

# Pioneer Catchment & Landcare Group Inc.

## Annual Report 2014/15





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In July 214 our serving Chair Margaret Lane indicated she would no longer be staying in the position. I was approached to see if I would be interested in following in her footsteps. Naturally, I was apprehensive because, after her level of professionalism, anyone was going to look wanting. Not long after, I convened a meeting with Carla Lambropoulos, Lara Mathewson and Wendy Eiteneuer. We discussed how we might proceed in the future with my proposed hands-off style of management, necessitated by the fact that I already have a full-time job and I live 70 kilometres out of town. These factors considered, we knew moving forward that the organisation would require a great deal of co-operation and self-motivation.

Prior to taking over as Chair, our Coordinator Kate Steel resigned. This put us in the difficult position of having to find and train someone new. During this period Margaret Lane stepped into the breach and took responsibility for some projects until the new officers settled in. We decided to employ three part time officers in the form of Carla Lambropoulos, Lara Mathewson and Nicola Cruceru later followed by Laura Whitbread, so that in the future we would have continuity in our delivery of projects.

Sue McCormack, Nursery Supervisor of the Mackay Natural Environment Centre (MNEC), is very happy with how we work together and pool our skills in the nursery to produce suitable species of plants for use in our local environment. Plants produced at the nursery are of a very high standard and are testament to Sue's attention to detail. Sue has a vision to have the facility become more community orientated, and I am in complete agreement. After all, Landcare is all about the community we live in. We appreciate the close relationship we have with council at MNEC and the ability it gives us to deliver important programs like Land for Wildlife and Landcare Support.

This year saw a significant decrease of available funding for projects following the cutting of \$500 million from the National Landcare budget. Because of this we have had to look at partnerships outside the traditional ones with Mackay Regional Council and Reef Catchments. At the same time, largely due to the public relationship skills of our officers, we have reinvigorated our relationship with Council to the point that they are recommending Pioneer Catchment & Landcare (PCL) to third parties for contracts. These recommendations include government agencies like the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, and the Little McCreadys Creek contract for Council.

Pioneer Catchment & Landcare has been involved in a number of events this year. Because of my passion for soil health, I was especially enthusiastic about the Soil Symposium put on at the Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre by Reef Catchments and PCL as joint partners in a three-year Action on the Ground project. This event highlighted the challenges of soil health and the growing interest landholders have for long-term soil sustainability.

The encouraging fact is that the numbers keep building as farmers search for solutions to soil-related problems. To this end, we have developed a close working relationship with Simon Mattsson, a cane farmer and Nuffield Scholar. Simon has formed a group called Central Queensland Soil Health Systems that will become a sub-group of PCL with the vision of developing an independent research facility modelled on the Birchip Cropping Group in Victoria. This group will only grow stronger as they develop relationships with fellow grower groups.

My role as Chair would have been impossible without the strong support I get from the Management Committee. Di Salau is a loyal deputy and I am eternally grateful for the amount of time she puts in at the office. I hate to think what it would cost us if we had to buy in her expertise in computer systems. Likewise with our treasurer Margaret Lane, she has worked tirelessly to manage budgets and secure funding to the point that we are able to employ three officers, in reality 2.1 full-time positions. I would also like to thank and acknowledge Margaret for her contributions as a committee member of both the Natural Environment Advisory Committee (NEAC) and Queensland Water & Land Carers (QWaLC). Having Caitlin Davies from CVA with her Green Army also makes it easy for us to participate in joint projects, and we look forward to a long-term association with them.

I must acknowledge Di Williams contribution by sitting in on many occasions when I could not be present, and as a primary producer she has the confidence to deal with others in the industry. Irene Champion is tireless in her commitment to due diligence and meeting procedure, not to mention her astounding knowledge of Australian plants. Her contributions to our monthly newsletter's plants of the month are much appreciated. I also value the presence of Theresa Morgan as a councillor and in her position as the chair of NEAC, she is able to put forward our case.

I would also like to welcome Grant Howard and Mark Radke to the Management Committee. Their presence will even up the committee's gender balance, and their diverse backgrounds will bring different skill sets to management. I would also like to acknowledge the contributions made by Robyn Law and John Atkinson while they were part of the management committee, we miss their committee participation.

Our Office Supervisor Wendy Eiteneuer is an invaluable asset with her vast knowledge of PCL's previous activities as well as her attention to detail in producing the monthly financial reports. Her dedication and predisposition to go above and beyond is clear to anyone who meets her. For example, despite being on break for the holidays, she came in to the office on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> to follow up on the break in we had at Swayne Street. I would also like to thank Kate Steel's efforts both as a coordinator and as a contributor on various PCL projects.

On October 1<sup>st</sup> I attended a function put on by Reef Catchments to announce the successful projects for funding in the latest round of the National Landcare Program. Due to Lara's skills we got everything we asked for: \$3,300 for seed collecting, \$800 for promotional material, \$4,200 for ongoing maintenance of the Owens Creek project, \$8,900 for nest box installation, \$5,700 maintenance of Far



Beach revegetation, \$3,300 for Cat's Claw mapping and \$15,000 for restoration of creek bank vegetation and habitat for aquatic species on St Helens Creek.

We do not know what the future holds, but with the professional team of officers and committee members I am sure it will be all positive in 2016.



**Dave Hunter**  
**September 2015**

## PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES IN 2014/15

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### 1 MACKAY REGIONAL COUNCIL FUNDING

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Mackay Regional Council (MRC) generously supports Pioneer Catchment & Landcare (PCL) through their continued partnership and funding of several key programs and activities. These include direct funding for projects including Land for Wildlife and Landcare support, as well as ongoing contributions like the invaluable provision of office space at the Swayne Street Mackay Natural Environment Centre (MNEC). This partnership with Council is a major contributing factor to the success and impact of PCL on the community and is exemplified by the reach of workshops, field days and support by the local community depicted below.

#### 1.1 LAND FOR WILDLIFE

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In the 2014/15 period an additional 270.165ha of land was added to the Land for Wildlife program. This incorporated ten new properties. Thirteen revisits to existing registered properties were completed as a deliverable of the project. There are now approximately 103 properties registered in the Pioneer Catchment & Landcare program area covering a total area of 3,021.391ha. There is considerable diversity in the project with some participants categorised in the “Working Towards” classification and others with full registration and partial property registration. Significant ecosystem diversity exists in the project and it is an important part in protecting regional biodiversity.

The Land for Wildlife program also supplies funds for delivering a locally produced quarterly newsletter to project participants. This is a shared task with Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association (SLCMA).

Project officer: Kate Steel and Lara Mathewson

#### 1.2 COMMUNITY GROUP SUPPORT

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##### *MacKillop Wetlands Community Project*

Members of Friends of MacKillop Wetland continued maintenance and restoration of the wetlands adjacent to the school. The group meets fortnightly.



*Image: Friends of MacKillop volunteer*

The main threat is Singapore Daisy (*Sphagneticola trilobata*) but a range of weeds are present. Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) was successful in raising funds to undertake more restoration work and educational activities. PCL is seeking funding to continue the weed management.

### *Marian Community Working Group*

The Marian Community Working Group continued work on the Riparian revegetation sites on the Pioneer River at Marian with a particular focus on Site 3, located directly behind Melba house. The group is instrumental in weed management, rubbish collection and watering of the revegetation area. The commitment of Andrew Jensen donating many hours brush cutting the Guinea Grass at all three sites has ensured the survival of the reveg plants.

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## 1.3 PROMOTIONS AND DISPLAYS

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### *Farleigh Palm Fete 2015*

This event promoted weed prevention and generated expression of interest (EOI) sign-ups for Land for Wildlife and PCL mailing lists. Wet weather impacted the amount of foot traffic usually seen at this Farleigh State School annual event, but PCL officer Lara Mathewson, Kerry Dempsey and Margaret Lane were not to be dissuaded –they handed out weed buster tattoos popular amongst children and promoted weed management using the Pest Education Trailer and Landcare Display.



*Image: Margaret Lane and Kerry Dempsey in front of the Pest Education Trailer*

### *Ag Trade Life 2015*

The event was a great opportunity to distribute information relevant to property owners including weed flyers and brochures. Discussion with property owners involved weed management, particularly Giant Rat's Tail.



*Image: PCL stand at Ag Trade Life 2015*

Farmers, business owners, and members of the public were enthusiastic about the 200 plant giveaways and 50 goodie bags that were handed out, with all plant giveaways distributed before lunch time. This was also a great networking event– 50 EOI forms were handed out for the Peri-urban project and useful connections were made with other groups and tradespeople. PCL attendees included Carla Lambropoulos, Lara Mathewson, Laura Whitbread and Margaret Lane.

### *Pioneer Valley Show 2015*

PCL officers Lara Mathewson and Laura Whitbread endured the rain alongside Shelley Molloy from MRC and Maria Ferraro from the Green Army, handing out a total of 415 native trees. With the Pest Education Trailer on site, PCL and Mackay Regional Pest Management Group (MRPMG) information was distributed with public interest leading to 15 sign-ups for Peri-urban, Land for Wildlife and Equine Landcare mailing lists.





*Image: PCL and MRC stall at the Pioneer Valley Show 2015*

#### *Reef Catchments Grazing Forum 2015*

PCL officer Carla Lambropoulos attended the Reef Catchment Grazing Forum in June. This was a great opportunity to speak with local graziers and discuss weed management practices. The majority of landholders expressed concerns with managing Giant Rat's Tail grass on their properties. PCL also had a Rubber Vine display to show where outbreaks have been discovered in the Pioneer Valley. 130 plants were given away at this year's event.

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### 1.4 WORKING WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP AND SUPPORT PROJECTS

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PCL officers worked with the following stakeholders to develop and support projects: Mackay Regional Pest Management Group attending General and Committee meetings, Reef Catchments attending various workshops and meetings, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA), Conservation Volunteers Australia, Greening Australia, Livestock Biosecurity Network, Central Qld Coast Landcare Network, Mackay Conservation Group and Mackay Community Garden.

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### 1.5 SUPPORT FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

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PCL worked with kindergartens, primary schools and secondary schools including: Mackay North State School, Andergrove State Primary School, Mercy College, Finch Hatton State School, Gargett State School, Finch Hatton State Primary School and Mackay North Kindergarten. A principal focus was working with the GBRMPA Reef Guardian Schools and Reef Guardian school teachers.

Preparation began for a project titled "Nature and Nurture" with the support of a community member and stakeholders. The application for arts funding was submitted but unfortunately, it was not successful.

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### 1.6 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS DAYS

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#### *Great Northern Clean Up 2014*

The Great Northern Clean Up was attended by PCL officer Lara Mathewson and 36 students from Pioneer High School and St Patricks College. Clean Up Australia provided gloves, bags and sharps containers while Council's Fiona Paterson supervised the Riverside Drive site. Councillors Laurence Bonaventura and Dave Perkins also attended the event, leading by example and collecting rubbish to fill the 15-metre skip.



*Image: Rubbish collected during the Great Northern Clean Up 2014*

#### *25 Years of Landcare Display 2014*

Pioneer Catchment & Landcare joined community groups and individuals in celebrating 25 years of Landcare from 1-7 September. During Landcare week PCL mounted a display in the Gordon White Library. Turtlewatch's Fay Griffin assisted volunteer Margaret Lane to set up the display, which focused on "making a difference" and celebrated various projects and landcarers including Mackay & District Turtlewatch, Dave Hunter's revegetation, weed management in the Lagoons and managing Cat's Claw Creeper in the Reliance Creek Palm Vine Forest. Mackay & District Turtlewatch was shortlisted for the Australian Coastcare Award.

#### *Eco Barge Clean Seas Coastal Clean Up*

The Eco Barge Clean Seas Coastal Clean Up at Far Beach was a windy day, with PCL officers Lara Mathewson and Laura Whitbread helping organise and register a total of 28 volunteers who collected 418kg of rubbish along the beach. The event was followed by a team BBQ at Mulherin Park.



*Image: PCL volunteers at the Eco Barge Clean Up 2014*

## **1.7 PIONEER NURSERY TEAM**

Big changes occurred at the nursery with the appointment of Sue McCormack as full-time Nursery Supervisor. PCL no longer needed to manage the nursery team or the production of thousands of plants, therefore it's funding from Landcare Support ended in December 2014. Sue's appointment took many responsibilities off the shoulders of PCL, and it has been wonderful to witness and take part in the improvements and expansion at the MNEC Nursery.

Nursery volunteers continued to work every Tuesday morning, with Margaret Lane acting as team leader in a voluntary capacity. The team grew plants for PCL funded projects (2100), plant giveaways at community events to landholders and members (2500) as well as special orders (totalling more than 5000). These were grown from seeds collected by our members, friends and colleagues and sown by the volunteers at the nursery. To produce these plants the twelve members of the team spent a minimum of 812 hours (107 days) at the nursery. It is acknowledged that there were many hours not recorded for range of activities including seed collecting, research and reporting.

As well as working in the nursery, the team has spent 58 hours at Reliance Creek hand weeding and mulching to protect the revegetation species that have been planted there during the last three years. The team grew the plants in the nursery and then worked to help them reach maturity. This work has been a very important contribution to protect the beautiful palm vine forest.

At the end of the year, Margaret Lane retired as team leader and project officer Carla Lambropoulos took over as part of her position with PCL.

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## 1.8 NEWSLETTER

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Eleven newsletters are produced each year. 2014/15 editions were funded by Council under the Landcare Support Project. The newsletter provides information about PCL projects and events, local biodiversity and biosecurity information, as well as information on Natural Resource Management events and activities in the region. The newsletter is currently distributed to over 635 residents.

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## 2 CENTRAL QUEENSLAND COAST LANDCARE NETWORK

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The Central Queensland Coast Landcare Network (CQCLN) is a collaboration of PCL, Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association (SLCMA) and Whitsunday Catchment Landcare (WCL). Three joint projects in the Everyone's Environment Grant program were delivered (See Sections 3.7, 3.9 & 3.10 below). Regular meetings continue with the Central Queensland Coast Landcare Network group, encouraging the three groups to work together. This year saw the appointment of Robyn Bell in the role of Regional Landcare Facilitator.

A key supporter of the CQCLN is Kapow Interactive, who provides ongoing support with regards to the website.

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## 3 FUNDED PROJECTS

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### 3.1 PIONEER RIVERBANK RESTORATION PROJECT

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(REEF CATCHMENTS PUBLIC FUND)

Stage 1 and 2 revegetation plantings were looked after with weed management by a sub-contractor. Works involved removal of vines from revegetation trees, brush cutting and spraying of weeds around revegetation plantings.

Project Officer: Margaret Lane and Lara Mathewson

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### 3.2 SUGAR CANE TRIAL PROJECT

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(REEF CATCHMENTS SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE PROGRAM)

The Sugar Cane Trial Project investigates sustainable farming techniques under the Queensland Government's Sustainable Agriculture Program delivered through Reef Catchments. PCL has been engaged to support communication and extension activities. This includes coordinating field days, supporting the development of communication resources, and assisting Rob Sluggart from Farmacist in the management of three trials in the Pioneer Catchment.



Key outputs achieved in the last 12 months include site visits to three trial sites, meeting landholders to discuss their trial design and progress, drafting and developing the trial case studies, and the drafting of the 2014 Soil Symposium booklet.

Project Officer: Carla Lambropoulos

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### 3.3 RELIANCE CREEK PALM VINE FOREST REHABILITATION

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(AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE BIODIVERSITY FUND)



Image: Participants in forest walk through

In this project's final year, Conservation Volunteers Australia continued to treat regrowth of Cat's Claw Creeper (*Macfadyena unguis-cati*) in the Reliance Creek National Park. Private sub-contractor Ray Greaves continued to work on new areas and regrowth on private property upstream of the regrowth.



Image: Cr Laurence Bonaventura

The treatment is effective but regrowth is occurring from the seed bank. *Hymenachne* (*Hymenachne amplexicaulis*) in the creek was treated with chemicals by MRPMG members and by hand weeding and composting in the revegetation area. Management Plans were delivered to two landholders.

The final planting of 400 species focused on a section on the edge of the forest, as well as increasing the density in areas previously planted. Weed invasion in the revegetation area threatened the species planted and the natural regeneration.



Image: Lara Mathewson at Reliance Creek

These areas were hand weeded by nursery volunteers, ensuring the native species had room and sunlight to grow. The revegetation is doing well, with the tallest plants nearly two metres high.

In November members of the community were invited to an information day and walk through

the forest. Local landholder Cr Laurence Bonaventura and National Parks Ranger John Atkinson provided information on the forest to the 14 people in attendance.

Project Officer: Kate Steel and Margaret Lane

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### 3.4 FORESTRY WORKING GROUP

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(REEF CATCHMENTS)

PCL was engaged by Reef Catchments to support the start-up and operation of the Regional Forestry Working Group, and assist with the identification and promotion of three demonstration sites and two trial sites. Key tasks were providing technical advice

for native agro-forestry, and assisting in the development of a regional ABCD framework for sustainable forestry in the Mackay Whitsunday region.

Key outputs achieved in the last 12 months include the completion of the draft regional ABCD framework for sustainable forestry in the Mackay Whitsunday region, and identification and establishment of a forestry trial at Bloomsbury.

Project Officer: Carla Lambropoulos

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### 3.5 RUELLIA CONTROL TRIAL PROJECT

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(MACKAY REGIONAL COUNCIL, NATURAL ENVIRONMENT LEVY)

Ruellia (*Ruellia simplex*) trial sites project sprayed out in the first stages of the project were planted with revegetation species (funded under item 3.3 above). Earlier stages of the project established that Triclopyr (Grazon) is the most effective chemical to use. But with the revegetation and natural regeneration occurring we were not able to use chemicals to treat the dense growth from the seedbank.

To protect the revegetation species young plants were hand weeded to ensure natural regeneration was not swamped by weeds, of which Ruellia is the most damaging. PCL nursery volunteers commenced weeding and mulching in April. The heaviest infestations in the forest occur where sunlight penetrates through forest canopy gaps. It is recognised that the best way to tackle Ruellia and all other weeds is to create canopy, so PCL has put much effort (nearly all volunteer) into protecting the vegetation species. Plans have been drawn up for year three of the trials with implementation due to commence in August.

Project Officer: Kate Steel and Margaret Lane

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### 3.6 POND APPLE AND RUBBER VINE PROJECT

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(REEF CATCHMENTS)

This project aims to eradicate Pond Apple (*Annona glabra*) and Rubber Vine (*Cryptostegia grandiflora*) weeds impacting on high quality agricultural land and environmental assets within the Mackay Whitsunday region. Both weeds pose significant environmental threats to the region and are considered to be a high priority under the Mackay Regional Pest Management Plan and State Legislation.

The project is on track to be the first Pond Apple infestation eradicated in Queensland and will maintain control of the 15ha infestation of Pond Apple in the Reliance Creek Catchment. Successful eradication of this pest species will result in protecting the important Reliance Creek estuary system and remove the economic threat to adjacent agricultural industries, particularly grazing and sugar production. The project will also identify and control outlier Rubber Vine outbreaks to help maintain the Rubber Vine Containment Line to the north of the region.

Six field surveys were carried out during the last 12 months. 5.5km of creek line was re-surveyed for Pond Apple outbreaks in the Reliance Creek catchment area and 300m at Coles Road Andergrove. Rubber Vine surveys were carried out on two properties out at Brightly in the Pioneer Valley and covered an area of approximately 5ha. All surveys were carried out with Mackay Regional Council's Pest Management Officer. An annual Pond Apple awareness raising event was held on 31 March out at Reliance Creek to continue raising awareness of Pond Apple with neighbouring landholders.



Except for Pond Apple sites at Coles Road and the section of Leila Creek between Barrow Hill Road and Sants Road, all sites were identified as requiring follow up surveillance during the next 12-month period.

Project Officer: Carla Lambropoulos

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### 3.7 BUILDING BIODIVERSITY RESILIENCE AND CONNECTIVITY: PERI-URBAN WEED PARTNERSHIP IN UPPER PIONEER CATCHMENT

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(EVERYONE'S ENVIRONMENT GRANTS)

PCL worked with SLCMA and Whitsunday Catchment Landcare to deliver year one of the Peri-urban project. Funding was obtained by the Queensland Government and was used to deliver land management assistance to landholders in the Peri-urban sector.

There are ten participating properties. During the property assessments, property owners received an information pack and land management plan focused on pest and weed control, revegetation strategies, erosion control and improving soil health. In addition each property owner received 40 local native plants based on their Regional Ecosystems, grown in the MNEC. The project has finished the first of three stages, and is now entering its second year with one out of the ten required property visits completed.

Project Officer: Kate Steel, Nicola Cruceru and Laura Whitbread

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### 3.8 MACKAY KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL BEACH CARE DAY

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(REEF CATCHMENTS PUBLIC FUND)

Over 50kg of rubbish was sorted and collected by Mackay Kindergarten and Preschool children and their families. Nineteen enthusiastic children spent the day adventuring on the beach and listened to John Atkinson speak about life cycles of turtles, reminding us about the importance of looking after the coast and protecting the marine environment.

Project Officer: Wendy Eiteneuer



*Image: Rubbish sorting*



*Image: Rubbish Collection*

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### 3.9 COMMUNITY COASTCARE IN THE MACKAY WHITSUNDAY REGION

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(EVERYONE'S ENVIRONMENT GRANTS, QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT)

The third and final year of this project saw continued maintenance and the planting of 300 revegetation species in January, just in time for the rain. The planting focused on Coastal She-oak (*Casuarina equisetifolia*) along the fore-dune, supplementing those planted in earlier stages of the project. The She-oaks had proven to be very hardy,

withstanding damage cyclones in previous seasons. A variety of other suitable species were planted in the hind-dune area, again to supplement previous revegetation work.

CVA teams helped to maintain the Far Beach site with watering and weed management. Maintenance work was commenced by Mackay Green Solutions who also did the plantings in January. Council teams tidied the site in preparation for the field trip in February, which was attended by 25 colleagues in coastal vegetation management, Landcare volunteers and community members. Field trip participants visited Sandfly Creek to view completed works on the habitat. PCL is grateful to Mackay Regional Council and Birdlife Mackay for sharing information with field trip attendees.



*Image: Reveg planting at Far Beach*

Other events held at the Far Beach Site were Mackay Kindy Beach Day (section 3.8) and Eco Barge Coastal Clean Up (section 1.6).

Project Officer: Kate Steel and Margaret Lane

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### 3.10 BUILDING COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP AND WATERWAY HEALTH RESTORATION – UPPER PIONEER CATCHMENT AND OWENS CREEK

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(EVERYONE'S ENVIRONMENT GRANTS, QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT)

March 2015 marked the official end of the Owens Creek Log Jam project, however an extension was granted until January 2016. The extension utilises remaining funds and will allow for continued maintenance of the revegetation component of the site.



*Image: Log Jam structure and Reveg Plantings*

180 additional riparian revegetation trees were planted as one of the final milestones with maintenance of the site continuing. The maintenance incorporates watering and weed management of the revegetation planting on the riparian zone. During the final period, Reef Catchments monitored and reported on habitat improvement and the effects on fish communities of Owens Creek bank stabilisation.

Project Officer: Lara Mathewson and Kate Steel

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### 3.11 CARBON FARMING FUTURES 'ACTION ON THE GROUND' PROGRAM – THE CLEAN ENERGY BENEFITS OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

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(AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DEPT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY)

This research project is predominantly run by Reef Catchments with the support of Queensland's Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and Farmacist Pty Ltd. PCL provided on-ground support to this project in the 2014/15 period, primarily conducting gas sampling activities on cane paddocks.



Image: Lara Mathewson conducting gas sampling

The gas testing consists of monitoring nitrogen emissions to draw a comparison between paddocks that have had a legume planted during the fallow versus paddocks that were left barren during the fallow. In addition to gas testing, PCL officers offered support in the preparation of case studies for the 2014 Soil Symposium.

Project Officer: Kate Steel and Lara Mathewson

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### 3.12 GIANT RAT'S TAIL GRASS TRIALS

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(REEF CATCHMENTS)

This project aims to eradicate weeds Giant Rat's Tail Grass (*Sporobolus sp*) impacting on high quality agricultural land and environmental assets within the Mackay Whitsunday region. Giant Rat's Tail Grass poses a significant environmental threat to the region and is considered to be one of the highest priority pests under the Mackay Regional Pest Management Plan and State Legislation.

This was the second year of a three-year project running to June 2016. PCL project officers conduct monthly on-ground monitoring in the Gargett area of eight different GRT grass trial treatments, over five plots.

Project Officer: Carla Lambropoulos

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### 3.13 CENTRAL QLD COAST RIPARIAN HEALTH PROJECT –MARIAN RIVERBANK STAGE 4

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(EVERYONE'S ENVIRONMENT GRANTS, QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT)

The third and final year of this project was marked by planting 350 native plants on the riparian zone at site 4. The site was heavily infested with Guinea Grass (*Megathyrsus maximum* var *maximus*) and Leucaena (*Leucaena leucocephala*) therefore site preparation included extensive weed control. Ongoing maintenance was done at site 3 with watering and weed management being performed.

Site 4 is located adjacent to site 3 on the river bank, with access to the site proving difficult for the community group due to the topography of the area. However, the site was selected to provide an aesthetically pleasing native landscape looking down from Melba House to the river.

Project Officer: Kate Steel and Lara Mathewson

## 4 OTHER GRANTS

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### 4.1 GRANT FOR PURCHASE OF PRINTER

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#### (GAMBLING COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND)

PCL received \$2,988 funding from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to purchase a new commercial-grade printer. The previous printer had become outdated to the point where it was no longer computer compatible. The new printer is an appreciated addition to the office as it has significantly reduced printing costs and proven to be a time-saver.

## 5 ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

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### 5.1 MEMBERSHIP

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27 new memberships were approved during the 2014/15 financial year. The year finished with a total of 90 members. The increase in membership reflects growing involvement by landholders in PCL programs.

### 5.2 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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The MC meets monthly and is made up of the following members:

Dave Hunter – Chair

Di Salau – Deputy Chair and Policy Officer

Margaret Lane – Treasurer;

Organisation representative of *Society for Growing Australian Plants Mackay Branch*

Caitlin Davies – Committee Member;

Organisation representative of *Conservation Volunteers Australia*

Cr Theresa Morgan – Committee Member;

Organisation representative of *Mackay Regional Council*

Dianne Williams – Committee Member

Grant Howard – Committee Member

Irene Champion – Committee Member

### 5.3 POLICY OFFICER REPORT

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Policies and procedures are an essential part of an organisation's governance. My role is to develop, review and update these important documents so that all involved with PCL can be clear about how we work.

I based the revisions on templates from the Institute of Community Directors Australia, an excellent resource for community organisations.

The first task was to present a framework for developing, adopting and reviewing our policies and procedures. With this in place, we have now adopted a range of essential policies developed in response to requests from members of the management committee and officers. Examples include Office, Project Management, Financial Management, Membership and Newsletter policies and procedures.

Our policies and procedures are assembled in printed and electronic manuals along with a copy of the Rules of the Association. I am planning a section of procedures that do not require a policy but provide necessary assistance to volunteers and officers. Examples

include what to do when the server crashes or how to create a word document with a Table of Contents.

Thank you to members of the management committee and the officers for their support and feedback. I would like to take the opportunity to remind you all that policies and procedures are living documents and they are designed to work for us.



**Di Salau**  
**PCL Policy Officer**

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## 5.4 FACILITIES

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### *Office*

Pioneer Catchment & Landcare continues to work out of their MNEC office in North Mackay. Mackay Regional Council provides the office space, shed for storage of equipment, car parking, and utilities for PCL. Council also supplies and equips the on-site nursery.

### *Vehicle*

Carlisle Motors has continued its support with vehicle maintenance; our vehicle has not missed a beat since it was purchased.

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## 5.5 FINANCES

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Financial Statements for the 2014/15 financial year were audited in August 2015 by the appointed auditor, Bennett Partners Chartered Accountants. Appendix 1 contains the full audited 2014/15 Financial Statements and the associated Independent Audit Report.



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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In addition to those people and organisations already acknowledged in the body of this report, many other people have contributed to the achievements of the organisation during the year:

- **Our Volunteers.** Important volunteers over the year have been: **Di Salau**, IT Helper Extraordinaire, who continues to work tirelessly on our database, server and backup systems, procedures and Management Committee; the **Pioneer Nursery Volunteer Team**, in particular, **Margaret Lane**, **Robyn Law** and **Nicole Murphy**, who volunteered considerable time to manage our Nursery Volunteer program and plant distributions; and also **Gerard Masters**, who continues to help every month with the folding and distribution of the newsletters, which is very much appreciated. Our thanks go to all of you for your contributions. Office Volunteer extraordinaire **Melissa Spalding** who over the past year has donated generous amounts of time in assisting with all manner of tasks.
- **Reef Catchments Mackay Whitsunday Isaac Ltd**, for the generous provision of technical support and resource sharing, and for continuing to involve PCL in their on-ground activities.
- **Mackay Regional Council** for housing our operations and assisting with knowledge sharing, general support and facilitation. Specifically, we need to thank the Natural Environment team including **Lisa**, **Jonathon**, **Richard** and the **Bush Crew**, the **Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens staff**, and the **Pest Management Officers** who have collaborated and generously shared their knowledge.
- **Society for Growing Australian Plants Mackay Branch**, for representation on the Management Committee, supplying plants for our members and for advice and support in our endeavours to promote the knowledge and use of local native plants.
- **Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association** and **Whitsunday Catchment Landcare Inc.**, for their support and collaboration.
- **Meryl Ritchie** of the Mackay Tree Factory, for assistance far beyond just the commercial supply of plants for our projects.
- **Ruth Croker** for donation of reference books for our library.
- **Conservation Volunteers Australia**, for support for the Management Committee and friendly collaboration at events.
- **Department of Natural Resources and Mines** and **Biosecurity Queensland** staff, for their generous technical support and collaboration on field events.
- The range of **local organisations, government agencies and their staff** who have contributed to events held and who have provided technical advice
- **Other donations** of time, money or resources were received from the following people or organisations, who have our deep appreciation for their contribution:
- **Megan Taylor** of **Kapow Interactive** continues to provide voluntary support for CQCLN websites.
- **Carlisle Motors** have again ensured expert mechanical care and maintenance of our lovely Mitsubishi Triton ute.
- **Bennett Partners Chartered Accountants** and **Phil Doring Insurance Brokers** continue to provide discounted professional fees
- **David Bowen** donated tie-down straps for use with our vehicle

*Natural resource management in our community is enriched by your contribution,  
thank you!*

## PROJECT FUNDING & OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS BY:



## APPENDIX 1

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### 2014/15 Financial Reports and Independent Audit Report



18 August 2015

Pioneer Catchment & Landcare Group Inc.  
PO Box 1076  
MACKAY QLD 4740

To the Members of Pioneer Catchment & Landcare Group Inc.,

**Re: Audit of the financial report for the period ended 30/06/2015**

The objective of our audit was to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial report was free of material misstatement. We are responsible for forming and expressing an opinion on the financial report that has been prepared by management with the oversight of those charged with governance. Our audit of the financial report does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal controls or for identifying all significant deficiencies that may exist. Accordingly, our audit would not usually identify all such matters that may be of interest to you and it is inappropriate to conclude that no such matters exist however if we have identified any significant deficiencies in internal control, they are advised below.

**No Significant Deficiencies**

During the course of our audit of Pioneer Catchment & Landcare Group Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2015, we did not identify any significant deficiencies, that in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and in our professional judgement should be raised for the committee's attention.

**Auditors opinion on accounting policies, estimates and disclosures used:**

- The policies, estimates and disclosures in the financial report are considered appropriate for the Association's financial reporting obligations.

**Significant difficulties, if any, encountered during the audit**

- There were no significant difficulties identified during our audit.

Liability limited by a scheme approved under professional standards legislation.

### Management representations

Each year we provide you with Bennett Partners Audit Engagement Brochure that details the responsibilities and obligations on you as client and on us as auditors. Part of those obligations is for you to advise us of any fraud or misappropriation that has occurred during the year. Additionally you are to advise us that if you are of the opinion that Pioneer Catchment & Landcare Group Inc. is unable to pay its obligations as they become due.

At the start of the audit we were not advised of any fraud or misappropriation or any inability of Pioneer Catchment & Landcare Group Inc. to pay its debts during the year. During our audit we did not discover any information that would lead us to believe any fraud or inability to pay occurred during the year.

### We enclose:

- Two copies of the Audited Financial Statements for 30/06/2015, one for your retention and the other for forwarding to the Office of Fair Trading Qld with the Association's annual return.
- An additional Statement by Members of the Management Committee to be signed and returned to our office to complete our records.
- A journal adjustment schedule has been provided for input into your Quickbooks file to align your Quickbooks file with the audited financial statements.
- Our fee for professional services rendered.

This communication is prepared solely for your information and is not intended for any other purpose. We accept no responsibility to a third party who uses this communication.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Hinton - CA  
Bennett Partners Chartered Accountants  
Date: 18/08/2015



# **PIONEER CATCHMENT & LANDCARE GROUP INC.**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

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# PIONEER CATCHMENT & LANDCARE GROUP INC.

## COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee members submit the financial report of the Pioneer Catchment & Landcare Group Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

### Committee Members

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Dave Hunter (Chairman)  
Di Salau (Deputy Chair)  
Wendy Eiteneuer (Secretary)  
Margaret Lane (Treasurer)  
Caitlin Davies

Irene Champion  
Grant Howard  
Cr Therese Morgan  
Dianne Williams

### Principal Activities

The principal activity of the association during the financial year was to promote healthy and sustainable landcare within the Pioneer catchment region.

### Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.

  
.....  
Dave Hunter  
Chairman

Dated this 21st day of August 2015

# PIONEER CATCHMENT & LANDCARE GROUP INC.

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

**For the Year ended 30th June 2015**

	Note	2015	2014
<b>Revenues from Ordinary Activities</b>			
Operational Revenues	2	319,836	362,366
Other Income	3	2,586	2,835
<b><i>Total Revenues from Ordinary Activities</i></b>		<u>322,422</u>	<u>365,201</u>
 <b>Expenses from Ordinary Activities</b>			
Motor Vehicle Expenses	4	4,105	3,632
Marketing Expenses	5	3,527	12,429
Administration Expenses	6	64,198	128,731
Employee Related Expenses	7	93,075	96,377
Provision for Unexpended Funding		157,517	124,033
<b><i>Total Expenses from Ordinary Activities</i></b>		<u>322,422</u>	<u>365,201</u>
 <b>Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary Activities</b>		<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

# PIONEER CATCHMENT & LANDCARE GROUP INC.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As At 30th June 2015

	NOTE	2015	2014
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash Assets	8	169,315	130,737
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>169,315</u>	<u>130,737</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>169,315</u>	<u>130,737</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Payables	9	6,714	6,705
Provision for Employment Entitlements		5,084	-
Provision for Grants	10	31,041	53,550
Provision for Special Projects	11	11,872	1,663
Povision for Auspiced Grants	12	3,524	3,819
Provision Discretionary Funds	13	45,142	17,770
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>103,376</u>	<u>83,506</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>103,376</u>	<u>83,506</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>65,939</u>	<u>47,231</u>
<b>Opening Members Funds</b>			
Discretionary Reserve Funds	14	65,939	47,231
Retained Profits		-	-
<b>Members Funds</b>		<u>65,939</u>	<u>47,231</u>

# PIONEER CATCHMENT & LANDCARE GROUP INC.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

### NOTE 1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial statements cover Pioneer Catchment and Landcare Group Inc. as an individual entity. Pioneer Catchment and Landcare Group Inc. is a not-for-profit Association incorporated in Queensland under the *Associations Incorporation Act (QLD) 1981* (as amended by the *Associations Incorporation and Other Legislation Amendment Act (QLD) 2007* the Act"). The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an cash basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

**a. Income Tax**

The Pioneer Catchment & Landcare Group Inc. is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

**b. Fixed Assets**

Pioneer Catchment & Landcare Group Inc. fully depreciates assets in the first year of purchase. This has no tax implication as Pioneer Catchment & Landcare Group Inc. is a non profit association and does not pay income tax.

**c. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short term highly liquid investments.

**d. Provision for Projects**

These provisions represent monies received for work that has not been completed at year end.

**e. Revenue and Other Income**

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Association and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, has been satisfied.



# **PIONEER CATCHMENT & LANDCARE GROUP INC.**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

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

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is presented net of returns, discounts and rebates.

#### **Sale of Goods**

Revenue is recognised on transfer of goods to the customer as this is deemed to be the point in time when risks and rewards are transferred and there is no longer any ownership of effective control over the goods.

#### **Grant Revenue**

Government grants are recognised at fair value where there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and all grant conditions will be met. Grants relating to expense items are recognised as income over the periods necessary to match the grant to the costs they are compensating.

#### **Interest Revenue**

Interest is recognised using the effective interest method.

#### **f. Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of assets and liabilities are shown inclusive of GST.

#### **g. Employee Provisions**

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee provisions have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

# PIONEER CATCHMENT & LANDCARE GROUP INC.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	2015	2014
<b>NOTE 2: OPERATIONAL REVENUES</b>		
Reserve Fund	45,966	39,165
Auspiced Grants	3,819	8,749
Grants	214,636	287,804
Operating Support	55,415	26,648
Other Income	-	-
	319,836	362,366
<b>NOTE 3: OTHER INCOME</b>		
Interest Earned	2,586	2,835
	2,586	2,835
<b>NOTE 4: MOTOR VEHICLE EXPENSES</b>		
Fuel & Oil	1,723	1,795
Trailer Registration & Insurance	1,517	1,474
Repairs & Maintenance	865	363
	4,105	3,632
<b>NOTE 5: MARKETING &amp; OTHER EXPENSES</b>		
Events	-	45
Member Support	1,189	6,841
Newsletter	1,682	1,667
Other	656	3,876
	3,527	12,429
<b>NOTE 6: ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>		
Bank Charges	-	1
Repairs and Maintenance	5	300
Equipment	5,230	3,023
Gifts & Donations	102	54
Insurance	1,445	-
Postage & Delivery	192	208
Printing & Photocopying	365	988
Professional Fees	50,573	102,234
Subscriptions	678	275
Supplies	3,709	20,642
Telephone & Internet	1,900	1,005
	64,198	128,731

# PIONEER CATCHMENT & LANDCARE GROUP INC.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	2015	2014
<b>NOTE 7: EMPLOYMENT RELATED EXPENSES</b>		
Professional Development	1,246	2,216
Salaries & Wages Invoiced	91,828	94,161
	93,074	96,377
<b>NOTE 8 CASH ASSETS</b>		
Petty Cash	43	50
General Operating Account	9,067	5,694
Business Online Saver	160,205	124,993
	169,315	130,737
<b>NOTE 9: PAYABLES</b>		
GST Payable	6,102	5,855
CBA Business Credit Card	612	850
	6,714	6,705
<b>NOTE 10: PROVISION FOR GRANTS</b>		
<b>Don Myers Wetland</b>		
Income	2,377	2,877
Expenditure	(2,377)	(500)
Unexpended Income	-	2,377
<b>GCBF - Printer</b>		
Income	3,111	-
Expenditure	(3,111)	-
Unexpended Income	-	-
<b>Giant Rats Tail Grass</b>		
Income	-	4,000
Expenditure	-	(4,000)
Unexpended Income	-	-
<b>MCWG</b>		
Income	1,250	-
Expenditure	(2,290)	-
Unexpended Income	(1,040)	-

# PIONEER CATCHMENT & LANDCARE GROUP INC.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	2015	2014
<b>Australian Government GVESHO Program</b>		
Income	-	3,000
Expenditure	-	(3,000)
Unexpended Income	-	-
<b>Coastal Grant</b>		
Income	6,352	12,952
Expenditure	(6,352)	(20,462)
Unexpended Income	-	(7,510)
<b>Reliance Creek Rehabilitation</b>		
Income	25,488	57,947
Expenditure	(21,189)	(53,659)
Unexpended Income	4,299	4,288
<b>Log Jam Project</b>		
Income	8,521	55,117
Expenditure	(11,849)	(46,596)
Unexpended Income	(3,328)	8,521
<b>Pond Apple/ Leila Creek</b>		
Income	-	15,348
Expenditure	-	(15,348)
Unexpended Income	-	-
<b>Ruellia Trial</b>		
Income	739	4,248
Expenditure	-	(3,509)
Unexpended Income	739	739
<b>TMR Thunbergia Project</b>		
Income	1,563	2,728
Expenditure	(1,563)	(1,165)
Unexpended Income	-	1,563
<b>Beach Care Day</b>		
Income	885	-
Expenditure	(885)	-
Unexpended Income	-	-
<b>LFW Nest Boxes</b>		
Income	-	3,170
Expenditure	-	(3,170)
Unexpended Income	-	-

# PIONEER CATCHMENT & LANDCARE GROUP INC.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	2015	2014
<b>Peri- Urban Grant</b>		
Income	8,385	1,972
Expenditure	(5,528)	-
Unexpended Income	<u>2,857</u>	<u>1,972</u>
<b>Riparian Grant</b>		
Income	3,540	14,745
Expenditure	(3,540)	(16,120)
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,375)</u>
<b>Forestry Working Group</b>		
Income	21,000	10,500
Expenditure	(15,750)	-
Unexpended Income	<u>5,250</u>	<u>10,500</u>
<b>Landcare Support 2013</b>		
Income	-	20,486
Expenditure	-	(20,486)
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Landcare Support 2014</b>		
Income	21,770	20,000
Expenditure	(21,770)	(18,230)
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>1,770</u>
<b>Landcare Support 2015</b>		
Income	20,460	-
Expenditure	(15,150)	-
Unexpended Income	<u>5,310</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Soil Health</b>		
Income	29,998	20,000
Expenditure	(26,665)	(10,002)
Unexpended Income	<u>3,333</u>	<u>9,998</u>
<b>Sugarcane Trial</b>		
Income	30,000	15,000
Expenditure	(22,500)	-
Unexpended Income	<u>7,500</u>	<u>15,000</u>
<b>GRT Trial 2014-15</b>		
Income	6,000	-
Expenditure	(4,800)	-
Unexpended Income	<u>1,200</u>	<u>-</u>



# PIONEER CATCHMENT & LANDCARE GROUP INC.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	2015	2014
<b>Eungella Community Day</b>		
Income	1,638	-
Expenditure	(995)	-
Unexpended Income	<u>643</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Reliance Creek (RC Public Fund)</b>		
Income	2,500	-
Expenditure	(2,500)	-
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Land for Wildlife</b>		
Income	8,294	16,714
Expenditure	(8,294)	(11,007)
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>5,707</u>
<b>Seed Collection</b>		
Income	1,000	-
Expenditure	(422)	-
Unexpended Income	<u>578</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Rubber Vine Contractor (August 2015)</b>		
Income	3,700	-
Expenditure	-	-
Unexpended Income	<u>3,700</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Pond Apple 2015</b>		
Income	8,500	-
Expenditure	(8,500)	-
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Pond Apple 2014</b>		
Income	-	7,000
Expenditure	-	(7,000)
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Total Provision for unexpended Grants</i>	<u>31,041</u>	<u>53,550</u>

# PIONEER CATCHMENT & LANDCARE GROUP INC.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	2015	2014
<b>NOTE 11: PROVISION FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>		
<b>Nursery Operations</b>		
Income	20,316	9,297
Expenditure	(8,444)	(7,634)
Unexpended Income	<u>11,872</u>	<u>1,663</u>
<i>Total Provision for Special Projects future expenditure</i>	<i>11,872</i>	<i>1,663</i>
 <b>NOTE 12: AUSPICED PROJECT PROVISIONS</b>		
<b>MacKillop Wetlands</b>		
Income	295	2,947
Expenditure	(295)	(2,652)
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>295</u>
 <b>Morag McNichol Reserve</b>		
Income	3,197	3,197
Expenditure	-	-
Unexpended Income	<u>3,197</u>	<u>3,197</u>
 <b>Marian Community Group</b>		
Income	327	2,605
Expenditure	-	(2,278)
Unexpended Income	<u>327</u>	<u>327</u>
<i>Total Provision for Auspiced Projects future expenditure</i>	<u><i>3,524</i></u>	<u><i>3,819</i></u>
 <b>NOTE 13: DISCRETIONARY PROVISIONS</b>		
Project Manager	24,452	83,379
Expenditure	(17,197)	(75,064)
Unexpended Income	<u>7,255</u>	<u>8,315</u>
 Project Office Manager - CL	42,790	-
Expenditure	(23,854)	-
Unexpended Income	<u>18,936</u>	<u>-</u>
 Project Office Manager - LM	33,368	-
Expenditure	(26,029)	-
Unexpended Income	<u>7,339</u>	<u>-</u>
 Project Officer - LW	1,965	-
Expenditure	(1,945)	-
Unexpended Income	<u>20</u>	<u>-</u>

# PIONEER CATCHMENT & LANDCARE GROUP INC.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	2015	2014
Project Officer - NC	2,706	-
Expenditure	(2,706)	-
Unexpended Income	-	-
Communication Strategy	500	1,064
Expenditure	-	(564)
Unexpended Income	500	500
Audit & Bookkeeping	1,800	2,300
Expenditure	(1,300)	(1,300)
Unexpended Income	500	1,000
Management Committee	6,000	3,524
Expenditure	(1,305)	(957)
Unexpended Income	4,695	2,568
Member Support	1,000	1,000
Expenditure	(654)	(407)
Unexpended Income	346	593
Business Support	6,500	5,535
Expenditure	(7,807)	(5,851)
Unexpended Income	(1,307)	(316)
Office Manager	28,125	-
Expenditure	(23,586)	-
Unexpended Income	4,539	-
Product Sales	108	-
Expenditure	(255)	-
Unexpended Income	(147)	-
Motor Vehicle	4,000	4,140
Expenditure	(4,121)	(4,109)
Unexpended Income	(121)	31
Interest	2,587	2,835
Expenditure	-	-
Unexpended Income	2,587	2,835
<i>Total Discretionary Provisions for future expenditure</i>	<i>45,142</i>	<i>15,526</i>

# PIONEER CATCHMENT & LANDCARE GROUP INC.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	2015	2014
<b>NOTE 14: RESERVES</b>		
Asset Replacement Reserve	9,000	4,500
Nursery	3,087	3,058
Business Support	7,672	5,651
Motor Vehicle	7,672	5,651
General Reserve	38,508	28,371
<i>Total Reserves</i>	<u>65,939</u>	<u>47,231</u>

# PIONEER CATCHMENT & LANDCARE GROUP INC.

## STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 3 to 15:

- 1 Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Pioneer Catchment & Landcare Group Inc. as at 30 June 2015 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
- 2 At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Pioneer Catchment & Landcare Group Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf

Chairman



Dave Hunter

Treasurer



Margaret Lane

Dated this 21 day of 08 2015





## **INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PIONEER CATCHMENT & LANDCARE GROUP INC.**

### **Report on the Financial Report**

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Pioneer Catchment & Landcare Group Inc. (the association), which comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2015, and the Comprehensive income statement, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the committee.

### *Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report*

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Qld and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibilities also include establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

### *Auditor's Responsibility*

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

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

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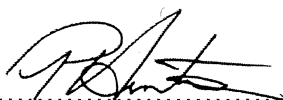
We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

*Independence*

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

**Audit Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial position of Pioneer Catchment & Landcare Group Inc as at 30th June 2015 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.



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Paul Hinton (CA)

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Date