

AUGUSTA MARGARET RIVER CLEAN COMMUNITY ENERGY

2017/2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Augusta Margaret River Clean Community Energy Incorporated (AMRCCE)



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Our mission

Augusta Margaret River **Clean Community Energy**'s mission is to protect the natural environment by reducing carbon emissions by facilitating the use and provision of renewable energy installations and devices, especially for those who would otherwise not have access to them; by conducting research on the options for reducing carbon emissions in the Augusta Margaret River shire; by encouraging renewable and energy efficient energy facilities to set up in the shire by undertaking feasibility studies for operating renewable energy facilities including an anaerobic digester to produce energy and other co-products from dairy waste; and by providing education on renewable energy and reduction of carbon emissions.

Our vision

Augusta Margaret River **Clean Community Energy**'s vision is to reduce carbon emissions through the production of renewable energy and reduction of energy consumption through the grid. We wish to facilitate the production of at least 20% of the energy consumed through the grid from renewables and the reduction of consumption through the grid by another 20%.

Our History

Augusta Margaret River **Clean Community Energy** was incorporated on 17 May 2017. It was established as a result of a working party set up by the Shire of Augusta Margaret River in response to community demand to reduce carbon emissions which had resulted in a Local Energy Action Plan (LEAP) to encourage alternative energy resources and smarter use of energy being adopted by the Shire in 2010.

One of the targets of the LEAP was to reduce community emissions by 20% (2006/07 levels) by 2020. It was this target that the working party, established in June 2016, had to address through the planning, development, and implementation of a grid connected, community driven, renewable energy project located within the Augusta Margaret River region.

The working party resolved to form a not-for-profit community action group dedicated to reducing overall carbon emissions and carbon emissions in the shire by partnering with others to create a Renewable Energy (solar and/or wind) facility in the Shire that produces and sells to the Grid clean renewable energy equivalent to 20% of the electricity consumed each year in AMR by setting up community-owned and community-sponsored projects designed to collectively achieve a minimum reduction of 20% of the carbon emissions in the AMR.

AMR**CCE** is the resulting not-for-profit organisation established to carry out this very exciting task.

SECTION 1**AN OVERVIEW OF AMRCCE****ABOUT US**

AMRCCE is a not-for-profit organisation operating in the Shire of Augusta Margaret River.

OUR PEOPLE

Committee members		
Name	Position	Dates
Lyn Serventy	Chair	2017/18
Ian Williams	Deputy Chair	2017/18
Alistair Spong	Secretary	2017/18
Brian Middleton	Treasurer	2017/18
Steve McGill	Member	2017/18
David Hargreaves	Member	2017/18
Ted Coulter	Member	2017/18

Principal Honorary Functions		
Name	Position	Dates
Paula Cristoffanini	Executive Officer	2017/18
Ken Clark	Electrical Engineer	2017/18
Sue Juniper	Minutes Secretary	2017/18
Siobhan Tucci	Graphic Designer/Web Manager	2017/18
Jamie McCall	Media Advice	2017/18
Neroli Carlton	Membership Drive	2017
Lyn Hellier	Membership Records	2018
Sam Mueller	Social Media	2018

OUR SUPPORTERS

<p>AMRCCE has received enormous amounts of support from individuals, groups, businesses and corporations and is particularly indebted to the organisations below</p>		
		
<p>Shire of Augusta Margaret River</p>	<p>Rotary Club of Margaret River</p>	<p>Lower Blackwood LCDC</p>

SECTION 2**GOVERNANCE****STRUCTURE & MANAGEMENT**

Augusta Margaret River Clean Community Energy Incorporated (AMRCCE) is registered under the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA) (Registration Number A1022160K). The organisation has been governed by the Prescribed Model Rules (Associations) 2016 published in the Associations Incorporation Regulations 2015 (<https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/publications/model-rules-associations-2016>).

AMRCCE is seeking, at its AGM, to adopt an amended Constitution which modifies these rules in a manner permitting it to register as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) and as an Environmental Organisation and obtain Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status so that donations of more than \$2 are tax deductible. A draft of the proposed Constitution was circulated in accordance with the Prescribed Model Rules.

The organisation is managed by a seven (7) person Management Committee consisting of Chair; Deputy Chair; Secretary, Treasurer and three (3) Management Committee Members. The organisation is seeking to expand its Management Committee to a total of nine (9) persons by having a further two (2) Management Committee Members. From time to time, sub-committees have, and will continue to co-opt additional persons to assist its activities as required. Current Management Committee Members are listed above. AMRCCE would like to thank retiring Secretary Alistair Spong for his contribution to date. A list of nominations for Management Committee Members was circulated in accordance with the Prescribed Model Rules.

The organisation is entirely managed by volunteers. Those carrying out the principal honorary functions are listed above. However, as is usual in organisations such as ours, many people have volunteered to make our activities possible throughout the year.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT



Lyn Serventy

It is my great pleasure to present our first Annual Report detailing the work undertaken by the Augusta Margaret River **Clean Community Energy (AMRCCE)** Management Committee and our members since our inception 14 months ago, our achievements and our future plans.

It is now just over a year since **AMRCCE** was formed by a decision from an Augusta Margaret River Shire (AMRSC) Working Party tasked with considering how our community could reduce its carbon emissions and, in particular, to assess whether a renewable facility, connected to the grid was possible in our shire.

After considering a high-level feasibility study the Working Party assessed that a 10 MW wind or wind/solar was financially viable. It then resolved to form a not-for-profit community group to take this feasibility study further, prove it to be a bankable viable, including making application to Western Power to feed 10MW into the grid leading to the formation of **AMRCCE**.

A second step was for **AMRCCE** to then partner with a developer, taking a community shareholding in return for the work achieved by the group and to use the returns from that shareholding to continue the work of reducing emissions in our shire.

To say it has been a busy year is an understatement. Our Management Committee and volunteer members have worked hard to establish our organisation and develop the feasibility study to a bankable case.

Technical Progress

On the technical side, our team have pursued the advice from Western Power to apply to feed into the grid at the Beenup substation in Scott River; identified suitable land to best accommodate renewable facilities; drawn up access agreements to continue their investigations; and are now looking to draw up lease agreements with three landowners. A mobile wind monitor has been installed on one of these sites and is now operational; and we have been fortunate to receive 8 years wind monitoring data from a nearby site which is being analysed by wind turbine companies in Germany and Australia. We have also received valuable assistance from Ross Woodhouse in the way of reports that have informed our work.

Our wonderful pro-bono electrical engineer, Ken Clark, has now lodged a connection application to Western Power for feeding in 9.9MW of wind into the grid using three turbines of height between 86 to 136m. Charles Johnson, a leading WA planner, has begun discussions with Shire staff re **AMRCCE** lodging an application for Approval in Principle. The necessary reports are being drawn up by a team of pro-bono consultants. The pro-bono support from so many members and supporters has been a most rewarding aspect to our project. Volunteers have provided hundreds of hours of support and a conservative estimate of the value of that work would exceed \$300,000.

Finances

Our project is costly, and many costs cannot be met with volunteer work. The costs for Western Power alone will amount to at least \$350,000 so fundraising and grants have been a major task for our committee.

We have been immensely grateful to our Shire and Council for the support provided in an initial start-up grant of \$12,000 from the 2016/17 budget and a grant of \$22,000 last financial year to assist with the leasing of our wind monitor. The Shire has also been invaluable in providing information assistance.

Recently, Rotary Margaret River has made a generous donation of \$25,000 while Margaret River Climate Action group has donated \$5,800. We are also most grateful to personal donations made by many of our members. Thanks also to members who have helped in fundraising events.

In order to fully explore fundraising, AMRCCE has begun the process of applying for DGR status and Charitable status so as to enable donations of over \$2 to be tax deductible. Thanks to the efforts of our Deputy Chair, Ian Williams, this is now underway and thanks also to Herbert Smith Freehills for pro-bono assistance to draw up the necessary changes to our Constitution which we will vote on at our AGM.

We have a membership of close to 260. Your membership is important to us as an expression of your support and evidence to governments and potential investors of the strength of our community backing. Membership fees cover the basic expenses of insurance, website, and day to day expenses.

Dairy Effluent Biogas

As many of you know, along the way we have collected another viability study - into biogas using the dairy effluent from the Scott River dairy industry. The biogas energy component was added to our project following an approach from the Lower Blackwood Land Conservation District Committee (LBLCDC). Those Committee Members were concerned with the impact of effluent on the Hardy Inlet and suggested that the effluent could be used as an additional source of energy in our proposed facility.

We are a not-for-profit community group with a high level of concern for our local environment so we reviewed the 2012 Hardy Inlet Report which confirms the ongoing threat to this important economic asset of our community. In addition, we see the biogas proposal as having very wide-ranging community benefits, not least, to our farmers, and to the broader environment.

Thanks again to the untiring work by Ian, we undertook a high-level assessment of the potential of an anaerobic digester as well as determining the potential availability of effluent fuel load and discussing possible support with a number of the dairy farmers. This led us to evaluating the cost of furthering our understanding of how an anaerobic digester could be integrated as a component of the energy mix produced by our facility. We have now formed a partnership with LBLCDC and are about to sign a Memorandum of Understanding. Thanks to a grant of \$20,000 from Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) we have begun the viability study although, there are further costs to complete the study which are yet to be funded.

We have also partnered with Transition Margaret River to undertake the "Energise Margaret River" project, which, with the help of a small community grant from the Shire, aims to improve energy conservation and promote renewable energy through a community education and training program.

Future Directions

We envisage that the next year will be very busy and, hopefully, as fruitful as this last year has been.

Many members have offered to help with social and fundraising and we intend to develop a group who can ensure this happens.

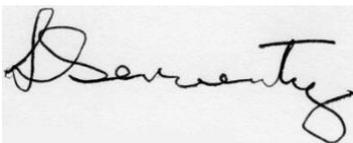
Our fundraising task is large and our proposed budget reflects this accordingly.

The renewable energy scene is changing continually, and we need to be flexible in our ability to make the most of opportunities and constraints within that scene. We have set out to complete a very detailed feasibility study on the viability of a 10MW renewable facility in our shire and we cannot lose sight of the possibility that one answer to the question is no. Western Power has made changes to its grid operation to move from an unconstrained access to the grid to a constrained access where operators are given a defined capacity. Hopefully we will soon have an answer as to how that may affect our application. I have enormous faith in the ability of our group to work with change to achieve our objectives. Our Committee feels that increasing its size to nine and take advantage of all nominations received for Committee Members will be advantageous increasing our working capacity.

To conclude, I would like to thank all the Committee Members for the work and enthusiasm of the past 14 months. In particular I wish to offer heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our Deputy Chair, Ian Williams, who has acted as project manager, working tirelessly and creatively to drive our project forward, while ensuring our governance provides accountability and stability. We have been also fortunate to have Paula Cristoffanini working by his side as our Executive Officer coordinating and organising all the diverse threads. Steve McGill our technical Committee Member has been involved with this project since its very inception and he has guided as through the intricacies of renewable energy and coordinated our technical team. Thank you Steve. I would also like to record my appreciation of Brian Middleton for his work as our Treasurer and the support of his firm with getting our bookkeeping up to scratch. Many thanks to David Hargreaves for his valuable assistance in legal work.

It is difficult to thank all the members who have given hours of their time, but I would particularly like to thank Ken Clark, Siobhan Tucci, Simon Tucci, Lyn Hellier, Jamie McCall, Bill James, Julian Kruger, Crispin Underwood, Laura Stocker, Michael Carr, Sue Juniper, Bruce Hamilton, Tim Crimp, Neroli Carlton, Brett Kotelko and Karen Majer and the many other members who have made a contribution. There are many non-members who have assisted us and a list is provided in the Report.

I thank you all for sharing my passionate concern about the health and future of our children, grandchildren and our planet and our belief that we can do something by bringing our efforts together. Please keep supporting our projects and seek out friends to join us.



Lyn Serventy, BA ABDB

OUR OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Upon becoming incorporated **AMRCCE** set out to establish its operations; establish **AMRCCE** in our local community, with key stake holders and possible funding sources; and to commence the practical work of conducting the bankable feasibility of establishing a renewables facility within the Augusta Margaret River Shire. The following sets out the activities we undertook to fulfil these objectives.

Operations

As indicated above, **AMRCCE** is entirely managed by volunteers. Initially this was made up of Committee Members of the incorporated organisation but as time as passed, a number of other organisation members and volunteers have joined them in carrying out the essential organisational functions. We are happy to report that after a very short period of time and, with the assistance of a small grant from Climate Action Network Australia (CANA), we joined the 21st Century with a Website and the requisite marketing material to commence our membership drive. We would like to thank in particular our graphic designer and website manager Siobhan Tucci and photographer Christian Fletcher for allowing us to use his images. We established an online presence reasonably early through Facebook and we are pleased to report that this has now increased to Instagram thanks to the work of Sam Mueller.

Other improvements include the use of Paymate to make card payments possible and moving onto using an accounting software and marketing software to improve our communications. We have also become GST registered and hope to soon be registered as a Charity and eventually for tax deductibility for donations.

Establishing AMRCCE

Among the activities we conducted to establish **AMRCCE** as a credible and professional organisation were presentations to the Augusta Margaret River Shire Council and at local public meetings. As a result **AMRCCE** has been endorsed by the AMRSC as a vehicle to achieve targets set out in its Local Energy Action Plan and received initially seed funding and subsequently financial assistance to carry out its feasibility project.

AMRCCE has held public meetings in Augusta, Cowaramup and Margaret River to let the community know about its activities. It has also made presentations at Curtin University Sustainability Policy Institute (CUSP) meetings and through the University of the Third Age (U3A). **AMRCCE** also participated in the Sustainable Housing Day at Organic Garden and the Margaret River Show as well as having a presence at the local Farmers' Market. We had two fundraisers including the very financially successful "Open Garden" last December. We also had a newspaper insert supported by local businesses.

AMRCCE has also made numerous presentations to local organisations including to dairy farmers, growers, the Sustainable Agriculture Project Reference Group of the Regional Estuaries Initiative and Rotary who recently donated \$25,000 to its activities. We are also about to sign an MoU with the Lower Blackwood Land Conservation District Committee to formalise our working relationship to date. We have also made a number of successful and unsuccessful grant applications.

The result of all these activities are a membership of almost 260; donations of nearly \$10,000 significant grants from government such as \$20,000 from WA Department of Water and Environmental Regulation for a farmer survey; grants from our own local

government, the Shire of Augusta Margaret River, totalling \$34,000 as seed funding and towards lease of wind monitoring equipment and a \$5,200 grant together with Transition Margaret River for “Energise MR” a year-long program to assist the community reduce energy consumption and understand renewables. In addition, and very crucially, our credibility has resulted in close to \$300,000 of pro-bono work a range of professionals working on our project.

Finally, we are proud to report that AMRCCE was asked to present its story at the recent Critical Horizons Conference “*Powering the Future of WA*” in Collie this last June as a model of WA community energy initiative giving it credibility with the energy community.

Renewables Facility Feasibility

The feasibility study of establishing a 10MW grid connected renewables facility has been at the core of our activities since our inception. This has involved a continual review of the assumptions of the preliminary model presented to the Working Party which led to the establishment of AMRCCE. Our task is to bring this ambitious multimillion dollar project to fruition by taking the feasibility to the connection offer stage.

Some of the first activities involved the development of site criteria for the intended facility and initial discussions with Western Power. This process identified the Beenup Substation, 15 km north/east of Augusta, as the ideal location to connect to the grid. This Substation, has spare capacity, and numerous beneficial characteristics and infrastructure making access and connection easier and cheaper. A Connection Enquiry was made to Western Power whilst at the same time a number of possible properties for the wind/solar farm within a 3km radius from the substation were identified. Access agreements to those properties was obtained from their owners now some time ago. We have since been modelling wind and sun data on these properties from a number of sources including relevant historical data which has been donated to our group with encouraging results. Our pro-bono Engineers in the meantime worked to develop the design and specifications of the proposed facility.

A key and very concrete step in our progress was the deployment of a Fulcrum3D soDar wind monitoring machine at one of the properties in March 2018 commencing actual wind monitoring.

All along, the project has involved a myriad of meetings with government representatives, individuals and groups in the energy sector; equipment suppliers and funding sources including social impact investors. Besides consideration of establishment costs, a key consideration for our group is the question of who will purchase the power. This matter is one to which we have commenced to turn our attention and will continue to engage us in the future.

The Beenup substation is in the immediate vicinity of major local dairies leading the Lower Blackwood Catchment Land Conservation District Committee (LBLEDC) to propose that the renewable plant include biogas from dairy waste as another of its energy sources. AMRCCE saw this as an opportunity to produce baseload and/or dispatchable energy as well as having substantial additional benefits to the local waterways, farm efficiencies and increased labour prospects. The proposal has now been incorporated into the AMRCCE project resulting in a proposed renewables plant consist of <10MW of wind energy to be derived from three 3.3 MW wind turbines and, if feasible, up to 2MW of biogas. The net effect of this is that our project would now produce the equivalent closer to 50% of the energy consumed through the grid in our shire.

The addition of biogas to our project brings the need to conduct a high-level viability study before moving to the feasibility stage. This was calculated to add additional costs of over \$100,000 and we recently obtained \$20,000 from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) to commence this work by surveying dairy farmers within a 50 km radius

of the proposed facility. The survey is intended to measure farmers' attitudes to the project, document waste management practices and logistical considerations. The survey is currently underway and we expect to have preliminary results in the near future. In the meantime, we are about to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the LBLCDC to formalise our relationship while we continue to seek funding to carry out other indispensable aspects of the viability such as and including an assessment of the energy content of the dairy waste.

We have recently commenced the Western Power Connection Application process and are at present awaiting the result of our application. The greatest challenge for AMRCCE is securing the funding to enable the timely undertaking of the steps to complete the bankable business case particularly progressing through the Western Power connection application process where each step becomes increasingly costly. The professional and Western Power fees to complete the process and obtain the "Access Offer" are estimated to be in excess of half a million dollars. Whilst this is a small amount in the context of the total project cost (estimated to be in the vicinity of \$25-30 million), it is a very large amount for a community group, which is contributing a large amount to the project through sweat capital and pro-bono contributions estimated to date to be well in excess of \$300,000.

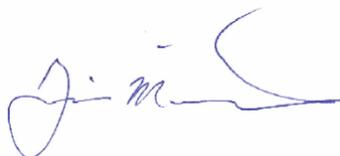
Other items requiring funding include options to lease land and consultant costs for the Development Application, wind data analysis. The recent donation from Rotary Margaret River is a welcome contribution to these expenses. In the meantime, we continue applying for grants and are in discussions with the WA government for assistance. AMRCCE will be seeking funding from ARENA for a significant part of its funding requirements. However, contributions from other sources will be required and will strengthen our chances of success to obtain this funding.

A key consideration in our work are the long-term benefits of a wind/solar/biogas renewables facility to the Augusta Margaret River community and region. These include:

- Provides renewable energy at edge of the South Western Interconnected grid (SWIS)
- Reduces methane venting from cow manure by an average of >6,000 tonnes of CO₂e/yr
- Improves the health of the Blackwood and Scott Rivers and the Hardy Inlet through the removal of cow effluent
- Contributes to farm efficiencies and produces environmentally friendly digestate suitable for sandy acid soils
- Allows the value created by AMRCCE volunteers in establishing the project to be returned to the AMR community
- Will eventually provide on-going funding to support behind the meter projects
- Provides access to renewable energy for those who might be excluded for socio-economic or similar reasons
- Builds financial resilience by reducing energy costs from grid electricity and keep profits in the local area
- Gives substance to the marketing of AMR as a GREEN destination
- Increases the understanding and awareness of renewable energy
- Fosters local economic development through local investment and local jobs.

SECTION 3**OUR FINANCES****TREASURER'S REPORT**

Following is the auditor's report and statement of receipts and payments for the year ended 30 June 2018.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brian Middleton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brian Middleton CPA JP

AUDITOR'S REPORT



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**AUDITOR'S REPORT
 FOR MEMBERS OF
 AUGUSTA MARGARET RIVER CLEAN COMMUNITY ENERGY (INC)**

Qualified Opinion

I have audited the accompanying statement of receipts and payments of the Augusta Margaret River Clean Community Energy (Inc) for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* section, the accompanying statement of receipts and payments presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts and payments of the Augusta Margaret River Clean Community Energy (Inc) for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 in accordance with the cash basis of accounting.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

It is not practical for the Augusta Margaret River Clean Community Energy (Inc) to maintain absolute control over all donations and fundraising activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, the audit in relation to fundraising activities and donations was limited to amounts recorded.

The audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Statement of Receipts and Payments* section of the report. I am independent of the Augusta Margaret River Clean Community Energy (Inc) in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) relevant to the audit of the statement of receipts and payments in Australia. Other ethical responsibilities have been fulfilled in accordance with that Code. The audit evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my qualified opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

Attention is drawn to the basis of accounting under which the statement of receipts and payments has been prepared. The statement of receipts and payments is prepared to provide information to members of the Augusta Margaret River Clean Community Energy (Inc). As a result, the statement may not be suitable for another purpose.

Augusta Margaret River Clean Community Energy (Inc) Responsibilities for the Statement of Receipts and Payments

The Augusta Margaret River Clean Community Energy (Inc) is responsible for preparation and fair presentation of the statement of receipts and payments in accordance with the cash basis of accounting; this includes determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the statement of receipts and payments in the circumstances, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the statement of receipts and payments that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the statement of receipts and payments, the Augusta Margaret River Clean Community Energy (Inc) is responsible for assessing the 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 Augusta Margaret River Clean Community Energy (Inc) either intends to liquidate or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT (cont'd)**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Statement of Receipts and Payments**

The objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statement of receipts and payments as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes an opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this statement of receipts and payments.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, professional judgement and professional scepticism are maintained throughout the audit. In addition the audit seeks to:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the statement of receipts and payments, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for the opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 internal control.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Augusta Margaret River Clean Community Energy (Inc) use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Augusta Margaret River Clean Community Energy (Inc) ability to continue as a going concern. If it is concluded that a material uncertainty exists, it is a requirement to draw attention in the auditor's report to the related disclosures in the statement of receipts and payments or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify the opinion. Conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Augusta Margaret River Clean Community Energy (Inc) to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates, if any, and related disclosures made by the Augusta Margaret River Clean Community Energy (Inc).
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the statement of receipts and payments, including the disclosures, and whether the statement of receipts and payments represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I would communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control identified during the audit.

Elliot Wright CPA

23 August 2018

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FINANCE REPORT



AUGUSTA MARGARET RIVER CLEAN COMMUNITY ENERGY INC

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 2018

RECEIPTS

Contributions towards expenses	1,630
Donations	9,067
Fundraising	2,707
Grants	
- Augusta Margaret River Shire Council	12,000
- CANA	3,250
- Energise Margaret River - AMRSC	2,600
- Farmer survey - DWER	20,000
- Wind monitor equipment - AMRSC	22,000
Memberships	4,716
	<u>77,970</u>

PAYMENTS

Advertising & promotion	2,079
Computer software	233
Grant expenditure	
- CANA	3,231
- Energise Margaret River	584
- Farmer survey deposit - AgGrow Energy Resources	10,000
- Wind monitor equipment lease - Fulcrum 3D	33,000
Insurance	2,610
Miscellaneous	239
Postage and stationery	179
Travel expenses	432
Website expenses	388
Western Power enquiry/report	3,850
Western Power - connection application fee	5,000
GST movement	(698)
	<u>61,127</u>

SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD	16,843
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OPENING FUNDS 1 JULY 2017	500
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CLOSING FUNDS 30 JUNE 2018	17,343
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SECTION 4**OUR OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION****THANK YOU****Donors**

AMRCCE is indebted to the many individuals and business who provided donations and advertising support during 2018. Donations totalled close to \$10,000. As indicated above, the organisation is seeking DGR status which will permit donations over \$2 to be tax deductible making donations more attractive.

Grants and funding

AMRCCE recognises the crucial assistance of the Augusta Margaret River Shire (AMRSC) which provided most necessary seed funding of \$12,000 and later another \$22,000 of the \$40,000 required to lease wind monitoring equipment as well as some administrative in-kind support and support through the provision of meeting venues.

The Climate Action Network Australia (CANA) provided a grant to \$3,250 to establish AMRCCE as a key community based organisation acting in the renewable clean energy space in the Augusta Margaret River Shire.

\$20,000 was obtained from the WA Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) to conduct a dairy farmer survey as part of the biogas viability study.

Grants and funding cont/

Funding of \$5,200 was obtained by AMRCCE together with Transition Margaret River from the AMRSC to improve energy conservation and promote renewable energy through a community education and training program, with benefits for householders and our environment.

Corporate & community partners

Our three main partners are detailed above but we have received assistance and support from a number of business and organisations and these are acknowledge below.

Volunteers

As indicated above, AMRCCE is entirely run by volunteers who have provided their professional and technical expertise and general assistance on an entirely pro-bono basis.

Members

AMRCCE membership built up since its inception in May 2017 to 253 memberships (individuals and families) by 30 June 2018. Membership income accounted for close to \$5,000. Two of our members passed away during the year and we pay particular tribute to our committed supporter Cynda Miles.

SECTION 4**OUR OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION****ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Shire of Augusta Margaret River
 LBLCDC Joanna, Jacqui, Tim and Bruce
 Rotary Margaret River
 Middleton Consulting Accountants
 South West Development Commission
 DIPRD
 DWER
 Synergy
 Western Power
 Curtin University Sustainability Policy Institute
 Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal
 Herbert Smith Freehill
 Transition Margaret River
 Arts Margaret River
 Farmers' Market Margaret River
 2oceansFM
 Western Dairy
 BHP (Wendy Russell and Rhonda Norrish)
 Fulcrum
 Enercon
 Vesta
 Anergy
 AgGrow Group
 UAV Resources
 Ikon Design
 Beaufort Garden World
 Emily Douglas Design
 EnthuZe
 Doxy
 Home Timber and Hardware
 Margaret River Bookshop
 Margaret River Central
 Cullen Wines
 Bendigo Bank
 Firetail Boutique Wines
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