	3,000
Tax liabilities	2,155	18,837
	7,973	47,785
NOTE 4: OTHER FINANCIAL LIABILITIES		
Unexpended Project Income	80,000	132,471
Income in Advance	4,195	-
	84,195	132,471