

# Pioneer Catchment & Landcare Group Inc.

## Annual Report 2016/2017





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## CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17

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As Chair of Pioneer Catchment & Landcare Group Inc., I am fortunate to work with such a diligent and dedicated group. Everyone in the team shares a genuine interest in Natural Resource Management, and all are prepared to put self-interest and personal goals to one side for the greater good of our organisation. It is encouraging that our paid staff go to great lengths to get the most value out of every dollar when delivering on the projects we manage.

Carla Lambropoulos has done a sterling job as Co-ordinator managing on the meagre funds available. Every week presents a new challenge for our group but Carla is capable of reducing each problem to the basics and subsequently coming up with some brilliant solutions. She is ably assisted by Melissa Spalding, our Project Officer. Melissa came to us in early 2016 with very little experience in NRM and is still on a steep learning curve, however what she lacks in experience she makes up for with her eagerness to learn and fine attention to detail. I am proud of the quality of our newsletter under Mel's stewardship. Unfortunately, we are going to lose Mel's services early in 2018- she will be sorely missed. Our Administration Officer, Wendy Eiteneuer, is also a highly valued member of the team who has to deal with the daily enquiries from the public as well other professional organisations in the Landcare Network. Wendy also has the onerous task of not only handling our finances and budget but doing the bookkeeping for the Central Queensland Soil Health Systems group as well.

Another greatly appreciated member of PCL is Margaret Lane, who continues to work tirelessly in the community to promote the activities of PCL. Margaret has chosen not to be a member of the Management Committee but is always willing to help out or be available as a sounding board for the Management Committee and staff alike. Margaret is PCL's representative on the Mackay Regional Council's Community and Client Reference Group for Water Services as well as attending Sustainability and Environment Advisory Committee meetings, where her previous experience in local government is invaluable. This year Margaret has been helping out with her wealth of knowledge when our officers attend the Sustainability Markets on a Wednesday at The Blue Water Quay. We are able to promote PCL's activities as well as Land for Wildlife activities sponsored by Mackay Regional Council.

Our association with Reef Catchments (Mackay Whitsunday Isaac) Limited is important to PCL, in that we have a symbiotic relationship with them where we work together to deliver NRM projects around our region. We are also appreciative of the free payroll services they provide for our officers' salaries. The RCL staff are always polite and helpful to our officers and we look forward to continuing working with them into the future.

Our relationship with Central Queensland Soil Health Systems has continued to grow, with PCL giving support in whatever areas we can. I think they will also miss Melissa when she goes, because she has given a lot of assistance at all their meetings, workshops and field days. The management team of CQSHS are a very diligent and dedicated group, and are on the verge of becoming their own incorporated body once the constitution is ratified. Although CQSHS will be a stand-alone Landcare group once this takes place, I think a mutual interest in sustainable farming systems will see this relationship continue to strengthen.

We continue our partnership with Mackay Regional Council in the delivery of Land for Wildlife and our other community engagement activities. I greatly appreciate the special effort Lisa Kermode puts in on our behalf, because we can't know everything that is going on, but are only too willing to be of assistance once alerted to an issue. I know our staff also appreciate the input from Jonathon Dykyj because of his previous experience in and around the Mackay region. Our other direct link with council is through Sue McCormack the supervisor at the Swayne St nursery. We value the effort Sue puts in to producing high quality plants which we are able to then use in our revegetation projects. It is a symbiotic relationship with Sue accommodating PCL's volunteers who help in the nursery and people like Irene Champion sharing her infinite knowledge of local Australian native plants.

I would like to thank all members of staff and the Management Committee for their professionalism when dealing with the public, it is because of this that we continue to build good relations with the wider community. Dianne Williams, was elected as Deputy Chair of PCL at the last annual general meeting and I value her judgment on all issues and consequently use her as a sounding board from time to time. Because we are both primary producers we don't always have time to attend all the meetings and committees that PCL is involved with, but between us we have been able to cover all the bases. Dianne also proof reads our monthly newsletter. Another very quiet achieving member is Irene Champion who provides us with expertise in meeting procedure as well as her vast knowledge of native plants which she unselfishly shares with anyone who cares to ask. Di Salau probably suffered more devastation from Cyclone Debbie than most of us but still puts in more hours than anyone on the Management Committee by looking after the computer systems and we are grateful for that – although at times she is at wits end with the poor internet connections at Swayne Street. Mark Radke provides the professional oversight of all our finances as our Treasurer and is able to give the tick of approval to all the ground work done by Wendy. Thank you Mark. Laura Whitbread has become an important member of the Management Committee since returning to the private sector workforce. She is in a position to comment on issues from the perspective of an employee of PCL as well as bring the realities of the real work place to our team. I think we all need that at times, and I appreciate her input. Grant Howard continues to be a member of the MC and has recently suggested he would like to form a group of other people who have dedicated their properties to Land for Wildlife. This will allow them to share ideas on things like weed and fire control as well as suitable species of trees for revegetation.

It has been mooted that there are moves afoot for the state government to fund permanent Co-ordinators for groups like ours. From nearly 25 years of involvement with Landcare I can say this would be money well spent. With a permanent Landcare co-ordinator, groups are able to seek funding from governments and private enterprise for much larger projects that in turn stimulate the local economy. When we do projects, all the money is spent locally employing local people. It is one of the best arguments for decentralisation I can think of.

I thank all our members for their support and look forward to offering our assistance to anyone with Natural Resource Management issues into the future.



Dave Hunter  
August 2017

### 1 MACKAY REGIONAL COUNCIL FUNDING

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Pioneer Catchment & Landcare (PCL) encourages and assists the local community through landcare activities, ground rehabilitation works in collaboration with community stakeholders. PCL's work area is within Mackay Regional Council (MRC) and through the sustained relationship between both partners, key programmes such as Land for Wildlife and Landcare Support have helped foster PCL's outreach into the wider community. In addition to Council's funding streams, the generous provision of office space at the Mackay Natural Environment Centre (MNEC) is crucial to PCL's operation.

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#### 1.1 LAND FOR WILDLIFE

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In the 2016/17 period an additional ten properties were added to the Land for Wildlife programme. Ten revisits to existing registered properties were conducted as part of the project. There are now approximately 110 properties registered in the Pioneer Catchment & Landcare area. There is considerable diversity in the project with some participants categorised in the "working towards" classification and others with full and partial registration.

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). In May, SLCMA orchestrated the Land for Wildlife field trip which included a guided tour of Plane Creek revegetation site and a private property located amidst dense remnant rainforest.

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#### 1.2 WORKING WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS

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##### *Central Queensland Soil Health Systems (CQSHS)*

In April 2017, the CQSHS group hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Marian Soil Health Field Day which was well received by the forty-eight attendees. Presentations by high quality speakers included Soil Microbiologist Walter Jehne and UQ Professor Susanne Schmidt. CQSHS Chairman Simon Mattsson also spoke of his recent trip to the UK and the innovative practices that he encountered while overseas. Throughout the year, group members hosted a number of field days to demonstrate the different research trials currently running. Also in April 2017, CQSHS released their first E-newsletter. After months of preparations, the group also adopted a constitution in May 2017. As the organisation continues to grow, plans for integrating the newsletter and website are being developed so the group can establish a larger social media presence.

##### *Friends of MacKillop Wetlands*

Friends of MacKillop Wetlands have continued meeting for working bees twice per month. Site changes include weeding and planting the pathway leading to the outdoor classroom. The group works closely with teachers and students at MacKillop Catholic Primary School who participate in a variety of activities including Envirokids workshops.

### *Friends of Morag McNichol Reserve*

Friends of Morag McNichol Reserve group continue their close partnership with Mackay Regional Council. Monthly working bees and inspection reports are diligently carried out and distributed to members. These working bees have resulted in the reserve's great condition, as regular removal of garden escapees and minor weed incursions keep them in check.

### *Marian Community Working Group*

Site maintenance around Melba House continues with weed control and brush cutting as required. More recently there has been more interest in the site following the clearing of weeds due to TC Debbie – resulting in more river views along the Prime Minister's Walk– and the increase in popularity for coffee caravan Vintage Kiss, who operate directly adjacent to Melba House. The group will continue to monitor weed regrowth and native trees from previous plantings through the dry season.

### *Sub-Groups Support Meeting*

In June 2017, Darryl Ebenezer from Qld Water and Land Carers attended a meeting to provide information and advice for PCL sub-groups. PCL invited representatives from CQSHS, Friends of MacKillop Wetlands, Friends of Morag McNichol Reserve and Marian Community Working Group to discuss topics such as volunteer management, insurance coverage, risk management and funding opportunities. Although not all the sub-groups were able to attend, those present indicated that the information provided was useful and supported their activities.

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## 1.3 PROMOTIONS AND DISPLAYS

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### *Farleigh Palm Fete 2017*

This year's Palm Fete was held on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, nearly two months after the event was rescheduled due to bad weather the weekend of May 21<sup>st</sup>. The event is popular for plant enthusiasts and green thumbs looking to add diversity to their gardens. Visitors to the PCL stall shared their revegetation and weeding stories. Management Committee member Laura Whitbread and Project Officer Melissa Spalding promoted Gardens for Wildlife and Land for Wildlife and a number of applications/contacts for PCL membership were also received during the day.



*Laura and Melissa attended the Palm Fete on behalf of PCL.*

### *Pioneer Valley Show 2017*

Project Officer Melissa Spalding, with assistance from a number of PCL volunteers, gave away 550 plants at the Pioneer Valley Show. The weather was unusually kind to event organisers this year, with sunshine and not a raincloud in sight. PCL setup the plant giveaway in front of the MRC Pest Management Trailer manned by Pest Officers Shelley Molloy and Maria Ferraro. The plant giveaway was timely for some landholders who had recently suffered tree losses due to TC Debbie. The PCL volunteers assisted with plant selection and advice, as well as information on Land for Wildlife.



*Project Officer Melissa Spalding and Management Committee member Di Williams at the PCL stall ready for a busy day at the Finch Hatton show.*

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## 1.4 STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATION

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During the year, PCL officers worked with the following stakeholders to develop and support projects:

- Mackay Regional Pest Management Group, attending General and Committee meetings;
- Reef Catchments MWI Ltd, attending various workshops and meetings;
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority;
- Conservation Volunteers Australia;
- Central Qld Coast Landcare Network;
- Mackay Conservation Group;
- Native Plants Queensland-SGAP Mackay Branch;
- Healthy Rivers to Reef Partnership

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## 1.5 SUPPORT FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

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PCL worked with kindergartens, primary and secondary schools during the year including: Mirani State School, St. Francis Xavier, Slade Point State School, Whitsunday Anglican School, Beaconsfield State School, Mackay Kindy & Preschool, Marian C&K Kindergarten, and Petit Early Learning Journey Marian.

Funding through the Landcare Support project has allowed PCL to assist teachers who are passionate about environmental awareness. This includes delivering programmes and field days for their schools. Activities include plant selection and recommendations for native plants, facilitating tree plantings on site, beach clean-ups and provision of educational materials.

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## 1.6 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS DAYS

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### *Great Northern Clean Up September 2016*

Riverside Drive at Sam's Road end was once again the nominated site for this annual clean up event. Students from St. Patricks College, PCL volunteers and community members totalling 21 people removed rubbish items including industrial rubbish, food packaging and tyres. Volunteers worked together to pile larger items in ute loads to the site tip. Approximately 20 bags of rubbish were removed from the Pioneer Riverbank, which was significantly less than in years previous.



*Left: students from St. Patricks College. Right: MRC Environmental Education Officer Fiona Patterson with PCL volunteer Peter*

### *Pioneer Nursery Team*

The PCL Volunteer Team has been instrumental in the delivery of projects both on and off site. On site at the MNEC, PCL volunteers assisted MRC Nursery Manager Sue McCormack with preparations for a number of plant orders, including council revegetation works at Lagoons Creek, Little McCreadys Creek and Platypus Beach. Plant preparations include seed sowing, planting, sorting and labelling. On any given Tuesday at MNEC, volunteers may also lend a hand at propagating plants (for example, coastal groundcovers for beach revegetation orders), quality control of plants, pot washing, or preparing the different soil mixes.



*PCL volunteers potting plants*

Field work included seven visits to Far Beach for weed maintenance including a planting morning. Over ninety hours of weeding resulted in an impressive amount of weeds removed from site. The same enthusiasm and care for the environment was brought to PCL's revegetation site at Reliance Creek, where roughly 35 weed bags of *Ruellia simplex* were removed in just three site visits. PCL volunteers would have also been seen in a number of landcare activities, including: National Tree Day and National School Tree Day at Lagoons Creek, Lambert Beach plant salvage, and the 2016 Great Northern Clean Up.

In early May a couple of the volunteers came out to the Mackay Regional Council Volunteer Expo, where they assisted in plant giveaways while singing the praises of Tuesday morning volunteering. Shortly after, PCL welcomed new faces to the nursery team and in the spirit of volunteerism, some Tuesday mornings have seen as many as twelve people at nursery.

Of course, PCL has a handful of dedicated members who rarely miss a Tuesday and if they do, it is likely only because they are out of town or visiting family. These members are a testament to the spirit of landcare and make a huge contribution to the improvement of the natural environment. Without these members, PCL would surely not have been able to reach the 880 volunteer hours dedicated to landcare activities this past year.

PCL staff hosted a BBQ during National Volunteer Week as a "Thank You" for yet another successful year of volunteerism within PCL. Volunteers shared delicious food and laughs well into the afternoon. PCL volunteers will have fond memories of the last year, especially when thinking of all the quirky and "interest looking" morning tea items that PCL Project Officer Melissa baked.



*Beach spinifex coastal tiles are made using spinifex cuttings and a coastal soil mix*

## 1.7 GARDENS FOR WILDLIFE

Throughout Australia there are Gardens for Wildlife programs who promote the use of small garden spaces for attracting native wildlife. These small spaces, often referred to as “stepping stones” for connecting wildlife habitat, are sources of food, habitat and foraging for native fauna. PCL has begun to promote a similar program for Mackay residents, and this year PCL created a brochure listing plants suitable for small gardens in Mackay. In June this year, a botanical gardens tour themed to Gardens for Wildlife was well-attended and it was here that the brochure was debuted. Future plans include local home garden tours and the transformation of the front PCL garden space into a display garden for plants featured in the PCL brochure.



*Group photos of the June 29<sup>th</sup> Botanical Gardens Tour led by Margaret Lane and Maya Harrison*

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## 1.8 NEWSLETTER

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Eleven newsletters are produced each year. 2016/2017 editions were funded by Mackay Regional Council under the Landcare Support project. PCL currently distributes to 490 residents and organisations. The newsletter provides information about PCL projects and events, local biodiversity and biosecurity information, as well as a calendar of National Resource Management events and activities in our region.

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## 1.9 PERI URBAN LANDHOLDER SUPPORT PROGRAM

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4<sup>TH</sup> April 2017 – 31<sup>ST</sup> March 2018

This program allows PCL to provide land management solutions and extension support to peri-urban landholders within the Mackay Regional Council area. The program builds on similar funded projects completed over past years that started as an initiative of the Mackay Regional Pest Management Group. PCL is working collaboratively with Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association Inc. (SLCMA) to provide assistance to peri-urban landholders across the whole of the Mackay Regional Council's local government area.

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## 2 COMMITTEES

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PCL has provided representation on the following committees:

- *Natural Environment Advisory Committee (NEAC)*  
The NEAC committee advises council and makes recommendations for funds available through the Natural Environment Levy. Committee members discuss, review and advise on proposed environmental projects and relevant environmental policies.
- *Community and Client Reference Group for Water & Waste Services*  
This group focuses the supply of water and collection of sewage. Community representatives can discuss issues and raise concerns with regards to these services provided by Council.
- *The Mackay-Whitsunday Healthy Rivers to Reef Partnership*  
Consisting of 28 industry, community, government, tourism and science partners, this collective of stakeholders produce the Mackay-Whitsunday Report Card, which details key health indicators of the Region's rivers and Reef.
- *Mackay Regional Pest Management Group (MRPMG)*  
The MRPMG was established in 2002 and consists of representatives from local and state government departments, community groups and industry bodies whose core business involves the provision of pest management information and expertise within their respective fields. The group meets every three months at various locations throughout the Mackay Whitsunday and Isaac areas to discuss current pest management issues. The goal of the group is to ensure that best practice principles are carried out in a consistent, integrated and efficient manner in line with the Regional Pest Management Strategy (Mackay, Whitsunday, Isaac) 2011-2014. PCL continues to be a member of this important and valuable working group.
- *Central Queensland Soil Health Systems*  
See section 1.2 Working with Community Groups.

### 3 FUNDED PROJECTS

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#### 3.1 BUILDING RESILIENCE OF NATURAL AREAS & SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT ON SMALL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE MACKAY WHITSUNDAY REGION

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31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2014 – 30<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016

Funded by Everyone's Environment Grants (Qld Govt Dept Environment & Heritage Protection)

PCL worked with SLCMA and Whitsunday Catchment Landcare to deliver this financial year's work on the Peri-urban project, which was completed in December 2016. Funding was used to deliver land management assistance to landholders in the Peri-urban sector.

There were 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's plant nursery. This project was completed in December 2016. Part of the funding was also used to coordinate a fire management informational session at the Cape Hillsborough Tea House.

#### 3.2 FAR BEACH REVEGETATION MAINTENANCE

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18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015 – 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016

Funded by National Landcare Program through Reef Catchments MWI Ltd

The National Landcare Programme project supported revegetation works at Far Beach. In the previous financial year 500 coastal groundcovers and trees were planted by PCL volunteers to help protect the Far Beach coastal dune system. Weed maintenance and watering continued through to November 2016. Revegetation at the site was very successful and PCL have continued to build on these great outcomes in the 2016/2017 Far Beach project.



*2015/2016 Far Beach revegetation site.*

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### 3.3 MACKAY KINDERGARTEN & PRE-SCHOOL FAMILY BEACH-CARE DAY AT FAR BEACH

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23<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2016

Funded by Reef Catchments Public Fund

On Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> PCL facilitated a beach clean-up for Mackay Kindy. Roughly ten kids and their families walked a section of Far Beach to collect nearly 17kg of rubbish. Danielle and Carolyn of Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) led the morning's adventures of collecting rubbish in all sizes, glass, plastic bottles, and even a door. The kindergarteners were switched on about why rubbish in the ocean is bad, and the difficulties marine animals have distinguishing plastics from real food.

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### 3.4 CAT'S CLAW CREEPER CONTROL AT RELIANCE CREEK

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25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016 – 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2017

Funded by Reef Catchments MWI Ltd

The key purpose of this project was to undertake treatment of the Cat's Claw Creeper (CCC) bordering Reliance Creek, targeting a minimum of 4ha of infestation. Outcomes from this project assist with the development of future strategic efforts for the management of CCC in the Mackay region.



*Cat's Claw Creeper Vine treated at the Sandy Creek site.*

Due to wet weather end of December and early January, access to the proposed treatment sites at Reliance Creek was not possible. After discussions with both Reef Catchments and Ranges to Reef, it was decided to move the treatment site to a drier location of a known CCC outbreak at Sandy Creek, Homebush. Treatment works were carried out on 11/01/2017 by Ranges to Reef with the aim of treating 4 Ha of CCC. However, the density of the infestation was so large that only approximately 1Ha was able to be treated with the timeframe and budget provided.

On the 9 May 2017, PCL officers release biological control at the Sandy Creek CCC treatment site. Approximately 200 leaf-mining jewel beetles (*Hylaeogena jureceki*) were released at a spot on the bank of Sandy Creek. The area has dense riparian vegetation and young CCC carpeting the ground and growing up the trees. The site has not received any chemical treatment. The jewel beetles were supplied by Bundaberg Regional Council. Release location and information was reported in Fulcrum.

On 26 May 2017, PCL and RC officer's surveyed a new property in the Reliance Creek Catchment for CCC. The property is approximately 5Ha in size and backs onto the Reliance Creek National Park. The survey found an extensive infestation of CCC coming from the National Park and onto the property. Approximately 2.2Ha of the property has CCC growing on it. While at the site officers were able to treat 0.1Ha of CCC using the cut and paste method with Vigilant Gel. The property was also flagged as an ideal release site for biological control.

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### 3.5 WEED CONTROL & REVEGETATION WORKS AT FAR BEACH

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4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 – 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017

Funded by Reef Catchments MWI Ltd

PCL volunteers conducted weed maintenance over a 600m stretch of fore dune at Far Beach including the previous revegetation sites. Over the course of ten visits, PCL volunteers spent an estimate 92.5 hours removing target weeds *Cenchrus echinatus* (Seaforth Burr), *Macroptilium atropurpureum* (Siratro). A cleared section of Seaforth Burr at the southern end of site was replanted with a mix of coastal groundcovers including: *Spinifex sericeus* (Beach spinifex), *Ipomoea pes-caprae* (Goat's foot), *Vitex rotundifolia* (Beach Vitex) and *Vigna marina*. A photo point was established and reporting of works was completed through an online data application.



*Coastal groundcovers at the revegetation site surround a juvenile Casuarina tree*



*PCL volunteer Ken with a handful of Siratro*



*Beach views while the team removes weeds*

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### 3.6 ASSISTANCE MONITORING FISHWAY TRAPS AT ROCKY DAM CREEK

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1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2016 – 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2018

Funded by Reef Catchments MWI Ltd

Funding received was dedicated to providing five days of field assistance to Catchment Solutions Pty Ltd for monitoring of fish way trials. Fish way traps were set and monitored at a number of sites including the Gooseponds, Fursden Creek and Lagoons Creek. Project Officer Melissa Spalding completed two days in January 2017, with the remaining three days to be completed in 2018 during the wet season.

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### 3.7 SUPPORT OF THREE FORESTRY DEMONSTRATION SITES IN THE MACKAY WHITSUNDAY ISAAC REGION

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28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 – 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2017

Funded by Queensland Govt NRM Sustainable Agriculture Funding through Reef Catchments MWI Ltd

PCL were engaged by Reef Catchments to support three forestry demonstration sites in the Mackay Whitsunday region under Reef Catchment's Queensland Governments NRM Sustainable Agriculture funding. Key deliverables included attendance and participation in the forestry working group meetings, attendance and participation in two forestry field days, engagement and support to the landholders at the 3 existing forestry demonstration sites, provide updates on opportunities to further enhance/support the demonstration sites and update/develop case studies for each site.

The three demonstration sites were:

- *Acacia rhodoxylon* (Rosewood) Farm Forestry Trial, Finch Hatton;
- Max McFarlane, Bloomsbury Farm Forestry Trial; and
- Di Williams, Eungella Native Farm Forestry Trial.



*Col Creighton demonstrating silviculture techniques on his Hoop Pine plantation.*

PCL Coordinator Carla Lambropoulos had the pleasure of attending Reef Catchment's Sustainable Farm Forestry Tour on the 28th November. This was a fantastic opportunity to see the work that Col Creighton has done on his Eungella property and hear him speak on his experience and knowledge in forestry and sustainable grazing. Attendees toured the hoop pine plantations, which ranged in varying establishment ages from 12 months to 20 years and witnessed how he has integrated cattle grazing within the forestry plots and introduced garlic production onto the property. Attendees also viewed native forest revegetation and remediation works of Lex Creek, which runs through the property.

In April 2017, Reef Catchments held a farm forestry field day at Di William's demonstration site. The event was attended by stakeholders from across the Mackay Whitsunday region. Topics covered included remnant vegetation and property planning, forestry management techniques, the ABCD framework for both plantation forestry and native forestry management practices, challenges surrounding forestry and the potential of forestry in our region. Attendees were also able to witness and learn more about tree felling and mobile saw milling. Mobile milling is a great option for small scale forestry practices as it gives landholders the opportunity to mill their own timber onsite, saving on the cost of transporting felled timber to and from saw mills. The field day was then followed by a forestry working group meeting. The forestry working group and PCL have continued to be involved with this project and provide ongoing support and advice.



*Lucas sawmill demonstration at the Eungella field day.*

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### 3.8 SURVEY & TREATMENT OF POND APPLE IN RELIANCE CREEK CATCHMENT

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21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2016 – 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017

Funded by Reef Catchments MWI Ltd

PCL were once again engaged by Reef Catchments to deliver the Pond Apple project located in the Reliance Creek catchment. A field survey was carried out on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Approximately 3.6 Ha were surveyed for Pond Apple along the un-named creek from Shady Lane to Bobongies Rd. There were 14 Pond Apple saplings discovered and treated on the day. Treatment was cut and paste method using Vigilant Gel. Two young Pond Apple Trees (possibly no more than 2yrs old) were also discovered. Treatment of these two young trees was delayed as access was prevented due to large thickets of Lantana. The two trees appeared too young to bear fruit and they were monitored for any signs of fruiting until they could be treated.

A follow up field survey was carried out on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 covering 3.6 Ha. During this survey 3 Pond Apple saplings were discovered and treated. It is believed that these saplings were missing in the November survey due to being too small to be visible through the dense vegetation where they growing. The two small Pond Apple trees located during the November survey were also treated. A contractor was engaged to remove the Lantana thickets that were preventing access to the two trees. This created quite a large clearing along the riparian zone so 20 local native plants, suitable for the area, were planted at the site.

A case study outlining the history and treatment of pond apple in the Mackay region was developed as part of the project. It outlines key dates since pond apple was discovered in the region back in 2008 and the outcomes that the project has achieved during that time. The case study can be found on the Reef Catchments website.



*A small Pond Apple sapling located during the November 2016 surveys.*

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### 3.9 WEED SURVEY & CONTROL AT RELIANCE CREEK NATIONAL PARK & SURROUNDS

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22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH – 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2017

Funded by National Landcare Programme through Reef Catchments MWI Ltd

PCL has coordinated weed control and Cat's Claw Creeper survey works within a 34-hectare patch of endangered Melaleuca woodlands (Regional Ecosystems 8.3.5 and 8.3.1). This area comprises a section of privately owned land adjacent to the Reliance Creek National Park which is home to a number of threatened bird, reptile and mammal species. Listed threatened species and ecological communities are considered Matters of National Significance (MNES). The project consisted of three major components.

*Weed control of the revegetation site*—Three volunteer mornings were held in May to weed around existing revegetation and naturally regenerated trees. Fourteen volunteers spent a total of 57.25 hours hand pulling *Ruellia (Ruellia simplex)* and removing debris from trees caused by recent flood events. Approximately 35 weed bags weighing 600kg of *Ruellia* were removed from the site.

*Cat's Claw Creeper survey work*— Survey works were conducted on a private property adjoining the Reliance Creek National Park and was an extension to previous survey works done in the area. Approximately 5.5 Ha of private property were surveyed with 2.7 Ha infested with Cat's Claw Creeper.

*Cat's Claw Creeper treatment*— Focus areas included sections of riparian vegetation on private property adjacent to the Reliance Creek National Park. Treatment entailed cutting the climbing Cat's Claw on trees, and swabbing the base end with herbicide (Vigilant Gel). Cat's Claw growing on the ground was sprayed with Glyphosate. A total area of approximately 5500m<sup>2</sup> of riparian vegetation have been treated for Cat's Claw Creeper. Biological control was also utilized for this project, with approximately 283 leaf mining jewel beetles (*Hylaeogena jureceki*) released on a property heavily infested with Cat's Claw Creeper. The beetle's impact on the infestation will be monitored.

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### 3.10 RUBBER VINE CONTROL IN THE PIONEER RIVER CATCHMENT

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8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016 – 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016

Funded by Reef Catchments MWI Ltd



*Mature Rubber Vine seed pods almost ready to burst open. The vine was found growing in an orchid.*

Results from the 2015/2016 financial year Rubber Vine project identified more extensive outbreaks than originally anticipated in the Pioneer Catchment. A two-month extension project was granted through Reef Catchments to help further identify any areas of concern in the Mia Mia and Eton/Brightly areas of the Pioneer Valley. Survey work focused on locating new outbreaks and possible connectivity between known outbreaks and neighbouring properties from Mia Mia through to a property located at Kinchant Dam.

Project delivery was once again done in partnership with Reef Catchments, Pioneer Catchment & Landcare Group and Mackay Regional Council.

Survey results from this two-month extension period indicate that the Rubber Vine infestations in the Pioneer Valley are much worse than previously understood. Approximately 24.5 Ha have been surveyed or re-surveyed in the Eton-Brightly, Kinchant Dam and Mia Mia areas, with well over 50 plants being identified and either treated or flagged for treatment, including some very large mature vines with seed. Two new infestation sites were also identified during the survey period. All sites will require follow up monitoring and treatment work. The results from this extension project were value adding and helped direct the 2016/17 financial year Rubber Vine project.

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### 3.11 RUBBER VINE SURVEY & CONTROL IN THE MACKAY REGION

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21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2016 – 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2017

Funded by Reef Catchments MWI Ltd

Following the Rubber Vine extension project, PCL were engaged to deliver the 2016/17 Rubber Vine survey and control project in the Mackay region. The project was delivered with the assistance of the Mackay Regional Council's (MRC) Pest Management Officer.

Field survey work and treatment was carried out on John Curran's property on 25th November 2016 with MRC's Pest Management Officer. Approximately 40 Rubber Vine saplings were treated by cutting and then spraying with a mixture of access and diesel.

Wet weather and cyclone Debbie delayed field service work in the first half of 2017. Monitoring and treatment works recommenced on the 12th May 2017 on John Curran's property. This time, areas of the property close to the Kinchant Dam National Park were surveyed. These areas had previously been identified as having Rubber Vine in 2015 and had been treated by cut and paste method using Vigilant Gel. The same treatment method was also used on the 12 May 2017 survey. The current survey found that there were numerous Rubber Vine plants that had been previously treated but had re-shot. The area surveyed was heavily infested with Rubber Vine saplings and large mature vines with seed pods were also located and treated. This area is also heavily infested with Lantana making access difficult. Discussions have been held with MRC's Pest Management Officer and the MRPMG members and it has been recommended that this section of the property may benefit from fire management.



*Rubber Vine located and treated during the May 2017 survey. The plant was mature enough to produce seed pods.*

Two isolated rubber vine saplings and one mature vine with seed were also located and treated during the 12 May survey. These vines were found growing along a dry gully not far from the stock yards and off a main access track. Due to the isolated nature of each of the vines, it is thought they have come from seed being blown over the property from the National Park side, where mature vines were located earlier.

The November 2016 survey site was also re-visited to inspect the success of the treatment work. Approximately 40 rubber vine saplings were treated back in November using diesel and access. The treatment appears to have been very successful. Currently there are no signs of any treated vines that have re-shot. There were three saplings located and treated. Their current size indicates that they may have been missed during the November survey; they may have been too small to identify amongst the surrounding vegetation.

The final field survey was completed 23 May 2017. Previously identified infestation sites at Mia Mia and Brightly were re-visited. Last year's treatments appear to have been successful. Only one Rubber Vine sapling was located and treated on the property previously owned by Peter Merrick. Two saplings were located and treated on Aiden Daly's property and there were no saplings found at the gun range. We were unable to access the Hewitt property this year as officers were unable to make contact with the property owners. Re-inspecting this site will be a priority for the next project period.

Approximately 20 Ha have been monitored for Rubber Vine during the 2016/17 project period and identified outbreaks in those areas have been treated using best practice methods.

A Rubber Vine community engagement event was held on the 21st October 2016 out at John and Barb Walker's property at Brightly. The event gave participants a practical demonstration on how to identify and treat Rubber Vine. A Biosecurity Officer attended to provide landholders with information on the new *Biosecurity Act* and what it means for managing weeds on their properties.

Invitations to the event were directly posted out to 15 Landholders who have properties in the areas where Rubber Vine has been located in the Pioneer Valley. The event was also advertised by Pioneer Catchment & Landcare Group and Reef Catchments. However, out of six RSVP's only three landholders attended the event.

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### 3.12 SUPPORT OF 9 NATIONAL LANDCARE PROGRAM SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE SUGARCANE DEMONSTRATION SITES

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12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016 – 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018

Funded by Reef Catchments MWI Ltd

Funding will allow PCL to support Farmacist Pty Ltd in demonstration site setup and harvest. Project Officer time will also be spent organising a field day to showcase some of these demonstration sites. Afterwards, case studies will be updated for all nine trial sites so that information on each trial site can be disseminated to land managers and farmers in the region. Funding for this project was received in the 2016/17 financial year with works commencing in the 2017/18 financial year.

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### 3.13 LANDCARE PRESENTATION AT EUNGELLA GRAZIER'S EVENT

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22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2017

Funded by Regional Landcare Facilitator

Funding was received for the delivery of a presentation on riparian vegetation and erosion control at the Graziers Networking event in Eungella. The event was hosted by Reef Catchments and included a farm tour of Cloudbreak Lowlines. A document outlining these talking points was prepared by Whitsunday Catchment Landcare (WCL) and handed out to attendees on the day.

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### 3.14 REEF CATCHMENTS GRAZING FORUM 2017

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1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2017

Funded by Reef Catchments MWI Ltd

The annual Reef Catchments Grazing Forum was held on 1<sup>st</sup> March at Harrup Park Country Club. The day was hugely successful with over 100 regional graziers and landholders. Kim Kleidon (as MC) was at her best keeping everyone entertained, stimulated and on time. This very well run meeting highlighted many aspects of interest and concern for local graziers including water quality, grazing and vegetation management, soil health as well as cattle identification and the National Livestock Identification Scheme (NLIS). Trade displays were informative and interactive in which an emphasis was clearly on the impact of weeds. Live streaming of the forum will allow non-attendees to gain much valuable information.



PCL had the pleasure of holding a trade display at the event which allowed us to engage with many of our local graziers and discuss our current funding projects. PCL gave away 150 trees at the event. Conference bags contained a wealth of case studies on activities around our local area and other informative literature. The following day had on-farm demonstrations on many aspects spoken of during the conference.

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### 3.15 PCL'S GRASSROOTS CAMPING TRIP

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(Project Concept in Development)

A project proposal for a youth grassroots landcare camping trip is currently being developed by Coordinator Carla Lambropoulos. An application detailing the project was put forward through CQU University Community Grants round. While we were not successful in securing one of the \$1000 grants up for grabs, CQ University has provided PCL with a \$250 cash contribution to go towards the event. Carla has also contacted Naomi Edwards from Intrepid Landcare for assistance with developing this project.

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## 4 CENTRAL QUEENSLAND COAST LANDCARE NETWORK

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The Central Queensland Coast Landcare Network (CQCLN) is a collaboration of Pioneer Catchment & Landcare Group (PCL), Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association (SLCMA) and Whitsunday Catchment Landcare (WCL). Regular meetings continue with the CQCLN group to encourage collaboration. This year saw the appointment of Jacob Betros in the role of Regional Landcare Facilitator. A key supporter of the CQCLN is Kapow Interactive who provides the website.

## 5 ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

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### 5.1 MEMBERSHIP

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Numbers for new member applications continue to be strong, with the Management Committee approving 19 new memberships during the 2016/17 financial year.

Although new applications continue to arrive and the past issues with difficult-to-complete electronic forms has been resolved, it seems that some problems still remain as PCL finished the year with a total of 67 members, a drop of 2 from the previous year. It seems we need to find ways to retain existing members and re-engage with past members.

### 5.2 FACILITIES

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#### *Office*

PCL still operates from our office in the grounds of MNEC on Swayne St in North Mackay. Mackay Regional Council continues to support PCL by providing office space, car parking, shed storage and utilities.

While the MNEC suffered some losses to theft during the year, this time PCL was relatively unaffected. The thieves broke into the sheds but no items of PCL's were reported as missing. Locks on the sheds have now been up-graded and security cameras have been installed to improve security.

#### *Vehicle*

PCL's Mitsubishi Triton continues to provide reliable and comfortably transport for our staff & volunteers.

### 5.3 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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The Committee is made up of the following members:

Dave Hunter – Chair

Dianne Williams – Deputy Chair

Mark Radke – Treasurer

Wendy Eiteneuer – Secretary (Non-voting)

Di Salau – Committee Member

Grant Howard – Committee Member

Irene Champion – Committee Member

Representing Native Plants Queensland, SGAP (Qld Branch) Inc. Mackay Branch

Laura Whitbread – Committee Member

### 5.4 FINANCES

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Appendix 1 contains the full audited Financial Statements for 2016/17, as well as the associated Independent Audit Report. These were provided by our appointed auditor, Bennett Partners Chartered Accountants.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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In addition to those acknowledged throughout the body of this report, many others have contributed to the achievements of the organisation during the year:

- **Our Volunteers.** Volunteers are the backbone of the Landcare movement. New volunteers joining our activities regularly, but many have been supporting PCL for years – we value their commitment tremendously. While we recognise and applaud all our volunteers, this year we make particular mention of:
  - **Di Salau**, who continues to provide IT support and participate on the Management Committee;
  - **Margaret Lane**, who despite having resigned from the Management Committee has continued to attend meetings and advocate on PCL's behalf.
  - The **Pioneer Volunteer Team**, who donate considerable time and effort in the nursery and at PCL project sites; and
  - **Gerard Masters**, who folds and prepares the PCL newsletters for distribution every month.

**Thank you** all of you for your contributions.

- **Reef Catchments Mackay Whitsunday Isaac Ltd**, who each year provides technical support and resource sharing, and who continues to involve PCL in 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, Gerard, Jono, Sue, Bush Crew**, the **Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens staff**, and the **Pest Management Officers** who have collaborated and generously shared their knowledge.
- **Native Plants Qld 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 as part of the **Central Queensland Coast Landcare Network**.
- **Biosecurity Queensland** staff, for their advice and technical support, and for their collaboration on field events.
- The range of other **local organisations, government agencies and their staff** who have contributed to events held and who have provided technical advice.
- **Megan Taylor** of **Kapow Interactive** continues to provide voluntary support for CQCLN websites.
- **Bennett Partners Chartered Accountants** and **Phil Doring Insurance Brokers** who continued to provide discounted professional fees.

*Natural resource management in our community is enriched by your contribution.*

**Thank you!**

## RECOGNITION OF OTHER PROJECT FUNDING & CONTRIBUTIONS



## APPENDIX 1

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### 2016/17 Financial Statements And Independent Audit Report

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

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

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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 2017.

### Committee Members

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

Dave Hunter (Chairman)  
Di Williams (Deputy Chair)  
Wendy Eiteneuer (Secretary)  
Mark Radke (Treasurer)

Irene Champion  
Grant Howard  
Di Salau  
Laura Whitbread

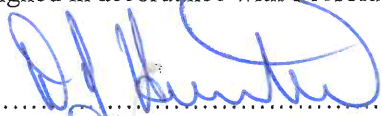
### Principal Activities

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 ..... 22nd ..... day of September ..... 2017

# PIONEER CATCHMENT & LANDCARE GROUP INC.

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

**For the Year ended 30th June 2017**

	Note	2017	2016
<b>Revenues from Ordinary Activities</b>			
Operational Revenues	2	279,023	395,335
Other Income	3	876	1,878
<b><i>Total Revenues from Ordinary Activities</i></b>		<u>279,900</u>	<u>397,213</u>
<b>Expenses from Ordinary Activities</b>			
Motor Vehicle Expenses	4	2,655	3,190
Marketing Expenses	5	17,066	16,266
Administration Expenses	6	23,828	46,978
Employee Related Expenses	7	106,801	162,735
Provision for Unexpended Funding		129,550	168,044
<b><i>Total Expenses from Ordinary Activities</i></b>		<u>279,899</u>	<u>397,213</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 2017

	NOTE	2017	2016
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash Assets	8	139,183	181,462
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>139,183</u>	<u>181,462</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>139,183</u>	<u>181,462</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Payables	9	2,650	7,472
Provision for Employment Entitlements		9,292	5,945
Provision for Grants	10	13,772	9,098
Provision for Special Projects	11	6,108	5,700
Provision for Auspiced Grants	12	14,036	14,404
Provision Discretionary Funds	13	15,763	22,099
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>59,312</u>	<u>64,716</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>59,312</u>	<u>64,716</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>79,871</u>	<u>116,746</u>
<b>Opening Members Funds</b>			
Discretionary Reserve Funds	14	79,871	116,746
Retained Profits		-	-
<b>Members Funds</b>		<u>79,871</u>	<u>116,746</u>

# PIONEER CATCHMENT & LANDCARE GROUP INC.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

### 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 2017

### 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 2017

	2017	2016
<b>NOTE 2: OPERATIONAL REVENUES</b>		
Reserve Fund	99,012	90,593
Auspiced Grants	28,837	24,990
Grants	115,699	235,883
Operating Support	35,475	43,869
Other Income	-	-
	279,023	395,335
<b>NOTE 3: OTHER INCOME</b>		
Interest Earned	876	1,878
	876	1,878
<b>NOTE 4: MOTOR VEHICLE EXPENSES</b>		
Fuel & Oil	752	1,149
Vehicle Hire	1,142	293
Trailer Registration & Insurance	726	688
Repairs & Maintenance	34	1,060
	2,655	3,190
<b>NOTE 5: MARKETING &amp; OTHER EXPENSES</b>		
Member Support	3,014	3,949
Newsletter	68	1,492
Other	13,984	10,825
	17,066	16,266
<b>NOTE 6: ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>		
Bank Charges	-	36
Repairs and Maintenance	130	156
Equipment	2,058	5,043
Gifts & Donations	6	-
Insurance	819	128
Other Expenses	98	-
Postage & Delivery	319	267
Printing & Photocopying	269	374
Professional Fees	14,649	32,645
Subscriptions	303	607
Supplies	2,627	5,344
Telephone & Internet	2,550	2,378
	23,828	46,978
<b>NOTE 7: EMPLOYMENT RELATED EXPENSES</b>		
Professional Development	1,757	3,955
Salaries & Wages Invoiced	107,353	158,779
	106,800	162,734

# PIONEER CATCHMENT & LANDCARE GROUP INC.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	2017	2016
<b>NOTE 8 CASH ASSETS</b>		
Petty Cash	47	34
General Operating Account	9,012	17,859
CQSHS - Trading Account	11,181	11,558
Business Online Saver	118,944	152,012
	<u>139,183</u>	<u>181,462</u>
<b>NOTE 9: PAYABLES</b>		
GST Payable	2,395	6,280
CBA Business Credit Card	255	1,191
	<u>2,650</u>	<u>7,472</u>
<b>NOTE 10: PROVISION FOR GRANTS</b>		
<b>MCWG</b>		
Income	-	210
Expenditure	-	(210)
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>DAF - Wetland Photography</b>		
Income	-	2,002
Expenditure	-	(2,002)
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Reliance Creek Rehabilitation</b>		
Income	-	4,299
Expenditure	-	(4,299)
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Forestry Working Group</b>		
Income	-	15,750
Expenditure	-	(15,750)
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Landcare Support 2016</b>		
Income	-	17,430
Expenditure	-	(17,430)
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Rubber Vine</b>		
Income	-	5,500
Expenditure	-	(5,500)
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Pest Management Strategy</b>		
Income	-	13,750
Expenditure	-	(13,750)
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

# PIONEER CATCHMENT & LANDCARE GROUP INC.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	2017	2016
<b>Pond Apple (Reliance Creek)</b>		
Income	-	5,500
Expenditure	-	(5,500)
Unexpended Income	-	-
<b>Priority Pest Mapping</b>		
Income	-	13,750
Expenditure	-	(13,750)
Unexpended Income	-	-
<b>Sugarcane Trial</b>		
Income	-	22,500
Expenditure	-	(22,500)
Unexpended Income	-	-
<b>GRT Trial 2014-15</b>		
Income	-	1,200
Expenditure	-	(1,200)
Unexpended Income	-	-
<b>Eungella Community Day</b>		
Income	-	643
Expenditure	-	(643)
Unexpended Income	-	-
<b>Cats Claw Creeper</b>		
Income	-	27,817
Expenditure	-	(27,817)
Unexpended Income	-	-
<b>Seed Collection</b>		
Income	-	578
Expenditure	-	(578)
Unexpended Income	-	-
<b>Rubber Vine Contractor (August 2015)</b>		
Income	-	3,700
Expenditure	-	(3,700)
Unexpended Income	-	-
<b>AOTG Soil Health</b>		
Income	-	3,333
Expenditure	-	(3,333)
Unexpended Income	-	-

# PIONEER CATCHMENT & LANDCARE GROUP INC.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	2017	2016
<b>NLP -Promo Materials</b>		
Income	-	800
Expenditure	-	(800)
Unexpended Income	-	-
<b>NLP - Seed Bank</b>		
Income	-	3,300
Expenditure	-	(3,300)
Unexpended Income	-	-
<b>NLP -Nest Boxes</b>		
Income	-	8,900
Expenditure	-	(8,900)
Unexpended Income	-	-
<b>GRT Eradication 2015-16</b>		
Income	-	6,000
Expenditure	-	(6,000)
Unexpended Income	-	-
<b>NLP - CCC 2016</b>		
Income	-	3,800
Expenditure	-	(3,800)
Unexpended Income	-	-
<b>Landcare Support 2015</b>		
Income	2,644	25,770
Expenditure	(2,644)	(23,126)
Unexpended Income	-	2,644
<b>Log Jam Project</b>		
Income	300	(3,328)
Expenditure	(300)	(4,172)
Unexpended Income	-	(7,500)
<b>PF - Kindy Beachcare Day</b>		
Income	751	443
Expenditure	(751)	(135)
Unexpended Income	-	308
<b>MRC - Land for Wildlife</b>		
Income	1,904	13,401
Expenditure	(1,904)	(11,497)
Unexpended Income	-	1,904

# PIONEER CATCHMENT & LANDCARE GROUP INC.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	2017	2016
<b>MRC - Marian Riverbank</b>		
Income	1,007	2,800
Expenditure	-	(1,793)
Unexpended Income	<u>1,007</u>	<u>1,007</u>
<b>Peri- Urban Grant</b>		
Income	329	7,050
Expenditure	(329)	(10,996)
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,947)</u>
<b>Ruellia Trial</b>		
Income	3,206	3,206
Expenditure	(3,206)	(3,206)
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>RC - Cloudbreak Farmtour</b>		
Income	550	-
Expenditure	(550)	-
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>MRC - Land for Wildlife</b>		
Income	10,999	-
Expenditure	(10,999)	-
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>MRC - Peri Urban</b>		
Income	5,000	-
Expenditure	-	-
Unexpended Income	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>CQU - Camping Trip</b>		
Income	250	-
Expenditure	-	-
Unexpended Income	<u>250</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>RC - Far Beach</b>		
Income	5,123	-
Expenditure	(5,123)	-
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>RC- CCC Reliance 2017</b>		
Income	3,850	-
Expenditure	(3,850)	-
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Landcare Support 2017</b>		
Income	20,000	-
Expenditure	(20,000)	-
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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	2017	2016
<b>NLP -St Helens Creek</b>		
Income	10,277	15,500
Expenditure	(7,987)	(5,224)
Unexpended Income	<u>2,290</u>	<u>10,277</u>
<b>NLP - Owens Creek</b>		
Income	2,712	4,700
Expenditure	(2,712)	(1,988)
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>2,712</u>
<b>NLP -Far Beach</b>		
Income	2,313	5,580
Expenditure	(2,313)	(3,887)
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>1,693</u>
<b>RC - Fishways</b>		
Income	1,375	-
Expenditure	(1,375)	-
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>RC - Grazing Forum</b>		
Income	450	-
Expenditure	(450)	-
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Pond Apple 2017</b>		
Income	2,200	-
Expenditure	(2,200)	-
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>RC - Reliance Creek</b>		
Income	4,705	-
Expenditure	(4,705)	-
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>RC Rubbervine Extension</b>		
Income	7,000	-
Expenditure	(7,000)	-
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	2017	2016
<b>RC - Sugarcane Trials Support</b>		
Income	5,225	-
Expenditure	-	-
Unexpended Income	<u>5,225</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Total Provision for unexpended Grants</i>	<u>13,772</u>	<u>9,098</u>

### NOTE 11: PROVISION FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS

<b>Nursery Operations</b>		
Income	6,981	14,611
Expenditure	(873)	(8,911)
Unexpended Income	<u>6,108</u>	<u>5,700</u>
<i>Total Provision for Special Projects future expenditure</i>	<u>6,108</u>	<u>5,700</u>

### NOTE 12: AUSPICED PROJECT PROVISIONS

<b>MacKillop Wetlands</b>		
Income	499	-
Expenditure	(499)	-
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

<b>CQSHS</b>		
Income	25,493	21,466
Expenditure	(14,303)	(9,908)
Unexpended Income	<u>11,190</u>	<u>11,558</u>

<b>Morag McNichol Reserve</b>		
Income	2,519	3,197
Expenditure	-	(678)
Unexpended Income	<u>2,519</u>	<u>2,519</u>

<b>Marian Community Group</b>		
Income	327	327
Expenditure	-	-
Unexpended Income	<u>327</u>	<u>327</u>
<i>Total Provision for Auspiced Projects future expenditure</i>	<u>14,036</u>	<u>14,404</u>

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	2017	2016
<b>NOTE 13: DISCRETIONARY PROVISIONS</b>		
Project Manager	-	7,255
Expenditure	-	(7,255)
Unexpended Income	-	-
Project Office Manager - CL	-	18,936
Expenditure	-	(18,936)
Unexpended Income	-	-
Project Office Manager - LM	-	7,339
Expenditure	-	(7,339)
Unexpended Income	-	-
Project Officer - LW	-	20
Expenditure	-	(20)
Unexpended Income	-	-
Project Officers	84,914	-
Expenditure	(86,519)	-
Unexpended Income	(1,605)	-
Salaries	10,417	179,540
Expenditure	(10,417)	(169,123)
Unexpended Income	-	10,417
Communication Strategy	1,800	1,800
Expenditure	(201)	(1,719)
Unexpended Income	1,599	81
Audit & Bookkeeping	25,562	3,000
Expenditure	(24,130)	(1,830)
Unexpended Income	1,432	1,170
Management Committee	2,909	4,695
Expenditure	(1,699)	(2,586)
Unexpended Income	1,210	2,109
Member Support	1,000	1,470
Expenditure	(1,034)	(1,427)
Unexpended Income	(34)	43

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	2017	2016
Business Support	10,716	7,672
Expenditure	(4,808)	(5,416)
Unexpended Income	<u>5,908</u>	<u>2,256</u>
Information Technology	2,000	2,000
Expenditure	(1,272)	(2,536)
Unexpended Income	<u>728</u>	<u>(536)</u>
Office Manager	-	4,539
Expenditure	-	(4,539)
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Sundry Reimbursements	25	1,465
Expenditure	(25)	(1,465)
Unexpended Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Product Sales	745	200
Expenditure	(41)	-
Unexpended Income	<u>705</u>	<u>200</u>
Motor Vehicle	7,600	7,672
Expenditure	(2,655)	(3,190)
Unexpended Income	<u>4,945</u>	<u>4,481</u>
Interest	876	1,878
Expenditure	-	-
Unexpended Income	<u>876</u>	<u>1,878</u>
<i>Total Discretionary Provisions for future expenditure</i>	<u>15,763</u>	<u>22,099</u>

### NOTE 14: RESERVES

Asset Replacement Reserve	18,000	13,500
Nursery	9,955	9,255
Salary Reserve	15,868	43,868
Business Support	4,370	11,716
Motor Vehicle	2,888	7,618
General Reserve	<u>28,790</u>	<u>30,788</u>
<i>Total Reserves</i>	<u>79,871</u>	<u>116,746</u>

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## STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

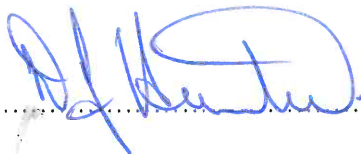
The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

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 2017 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



Mark Radke

Dated this 22nd day of September 2017

## **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 2017, 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.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting under the Associations Incorporation Act Qld. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

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 2017 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.



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*Paul Hinton (CA)*

***Bennett Partners Chartered Accountants***

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Date