ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS OFFICE (TASMANIA) INC

ANNUAL REPORT

2017-2018

Tasmania's environment is worth fighting for







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EDO Tasmania recognises the traditional owners and custodians of the land, seas and rivers of *lutruwita* / Tasmania.

We pay our respects to Aboriginal elders past, present and emerging, and aspire to learn from traditional customs and knowledge so that, together, we can protect our environment, cultural and heritage through

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

EDO Tasmania is in a time of transition for our management committee, staff, and for our specialist community legal centre's structure as we work towards a more integrated future with other EDOs around Australia.

It's a testament to the commitment, hard work, and talents of our staff that they continue to deliver such fantastic quality and quantity of service in the face of change. Their work is made possible by our many generous donors and supporters. On behalf of the EDO, I would like to sincerely thank you all.

Management Committee

Thanks to all our volunteer committee members during the 2017-2018 financial year, those who have left and those who continue to serve. At, or since, the 2017 AGM, we farewelled over-achieving law students, Elsa Bland and Brook Dambacher, and interstate members, experienced barrister Gary Corr (NSW) and senior executive Scott Moorhead (Queensland). We thank them all for their EDO service and wish them all the best going forward.

We were delighted to welcome the following new board members to complete the Committee:

Kyia Clayton

Jill Hickie

Angie McGowan

Michael Easton

Their combined wealth of experience in events/fundraising, natural and cultural heritage planning and management, law and public sector governance has brought board renewal, fresh perspectives and helped balance our skills matrix. Sincere thanks to all our 2017-18 Committee members (listed at the end of the Annual Report) for their valued contributions to the governance of EDO Tasmania

Staff

EDO Tasmania's greatest assets are our incredibly dedicated, hard-working, talented staff, so ably led for over 13 years by our fabulous Principal Lawyer, Jess Feehely. Over that period Jess has gone above and beyond what should be needed of a Principal Lawyer, managing a marvelous team undertaking a formidable work load effectively and professionally. Jess's job became even more demanding with Federal funding cuts, but she has taken it in her stride and managed it all with aplomb. Jess has simultaneously juggled running EDO Tasmania with a power of other work, including:

- supporting Tasmania's community legal centre sector;
- being a lynch pin for the wider EDOs of Australia network and a tireless worker in moving it towards a national merger; and
- volunteer roles for national environmental law organisations and her wider profession.

Jess has decided to move on from EDO Tasmania at the end of 2018. Jess will be deeply missed by our board, staff, and the countless people and organisations she has advised and assisted over the years. We will hold a suitable send-off event for Jess by the end of 2018 and will farewell her then with all our very best wishes for her future.

Our Litigation Lawyer, Claire Bookless, has continued her great work, including (amongst many other matters) in relation to the Atlantic salmon industry and advocacy for our island's special places and against threats to them. She has also undertaken management responsibilities throughout the year and will be ably stepping in as Acting CEO / Principal Lawyer during the transition.

Vicki Campbell's energetic efforts saw EDO Tasmania raise more money than any other team in the 2017 Point to Pinnacle. We are delighted to have Vicki coordinate our team's organisational and fundraising efforts again, particularly given her own inability to actively compete this year. We also thank consultant Louise Blaik who efficiently and reliably maintains our book keeping.

We are delighted to announce that Nicole Sommer will join EDO Tasmania as CEO / Principal Lawyer in March 2019. Nicole is a highly respected planning and environment lawyer, with private sector and inhouse counsel experience in Victoria, NSW and Tasmania. She has been very active with the Planning Institute of Australia and is also a dedicated bird nerd. We are confident that the office will continue its extremely impressive track record in coming years.

Protection a priority

Anticipating a surge of tourism proposals for Tasmania's protected areas, the Committee viewed protection of national parks and reserves as a priority 2018 focus. As we go to press, EDO Tasmania has just filed proceedings to judicially review the Australian Government's decision to allow proposed helicopter-accessed tourist accommodation on Halls Island, Lake Malbena within the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (TWWHA). The Government did so without 'controlled action' assessment or approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, despite concern expressed by the National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council and many submissions that adequate consideration was required to avoid degradation of the TWWHA's World Heritage Values.

The case will explore important issues about the role of the Commonwealth government in assessing development and upholding Australia's commitment to protect World Heritage wilderness values. Advocating for rigorous assessment of environmental risks and protection of heritage values is exactly the type of public interest matter that EDO Tasmania should fight for. With continued support from our members and donors these are exactly the values for which we'll continue to stand up and represent.

Future for EDOs of Australia

As reported in last year's Annual Report, EDO Tasmania is in ongoing discussions with EDOs around the country, working towards forging a national EDO Australia. Our key aims are to more effectively, strategically and sustainably optimise the use of public interest environmental law around our continent while maintaining legal services in smaller States like Tasmania.

Our island is rich in iconic natural and cultural heritage (often under threat and needing legal protection). We think our capacity to protect our island could be improved by merging, pooling resources and expertise to create a strong national EDO. That should also, in due course, achieve organisational economies of scale (and savings to our staff's administrative workload), plus enhance career development, mentoring and professional opportunities for EDO staff.

Given that, and the support of EDO Tasmania's 2017 AGM for our motion on this issue, we have been actively participating in national negotiations with other EDOs with a view to progressing the merger initiative. The process has entailed a lot of work. It is subject to detailed documentation, ongoing dialogue and is not yet a done deal. Many thanks to Jess, and board members Alison and Sarah, for all their work on the merger and for so ably representing EDO Tasmania in the national negotiations.

Ultimately, the membership of each incorporated EDO around Australia will decide whether to accede to any final merger proposal. Any member unable to attend the AGM is welcome to contact EDO Tas to seek more information about the potential merger, or any other aspect of this Annual Report.

Thank you

Many thanks to all those listed in this Annual Report's Acknowledgments, and again to our board, donors, members, and other supporters for your ongoing commitment to EDO Tasmania.

Sincere thanks again to our dedicated, hard-working, talented staff, and particularly Jess as we fondly farewell her. Read this Annual Report for some insight into the volume and variety of work EDO staff perform, which is consistently of exceptional quality and a tribute to their expertise and work ethic.

The coming year will be one of continued change for EDO Tasmania, but we remain committed to securing environmental justice and improved environmental governance across the State. Thank you to all of you who continue to support this fantastic little community legal centre.

Tom Baxter, President

October 2018



PRINCIPAL LAWYER'S REPORT

When you have a love or a respect for the environment and see it being degraded, there comes a point where you realise that you have little choice but to do something about it.

Hon Murray Wilcox AO QC, April 2018

When I interviewed former Federal Court judge Hon Murray Wilcox AO QC earlier this year, I asked him what his proudest achievement has been. He had no hesitation in nominating the role he played in establishing EDO NSW, and the national network that subsequently developed. This initiative laid the foundations for public interest environmental law in Australia.

I was again inspired and energised in 2017-2018 by the efforts that people put in to defend their environment. From Devonport to Dover, committed communities rallied, reviewed complex documents, formed unlikely alliances, wrote to the paper, learnt how a planning scheme works and who to hold to account, met with politicians, stood up and demanded more from their elected representatives, and defended the sustainable development ideals promised by our laws.

Our priority work areas for 2017-2018 were protecting public land, planning and biodiversity. To that end, we opposed changes to facilitate the kunanyi / Mt Wellington cable car, helped numerous clients to have their say on the Freycinet Master Plan, hosted a very successful series of public forums regarding proposed helicopter access in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, advocated for a more rigorous and transparent process for assessing development in national parks, and worked with various politicians to develop strong election commitments on planning reforms.

This work demonstrates the critical role EDO Tasmania plays in providing access to justice, fulfilling the aims that Justice Wilcox envisaged for the network. Environmental and planning laws in Tasmania (and Australia) provide protections and rights to participate, but many people need help to understand and to exercise those rights.

The "Helicopters, Huts and Having Your Say" forums were invaluable in helping the broad range of stakeholders concerned about proposed developments to understand what management plans allow for, how developments are assessed, and how to make their voices heard. The proposal for a helicopter-accessed tourist operation on Halls Island, Lake Malbena within the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area received over 900 submissions, including many from recreational anglers and bushwalkers who had never engaged with the planning system before but were moved to do something when what they value about the TWWHA was at risk.

2017-2018 has been another year of collaborations to strengthen environmental justice. We've continued our partnership with NRM South to deliver workshops to farmers across Southern Tasmania, teamed up with the National Environmental Law Association, EIANZ and CLC Tasmania to promote reform discussions, and supported the UTAS Clinical Legal Placement program to provide practical experience for budding environmental lawyers.

We have also continued negotiations with our interstate EDO colleagues about the most effective way to deliver environmental justice across Australia. Negotiations have been extensive and constructive, with all states and territories committed to developing a strong, equitable model. I thank all those who've participated in negotiations to date and look forward to the establishment of a formidable public interest environmental law organisation capable of responding to priority environmental issues in Tasmania and nationally.

2018 is my final year with EDO Tasmania, after 13 years at the wheel. I have loved working for this little powerhouse of an organisation and am very proud that we've been able to assist so many people to do something about it when a place they loved was threatened.

I am very confident that the new team will continue to provide clear, expert advice that helps Tasmanians to understand, comply with, strengthen and defend our laws, and to protect the natural and cultural values that make this State so special.

Thank you to everyone who has supported me and EDO Tasmania over many years. I'll miss you all!



Meet the team

In 2017-2018, the EDO Tasmania team included:

- Jess Feehely, Principal Lawyer (full time)
- Claire Bookless, Litigation Lawyer (part time)
- Vicki Campbell, Fundraising Officer (Point to Pinnacle)
- Louise Blaik, Bookkeeper (casual)



Claire Bookless has done a power of work this year, advising on prospects, liaising with decision-makers to resolve matters without legal action, assisting clients to access information, participate in public consultation processes, and identifying areas where the law needs to be reformed. She also stepped in to ably manage the office during periods where I was engaged in national merger discussions or partner events. Without exaggeration, we would have been lost without her this year and I am very grateful for her support.

Vicki Campbell once again spearheaded our Point to Pinnacle team, turning the 2017 event into our most successful to date. With patience, creativity, and dogged determination, she corralled a diverse team of 32 runners and walkers up kunanyi / Mt Wellington, collectively raising over \$25,000 and being one of the most recognisable teams in the event.

EDO Tasmania continues to be well governed by our volunteer Management Committee. We've had a bit of a shake up with membership this year, and I sincerely thank everyone who's been around the table. The Committee's energy, strategic thinking, and commitment to securing long-term access to environmental justice across Australia has been essential in progressing national merger discussions. I would like to acknowledge the significant effort put in by Sarah Wilson, in particular, in representing EDO Tasmania in negotiations.

I'd also like to extend my thanks to long term Vice-President, Leslie Frost, who is stepping down in 2018. For many years, Leslie's management experience, love of the environment, and good humour has been fundamental to the smooth functioning of the Committee. She will be sorely missed.

Summary of activities

Using the law			
New client matters	251		
Continuing client matters	19		
Complex casework (advice)	31		
Case involving litigation	5		
Explaining the law			
Publications • RMPAT Bulletin • EDO Bulletin • Published articles	11 editions 21 editions 3		
Workshops and presentations	9		
Public forums 8 Defending / Reforming the law			
Law reform submissions	14		
Media interviews	9		
Consultation / stakeholder meetings	5		
Meeting with politicians	6		
Promoting the law			
Internships / placements	12		
Volunteers registered	42		
Funding			
Funding applications	4		
Fundraising events / initiatives	5		

Using the law

EDO Tasmania's key objective is to use the law to protect the environment. In pursuit of this objective, in 2017-2018 we have provided advice to individuals and groups throughout Tasmania on a wide range of environmental and planning law matters. In total, we estimate our staff spent over **2,175 hours** providing advice and legal representation.

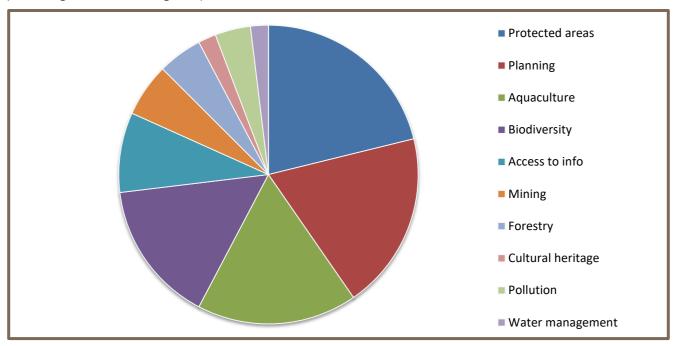
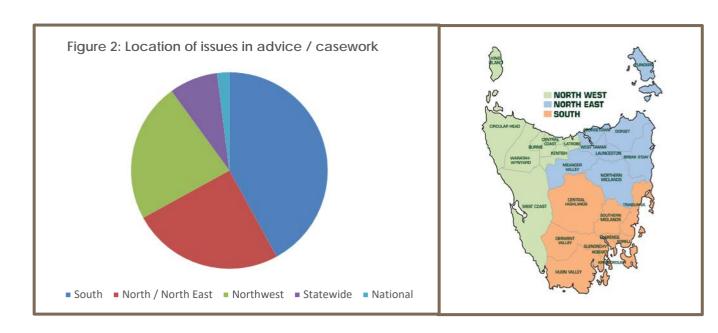


Figure 1: Advice areas (time spent)

Figure 1 shows the diversity of issues raised by clients, and the relative time spent addressing each resource management topic in 2017-2018. Protected area and public land management, aquaculture and planning have dominated our caseload, which is reflective of the attention these issues have received across Tasmania this year from the government, media and the general public.

Our office is based in Hobart and awareness of our service (and volume of enquiries) remains highest in the south and east. However, Figure 2 demonstrates that we service clients from across the State, facilitated by a Statewide phone advice line, social media promotion and outreach sessions for clients in regional areas. In 2017-2018, approximately 40% of enquiries were from clients in outer regional or remote locations.



EDO Tasmania engages in litigation activity in only limited circumstances. We generally consider litigation to be a last resort and will agree to represent clients only if we are satisfied other options have been exhausted and the legal action is in the public interest (as determined by our Casework Guidelines). However, there are clearly times when litigation is the most appropriate action in response to threatened or actual damage to natural and cultural values.

Statistically, 2017-2018 was a relatively quiet year in terms of litigation with EDO Tasmania formally acting only in relation to the proposed expansion of the Maydena quarry and further efforts to challenge the refusal to release documents in relation to the Geelong Star's interaction with an endangered whale shark.

However, the volume of litigation work undertaken by our office is rarely reflected in the number of cases run. This work also involves painstaking analysis of legal opportunities and assessment of prospects for cases that may ultimately not proceed. Information and advice provided by EDO Tasmania helps clients to understand evidentiary requirements and the risks associated with their appeal, allowing them to make an informed decision about whether to commence or continue with litigation. In this way, we play an important role in discouraging appeals with limited prospects of success, facilitating mediated outcomes, and ensuring that limited judicial resources are directed to the most significant cases.

One of the key issues faced in public interest environmental law matters is the limited capacity to access expert advice on technical issues, such as planning, engineering, vegetation management or ecological assessments. We have developed a proposal for a Planning Advice Clearing House to facilitate access to pro bono expertise and will continue efforts to secure resources to implement the proposal in 2018-2019.



Image: Brendan Gogarty

Explaining the law

Informed communities are powerful communities. EDO Tasmania's community legal education program is designed to assist members of the community to understand the laws, how to comply with them, and how to use them to secure better environmental outcomes. Key education achievements in 2017-2018 have included:

- Partnering again with NRM South to deliver a series of "Law of the Land" workshops across the Southern region, and presenting at the Small Farming Planning workshops
- Speaking at numerous forums to discuss planning reforms, including detailed presentations to councilors regarding opportunities presented by the Local Provisions Schedules
- Co-hosting a forum to discuss proposed changes to the regulatory framework for salmon farming, and speaking at a public event regarding the changes
- Hosting a Science Week forum regarding the regulation of whaling in the Southern Ocean
- Hosting "Helicopters, Huts and Having Your Say" workshops in Hobart, Launceston, and Devonport discussing the assessment processes for development in national parks, publishing supporting materials, and assisting concerned anglers to comments on proposals
- Producing fact sheets regarding proposed law reforms to assist the public to comment, and updating the online Environmental Law Handbook (with the support of a CLC Tasmania grant)

We continue to maintain an informative website (including the <u>Have Your Say</u> portal), social media accounts and fortnightly Bulletin keeping people up to date on changes to laws and opportunities to have a say in decisions affecting them and places that they love.

Promoting the law

EDO Tasmania continues to encourage interest in environmental law amongst law students through our summer internship program, ongoing practical legal placements and our successful external volunteer register. In 2017-201, we hosted the following interns and placement students:

- Emille Boulot
- Rob Holbrook
- Ruby Hamilton
- David Tilley

- Tyler Keenan
- Rose Mackie
- Laura Harle
- Ben Geer

- Mat Calvert
- Jennifer Gason
- Callum Jones
- Eddie Hogarth

We also received invaluable support from regular volunteers Philippa Fairbairn, Yuan Yu Tsai, and Sylvia Lawrence. Our external volunteer program remains strong, with 42 students registered to respond to research and drafting requests on an as-needs basis. This program has greatly enhanced our research capacity.

In 2017-2018 we continued to collaborate with UTAS in the delivery of the Clinical Legal Placement subject and supervising students to provide advice through the Student Legal Service. These programs provide invaluable exposure for students to the reality of practice and enhance their interviewing, drafting and communication skills.

We have also been a member of the advisory committee for Planning coursework at UTAS, advocating to strengthen the planning expertise of law students, and awareness of statutory planning responsibilities amongst planning students.

Defending the law

In addition to efforts to uphold the law, is often also necessary to defend current environmental and planning laws against regressive reforms. In 2017-2018, we engaged in a series of activities to defend existing protections:

- Budget submissions advocating for greater resources to be allocated for monitoring and enforcement activities
- Meeting with politicians to advocate for election policies securing current third party appeal rights
- Challenging decisions to refuse access to government information, vital to transparent governance and ensuring that laws are being enforced.
- Co-hosting a Right to Know Week event with CLC Tasmania advocating for stronger implementation of the Right to Information Act 2009.



Macro images: Arwen Dyer

Reforming the law

EDO Tasmania continues to draw on our legal expertise and the experience of our clients to identify legislative deficiencies and to advocate for reforms to improve the effectiveness of our environment and planning laws. Key law reform initiatives in 2017-2018 include:

- Participating in stakeholder consultation meetings regarding the review of the Reserve Activity Assessment process, major projects legislation, and Hobart City Council's Climate Strategy
- Hosting Valuing kunanyi, a public forum discussing options for legislation recognition of natural and cultural values
- Meetings with various politicians regarding election commitments on planning, environmental management and social justice matters
- Working with NRM South and partner councils on draft by-laws to regulate unlawful firewood collection across Tasmania
- Making or contributing to detailed submissions on a range of resource management issues, including regulation of marine farming (including proposed environmental licensing arrangements), Storm Bay expansion proposals, agricultural practices, land release and acquisition, draft major projects legislation, and the cable car legislation.

All submissions are available on our website at www.edotas.org.au/resources/submissions/.

In addition to submissions on behalf of EDO Tasmania, we have provided advice to a range of community groups and businesses to inform their advocacy on law reform issues.



Images: Brendan Gogarty and Arwen Dyer

Funding

Constrained resources continue to be an issue for social justice and environmental organisations across Australia. We have spent more than 30 hours preparing grant applications for various education and access to justice projects but, in a highly competitive environment, have enjoyed limited success this year.

As a result, EDO Tasmania remains heavily reliant on philanthropic grants and donations to continue our work, and I am grateful for the support we've received from the community to keep the service stable in 2017-2018. Key initiatives have included:

- Go for EDO Point to Pinnacle team
- Valuing kunanyi event
- Promoting our bequest program

- Presence at Sustainable Living Festivals
- Christmas and EOFY campaigns
- Tale of Ruby Rose Festival

The success of these initiatives was achieved through the generosity and hard work of many people, including Vicki Campbell, Kyia Clayton, the Student Environmental Law Society, Eddie Hogarth, Emille Boulot, Alison Hetherington, and our entire Point to Pinnacle team and supporters. We were also honoured by support from Ruth Evenhuis Designs, Keep Tassie Wild and Teros.

We have also spent considerable time in 2017-2018 participating in reviews of the Tasmanian Legal Assistance Sector and the National Partnership Agreement funding program. We have used these opportunities to advocate for the Commonwealth government to resume funding EDOs as part of the Attorney-General / Justice portfolio, and to seek an increase in State government funding to support our advice programs.

Principal: Rendell W Ridge B.Ec Registered Company Auditor #161503

Independent auditor's report to members of Environmental Defenders Office (Tasmania) Inc

I have audited the special purpose financial report of Environmental Defenders Office (Tasmania) Inc for the year ended 30 June 2018.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the special purpose financial report of Environmental Defenders Office (Tasmania) Inc presents fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2018 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

Management Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Management Committee is responsible for preparation and fair presentation of the special purpose financial report and information contained therein. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to 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

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I have conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the accounts are free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting amounts and other disclosures in the accounts, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Concepts and Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) (where applicable), and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Association's financial position and the results of its operations and cash flows.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Independence

To the best of my knowledge and belief, there has been no contravention of auditor independence and any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Limitation of Scope

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable to establish complete accounting control over cash received from all of its activities. Verification therefore has been limited to the receipt of funds recorded in the Association's financial records.

MAX PECK & ASSOCIATES

Rendell W. RIDGE 14 September 2018

Environmental Defenders Office (Tas) Inc

Statement of Income & Expenditure for year ended 30 June 2018

-	2018	2017
Income		
CLE - inc Conferences	3,000	1,423
Costs Recoverd & Retained	5,909	5,455
EDO (Tas) Gift Fund	143,910	132,829
Fees Received	66,696	52,227
Fundraising	23,448	7,145
Grant: NRM South	0	1,100
Interest	2,693	2,395
Membership	1,335	2,967
Publications	8,233	10,620
State Funding	8,750	8,750
Sundry Income	7,545	25
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Total Income	271,520	224,936
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Expenses Accountancy	4,046	3,100
Audit	450	465
Bank Fees	698	1,963
	1,711	222
Client related expenses	658	0
CLE/Community Development	5,471	3,243
Communications		
Depreciation	1,696	1,713
Electricity	1,499	1,589
Fundraising	5,539	4,293
Insurance	1,545	967
Lease expenses	1,034	1,189
Litigation	0	43,070
Memberships	3,195	898
NACLC Levy (inc Public Liab)	909	329
Projects	0	3,974
Rent	9,717	7,787
Repairs	0	4,520
Resources, Publications	0	226
Salary, related expenses	168,336	182,086
Staff Training	1,256	56
Stationery, Postage, Printing	401	2,343
Subscriptions	3,333	2,298
Sundry Expenses	531	1,492
Travel, Training	1,898	1,598
Total Expenses	213,925	269,423
Net Surplus (- Loss) for period	\$57,595	-\$44,487

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Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2018

	2018	2017
Accets		
Assets Current Assets		
Operating Account	520	7,801
EDO(Tas) Gift Fund	128,713	57,390
MEBank Business Account	133,525	125,483
Trade Debtors	0	2,591
	262,759	193,265
Non-Current Assets		
Plant, Equipment at Cost	42,018	42,018
Deduct Provision Depreciation	-40,288	-38,592
Total Non-Current Assets	1,730	3,426
Total Assets	264,489	196,691
Current Liabilities		
Trade Creditors	7,414	6,684
Accrued Audit fee	475	450
Employee Entitlements:		
Provision annual leave	9,764	1,582
Provision long service leave	5,352	4,086
Total Liabilities	23,005	12,802
Net Assets	\$241,484	\$183,888
Net Assets	\$241,404	\$100,000
Equity		
Retained Earnings	183,889	228,376
Net Profit (- Loss) for period	57,595	-44,487
Total Equity	\$241,484	\$183,889

Organisation: Environmental Defenders Office (Tas) Inc State Service Agreement

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD 1 July 2017 TO 30 June 2018

State Funding 2017/2018 Department of Justice

RECEIPTS \$'s Grant 4,375 Other (eg Interest etc) Total Receipts 4,375 Less PAYMENTS Salaries 4,375 Other (specify) – Other Total Payments 4,375 BALANCE NIL

State Funding 2017/2018 Dept of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment

RECEIPTS	\$'s
Grant	4,375
Other (eg Interest etc)	
Total Receipts	4,375
Less Payments	
Salaries	4,375
Other (specify) - Other	
Total Payments	4,375
BALANCE	NIL

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ANNUAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

The membership of the management committee of Environmental Defenders Office (Tasmania) Inc for the 2017-2018 financial year was as follows:

Position	Name	Address
President	Tom Baxter	42 Brinsmead Road, Mount Nelson
Vice-President	Leslie Frost	420 Brightwater Road, Howden
Secretary	Alison Hetherington	16 Earlwood Court, Taroona
Treasurer	Michael Fuller-Smith	2009/33 Mackenzie Street, Melbourne
Ordinary Member	Sarah Wilson	105 Letitia Street, North Hobart
Ordinary Member	Jill Hickie	4 Devon Walk, Taroona
Ordinary Member	Angie McGowan	5/12 Saunders Crescent, South Hobart
Ordinary Member	Scott Moorhead (to Jan 2018)	27 Linda Street, Sherwood
Ordinary Member	Michael Easton (from Feb 2018	12 Aberdeen Street, Glebe
Ordinary Member	Kyia Clayton (from Feb 2018)	2/191 Liverpool Street, Hobart

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

EDO Tasmania has, once again, received support from across the community this year.

Our casework has been bolstered by expert probono advice from Keyran Pitt AM QC, Roland Browne, and David Deller.

Our fundraising and awareness raising efforts could not have succeeded without the generosity of speakers, sponsors, and goodwill from venues. A special thanks to Tony Press, Nick Gale, Indi Hodgson-Johnson, Meg Good, John Tisdell, Erin O'Donnell, Jon Kudelka, UTAS, and Stefano Lubiano.

Arwen Dyer, Dan Broun, Rob Blakers, Brendan Gogarty, Bruce Newey, Kelly Slater, Grant Dixon, Frederique Oliver, Dr Eric Woehler, Alex Edwardes, Conor Feehely and Dennis Harding for allowing us to use their fabulous images for our website and publications, and to Sam Lyne for our law devils.

Find Your Feet (particularly Hanny Allston) and Sharon Miller for mentoring our Point to Pinnacle team, On the Go and Friendly Care Pharmacy for offering discounted rates for team members, and Good360 for the activewear supplied.

Our colleagues across the national EDO network for the ongoing support and inspiration to protect Australia's environment and advocate for a more sustainable future.

Stephen Butler and Estaban de Salas for their indefatigable IT support.

Every single one of our clients who makes the effort, often against the odds, to stand up for places that they love.

And a final, sincere thanks to Ruth Evenhuis Designs, Keep Tassie Wild, Teros and all those who support us through donations, promoting our work, using our services, championing our cause and keeping us focused and reassured.

We couldn't do it without you!



Tasmania's environment is worth fighting for

FIND OUT MORE:

www.edotas.org.au



Support our work by making a tax-deductible donation



