



**GOOLWA TO WELLINGTON**  
Local Action Planning Association

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# **2018-19 Annual Report**



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Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association has been improving the natural environment in the SA Murray-Darling Basin since 1998. GWLAP is a community based not-for-profit organisation, managed by a board of volunteers and supported by a range of funding partners and fee-for-service activities.

GWLAP works on small and large scale bushcare and revegetation projects both on private and public land in a diverse range of landscapes. GWLAP supports local community groups and individuals to undertake on-ground works.

### **Why Goolwa to Wellington?**

The Goolwa to Wellington LAP area as set in 1998, encompasses all of the plains and catchments flowing directly into Lake Alexandrina between Goolwa and Wellington. This includes the Bremer/Barker, Angas and Finniss River catchments, Sandergrove, Monarto South, Mulgundawa and Brinkley plains areas, the western half of Lake Alexandrina including Hindmarsh Island and Mundoo Islands and the River Murray Mouth.

Today, GWLAP is not as geographically confined as in 1998, and are able to take on projects well outside the original project area.

### **Why Local Action Planning?**

Local Action Planning groups were set up in the SA Murray-Darling Basin to develop and implement plans to accelerate action to address the important issues in a local area. Local Action Planning provided a means for the community to decide what should be done to turn existing plans into action. More than 2 decades on, Local Action Planning is still very relevant. GWLAP is still directed by the community and continues to achieve important, significant, beneficial environmental actions.

### **Our vision:**

To create an environment where human activity and natural ecosystems can sustainably co-exist.

### **Our mission:**

To work with local communities to protect and restore biodiversity and sustainably manage our natural resources.

# OUR BOARD AND STAFF 2018-19

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## **GWLAP Board:**

Keith Parkes (Chair)  
Anne Welsh (Vice-Chair)  
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Derek Fenton (Public Officer)  
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Harry Seager  
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## **GWLAP Staff:**

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Will Miles (Operations Manager)  
Ben Simon (Senior Project Officer, Eastern Hills and Plains)  
Leah Hunter (Project Officer)  
Alyssa Lovelock (Project Officer)  
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## **Works Crew**

Dylan Oke  
Aaron Cheesman  
Alyssa Lovelock  
Alan Bateman



# CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

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It has been another active year for GWLAP with the organisation continuing to work hard to attract funding and service contracts.

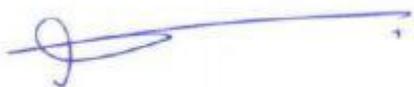
Times are still tough in the natural resource management sector, with limited opportunities to apply for project funds. The recent winding up of a neighbouring NRM based community group is a symptom of the lack of stable, sustained funding. With the folding of community organisations like these, we lose long term connections with landholders, corporate knowledge and capacity. GWLAP will step in where possible to meet the needs of the community in natural resource management and continue to advocate for ongoing support for valuable community-based organisations.

The year has seen a time of change in the NRM sector with the State Government introducing the Landscapes SA Bill to parliament. The bill proposes a new framework for natural resources management including regional boundaries and promises to deliver efficiencies made within the NRM sector. GWLAP are keen to work with the Minister in developing and implementing the new arrangements.

I would like to thank the GWLAP Board and Staff for their ongoing commitment to the organisation, community and local environment. I understand that funding uncertainty and associated job insecurity is very stressful. The team have remained positive and focussed on keeping the doors open.

I am pleased to report that GWLAP has secured some funding for environmental and visitor infrastructure enhancement at four key locations around the lower lakes via the Australian Government's Murray Darling Basin Economic Development Program. We look forward to implementing this project over the next 12 months in partnership with local public land managers and community groups.

We remain optimistic that the delivery of natural resource management outcomes can be undertaken by strong, innovative community organisations such as ours and sincerely hope that 2019/20 will see the beginning of a new era.



Chair  
Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association

# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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Time has certainly passed quickly during 2018/19 for us at the Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association (GWLAP). The past year has seen a substantial increase in fee-for-service projects and activities. This is due partly to government bodies moving to procure services this way and partly as a result of our strategy to diversify revenue streams. Combined with grant-funded activities, around 70 separate projects, some continuing, but many smaller and shorter, were successfully delivered in 2018/19. This level of activity requires strong time management and robust administrative systems to stay on top of things. We have again drawn upon all of our resources – staff, board, partners, contractors and community members – in order to successfully deliver these projects. Everyone involved has made a significant, valued contribution and our reputation for quality service delivery continues to strengthen.

A number of reasonably sized grant-funded projects have been secured over the past 12 months. We look forward to delivering these alongside our other activities in an integrated and coordinated manner over the next 12 to 24 months. For example, funds from the Murray Darling Basin Economic Development Program will be used to enhance visitor infrastructure and biodiversity at four key sites around the Lower Lakes. We will deliver these works in conjunction with local councils, SA Government agencies and local community members including Traditional Custodians.

On a sad note, a neighbouring community-based regional Landcare group made the difficult decision to cease trading in early 2019. GWLAP has undertaken to support the delivery of some services to landholders in this area and to assist in maintaining as much of the legacy of 20 years' of grass-roots Landcare in this region as possible. However, the loss of local connections and knowledge built up over many years is very concerning and sustained financial support for regionally and locally delivered, community-based Landcare is essential.

We are encouraged by the SA Government's commitments to support grassroots, locally based delivery of natural resource management. GWLAP has actively participated in discussions and consultation on the Landscape SA Bill 2019. We were pleased, earlier this year, to host David Speirs, SA Minister for Environment and Water along with Josh Teague, Member for Heysen on a tour of some of our on-ground restoration sites and value their genuine interest and support.

Federal Minister for the Environment, Sussan Ley, also visited one of our long-term restoration sites this year along with Threatened Species Commissioner, Sally Box and a number of senior federal departmental staff. We were able to discuss the particular challenges relating to threatened species and threatened ecological communities in the south-eastern Mount Lofty Ranges and the need for sustained funding to support ongoing threat abatement and restoration work.

The 20 Million Trees projects are now all but completed, as is the overall 20 Million Trees Program. Recent announcements of federal environment funding are most welcome and needed to sustain on-ground improvements.

We assisted Nature Foundation SA with the delivery of environmental water to key wetlands in the SA Murray Darling Basin through their Water for Nature initiative as well as providing office space for the NFSA Water for Nature Program Manager. This has proven to work well for both organisations and we look forward to continuing this arrangement in the coming year. Similarly, our role in the delivery of the Flows for the Future initiative, managed by Natural Resources SA Murray Darling Basin has seen us support the achievement of this project's objectives for the past year. We hope that further funding is made available to continue this important work to support landholders in maintaining catchment health in the Eastern Mount Lofty Ranges.

Overall, it has been a very busy and productive year. A challenge in this context is finding time to reflect and plan ahead but we have sought to do that with staff and board members actively participating in strategic thinking and planning throughout the year. We remain confident that this combination of strategy along with nimble, timely and high-quality delivery and partnership building will continue to give us the best chance of future success. As always, we remain hopeful that the level of investment of public funds for conservation and land management will increase, so we will continue to advocate for greater investment of funds and more opportunities to support community-based Landcare.

I thank the GWLAP Board for their continued support and again acknowledge our great staff, contractors, community, project and funding partners for their efforts, achievements and willingness to adapt and respond to the challenges we face. I hope that you enjoy reading this report which highlights some of what we have achieved together in 2018/19 and that these achievements help inspire you to continue to work with us to plan, secure funding and deliver more great projects in the coming years.



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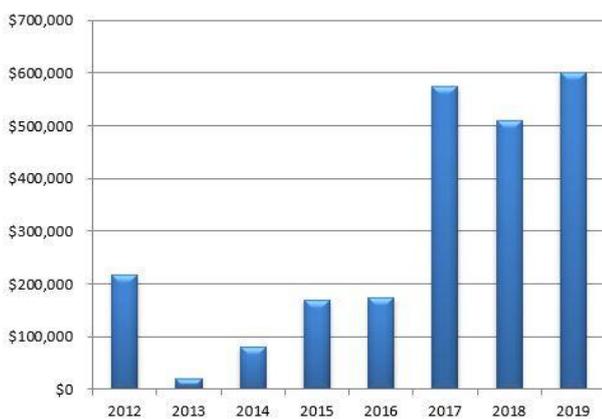
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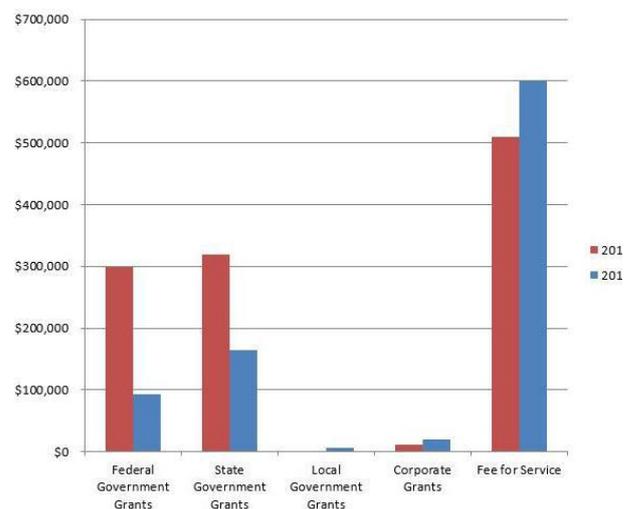
# TREASURER'S REPORT

During 2018-19 revenue from fee-for-service social enterprise activities conducted by GWLAP increased by approximately \$91,000 (17.8%) from that reported in 2017-18 to almost \$600,000. State Government funded procurement contracts were the major source of this revenue stream totaling \$282,000 (47%). Local Government fee-for-service funding increased from \$32,545 to \$98,610 during 2018-19 as GWLAP continued to build its relationships with Alexandrina, Mount Barker and Yankalilla Councils. Other major contributors to this fee-for-service funding were The Landcare Association of South Australia for GWLAP's hosting of its Executive Officer (\$85,000), Landcare Australia 20MT (\$33,000), the Nature Foundation 'Water for Nature' project (\$18,000), and a large landscaping project which took place at the Yankalilla Service Station (\$33,000).

**GWLAP fee for service income 2012 - 2019**



**Sources of funding in 2018-19**



The annual turnover for 2018-19 was \$957,252 which was a decrease of approximately \$222,100 from the previous financial year. This was predominantly due to the completion of the 20 million trees projects. Ongoing changes within the State and Federal Natural Resource sector, coupled with a gradual decrease in the availability of grant funding have further contributed to this reduction in revenue.

**Funding in 2018-19 was provided through the following major funding sources:**

**Landcare Australia Ltd** – just over \$33,000 via the **Australian Government's National Landcare Programme** for the Catchment to Coast and Kanmantoo to Wattle Flat Large Scale 20 Million Trees projects and **Department for Environment and Energy (Federal Gov't)** - \$42,400 for the 20 Million trees River Murray Lower Lakes Restoration project, valued at \$200,000 over three years. In total, these projects have seen an investment of almost \$1,100,000 over the term of the programs in the planting of 415 Hectares of native vegetation, using a combination of direct seeding and tubestock plantings, across Currency Creek, Finniss, Point Sturt, Hindmarsh Island, Goolwa, River Murray Lower Lakes region, Mulgundawa, Kanmantoo, Wattle Flat and Kyeema Conservation Park areas.

**Department of Environment and Water (DEW) (State Govt)** – Just under \$185,000 Fee for Service contract for Flows for the Future. This project is part of a \$13.48 million joint Commonwealth and State Government program investing in infrastructure such as low flow devices in order to return low water flows back into water courses within the Eastern Mount Lofty Ranges Water Resource Plan area. The aim of this program is to ‘re-establish more natural flow patterns across catchment areas, maintaining a balance between production and the environment’. A further \$71,000 was received through the Native Vegetation Council for the restoration of Red Gum Woodlands in the Finniss River catchment area. This project will provide a total of \$259,000 over three years, funding the restoration of approximately 1,534ha of high-value remnant vegetation.

**Natural Resources SA Murray-Darling Basin (SAMDB NRM) Board (State Gov’t)** – continued to provide significant support to GWLAP of just under \$183,000 in the form of Connecting Communities and other grants enabling the engagement of our local community through citizen science projects, coastal, wetlands and bird monitoring programs and the management of the Strathalbyn Natural Resource Centre.

**Landcare Australia SA (LASA)** - \$85,000 for a continued collaborative relationship with GWLAP hosting LASA’s Executive Officer, and providing financial and HR management to the association.

**Department of Industry, Innovation and Science** - \$49,830 to link and improve bushland in the Bremer Barker Catchment.

**Trees for Life** - \$7,610 20 Million Trees Fee for Service contract for the planting and guarding of up to 1,250 paddock trees in the Belvidere area.

**Angas Bremer Water Management Committee** – over \$16,000 for the provision of a Project Officer as well as Secretarial/Finance services to deliver on the Committee’s existing grants, annual irrigation reporting requirements and provide support to the Committee.

**Mount Barker District Council** – almost \$63,500 in the delivery of plants, revegetation and habitat creation at the Springs and Laratinga Wetlands and other sites within the Mount Barker area.

**Nature Foundation SA** – just over \$19,000 for environmental watering associated with the Water for Nature project and weed control at Watchalunga.

**Yankalilla District Council**– just over \$12,000 for the restoration of the Normanville and Tokuremoar sand dunes and Gazania control.

**Conservation Council of Australia** – just under \$12,000 support for the Sustainable Gardens in Strathalbyn project.

**Natural Resources Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges (NRM AMLR) Board (State Gov’t)** – \$5,800 for the Wildlife for Wine project.

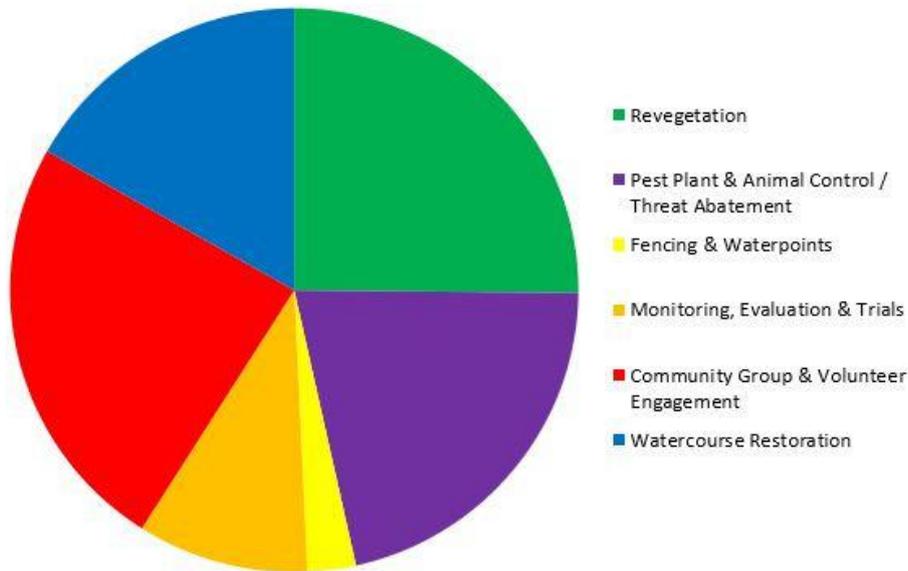
GWLAP has also maintained its fee for service agreement with Terramin Australia Ltd in providing secretarial services to the Strathalbyn Community Consultative Committee.

In-kind finance and administration support was provided to the Angas River Catchment Group, Prospect Hill Bushcare Group, Friends of Kyeema Conservation Park, Goolwa Coastcare Group, Point Sturt and Districts Landcare Group, Signal Point Riverine Environment Group, Macclesfield Bushcare Group and the Milang and Districts Historical Society.

Operating expenditure for 2018/19 was just over \$1 million in the management of 56 major budget lines resulting in a net deficit of just under \$45,000. This is due to the timing of income and expenditure for individual projects, which can occur over consecutive financial years. ie. project funding may be received in one financial year and expended in the following one.

The following graph shows a breakdown of how the 2018-19 aggregated funding was spent across each category. Project Officer salaries have been included and were allocated according to the time spent on each activity. The majority of funds received during 2018-19 were spent on revegetation (\$158.7k). Community engagement (\$152.8k), pest plant and animal control/threat abatement (\$134.8k) and watercourse restoration (\$105.9) continue to be a core focus of GWLAP, followed by monitoring and evaluation (\$61.5k).

**On ground works in 2018-19**



Barry Lincoln  
Treasurer  
Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

During 2018-19 GWLAP delivered a number of engagement activities with support from the SA Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board through funding from NRM Levies. We held a number of workshops and walks covering topics including:

- Adding biodiversity to farm dams
- Bird walk at Laratinga
- Walk along Mount Barker Creek
- Gardening with local native species
- Small mammals workshop
- How to manage your watercourse
- How to manage watercourse weeds

Engagement was also undertaken to raise awareness about emerging weeds, in particular, Bluebell Creeper. Signs were made and erected in hotspots for the weed and promoted on social media.



**Have you seen this weed?**



Bluebell creeper – a vigorous, highly invasive climber from WA.

If you think you have this weed, contact Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association for advice on control [info@gwlap.org.au](mailto:info@gwlap.org.au), 8536 5600, [www.gwlap.org.au](http://www.gwlap.org.au)

It may be confused with native bluebell creeper – seek advice before you act.



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# MOUNT BARKER WILDLIFE GARDENING

Mount Barker Wildlife Gardening Project is a partnership between GWLAP and Mount Barker District Council to encourage residents to choose local native plants for their gardens to provide habitat for wildlife and reduce weeds entering native vegetation and waterways.

Discounted packs of native plants suitable for gardens were offered to residents through a special offer. The packs contained 20 local native seedlings for \$25. The offer was advertised through Council newsletters, GWLAP media and at the Mount Barker Show. The offer was limited to one pack per household and 200 packs were sold. Participants were provided with information about indigenous gardening and a wildlife gardening workshop was held in Mount Barker.

## STRATHALBYN SUSTAINABLE GARDENS

GWLAP received a grant through the Conservation Council of SA to run a similar project to Mount Barker Wildlife Gardening in Strathalbyn.

150 plant packs containing species suitable to Strathalbyn were offered to Strathalbyn residents.

Eighty-two individuals took up the offer of purchasing a mixed pack of 20 local native seedlings. Each household was limited to a maximum of 2 packs (40 seedlings).



**MOUNT BARKER WILDLIFE GARDENING**

A project by Mount Barker District Council and Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association (GWLAP) to encourage residents to choose local native plants for their garden to:

- reduce weeds entering our native vegetation and waterways
- provide habitat for wildlife.

Information and plant orders 8536 5617  
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Many popular garden plants have escaped into our native vegetation and waterways and become environmental weeds.

Establishing a local native garden helps to encourage birds, bats, lizards, frogs, butterflies and other insects to your garden.

Enjoying the sight of our unique and precious wildlife using your garden is a real pleasure and a gift to the future.

 Mount Barker Wildlife Gardening



What we do in our gardens can either benefit or harm the natural environment around us. By choosing to develop and maintain a garden in a wildlife friendly way it is possible to:

- reduce your garden maintenance costs
- decrease gardening and time commitments
- conserve local native plants and animals
- make urban areas more ecologically sustainable

**DISCOUNTED NATIVE PLANTS 20 FOR \$25**



The seedlings for the Mount Barker and Strathalbyn projects were raised at the Alexandrina Community Nursery by volunteers and GWLAP staff. Nearly 50 different species were included in plant packs including trees, shrubs, groundcovers, grasses, climbers and sedges. All plants were local and suitable for gardens.

Both projects provided an opportunity for residents to learn more about local native plants. GWLAP staff spent a lot of time talking to residents about their gardens, the species they grow and the value to wildlife.

# MEGA MURRAY-DARLING MICROBAT PROJECT

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GWLAP was very happy to be involved in the MEGA Murray Darling Microbat project - a collaboration between the South Australian Museum, South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board, Mid Murray Landcare and the University of South Australia.

The 2-year project was funded through the Australian Government Inspiring Australia - Science Engagement Project. GWLAP assisted the project by engaging community members to undertake microbat surveys on their properties and analysing the data collected. Community members were recruited through bat nights, social media, advertising and direct contact.

The project resulted in 160 community members recording over 800 overnight surveys. This led to over 3000 microbat species records of 11+ species (3 call types probably represent more than one species).

The experience gained from working with the Mega Murray-Darling Microbat team has led to GWLAP obtaining work analysing bat data from other projects.



## ACID SOILS PROJECT

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The Natural Resources, SA Murray Darling Basin Acid Soils Project aims to find new ways to engage the diverse communities in the Eastern Mount Lofty Ranges by encouraging them to recognise the issue of soil acidity and to test their own soils.

GWLAP worked with the project team to successfully support 93 landholders to take part in the first year's soil sampling through a mix of digital and old school extension techniques. The project received nearly 1000 individual soil test results within a four week period.

### Test your soil acidity

Natural Resources South Australian Murray-Darling Basin is offering free soil pH test kits and support to help you test your soil acidity.

**What is this project about?**  
Acidic soils affect pasture and livestock health while also increasing the occurrence of weeds and bare soil in your paddock. The soil acidity project will support landholders to test pH levels and provide practical options to remediate acidic soils. This project aims to help start the conversation about increasing the health of your soil, your livestock and your landscape.

**Who is eligible?**  
Landowners with 10 acres or more in the targeted area (map over the page)

**How can I be involved?**

1. Register your interest by contacting Jacqui Wilson on 8536 5621 or email [jacqui.wilson@gwlap.org.au](mailto:jacqui.wilson@gwlap.org.au)
2. After registering you will receive your FREE soil pH test kit and instructions in the mail.
3. Test three different locations on your property between 19 April and 3 May.
4. Upload your test results (link will be provided).

All participants will go into the draw to win a free consultation with a highly experienced land management consultant.



# RED GUM WOODLANDS

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Restoration within Critical Red-gum Remnants in the Finniss River Catchment.

This 3-year landscape restoration project is undertaking ecological restoration within 260 hectares of *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* woodlands and 590 hectares of other plant communities. These areas of high conservation priority in the Finniss River Catchment include critically endangered Fleurieu Peninsula Swamp, *Eucalyptus ovata* (swamp gum) forest, *Eucalyptus dalrympleana* ssp. *dalrympleana* (Candle bark) tall open forest and *Eucalyptus viminalis* (Manna gum) woodland.

Over 20 individual landowners are involved in the project with most sites adjoining each other; forming large precincts of remnant bushland collectively managed as groups. Landscape connectivity within this project is high, with one key site linking the between the currently actively managed Finniss Conservation Park and Cox Scrub Conservation park through the active management of the Finniss River.

Sites are receiving targeted bushland weed control works which are being undertaken by skilled contractors and the participating landholders to improve vegetation condition and health.

- 850 Ha of high conservation priority areas treated for weeds.
- 20 separate landholders involved in the project
- Builds on other projects
- Helping rare plants and animals
- two well attended guided walks to showcase and raise awareness of watercourse and bushland restoration.



This project builds on significant works achieved under the Biodiversity Fund project 'Mount Compass to Meadows Biodiversity Links Project' with many sites having the great advantage of several years of weed control works undertaken already. This has project has allowed the upkeep and further improvement of these sites and the addition of some highly significant sites including a 55-hectare patch of *Eucalyptus camadulensis* grassy woodland at Ashbourne containing quality understorey and significant habitat values. Brown tree creepers, Elegant parrots, rare plants and numerous mammals and reptiles are known to the site.

# ALEXANDRINA COMMUNITY NURSERY

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Since October 2016, The GWLAP has been managing the Alexandrina Community Nursery and now produces more than 40,000 seedlings annually for clients including the Wittunga Botanic Gardens, Mount Barker and Alexandrina Councils, Department for Environment and Water, Natural Resources AMLR and SAMDB, numerous local landholders, local residents of the Fleurieu and for a number of projects we are currently managing.

A very productive propagation season saw these seedlings produced for retail sales, orders and projects comprising more than 140 different native plant species. The nursery was open every Friday from the first day in October 2016 and has involved lots of tidying, renewing, raking, cleaning and maintenance on top of producing quality local native plants just a day a week.



The nursery currently supports 9 wonderful volunteers who come for as long as they wish most Fridays. Thankyou Ann, Robyn, Marlene and Illona, Sanya and Barb. We also welcome 3 local youth in Samuel, Lewis and Adam who have been fantastic help and work really well together. Thank-you so much to all.



Grants: We were grateful to receive a grant from Natural Resources SAMDB for the purchase of some new nursery benches.

We supported Investigator College conservation and land management students with a detailed tour of the nursery and our operations and assisted numerous groups to grow specialised plants from specific genetic material for restoration works including the growing of numerous threatened flora species including the critically endangered *Veronica derwentiana* ssp *homalodonta* (Mount Lofty Speedwell), *Brachyschome graminea* (grass daisy), *Olearia pannosa* (Silver daisy bush), *Acacia rheticarpa* (Resin wattle), *Acacia pinguifolia* (Fat leafed wattle and *Coronidium rutidolepis* (Pale everlasting).

Nursery Manager: Ben Simon

# HARTLEY REVEGETATION

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Linking and Improving Endangered Bushland in the Bremer Barker Catchment.  
Funded by National Landcare Program Environmental Small Grants.



With 23.05 ha of revegetation, we have linked, buffered and enhanced more than 36 hectares of currently isolated patches of EPBC listed Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland and *Eucalyptus odorata* temperate grassy woodland to improve habitat viability and increase the range of these plant communities.

Areas with small cleared areas between clumps of remnant have been planted to assist with linking the site but also to reduce the edge effects within areas over time.

The bushland areas support more than 200 native plant species including the Nationally Vulnerable Silver Daisy Bush (*Olearia pannosa*) and several orchid species including rare donkey orchids.

This project has seen more than 6000 tube-stock grown and planted. Waldorf School Mount Barker assisted greatly on our main planting site with more than 60 students helping to plant and guard seedlings. Plantings have been carefully planned and targeted according to the plant community we are working to re-create and grown from locally sourced seed, including she-oak and native pine collected by the participating landholders.

Fencing was undertaken to assist in protecting new revegetation from future livestock grazing and was installed by the landholders including their children.

This project builds on earlier works undertaken by the GWLAP and Bremer Barker Catchment Group approx 15 years ago to fence high priority remnant vegetation in the region and demonstrates the lasting relationship we have with some of our sites over many years.



# COASTAL & WETLAND WORKS

Wetland community engagement and on-ground works in the CLLMM and coastal areas of the SA Murray Darling Basin.

Funded by Natural Resources SAMDB, this long standing program has been supporting GWLAP to deliver works and engage the community in the management of coastal, wetland and floodplain environments through various facilitated on-ground works and monitoring events.



The project connects youth, Traditional Custodians, coastcare groups, local government and householders to identify, plan and undertake on the ground actions that will protect, extend and improve the significant coastal reserves of the area, and take part in various educational opportunities. Project activities are consistent with and align to the ongoing management plans to protect the breeding habitat for the Blue Cynone Butterfly, reptiles and the endangered Hooded Plover. The project area also contains the largest remaining remnant of *Melaleuca halmatuorum* swamp on the Fleurieu Peninsula.

## Wetlands Highlights:

- Engaged over 120 volunteers through monthly community bird surveys at Tolderol Game Reserve Wetland
- Assisted in the successful delivery of environmental water at the Milang Snipe Sanctuary
- The coordination of (or assistance in the) successful community events (Tolderol GRW Open Day, tree planting day, support to CHASA 'Farewell to the Waders' fundraising lunch) which were attended by 215 community members



## Coastal Highlights:

Engaged more than 200 primary school students and 20 adults from 2 different schools (Goolwa Primary and Port Elliot Primary) in marine debris beach clean-ups including the input of data (relating to collections) into the CleanSwell App (an international dataset on marine debris).

- Held 8 working bees for Goolwa Coastcare Group which contributed more than 160 hours of in-kind work worth \$4800 and attracted 2 new members to the group.
- Covered more than 30 hectares of priority coastal habitat undertaking bushcare works with volunteers with threat abatement addressing key priorities in the Goolwa Dunes and Tokuremoar Reserve Environmental Action Plan 2015 (Simon B. & Bain S. 2015) with a key focus on Gazania, boxthorn, Acacia cyclops and Scabiosa. Eight volunteer working bees assisted in achieving this with follow-up behind contractor works.
- Attracted more than \$15,000 through Landcare Australia and Coca Cola Foundation for complimentary works on this project including community engagement, weed control and Marine debris sessions.
- Engaged Ngarrindjeri ALOC to undertake a marine debris clean-up covering sensitive areas of dune (middens) at Goolwa and removed a 6x4 trailer worth of rubbish.
- Through on-going collaboration with the Alexandrina Council over more than 11 years of this program (largely enabled by on-going support from NR SAMDB) we have worked towards protecting the Goolwa dunes reserve system formally and are very pleased that the council has moved to place the area under a heritage agreement!
- More than 150 coastal residents provided with technical advice regarding coastal management and coastal gardening using local native plants via GWLAP nursery open days.
- Marine debris article published on several websites as a story undertaken by media company on behalf of Coca-cola and Landcare Australia.



# FLOWS FOR THE FUTURE

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The Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association has been involved with the Flows for the Future Program for the last two years, contracted by Natural Resources SAMDB to help with engagement of landholders in the Eastern Mount Lofty Ranges for the project.

## **Why we need connected, healthy water catchments.**

As Australians, we all know how valuable water is. Without healthy sources of water, we, our native animals, critical ecosystems, and our ability to use the land for production will suffer. By looking after the health of our catchments today, we can help ensure future land managers have the opportunity to farm viably and be surrounded by healthy ecosystems that are in the best position to survive in the years to come.

The Flows for the Future Program has been established to ensure the long term viability of catchment health within the Eastern Mount Lofty Ranges (EMLR).

## **What's the problem?**

Many water catchments in the EMLR are in poor condition, with some parts struggling without flowing water for longer than they've ever had to in the past. While dams are crucial because they provide water security, their combined impact with watercourse diversions has changed the pattern and amount of water flowing through the Mount Lofty Ranges.

## **What is the Flows for the Future Program?**

Productive and sustainable businesses need healthy water catchments. The Flows for the Future Program aims to improve the health and resilience of catchments in the EMLR.

By funding the design and restoration of 'low flows' on dams and watercourse diversions, the program is restoring more natural stream flows throughout the stream systems that bring life to the EMLR.



There are more than 8,000 dams in the EMLR alone. These devices allow low flows of water to pass around dams into the streamline below during natural periods of flow (via rainfall, runoff etc.).

Low flows are crucial for sustaining a minimum level of catchment health. We know that one of the biggest causes of deteriorating catchment health in the Mount Lofty Ranges is the absence of low flows and the Flows for the Future Program is working hard to reinstate this critical water flow pattern.

# GWLAP ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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The Fee for Service arm of GWLAP has made strong positive moves over the past financial year. There has been a focus on developing Works Crew skills and responsibilities, whilst broadening our contacts and working region. From delivering Water for Nature projects throughout the Riverland to weed control projects at Carrickalinga, GWLAP has worked hard to deliver outstanding on-ground results and maintain a wide client base. The range of jobs has included the delivery of environmental water, planting, direct seeding, weed control, monitoring, pest animal control, plant propagation, vegetation management, fencing, landscaping, slashing and project design. The flexibility and professionalism of the field staff have been exceptional, and the reputation and momentum carried over into the 2019/2020 financial year is a credit to their efforts and commitment.

GWLAP would like to thank our project partners for their support. These include:

- Nature Foundation of SA
- Natural Resources SA MDB
- Natural Resources AMLR
- Mount Barker District Council
- Alexandria Council
- District Council of Yankalilla
- Martin Road Development- Springlake
- Department of Energy and Mining
- Adelaide Fuel Distributors – Caltex '77 South' Service Station, Normanville
- Macclesfield and Flaxley Landcare Groups
- Our many dedicated landholders looking to improve their properties and our local natural environment

## Case study: Springlake

The recently established Springlake housing development in Mt Barker has been an exciting project that has continued to evolve as our relationship with Martin Road Development strengthens. The Springlake development uniquely has a 1.2-hectare Significant Environmental Benefit offset site running through the centre of the housing zone. After the initial construction of the modified creek line occurred, GWLAP was contracted to develop a detailed management plan to mitigate several erosion issues and to add additional local native species to assist with meeting the SEB guidelines whilst beautifying the site with showcase colourful species. The recommendations listed in the site plan were readily endorsed and implemented by Martin Road Development, with GWLAP staff heavily involved in all aspects of erosion works, revegetation, habitat development and vegetation management.

The GWLAP Works Crew visit the site on a fortnightly basis to spot spray weeds, maintain the sprinkler irrigation system and to clean any rubbish that catches in the creek-line from the several surrounding building sites. More than 1,500 local native seedlings were planted in the 2019 winter totalling 33 species.

The relationship with this developer has branched into further projects including the development of interpretive signage showcasing the value of the SEB revegetation site and a local native demonstration garden to showcase a range of colourful, textured and structured local native plants that attract and support birds, butterflies and other important lifeforms whilst requiring minimal maintenance and water.

## Case study: Water for Nature

GWLAP was fortunate to continue our close working relationship with the Nature Foundation of SA on their Water for Nature project throughout the 2018/19 financial year. Working together with Berri Barmera Landcare, GWLAP provided a small coordination role and in-field support roles for the mobilisation, delivery of water, and de-mobilisation of pumps at numerous wetlands throughout the Riverland and Lower Lakes region. Site locations ranged from the Pike River Floodplain at Paringa to the Milang Snipe Sanctuary on the fringe of Lake Alexandrina.



### Environmental Watering at the Milang Snipe Sanctuary:

GWLAP was engaged by the Nature Foundation to deliver the Water for Nature project at Milang due to our long-standing history with the site. Over the past 15 years, GWLAP has played a major role in the delivery of revegetation, site maintenance, weed control and monitoring projects across the site.

Despite its close proximity to Lake Alexandrina, the Snipe Sanctuary is mainly fed via stormwater from the Milang Township. The Samphire wetlands of the sanctuary are an important site for the Latham's snipe, an EPBC listed rare migratory shorebird that annually visits the site during late winter to feed.

The Nature Foundation of SA (NFSA), the Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association (GWLAP), Natural Resources SA Murray–Darling Basin (SAMDB) and a number of Milang residents worked together to pump Commonwealth funded “Water for the environment” to the south basin of the Milang Snipe Sanctuary. “Water for the environment” allocated by the Commonwealth is used solely to improve the health of our rivers, floodplains and wetlands.

Using Nature Foundation's diesel-powered pump, GWLAP Field Crew set up more than 40 meters of suction line heading out into the lake and 120 meters of lay flat to reach the wetland. More than 13 million litres (13 megalitres) of water was pumped into the wetland with careful focus on maintaining wet mudflats with minimal standing pools of water to create suitable foraging habitat for the Snipe.



Milang residents, Nature Foundation SA, Natural Resources SAMDB and GWLAP staff worked together to conduct monthly monitoring events between August 2018 to March 2019. Up to 12 Snipe were flushed out and recorded between September and January in the Northern wetland, with more than 90 species of birds recorded including the endangered Australasian bittern.

## **Case study: Adelaide Fuel Distributors – Caltex '77 South' Service Station, Normanville**

GWLAP was recommended by a natural resources management consultant to quote for landscaping work for the new '77 South' service station at Normanville with a brief to use locally indigenous plants. Subsequently, Adelaide Fuel Distributors contracted GWLAP to design and carry out the landscaping at this site and this was completed in October 2018.

Stone and gravel from a local quarry was used along with mulch from recycled material to ensure that the project reflected best practice in minimizing its ecological 'footprint'. We also used a local earthmoving contractor to assist with the project.

Still less than a year old, the plantings have matured well and highlighted the beauty, functional practicality and ecological benefits of using local plants in amenity landscaping projects.



**GOOLWA TO WELLINGTON LOCAL ACTION PLANNING ASSOCIATION INC.**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**GOOLWA TO WELLINGTON LOCAL ACTION PLANNING ASSOCIATION INC.**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

	NOTE	2019		2018	
		\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>INCOME</b>					
<b>Grants</b>					
	3				
Grants (C'wealth) Op-Non Rec				48,000.00	
20MT Grant R2-78		0.00		48,000.00	
20MT Grant R2-82		0.00		48,000.00	
20MT Grant R2-84		0.00		154,100.00	
20MT Grant LLEC		42,400.00		0.00	
National Landcare Environmental Small		49,830.00			
Grants (State) Op-Non Rec		164,890.00		318,995.99	
Grants (Local) Op-Non Rec		7,000.00		1,500.00	
Grants Other		19,533.36		12,000.00	
<b>Total Grants</b>			283,653.36		630,595.99
<b>Fundraising-Gifts</b>					
Donations Received	4	15,489.80		1,028.15	
<b>Total Fundraising-Gifts</b>			15,489.80		1,028.15
<b>Trading/Operating Activities</b>					
Sales of Goods		31,463.78		22,862.50	
Fee for Service	5	599,803.91		508,905.88	
<b>Total Trading/Operating Activities</b>			631,267.69		531,768.38
Interest-Unrestricted			11,245.73		14,501.66
Other Income			15,595.95		500.00
<b>Total Income</b>			957,252.53		1,178,394.18
<b>Gross Surplus / (Deficit)</b>			957,252.53		1,178,394.18
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Accounting Fees			0.00		1,325.00
Advertising & Promotion			660.81		1,676.81
Assets Purchased			9,678.70		11,006.99
Audit Fees			2,888.51		6,311.49
Bank Charges			308.35		160.62
Board and Governance Expenses			1,900.00		0.00
Cleaning & Pest Control			180.32		260.91
<b>Client Support Services</b>					
CSS Community Engagement		23,681.93		25,785.24	
CSS Fencing		12,845.72		3,200.99	
CSS Monitoring & Evaluation		1,100.00		3,245.68	
CSS Project Co-ord/Manag		0.00		(4,871.63)	
CSS Revegetation		54,785.49		180,418.25	
CSS Seed Expenses		751.41		11,670.84	
CSS Soils Management		21.75		0.00	
CSS Threat Abatement		<u>63,782.69</u>		71,556.82	
<b>Total Client Support Services</b>			156,968.99		291,006.19

Computer Expenses		4,755.58		2,900.45
Depreciation - Motor Vehicle		3,717.82		2,802.49
Equipment Hire		1,367.28		2,678.90
Fees & Permits		128.00		48.00
Health & Safety		3,204.03		1,469.19
Insurance-Building & Contents		1,518.03		513.06
Insurance-Public Liability		243.20		4,170.39
Insurance-Professional Indem		188.76		1,189.84
Insurance-Directors & Officers		127.09		2,495.81
Meetings Expense		549.97		2,403.59
Membership Fees Paid		45.45		45.45
<b>Motor Vehicle Expenses</b>				
MV Fuel & Oil	15,971.81		16,028.68	
MV Repairs & Maintenance	5,159.99		4,607.25	
MV Insurance	2,866.85		2,472.08	
MV Registration	5,331.33		3,412.05	
MV Lease Payments	41,520.93		49,401.59	
MV Provision Expense	384.51		11,380.00	
MV Other	521.62		541.66	
<b>Total Motor Vehicle Expenses</b>		71,757.04		87,843.31
Postage, Freight & Courier		980.48		898.12
Printing & Stationery		5,809.93		5,940.82
Publications & Information Res		501.81		1,829.90
Rates & Taxes		1,169.78		1,295.05
Rent		20,406.70		17,893.48
Repairs & Maintenance		9,081.31		5,479.93
<b>Salaries &amp; Wages</b>				
S&W Annual Leave Expense	42,455.47		46,916.75	
S&W Fringe Benefits Tax	0.00		235.15	
S&W Long Service Leave Expense	(6,128.87)		8,290.31	
S&W Staff Recruitment	0.00		306.00	
S&W Sick Leave Expense	7,748.02		22,177.31	
S&W Superannuation	59,765.45		65,719.52	
S&W Salaries & Wages	566,780.19		603,387.90	
S&W OHS Expenses	227.90		282.45	
S&W WorkCover Levy	9,324.00		12,300.58	
S&W Maternity Leave Expense	0.00		0.00	
S&W Travel Allowance	1,894.91		1,789.73	
<b>Total Salaries &amp; Wages</b>		682,067.07		761,405.70
Security		311.59		169.39
Staff Amenities		432.68		412.67
Sundry Expenses		996.00		1,517.65
Telephone, Fax & Internet Exp		8,423.07		8,973.18
Training & Development (Staff)		2,800.00		1,327.28
Travel & Accommodation		3,110.91		2,258.55
Utilities		5,539.07		6,392.11
<b>Total Expenses</b>		1,001,818.33		1,236,102.32
<b>Operating Net Income</b>		(44,565.80)		(57,708.14)
<b>Other Expenses</b>				
Refund Unspent Project Funds	0.00		0.00	
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>		0.00		0.00
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	6	(44,565.80)		(57,708.14)

**GOOLWA TO WELLINGTON LOCAL ACTION PLANNING ASSOCIATION INC.**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

	NOTE	2019	2018
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		\$	\$
Cash at Bank (Unrestricted)		658,284.45	891,582.59
Accounts Receivable	2	<u>203,241.04</u>	<u>66,866.43</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>861,525.49</u>	<u>958,449.02</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Motor Vehicles		66,224.68	33,629.91
Less Acc Dep on Motor Vehicles		<u>(7,454.47)</u>	<u>(3,736.65)</u>
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>58,770.21</u>	<u>29,893.26</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u><b>920,295.70</b></u>	<u><b>988,342.28</b></u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payable		5,871.07	3,238.36
Loans Payable		2,949.57	3,265.38
Payables - Other		33,504.83	54,340.04
GST Payable		41,482.16	26,701.83
Less GST Receivable		(8,042.88)	(14,493.30)
PAYG Withholding Payable		11,492.18	11,193.80
Superannuation Payable		0.00	5,974.83
WorkCover Payable/(Receivable)		<u>(53.25)</u>	<u>(1,338.25)</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITES</b>		<u><b>87,203.68</b></u>	<u><b>88,882.69</b></u>
<b>PROVISIONS</b>			
Motor Vehicle Provision		12,766.11	12,381.60
Technology Provision		5,000.00	10,010.94
Employee Provisions		<u>95,105.51</u>	<u>112,227.60</u>
<b>TOTAL PROVISIONS</b>		<u><b>112,871.62</b></u>	<u><b>134,620.14</b></u>
<b>Less TOTAL LIABILITES</b>		<u><b>200,075.30</b></u>	<u><b>223,502.83</b></u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><b>720,220.40</b></u>	<u><b>764,839.45</b></u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Unexpended Funds as at July 1, 2018		764,839.45	822,547.59
Current Year Surplus (Deficit)		<u>(44,565.80)</u>	<u>(57,708.14)</u>
<b>Unexpended Funds as at June 30, 2019</b>		<u><b>720,273.65</b></u>	<u><b>764,839.45</b></u>

**GOOLWA TO WELLINGTON LOCAL ACTION PLANNING ASSOCIATION INC.**

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net Income	(44,565.80)	(57,708.14)
Accounts Receivable	(136,374.61)	123,197.04
Motor Vehicles	(28,876.95)	2,802.49
Accounts Payable	2,632.71	(23,086.74)
Loans Payable	(315.81)	2,990.47
Payables - Other	(20,835.21)	37,310.78
GST Payable	14,780.33	(6,606.00)
GST Receivable	6,450.42	8,829.05
PAYG Withholding Payable	298.38	(2,538.38)
Superannuation Payable	(5,974.83)	5,974.83
WorkCover Payable	1,285.00	665.25
Motor Vehicle Provision	384.51	10,888.27
Technology Provision	(5,010.94)	(500.00)
Employee Provisions	(17,122.09)	(33,254.96)
<b>Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities</b>	<u>(233,244.89)</u>	<u>68,963.96</u>
 <b>NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH FOR THE PERIOD</b>	 (233,244.89)	 68,963.96
Cash at the beginning of the period	<u>891,582.59</u>	<u>822,618.63</u>
Cash at the end of the period	<u><u>658,337.70</u></u>	<u><u>891,582.59</u></u>

**GOOLWA TO WELLINGTON LOCAL ACTION PLANNING ASSOCIATION INC**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

**NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 (SA) and the ACNC Act 2012 (Div. 60 – Reporting).

The Members of the Board have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

This financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 (SA) and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

- AASB 101 - Presentation of Financial Statements
- AASB 107 - Statement of Cash Flows
- AASB 108 - Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
- AASB 110 - Events after the Reporting Period
- AASB 1031 - Materiality
- AASB 1048 - Interpretation of Standards

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

- a) **Accounting Method** - Accrual Accounting
- b) **Currency** - All values are presented in Australian Dollars
- c) **Measurement Basis** - The financial report is based on historical costs. It does not take into account changing money values, or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets
- d) **Income Tax** - The Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association has Income Tax Exemption status with the Australian Taxation Office
- e) **Goods & Services Tax** - Revenue and expenses are recognised exclusive of the amount of GST
- f) **Employee Entitlements** - Provision is made in respect of the statutory legal liability arising from services rendered by employees to balance date.

**NOTE 2: RECEIVABLES**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Alexandrina Council	1,682.29	0.00
Angas Bremer Water Management Committee	3,348.54	0.00
Department for Energy and Mining	1,028.72	0.00
Department for Environment and Water	65,505.00	495.00
District Council of Yankalilla	4,530.68	0.00
Eastern Fleurieu School	75.00	0.00
Foskett, C	1,072.50	0.00
Habitats SA Revegetation Services	1,694.81	0.00
Hindmarsh Island Land Care Group	0.00	400.00
Landcare Australia Limited	0.00	41,524.00
Lanser Developments	1,732.50	0.00
McInnes, A	255.00	0.00
Mount Barker District Council	17,433.35	0.00
Native Vegetation Council	67,375.00	11,000.00
Natural Resources Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges	13,050.20	0.00
Port Elliott Primary School	0.00	159.00
SA MDB NRM Board	23,515.00	2,200.00
Schofield, L	233.00	0.00
Summers, M	563.20	0.00
Terramin Australia Ltd	146.25	933.75
Workskil Australia	0.00	10,154.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$203,241.04</b>	<b>\$66,866.43</b>

**NOTE 3: OPERATING GRANTS - CONDITIONS OF FUNDING**

Grants for the projects that the GWLAP is currently undertaking were provided by: Natural Resources SA MDB NRM, the Native Vegetation Council, Department of Industry, Innovation and Science, Natural Heritage Trust, Landcare Australia Ltd, The Conservation Council of Australia, Nature Conservation Society, Alexandrina and Mount Barker Councils. A condition of this funding is that these funds be applied for the purposes of meeting project targets within the time frames specified. Any unspent funds are required to be reimbursed on completion of these projects.

**NOTE 4: DEDUCTIBLE GIFT RECIPIENT STATUS**

GWLAP was endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient under Subdivision 30-BA of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 on April 27th 2016.

During 2018-19 a \$15,000 donation was received from a private source to assist with funding the Crystal Lake Sculpture Symposium.

**NOTE 5: OPERATING FEE FOR SERVICE INCOME**

The 2018-19 financial year saw a sizeable shift in the structure of State Government funding from Grants to third party Fee for Service agreements. Conditions of these agreements include the provision of progress reports at stipulated dates throughout the project plus a final report upon project completion which track the progress of meeting agreed project targets using the funds available. Any unexpended funds from these funding agreements are applied to other non-funded projects in the GWLAP region. Funding obtained through these third party agreements was predominantly from: the Department of Environment and Water and Natural Resources SA MDB. Corporations and other landcare groups such as the Landcare Association of South Australia, Landcare Australia Ltd, Nature Foundation, local councils, various community groups and private landholders also provided Fee for Service income during 2018-19.

**NOTE 6: NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT**

When interpreting the Net Surplus/Deficit for the financial year, consideration should be given to the timing of income and expenditure for individual projects, which can occur over consecutive financial years. ie. project funding may be received in one financial year and expended against in the following one.

**NOTE 7: ORGANISATIONAL BACKGROUND**

The Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Plan Steering Committee and then Board (incorporated in February 1998) was created to get a more integrated approach to identify the extent and severity of the major "landcare" or natural resource management issues of this part of the SA Murray Darling Basin and develop strategies to address these issues. The Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Board Incorporated resolved to change its name on October 10th 2007 to Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association Incorporated.

**STATEMENT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF  
GOOLWA TO WELLINGTON LOCAL ACTION PLANNING ASSOCIATION INC.**

In accordance with Section 35(2)(c) of the Associations Incorporations Act 1985, it is the opinion of the Members of the Board that,

- (a) The accompanying Statement of Financial Performance is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the operations of the Association for the year ended 30/6/19;
- (b) The accompanying Statement of Financial Position is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association as at 30/6/19;
- (c) 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.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board.

Date: X 6 Sept. 2019

Date: X 10/9/2019

Member: X [Signature]

Member: X [Signature]

**REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF  
GOOLWA TO WELLINGTON LOCAL ACTION PLANNING ASSOCIATION INC.**

**In accordance with section 35 (5) of the Associations Incorporations Act, 1985 the Board hereby states that during the financial year ended June 30, 2019:**

- (a) (1) no officer of the association;  
(2) no firm of which an officer is a member; and  
(3) no body corporate in which an officer has a substantial interest,

has received or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or body corporate and the association.

- (b) no officer of the association has received directly or indirectly from the association any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary nature.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board.

Date: x 6 Sept 2019

Member: [Signature]

Date: x 10/9/2019

Member: [Signature]

**GOOLWA TO WELLINGTON LOCAL ACTION PLANNING ASSOCIATION INC.**

**PROJECT INCOME, EXPENDITURE AND BALANCES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

Project Name	Balance at June 30, 2018	Total Income	Total Expenses	Balance at June 30, 2019
20MT Large Scale Catchment to Coast	-10,154.07	13420.91	3266.84	-0.00
20MT Large Scale Kanimantoo to Wattle Flat	67,451.26	19966.36	87417.62	0.00
20MT River Murray Lower Lakes Restoration project	52,281.89	42400.00	90993.44	3,688.45
Agriculture Knowledge Grant 2019 - Organic Farming Workshop	0.00	2760.00	2760.00	0.00
Angas Bremer Water Management Committee PO FY19	0.00	16030.00	16030.00	0.00
Provision for Audit and AGM Costs	-4,411.49	0.00	2888.51	-7,300.00
Alexandrina Council Strathalbyn Welcome Sign Revegetation	0.00	592.50	592.50	0.00
Alexandrina Council Coastcare Fencing	0.00	1262.99	1262.99	0.00
ANZ Seeds of Renewal Grant	0.00	3897.00	3897.00	0.00
Auspiced Goolwa Coastcare Grant - Managing Marine Debris	11,859.55	3000.00	14859.55	0.00
Auspiced Goolwa Coastcare Grant - Managing Goolwa Dunes	0.00	3000.00	3000.00	0.00
Auspiced Goolwa Coastcare Grant - Managing Local Reserves	1,300.00	0.00	1300.00	0.00
Auspiced Prospect Hill Bushland Group Grant 2018	1,454.55	0.00	1454.55	0.00
Auspiced Prospect Hill Bushland Group Volunteer Small Grant	83.87	0.00	83.87	0.00
Conservation Council Sustainability Grant	0.00	11842.72	11842.72	0.00
Landcare Australia Coea Colo Grant Reducing Marine Debris Coorong Community	0.00	12000.00	11061	11,889.39
District Council of Mt Barker Kookaburra Reserve Restoration project	0.00	4000.00	0.00	4,000.00
District Council of Mt Barker Environmental Services Centre revegetation	0.00	0.00	970.59	-970.59
District Council of Mt Barker Ironstone Range Rd revegetation project	0.00	1950.00	1506.19	443.81
District Council of Mt Barker Prospect Hill revegetation	0.00	5971.35	5971.35	0.00
District Council of Mt Barker Springs Road revegetation	0.00	12090.50	2446.83	9,643.67
District Council of Mt Barker General Maintenance	0.00	0.00	638.36	-638.36
District Council of Mt Barker National Tree Planting Day field officer	0.00	594.00	0.00	594.00
District Council of Mt Barker Spring Lake Maintenance	0.00	5085.00	5085.00	0.00
District Council of Mt Barker Spring Lake Vergo revegetation	0.00	0.00	11.89	-11.89
District Council of Mt Barker Springs Wetland project 2018	-2,478.84	7890.00	5411.16	0.00
District Council of Mt Barker Springs Wetland project 2019	0.00	15390.64	11481.39	3,909.25
District Council of Mt Barker Sustainable Living project 2020	0.00	4348.19	33.87	4,314.32
District Council of Mt Barker Wastewater Treatment Plant Revegetation	0.00	6000.00	6000.00	0.00
District Council of Yankallilla Carickalinga Gazania Control	0.00	3268.80	1260.01	2,008.79
District Council of Yankallilla Normanville Dune Restoration	0.00	5184.55	3307.89	1,876.66
District Council of Yankallilla Tokuremoor Sedgeland restoration project	0.00	3600.00	1201.77	2,398.23
Department for Energy & Mining woody weed control at Chapel Hill	0.00	935.20	935.20	0.00
Department of Industry, Innovation & Science Environment Small Grants	0.00	49830.00	27546.93	22,283.07
Department for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure Boetcher Rd windbreak planting	0.00	612.66	612.66	0.00
Flows for the Future	-4,257.23	18799.77	14542.54	0.00
Flows for the Future	0.00	160631.77	160631.77	0.00
Flows for the Future Administration	0.00	5400.00	5400.00	0.00
Gazania Free Goolwa	170.93	0.00	170.93	0.00
GWLAP Alexandrina Community Nursery	11,619.47	45193.97	26626.35	30,187.09
GWLAP Gift Fund	1,742.72	1314.80	75.00	2,982.52
GWLAP Project Funds	351,184.13	16817.11	44645.27	323,355.97
Landcare Association Executive Officer Hosting 2019	0.00	85000.00	85000.00	0.00
Landholder Fee for Service Projects	0.00	6506.40	6506.40	0.00
Mega Murray-Darling Microbat project	-600.00	14900.00	14300.00	0.00
Mount Barker Big Green Project	-510.98	0.00	-510.98	0.00
Murrundi Reserve Wetland Works	2,780.82	0.00	2780.82	0.00
Nature Conservation Society 2019 Spotighting the Suburbs	0.00	3636.36	0.00	3,636.36
Nature Foundation Water for Nature	0.00	18063.27	18063.27	0.00
Nature Foundation Watchalunga Halo Spraying	0.00	1000.00	1000.00	0.00
Nature Foundation Watchalunga Site Maintenance 2019	0.00	0.00	2092.17	-2,092.17
Non Project Funds	181,796.16	11245.73	19633.89	173,408.00
NR AHLR Wildlife for Wine Shingleback and Rivers property revegetation	0.00	5800.00	810.66	4,989.34
NR SA MDB Alexandrina Community Nursery Equipment for Nursery and Volunteers	0.00	980.00	0.00	980.00
NR SA MDB Alexandrina Community Nursery - Shade protection	402.64	0.00	402.64	0.00
NR SA MDB Alexandrina Community Nursery - Nursery tables	0.00	1000.00	0.00	1,000.00
NR SA MDB Acid Soil Monitoring	0.00	10000.00	10000.00	0.00
NR SA MDB African Lovegrass Control	0.00	1600.00	1259.70	340.30
NR SA MDB African Lovegrass Trial Mt Compass	0.00	8636.36	2319.47	6,316.89
NR SA MDB African Lovegrass Trial Tallen Bend	0.00	8181.82	1604.20	6,577.62
NR SA MDB General weed control	0.00	0.00	267.81	-267.81
NR SA MDB Coastal and Wetlands Project 2019	4,930.05	25000.00	29930.05	0.00
NR SA MDB Community Engagement 2019	0.00	40000.00	40000.00	0.00
NR SA MDB Environmental Water Protection Works	1,774.61	0.00	1774.61	0.00
NR SA MDB Grassland Surveys Burra	0.00	3645.00	3645.00	0.00
NR SA MDB Monarto Revegetation project	0.00	4071.00	1751.98	2,319.02
NR SA MDB SNRC Meeting Space Improvement	8.77	0.00	8.77	-0.00
NR SA MDB SNRC Landscaping	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
NR SA MDB Southern Bell Frog monitoring	0.00	19727.27	19727.27	0.00
NR SA MDB Sustainable Living Mount Barker 2019	2,918.18	16997.75	19915.93	0.00
NR SA MDB Swamp Priority Weed Control Works Mt Compass area	0.00	10000.00	1767.67	8,232.33
NR SA MDB Vallisneria Trial	0.00	0.00	-3105.00	3,105.00
NR SA MDB Wyndgate Toll Wheat Grass control project 2019	0.00	11050.00	11050.00	0.00
NR SA MDB Wyndgate Toll Wheat Grass control project 2020	0.00	4000.00	0.00	4,000.00
NR SA MDB Tolderol Project	6,240.43	0.00	1450.39	4,790.04
Red Gum Woodland Restoration	17,613.05	71250.00	91305.04	-2,441.99
Riverland Landcare Consulting	0.00	3000.00	3000.00	0.00
Crystal Lake Sculpture Symposium	0.00	15000.00	15000.00	0.00
Seed Bank (GWLAP)	25,555.86	0.00	-2973.34	29,529.20
SNRC Management Committee	10,849.77	0.00	8746.32	2,103.45
Staff Salaries 2019	3,052.19	270.00	3322.19	0.00
Staff Salaries 2020	0.00	0.00	-11714.97	11,714.97
Terramin Strathalbyn Community Consultative Committee	0.00	2751.13	2751.13	0.00
Trees for Life FFS Cross Belvidere revegetation project	0.00	7610.00	8088.12	-478.12
Wages Provision	29,410.21	0.00	-18046.63	47,456.84
Yankallilla Service Station	0.00	33032.25	33032.25	0.00
Goolwa Waste Depar Direct Seeding 2018	-229.05	7817.40	7588.35	0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>764,839.45</b>	<b>957,252.53</b>	<b>1,001,818.33</b>	<b>720,273.65</b>

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF  
GOOLWA TO WELLINGTON LOCAL ACTION PLANNING ASSOCIATION INC.  
(THE ASSOCIATION)**

***Report of the Financial Report***

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of The Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association Inc. (The Association), which comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2019, the Statement of Financial Performance, Notes to the Financial Statements and the Statement and Report by members of the Management Committee.

***Committee's Responsibility and those charged with Governance for the Financial Report***

The committee of The Association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act SA 1985 and the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission Act 2012 (Part 3-2 Div. 60 – Reporting) and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibilities also included establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

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

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

***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risks assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting under the Associations Incorporation Act SA 1985 and the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission Act 2012 (Part 3-2 Div. 60 – Reporting). We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, of any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

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

### ***Independence***

We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Boards APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

### ***Auditor's Opinion***

In our opinion, the Financial Statements of The Association presents fairly in all material respects the financial position of The Association as of 30 June 2019 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.



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Dated: 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019