

National Parks Association of Queensland Inc.

Annual Report 2016

Connect and Protect



PRESIDENTS REPORT

Our Mission
Promote the preservation, expansion, good management and presentation of national parks in Queensland.

Our Values
Practical approach
Inclusiveness
Appreciation of nature

Connecting and Protecting

Conservation appears to be firmly back on the agenda in Queensland. The protected area estate has expanded, the state budget included allocation for national parks and other aspects of the environment, nature conservation has been reinstated as the primary goal of national park management, cattle grazing is being phased out on national parks, and mining is set to finish on North Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah) by 2019.

NPAQ acknowledges the commitment to the environment from the Palaszczuk government, and their efforts to honour election commitments.

However, mixed messages are being received about efforts to stem the destruction of the Great Barrier Reef and the government's stance on coal mining and port development.

The Queensland Government is committed to achieving the target of 17% protected area in Queensland, and are developing innovative ways to acquire and manage this amount of land. This may mean a shift in policies related to commercial and private interests to help achieve this purpose. NPAQ is maintaining an open dialogue with the government and proponents to ensure that the integrity of the national park estate is not compromised.

2015-16 was the second year in the implementation of our five-year strategy. Our ability to advocate has been greatly enhanced with a consultative government, and the variety of electronic communication mediums has enabled us to engage with a significantly larger audience than ever before.

Advocacy, education, communication and supporter growth are our key successes this year. Several years of campaigning has borne fruit for some key issues (at least under this term of government).

NPAQ was pleasantly surprised by the positive response and rapid uptake of the publication of "Getting Kids into National Parks". This publication enabled us to not only engage with the next generation, but to reach an audience well beyond that of our usual one, geographically as well as demographically. Supply of printed copies could not match demand.

We continued to achieve significant growth and success with our communication strategies throughout the year, and promotional events run by members proved a great way to engage with the public, and attract new members and supporters.

Our collective member and supporter base now sits around 4,000. Whilst membership continues to slowly decline, supporters (non-member donors), subscribers and online supporters continues to increase. This is in keeping with anecdotal evidence and research that highlight the different ways in which people like to engage with associations such as NPAQ.

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Our first Annual Raffle featured high quality prizes, and was particularly popular with people new to NPAQ. Our sincere appreciation to the sponsors and raffle sellers.

Limitations on our resource capability restrained our ability to achieve all our targets for the year. Maintaining a full activities program and declining number of leaders remains a challenge.

Whilst we maintained a strict reign on expenses and exceeded our targets for expenditure reduction, revenue generation was well behind required levels. Lack of sufficient revenue to cover operational costs remains a concern.

During the year, NPAQ farewelled two staff members, who both left to take up full-time employment. Paul Donatui, our Principal Advocate, had been with us for 7 ½ years, and Anna Tran our Business Development Officer had been with us for 5 ½ years. Whilst sorry to lose them, we wish them all the best in their new endeavours.

We were fortunate to secure an excellent replacement in Kirsty Leckie (Conservation Principal). (With the Business Development Officer commencing outside this reporting period).

I would like to thank all Councillors for staying focussed on our task of achieving our mission whilst simultaneously laying the foundations for a sustainable future – a challenging journey to say the least; members and supporters for caring about national parks and understanding their value; the many members and volunteers who give so freely of their time, energy, skills and passion; the members and supporters who provide valuable financial support; our dedicated and highly capable staff for their enthusiasm, diligence and professionalism; our sponsors for their generosity; and our partners for their support and dedication to nature conservation.

Michelle Prior, President

ADVOCACY

NPAQ Objective: Advocate for the protection, expansion and appropriate management of national parks.

Outcome for year: 2015-2016 was a year that heralded many positive changes in the protected area arena.

Throughout the year, NPAQ actively campaigned and advocated for legislative reform and bringing incompatible land uses to an end in Queensland's national parks. The result included expansion of the protected area estate and the reinstatement of the conservation of nature as the primary goal of national park management.

One Minister, two Departments

Advocacy is a complex task, which can be exacerbated when faced with multiple departments and various political interests. The joint ministerial portfolio of environment, national parks and the Great Barrier Reef (held by Dr Stephen Miles) has enabled NPAQ to adopt a more streamlined approach for advocacy. Communication and consultation has improved dramatically with Minister Miles and departmental staff in comparison to the previous government.

Reinstating the primacy of the conservation of nature

After extensive advocacy efforts, NPAQ was pleased to see the Palaszczuk Government reinstate nature conservation as the primary goal of national park management. The *NICOLA Bill 2015* reversed the changes made during 2013/2014 which downgraded the protected area concept. Those changes had placed competing interests on a par with nature conservation in national parks. The reforms included re-instigating community consultation for park management plans, the reinstatement of national parks (scientific) and the reversion of 'rolling-term' to 'fixed-term' leases for grazing on national parks. NPAQ campaigned strongly to support these changes.

National park acquisitions and expansions

During the 2015/2016 year, NPAQ worked hard to ensure that the acquisition, expansion and good management of national parks remained firmly on the State Government's agenda.

The year saw growth in the protected area estate via acquisitions and expansions to existing national parks, with the total protected area estate now at 13,704,240 ha (7.9% of the state). Queensland's protected area estate received a major boost in late 2015 with the declaration of three new national parks and six new regional parks, and the extension of national parks. These properties were purchased by the Bligh Government under the National Reserve System with joint Federal (2/3) and State Government (1/3) funding for nearly \$27 million, but had remained un-gazetted under the Newman Government.

NPAQ had actively advocated for the gazettal of these properties for several years.

Three new national parks:

- Expedition National Park located south west of Bauhinia.

- Littleton National Park located east of Croydon
- Rungulla National Park located south of Forsyth

Two expanded existing national parks:

- Girringun National Park (the property 'Wairuna' was added).
- Wondul Range National Park (the properties 'Badgery' and 'Apsey-12 Mile' were added).

Other declarations included expansions to Lamington, Moresby Range, Undara Volcanic, Cape Upstart, Mt Barney, Tewantin and Springbrook National Parks.

NPAQ participated in a James Cook University / Department of Environment and Heritage Protection workshop on the future of biodiversity conservation research and planning, and how this could be used to direct acquisitions in the future.

NPAQ also participated in departmental discussions on how to effectively grow and manage the protected area estate, particularly in light of state funding constraints.

North Stradbroke Island

North Stradbroke Island was another area of active campaigning for NPAQ. Sand mining has occurred at North Stradbroke Island since 1949. Throughout the year NPAQ actively campaigned for the government to substantively phase out mining by 2019, via the *NSIPSOAA Bill 2015*.

Advocacy efforts culminated in a submission to the Finance and Administration Committee and an appearance at the Public Hearing in early 2016. Along with several other environmental organisations, NPAQ celebrated the Government fulfilling its responsibility to protect and preserve Stradbroke's remarkable natural environment by legislating the cessation of mining by 2019.

Funding national parks

NPAQ has longed advocated for a commitment of funding for the expansion and good management of national parks. The Queensland State Budget 2016-17 reflects a change in sentiment toward protected areas - with \$5 million allocated for acquisition, \$35.9 invested over four years to establish and manage acquired property, 31 new park ranger positions, and \$2.2 million committed to advancing World Heritage Nominations for Cape York and Great Sandy Region in consultation with Traditional Owners.

Recreational use of national parks

NPAQ was active in seeking the modification of conditions and number of participants in the Coastal High 50 and Whitsundays trail runs in national parks.

ACTIVITIES

NPAQ Objective: Foster the appreciation and enjoyment of nature.

Outcome for year: Members and supporters were provided with opportunities to experience nature first hand, and gain an appreciation of the value of national parks.

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ACTIVITIES

Leading guided walks and hosting trips into our wilderness areas, hosting camping events, learning appreciation of our wildlife through birdwatching and surveys, and volunteer bush care programs all contribute to the development of a passion and appreciation of our national estate.

Recreation

Activities Program

470 people participated in 42 guided activities throughout the year, with members being the keenest participants (92%). Overall attendance was down a little on previous years.

The NPAQ publication of "Getting Kids into National Parks" was well received, and the first regional series highlighted 84 activities for children in South East Queensland national parks.

We were pleased to welcome two new leaders to Activities during the year, which is a step in the right direction to replacing several leaders who have retired in recent years.

Day Walks

Day walks were held at Moogerah Peaks NP, Main Range NP, Sunshine Coast Hinterland Great Walk and Dularcha NP, Lamington NP, Springbrook NP and Fingal Beach/Kingscliff. These activities remain popular with members and are limited only by the availability of leaders.

Ten members and supporters participated in walking sections of the 365 km section of the Bicentennial National Trail from Blackbutt to Killamey, joining the intrepid walker who completed the full section.

Birdwatching

Our birdwatching group has a strong core of dedicated participants and leaders who enjoy regular monthly bird activities. The group supports the citizen science objectives of eBird Australia, making regular submissions on all sightings.

Popular birdwatching sites visited included Tingalpa Reservoir, Biambi Yumba Park, Nudgee Waterhole and Beach, Toorbul Esplanade, Tinchi Tamba Wetland, Raven Street Reserve, Pooh Corner and Dan Stiller Reserve.

Social Activities

Social activities were popular, providing an opportunity for members to meet socially and explore national, conservation or urban parks in a relaxed atmosphere. These easy events

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PARTICIPANTS

cater for members not wishing to participate in some of the more strenuous walks.

Areas visited include D'Aguilar NP, Brigade Park in Chermshire, Grinstead Park and Kedron Brook, White Rock and Indooroopilly Heritage Trail. The Cliff Bell Memorial Picnic was held at O'Sheas Crossing.

Camping

Two successful camps were held during the year, one at Girraween at Easter, and one at Sheepstation Creek in the Border Ranges National Park (NSW) on the May long weekend. These camps gave participants the opportunity to explore spectacular national parks in the company of others with a broad range of knowledge and skills

Community Conservation

Vegetation Management Group – D'Aguilar National Park

Monthly working bees to manage weeds and promote natural revegetation in the Jolly's Lookout and Boombana areas in D'Aguilar National Park remain a mainstay of NPAQ. This dedicated group continues the strenuous task of weeding lantana and transforming this section of the park.

Citizen Science Projects

In response to requests submitted in the Member Survey 2014, NPAQ actively identifies and promotes relevant Citizen Science projects to members and supporters.

Events promoted included the ReefBlitz, Cairns Esplanade Bioblitz, Aussie Bird Count, Koala Count 2015, and Australian Bird Feeding and Watering Study.

Thank You

NPAQ relies on a dedicated group of experienced volunteers to conduct activities. Their ongoing efforts are highly valued and the willingness to share their unique knowledge is greatly appreciated.



EDUCATION

NPAQ Objective: Advance community knowledge of national parks and nature conservation.
Outcome for year: Our priority target for the year was connecting with the next generation and broadening our target audience.

Kids in National Parks

In late 2015, NPAQ published the "Getting Kids into National Parks" booklet. Designed in collaboration with the Pullenvale Environmental Education Centre, the booklet contains hints and tips on how to share the wonderful experiences that national parks have to offer, with children

The first in a series of regional editions was also produced, highlighting 84 activities for children in South East Queensland national parks.

The two booklets met with resounding success, with over 1,400 booklets distributed around the state, and 896 copies downloaded from the NPAQ website. The booklets proved particularly popular at visitor and tourist centres, and accommodation venues.

Organisations such as Nature Play QLD and QORF actively promoted the publication, with Nature Play QLD developing four flyers based on the booklet's content: 10 Places for Bushwalking surrounding Brisbane; on the Gold Coast; on the Sunshine Coast; and 10 things to do as you go bushwalking.

This publication enabled NPAQ to not only engage with the next generation, but to reach an audience well beyond that of our usual one.

Through the Lens of Children

Building on the popular theme at present – the benefits of children connecting with nature – NPAQ published an article on children's perspective on why national parks should be valued.

Founded on existing research, NPAQ explored the benefits of natural spaces as places for children to play and explore – from a child's perspective. This differed from articles regularly citing the benefits for children – as stated by adults.

The different ways that contact with nature can contribute to the health and well-being of children was highlighted, along with the role that nature plays in children acquiring an appreciation of the environment. Unknowingly, the two young children interviewed 'groundtruthed' the findings of contemporary research.

NPAQ Social Media, Website, Publications

Due to cost-effectiveness, ability to reach a large audience, and ability to reach members and supporters located around Queensland, NPAQ's primary means of education occurs through our publications, social media and website.

Brisbane Region Member Evenings

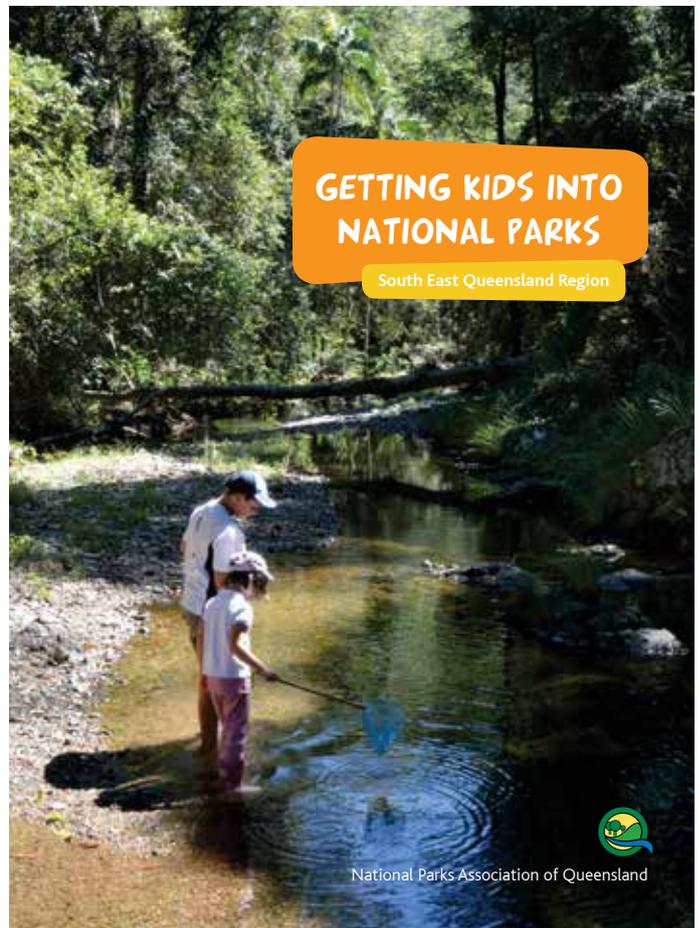
Brisbane members had the opportunity to attend talks provided by:

- Tony O'Brien: The rise of private conservation reserves across Australia
- Anne Greentree: QPWS' communications and visitor strategy
- Joachim Froese: What is Nature?
- Rob Olver: Australia Dawn to Dusk

Presentations

NPAQ gave presentations to:

- Toowoomba environmental groups
- Noosa Parks Association
- Logan Park Rangers and Logan City Council staff
- Biodiversity Forum on North Stradbroke Island
- University of Queensland



COMMUNICATION

NPAQ Objective: Utilise a range of mediums to communicate and engage effectively with members and supporters.

Outcome for year: We again achieved significant growth and improvement with our communication strategies throughout 2015-2016.

1,461  SUBSCRIBERS
33% increase

2,489  FACEBOOK LIKES
30% increase

4,463  WEBSITE VISITORS
36% increase

Neck of the Woods

Neck of the Woods now has a circulation of **1,951**, a 41% increase. The fortnightly ebulletin communicates up-to-date information about national parks and protected areas, and associated conservation news. The bulletin also provides information for members, supporters and subscribers of upcoming activities and events of interest. In consideration of non-internet using members, a summary of the month's news is posted to this group.

Protected

Circulation of NPAQ's bi-monthly magazine, *Protected*, has increased by 16% to **2,098**. The magazine provides in depth articles on national park and conservation issues, showcases a national park, features a walk in a national park, highlights wildlife that is protected by national parks, and provides a personal perspective from members and supporters on why national parks are important.



Social media

2015-2016 has seen the strongest growth and engagement of online supporters.

Facebook

NPAQ's Facebook page achieved a total engagement of **13,900** through post likes, comments and shares. Topics engaging the most people included the reinstatement of the 2019 end date to sand mining on North Stradbroke Island (9.2K reached), amendments to the *Nature Conservation Act* (8.5K people), state government's purchase of a cattle property in Nth QLD to combat GB Reef destruction (8K), International day of the Forests (3.2K), feral cat and mammal extinction (2.8K).

Instagram

An Instagram account was also launched in April and is progressing steadily with a **139** followers to date.



Website

The NPAQ website continues to increase our ability to engage with members, supporters and the public. During 2015-2016, the focus has been on regularly updating news articles, submissions and publications. Usage of the website has increased 36%, to an average of **4,463** individual visitors each month.

Media coverage

During the year, NPAQ articles were published by the Courier Mail, ABC Sunshine Coast, Sunshine Valley Gazette, Beaudesert Times and Wild Magazine.

Interviews were undertaken with ABC radio and ABC QLD.

Joint media releases were prepared with partner organisations: Australian Marine Conservation Society, Queensland Conservation Council, The Wilderness Society and Wildlife Queensland.

NPAQ was invited to provide quotes for Minister Miles' press releases:

- Expansion of protected areas
- Nature Conservation Act Amendment Bill
- Grazing in national parks
- Restoring key protections in nature conservation legislation



COLLABORATION

NPAQ Objective: Build partnerships to enhance our capacity to achieve our purpose.

Outcome for year: We continued to build and strengthen partnerships that align with our mission.

Partners

Throughout the year, NPAQ engaged with, or partnered with the following organisations or individuals:

- Australian Conservation Foundation
- Australian Marine Conservation Society
- Australian Panel of Experts on Environmental Law
- Australian Wildlife Conservancy
- Blue Fig Creek Nature Refuge
- Bush Heritage
- Capricorn Conservation Council
- Charles Sturt University
- Dr Jan Aldenhoven
- Environmental Defenders Office QLD
- Fraser Island Defenders Organisation
- Fraser Island Natural Integrity Alliance
- Friends of Tamborine National Park
- Friends of Stradbroke Island
- Girraween National Park website
- Griffith University
- HOPE Inc (Australia)
- James Cook University
- Mackay Conservation Council
- Invasive Species Council
- Nature Play Queensland
- Pew Charitable Trusts
- Places You Love
- Protect the Bush Alliance
- Pullenvale Environmental Education Centre
- Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation
- Queensland Conservation Council
- Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation
- Queensland University
- Sunshine Coast Environment Council
- The Wilderness Society
- Wildlife Queensland
- WWF – Australia

Ministerial roundtables

NPAQ participated in two Ministerial Environment Roundtables this year.

National Parks Australia Council

NPAQ is an integral part of the National Parks Australia Council (NPAC), and works collectively with state/territory organisations in creating a strong national body to further the interests of national parks in Australia.

This year, NPAC member organisations engaged a Senior Policy Adviser, Dr Sarah May. The appointment made a significant difference to NPAC's profile with federal ministers, environmental spokespersons, federal bureaucrats, academia and environmental organisations. The federal political relationships contributed to the opposition's support for a national parks trigger under the EPBC Act. Sarah also developed a comprehensive set of policy papers.

ACIUCN

NPAQ is a member of the Australian chapter of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature.

Scientific advisory body

NPAQ has commenced the establishment of a Scientific Advisory Body, to ensure our representation of advocacy issues is guided by clearly articulated criteria and reasoned argument.

Affiliate members of NPAQ

Affiliate members are:

- Birds Queensland
- Bribie Island Environmental Protection Association Inc
- Bunya Mountains Natural History Association Inc
- Fraser Island Defenders Organisation Ltd
- Friends of Stradbroke Island Inc
- Friends of Tamborine National Park
- Green Mountains Natural History Association Inc
- Lamington Natural History Association Inc
- Moreton Is Protection Committee
- Noosa Parks Association
- Queensland Frog Society Inc
- Stradbroke Island Management Organisation Inc
- Tamborine Mountain Natural History Association Inc
- Trail Running Association of Qld

ORGANISATION

NPAQ Objective: Build a viable organization.

Outcome for year: Ongoing effort in laying the foundation for the future.

A pivotal component of our strategic foundation is the building of a viable and sustainable organisation. This includes attaining financial sustainability, developing a professional organisational structure, resourced by qualified staff and dedicated volunteers, and supported by a good governance framework.

Governance

Over the 86 years of the Association's existence a framework for the good governance of the Association has been developed. This framework ensures that Council carries out its duties and obligations as required by the Rules, the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Queensland)* and other relevant legislation.

Council has adopted the Australian Institute of Company Directors Not-For-Profit Governance Guidelines and since the Governance Review in late 2014 has been implementing the recommendations of the Review.

The tools used by the Council to set direction, and monitor performance and achievement of the Association's mission include:

- Five year strategic plan 2014-2019
- Annual operations plan
- Quarterly member meetings
- Annual governance calendar
- Governance manual
- Delegations manual
- Monthly council meetings and executive reporting
- A risk management approach to decision making
- Policy documents
- System of internal controls
- Annual review of Council and staff performance.

NPAQ's Council is committed to providing good governance to its members and ongoing improvement to the governance structure.

2nd Year of Strategic Plan

2015-16 was the second year of implementing the NPAQ Strategic Plan 2014-2019. Aside from focusing on achieving our purpose through advocacy, education, communication and activities, significant effort was expended on ensuring organisational sustainability.

This included:

- Updating internal practices to meet HR and WHS obligations.
- Streamlining processes to improve efficiencies.
- Strict adherence to meeting expenditure reduction targets.

During the year, laying the foundations for effective promotion and fundraising commenced. NPAQ ran its first major Annual Raffle, which featured high quality prizes. The raffle also assisted in promoting the 'NPAQ brand' to a wider range of people.

Many thanks to our generous sponsors, who are listed on page 11.

Committees

Acting Activities Convenor:

Athol Lester

Advocacy Convenor:

Mike Wilke

Investment Convenor:

Graham Riddell

Marketing, Communications & Engagement Convenor:

Yvonne Parsons

Council

Michelle Prior	President
Tony O'Brien	Vice President
Athol Lester	Vice President
Debra Marwedel	Hon. Secretary
Yvonne Parsons	Asst. Hon. Secretary
Graham Riddell	Hon. Treasurer
Julie Hainsworth	Councillor
Geoff Lowes	Councillor (rtd)
Peter Ogilvie	Councillor
Richard Proudfoot	Councillor
Des Whybird	Councillor
Mike Wilke	Councillor (rtd)

Volunteers

Members and other volunteers undertake a significant proportion of NPAQ's work. 62 volunteers provided over 7,000 hours in areas such as activity leading, conservation work, provision of professional or technical support, promotions, mailouts, contribution to publications, social media, website management, database support, library, archives, governance or strategic support, advocacy, fundraising, assistance at events, office support, Committees, and Council.

Staff

Paul Donatiu

Principal Advocate

Kirsty Leckie

Conservation Principal

Anna Tran

Business Development Officer

Jeannie Rice

Project & Office Administrator

Glenys Wilkinson

Finance Officer



Members and supporters

NPAQ's member and supporter base sits around 4,000 people.

Members are the traditional cornerstone of NPAQ. Our membership stands at 720 members. During the year we welcomed 43 new members. However, given the age of many of our longer-term members, resignations remained higher (at 53).

NPAQ gained 156 financial supporters (non-members), an increase of 33%.

52 members were Conservation Partners during the year, offering an annual donation with their membership subscription.

154 members contributed financially to NPAQ.

State-wide organisation

Growing our member and supporter base outside of South East Queensland is a strategic goal. However, Queensland is a large state, where the majority of the population lives in the south-east corner.

This task is greatly assisted by electronic communications, which enables engagement and communication with people in regional areas.

Ensuring a focus on protected area issues around the state, identifying the interests of regional member and supporters, and incorporating articles on national parks, species and bushwalks in a wide variety of locations are the initial steps taken in this direction throughout the year.

Promotion

NPAQ operated promotional and educational stalls at the Lamington Centenary, Tamrookum Church centenary (Robert Collins and his legacy of national parks and Lamington), Land for Wildlife Forum, Green Heart Fairs, The Gap Market, and Threatened Species Day.

Special thanks to the core group of volunteers who manage these events.

Engagement

The majority of our growth is occurring with people who desire to engage in ways different to that of traditional membership associations.

This has resulted in a need for a multiple-pronged approach to engagement and communication with members and supporters.

Limited resources often result in resources being expended where the greatest reach is possible.

Honorary Life Members

Exceptional service has been provided over the years by Honorary Life Members:

Wendy Bell
John Bristow
Brian Egan
Rob Hitchcock
Ruth Read
Ailsa Rutherford
Jim Stebbins
Norm Traves

Celebrating 50 years of NPAQ membership

At the 2015 Annual Awards Dinner, eight members who had maintained membership with NPAQ for 50 years were presented with the Romeo Lahey Award:

Allan Brown
Len Fraser
Nola Fraser
Jeanette Porter
Hugh Porter
Terry Rayner
Ian Webb
Lorna Williams

Past Romeo Lahey Award recipients include:

R. J. Allen	Alison Johnman
Beryl Askin	Helen Lahey
Ross Askin	Mrs Little
A. Baker	Syble Livermore
Robert Ball	Robert Kay
Wendy Bell	Beth Macintosh
Jocelyn Black	Eileen MacLean
Susan Blake	Malcolm MacLean
John Bristow	Don Marshall
Ruth Bristow	Patricia Marshall
Athol Brown	Eunice McNab
Beverley Brown	Dorothy McNeill
Frank Brown	A. C. Menzies
Pam Brown	Heather Mott
Joan Bourne	Phillip Mott
John Bourne	Ann Neale
Vivienne Bourne	Hugh Pechey
Alan Clarke	Suzette A. Porter
Ross Clelland AM	Jack Price
Graham Cossins	Mrs Price
Yvonne Cossins	T. A. Price
Yvette Cramond	Ruth Read
Don Cumming	Vivienne Reddy
Vivienne Cumming	Colin Rees
D. Cutbush	Margaret Reye
K. Cutbush	Ailsa Rutherford
Barry Dean	Kenneth Sandercoe
Ellie Durbidge	Val Sandercoe
Alan Dunstan	Elwyn Schumann
Brian Egan	Doreen Scott
Cecily Fearnley	Frederick Scott
L. Gamble	Irene Southcott
G. Glytsos	Peter Stanton
William Goebel	Brian Stewart
Tony Groom	Dorothy Stewart
Pam Haddock	June Stoodley
William Haddock	Barbara Stuart
Maurice Haneke	Marjorie Taylor
Annitia Hearle	Ray Taylor
Julie Henry	Norm Traves
John Hill	Shirley Traves
Rob Hitchcock	Edsel Ward
Norma Hoad	Lorraine Ward
Clint Howitt	Una Webster
Heather Howitt	Althea Williams

FINANCES

NPAQ Objective: Build a sustainable organization.

Outcome for year: Significant gains attained in expenditure reduction, but yet to achieve revenue targets.

For the year 2015-16, NPAQ reports an operating deficit of \$84,225, which includes the write off of a previous investment (Charter Hall Umbrella Fund of \$19,740).

Whilst we have continued to decrease our operational deficit (down 33%), particularly through expenditure reduction, raising revenue remains a challenge.

Return on investments continues to be our major source of revenue. Our listed investments are valued at \$1,043,051 as at 30th June - a gain of \$203,969 over their cost price. Our investments achieved a dividend return of over 10% and continue to perform well both from a Capital Gain and Dividend Return perspective.

A tight rein was maintained on all expenditure throughout the year, which resulted in a decrease of 28% on the previous year's expenses.

Again, lack of sufficient revenue to cover operational costs remains cause for concern.

The work continues towards achieving a balanced operational budget and long-term financial sustainability.

INCOME STATEMENT TO 30 JUNE 2016 (Audited figures)

ACTIVITIES	\$2,528
ADVERTISING	\$2,060
BEQUESTS	\$12,000
DONATIONS	\$17,773
INVESTMENT INCOME	\$87,883
MEMBERSHIP FEES	\$14,469
MERCHANDISE SALES	\$396
OTHER	\$1,110

TOTAL INCOME \$138,221

Profit (loss) on sale of Invest \$1,906

Sub Total \$140,127

EXPENSES

ACTIVITIES	\$4,156
ADVOCACY	\$39,023
CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES	\$353
EDUCATION	\$9,504
FUNDRAISING, PROMOTION	\$18,795
MEMBER SERVICES	\$35,151
PROPERTY, INSURANCE, O/H	\$51,230
PUBLICATIONS & WEBSITE	\$65,673

TOTAL COSTS & EXPENSES \$224,122

Net Surplus(Loss) -\$84,225

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 2016

CASH AT BANK	\$71,171
PROPERTY PLANT & EQUIP	\$180,333
INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO	\$838,316
TRADE & RECEIVABLES	\$24,297

TOTAL ASSETS \$1,114,117

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$30,607
LONG TERM LIABILITIES	\$2,173

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$32,780

NET ASSETS \$1,081,337

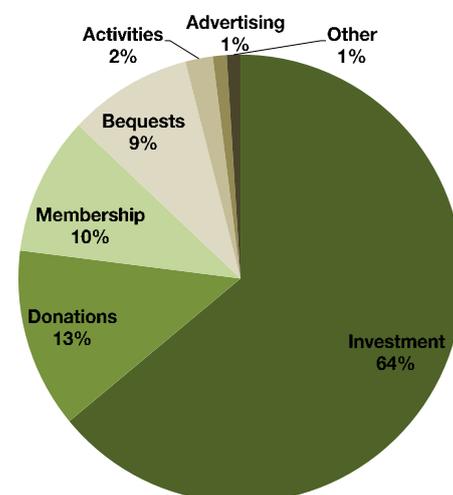
MEMBERS FUNDS

ACCUMULATED FUNDS	\$1,165,562
NET SURPLUS (LOSS) THIS YR	-\$84,225

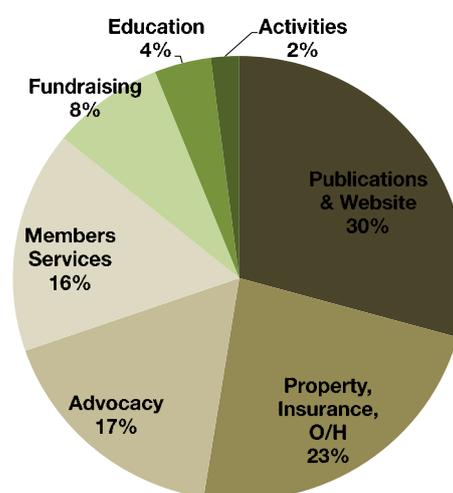
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS \$1,081,337

Items in the Balance Sheet are at cost or net realisable value, whichever is lower. The investment portfolio is reported above at cost. The market value at 30th June 2016 was \$1,043,051.

INCOME



EXPENSES



THANK YOU

Thank you to all our volunteers, donors and sponsors. Without you, we could achieve little!

Volunteers

Wendy Bell
Judith Bieg
John Bristow
Ruth Bristow
Geraldine Buchannan
Fiona Campbell
Alan Clarke
John Daly
Lyn Daly
Jocelyn Dixon
Neil Douglas
Brian Egan
Maureen Egan
Colleen Enchelmaier
Annette Flower

Frank Freeman
Russell Gardiner
Julie Hainsworth
Rob Hitchcock
Jenna Huckenswager
Neil Huckenswager
Ann Ingham
Barry Ingham
Dave Jones
Lesley Joyce
Daniel Kelly
Athol Lester
Maria Lester
Geoff Lowes
Laurelle Lowry

Len Lowry
Angus McElnea
Fiona McGill
Denis McMullen
Don Marshall
Debra Marwedel
Heatherbell Mellor
Leon Misfield
Clyde Mitchell
Lex Morley
Margot Morley
Korinne Northwood
John Nowill
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