BELLARINE CATCHMENT NETWORK



ANNUAL REPORT

2020–2021

BELLARINE CATCHMENT NETWORK
Landcare and Coastcare

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge Wadawurrung, the Traditional Owners of the land on which we work and live, and pay our respects to their elders past, present and future.





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ABOUT BELLARINE CATCHMENT NETWORK

The Bellarine Catchment Network (BCN) is a non-government, incorporated body that is governed by a volunteer committee of management. The network is made up representatives from key catchment and coastal organisations (both government and non-government) with an integrated catchment management focus. This includes environment groups, 'Friends of' groups, land managers, Landcare and Coastcare. Seven staff members currently deliver various programs and projects across the Geelong and Bellarine region.

We offer a variety of services to educational institutions, the wider community, other environmental organisations, businesses and government bodies. We also run a number of programs and projects in Geelong and the Bellarine Peninsula including citizen science, on ground works and the facilitation of environment focused events and activities.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT Graeme O'Leary

VICE PRESIDENT Beth Ross

SECRETARY Margot Busch

TREASURER Michael Skinner

GENERAL MEMBER Heather Williams

GENERAL MEMBER Bernie Malone

NETWORK MEMBERS

Barwon Coast Committee of Management
Barwon Estuary Project
Barwon Heads Association
Bellarine Bayside Foreshore Committee of Management
Bellarine Landcare Group
Bellarine Peninsula Orange-bellied Parrot Regional Group
Borough of Queenscliffe
City of Greater Geelong
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Coastcare Victoria
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Friends of Hooded Plover Bellarine
Friends of Indented Head Woodland Nature Reserve
Friends of Ocean Grove Nature Reserve
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Friends of Yellow Gums
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Geelong Field Naturalists Club
Geelong Sustainability
Greening Australia
Ocean Grove Coastcare
Parks Victoria
SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre
Swan Bay Environment Association



PRESIDENTS REPORT



Over the last financial year, the Bellarine Catchment Network (BCN), under the stewardship of our Program Manager Matt Crawley, continued to focus on providing an integrated and responsive service for our 32 member organisations and our broader community. This was achieved through our environmental education, coastal and biodiversity programs, consultative and resource support, and as a network communication channel.

Like our partners and members, BCN's resilient, dedicated, and focused team have continued to meet challenges resulting from the ongoing pandemic by finding and implementing innovative and flexible solutions to the delivery of our programs and services. The 2020-2021 Annual Report details our many and varied member and community focused activities. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of our team's outstanding achievements.

During the 20-21 financial year, BCN successfully published a wide range of online environmental resources designed to assist schools and foster an understanding of our regions exceptional and varied ecosystems. BCN also continued to focus on field-based education, including the Edventure partnership with Port Phillip Ferries, which involves students experiencing and celebrating our bay marine environment.

Led by Matt and James, and in partnership with the Victorian Fisheries Authority, Ecologic, and the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (CCMA), we commenced the Dunecare Project aimed at cultivating a geological, cultural and ecological understanding of our fragile dunes ecosystems for Year 9 students. The project also involves the students actively preserving our dunes.

BCN successfully launched a series of community focused environmental educational videos covering topics like beachcombing, revegetation, weeding, seagrass discovery and birdwatching. Whilst our summer field activities were restricted, we were able to facilitate several beachcombs in partnership with Bellarine Bayside, as well as producing the highly informative Coastcare funded, Summer by the Sea video on Coastal Plant identification.

BCN continued to develop important relationships with organisations such as Geelong Ports, GMHBA and Diversitat, by offering a highly successful corporate volunteering program designed to educate and to connect employees to our diverse and unique Bellarine environment.

Led by Rebecca, our Environmental Projects Facilitator, the Catchment Network was privileged and honoured to be able to work with the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, and in particular, Corrina Eccles, in the development and launch of the Bay Country App. The App is a journey of discovery, focusing on our local hero species, highlighting the importance of the Wadawurrung's ongoing connection with the Bellarine through language, history, and traditional uses.

Through vital funding from DELWP's Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Capital Grants Program, the Port Phillip Bay Fund and valued partners like the City of Greater Geelong (CoGG), CCMA, Borough of Queenscliffe, and other funding bodies, BCN continued to work in partnership with our members and others to develop and progress our diverse terrestrial and marine initiatives including community projects such as Gardens for Wildlife and the Bush Hero campaign.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Naomi, our Communications and Community Engagement Coordinator, with the assistance of Beth Ross, our Vice President, and the Bellarine Landcare Group (BLG), was responsible for coordinating, updating, and reprinting our informative and very popular Coastal and Inland Plants of the Bellarine Peninsula booklets.

BCN continued working with our partners, focusing on waste and litter reduction across Geelong and the Bellarine through our educational services and volunteer-lead citizen science program. We would like to thank our litter champions for their on-going commitment and passion that is essential to the success of the Litter Hotspots program, which has resulted in an 80% reduction at many sites in Geelong and on the Bellarine over the past 4 years.

Another outstanding highlight was the collaborative partnership with Barwon South West Waste and Resource Recovery Group (BSWWRRG) to develop a simple step-by-step guide with best practice and key options to consider in the planning, delivery and evaluation of events to eliminate waste. Caring For Our Bays (CFOB) developed a physical event kit and resource recovery stations which are available for free loan by events across the region. It is hoped that this project will assist events of all sizes to transition effectively, steadily and successfully to more sustainable, eco-friendly events.

Our Biodiversity team headed by Lachie, our Biodiversity Coordinator with the assistance of Tim, our Biodiversity Officer, continued to work in conjunction with our partners, Geelong Cemeteries Trust, Country Fire Authority, VicTrack, Moremac, Parks Victoria and the CCMA, to deliver a range of bush regeneration, indigenous planting, maintenance services and community days. The team also worked closely with our partners, the Borough of Queenscliffe and the Swan Bay Environment Association, inaugurating the Borough Coastcarers volunteer group aimed at restoring indigenous habitat in Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale.

Sophie Small continues to provide outstanding support for the Bellarine Landcare Group, with significant outcomes in habitat restoration, weed and rabbit control and grassland preservation work.

I am very pleased to report that Matt and the team were able to successfully secure a net profit of $464,526 for the FY 20/21. This includes $278,194 in funds carried over from multiyear partnership agreements. BCN, with a fiscally responsible budget, has again met its project commitments within agreed timeframes. Our strong fiscal position allows BCN to confidently focus in on expanding our program and service delivery for the next financial year.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the current committee, Beth, Vice President, Margot, Secretary, Michael, Treasurer, and general committee members, Heather and Bernie for their enthusiasm, dedication, and perceptive contributions. The committee continue to be focused on our governance, legal and regulatory responsibilities.

As we head towards our 25th year of operations we are enthusiastically looking forward to developing a new strategic plan in partnership with our members; a plan focused on supporting and assisting our members achieve their environmental objectives. I would also like to particularly thank Matt for his inspirational leadership. His dedication to our vision, membership, community, and the Bellarine environment is exceptional and resolute. Matt, along with our committed, enthusiastic, professional team, James, Naomi, Sophie, Rebecca, Tim and Lachlan, have met all the challenges of 2020/21 with motivation and focused, inspired innovative solutions.

Finally, I would like to thank all our member organisations for your continued highly valued support. We greatly appreciate your contributions and guidance.

GRAEME O'LEARY, PRESIDENT



PROGRAM MANAGER + STAFF

This past year has again challenged the BCN program and service delivery. We have continued with our proactive approach to ensure we identify and deliver environmental and community support services. The established partnerships and relationships enable these services to be delivered in a timely and efficient manner. We provide services in many forms; from supporting new groups like the Borough Coastcarers, to updating the 3rd Edition edition of our flora booklets. This year, the team also had representation on several advisory and steering committees, including the Port Phillip Bay Technical Advisory Group and the Barwon Water Environment Advisory Group. This demonstrates the additional ways that BCN works with, and for the community.

BCN pride themselves on meeting the environmental challenges, community needs and expectations to the best of our ability. I am very proud of this teams commitment and service delivery to the environment and community of the Bellarine.



MATT CRAWLEY

Program Manager



JAMES ADAMS

Coastal Program Leader



LACHLAN FORBES

Biodiversity Coordinator



SOPHIE SMALL

Bellarine Landcare Group, Landcare Facilitator



REBECCA ST LEDGER

Environmental Projects Facilitator



NAOMI WELLS

Communications & Community Engagement Coordinator



TIM TROTTIER

Biodiversity Field Officer

PROJECTS + PROGRAMS



PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

Bellarine Catchment Network has many ongoing annual projects and programs with our partner organisations, sponsors and education institutions. The following is a summary of each and what was achieved during 2020-2021.

BELLARINE RAIL TRAIL



Work continued at 3 biodiversity hotspots including *Watsonia meriana* control with help from 2 x Working For Victoria teams. BCN helped Bellarine Landcare Group run Weed Walk 'n' Gawks near Swan Bay Road. BCN and BLG continued to work collaboratively to environmental interpretation signage for the trail.

BOROUGH COASTCARERS



The new 'Borough Coastcarers' program was established in 2020 at the Narrows in Queenscliff and RipView in Point Lonsdale in collaboration with the Borough of Queenscliffe and the Swan Bay Environment Association. Volunteers remove weeds like Polygala to protect threatened Coastal Moonah Woodland habitat.

CFA PARTNERSHIP



The CFA sponsored BCN to undertake bush regeneration works at the Narrows in Queenscliff and the Lighthouse Reserve in Point Lonsdale. Fuel loads were removed and 10 invasive weed species were targeted. This partnership also allowed BCN to facilitate school and community environment days.

CARING FOR OUR BAYS (CFOB)



With funding from a range of organisations including DELWP, BSWWRRG, CoGG, Landcare, Coastcare and the CCMA, we facilitated the Bay Country App and promotional video, CFOB Hotspots program, education days, the Ramsar program and the Zero Waste Event Kit.

PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

CORPORATE VOLUNTEERING

In 2021, we launched our new corporate volunteering program in partnership with GMHBA and GJ Gardner Homes. These volunteers helped restore the natural environment through weed removal and revegetation at Point Lonsdale and Queenscliff.



DISTINCTIVE AREAS + LANDSCAPES

Funding from the DELWP's Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Program has continued this financial year, supporting projects like the Bush Heroes, regeneration signage, booklet reprints, education, community engagement and events.



DUNECARE

BCN partnered with the Victorian Fisheries Authority, Ecologic and the CCMA to deliver the Dunecare program. Year 9 students from the Bellarine region visited Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale dune systems to learn about the environment and conservation efforts.



EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

To engage students virtually, we produced 5 'Remote Learning Resources' on a series of topics including biodiversity, feral animals and climate change. These activities encourage kinesthetic and outdoor learning and were used by students across the region.



EVENTS + FESTIVALS

This year, we supported many festivals including Festival of the Sea, the Great Ocean Road Running Festival and Day By The Bay. We ran numerous summer beachcombs on the northern Bellarine and facilitated a Wetland Wonder Competition for World Migratory Bird Day.



PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

FLORA BOOKLETS



The 3rd Edition of the 'Coastal and Inland Plants of the Bellarine Peninsula' booklets were reprinted with funding from Coastcare Victoria and Bellarine Landcare Group as an auspice. This edition features updated information and new photos.

GARDENS FOR WILDLIFE



BCN conducted a pilot G4W program in Ocean Grove, focusing on the Yellow Gums Estate. We trained over 10 volunteers as 'Garden Guides', visited 9 properties between Covid-19 lockdowns and distributed 162 resources to residents including indigenous plants.

GEELONG CEMETERIES



BCN continued to facilitate on-ground regeneration including weed removal at the Leopold and Queenscliff Cemeteries. Revegetation works occurred at Queenscliff with the installation of over 1000 plants by a Working For Victoria team.

GOVENORS PLACE



Working with the City of Greater Geelong, Ocean Grove Coastcare and Barwon Coast Committee of Management, BCN and a Working For Victoria team were able to help control 11 weed species at Govenors Place in Ocean Grove.

NATURE CADETS



BCN participated in Bellarine Bayside's Nature Cadet program and facilitated a coastal beachcomb and Aquascope adventure at Portarlington. Participants explored the intertidal zone by wading through the seagrass and exploring the beach.

PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

POINT LONSDALE SAND PROGRAM



Volunteers participating in this citizen science program continued to collect data in-between Covid-19 lockdowns. Data was regularly collected by two Working For Victoria teams working with BCN on a range of projects.

RAMSAR PROGRAM



BCN partnered with the Victorian Fisheries Authority and Fishcare Victoria to deliver Ramsar education days for 7 schools from the Bellarine. Students engaged in Ramsar themed games, canoeing, sustainable fishing demonstrations, beachcombs and aquascoping.

SUMMER BY THE SEA



The 2021 Coastcare Victoria Summer By The Sea program occurred online and BCN contributed by producing an educational video on 'Coastal Plant ID'. This video showcases local coastal plants that can be found across Victoria and what makes them unique.

THE POINT



BCN continued with offset management and conservation zone weed control works in The Point. Staff conducted cyclical weed control on priority weeds including Bridal Creeper and woody weeds with general regeneration being observed across the site.

YOUTUBE SERIES



BCN produced a series of 'Environmental Action' videos on topics like birdwatching, beachcombing, revegetation and weeding. Each video is available on the BCN YouTube channel and our website.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Education during a pandemic

Despite lockdowns and Covid-19 restrictions, Bellarine Catchment Network engaged with many primary, secondary and tertiary educational institutions during the 2020-2021 financial year. This included tailored environment days featuring weeding, revegetation, litter audits, arts and craft, walks 'n' talks, coastal education and birdwatching activities.

Barwon Heads Primary School x 2

Bellarine Secondary College Year 12 x 2

Bellarine Secondary College LiNC x 6

Drysdale Primary School

Federation University

North Geelong Secondary College x 10

Portarlington Primary School

Point Lonsdale Primary School

St Aloyisius Primary School

St Leonards Primary School

Surfside PS Primary School

Wallington PS Primary School

892
STUDENTS ENGAGED

28
SCHOOL EVENTS

1000
RESOURCES DISTRIBUTED

Portarlington Primary School



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

The Zero Waste Event Guide

The Zero Waste Event Guide was launched in early 2021 at the Great Ocean Road Running Festival and is a collaboration led by Barwon South West Waste and Resource Recovery Group (BSWWRRG) and supported by the Bellarine Catchment Network 'Caring For Our Bays' program. The purpose of the Guide is to help event organisers, land managers and patrons eliminate waste and prevent litter at Victorian events of all sizes and types, regardless of their duration, location, number of patrons or setup.

Bellarine Catchment Network developed a flat-pack kit designed to compliment the guide with valuable advice and input from the Queenscliff Music Festival. The kit can be viewed on the BSWWRRG website and is available to loan for free from the BCN office.





Rebecca St Ledger (BCN) at the Great Ocean Road Running Festival



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Working For Victoria

Many school and community events could not go ahead in 2020 and 2021. BCN received support from multiple Working For Victoria teams under the management of the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (CCMA) and Conservation Volunteers Australia. These teams supported BCN through significant revegetation efforts, weed removal, infrastructure installation, sand monitoring and litter removal.

Bellarine Rail Trail - weed removal

Bonnyvale Wetland - revegetation

Bunnywood - revegetation

Geelong CFOB hotspots - litter removal

Govenors Place - weed removal

The Narrows - weed removal

Point Lonsdale - sand monitoring

Pt Lillias, Avalon - litter removal

Queenscliff Cemetery - revegetation

Ripview Woodland - fencing, weeding



Revegetation at Bunnywood, Point Lonsdale



OUTCOMES

These outcomes reflect the broad reach that Bellarine Catchment Network has, from engagement at festivals and school environment days, to resources provided to partners. We would like to thank our network members, partners, funders, volunteers and supporters for helping us achieve these outstanding outcomes.

1,635
people engaged

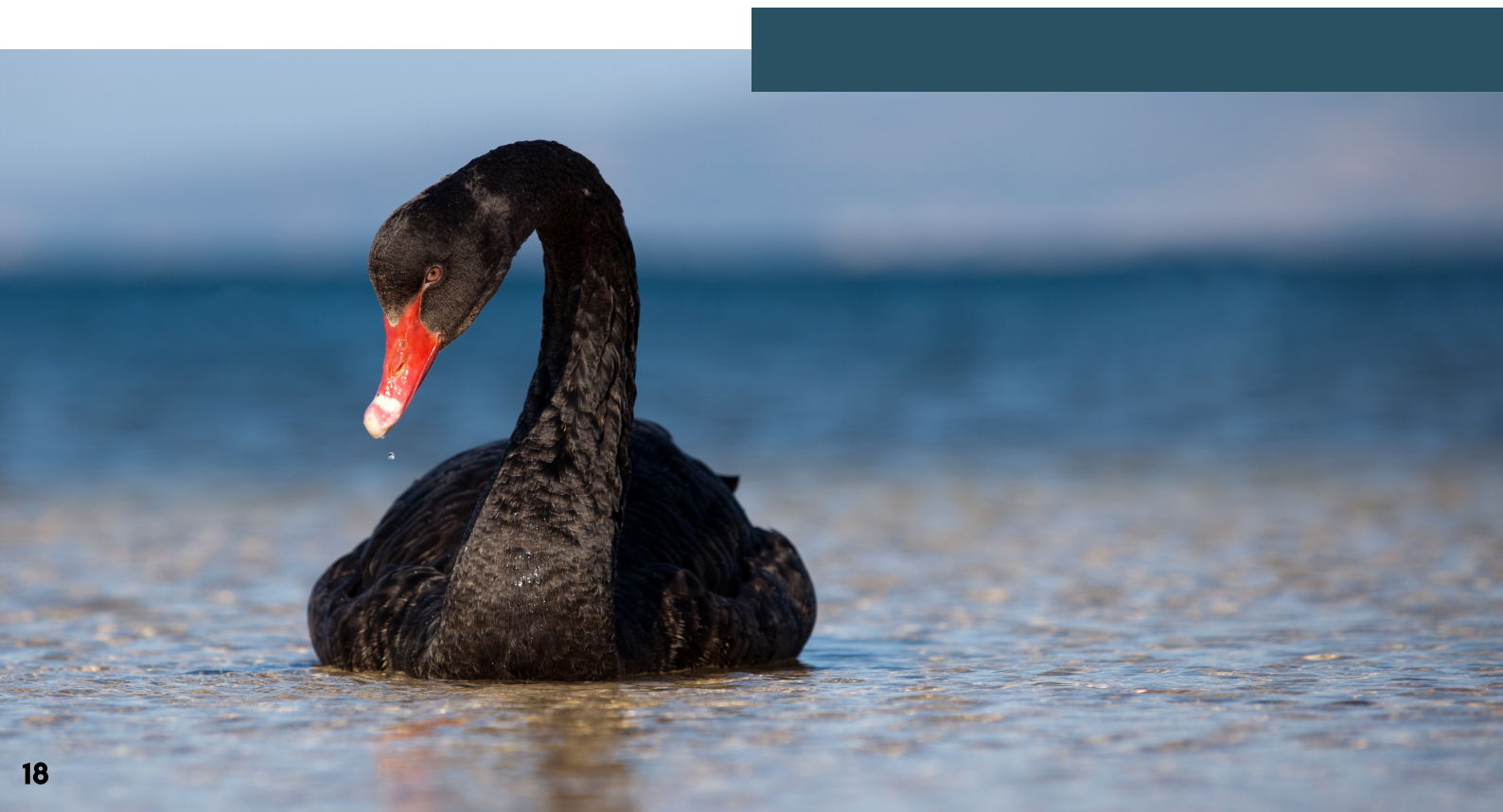
30
community events

28
school events

5,000
resources distributed

2,109
new social followers

15
new resources



FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Sheet

Bellarine Catchment Network Inc
As at 30 June 2021

	30 Jun 2021	30 Jun 2020
Assets		
Bank		
BBL - Card 1.	812	1,812
BBL - Card 2.	2,102	1,712
BBL - Card 3.	1,902	1,186
BBL - Card 4.	740	740
BBL - Card 5.	222	1,013
BBL - Main Account	480,834	63,952
BBL - Payroll Account	33,530	7,825
NAB Cash Manager	21,407	301,503
Total Bank	**541,549**	**379,743**
Current Assets		
Accounts Receivable	55,917	31,235
Suspense Account	11,536	-
Total Current Assets	**67,453**	**31,235**
Fixed Assets		
IT Equipment: At Cost	4,026	4,026
Motor Vehicle:At Cost	159,734	68,382
Plant & Equipment:At Cost	65,121	54,681
Plant & Equipment:Less Accumulated Depreciation	(677)	(677)
Total Fixed Assets	**228,204**	**126,412**
Total Assets	**837,206**	**537,390**
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	2,199	19,626
Current Provisions:Annual Leave	31,016	31,016
Current Provisions:Long Service Leave	5,557	5,557
GST	47,595	32,161
NAB Business Card	(9,553)	(12,062)
Payroll Liabilities:PAYG	5,397	5,017
Payroll Liabilities:Superannuation	8,195	7,058
Rounding	-	-
Triton (1HV7QD) - Finance	7,198	7,198
Triton (1HV7QD) - Unexpired Interest	(1,053)	(1,053)
Triton (1SE7UB) - Finance	7,500	-
Triton (1SE7UB) - Unexpired Interest	(4,331)	-
Triton (1SK1AD) - Finance	6,988	-
Triton (1SK1AD) - Unexpired Interest	(2,272)	-
Triton (ARG889) - Finance	9,519	9,519
Triton (ARG889) - Unexpired Interest	(890)	(890)
Total Current Liabilities	**113,065**	**103,147**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Sheet

	30 Jun 2021	30 Jun 2020
Non-Current Liabilities		
Provisions:Long Service Leave	1,450	1,450
Triton 1HV7QD - Finance	4,604	11,097
Triton 1HV7QD - Unexpired Interest	(370)	(370)
Triton 1SE7UB - Finance	35,314	-
Triton 1SE7UB - Unexpired Interest	(2,695)	-
Triton 1SK1AD - Finance	36,165	-
Triton 1SK1AD - Unexpired Interest	(4,204)	-
Triton ARG889 - Finance	4,728	8,725
Triton ARG889 - Unexpired Interest	(125)	(125)
Wages Payable - Payroll	31	-
Total Non-Current Liabilities	**74,898**	**20,777**
Total Liabilities	**187,963**	**123,924**
Net Assets	**649,243**	**413,466**

Equity

Current Year Earnings	514,526	278,750
Retained Earnings	134,716	134,716
Total Equity	**649,243**	**413,466**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Profit and Loss

Bellarine Catchment Network Inc
For the 12 months ended 30 June 2021

	Jun-21	Jun-20
Income		
Donations Income	198	900
Grant and Incomes	693,911	723,884
Interest Income	86	297
Total Income	**694,194**	**725,081**
Gross Profit	**694,194**	**725,081**
Plus Other Income		
Carried Forward Profit - Committed Funds from Prior Year	278,750	18,171
Cash Flow Boost	43,827	33,790
Total Other Income	**322,577**	**51,961**
Less Operating Expenses		
ADMINISTRATION : Executive Expenses	650	336
ADMINISTRATION: Annual Report & AGM	229	906
ADMINISTRATION:Accounting	-	1,555
ADMINISTRATION:Advertising	-	133
ADMINISTRATION:Annual Fees/Memberships	2,502	1,690
ADMINISTRATION:Bank Fees	2,366	67
ADMINISTRATION:Bookkeeping	14,111	18,315
ADMINISTRATION:Gifts	247	-
ADMINISTRATION:Meeting Expenses	187	643
ADMINISTRATION:Motor Vehicle Parking	-	11
ADMINISTRATION:OHS	339	2,043
ADMINISTRATION:Professional Development	1,532	946
ADMINISTRATION:Telephone-Mobiles	5,656	7,727
ADMINISTRATION:Travel Expenses	261	648
ADMINISTRATION:Uniforms PPE	3,384	2,334
Annual Leave Expense	-	15,508
Auspice Grant	13,460	19,840
BEC: Printer Services	1,452	1,850
BEC: Waste & Landfill	744	1,979
BEC:Cleaning	244	214
BEC:Dropbox	-	168
BEC:Electricity	986	1,284
BEC:Email Services	54	227
BEC:Equipment Purchases(Office)	1,242	1,513
BEC:Internet	1,895	1,198
BEC:IT Software	941	1,568
BEC:IT Support	4,666	4,616
BEC:Office Infrastructure - external	2,487	3,087
BEC:Office Insurance	796	723
BEC:Postage	174	92
BEC:Staff Amenities	134	222

FINANCIAL REPORT

Profit and Loss

	Jun-21	Jun-20
BEC:Stationery	483	889
Borrowing Costs written off	-	1,169
CAPACITY BUILDING: Education & Community Engagement	136	4,338
CAPACITY BUILDING:Catering	1,902	833
CAPACITY BUILDING:Media	3,600	29
CAPACITY BUILDING:Printing, Signage, Brochure	1,035	83
CAPACITY BUILDING:Workshop Expenses	193	484
Casual Sub-Contractors	-	2,303
Interest Expense	-	2
LITTER & WASTE : Infrastructure	7,311	-
Monitoring & Evaluation/Survey	1	-
MOTOR VEHICLE:Fuel	4,952	5,662
MOTOR VEHICLE:Parking	11	212
MOTOR VEHICLE:Tolls	55	242
MOTOR VEHICLE:Vehicle Insurance	2,890	1,783
MOTOR VEHICLE:Vehicle Maintenance	1,968	3,343
MOTOR VEHICLE:Vehicle Registration	619	1,288
ON GROUND WORKS: Guards & Stakes	-	2,772
ON GROUND WORKS: Monitoring Surveying	509	4
ON GROUND WORKS:Chemical Purchases	1,285	1,314
ON GROUND WORKS:Contractors	3,936	14,463
ON GROUND WORKS:Pest, Plant & Animals	45	13,123
ON GROUND WORKS:Repairs & Maintenance	-	130
ON GROUND WORKS:Revegetation	4,205	8,996
ON GROUND WORKS:Sundry	4,352	112
ON GROUND WORKS:Tools	3,771	3,857
Other Expense	-	(731)
PAYROLL:Casual Wages	190	4,454
PAYROLL:Salaries - Contract & Ongoing	325,136	265,272
PAYROLL:Staff Training	694	1,705
PAYROLL:Super	33,393	27,519
PAYROLL:Workcover	3,029	3,162
PPB 19/20 - Community Engagement	4,852	9,972
PPB 19/20 - Contractors	1,064	2,904
PPB 19/20 - On-Ground Works	1,680	8,897
PPB 19/20 - Project Management	-	1,132
PPB 19/20 Evaluation	-	3,600
PPBR3 19/20 - Project Management	-	38
PPBR3 19-20 - Advertising	481	181
PPBR3 19-20 - Contractors	6,702	6,923
PPBR3 19-20 - Materials	9,197	605
PPBR3 19-20 - PPE	6,474	2,039
PPBR3 19-20 - Training	3,000	1,750
PPBR3 19-20 Other-Launch	1,850	-
TRAILER & MACHINERY ASSETS : Insurance	347	-
TRAILER & MACHINERY ASSETS : Registration	61	-
Venue Hire	95	-

FINANCIAL REPORT

Profit and Loss

	Jun-21	Jun-20
Total Operating Expenses	**502,244**	**498,293**
Net Profit	**514,526**	**278,750**

AUDIT REPORT

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF BELLARINE CATCHMENT NETWORK INCORPORATED

Scope

The Financial Report and Committee's Responsibility
I have audited the attached special purpose financial report of the Bellarine Catchment Network Incorporated, being the Proft & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for the 12 months period ending 30 June 2021.

The Committee of the incorporated entity is responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee's financial reporting requirements. I disclaim any responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Audit Approach
I have conducted an independent audit in order to express an opinion to the members of the entity on its preparation and presentation. My audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, in order to provide reasonable as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The nature of the audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgement, selective testing, and inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

I performed procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, including compliance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia, a view which is consistent with my understanding of the entity's financial position, and of its performance as represented by the result of its operations.

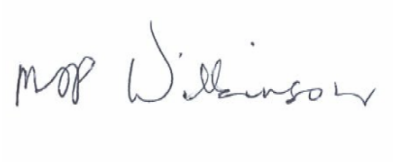
I formed an audit opinion on the basis of these procedures, which included examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report.

While I considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of my procedures, my audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

Independence
In conducting my audit, I followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Audit Opinion
In my opinion, subject to the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation discussed in the qualification paragraphs not existed, the financial report is in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* and gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Bellarine Catchment Network Incorporated as at the 30 June 2021 and the results of its operations for the 12 months then ended and complies with the Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations).

Signed at Geelong this 29th day of October 2021



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NETWORK MEMBERS

Thank you to the representatives of all our member groups and organisations who have participated in our meetings in the 2020-2021 financial year.

Barwon Coast

BARWON ESTUARY PROJECT

Barwon Heads Association

Bellarine Bayside Coastal Management

Bellarine Landcare Group

Bellarine Peninsula Orange-bellied Parrot Regional Group

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