



Annual Report
2015-2016



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234

Members across Australia

10

Board Members

10

Life Members

3

Southern Cross
Award Recipients

1 VISION:

"More People
Outdoors
More Often"

200

Volunteers

311

Booking Enquiries

21

People Outdoors
Weekend Camp Programs

9

People Outdoors
School Holiday
Programs

10

People Outdoors Day
Activity Programs

24

People Outdoors
Volunteer
Induction Sessions

This is the Australian Camps
Association and People Outdoors

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Adventure for all



2015 International Camp Directors Course Alumni



People Outdoors Expo Display

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From Our President

It is often said that the only certainty in life is that things will change!

Well 2015/16 has indeed been a year of significant change for the members, Board and staff of the ACA. Although some of these changes have been beyond our control, others have been initiated by the Board. In this environment of pro-actively initiating change, whilst at the same time responding to externally imposed change, I acknowledge the dedication and commitment of the ACA staff and my fellow Board members. The professional way in which our team has continued to perform is noteworthy.

Board Membership

Throughout this year the Board has instigated the new Constitutional requirements for Board membership. This has entailed moving from 11 elected Board members, to seven elected Board members and between two and four appointed members.

As part of this transition the Board reluctantly accepted a resignation from our longest serving Board Member and Treasurer Bill Oakley (OAM and ACA Life Member). Bill's service to the camping sector and the ACA, both locally and internationally, has spanned many decades and his wisdom and dedication has been outstanding.

The second Board member who resigned through this period was Daniel Findley. Although Daniel was a Board Member for a short period, his professional approach, particularly regarding HR matters and governance, was greatly appreciated. We wish Daniel well in his next adventure.

Towards establishing a Board more highly skilled across a very diverse range of requirements, a successful Board Member recruitment was conducted early 2016. This process has resulted in the following Board member appointments:

- Joel Thompson
- Ange Chandler
- Mark Monahan
- Pam Kappelides

I would like to thank these new Board members for their willingness to serve the ACA and already they are making a significant contribution.

Staffing

At relatively short notice and most unexpectedly, late in 2015 the Board received the resignation of our long serving CEO David Petherick. David's service to the camping sector across nearly a decade has been acknowledged elsewhere, however at this point I must acknowledge the tireless and enthusiastic effort David contributed. He joined the ACA as CEO at a point when the future was particularly precarious and through his great passion and personality he was able to set the ACA on a course of growth and sustainability.

Due to several strategic decisions mainly around the NDIS and People Outdoors, the Board made an initial interim CEO appointment. Pete Griffiths very ably filled this three month term and has subsequently taken up the role of CEO. I am very appreciative of Pete's willingness to guide the ACA through a somewhat difficult transition and look forward to him guiding the ACA in the future. Thanks Pete!

Throughout this transition the small team of staff has continued to operate most professionally and have been absolutely supportive of the Board. A big thankyou to Jess, Stephen, Marnie, Heike, Louise and Gosia.

This year has again seen the ACA, through our staff and our members, make a significant contribution to the continuing growth and development of the camping and outdoors sector across Australia and abroad.

Some of the more noteworthy achievements this past year include:

Member Services

The Board has re-cast the strategic priorities for the next three to five years and at the top of these priorities is member services. Whilst we accept that part of the role for an association such as the ACA is the broader industry development tasks, a primary purpose is services that directly add value for our members.

Pete and the team have been working hard on re-energising several aspects around member services including the group purchasing/preferred supplier benefits scheme, training activities, Outdoor Business Online and support resources to name just a few.

Training

In line with increasing member satisfaction, the ACA has continued to ramp up the provision of training opportunities for camping professionals. Once again a big thankyou to the training sub-committee convened by Marie Feutrill for all their work in this space. A great training schedule is in place and many members are benefiting from camping specific training events.

People Outdoors and NDIS Transition

The enormous challenge of transitioning the block funded People Outdoors programs to the new National Disability Insurance Scheme has occupied a significant effort this year. The Board has considered all the known implications of these changes and we anticipate an ongoing viable engagement in this important work. Led by a great team of staff, our team of volunteers has again been committed to delivering more than 40 programs for people with special needs. This important work provides great experiences for campers and respite for families. Well done to the P.O. team.

Lastly, a big thankyou to my fellow Board members, who along with already busy work and family lives find the time to dedicate to ensuring the ACA is the best it can be.



Andrew McGuckian
President



From Our Chief Executive Officer

Dear All,

This Annual Report marks the first for me as CEO after a number of years serving on the ACA Board. Before I make my remarks, I must pay my respects to the outgoing CEO, David Petherick, who left the organisation in November 2015 after ten years of service to take up a role with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

My first year in the post has been somewhat hectic as we grappled with the intricacies of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and its impact on the activities of People Outdoors, the arm of the ACA that delivers outdoor experiences to people with disabilities. The introduction of the NDIS has been challenging in many ways, not least of which is the need for People Outdoors to promote and market itself in a suddenly highly competitive market. This process has been an invaluable one, however, as it has helped the team really understand and focus on person centred delivery and the need to be really clear about the wonderful benefits, social, physical and emotional, that our campers enjoy as a result of their experience in the outdoors.

Our Five Year Strategic and Business Plan underwent its annual review at the Board's Retreat in March. The clarity and refinement of thinking that resulted from this review has been greatly useful to me as we drive the ACA's Objective Priorities, which are to:

- Continue to develop People Outdoors
- Advocate on behalf of, and facilitate services for, members on a national basis
- Develop ACA product and services that support member businesses
- Champion standards and accreditation
- Improve Board function and governance

In a nutshell, my work revolves around helping to improve the Camp experience and support the business of camps on behalf of all members, no matter what state of origin or business structure.

One essential element of this is our on line enquiry function (Booking Enquiry Service) which collates all camp enquiries through our website and disperses them to member camps. A total of 311 enquiries were generated on your behalf during the 2015/16 financial year (up from 290 in the 2014/15 FY), including 41 from schools.

As you will read in the Treasurer's Report, we have had a challenging year financially, due in part to changes to our accounting and reporting framework. We have put measures in place to address this and unfortunately as a result we have not been able to continue the employment of one of our People Outdoors staff members, Jade de Valle. I would like to thank Jade for her contributions to the work of People Outdoors and we hope to continue to see her on future programs in the field.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the support of Jess, Steve, Heike, Gosia, Marnie and Louise in supporting me in my new role. Thank you for your patience and willingness to pitch in as we undergo this period of change.



Pete Griffiths
CEO

234
active members
nation-wide

About Us

The 'not-for-profit' Australian Camps Association (ACA) is the national peak body for residential camps and outdoor providers. We strongly believe that participation in supported outdoor experiences through camps and led adventure activities leads to happier and healthier lives.

The Australian Camps Association was formed in 2005 through the amalgamation of the Camping Associations of Victoria, Tasmania, South Australian and Queensland. As the national body, the ACA works collaboratively and innovatively to develop and support camping and the outdoor sector. Today we provide information, training, resources, and services to well over 200 members located across the country.

The Australian Camps Association includes People Outdoors, established in 1989 to provide outdoor recreational activities for people of all ages with a physical or intellectual disability or an acquired brain injury. Programs include single day through to week long camps.

Our Staff



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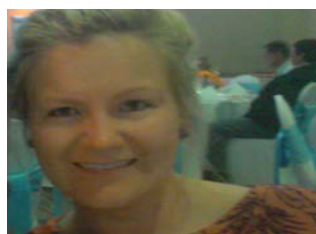
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People Outdoors-

Program Coordinator



Jade de Valle

People Outdoors-

Volunteer Coordinator

(until March 2016)

Our Mission

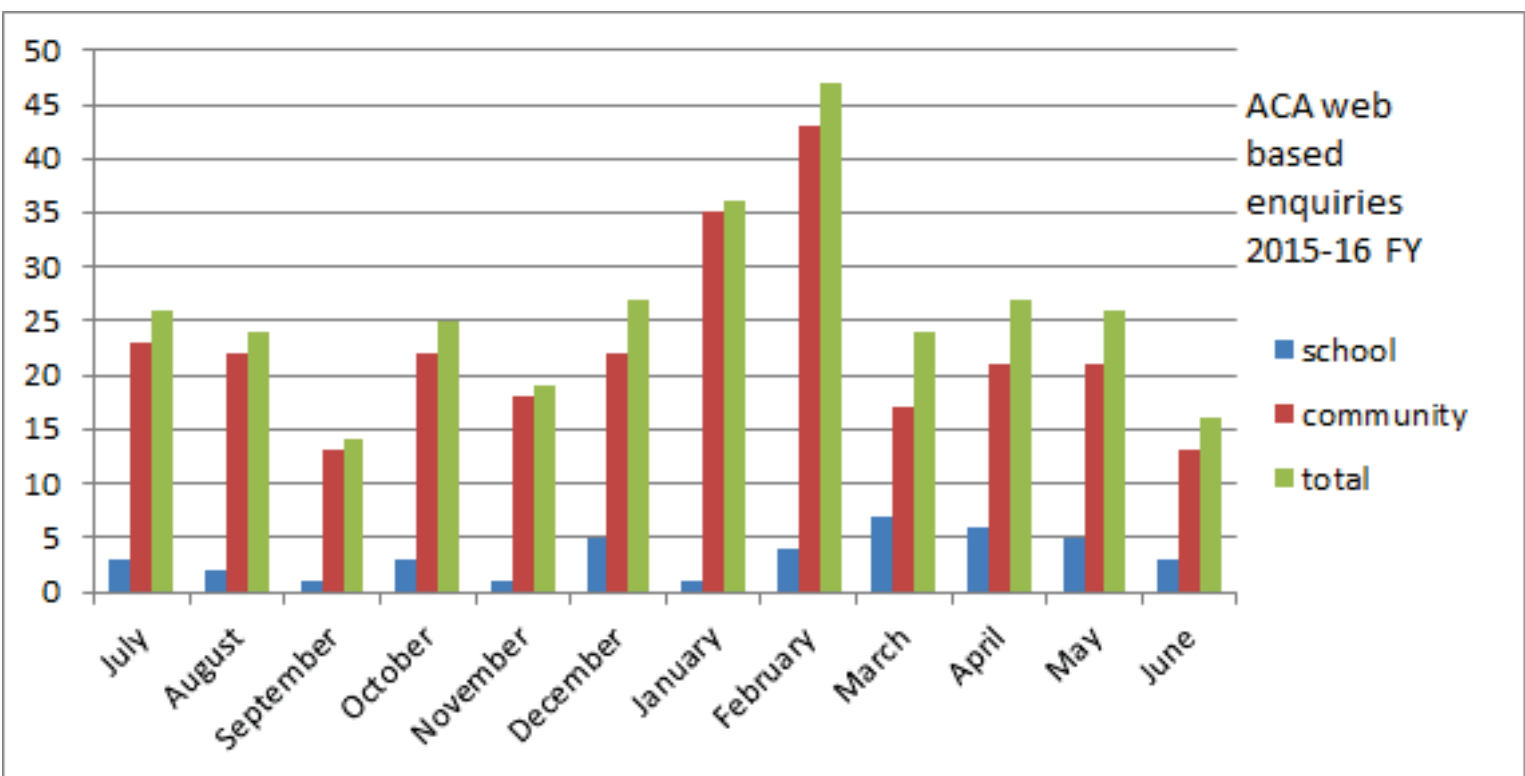
As a national body, the ACA will work collaboratively and innovatively to develop and support camping and the outdoor sector. We will promote the community benefits of the camping and outdoor experience.

Booking Enquiry Service: One of Our Key Membership Benefits

Every year the ACA generates hundreds of online booking enquiries through our website which are then forwarded on to members. One of our key internal performance indicators is the quality, number and spread of these enquiries across Australia. It is gratifying to see that enquiries for the 2015/16 financial year increased by 7% over the previous period and that we were able to deliver enquiries for camps throughout the country.

Enquiries from community groups make up 85% of the total received, which indicates the great interest people have in the camping experience and the enormous diversity of campers we see - everyone from family reunions to faith groups to sporting and special interest clubs - even the occasional wedding.

The data spread in the graph below also clearly illustrates the ebb and flow of interest across the year, with a clear peak of enquiries in the January/February period and school enquiries peaking at the end of term one.



A Members Perspective:

Urban Camp Melbourne- Paddy O'Sullivan

"As I move into retirement after 20 years at Urban Camp a reflective moment takes me back to my early experiences of the Victorian Camping Association with the 'doyen' Don McDowell and the steep learning curve of understanding a whole new industry I had stumbled into.

I furiously attended workshops, seminars, conferences, networking days at campsites and never hesitated to jump on the 'blower' to ask a question or get an opinion. I'm glad to say nothing has changed in the ensuing years as the degree of service, support and information is immediately at hand, just make the effort to contact the ACA office.

These networking opportunities have always been productive sessions for me as I have found Campsite Managers and staff naturally sharing people, perhaps we are just proud of our camp and just want to show off what we have. Whatever your take, the collaborative and co-operative spirit abounds.

I have never been shy to take up an invitation to visit a Campsite after an ACA event and just like any form of travel, a visit to some other campsite is an excellent educational experience as all managers share and compare without fear or favour.

Don't forget this also gets you out of the office. Yay!

"Membership to the ACA should be treated as an investment, remember it's up to you to get the most out of it; to make your camp a better operation; your staff more informed and knowledgeable and hopefully the groups return again and again to your cracking campsite."

Now under the leadership of Pete Griffiths along with 'the go-to dynamo' Jess, Stephen and Louise we are very lucky to have an industry peak body who actually CARES.

Well what are you waiting for?"

- Paddy

Urban Camp Melbourne has been a member of the Australian Camps Association for over 25 years. The ACA would like to wish Paddy all the very best in his retirement and we look forward to a continued relationship with Urban Camp Melbourne well into the future.



Milestones and Events

2015

July

3 x PO school holiday camps including 'Adventure for All' + 3 x PO weekend camps + 1 x PO day activity

August

2 x PO weekend camps (1 x Life Without Barriers) + 1 x PO day activity

September

International Camp Directors Course at PGL Campaspe Downs

1 x PO weekend camp
2 x PO school holiday camps + 1 x PO day activity

October

2 x PO weekend camps + 1 x PO day activity

Advanced First Aid Training

November

ACA Annual General Meeting
3 x PO weekend camps + 1 x PO day activity

December

Held exhibitor stall at 'Disability Sport & Recreation Festival' at Federation Square

January

3 x PO school holiday camps + 1 x PO weekend camps + 1 x PO day activity

February

PO completed Department of Health & Human Services and National Disability Insurance Scheme Audits.
2 x PO weekend camps + 1 x PO day activity

March

2 x PO weekend camps
1 x PO school holiday camp + 1 x PO day activity

April

2 x PO weekend camps + 1 x PO day activity

May

Marketing & Social Media Masterclass
Volunteer Helper, Juilan Fleckner- finalist in Victorian Disability Awards- volunteer (ind.) category
2 x PO weekend camps + 1 x PO day activity

June

1 x PO weekend camp + 1 x PO day activity
PO Held display at 'Our Choice Expo' Darebin
PO Volunteer Recognition Day- Health & Wellbeing Day
PO Sponsor of Volunteer West 2016 Volunteer Management Conference

2016

People Outdoors Overview

People Outdoors, a branch of The Australian Camps Association, was established in 1989 to provide outdoor recreation for people of all ages with a physical or intellectual disability or an acquired brain injury. People Outdoors is a registered NDIS service provider certified with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and accredited with the Australian Tourism Accreditation Program (ATAP).



Programs include single day through to week long camps and provide people with disabilities the opportunity to experience the social and developmental benefits of adventure outdoors. In some cases, participation is assisted by our charity, the People Outdoors Fund. All programs are staffed by trained and passionate professionals and volunteers.

People Outdoors programs are hallmarked by a high level of communication with parents/guardians and campers, including personal pre camp home visits and post program evaluation. Our programs only operate at Australian Camps Association member camps that are accredited with the ATAP program. People Outdoors programs are all about fun, personal development, social connection and enjoying the great outdoors.



WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS

Molly Ahern, Kate Cumming, Kathleen Donaldson, Anger Chol, Jasmine Geen, Declan Cilia, Patrick Walker, Sonja Finlayson, Sonja Finlayson, Nathan Earl, Mietta Italiano, Grace Balmford, James Webb, Taya Kelly, Collette Glenister, David McKead, Elaine Roscoe, Jessica Taylor, Meg Teague, Kathy Chung, Adem Salih, Adem Salih, Charlotte Vito, Erika Fluharty, Adam Yassin, Daniel Lipscombe, Ashleigh Bayes, Courtney Gardner, Meredith Coombs, Joyce (Peishi) He, Alexandra Pardy, Dallas Piggott, Amy Gan, Douglas Tjandra, Sarah Zhang, Jara Segal, Jocelyn Ong,

Edward Arthur, James Mountain, Daniel Knight, Elyse Duggan, Anna Clarke, Marvic Paz, Cara Di Roberto, Courtney Pell, Thomas Gan, Catherine Fonte, Elizabeth Allan, Sarah Chick, Jordon Birch, Aida Daniel, Catherine Ross, Maddy Laffy, Kate Walker, Davinia Coelho, Kerry Frost, George McKenna, Kathryn Connane, Rufina Bentley, Jessica Moresco, Leigh Andrews, Brooke Huxtable, Larissa Jeffery, Melissa Ladewig, Kimberly Bowker, Lisa Scicluna, Michael Scicluna, Carla McGruer, Amba-Lee Pivac, Cindy Phung, Vijay, William Lin, Bich Nhi Do, Megan Temple, John Porsovigan, Sandra Petersen, Maria Joanna

Barrientos, Saraid Lenaghan, Kai Wang, Kayo Kobayashi, AmeliaRoberts, Sebastian Hitchen, Anna Lewenhagen-Allvin, Andrea La Fontaine, Chloe Dimond, Preeyansha Veeren, Amanda D'Costa, Olivia Basani, Luke Torrisi, Maddison Holmstrom, Sarah Lee, Amy Locke, Jane Brincat, Gabrielle White, Annie Oliver, Michael Brown, Cassandra Magill, Gemma Hext, Naomi Gador, Riley Williams, Lucy (Alice) Buckley, Jayme Williams, Raianne Shaaban.

“People Outdoors provide empowering adventure camps and activities for people of all abilities and ages. Our clients always have such a great time away, often challenging themselves beyond their comfort zone or just having a wonderful outing. Time and again, I have witnessed their beaming faces illuminated by happiness!” - Claire Wong, Volunteer





A Volunteer Perspective- Ann Vidler

Hello my name is Ann and this is the story of my People Outdoors journey.

My People Outdoors journey began when I was studying a Certificate IV in Disability at the Kangan Institute. Whilst completing my work placements I was able to demonstrate the necessary skills and knowledge in both a simulated environment on Kangan Broadmeadows and Moonee Ponds campuses, also in a work environment. It was during one of Kangan's incursion days during class when we were introduced to Heike, the representative from People Outdoors.

I was very impressed with the way in which Heike explained to our class the adventures that People Outdoors provided for individuals with a disability within the local and broader communities. She spoke with such affection and dedication that I was inspired to sign up and add People Outdoors as a second placement option. I was sure that this would offer a rewarding experience for both me and the participants who attend the "Adventure for All" activities.

At my Induction with People Outdoors I was given a Volunteer's Handbook, which was a great reference guide for my first weekend camp as I was unsure if I would be able to remember all of the People Outdoors required policy and procedures while providing support for my designated camper.

The Camper Profile and the detailed volunteer job description, together with attending a home visit gave me the

information on the required levels of support that I needed to be providing while on "Adventure for all" Camps.

My first camp gave me the opportunity to use transferable skills I gained as a parent, as a person with dual qualifications in Aged Care and Home and Community Care and as a student enrolled in a Certificate IV in Disability to provide support to People Outdoors campers.

I was provided excellent assistance from the Keilor Park People Outdoors office staff and exceptional guidance from the Program Leader throughout the time spent on that weekend camp. This gave me the confidence to successfully complete all the required tasks.

I have since attended approximately fifteen People Outdoors Programs which include eleven camps and four day activities. During this time I gained the necessary experience to become a Program Leader on day activities and school holiday and weekend camps.

People Outdoors camps provide experiences that helps participants, volunteers and Program Leaders with a deeper understanding of how the world works. They teach discipline, teamwork and leadership while also providing people with a disability with social connections through flexible inclusive activities. Each program is designed to meet each camper's needs, goals and aspirations.

The camps and day activities focus on participant camper's potential ability and not on the limitations that arise from the many types of diagnosed physical and intellectual impairments.

A participant may face personal challenges while on camp however careful consideration is taken to assess all risk levels to provide safe participation in any program or day activity.

Activities which may include swimming, rope courses, Flying Fox, Giant Swing, canoeing, cooking, campfires, surfing, beach activities , bush adventures and educational learning within the local community - all of which I have had the privilege to experience as a member of the People Outdoors Team.

I have seen firsthand how each activity can improve socialization and change expectations, attitudes and behaviors while having a significant positive impact on each individual who is in attendance.

In my opinion People Outdoors vision provides holistic inclusive opportunities that empower campers, families, volunteers, the community and all staff members and in doing so improves the quality of life for all.



Why Volunteer with People Outdoors?

"I not only have fun, I learn so much. People Outdoors has assisted me in becoming the person I am and developed the skills I have today. I have been able to take these skills into the classroom as a teacher and I have People Outdoors to thank for that. If I didn't spend time on camps, I would not be the person I am today."- Hayley Spector

"People Outdoors is an organisation I believe provides great opportunity and does a great job in organising these camp opportunities for so many. After a camp I come home exhausted, but I know that the parents and campers are doing what I did for a couple of days 24/7. If I can give up just a small amount of time for parents to have time to themselves, and give my time to provide a FUN and NEW experience for the campers, then I'm happy."- Jade de Valle

"I found out about People Outdoors when my brother Craig went on a camp. Craig loved it and I thought it sounded like a great opportunity to not only give back, but to have fun with new people while doing it. I have never looked back! I love seeing the happy smiling faces of our campers and hearing about how they had a fantastic time on camp, while knowing that their parents are getting a much needed break. I also enjoy meeting new people and having fun with my new friends so PO is the place for me. I love making others happy and think it's a wonderful thing to be able to do!"- Rachel Vistarini

"People Outdoors gave me fulfillment and skills and experiences that I'll have for the rest of my life. I learned 'saint-like' patience, extreme resourcefulness, what limits emotionally and physically that I could push myself to. I had the opportunity to see and do things I never thought possible and I met people that have changed my life."- Merryn Bennett

"When I was in scouts, my scout leader Sarah Hill (at the time) worked in the office of People Outdoors and took us along to volunteer at one of your camps. I have kept volunteering ever since as I have not only made life long friends through the years but, it has given some much needed respite to the families who have children with a disability. Being at People Outdoors has given me the opportunity to see these people achieve amazing things that even 'mainstream' people find difficult to do. If I were new to People Outdoors and felt like I was in over my head, my advice would be to just give it a go. You've done the scary part of signing up to volunteer, now all that's left is to have fun!"- Chris Parrish

2016 Disability Awards:

Volunteer Award Finalist - Julian Fleckner

People Outdoors, submitted a nomination to the 2016 Disability awards for Julian Fleckner, to recognise his efforts and contribution to People Outdoors programs.

Julian is 28, he has an Intellectual Disability and Speech Impediment and attended his first camp with People Outdoors as a participant in June 1998, he has since attended 25 camps as a participant.

In 2011, Julian begin volunteering on children's camps as a camp helper where he is matched up with other volunteers for support. Julian has volunteered his time, energy and enthusiasm on 34 children's camps thus far. Julian's rapport with the children he supports is second to none and his love for what he does is obvious to everyone involved in our programs.

Julian's progress from camper to camp helper has been a joy to watch by all of us here at People Outdoors, including Program Leaders, volunteers and participants who now witness his positive impact as a camp helper. One of his key responsibilities is the management of our camp equipment, making sure it's packed neatly and returned in the same condition. Julian takes this responsibility very seriously and takes great pride in ensuring that it is completed to a very high standard.

People Outdoors were notified that Julian had become a finalist and attended the Awards Ceremony with him on 15th June 2016, where he received a Highly Commended Award. Thank you Julian & congratulations once again!



Board and Governance



Andrew McGuckian
UC Camping (VIC)
President



Bill Oakley
(VIC)
Outgoing Treasurer



Andrew Govan
Wilderness Escape
Outdoor Adventures (SA)



Elizabeth Leyshan
Mittagundi (VIC)



Rebecca Fox
Exceeding Expectations
(QLD)



Brendan Smith
YMCA Victoria (VIC)

Thank you to Daniel Findley who represented the ACA as a board member until February 2016 and to Bill Oakley who retired from the board in early 2016 - your time, effort and support of the sector is greatly appreciated.



Graham Sharpe
WA Department of Sport & Recreation (WA)



Pam Kappelides
Latrobe University (VIC)



Joel Thompson
Out Beyond/Youth Camp Leaders (VIC)



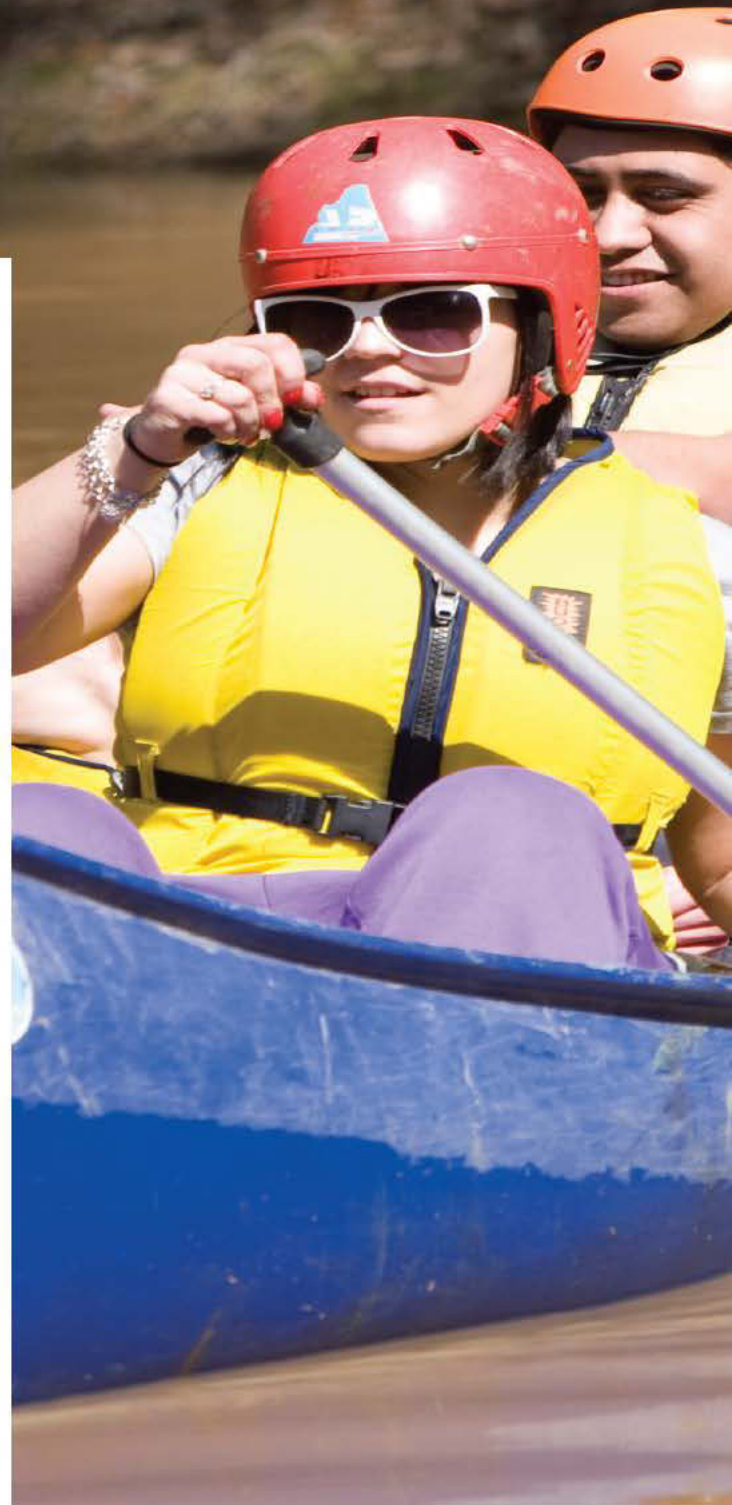
Mark Monahan
Edmund Rice Services (VIC)



Angela Chandler
Incoming Treasurer
Cave Hill Creek (VIC)



Daniel Findley
Retired from Board
DOXA (VIC)



Board Sub-Committees

People Outdoors Sub-Committee:

Pam Kappelides, Andrew Govan, Heike Flieschmann

Finance Sub-Committee:

Angela Chandler, Brendan Smith, Daniel Findley (retired), Bill Oakley (retired).

Training Sub-Committee:

Brendan Smith, Andrew McGuckian, Rebecca Fox, Maree Feutrill, Paul Colaguirri, Matt Bowker

Personnel Sub-Committee:

Andrew McGuckian, Rebecca Fox, Liz Leyshan

Accreditation Sub-Committee:

Andrew McGuckian

From the Treasurer

Financial Results for the year ended 30th June 2016

I have pleasure in presenting the audited annual accounts for the Australian Camps Association for the year ended 30th June 2016. This will be my final Treasurer's Report for ACA as I have retired as Treasurer and from the ACA Board after many years.

This year has been a year of transition and challenge. After many years of daily commuting from Geelong to Melbourne, long serving CEO David Petherick resigned to take up a position with the National Disability Insurance Agency much nearer to home. I want to acknowledge here the support I have received from David and the staff at ACA over many years in my role as Treasurer.

With the strong support of new CEO Pete Griffiths we have undertaken a review of the finances of ACA during this past year. This was prompted by the need for us to ensure we deal appropriately with grants and with the liabilities implied by our acceptance of grants. Much grant income is received in financial years which are different from the year in which the work for which the grant was made is undertaken. Also, the progressive implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) over the coming three or four years will generate significant changes to the operations and finances of People Outdoors.

In previous Treasurer's Reports I have expressed concern at the heavy reliance the ACA has on the funds generated by People Outdoors. As I write this it is not entirely clear what impact the NDIS will have on People Outdoors and ACA operations, however we are optimistic that People Outdoors will have a bright future in the post NDIS environment. The need to confront this change, along with assistance provided by Government to assess, restructure and reorganise to cope with the transition, has caused us to review our operations.

This year's results report a loss of \$86,493 which is substantial and is about \$50,000 greater than the loss we budgeted for at the beginning of this year. The Board and I have been aware for some months that this would be the likely result for the year. Most of this increase relates to a number of one-off items relating making adjustments to our take up of income to align it with the year in which the services are provided for which the income is received. I am confident that our present balance sheet and accounts accurately reflect our position.

Besides making these changes Pete Griffiths and his staff have addressed the need to constantly review expenditure and to remove costs from our operations, and to ensure everything we do is contributing to achieving our strategic objectives. As a result the 2016/17 budget gives us the confidence that this year will generate a significant positive result. For the longer term, our historic reliance on the income generated by People Outdoors remains unwise, particularly in view of the uncertainties brought about by the introduction of the NDIS. I urge the CEO and Board to continue to actively explore and pursue avenues to increase and diversify the sources of income to ACA.

Although retired from the ACA Board I continue to take a keen interest in the work of ACA, and I wish incoming Treasurer Angela Chandler every success in what can be a challenging role. I move that members receive and note the financial statements of the Australian Camps Association for the Year ended 30th June 2016.

Bill Oakley Treasurer 2015/16



Audited Financials

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Income Statement for the Year ended 30 June, 2016

	Note	2016	2015 \$
Revenue		940,507	1,075,765
Depreciation Expense		5,541	5,816
Other Expenses		1,021,459	1,017,958
		<u>1,027,000</u>	<u>1,023,774</u>
Profit/(Loss) Before Income Tax		(86,493)	51,991
Income Tax Expense	1	-	-
Profit/(Loss) from Operations		<u>(86,493)</u>	<u>51,991</u>

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Balance Sheet As At 30 June, 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
Current Assets			
Cash And Cash Equivalents	2	347,389	348,222
Trade And Other Receivables	3	74,117	123,333
<u>Total Current Assets</u>		<u>421,506</u>	<u>471,555</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant And Equipment	4	25,954	30,995
<u>Total Non-Current Assets</u>		<u>25,954</u>	<u>30,995</u>
<u>Total Assets</u>		<u>447,460</u>	<u>502,550</u>
Current Liabilities			
Trade And Other Payables	5	303,573	247,229
Short Term Provisions	6	22,126	47,067
<u>Total Current Liabilities</u>		<u>325,699</u>	<u>294,296</u>
<u>Total Liabilities</u>		<u>325,699</u>	<u>294,296</u>
<u>Net Assets</u>		<u>121,761</u>	<u>208,254</u>
Equity			
Retained Earnings	8	121,761	208,254
<u>Total Equity</u>		<u>121,761</u>	<u>208,254</u>

Audited Financials Continued...

AUSTRALIAN CAMPS ASSOCIATION - ABN 35 115 082 212

Consolidated Profit and Loss for the Year ended 30 June, 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Income		
Books and Resources	-	-
People Outdoors	590,821	677,110
Administration	349,686	398,655
Total Income	<u>940,507</u>	<u>1,075,765</u>
Expenses		
Books and Resources	-	5,067
People Outdoors	595,514	619,334
Administration	431,486	399,373
Total Expenses	<u>1,027,000</u>	<u>1,023,774</u>
Net Operating Profit/(Loss)	<u>(86,493)</u>	<u>51,991</u>
Net Summary		
Books and Resources	-	(5,067)
People Outdoors	(4,693)	57,776
Administration	(81,800)	(718)
Net Operating Profit/(Loss)	<u>(86,493)</u>	<u>51,991</u>



"I love the camps it gives me the opportunity to meet new people try new things and the volunteers are awesome there is not a thing they won't do for you" - Rita, Camper



Thank-you

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How you can Support the Work of the Australian Camps Association?

Become a Member

As the national peak body, the ACA works collaboratively and innovatively to develop and support camping and the outdoor sector. Membership is open to camp operators, activity providers and individuals or organisations with an interest in camps. Today we provide information, training, resources and services to well over 230 members located across the country.

For more information about membership with the Australian Camps Association, please contact our Membership Manager, Stephen Hamilton, on 03 9365 7100 or go to <http://www.auscamps.asn.au/about/membership/>



Volunteer your Time with People Outdoors

People Outdoors runs camping programs for people with a disability from six years of age to adulthood. Programs include single day, weekend and longer camps and provide people with disabilities the opportunity to experience the social and developmental benefits of adventure outdoors.

People Outdoors utilises the services of many dedicated volunteers to ensure that our programs operate to a high standard. As the number of different programs that we offer increases so does our need for more volunteers - recruitment is a constant and ongoing process.

Volunteers need to be at least 16 years of age and be willing and able to provide support to our campers. Groups stay in bunkhouse accommodation at ACA member campsites and all transport, accommodation and meal costs are covered for volunteers.

For more information on volunteering opportunities, please contact the People Outdoors Office on 03 9365 7150.

Contribute to the People Outdoors Fund

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Our charity, the People Outdoors Fund, exists to assist financially disadvantaged individuals with a disability to attend People Outdoors camps by contributing to their travel, support and other program expenses. Individuals apply to the Fund for support on a case by case basis.

All donations to this worthy cause are gratefully received. To donate, please go to <https://www.givenow.com.au/acapeopleoutdoors>

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