



2017

OzFish Unlimited Annual Report



Oct 2016 – Oct 2017

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OZFISH UNLIMITED LTD

ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

OUR MISSION

To help every Australian recreational fisher become a proud contributor to a better fishing future

OUR VISION

Quality fishing throughout Australia brought about through active engagement of the recreational fishing community in the protection and rehabilitation of fish habitat.

OUR ACTIONS

- Promote and support the active involvement of the recreational fishing community in habitat management work.
- Share knowledge and support collaboration to improve recreational fishing.
- Collectively pursue initiatives and activities related to improving fish abundance and biodiversity through habitat management.

OUR PEOPLE

Ambassadors

Michael Guest, Al McGlashan, Steve Starling

Board members

Name	Position	Meetings Attended
Jim Stening	Chair	3/4
Paul Tully	Director/Secretary	3/4
Matt Hansen	Director	2/4
Jo-anne Ruscoe	Director	3/4
Michelle Wenner	Director	3/4
Bonita Richards	Director	1/4
Anissa Lawrence	Director	3/3 (resigned October 17)
John Burgess	Director	3/4
Matt Barwick	Director	2/4
David Coogan	Director	4/4
Martin Mallen-Cooper	Director	0/1 (joined Sept 17)
Craig Copeland	Director/CEO	4/4



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Volunteer contributions

Name	Members	Hours Contributed
Richmond River Chapter	12	509
Tenterfield and District Chapter	8	385
South-West Victoria Chapter	22	60
Onkaparinga Chapter	9	2050
Inland Waterways Chapter	23	1494
Sunraysia Chapter	9	270
Gold Coast Chapter	3	10
Northwest NSW Chapter	3	26

Staff

Name	
Craig Copeland	Chief Executive Officer
Bonita Brown	Director of Communications
Michael Tropiano (in partnership with Recfishwest)	Project Manager
Dr Travis Howson (in partnership with RecfishSA)	Project Manager
Susie Chapman (in partnership with Healthy Waterways and Catchments)	Project Manager
Simon Fitzpatrick	Project Officer

OUR SUPPORTERS





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CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Our vision is to enable high quality fishing experiences throughout Australia brought about through the active engagement of the recreational fishing community in the protection and rehabilitation of fish habitat. I am pleased to say that we are making solid progress on the path to achieving this vision.

It would appear that every time we talk to fishers, no matter where they are, they recognise the issues that need to be fixed in both their local areas and more broadly across Australia, and they are excited about contributing their time and effort to help make a difference as well as contributing financially.

Our efforts on the ground are now being led by our growing band of recreational fisher champions as news of OzFish and our vision grows. On top of this a review of the OzFish Chapter members' volunteer hours committed to our cause last year has more than surprised on the upside and is testament to people's willingness to make big contributions of their time which we value highly.



OzFish SW Victoria members getting their hands dirty on the Merri River

With the support of organisations such as our new partner BCF, Shimano Fishing, Australian Fishing Trades Association, FIIG Securities, and McInnes Wilson we are in a position to deliver more change and target bigger projects. These companies are the start of what we hope is a growing number of corporations making a difference to fish habitat and fishing around Australia.

This increasing level of support has allowed OzFish to appoint its founder Craig Copeland as its full time Chief Executive Officer and dedicate his time fully to the realisation of his vision for OzFish which is an exciting development. As with last year, our partnerships particularly with Recfishwest, Recfish SA and Healthy Land and Water are allowing us to value add to the incredible contacts and knowledge these groups have built up over time and provide our passion for and our ability with fish habitat rehabilitation to be delivered.

The Board of OzFish Unlimited would very much like to thank everyone who has been involved to date for their support and their efforts and we look forward to what next year will bring with greater growth in our membership and improved fishing outcomes assured.

Jim Stening - Chair



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COMPANY REPORT

The growth of OzFish Unlimited last year has been rapid. Some of the key activities have been;

- The development of new OzFish Chapters in Adelaide (Onkaparinga River Fish Habitat), Mildura/Dareton (Sunraysia), South-West Victoria, North-West NSW, Gold Coast and Tenterfield and District.
- The successful activities of these chapters in engaging fishers in looking after rivers, applying for funds and delivering on-ground outcomes is almost unbelievable given most have only been up and running for a few months (See Appendix 1).
- Participation in Gone Fishing Day in 3 locations.
- Securing funding from the NSW Recreational Fishing Trusts and in partnership with the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation and our Macquarie River Chapter (Inland Waterways) delivered the Inland Fishing Summit targeted at enhancing the capability of NSW recreational fishers to undertake habitat rehabilitation activity.
- Commencement of the Onkaparinga River Rehabilitation Works
- Commencement of oyster shell restoration in the Maroochy River through local indigenous OzFish Unlimited members.
- Securing funding from Shimano Fishing Australia for on-ground works delivery in NSW (2017) and Victoria (2018) and the successful delivery of the NSW project by Inland Waterways (<https://ozfish.org.au/how-can-ozfish-help-local-fishery/>)
- Securing funding from BCF for on-ground works delivery in the Merri catchment (Warrnambool, Victoria).



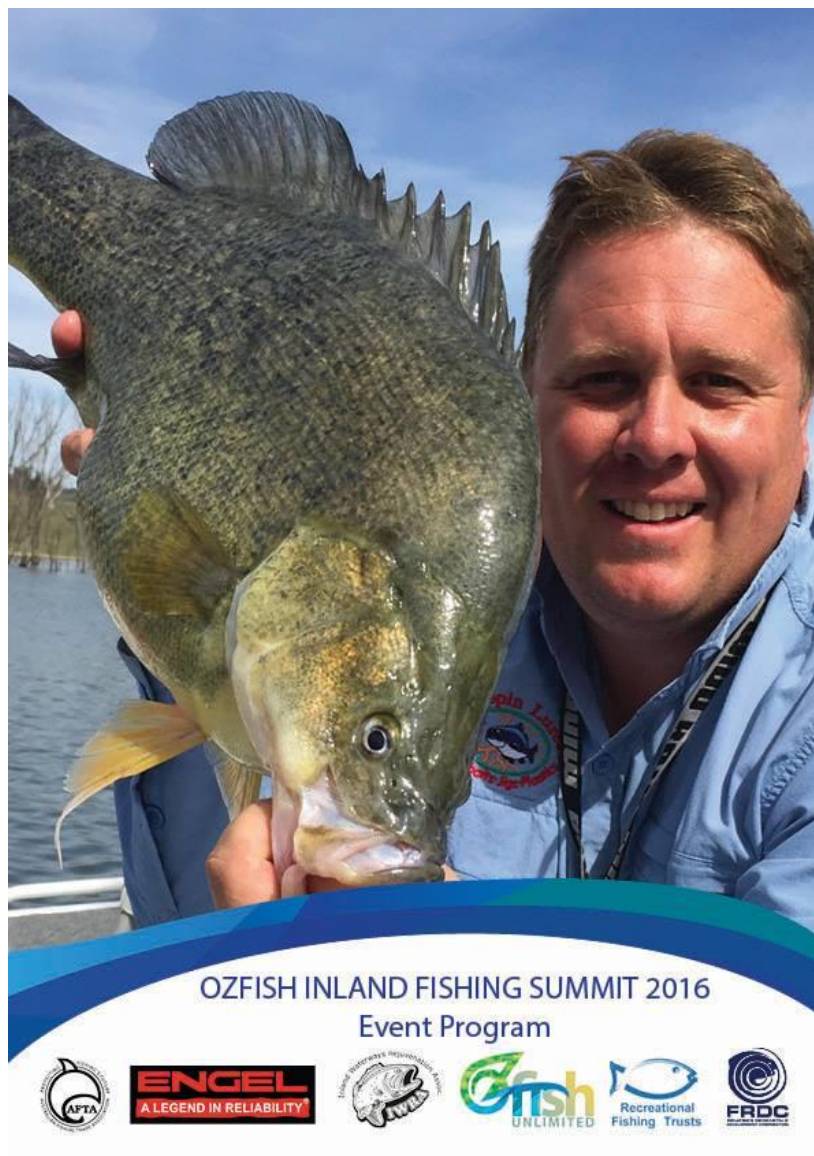
OzFish members on the banks of Onkaparinga River SA with CEO Craig Copeland



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- Securing funding from FIIG Securities to support on ground works in the Macquarie, Onkaparinga and Maroochy River catchments as well as project management and marketing of OzFish Unlimited.
- Successfully delivering the on-ground works component of Fish Friendly Farms (WA) with our partners Recfishwest and South Coast NRM
- Developing the draft National Fish Habitat Strategy and seeking feedback from recreational fishers throughout Australia.
- Securing the continued support of Australian Fishing Trades Association and McInnes Wilson Lawyers which has ensured our work meets the high standards of corporate governance expected of us by our supporters and contributors.

OzFish Director and Chapter President Matt Hansen



THE YEAR IN BRIEF

Fixing the Macquarie River

This year Inland Waterways Rejuvenation Association our Macquarie River chapter have made significant improvements to aquatic habitat in the Macquarie River. Some 7,000 trees have been planted and over 100 trailer loads of rubbish were removed from the riparian zone of the river. The River Repair Bus and trailer has been a vital tool in the restoration process, transporting volunteers, tools and rubbish to and from the river. The bus is also currently being utilized as part of the work for the dole program. Feedback from the participants has been fantastic. Many feel they can make a real contribution to the public amenity and to the environment.



In April Shimano, partnered with us for a Family Tree Planting Day on the banks of the Macquarie River at Biddybunge Reserve. A total of 1,000 bottle brush, casuarinas and native grasses were planted by the local community in Dubbo.



The Shimano Family Tree Planting Day on the Macquarie River

In September, "When they're on the nest, give them a rest" campaign was run on prime-time TV. The campaign costing \$15,000 was aimed at reducing anglers fishing for Murray Cod during the closed season for breeding.

Lake Burrendong Fishing Classic was a key source of funding for this year's projects. 'The Classic' attracts thousands of anglers annually, who turn up in droves for a chance to share in a community driven prize pool of thousands of dollars in cash and prizes. The event is run by volunteers from this very active OzFish chapter. Since the inaugural comp kicked off in 2010, this event has generated hundreds of thousands of dollars which has been put towards



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improving recreational fishing opportunities in central western NSW. 100% of proceeds go into making this river a healthier, better place to fish!

Richmond River Health

OzFish Richmond River Chapter is making big steps towards improving their local waterway. A grant of \$160,000 is being used to perform a hydrological assessment of the area. The study will act as an important tool in engaging stakeholders in implementing any future restoration activity. The chapter has also been working with the DPI in trialling a disease resistant strain of Sydney rock oyster for the Richmond. The aim is to restore a commercial oyster fishery in the river.



Richmond River schoolkids learning from OzFishers

With the help of Summerland Credit Union and Richmond Landcare, OzFish are educating the next generation about conservation of wetlands. The Wetland Restoration Education Pilot Program has been a resounding success so far with several local primary and high schools taking part in the Richmond Valley area.

Merri River Resnagging



OzFish Ambassador Steve Starling with OzFish SW Victoria President Shane Lowery and a BCF snag ready for placement in the Merri River

OzFish SW Victoria Chapter and BCF Warrnambool have joined forces in rehabilitating fish habitat in the Merri River. After an initial planting of some 500 native trees along the riparian zone, volunteers are now set to 're-snap' the river. Seven red-gum root balls are to be placed in the Merri in a location previously devoid of any in-stream structure. These snags are expected to provide much needed habitat for the local estuary perch.

Limestone blocks ready for installation restoring the Onkaparinga River

Onkaparinga River Restoration

OzFish Onkaparinga River Chapter undertook some major river restoration activities at Perry's Bend on the Onkaparinga River, SA. Riparian planting, resnagging and the installation of 180 concrete blocks is preventing further erosion of the river banks and providing crucial habitat for local fish species such as black bream whiting and flathead.





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FINANCIAL REPORT

Directors' Declaration OZ FISH UNLIMITED LIMITED For the year ended 31 October 2017

The members of the Board have determined that the Company 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.

The members of the Board declare that:

1. the financial statements and notes, as set out herein present fairly the Company's financial position as at 31 October 2017 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and

2. in the Board members' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GAL', followed by a horizontal line.

Director: Mr Craig Copeland

Dated this 8th day of January 2018



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Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet OZ FISH UNLIMITED LIMITED As at 31 October 2017

	31 Oct 2017	31 Oct 2016
Assets		
Bank		
OzFish Unlimited Limited Gift Fund	\$51,500	\$0
Bank Account Suncorp 603253996	\$0	\$1,378
Cash @ Bank Richmond	\$10,143	\$10,390
OzFish Unlimited Limited	\$113,106	\$96,319
PayPal Account	\$50	\$0
Total Bank	\$174,799	\$108,088
Current Assets		
Accounts Receivable	\$30,250	\$3,989
Total Current Assets	\$30,250	\$3,989
Total Assets	\$205,049	\$112,077
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$2,147	\$17,053
GST	\$2,009	-\$2,810
Total Current Liabilities	\$4,156	\$14,243
Total Liabilities	\$4,156	\$14,243
Net Assets	\$200,893	\$97,833
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	\$103,060	\$58,823
Retained Earnings	\$97,833	\$39,011
Total Equity	\$200,893	\$97,833



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Profit & Loss

Profit & Loss OZ FISH UNLIMITED LIMITED For the 12 months ended 31 October 2017

	Oct-17	Oct-16
Income		
Gift Income	\$52,000	\$0
Grant Income	\$360,942	\$188,241
Interest Income	\$4	\$10
Membership	\$2,589	\$1,568
Operational Income	\$227	\$3,626
Other Revenue	\$0	\$0
Total Income	\$415,763	\$193,445
Less Cost of Sales		
Grant Spend	\$10,189	\$24,368
Total Cost of Sales	\$10,189	\$24,368
Gross Profit	\$405,573	\$169,077
Less Operating Expenses		
Accommodation	\$2,455	\$0
Accounting/Bookkeeping Fees	\$7,736	\$5,060
Administration	\$755	\$105
Advertising & Marketing	\$22,868	\$32,313
Bank Fees	\$146	\$132
Catering	\$3,500	\$0
Communication/Extension	\$65,683	\$2,200
Computer Software	\$0	\$200
Insurance	\$6,661	\$2,783
Motor Vehicle Insurance	\$0	\$1,435
On Ground Work	\$80,887	\$4,545
Postage	\$0	\$789
Project Management	\$95,882	\$0
Staff	\$10,000	\$60,000
Subscriptions	\$45	\$0
Telephone & Internet	\$369	\$338
Travel - National	\$5,528	\$353
Total Operating Expenses	\$302,514	\$110,255
Net Profit	\$103,060	\$58,823



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Equity

Statement of Changes in Equity OZ FISH UNLIMITED LIMITED For the year ended 31 October 2017

	2017	2016
Equity		
Opening Balance	97,833	39,011
Current Year Earnings	103,060	58,823
Total Equity	200,893	97,833



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Cash Flow

Statement of Cash Flows OZ FISH UNLIMITED LIMITED For the year ended 31 October 2017

Account	2017	2016
Operating Activities		
Receipts from customers	424,933	207,803
Payments to suppliers and employees	(350,969)	(128,391)
Cash receipts from other operating activities	(7,253)	(10,385)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	66,711	69,027
Investing Activities		
Other cash items from investing activities	0	0
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	0	0
Net Cash Flows	66,711	69,027
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	108,088	39,061
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	174,799	108,088
Net change in cash for period	66,711	69,027



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Notes to the Financial Statements

OZ FISH UNLIMITED LIMITED

For the year ended 31 October 2017

1. Statement of Significant Policies:

The Directors have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the Company is a not-for profit, non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial reports. This financial report is therefore a special purpose financial report that has been prepared in order to meet the needs of members.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the significant accounting policies disclosed below which the members of the Board have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of members. Such accounting policies are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. The accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of this report are as follows:

1.(a) Revenue

Revenue comprises grant income, fundraising activities and membership fees.

Revenue is measured by reference to the fair value of consideration received or receivable by the Company for goods supplied and services provided, excluding GST.

Revenue is recognised when the amount of revenue can be measured reliably, collection is probable, the costs incurred or to be incurred can be measured reliably and when the criteria for each of the Company's different activities have been met.

Grant Income

A number of the Company's programs are supported by grants received. If conditions are attached to a grant which must be satisfied before the Company is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue is deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

Revenue from a non-reciprocal grant that is not subject to conditions is recognised when the Company obtains control of the funds, economic benefits are probable and the amount can be measured reliably. When a grant may be required to be repaid if certain conditions are not satisfied, a liability is recognised at year end to the extent that conditions remain unsatisfied.

Interest income

Interest income is recognised on an accrual basis using the effective interest method.

1.(b) Provisions:

Provisions are recognised when the company has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at reporting date.



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1.(c) Cash and Cash Equivalents:

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

1.(d) Trade Receivables and Other Receivables:

Trade receivables and other receivables, are recognised at the nominal transaction value without taking into account the time value of money. If required a provision for doubtful debts has been created.

1.(e) Trade Creditors and Other Payables:

Trade creditors and other payables, including bank borrowings and distributions payable, are recognised at the nominal transaction value without taking into account the time value of money.

1.(f) Goods and Services Tax:

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax 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 balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

1.(g) Income Taxes

No provision for income tax has been raised as the Company is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT To the members of OzFish Unlimited Limited

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of OzFish Unlimited Limited (the Company), being a Special Purpose Financial Report, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2017, the profit and loss statement, cash flow statement and statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the Board's declaration.

In my opinion the financial report of OzFish Unlimited Limited is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

- a) Giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 October 2017 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. I am independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

I confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

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

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist OzFish Unlimited Limited to meet the needs of the trustees and the trust deed. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report



The Board is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board is responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

A further description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar1.pdf. This description forms part of my audit report.

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Chris Malkin

Baumgartner Audit Pty Ltd

Date: 11 January 2017

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Auditor's Independence Declaration

To the members of
OzFish Unlimited Limited

As auditor for the audit of OzFish Unlimited Limited for the year ended 31 October 2017, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- no contraventions of the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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

Chris Malkin

Baumgartner Audit Pty Ltd

Date: 11 January 2017



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APPENDIX 1

OzFish Chapter Annual Report

(Nov 1st 2016 – Oct 31st 2017)

Chapter Name: OzFish Inland Waterways Chapter

Activities and Actions achieved

For example.

- River Repair Bus – blocks 1 & 2. 5800 trees planted to date. 100 trailer loads of rubbish removed from the riparian zone of the Macquarie River.
- Shimano Family Tree Planting Day. 180 people attended getting 1200 trees in the ground in 50 minutes
- Casino Night and weekly Joker draws run as fundraising events.
- Lake Burrendong Classic- fishing fundraiser competition (see www.iwra.com.au)
- Submitted Habitat Action Grant funding application to continue re-snagging works on the Macquarie River.
- "When they're on the nest, give them a rest" campaign, aimed at reducing anglers fishing for Murray Cod in the closed season for breeding. (\$15,000 project during prime-time TV)
- Chapter President Matt Hansen attended Recreational Fishing Trust funded Fisher Champions tour of Oregon and Washington (USA) and British Columbia (Canada) visiting habitat restoration projects driven by recreational fishers (Trout Unlimited) and spoke at the 2017 World Recreational Fishing Conference.
- Were winners at the Landcare NSW Annual awards for Fish Habitat Champion, Organisation

Banking Details *Inland Waterways Rejuvenation Association (IWRA) is a separate legal entity. An agreement with OzFish provides that members are also members of OzFish Unlimited. IWRA prepares separate financial statements and its results are not part of OzFish Unlimited's financial statements.*

Total Income 2016/17	\$ 177,590
Total Expenditure 2016/17	\$ 86,820
Cash Balance	\$ 119,100

Total Volunteer Hours: 1494 hours

Chapter Representative: Matt Hansen

Position: President



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OzFish Chapter Annual Report

(Nov 1st 2016 – Oct 31st 2017)

Chapter Name: OzFish Onkaparinga

Activities and Actions achieved

- Established the OzFish Onkaparinga River Chapter
- Delivering 'Fishers Tackling Fish Habitat Issues in Onkaparinga River' project
- Setup facebook page and maintained ongoing content for OzFish Onkaparinga River Chapter
- Marine Parks and Waterway Affecting Activity permit applications (and preparation)
- Attended Shellfish Restoration Network Meeting and OzFish Unlimited national meeting
- Conducted a two-day workshop, supervising recreational fishers in the assembly and deployment of constructed fish habitat structures in Westlakes.
- Prepared and delivered 3 workshops and 3 on-ground work days on Onkaparinga River
- Organised and delivered a local Fishers for Fish Habitat Forum
- Produced a fish habitat mapping app for the Onkaparinga River
- Data obtained from mapping work days reformed into images and maps
- Online Q and A's on various fishing forums about fish habitat and plans to improve Onkaparinga River.
- Searches for historical information around waterways in the Adelaide Region
- Prepared project maps and additional information for departmental staff
- Liaised with state and local government authorities (many meetings and phone conversations)
- Wrote a Safety Management System for the group in conducting on ground works
- Presented at the Golden Grove Angling Club on the Onkaparinga/OzFish/Fish habitat
- Applied for five grants involving fish habitat restoration or management
- Collaborated with and interviewed a state champion fish habitat restoration
- Attended Environmental Flow Information sessions on Murray River
- Attended Adelaide Boat show promoting fish habitat and OzFish Unlimited
- Attended Adelaide on-water boat show promoting fish habitat and OzFish Unlimited
- Staged a local gone fishing day, where fish habitat restoration works consisting of wood branches were displayed and restoration demonstration of limestone block deployment undertaken.

Banking Details *(funding held nationally)*

Total Income 2016/17	\$0000.00
Total Expenditure 2016/17	\$0000.00
Cash Balance	\$0000.00

Total Volunteer Hours: 2050 hours

Chapter Representative: Travis Howson

Position: Public Officer



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OzFish Chapter Annual Report

(Nov 1st 2016 – Oct 31st 2017)

Chapter Name: OzFish Sunraysia

Activities and Actions achieved

- Ongoing engagement of area stakeholders (Councils, Land Services, Catchment authorities, Fisheries) regarding efforts to restore river health
- Engaged 20,000+ community members through social media posts
- Travel to Wagga Wagga for fish forum, 4 members
- Travel to South Australia for fish forum, 2 members
- Represent chapter at local carp virus community forum
- Hold 1x fish talks in Mildura, Victoria
- Hold 1x catch a carp day in Mildura, Victoria
- Submitted these grants:
 1. Habitat Action Grant funding application for deployment of large hardwood tree (NSW DPI Fisheries) pending
 2. 2x *Catch a carp* days in Mildura (Mildura council) pending
 3. Habitat mapping of a Victorian creek (Mildura council) pending
 4. Educational day for recreational angling (Victoria Fisheries) pending
 5. Fish stocking and citizen science grant application (NSW DPI Fisheries) pending
 6. #keepemwet grant application (Victorian Fisheries) pending
 7. Provide feedback to Commonwealth Environmental Water Office (CEWO)

Banking Details *(funding held nationally)*

Total Income 2016/17	\$0000.00
Total Expenditure 2016/17	\$0000.00
Cash Balance	\$0000.00

Total Volunteer Hours: 270 Hours

Chapter Representative: Braeden Lampard

Position: President



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OzFish Chapter Annual Report

(Nov 1st 2016 – Oct 31st 2017)

Chapter Name: OzFish Richmond River

Activities and Actions achieved

- Provided ongoing voluntary help with DPI Fisheries Oyster Research project on Richmond River including collecting samples of and forwarding to Fisheries
- Conducted a series of presentations to local Councils to enlist support on various river health restoration projects.
- Presentations to various community groups re Feral Fish programmes. Conducted voluntary by OzFish Scientist, Matt Landos
- Completed a funding application to Recreational Fishing Trusts Flagship programme and were successful with this application
- Extensive planning, engagement and project commencement for restoration to parts of a former wetland area lost after drainage (Tuckean). Key outcomes are to bring back large areas of key fish habitat and to improve water quality with improved Hydrology through the area
- OzFish Richmond have organised a Steering Committee consisting of representatives from all local councils and Gov' group to help steer the above project along with discussion on other river health/habitat areas. OzFish is Chair of this group
- Conducted a full week School Programme (5 days) on benefits and role of healthy wetlands
- Applied for DPI Habitat Action Grant and were successful. This funding for a river re-snagging project in Emigrant Creek, a major tributary of the Richmond. Currently waiting for hardwood snags to be made available following Pacific Highway re-direction upgrades
- Ongoing preparation of a river wide pollutants study. Currently drawing up a detailed scope of works document suitable for funding application

Banking Details

Total Income 2016/17	\$9,993.31
Total Expenditure 2016/17	\$10,239.67
Cash Balance	\$10,143.85

Total Volunteer Hours: 509 hours

Chapter Representative: John Larsson

Position: President



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OzFish Chapter Annual Report

(Nov 1st 2016 – Oct 31st 2017)

Chapter Name: OzFish SW Victoria

Activities and Actions achieved

- Setting up Chapter
- First Meeting and Tree planting day (200 plants)
- 2nd meeting called for office bearers
- 3rd Meeting to Organise the BCF Snag day
- BCF open store
- Merri River, site prep for snag placement

Banking Details *(funding held nationally)*

Total Income 2016/17	\$0000.00
Total Expenditure 2016/17	\$0000.00
Cash Balance	\$0000.00

Total Volunteer Hours: 60 hours

Chapter Representative: Stephen Ryan

Position: Secretary



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OzFish Chapter Annual Report

(Nov 1st 2016 – Oct 31st 2017)

Chapter Name: OzFish Tenterfield and District

Activities and Actions achieved

- Riparian Planting Old Bondonga Mole River 120 trees planted in riparian zone, ongoing watering planning and travel. 17 hours
- Habitat action grant application for fish-way at Sawyers Gully joint venture with Tenterfield Council plus riparian planting, long term ongoing project planning and travel. 12 hours
- Application Gone Fishing Day grant 2017. Successful grant 1.5 hours- \$2,500 in gear.
- Application for community grant with Tenterfield Shire Council, successful ,2.5 hours,\$600.
- Meeting with Andrew Davidson regarding leasing of a TSR and possibilities of weed control and riparian planting with Rural Lands Protection ,1.5hours.
- Travel to Dumaresq river at Riverton to meet with Paul Magner re fencing off riparian zone and re snagging ,3 hours.
- Travel 3 times to Glen Lyon dam for meetings with Brian and Debbie Dare re habitat programs for border regions,7 hours.
- Application for grant through Granite Borders Landcare, ongoing 3 hours.
- Planning, meeting and delivering Gone fishing Day event for Tenterfield 2017, 22 hours, 47 participants in our fishing classes.
- Meeting with Dave Stewart regarding riparian health report commissioned by council, future projects in the pipeline-ongoing 1hour.
- Networking with Mole River Native Nursery to supply our planting stock for future planting projects-travel 1.5 hours.
- Walk the length of Tarban Creek on Peter Maybon's property. Assessing clean -up, weed control, fencing and riparian planting and alternate cattle watering facilities -4 hours.
- 1400 kilometres in travel.

Banking Details

Total Income 2016/17	\$625.00
Total Expenditure 2016/17	\$310.00
Cash Balance	\$315.00

Total Volunteer Hours: 385 hours

Chapter Representative: Micheal Davey

Position: President



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OzFish Chapter Annual Report (Nov 1st 2016 – Oct 31st 2017)

Chapter Name: OzFish North West NSW

Activities and Actions achieved (founded 29th September 2017)

- Engagement of angling community to raise awareness of OzFish and formalise chapter in local area. Attend club meetings. The Pub, Lake Keepit, West Tamworth Leagues Club.
- Coordinate partnership day between Pub Angling Club and Tamworth Landcare for National Tree day to plant over 200 trees on CBD riparian of Peel River.
- Ongoing engagement of area stakeholders (Landcare, LLS, DPI Fisheries) re projects planned for OzFish to undertake.
- Travel to Canberra as representative OzFish and Engaged Recreational Anglers group.
- Submit grant application for NLP funding in regards two (2) projects of planned aquatic habitat rehabilitation. Peel River at Jewry St Weir and Namoi River below Keepit Dam.
- Meeting with Minister Joyce re announcement of NLP successful funding for "Heal the Peel" OzFish Northwest Project and Keepit Fishers for Habitat project - \$15,000 in total.
- Media interviews to promote OzFish Northwest and planned projects – ABC radio, local FM88.9 community radio, TV news segment (5.6K views on Facebook).
- Organise and facilitate Gone Fishing @ Keepit 2017 in partnership with Lake Keepit Family Fishing Club and The Pub Angling Club.

Banking Details

Total Income 2016/17	\$0000.00
Total Expenditure 2016/17	\$0000.00
Cash Balance	\$0000.00

Total Volunteer Hours: 25 hours

Chapter Representative: Anne Michie

Position: President