



**WESTERN PORT SEAGRASS PARTNERSHIP  
LTD**

**ACN 096 685 871 - ABN 81 096 685 871**

**ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016**



Your directors present this report on the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2016.

## 1. DIRECTORS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE

The Western Port Seagrass Partnership held 4 formal board meetings and an AGM in 2015/2016:

- Meeting 74, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2015
- Meeting 75, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015
- Meeting 76, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016
- Meeting 77, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016
- AGM & Strategic Review – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015

The name of each person who was a director during the financial year 2015/2016 and their meeting attendance is shown below. Director's details are shown in Appendix 1.

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Meetings Attended:</b>
Bate, Nina	5
Clarke, John	0
Cox, Richard	4
Ealey, Tim	3
Hansen, Tania	1 (appointed 8/2/16)
Kirkman, Hugh	5
Mackay Moragh	1
Newton, Douglas	5
Parry, Greg	5
Stevenson, Ian	5
Thomas, Jeffrey	1

## 2. OFFICE BEARERS

Chairman	Ian Stevenson
Company Secretary	Doug Newton
Meeting Secretary	Nina Bate
Honorary Treasurer	Tania Hansen

## 3. COMMITTEES

**Executive:** I. Stevenson, D. Newton, Tania Hansen, Nina Bate

**Public Fund Management Committee:** P. Attiwill, D. Newton, J. Clarke.

**Marketing, Communications & Volunteer Engagement:** M. Mackay (Chair), Jeff Thomas, John Clarke, Nina Bate, Denis Cox.

**Science & Research:** Hugh Kirkman (Chair), Greg Parry, Ian Stevenson.

**Special Projects – Mangroves:** Greg Parry (Chair), Tim Ealey, Dick Cox, Ian Stevenson, Bob Couchman, Denis Cox.

**Special Projects – Seagrass Biodiversity** – Hugh Kirkman (Chair), Dick Cox, Ian Stevenson, Nina Bate, Greg Parry.

**Special Projects – New Web Site** – Jeff Thomas (Chair), Nina Bate, Doug Newton.



## 4. BOARD CHANGES

In keeping with the Board's strategy to refresh and strengthen its core skills and to provide for succession planning, the following changes were made to the executive:

- Ian Stevenson was confirmed Chairman
- Doug Newton was confirmed as Company Secretary
- Tania Hansen was recruited and appointed Treasurer
- Nina Bate was appointed meetings secretary.

## 5. PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or any part of those proceedings. The company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

## 6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board of Western Port Seagrass Partnership is proud to present the following report of activity for the 2015/16 financial year.

### **Strategic Planning**

A comprehensive review of our Company was again conducted to structure the annual activity program, using a broad framework of themes in leadership, research and education.

This review provided a focus for all aspects of our operation. Tools used during 2015/16 encompassed a range of approaches, particularly emphasising our 'Partnership' function with an extended range of interested parties – notably active involvement in on-ground activities.

The Western Port Seagrass Partnership's annual activity program remains consistent with objectives of our governance charter:

1. Carry out and support activities that will conserve, protect and monitor the natural ecosystem and biodiversity of Western Port, and in particular its native seagrasses, mangroves, saltmarshes and coastal vegetation.
2. Encourage and educate catchment communities to improve the health of waterways and reduce sediments, nutrients and pollutants entering Western Port.
3. Encourage or enable research aimed at preserving, protecting and monitoring the natural ecosystem of Western Port, especially its native seagrasses, mangroves, saltmarshes and other coastal vegetation.
4. Educate school and community groups about the special environmental values of Western Port, its coast and catchment and the key environmental issues impacting on Western Port and how these might be addressed. In particular:



- The biology and means of rehabilitating seagrasses, mangroves and saltmarshes;
  - The morphology and hydrology of Western Port and its catchment;
  - The sources and effects of sediments, nutrients and pollutants entering Western Port.
5. Develop environmental rehabilitation programs with the community and other groups (partnerships).
  6. Facilitate coordinated and strategic approaches to protecting Western Port.
  7. Identify and address information and activity gaps concerning the biodiversity of Western Port and its seagrass communities.

### **Progress in implementing 2015/16 key objectives:**

#### **A. Advocate a Shapiro II study of Western Port to address critical information gaps and work with our regional partners to encourage Government adoption of the proposal.**

The Board continues to emphasise a science-based approach to all its WPSP business. Participation by Board representatives and members took place in a range of knowledge reviews, such as the Western Port Ramsar Plan review (Parks Victoria), State of the Bays Report Card (Commissioner for Environment), Better Bays and Waterways (EPA).

Political de-emphasis on development of the Port of Hastings hampered scientific research advances for Western Port during 2015/16. The ‘Participate’ community liaison program also lapsed, although a close relationship with remaining staff at the Development Authority is maintained. This included their active involvement in our mangrove vegetation project.

We are being increasingly identified as a significant leader in natural measures for coastal protection in Western Port’s eastern segment. Such knowledge helps to fill some gaps only, but is of interest to government bodies and community groups – both local and inter-state. This knowledge-sharing has been profitable, with the monitoring of our mangrove planting trials in particular providing valuable empirical data for lots of stakeholders.

Other areas of research activity for the entire Western Port catchment appear to have been partially delayed. The Scientific Knowledge Review led by Melbourne Water has provided a solid base - we look forward to further liaison to share findings in the future. Our organization also had interaction with government bodies including some knowledge-exchange with local governments, Melbourne Water, EPA, Southern Rural Water, Central Coastal Board, DELWP, Parks Victoria, Catchment Management Authorities.

One notable highlight was the emerging intellectual interest for climate change related matters including the notion of ‘Blue Carbon’ sequestration/policy



development. This initiative is supported and worth advocacy in future given its potential effects on land-use planning and coastal protection.

**B. Slow the flow of water entering Western Port to dropout sediment loads, by working with Melbourne Water and Landcare to improve stream and land management practices.**

WPSP continues to have limited direct input to policy and practices in this regard, though there continues to be agreed consensus and reinforcement of the 15-year-old CSIRO-based premise that the major sediment sources for WP are approximated as:

- a. One-third from catchments, especially the former Koo Wee Rup Swamp
- b. One-third cliff erosion, particularly the Eastern Arm of Western Port
- c. One-third sediment re-suspension from tidal movements in north and eastern Arms

Using this base finding, our influencing ability has been demonstrated by:

- Successful grant funding for mangrove establishment trials at Grantville, Lang Lang (south of River), Lang Lang (north of River)
- Conformity with grant providers Port Phillip & Western Port Catchment Management Authority, Coast Care and Landcare, with all being well-informed about our activities, and invited to be actively involved
- Input to various regional plans on sediment and nutrient sources
- Major input to local management planning, particularly the Parks Victoria-facilitated Grantville coastal management plan. This zone was highlighted due to significant coastal erosion within a diverse-thinking local urban community. To be completed later in 2016
- Lobbying of Cardinia Shire Council and DELWP for an immediate advance on development of a strategy for coastal management at Lang Lang. This approximate 8-kilometre segment is greatly overlooked with no management reference strategy in existence nor active interest given its remoteness, rural farming nature and confused jurisdictions of public/private land boundary
- Strong collaboration with Bass Valley Landcare and Swamp Landcare for collaborative input to strategy as well as mangrove propagation and revegetation at Grantville
- Expanded linkages with the Grantville Foreshore Committee and community advisory groups to increase local understanding, acceptance, monitoring and potential involvement in mangrove revegetation purposes and practices.

**C. Reduce sediment inputs from shoreline erosion by continuing our mangrove planting projects and working for the development of a sustainable coastal management plan for those areas likely to be impacted upon by climate change effects.**



## Mangrove Planting Projects



Funds from three small grants from Landcare, Coastcare and PPWCMA, and help from more than 100 volunteers, have enabled WPSP to plant more than 6000 mangrove seeds and seedlings between 2014 and 2016. Mangroves have been planted at Lang Lang and Grantville to reduce coastal erosion. At Lang Lang erosion is extreme (approx 0.5 m /year) and contributes large amounts of fine sediment to Western Port. At Grantville erosion is lower, but the likelihood of long term success is greater as mangroves grew there historically. Further plantings at Grantville and Lang Lang are planned for 2017, and careful monitoring of all plantings will continue.

We have trialed seeds, 3 month old seedlings and 12 month old seedlings and improved the design of protective PVC tubes to reduce wave action on developing seedlings. In 2016 we developed a “tube-puller” to remove tubes when they are no longer required. Tubes improve the early survival and growth of mangroves, but become a liability when plants grow above the tubes as they are damaged by hitting the rim of the tube and they will eventually constrain root growth. Some tubes were removed in 2016, and many more will need to be removed in 2017.

So far survival has been highest with 12 month old seedlings planted at Grantville, and some of these appear to be surviving well after their protective tubes were removed in May 2016. Seeds have high mortality, because most do not become anchored, but if they survive their first month, seeds have growth and survival rates similar to or greater than those of seedlings. We are still working on improved methods of holding seeds while they become anchored by their developing roots.

An all-terrain vehicle was purchased using grant funds to provide valuable assistance along the treacherous planting zones of Lang Lang and Grantville. This new asset will be used in future on-ground works while complying with OH&S considerations. Dick Cox has been instrumental in this purchase and operation as well as diligent in operational aspects of plant propagation, site logistics and pipe protection.

Overall, this well-planned and delivered project provided a strong focus of practical activity during 2015/16. In addition to use of scientific method for all aspects using an experimental approach, the engagement of volunteers plus local communities has been salutary. An RMIT student project that assessed community attitudes to



mangrove revegetation at Grantville was an adjunct to understanding local acceptance of WSP efforts.

Well done to all in this holistic team approach. Special mention is deserved by Greg Parry for his overall project coordination including strong rigor in monitoring, reporting and innovation. Support from the project team has also been complimentary leading to significant on-ground input from numerous enthusiastic volunteers.

A special acknowledgment must also be bestowed on our inspirational Board Director Dr. Tim Ealey (Doctor Mangrove) for his committed and inspiring leadership as pioneer of this overall project.

**D. Develop projects that will assist meeting our objectives and be attractive to sponsorship.**

**Seagrass Biodiversity Inventory**

The Western Port Seagrass Partnership together with Esso Ltd supported a project to identify the numbers and diversity of animals living in seagrass meadows. Titled '**The juvenile fish and macroinvertebrates of Yaringa Marine Sanctuary in Western Port**' the aim of this project was to prepare an inventory of animals living in a seagrass bed in the Yaringa Marine Park and make an estimate of the abundance of these animals. The project also sought to compare the numbers and diversity of animals living in seagrass and those living on unvegetated substrate nearby.

To re-assess biodiversity of seagrass, a method was developed by Hugh Kirkman to collect data using a beam trawl. We wish to thank Jawbone Marine Sanctuary for supplying the boat and equipment, Yaringa Harbour for the use of their facilities and to Parks Victoria for their permission to proceed with this research activity.



In January 2016, our project team used a beam trawl to capture animals during high tide at night. This was trawled three times for 50 m at two seagrass sites and two sites without vegetation.

The results of each trawl were sorted by volunteers into major taxonomic groups and then a professional invertebrate taxonomist sorted these into species.

We are particularly grateful to all the willing volunteers who participated in this innovative exercise with very late nights and commitment most notable.



Results of the study were as follows:

<b>Animals Caught:</b>	<b>In Seagrass</b>	<b>On Unvegetated Sediment</b>
Crustacea	12734	1087
Fish	514	1449
Mollusca	791	51
Polychaete	33	5
Pycnogonida	1	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>14,073</b> (in 6 Trawls)	<b>2,592</b> (in 5 trawls)

<b>Species Diversity:</b>	<b>On Seagrass</b>	<b>On Unvegetated Sediment</b>
Crustacea	74	33
Fish	35	12
Mollusca	32	8
Polychaete	10	4
<b>Total:</b>	<b>151</b> (in 6 Trawls)	<b>57</b> (in 5 trawls)



An outstanding number of crustaceans overwhelmed the abundance of animals, with the small shrimp *Pandalidae* the most abundant. There were surprisingly few fish caught in these beam trawls.

This project suggests beam trawling monitoring may be a useful means of determining if seagrass beds are healthy by comparing quantities and biodiversity between monitoring periods.

Seasonal or winter and summer trawls are planned for future field work as that would give some idea of the stability of the communities. A scientific report plus accompanying educational poster were compiled by Hugh Kirkman as summaries for all interested parties including Esso as a co-sponsor.

**E. Extend our schools program to encourage participatory learning and the development of suitable educational materials for regional schools and education centres.**

WPSP has endeavoured to involve local schools in a variety of ways, including:

- Inclusion of school groups with both propagation and on-ground planting: St. Josephs P.S. Crib Point, Woodleigh School, Koo Wee Rup Secondary College



- Particular collaboration with Koo Wee Rup Secondary College to share experimental findings on mangrove planting techniques, particularly tube benefits and disadvantages
- Mangrove planting manual (Ealey 2014) circulated where relevant

In addition to school support, WPSP was invited to share our knowledge with other groups. This included presentations by Directors to Birdlife Australia (Melbourne), Australian Native Plants Society, Victorian Wader Study Group, Grantville Foreshore, Land care and Parks Victoria.

**F. Develop new initiatives to promote the Western Port DVD and Web Site and use these as a vehicle to promote understanding and appreciation of Western Port's treasures and challenges.**

The following activities were initiated:

- **Media articles** were produced for publicity in local media such as Waterline News, Lang Lang Guardian, Koo Wee Rup Blackfish, Mornington Peninsula News Group
- **Special Project – new web site**  
A working group has been established to run this project and has met several times during the last twelve months. Jeff Thomas is leading this group and has advised on the technical framework to be used to provide better site management, updating and security. A survey of our web site users has provided some very useful feedback on what they liked and would like to see further developed during the development period. Quite a bit of the current site has been identified as being useful and frequently visited and so phase one of the upgrade will be to review current content at the same time as building new content. A small amount from WPS Public Fund has been allocated to this project as it has been identified as one of our key means of providing the community with information about Western Port and the activities we have been undertaking, including those that supporters can participate in.
- **Jan Watson's marine photographic collection**  
Distinguished marine biologist Jan Watson, who has worked on ecological surveys within Western Port for many years, has agreed to provide us with a selection of her wonderful coloured underwater photos. The WPSP will be honoured to feature these on our upgraded web site in the coming year and we hope that they will provide a valuable insight into some of the seldom seen, but wonderful biodiversity that exists within Western Port.
- **Use of social media**  
As our first venture into the world of social media, Jeff Thomas and Nina Bate have established both Twitter and Facebook accounts linked to our web site. This has been especially embraced by our many young volunteers who relish



the opportunity to share their experiences in the mud flats whilst planting mangroves.

### **G. Better use of Membership skills and supporters**

As a relatively small not-for-profit entity, the WPSP actively seeks involvement from its Board, members and supporters.

A reflection of this commitment has resulted in an increase of our profile and reputation. This is evident from some invitations to input policy, plus financial support to lead the field projects. However, this momentum requires ongoing review given our Board's age profile combined with our voluntary, not-for-profit organisational culture.

Our Directors Doug Newton and Nina Bate advanced a background paper to identify better means of using membership and supporter skills. It was identified that although many people have registered for participation in our on-ground mangrove exercises (including seed-collection and planting), we need to further investigate opportunities to capitalise on offers from skilled personnel. That may creatively assist the overall needs of our organisation into the future.

Acknowledgments are duly directed to those providing pro-bono support for all our governance requirements. As a 'small organisation' we are now exempt from auditing, but are grateful for the service provided by our accountant Dianne Wickham.

The Board acknowledges the assistance of a diverse range of supporters, across a number of activities, who have enabled us to meet our year's goals.

### **H. Board Improvements**

A skill needs assessment review was undertaken in 2015. This identified a few changes to Board composition and functioning needed to provide a new model of operation.

This resulted in the recruitment of Tania Hansen as a Director and Board Treasurer and the appointment of Nina Bate as Meeting Secretary has provided well-earned support for long serving Board member Doug Newton who now has a more focused role as Company Secretary. The Chair role is now fulfilled by Ian Stevenson after two years of temporary position.

Further action is required to strengthen internal capacity of the Board or otherwise achieve by tapping into pro bono professional advice.

Improved board performance was also achieved by:

- Moving banking to the Bendigo Bank
- Disbanding the Audit/Finance Committee and covering its functions by the newly expanded Executive.
- Formalizing Special Committees for:
  - Public Fund Management
  - Marketing, Communications and Volunteer Engagement



- Science and Research
- Forming Special Projects Groups for:
  - Mangrove Projects
  - Seagrass Biodiversity Inventory
  - New Web Site

To further access skills and increase participation we encourage our Members to attend Board meetings and become involved in project teams or other items of relevance. We continue to apply flexibility in meeting frequency and procedures. Our customary location at Bendigo Bank Lang Lang continues to function well and we appreciate the ongoing support the Bendigo Bank and its staff give to our organization.

## **I. Western Port Seagrass Public Fund**

The Western Port Public Fund continues to provide a facility for public contributions toward projects such as the Seagrass Biodiversity Inventory Project successfully undertaken in this period.

No new donations were received in this period, probably due to the absence of a concerted campaign to promote fund-raising. Also the availability of sufficient funds from external grants in this period reduced the imperative for active fund raising through the Public Fund.

The Board appreciates the ongoing services of the Public Fund Management Committee members, Peter Attiwill, John Clarke and Doug Newton and look forward to their advice from the proposed review of the fund and its operation.

## **Summary**

In summary, the Western Port Seagrass Partnership remains a productive entity through the commitment and dedication of its overall community comprising Board, members, supporters & volunteers.

## **7. FUNDING**

Funding from the following traditional sources in 2015/2016:

1. Federal / State Governments:	\$0.00
2. Local Government:	\$0.00
3. Sponsors (ESSO)	\$5,500.00
4. WPS Public Fund	\$10,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$15,500.00</b>

## **8. OPERATING RESULTS**

The deficit for the year was **\$8,400**.  
The Company is exempt from paying income tax.



## **9. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STATE OF AFFAIRS**

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the company during the financial year, other than those referred to elsewhere in this report.

## **10. AFTER BALANCE DATE AFFAIRS**

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the company in future financial year.

## **11. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

As for last year, it is most probable that developments in operations of the company and the expected results of those operations in future financial years will follow the current pattern.

## **12. ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION**

Some of the company's operations, namely field projects, are carried out under relevant Commonwealth and State legislation, especially the coastal planting activities.

## **13. DIVIDEND PAYMENT**

The company is a company limited by guarantee incorporated and domiciled in Australia. It does not have share capital. The directors of the company are precluded by the company's Constitution from recommending the payment of any dividend.

## **14. INDEMNIFYING OFFICERS OR AUDITOR**

During or since the end of the financial year the company has not given an indemnity, entered into an agreement to indemnify, or paid or agreed to pay insurance premiums to insure each director against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of director of the company.

## **15. THANKS**

Our governance requirements are again met through the generous support and advice given by our honorary accountant, Dianne Wickham of Morey-Wickham Pty Ltd.



## 16. AUDIT

As WPSP Ltd is classified as a small organization (Income less than \$250,000 PA, it is exempt from the requirement for an independent audit. The financial statement that forms part of this annual report was prepared by our independent accountant Morey-Wickham Pty Ltd and approved by the WPSP Ltd Board.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Ian Stevenson

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ian Stevenson".

Chairman / Director

Dated this 30 SEPTEMBER 2016

Doug Newton

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Secretary / Director

Dated this 10 OCTOBER 2016



## **APPENDIX 1 DIRECTORS' PARTICULARS**

### **CLARKE, John**

- Qualifications: Author, actor, film producer
- Experience: Extensive, especially informal consultancies with a succession of Australian governments. Member of former Board of Film Victoria; Member of Schools Innovation Commission.
- Responsibilities: Member of the Public Fund Management Committee.

### **EALEY E.H.M. (Tim)**

- Qualifications: PhD, MSc, OAM
- Experience: Foundation Director of Graduate School of Environmental Science (Monash University) and a member of Port Phillip and Western Port Catchment Management Authority. Former Senior Lecturer in Zoology at Monash University. Has studied Biology on Heard Island giving his name to Ealey Glacier, oceanography around the Antarctic Continent, kangaroos in the Pilbara, native mammals and fire ecology.
- Responsibilities: Field Projects Manager & Member of the Education and Volunteer Committee.

### **MACKAY, Moragh**

- Qualifications: BA Apps.Sci Parks, Recreation and Heritage; Cert IV Work Place Training and Assessment.
- Experience: Fourteen years of working as a Coordinator in the Westernport Region with Landcare and Coastal Groups; development and delivery of environmental education in schools; partnership development with community, government and business.
- Responsibilities: Member of the Education and Volunteer Committee, Grant writing.



**NEWTON, Doug**

- Qualifications: BSc (LaTrobe) DipEd (Hawthorn)
- Experience: Doug was until 2005 an Assistant Director with the Environmental Protection Authority (Victoria). During his 20 years with EPA Victoria he developed extensive knowledge and experience with major projects, policy development and operational programs covering waste management, catchment management, environment protection, partnership development and community engagement. He joined the Board in 2005.
- Responsibilities: Company Secretary  
Member of Public Fund Management Committee.

**STEVENSON, Ian**

- Qualifications: Bachelor of Science (Monash): Grad. Diploma Education  
Master of Environmental Science (Monash)  
Diploma Heritage Interpretation (Deakin)
- Experience: Ian is an environmental scientist with over twenty years local government experience at all levels plus consultancy in fire and catchment management. Currently Executive Officer Western Port Catchment Committee (affiliated with Mornington Peninsula & Western Port Biosphere Foundation. Chair of the Dolphin Research Institute, Ian has worked and lived in the greater Western port catchment for fifty years.
- Responsibilities: Current Board Chairman

**KIRKMAN, Hugh**

- Qualifications: Bachelor of Agricultural Science (Queensland Uni)  
Master of Agricultural Science (Queensland Uni)  
PhD (Uni of WA)
- Experience: Hugh has specialized in seagrass as a marine scientist with CSIRO for 28 years. He mapped the seagrass of Western Port in 1974. Previously, a member of the South Australian Scientific Working Group for Marine Protected Areas. He recently co-authored a report on mangrove restoration and erosion in Western Port. He completed a report on threats to Western Port during and after the Port of Hastings development. Member of Australian Marine Sciences Association and Environmental Institute of Australia and New Zealand.
- Responsibilities: Science Reviewer & Adviser



**COX, Richard**

Qualifications Master Mariner

Experience Dick had extensive experience as a seagoing Deck Officer in all roles from Cadet to Master from 1961 to 1986, followed by 4 years as a chicken farmer before returning to his profession in 1990 as Assistant Harbour Master in Western Port, becoming Harbour Master, Port of Hastings from 1996 to 2008. In Partnership with EPA Director, Doug Newton produced the Environmental Management Plan for the Port of Hastings, the first in an Australian port. Retiring in 2008 then initially part time consulting before devoting his time to volunteering with Rotary, the Western Port community and environment. Dick has lived in the area since migrating to Australia in 1971.

Responsibilities Field Projects Facilitator & Schools Liaison

**PARRY, Greg**

Qualifications B.Sc (Hons) PhD (University of Melbourne)

Experience After teaching in the Biology Department at Monash University for four years he became an environmental scientist within the Victorian Government. During the past 30 years he worked for VIMS, Department of Planning, EPA and Fisheries. Most of his experience has been with marine environmental research and he has lead studies examining impacts of scallop dredging, channel dredging, exotic species, nutrients and contaminants. For the past four years he has run his own marine environmental consulting company. His association with Western Port goes back to fishing and diving there in his youth, and in the 1970s he was involve in field studies that formed part of the Shapiro report.

Responsibilities Assisting with the design and documentation of field studies.

**BATE, Nina**

Qualifications: BSc with Honours in Marine Biology,  
University of Victoria, Canada

Experience: Eighteen years with the Environment Protection Authority, focusing on freshwater and estuarine ecology. Prior to the EPA, Nina's work interests included freshwater algae, marine biofouling and terrestrial insect taxonomy.



Responsibilities Science liaison and communication, including Social Media.

**THOMAS, Jeffrey**

Qualifications: DipBC – Southern Institute of Technology – NZ  
BInfoTech – Otago Polytechnic – NZ  
Offensive Security Certified Professional  
CompTIA Security+

Experience: Twelve years of experience in the information technology industry across multiple areas including software engineering, web application development and information security.

Responsibilities Social Media, Web Site and Modern Communications.

**HANSEN, Tania**

Qualifications: BA, Linguistics, Monash University  
BBSoc, Psychology, Monash University

Experience: Extensive community involvement and engagement with Bendigo Community Bank branches, particularly in Lang Lang and surrounds. Has a history in banking and finance as well as many volunteer committee positions with a range of local community groups and organizations including but not limited to Koo Wee Rup Regional Health, Rotary Club of Koo Wee Rup/Lang Lang, Lang Lang Business Group and Lang Lang Township Committee.

Responsibilities Honorary Treasurer



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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 30 JUNE 2016**

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash assets	4	100,811	111,191
Trade & Other Receivables	5	<u>2,129</u>	<u>149</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>102,940</u>	<u>111,340</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>102,940</u>	<u>111,340</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade & Other Payables	6	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>102,940</u>	<u>111,340</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained surplus (accumulated deficit)	7	<u>102,940</u>	<u>111,340</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>102,940</u>	<u>111,340</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements



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**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2016</b> <b>\$</b>	<b>2015</b> <b>\$</b>
Revenue	2	17,557	59,318
Expenses	3		
Administration expenses		(3,841)	(2,226)
Project & sponsorship expenses		(22,116)	(19,129)
Surplus(Deficit) attributable to the company/Total Comprehensive Income for Year		<u>(8,400)</u>	<u>37,963</u>

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>\$</b>
		<b>Accumulated</b>
		<b>Funds</b>
Balance as at 1 July 2014		<u>73,337</u>
Surplus(Deficit) attributable to the company for the year		<u>37,963</u>
Balance as at 30 June 2015		<u>111,340</u>
Surplus(Deficit) attributable to the company for the year		<u>(8,400)</u>
Balance as at 30 June 2016		<u>102,940</u>

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Cashflow From Operating Activities:</b>		
Cash receipts in the course of operations	16,834	57,244
Cash payments in the course of operations	(29,771)	(21,355)
Interest received	2,557	2,417
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Net Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(10,380)	38,306
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<b>Cashflow From Investing Activities:</b>	-	-
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	-	-
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<b>Cashflow From Financing Activities:</b>	-	-
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	-	-
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Net increase (decrease) in cash held	(10,380)	38,306
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	111,191	72,885
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<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year</b>	<b>100,811</b>	<b>111,191</b>
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**WESTERN PORT SEAGRASS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED**  
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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016**

**RECONCILIATION OF CASH**

Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:-

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Cash deposits with banks	<u>100,811</u>	<u>111,191</u>
	<u>100,811</u>	<u>111,191</u>

**RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS  
WITH OPERATING SURPLUS FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES**

Operating Deficit (Surplus)	(8,400)	37,963
Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
(Increase)/decrease in Receivables	(1,980)	343
Increase/(decrease) in Trade Creditors and Accruals	-	-
	<u>(10,380)</u>	<u>38,306</u>



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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The financial statements are for Western Seagrass Partnership Limited as an individual entity, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Western Seagrass Partnership Limited is a company limited by guarantee.

**Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Corporations Act 2001.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified where applicable, by the measurement of fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the company in the preparation of the financial statements. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Revenue Recognition

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon delivery of the service to the customer.

Grant revenue is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the company gains control of the grant and it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the company and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

(b) Income Tax

The company is a non-profit entity and is exempt from income and payroll tax. The company does collect and pay goods and services tax.

(c) Trade and Other Payables

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



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**Note 1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont)**

- (d) Cash  
For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash on hand and in banks, deposits at call and money market investments which are readily convertible into cash.
- (e) Goods and Services Tax (GST)  
Revenue, 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 acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense.

Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

**Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements**

The directors' estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial report are based on historical results and the best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data from internal and external sources.

**Trust liabilities and right of indemnity**

The company acts as trustee of the Westernport Seagrass Public Fund. The Public Fund was established during the 2007 year. Liabilities incurred as trustee on behalf of the Public Fund are not recognised in the financial report when it is not probable that the company will have to meet any of those trust liabilities from its own resources. When it is probable that the company will have to meet some trust liabilities, a liability for the Deficiency in Trust Right of Indemnity is brought to account. As at 30 June 2010 the Public Fund had no liabilities.



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	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Note 2 REVENUES</b>		
Revenue from operating activities:		
Grants	5,000	56,900
Donations – Transfer Public Fund	10,000	-
Interest	2,557	2,418
Total revenue	<u>17,557</u>	<u>59,318</u>
<b>Note 3 EXPENSES</b>		
<u>Administration Expenses</u>		
Bank Charges	160	136
Filing Fees & Sundry Expenses	844	1,051
Donations	1,840	
Insurance	997	1,039
	<u>3,841</u>	<u>2,226</u>
<u>Project &amp; Sponsorship Expenses</u>		
Project Delivery	22,116	19,129
	<u>22,116</u>	<u>19,129</u>
<b>Note 4 CASH ASSETS</b>		
Cash deposits with banks	<u>100,811</u>	<u>111,191</u>
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	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Note 5 TRADE &amp; OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>		
Other Debtors	-	349
GST Refundable	2,129	143
	<u>2,129</u>	<u>492</u>
 <b>Note 6 PAYABLES – CURRENT</b>		
GST	-	-
Creditors and accruals	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 <b>Note 7 MEMBERS' GUARANTEE</b>		
The company is limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the Constitution states that each member is required to contribute \$100 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the company. At 30 June 2016 the number of members was 6 [2013:6].		
 <b>Note 8 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS</b>		
Directors' Remuneration		
There was no remuneration paid or payable to the directors of the company.		
 <b>Note 9 COMPANY DETAILS</b>		
The registered office of the company is:		
C/- Morey Wickham		
Level 1, 1091 Toorak Road		
Camberwell 3124		



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**Note 10 ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY**

A significant portion of income is received by way of recurrent grants from State and Commonwealth Governments.



**Westernport Seagrass Partnership Limited**  
**ACN 000 111 222**  
**Compilation Report To Westernport Seagrass Partnership Limited**

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We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Western Port Seagrass Partnership Limited, which comprise the balance sheet as at 30 June 2016, the income statement for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the additional information contained in the detailed profit and loss. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in the notes to the accounts.

The Responsibility of the Directors

The directors of Western Port Seagrass Partnership Limited are solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements, the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information and for the determination that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that the financial statements were prepared.

Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the directors, we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting and APES 315: Compilation of Financial Information.

We have applied professional expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statements on the basis of accounting described in the notes to the financial statements. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

Assurance Disclaimer

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, we are not required to verify the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the information provided to us by management to compile these financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on these financial statements.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled for the benefit of the directors who are responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them. We do not accept responsibility for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.

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