



Queensland
Conservation

Annual Report **2020**



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Report from the Chair



2020, the year that changed everything, almost.

It was the year that changed the way we work, travel, consume, meet, gather and communicate. In 2020 we know that the vast majority of Australians are concerned about global warming and its contribution to increasing natural disasters. We know that the vast majority of Australians want coal-fired power stations phased out. We know that the majority of Australians prefer investment in renewables rather than fossil fuels. We know that over two-thirds of Australians believe we should have a national target for net-zero emissions by 2050 and be a global leader in finding solutions to global warming. We know that one in two young Australians are distressed about global warming. We know that our protected areas are good for jobs, the economy, nature, and our mental health and wellbeing. These are the facts. All communities demand stronger action on the climate crisis.

What hasn't changed in 2020 is that politicians of all persuasions are not responding to the climate crisis. When faced with a pandemic and health crisis we have witnessed political leaders immediately respond, taking advice and the lead from medical specialists, changing policies, enforcing strict regulations while supporting affected communities who generally complied. While these measures have been effective in suppressing the pandemic in Australia we are left wondering why these same political leaders consistently fail to respond to the climate crisis we are living in. Former Labor Federal Minister, Barry Jones identifies global warming as a '*central factor in Australia's bitter culture wars. Political responses to it have ranged from paralysis to toxicity.*' We, as a movement, need to find ways for our communities to move beyond these wars.

The pandemic has forced us to consider what type of Queensland we want in the future. We have responded to this opportunity by setting a bold new course with our strategic plan. In a year when the Queensland Conservation Council (QCC) planned to undertake an intensive in person strategic planning process our new world order provided benefits to our process. Taking the strategic planning process online allowed input by almost eighty participants representing our member groups and allies over a period of weeks to develop and shape our five focus areas for the coming years.

- Taking action for a safe climate
- Protecting nature and biodiversity
- Moving beyond colonial practices
- Bringing people together to create change
- Aligning our organisation for growth and change

I would like to thank everyone involved in developing this forward thinking plan, especially QCC staff, Executive members, Director, Louise Matthiesson and finally Manager, Liz Murphy-Forrester for steering the entire process. From here the future is about bringing people together, working with our members groups, First Nations people and other community sectors to campaign for a healthy environment and safe climate. This will make QCC, with our member groups, part of an even more powerful movement creating a better future for all.

Finally, I pay tribute to our outgoing Director, Louise Matthiesson who has made an invaluable contribution to QCC and the conservation movement in Queensland and Australia. Her leadership will be missed.

Report from Director



What a year! 2020 has been a rollercoaster for all of us, including the team at QCC. I am very proud of the way everyone adapted to the shock and challenges of the pandemic, and supported our member groups to adapt to operating remotely, and using digital tools more effectively, to keep up our vital work for the environment. The other way we responded was to initiate the Green Recovery campaign to push the Queensland Government to integrate climate action and nature conservation activities into their COVID-19 Economic Recovery Package.

Early in 2020 QCC launched two flagship campaigns that had been in the planning for many months. The Power Up Queensland campaign aims to accelerate Queensland's shift to renewable energy and phase out the state's polluting coal fired power stations. While the National Parks for Life campaign aims to at least double the extent of the National Park and protected area system across Queensland. These are both bold, visionary campaigns that will take many years and long, hard work to succeed. They will also rely on involvement from many QCC member groups and support from beyond the environment movement. That's why it's essential that QCC builds a diverse and sustainable funding base to support our ambitious campaigns for the long term.

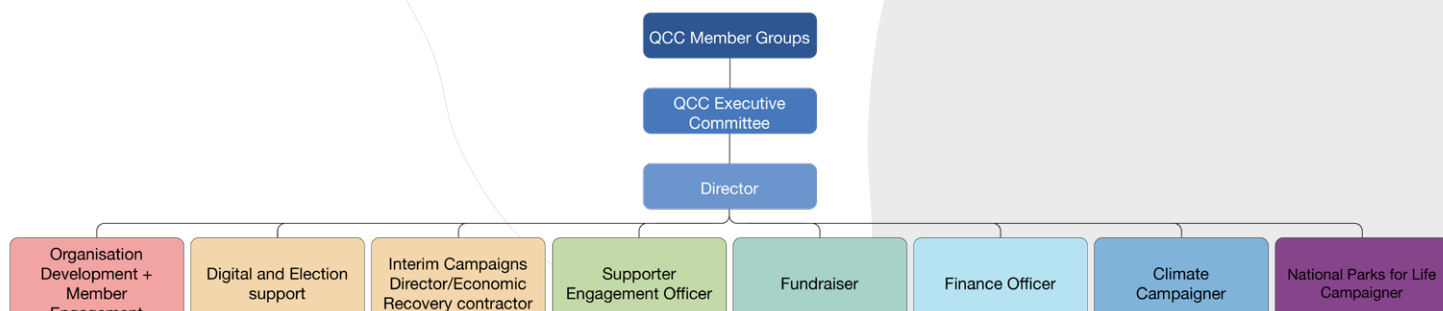
As always, QCC would not exist without the contributions of dozens of volunteers and thousands of supporters. I especially want to thank our fabulous Executive Committee members who dedicate many hours every month to the often unglamorous work of steering the organisation. Kevin Guy has been an excellent Chair, bringing campaigning nous and business acumen to the role. We are sorry to see him step down to focus on running his bookshop, Avid Reader. It's a season of change for QCC as I also step down from the Director role to spend more time caring for my parents. This has been the most challenging and rewarding role I've ever had. I believe strongly in QCC's vital role & purpose, so I'm glad to be leaving the organisation in the talented hands of a wonderful staff and Executive team.

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.

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.



OUR VALUES

Conservation | Courage | Authenticity | Community | Credibility | Inclusivity

Executive + Staff

Executive

All Executive Committee members have been involved in sub-committees throughout the year as well as extensive consultation around the development of the strategic plan. 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 thanks, in a large part, to their contribution.

2019/2020 Executive Committee

Chair

Kevin Guy

Deputy Chair

Sherie Bruce

Secretary

Lucy Graham

Treasurer

Terry Pinnell

Ordinary Members

Narelle McCarthy

Emily Kain

Sarah Moles

Gemma Plesman

Peter McCallum

Staff

QCC's staff team this year included:

- Louise Matthiesson, Director
- Liz Murphy-Forrester, Organisational Development & Member Engagement
- Caspian Bahramshahi, Digital campaigner
- Elise Roberts, Finance Officer
- Ben Child, Fundraising Officer
- Hayley Troupe, Supporter Engagement Officer
- Claire Fryer, Energy Transition Campaigner
- Andrew Picone, Protected Areas Campaign Manager
- Larissa Cordner, Protected Areas Communications Advisor
- Isabella Morand, Election Policy Coordinator
- Dave Copeman, Green Recovery Campaigner

We said farewell to Caspian Bahramshahi who had worked at QCC since 2017 as community organiser and digital campaigner. Caspian led the redevelopment of QCC's website, played an important role in the successful campaign to tighten land-clearing laws, ran popular activist skills-training workshops, helped many member groups, and managed QCC's social media channels to spread the word about vital environment issues. Caspian also brought creativity, political awareness, and great technical skills to their work.



Ben Child made a great contribution as QCC's fundraiser from 2019-2020 especially in running the Natural

Wonders Photo Competition, establishing the Nature Guardians program for regular givers to QCC, and improving the way we run our fundraising systems here at QCC to better serve our supporters

Governance

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This year a special "governance project" was initiated by the Executive to update and improve QCC's formal policies and procedures, led by our Organisational Development manager Liz Murphy-Forrester. This has given the organisation a solid base and clear structure that will be very valuable in years to come.

Sub-committees

In 2020 QCC's Executive Committee and staff 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:

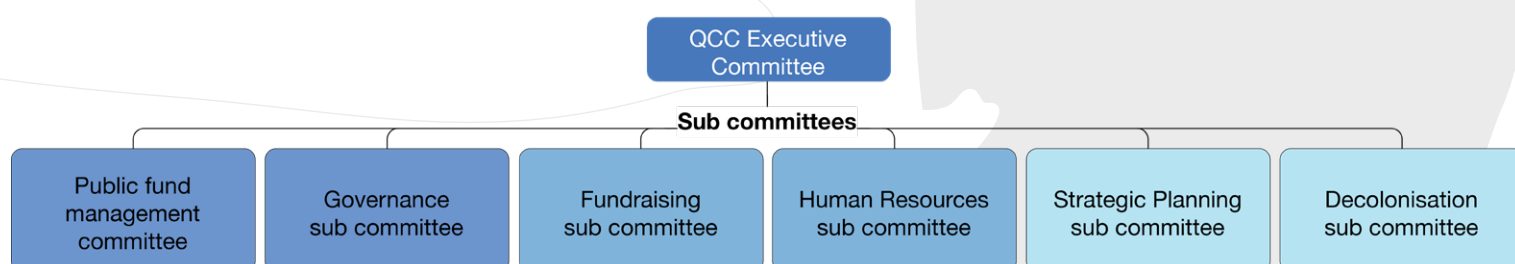
- Fundraising sub-committee
- Governance sub-committee
- Strategic planning sub-committee
- Decolonisation sub-committee
- Public Fund Management Committee

Strategic Planning 2020-2023

Thanks to a grant from the Queensland Community Foundation (QCF) QCC was able to develop a dynamic strategic plan informed by feedback from QCC members and allies. This grant enabled QCC to develop a strategic plan as well as a Business plan and Fundraising strategy.

A big thank you to all who contributed to the strategic planning process this year. QCC is excited about the directions that this plan outlines for the organisation and are looking forward to working hard to reach some very ambitious goals!

While we live in uncertain times, this Strategic Plan provides a clear way forward. The strategic plan provides a base to grow QCC and its work with its member groups, whilst presenting opportunities and some challenges to the organisation. The development of the strategic plan engaged the QCC Executive who have contributed insights and a wealth of knowledge. It was a highly inclusive process, listening to member groups and allies and incorporating their feedback. Originally scheduled to engage participants in two face to face meetings, COVID-19 meant that we needed to pivot to a digital platform to consult and develop the plan, under the guidance of consultants Campfire Co-op. All together consultation around the strategic plan happened throughout 9 hours of workshops that engaged 76 QCC members and allies. The final strategic plan was approved by the QCC Executive in September.





Queensland
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QCC Strategic Plan

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Thank you all who have contributed to the process and especially QCC staff who worked tirelessly to bring it to realisation.

Fundraising & Business Development

As part of QCC's strategic planning process, the organisation has also developed a Business and Fundraising Strategy. Thanks to the insights and advice of our expert consultants - Esther Abrams from Estuary Consulting and Paul Bailey of Amplify Fundraising - we have designed a strategy to build a diverse, sustainable financial base for QCC that will enable us to continue and expand our work for the environment over the next few years. The Strategy will require us to invest both time and money in fundraising, but if successful it will result in QCC achieving a much greater ability to achieve our goals of protecting nature and biodiversity, and safeguarding the climate for future generations.

Thank you to our financial supporters & grant partners

QCC would like to express our genuine gratitude to the fabulous organisations that have provided significant donations and grants to support our work in 2019-20. 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 Morris Family Foundation
- The Queensland Community Foundation
- SM Robinson PAF

The people and businesses that QCC works with as consultants and suppliers often provide us with generous discounts and go the extra mile to help our work protecting the environment. This year, we'd especially like to thank Campfire Cooperative, Green Energy Markets, Greenlight Creative, Brisbane Custom Signs, Code Nation, Goodchat, Amplify Fundraising, Estuary Consulting, and Kerry Trapnell Photography.



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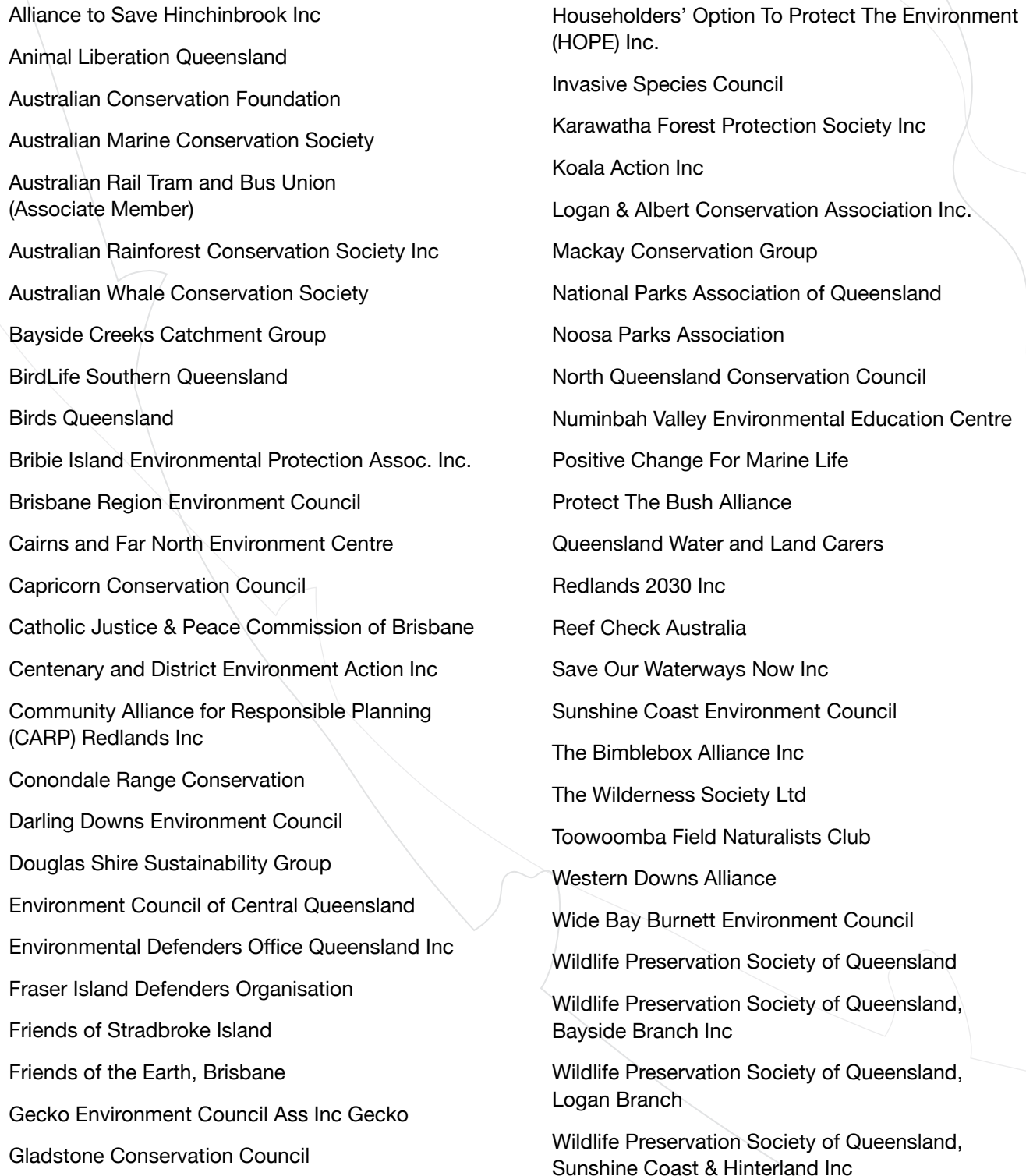


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QCF Queensland
Community
Foundation
A charitable trust

Current Members



Alliance to Save Hinchinbrook Inc	Householders' Option To Protect The Environment (HOPE) Inc.
Animal Liberation Queensland	Invasive Species Council
Australian Conservation Foundation	Karawatha Forest Protection Society Inc
Australian Marine Conservation Society	Koala Action Inc
Australian Rail Tram and Bus Union (Associate Member)	Logan & Albert Conservation Association Inc.
Australian Rainforest Conservation Society Inc	Mackay Conservation Group
Australian Whale Conservation Society	National Parks Association of Queensland
Bayside Creeks Catchment Group	Noosa Parks Association
BirdLife Southern Queensland	North Queensland Conservation Council
Birds Queensland	Numinbah Valley Environmental Education Centre
Bribie Island Environmental Protection Assoc. Inc.	Positive Change For Marine Life
Brisbane Region Environment Council	Protect The Bush Alliance
Cairns and Far North Environment Centre	Queensland Water and Land Carers
Capricorn Conservation Council	Redlands 2030 Inc
Catholic Justice & Peace Commission of Brisbane	Reef Check Australia
Centenary and District Environment Action Inc	Save Our Waterways Now Inc
Community Alliance for Responsible Planning (CARP) Redlands Inc	Sunshine Coast Environment Council
Conondale Range Conservation	The Bimblebox Alliance Inc
Darling Downs Environment Council	The Wilderness Society Ltd
Douglas Shire Sustainability Group	Toowoomba Field Naturalists Club
Environment Council of Central Queensland	Western Downs Alliance
Environmental Defenders Office Queensland Inc	Wide Bay Burnett Environment Council
Fraser Island Defenders Organisation	Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland
Friends of Stradbroke Island	Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland, Bayside Branch Inc
Friends of the Earth, Brisbane	Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland, Logan Branch
Gecko Environment Council Ass Inc Gecko	Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland, Sunshine Coast & Hinterland Inc
Gladstone Conservation Council	

Volunteers and Interns

Despite the challenges, 2020 has been a big year for building QCCs volunteer program. Volunteers and interns play a vital role in moving campaigns forward, by standing up and using their voices to protect nature. Over the course of the year we have been continuing to develop the processes and structures to make it easy for people to get involved and do what they can, because to make the difference we need, we need everyone.

Volunteers and interns have played active roles in all parts of QCCs work from member support, research, campaign outreach, market stalls, graphic design, website development, managing campaign tactics, monitoring media, writing articles, entering data and organising webinars.

To give a few examples of the great work volunteers and interns do; For the National Parks campaign Tiffany, Owen and Eloise recruited environmental and recreation groups to sign onto two open letters, collectively representing over 27,000 people and Daryll, managed the story map, collating hundreds of stories about why national parks are important to people. Sri, as part of the Greater Brisbane Environmental Advocacy Network (G-BEAN), organised a webinar where groups right across the Brisbane region talked about the issues they work on, and found ways to collaborate. Also as part of the G-BEAN project Sage, Laure and Louisa connected with groups to interview and write articles about local issues. While Trish has been regularly monitoring and sharing media articles about Queensland environmental issues.



We also need to mention the executive committee, who as volunteers have done an incredible job this year leading the organisation through many challenges.

Over the last year we had dozens of people sign up to volunteer through our website and we now have 20 active volunteers. We have also formed and continue to form volunteer working groups including, a national parks working groups, volunteer support, G-BEAN and Power Up Queensland groups.

A big shout out to everyone who has contributed their valuable time over the last year, whether it was a couple of hours or multiple days a week. THANK YOU, we can't do this without you!!!

Working together we can create the future we all want to see.



Campaigns



This year saw the launch of the Power Up Queensland campaign which aims to accelerate Queensland's shift to renewable energy and phase out the state's polluting coal fired power stations. Coal power is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Queensland, so switching to clean energy is the biggest single thing we can do to cut climate pollution in the Sunshine State.

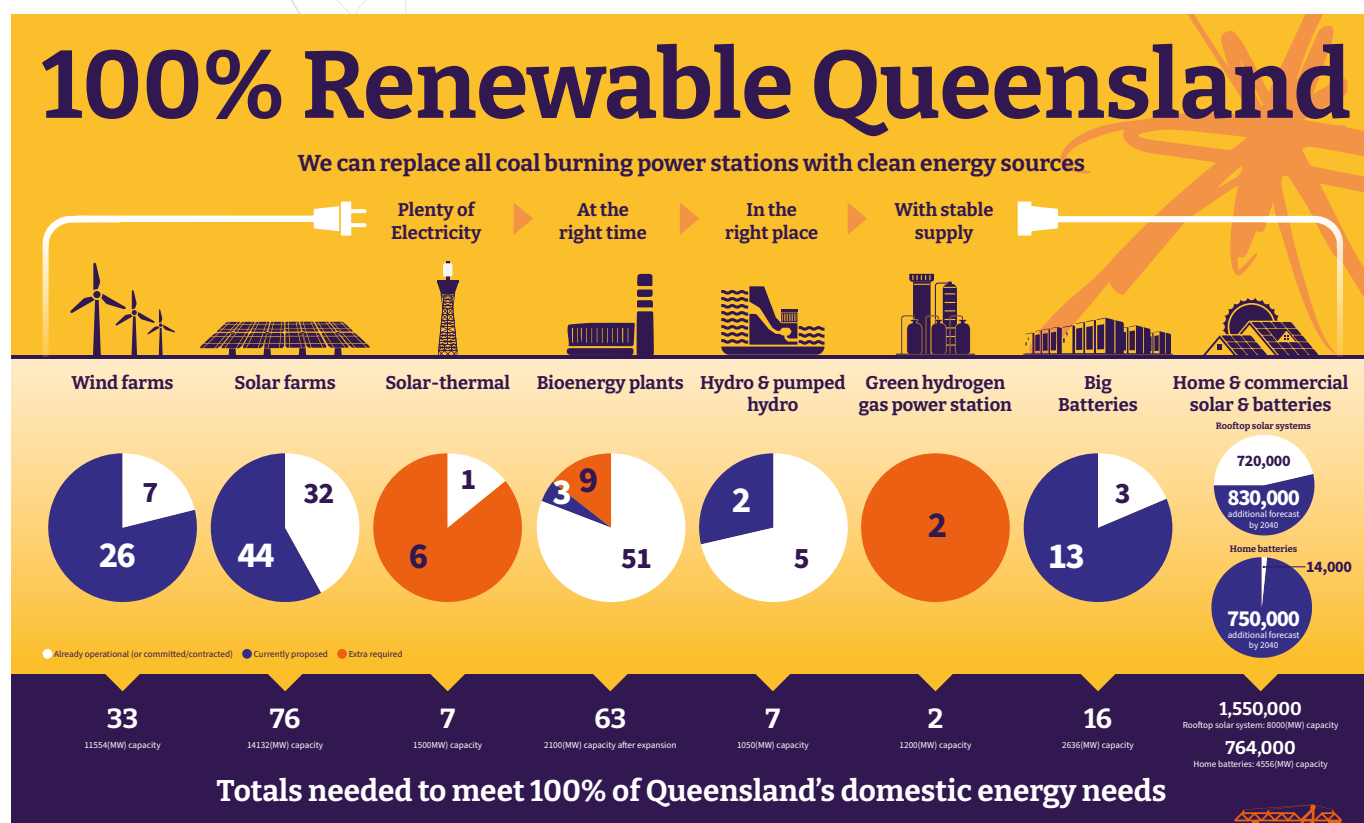
We developed branding and materials for the campaign, commissioned a report into transitioning Queensland to 100% Renewables and had success in facilitating political debate and raising the profile of the campaign.

We have:

- Developed a logo, style guide, leaflet, banners and social media tiles for the Power Up Queensland campaign.



- Released our 100% Renewable Queensland Vision via webinar and summary, along with a campaign video and infographic and made them available online at our Resources page.
- Been cited in various media outlets for our comments on closing coal fired power stations and shifting to renewable energy.
- Spoken to MP's, unions and industry leaders to help develop meaningful outcomes for Queensland in regards to climate change and energy transition.
- Worked on building the movement, including running stalls, promoting a campaign petition and creating a new form for supporters to send an email to their MP.



Real Jobs For A Real Future
Jobs created from a 100% renewable energy system would include:

Around **9,400**
full time jobs in construction
and installation over 15 years

Just under **11,000**
full time equivalent jobs in
operations and maintenance





Over the last 12 months and in the lead up to the October state election, our National Parks for Life campaign has achieved great results. In collaboration with our partner and member organisations, QCC secured the funded release of the long delayed Protected Area Strategy. We also obtained Bipartisan support during the State election campaign for the expansion and increased funding for management of protected areas.

This has been achieved through strong political advocacy, a targeted media and social media communication strategy, supporter recruitment and engagement via online tools and member group collaboration.

QCC played a central role in elevating the issue into the national media across several outlets including both online and in print for The Australian,



The Guardian and ABC platforms. The national and state media stories, running concurrently with our social media strategy, enabled us to gain over 2,000 signatures for the National Parks for Life petition. The petition was handed to the Environment Minister at an action in front of Parliament House during the election campaign.

Exhibiting community support for national parks through the petition was complemented with the creation of a digital strategy to allow supporters to send emails directly to their Members of Parliament. These emails called for an increase in funding commitments for management and acquisition of national parks in Queensland and became an important part of exhibiting community support for more national parks and increased funding for management.



Green Recovery

QCC's Director Louise Matthiesson was appointed to the Queensland Recovery Industry Alliance (QIRA) as the only environment group alongside 20 industry associations and 3 peak community groups. The QIRA was chaired by the Premier and Treasurer and has been the main formal avenue for stakeholders to influence the path of Queensland's economic recovery. Thanks to support from the Sunrise Project, Pew Trusts, ACF and WWF, QCC was able to seize this opportunity and hire Dave Copeman in June as a Green Recovery Campaigner to coordinate environmental and energy sector proposals to QIRA and the Queensland Government.

Louise and/or Dave Copeman attended four meetings of the QIRA, and three sub-committee meetings, and advocated a range of stimulus measures that would also assist in making the transition to renewable energy.

Thanks to QCC advocacy, and the coordinated efforts of a number of environmental and renewable energy organisations, we have seen the following funding announcement by the Queensland Government.

- Reef Assist - \$10m - a program creating direct jobs employing people to improve Reef catchments, and a further \$10.1m for upgrades to marine National Parks and World Heritage Areas.
- \$8.3m for additional National Parks.
- Renewable Energy Zones - \$145m to plan and begin the creation of 3 corridors of Renewable Energy Zones. Each REZ will be a location where large-scale renewable energy generation and infrastructure can be built and connected to the national energy market.
- Renewable energy Fund - \$500m to fund publicly owned renewable energy generation.
- \$14.3m + additional unspecified commitments to deliver Copperstring 2.0, a \$1.5bn powerline to connect Townsville and the North Qld Renewable Energy Hub to Mt Isa and the North West Minerals province.

- Solar for Hospitals - \$30m to fund the installation of Solar power public hospitals across Queensland.
- \$71 million Cooler Cleaner Schools Program.
- Two Clean energy training centres.

In a worrying outcome, the government's annual infrastructure plan includes spending \$1.5bn over the coming 4 years on maintenance and operations of state-owned coal-fired power plants and associated coal mines.



State Election

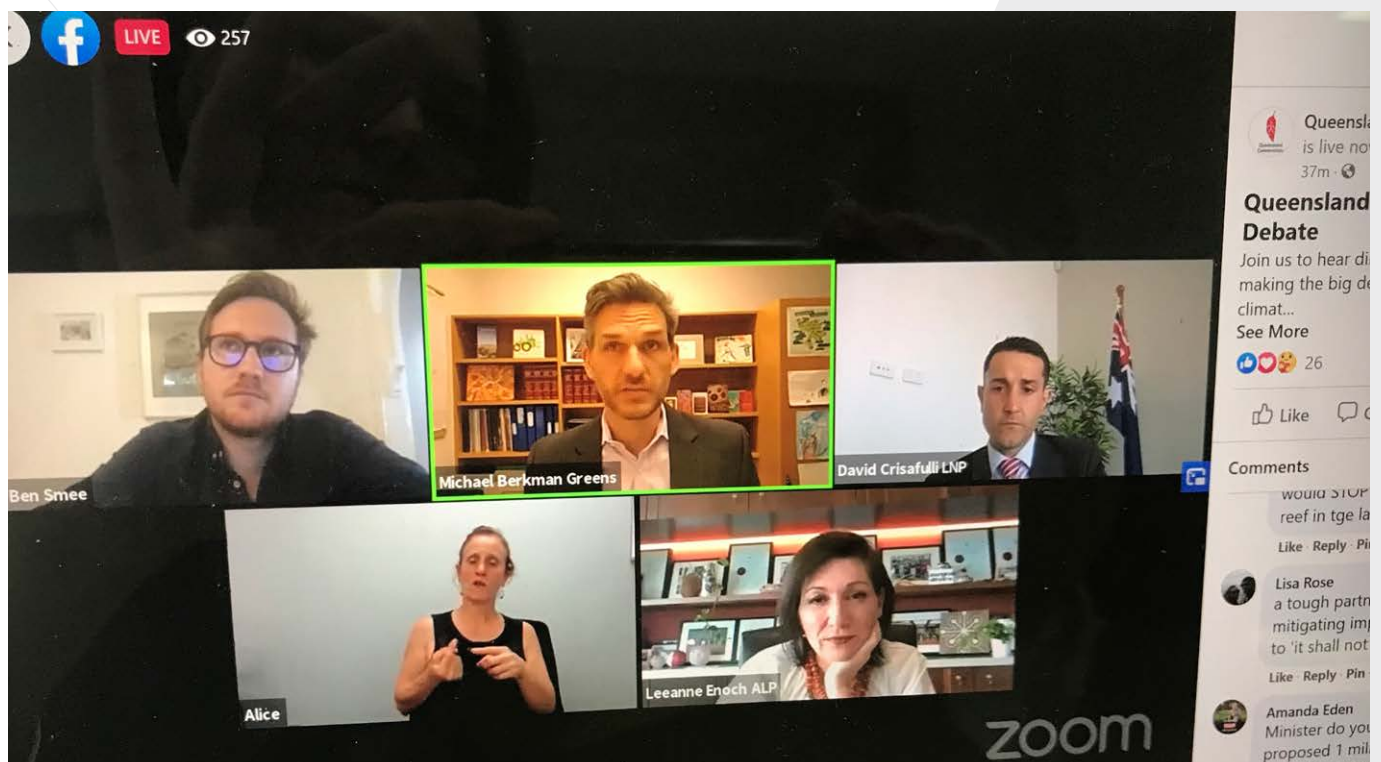
Alongside our flagship campaigns, QCC also developed a broad policy platform in the lead up to the state election - *The Environment Agenda for the next Queensland Government*.

The Environment Agenda considers ten major environmental issues facing Queensland and proposes solutions for action the next state government could take. Each section also identifies current laws and policies that we believe should be maintained.

The Agenda was a product of extensive consultation with our member groups across the state and other expert organisations and represents widely held positions on the action expected by the next Queensland Government to protect the state's environment. It was sent to parties contesting the state election and responses were received from the Labor Party, Liberal National Party, and The Greens.

We published the Environment Agenda and the parties responses on our website as a source of information for voters. QCC will use this policy platform to inform our advocacy over the next term of government, and will continue to produce and campaign around an Environment Agenda every state election year.

QCC also co-hosted an online debate between the politicians making the big decisions for nature and our climate this election, Queensland Environment Minister Hon Leeanne Enoch, LNP Shadow Environment Minister Mr David Crisafulli, and Greens MP for Maiwar Michael Berkman. They were asked questions on critical issues relating to the Environment Agenda. The debate drew thousands of viewers on Zoom and Facebook.



Environment Groups Gathering

Minister's Environment Round Table: Usually, invited environment groups meet twice a year with the Queensland Environment Minister and Departmental representatives from the Department of Environment and Science. These are valuable meetings that create an opportunity for the sector to discuss key issues throughout the regions as well as priority statewide issues. Again, due to COVID-19 restrictions on gathering, groups met with the Minister only once, in September. Some of the top issues were around proposed water infrastructure projects, threatened species + loss of biodiversity, government action on climate, and concerns around the federal government's proposal to devolve environmental protection to states and territories.



Response to COVID-19

This year the COVID-19 pandemic has shown us just how deeply external disruptions can be to our lives. The pandemic has further motivated the hardworking team at QCC for a safe climate and healthy environment. We know that if we don't work hard now to mitigate climate change and protect nature, we will be experiencing more frequent disruptions in the future.

The lockdown here in QLD didn't slow the QCC team down, as we adapted to working, from home. Our amazing volunteers conducted check in phone calls with our members at the beginning of the pandemic. Our staff held digital upskilling and conversational spaces to assist our members in their engagement on digital platforms and to stay connected. We continued to meet with our decision makers to contribute to better policies and accountability and to advocate for the role that the environment and renewables can play in Queensland's economic recovery.

QCC Webinars

QCC held 23 webinars over 2020 for QCC member groups, allies and supporters. There were campaign webinars that ran through key campaign objectives and resources available for groups to advocate in their own communities. There were training sessions to upskill members and we also facilitated digital spaces to keep people connected.

Digital Communications

QCC was very excited to launch our new website in July of 2020. This was the culmination of a twelve month redesign process and has enhanced our ability to communicate with our supporters. The new website is easier to navigate and has updated many systems including donations and membership renewal. It's great to present a fresh image to the world.

QCC's online profile continued to grow enabling us to raise awareness about crucial environment issues more effectively. We gained over 680 followers on Facebook, bringing us to nearly 9,700 followers.

Our Facebook reach improved significantly due to an active ads campaign and in November 2020 we are reaching around 40,000 people per day, compared to 26,000 per day at the end of 2019. You can now follow QCC's news via Twitter and Instagram as well. QCC's supporter database has grown by 4,500 people to over 20,000 supporters by late 2020.

Queensland's Natural Wonders Photography Awards

This was the second year of the 'Queensland's Natural Wonders Photography Awards' which is QCC's annual fundraising event showcasing Queensland's stunning natural wonders and talented nature photographers. This year we had intended to host another awards night but the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted those plans. Instead we were very grateful to be welcomed into the Sunshine Coast Environment Council's 40th anniversary and World Environment Day celebrations to announce the winners at their online festival event.

There were 92 photographs entered into this year's competition and there were prizes in the following categories:

- Native Plants + Wildlife
- Land and Seascapes
- Smartphone
- Junior Wonders
- People's choice

Thank you to everyone who entered the competition and voted in the People's Choice. Thank you also to the judges, photographers Kerry Trapnell and Steven Nowakowski and QCC Executive Committee member, Sarah Moles and thank you to Greenlight Creative for discounted creative work and printing.

Treasurer's Report

Due to the continuing generous support of the Department of Environment & Science (DES), individual donations and other funders, QCC has been able to carry out important work. Thanks also to the hard work of Louise, Liz and the staff, we have been able to increase the level of grants allowing QCC to offer more services and cover more expenses. I would also like to thank Elise Roberts for becoming our Finance Officer, she has provided timely and well prepared accounts to present to the Executive.

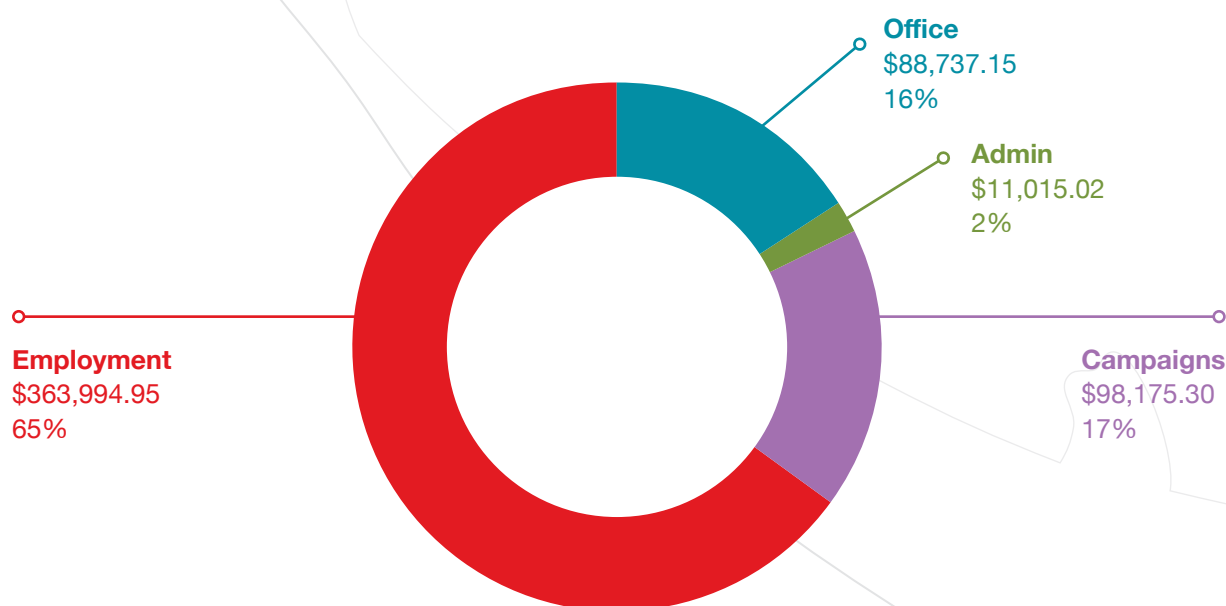
This year has been made more difficult through COVID-19, but there has been a financial upside, as the Federal Government has paid QCC Job Keeper and Cash Flow Boost payments. These initiatives have helped us maintain our balance sheet for this year and will also assist our work in the 2021 financial year.

The majority of our costs are our staff and office expenses and so we are keen to increase our income base to ensure we keep our most precious asset – our staff.

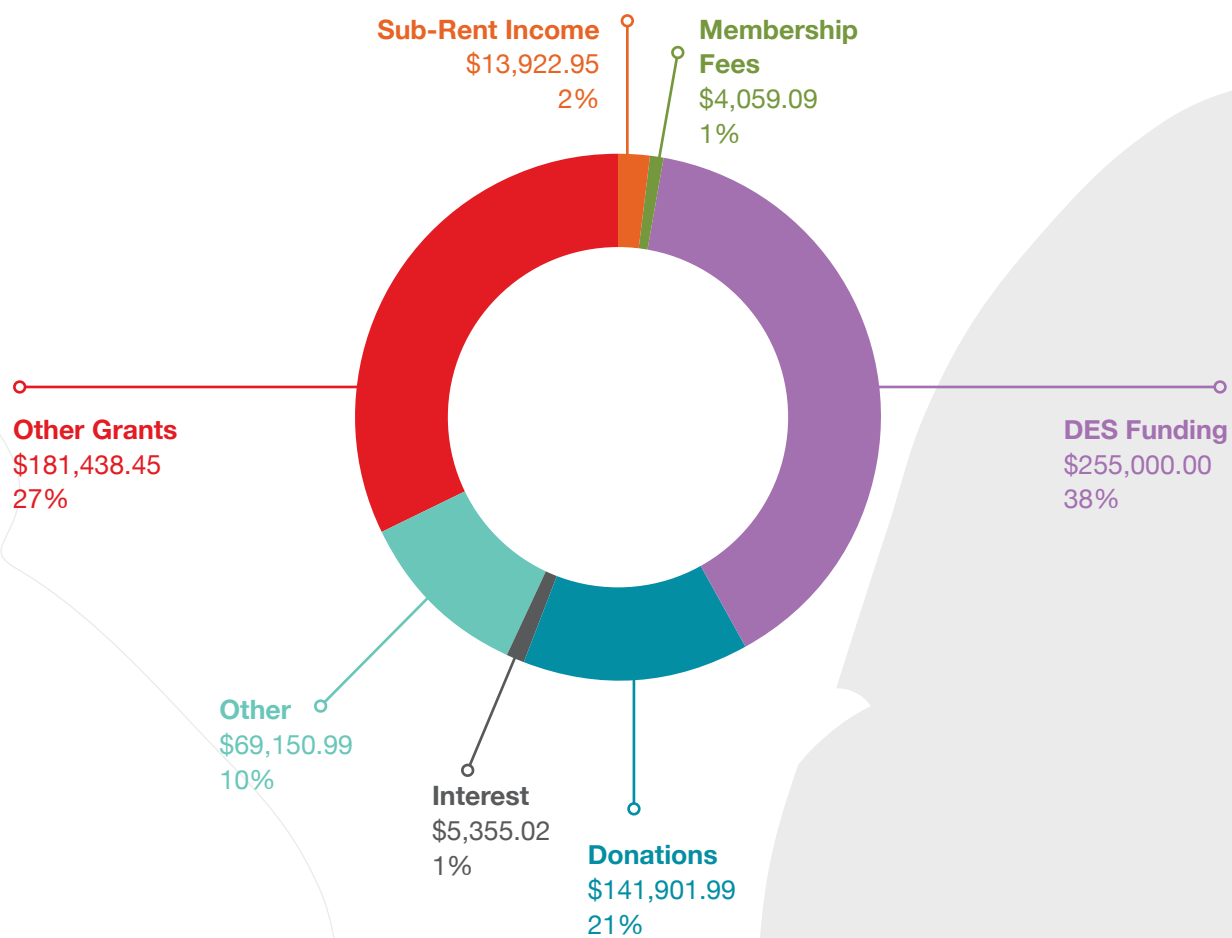
We would like to see QCC move to a financially viable model without any government support, by building a network of supporters and stakeholders to provide its core finance. We are hoping that the recent Strategic Plan with its emphasis on fundraising will help QCC to lift its levels of donations, gifts and bequests.

DES provides funding to regional conservation councils via QCC. These funds move in and out of our accounts and don't affect QCC budgets, so are not included in the charts below, but do appear in the audited accounts.

Expenses 2019-20 - less Regional Funding \$562k



Income 2019-20 - less Regional Funding (\$671k)



24 September, 2020

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Queensland Conservation Council
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Committee,

Re: Independent Auditor's Report

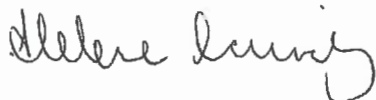
I am pleased to enclose completed financial statements and audit for the Queensland Conservation Council with respect to its operations for the year ended 30 June, 2020.

The financial statements have been based upon my examination of the accounting documentation and books of account provided by you.

My audit has been undertaken with a view to compliance with relevant Australian Auditing and Accounting Standards and Concepts so as to provide an opinion to members as to the state of affairs of the Queensland Conservation Council.

If you have any questions, please contact me on (07) 5597-7228 and I would be pleased to discuss the matter with you.

Yours faithfully,



Helene Cassidy CPA
Wilde Accountants Pty Ltd

24 September, 2020

Committee
Queensland Conservation Council Incorporated
1/377 Montague Road
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QUEE0007

Committee,

Re: Independent Auditor's Report

I have audited the Financial Statements for Queensland Conservation Council Incorporated in respect to the year ended 30 June, 2020. The audited statements consist of a Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet.

The financial statements have been based upon my examination of the accounting documentation and books of account provided by you.

This examination has been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material aspects, the Financial Statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Concepts and Standards. I may then present a view that is consistent with my understanding of the financial position of the Queensland Conservation Council Incorporated.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion the financial statements are properly drawn up:

- a) So as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Queensland Conservation Council Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2020 so far as they concern the members.
- b) In accordance with Statement of Accounting Concepts and Applicable Accounting Standards.

If you have any questions, please contact me on (07) 5597-7228 and I would be pleased to discuss the matter with you.

Yours faithfully,



Helene Cassidy CPA

Wilde Accountants Pty Ltd

Queensland Conservation Council Inc

ABN 89 717 887 219

**Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 2020**

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Queensland Conservation Council Inc**ABN 89 717 887 219****Committee's Report****For the year ended 30 June 2020**

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the Queensland Conservation Council Inc for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

Committee Members

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

Kevin GUY
Terry PINNELL
Sherie BRUCE
Lucy GRAHAM
Sarah MOLES
Narelle McCARTHY
Peter McCALLUM
Gemma PLESMAN
Emily KAIN

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 profit from ordinary activities after providing for income tax amounted to

Year ended	Year ended
30 June 2020	30 June 2019
\$	\$
108,906.07	6,382.92

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Queensland Conservation Council Inc

ABN 89 717 887 219

Committee's Report

For the year ended 30 June 2020

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee on:

Kevin GUY

Terry PINNELL

Queensland Conservation Council Inc**ABN 89 717 887 219****Income and Expenditure Statement****For the year ended 30 June 2020**

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Income		
Interest received	5,355.02	7,007.78
Other Income	60,429.50	1,095.02
Profit on sale of property, plant, equip	(85.00)	(82.30)
Fundraising & Appeals	141,901.99	21,376.42
Sponsorship/Grants	1,020,138.45	952,039.18
Events Income	10,021.49	10,841.65
Member Subscriptions	4,059.09	3,626.82
Expenses Reimbursements		128.00
Rents received	13,922.95	8,590.90
Total income	<u>1,255,743.49</u>	<u>1,004,623.47</u>
Expenses		
Audit fees	1,750.00	1,750.00
Bank Fees And Charges	763.58	709.43
Board Meeting Expenses	90.91	
Bookkeeping	3,900.00	10,440.08
Campaigns & Project Ex	63,385.94	32,549.32
IT Expenses	16,259.51	5,383.40
Cleaning/rubbish removal	1,986.00	1,782.00
Compliance	56.60	
Depreciation - other	1,017.85	1,145.11
Electricity	2,889.67	6,756.90
Equipment	669.63	197.48
Environmental Group Funding	585,000.00	585,000.00
Contr, s/contr and commisn	33,176.20	
Fundraising Expenses	1,118.84	
Legal fees	787.50	1,755.00
Membership & Subscriptions	1,015.00	500.00
Meetings	1,613.16	5,466.65
Printing & stationery	1,635.56	1,341.55
Rent on land & buildings	61,262.17	46,491.51

Queensland Conservation Council Inc**ABN 89 717 887 219****Income and Expenditure Statement****For the year ended 30 June 2020**

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Repairs & maintenance	331.62	577.73
Staff amenities	597.31	225.40
Staff training	2,043.63	1,290.63
Staff Acquisition	130.00	360.00
Sundry expenses		714.95
Superannuation	29,899.39	24,516.62
Telephone & Fax	1,681.86	1,674.10
Teleconferencing	320.97	504.81
Travel, accom & conference	1,532.59	2,653.73
Wages	293,143.35	262,792.39
Annual & Personal Leave	36,438.02	
Workcover	2,340.56	1,661.76
Total expenses	1,146,837.42	998,240.55
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax	108,906.07	6,382.92
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
Net profit attributable to the association	108,906.07	6,382.92
Total changes in equity of the association	108,906.07	6,382.92
Opening retained profits	132,913.67	126,530.75
Net profit attributable to the association	108,906.07	6,382.92
Closing retained profits	241,819.74	132,913.67

Queensland Conservation Council Inc**ABN 89 717 887 219****Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2020**

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
Current Assets			
Cash Assets			
MECU - Operation AC		132,630.85	135,726.04
MECU - Public Fund		81,011.74	22,761.35
MECU - Keycard 12112352		3,276.87	958.94
Bendigo - Trust Ac			674.99
Term Deposit - Donations		160,948.36	59,853.25
Paypal			569.94
TermDeposit-138359053		26,308.03	30,647.12
TermDeposit-138368578		52,485.58	51,358.68
		<u>456,661.43</u>	<u>302,550.31</u>
Receivables			
Trade debtors		5,500.00	
Other Debtors		877.57	998.44
		<u>6,377.57</u>	<u>998.44</u>
Current Tax Assets			
GST payable control account		(2,686.98)	(1,612.26)
Input tax credit control account		5,854.94	3,447.77
		<u>3,167.96</u>	<u>1,835.51</u>
Other			
Security Bond		13,584.00	17,083.99
Prepaid Expenses			4,127.76
		<u>13,584.00</u>	<u>21,211.75</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>479,790.96</u>	<u>326,596.01</u>

Queensland Conservation Council Inc
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Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment			
Office equipment		13,731.08	14,406.54
Less: Accumulated amortisation		(11,456.65)	(11,029.26)
		<u>2,274.43</u>	<u>3,377.28</u>
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>2,274.43</u>	<u>3,377.28</u>
Total Assets		<u>482,065.39</u>	<u>329,973.29</u>
Current Liabilities			
Payables			
Unsecured:			
Trade creditors			1,615.63
Unused Grants		109,483.67	69,622.12
		<u>109,483.67</u>	<u>71,237.75</u>
Financial Liabilities			
Unsecured:			
Accrued Expenses		11,845.74	11,933.48
		<u>11,845.74</u>	<u>11,933.48</u>
Current Tax Liabilities			
PAYG Withholding Liabilities		13,280.00	4,706.00
		<u>13,280.00</u>	<u>4,706.00</u>
Provisions			
Superannuation		9,724.11	6,261.39
Annual Leave		14,258.35	11,578.29
Felicity Wishart Memorial		21,458.03	31,146.96
		<u>45,440.49</u>	<u>48,986.64</u>

Queensland Conservation Council Inc**ABN 89 717 887 219****Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2020**

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
Total Current Liabilities		180,049.90	136,863.87
Total Liabilities		180,049.90	136,863.87
Net Assets		302,015.49	193,109.42

Members' Funds**Reserves**

Capital profit reserve	60,195.75	60,195.75
Accumulated surplus (deficit)	241,819.74	132,913.67
Total Members' Funds	302,015.49	193,109.42

Queensland Conservation Council Inc**ABN 89 717 887 219****Statement by Members of the Committee****For the year ended 30 June 2020**

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.

In the opinion of the Committee the Income and Expenditure Statement, Statement of Financial Position.

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Queensland Conservation Council Inc as at 30 June 2020 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. 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:



Kevin GUY

President



Terry PINNELL

Treasurer

Queensland Conservation Council Inc

ABN 89 717 887 219

Certificate by Member of the Committee

For the year ended 30 June 2020

I, Kevin GUY of West End, Qld 4101, and I, Terry PINNELL of West End, Qld 4101 certify that:

- a. We attended the annual general meeting of the association held on .
- b. The financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2020 were submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.

Dated



Kevin GUY
Committee Member



Terry PINNELL
Committee Member



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