

OZFISH UNLIMITED LTD

ANNUAL REPORT

2020–2021



BETTER HABITAT
BETTER FISHING

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY:

Our work on Australia’s waterways is on the country of our First Nations peoples. We pay respect to their longstanding custodianship of this land when we meet. We acknowledge the deep connection and understanding they have with our waterways and our fish as we seek their support, advice and approval for our stewardship actions.

OUR MISSION

TO PROTECT AND RESTORE FISH HABITAT AND
SUPPORT RECREATIONAL FISHERS IN THESE ACTIONS.

2020–2021 HIGHLIGHTS



SEAGRASS PLANTED, SHELLFISH REEFS RESTORED, RIPARIAN ZONES REPLANTED, RIVERS RESNAGGED, FISH RESCUED, HABITATS MAPPED, RIVERS MONITORED, COMMUNITIES ENGAGED AND WATERWAYS CLEANED, INCLUDING THE LARGEST COMMUNITY DRIVEN SHELLFISH RESTORATION AND THE LARGEST SEAGRASS RESTORATION PROJECTS IN AUSTRALIA.

SUPPORTING BETTER HABITAT BETTER FISHING



CHAIRMAN’S MESSAGE

Delivering outcomes for fish and supporting recreational fishers to do this! That’s the reason for our existence. Its part respect for the fish we chase and the waterways they depend upon and in part a wish to leave our waterways in a better condition than we found them. Despite our desperate wish to continue the great success from last year we expected Covid lockdowns and disruptions might have diminished the willingness of our members to contribute. We are so very proud and happy to say – not so! The passion of our volunteer members has shone through the beating we’ve been taking all year – greater even than last year’s effort despite limited contribution available from our locked down Victorian members. 28644 hours – Unbelievable!

To all our members that were able to get out, thank you for your efforts – you are leaving a legacy that all Australians can enjoy. To those that were unfortunately limited this year and are itching to get into it – we look forward to working with you in the new year.

Our members have been supported by a great team of staff with expertise in engagement, aquatic ecology, project management and environmental restoration but most importantly, a passion to deliver improvements and to help our members make great contributions.

We haven’t done this alone. We have been supported by a growing list of project partners, corporate supporters, other rec fishing organisations, great not-for-profit organisations as well as government agencies and tertiary institutions. This makes all of our work feel like a great collegial effort – focussed not on who did what, but working together, each bringing our various strengths to delivering the outcomes for our waterways.

Our major partner though, is BCF (Boating Camping Fishing) and its customers and their efforts make them a driving force behind these achievements. Many of the contributions by customers might only be small but added up across the country and matched by the corporate funding of the Super Retail Group meant that we were able to;

- Deliver the largest community driven shellfish restoration project and the largest seagrass restoration project in Australia.
- Restore major waterways with a fleet of three OzFish River Repair Buses in Moree, Dubbo and Mildura.
- Plant more than 40 kms of riparian revegetation and 7 river resnagging projects.
- Support one of the most important actions in the Murray-Darling Basin led by NSW DPI Fisheries to put fish screens on irrigation pumps and keeping millions of fish and their eggs in our waterways where they belong.
- Recover many sites of fish disaster after drought and bushfire and;
- Help the next generation of fisher to achieve their goals of helping our waterways through an array of citizen science, sustainability, and engagement programs.

Finally thankyou to our Board who voluntarily contribute their time and skills to make OzFish the success it has become. We are here to make the kind of change that makes every fisher feel proud of the legacy of Better Habitat for Better Fishing.

David Coogan
Chairman

Craig Copeland
Chief Executive Officer





MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

SEAGRASS RESTORATION

Since the 1950s, hundreds of thousands of hectares of seagrass meadows have disappeared across Australia's coastline, with over 85% lost across some of Australia's most important fisheries. Seagrasses drive fish production as vital foraging and nursery areas. Restoring lost seagrass is also an important strategy to mitigate climate change, having shown to capture and store carbon 35 times faster than tropical rainforests.

OzFish is leading the way in seagrass restoration around Australia with Seeds for Snapper the most advanced community-driven program in the country. In Cockburn Sound (WA) over 2100 ha of seagrass has been lost (more than 85%). Using a method of restoration pioneered by our research partners at the University of Western Australia, our Seeds for Snapper project in this year saw over 240 volunteers collecting 450,000 fruits of the seagrass *Posidonia australis* and successfully sowing over 2000 m². Our work was supported by the Western Australian Government through its Recreational Fishing Initiatives Fund, BCF, Recfishwest, Dive Tub, Andreo Dive and the Cockburn Powerboat Club.

This work has now been replicated in South Australia. Over 300 volunteers collected more than 10,000 seeds and placed them individually or sown in sandbags off the coast of Adelaide. This work occurred with the support of Green Adelaide, BCF, Navico, Clean Seas, Aquatic Biosecurity, the Estuary Care Foundation and the Cruising Yacht Club of SA.

We also have commenced work with Operation Posidonia to resow seagrass beds in Lake Macquarie in partnership with the University of NSW and in Mourilyan Harbour (Qld) with James Cook University.

More seagrass means more fish, more carbon sequestered, and more biodiversity and we have thousands of hectares to go.





MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

SHELLFISH REVOLUTION

Shellfish reefs are an essential part of estuarine ecosystems but thanks to human activity they have all but disappeared around Australia. Thousands of kilometres of reef lost and with it, all of the water quality improvements, biodiversity enhancement and fish production that they once provided.

OzFish are helping to turn this around. We had previously launched trial reefs over 3 years in Pumicestone Passage and this year have launched the largest community driven shellfish restoration project in Australia. With 900 oyster baskets of recycled shell being placed in the waters of Moreton Bay this year and 49,000 more to come, this will generate 19 hectares of reef recovered. This work, as with Pumicestone has been with our partner Healthy Land and Water. At this site with funding support from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program, Queensland's Community Fishing Grants Program, BCF – Boating Camping Fishing, Moreton Bay Foundation, Turner Family Foundation, Tackle Tactics, Iona College

and Rotary. This work is supported by researchers from the University of Queensland, University of Sunshine Coast and Griffith University.

We are underway planning reef restoration with Corangamite and Port Phillip Bay Catchment Management Authorities in Victoria through funding from Australian Government's Fisheries Habitat Restoration Program and a trial reef with the Estuary Care Foundation in South Australia.

In the Richmond River (NSW) our newly discovered and cared for Rock Oysters have survived another disease window and plans are now being developed for shellfish restoration trials in this River

We are also pleased to work with The Nature Conservancy in Western Australia restoring mussel reefs in Peel Harvey estuary and oyster reefs in the Noosa River (QLD) as part of their national Reef Builder project.



MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

LOOK AFTER YOUR TACKLE

In a partnership with Tangaroa Blue we commenced delivery of the Rig Recycle program so fishers can now recycle used, broken and unwanted tackle at participating BCF stores (in QLD and WA at present). We developed OzFish Tangle Bins for target areas and interested OzFish Chapters who have local fishing spots that are plagued by incorrectly disposed of fishing litter. In addition to this, over 450 volunteers removed over 2 tonnes of rubbish from 20 waterways on Clean Up Australia Day. To prevent fishing litter and fishing line entanglements we launched the #Knowyourknots challenge with our ambassadors and other highly respected fishers to tie and use better knots so that gear and line is not lost.



FISH SCREENS

One of the biggest issues for small, juvenile and larval fish in our rivers is unscreened pumps and diversions which take millions of fish out of our waterways never to return. We are really pleased to work with research leaders NSW DPI Fisheries and join forces with key stakeholders particularly the irrigation sector broadly and the cotton industry, in particular, to implement a successful engagement program to ensure the sustainable and long-term improvement of native fish populations through the installation of fish screens. This year we continued to deliver the fishscreens.org website to assist this cause and also helped finalise plans for additional fish screens in the Macquarie River (NSW).

RIVER RESNAGGING AND FISH HOTELS

One of the more necessary and popular activities in OzFish is returning structure to barren waterways to support fish breeding and food production. Last year, with the support of local authorities, we placed over 224 structures in Victorian waterways; supported 11 more to assist bushfire recovery efforts in Cudgewa Creek (VIC); in South Australia, placed two large pots and two limestone reefs into the Warren Reservoir in the Barossa Valley, and eight 'frusta' structures in the Onkaparinga River near Adelaide; 45 large snags in the Lower Darling River and 10 in the Murrumbidgee River near Leeton (both in NSW). Planning is almost finished to restore structures for marron in waterways in WA, and works are due to commence in 2022 in the Curdies River (VIC).

FISH EMERGENCY RECOVERY

At the beginning of the year we were still feeling the effects of the previous drought and our volunteers assisted NSW DPI Fisheries with a fish rescue on the Lachlan River, and relocation to Wyangala Dam. We have also been privileged to assist the Department in restocking Murray cod and golden perch fingerlings that were the progeny of fish rescued in the 2019 drought as well as threatened, purple-spotted gudgeons into Tenterfield Creek. In Victoria, our Sunraysia Chapter were also called out to assist in the rescue of dying threatened fish species from irrigation works in Mildura.

After the significant fire damage across the east coast, OzFishers rolled up their sleeves to help recover their local waterways across 9 different fire fronts from Queensland to Victoria. Achieving onground recovery actions across a total of more than 150ha of riparian fish habitats, targeting areas that are most important to some of Australia's most threatened fish, crayfish and turtle species.



MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

FISHER SCIENCE

All of our work at OzFish is underpinned with the best available science but we want to take it one step further. We think that fishers can make an important, even essential contribution to the understanding of our waterways which is why our members are doing so much science. Through our Waterway Fire Science project we are helping determine how our waterways, fish habitat, and fish populations are recovering following the devastation of the bushfires with the support of Global Giving and Landcare led Bushfire Recovery supported by the Australian Government. We mapped over 50 kms of fish habitat, took eDNA samples to rediscover Macquarie perch in the Georges River (Sydney) sampled fish in river catchments around Townsville, Ingham, Ayr and Cairns, monitored our oyster, saltmarsh and seagrass projects and began the preparation for many new projects. Thankfully we were backed up in this work by some great partnerships with James Cook University (Tropwater), University of Sunshine Coast, University of Queensland, Griffith University, Southern Cross University, University of Newcastle, University of NSW, University of Melbourne, University of Tasmania and the University of Western Australia.

MANGROVE AND SALTMARSH RESTORATION

These estuarine habitats are essential to the fish, prawns and crabs we all love. Saltmarshes have been our focus this year in Tasmania at Pitt Water and Orielton Lagoon, engaging fishers in the restoration of over 60ha of this precious habitat. In the Richmond River our OzFishers are caring for over 40% of the saltmarsh remnants on their river, totalling almost 50ha.

Mangrove restoration has been engaging fishers in Victoria and Queensland. In Western Port (VIC), our fishers kicked off efforts to restore 4ha of local mangrove forest, with a recent study showing their efforts will directly benefit more than 37 species of recreationally important fish. In Cairns, the mangroves around the airport will soon be flourishing with the local Chapter getting stuck into the early planning to restore 17.5ha of mangrove habitat for fish.

The Manning Chapter in NSW is restoring both habitats on their Landsdowne River, with 750m of riverbank already recruiting new mangroves, protecting 3ha of mangrove and saltmarsh habitat. Our fisher science is backing up saltmarsh efforts on the south coast, with OzFishers catching fish and taking samples that are analysed to see how the fish are using the Burrill Lake saltmarsh.

RIVER REPAIR BUSES

With the support of the Murray–Darling Basin Economic Development Program and our corporate partner BCF we have two new buses in Mildura and Moree to add to our Dubbo bus. The Mildura bus delivered over 950 trees planted, over 2 tonnes of rubbish collected as well as thousands of metres of riparian area weeded and fenced and habitat mapped. Over all of these activities 112 OzFish members, volunteers and trainees took part and gained great new skills. The Dubbo bus has been busy maintaining plantings and reducing weeds across more than 10km of Macquarie riverbank and removing approximately 5 tonnes of rubbish and dumped items from the river reserves. The Moree bus has just commenced operations.

LANDCARE NSW PARTNERSHIP

OzFish's successful partnership went from strength to strength this year. With less than two years completed the partnership has delivered joint works with 25 local Landcare groups in 31 locations. This has resulted in 14,300 more trees along NSW riverbanks that will provide shade and stable water temperatures, insect fall and eventually snags for fish. Sixty more snags in our rivers installed which will provide instant homes, shelter and food for fish, along with 30km of riverbank weeded, cleaned up and restored. Plus a trash rack built to stop litter and eight engagement events. This partnership with Landcare NSW is clearly delivering big wins for the environment and our fish.



OZFISH MEMBERS

Mateship is a value OzFish holds at its core. At heart, we are a group of passionate recreational fishers committed to taking small consistent actions that create massive and lasting impacts to our beloved waterways and marine environments. We continue to be inspired by our members and the stories they tell us of their contribution to OzFish. It is these stories that drive the work we do.



ALACIA COCKBAIN

"I joined because I have a passion for our waterways and our Australian Bass and Eastern Freshwater Cod and wanted to help these fish in a sustainable manner. I think OzFish are an awesome community to get involved and share experiences with likeminded people with a passion and drive to make a difference to our waterways."

How long: 18 months
Position: Member
Day job: Bush Regenerator



NIKKI EDWARDS

"I got involved with OzFish to help rehabilitate habitat to improve our fisheries plus I am passionate about volunteering. I really like going to events with other members and seeing how excited people are after sharing information and time."

How long: 3 years
Position: Chapter President
Day job: Store Manager BCF



DENZIL BRUNNER

"I was retiring and looking for something to do and heard about OzFish and thought that would be fun and useful and it would improve my fishing. I'm really keen on OzFish now as we are starting to get somewhere and it's going well, so that feels great!"

How long: 3 years | Position: Member
Day job: Retired



BEN BROADFOOT

"I wanted to make a difference in the local waterways and looked around for someone to help me and my first hit on google was OzFish and thought that is the type of people I need to learn from. Its grown immensely since I started- everyone who gets involved shares the passion and mindset to make a difference. Really proud to belong to an organisation that make the sort of impact we do."

How long: 18 months
Position: Chapter President
Day job: Network Engineer



TAYLAR PAY

"I joined OzFish to promote recreational fishing and do positive things and am really pleased to see our growth and the projects achieving outcomes on the ground."

How long: 4 years
Current Position: Chapter President
Day job: Teacher- Conservation & Ecosystem Management Sunraysia TAFE



LOGAN PENMAN

"After Uni I wanted to get involved in doing something useful. It's been great and good to understand the processes required to make a change. OzFish definitely feels like we can help make a difference."

How long: 10 months
Position: Co-President
Day job: Marine Consultant

CORPORATE PARTNERS

OUR SPONSORS

The support we receive from our valued partners, sponsors and donors gives OzFish greater ability to develop our programs, deliver vital fish habitat projects and achieve our mission.

The best OzFish work comes from true partnerships between landowners, agencies, non-profit organisations, indigenous and community groups, local Councils and corporate partners who share our values. The organisations that partner with us get the opportunity to profoundly make a difference to Australia's fishing future and to communicate to our passionate members and followers. Generations of young recreational fishers have these sponsors to thank for helping give them a brighter fishing future.

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Despite 2021 being another dynamic year of change, our team and customers remained optimistic and focussed on doing their share to support OzFish in protecting the places we love to play in.

Our partnership with OzFish has helped us to make a positive contribution to our home and country. The BCF vision is to unite our team and passionate customers with OzFish to collectively protect and restore fish habitats and the future of the outdoors our customers enjoy in their leisure time. The fifth year of this partnership has seen BCF and OzFish once again working collaboratively with landowners, government and local communities to rebuild, restore and regenerate fish habitats.

We are also proud to share that with the support of OzFish, this year saw 12 BCF stores involved in the trial of a new Rig Recycle program to reduce recreational fishing gear going into landfill through a first-of-its-kind initiative for the fishing industry. Through the introduction of the Rig Recycle Boxes, our customers and the BCF team were able to drop their unwanted gear into these boxes in-store to recycle these fishing products. This innovative program will help overcome issues such as pollution and wildlife entanglement, while also reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill. We can't wait until next year to expand the program to additional BCF stores.

The most passionate of our team are awarded as part of the annual OzFish Awards and it's great to see that store engagement has never been better. While BCF contributed \$350,000 to this vital work in FY21, our customers contributed a further \$434,050 through donations in our BCF stores. This is an incredible result and the most that we've ever raised to date.

We look forward to continuing our support of OzFish in protecting and restoring waterways and fish habitats across the country into 2022 and beyond.

Paul Bradshaw
Managing Director
BCF



OZFISH AWARDS

OZFISHER OF THE YEAR

Nominated by their peers, the OzFisher of the year award recognises someone who has gone over and above to support OzFish in their local area.

Winner: Amy Smith from BCF Launceston

BIG FISH AWARD

Awarded to the store that raised the highest OzFish dollars over the year.

Winner: BCF Cairns

HABITAT HERO AWARD

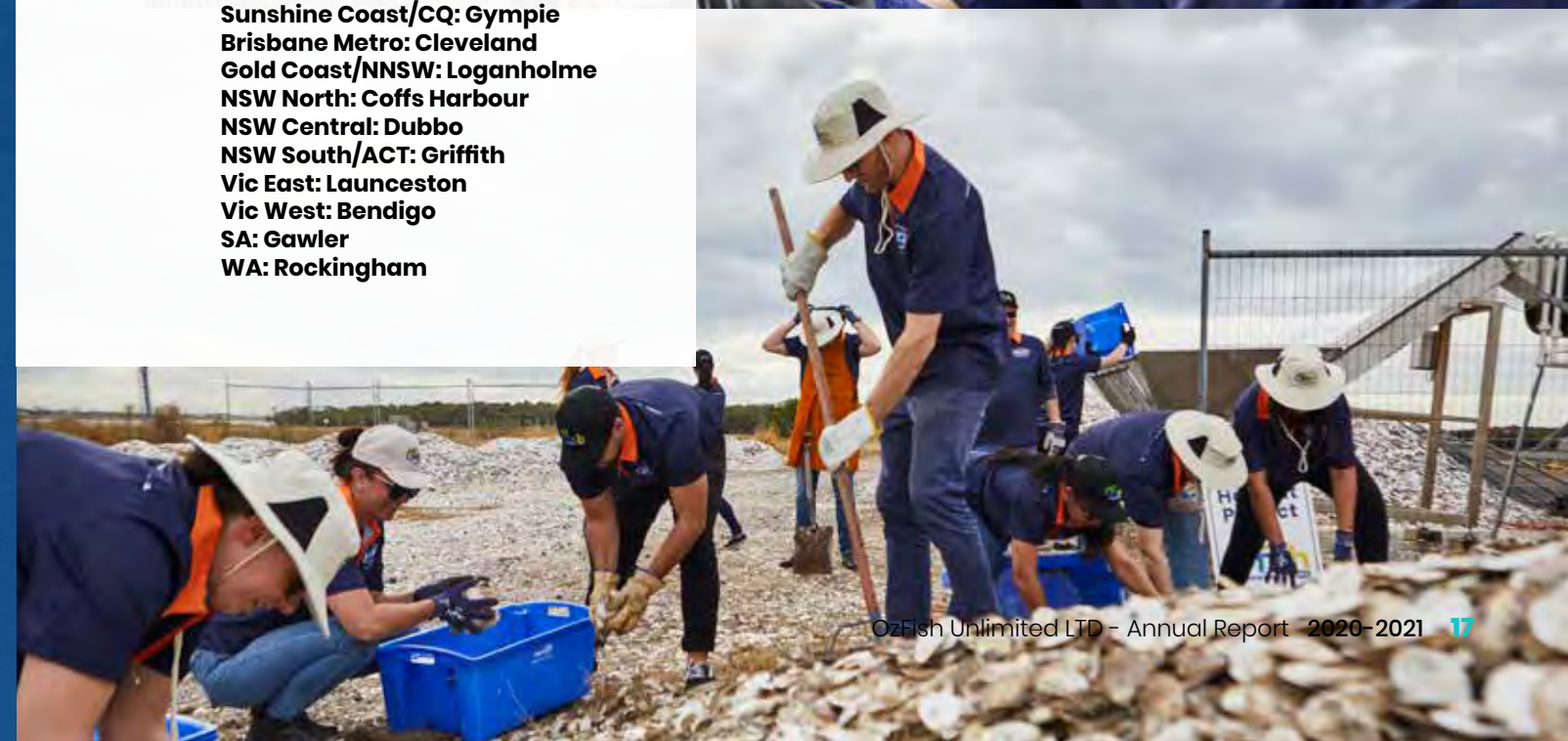
This award goes to the highest Like for Like percentage increase for OzFish dollars raised.

Winner: BCF Dubbo

FEISTY FISH AWARD

There is one winner per area and is the store that raised the most \$ per customer in FY21.

Winners: FNQ/NT: Cairns
Sunshine Coast/CQ: Gympie
Brisbane Metro: Cleveland
Gold Coast/NNSW: Loganholme
NSW North: Coffs Harbour
NSW Central: Dubbo
NSW South/ACT: Griffith
Vic East: Launceston
Vic West: Bendigo
SA: Gawler
WA: Rockingham



OUR PARTNERS

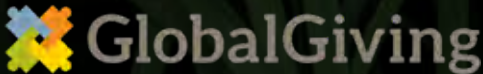
It would not be possible to deliver our work without the support of our partners.



OUR DONORS

Our supporters and donors are fundamental to our success, each individual business and organisation makes it possible for OzFish to carry out our programs.
For this we sincerely thank you.

\$10,000 AND OVER



\$1,000 AND OVER

Ballina Fishermens Co-operative Ltd
Murray Cod Australia (via Mark Williams)
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Tom Armstrong
Jeanette Wardle – Marios Packhouse
Luke Condon
Cherry Street Fishing Club

\$500 AND OVER

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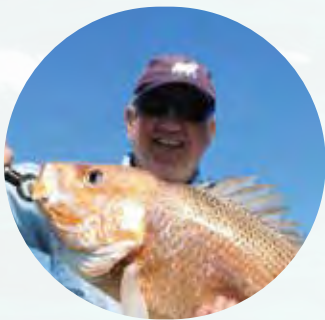
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Paul Nagy- Director (resigned February 2021)
Bonita Richards- Director (resigned February 2021)

AMBASSADORS



OzFish ambassadors are passionate, driven individuals who use their public profile to stand-out among their peers and promote the work of OzFish. Our ambassadors are fundamental to our success and genuinely believe in our work. This year we introduced a new ambassador to the program with Sammy Hitzke to our list of OzFish champions.

Scott Hillier put his profile behind the BCF Rig Recycle launch and had a fish near Pumicestone Passage restoration site with his Channel 7 Creek to Coast crew. Steve contributed his time into community engagements events some which had to be postponed due to covid lockdowns, he also penned a feature article highlighting our work and the importance of fisher stewardship for Spooled Magazine.

Each contribute in their own ways, Guestie got behind OzFish in his Reel Action Podcast and the Lake Macquarie Operation Posidonia program and he also appeared in several videos about our work. Al supplied us with numerous images and advice and is scheduled to support OzFish in a postponed Help Our Waterways concert in Sydney in the new year.

We call on all these ambassadors daily for their expertise, images, voices and profiles and we cannot thank them enough for what they bring to the cause.



Scotty Hillier



Al McGlashan



Michael 'Guestie' Guest



Steve 'Starlo' Starling



Sammy Hitzke

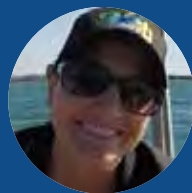
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Director of Engagement
and Culture



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Bron Powell
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Central Basin



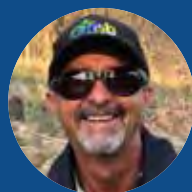
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Project Officer
North Queensland



Elsa Lillford
Volunteer Operations Manager



David "Harro" Harris
Team Leader - River Repair Bus
(Dubbo)



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Project Officer
Northern MDB



Jacson Warner
Team Leader - River Repair Bus
(Moree)



Janet Gray
Finance and Administration
Manager



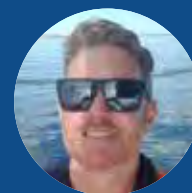
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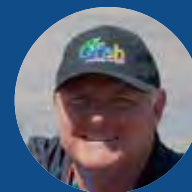
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Project Officer
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Robert Stanley
Team Leader - River Repair Bus
(Sunraysia)



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Accounts and Administration
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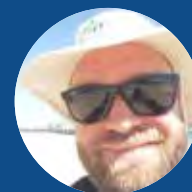
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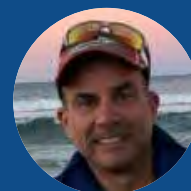
Sophie Prior
Senior Project Officer
VIC



Sophie Williams
Project Officer
Perth



Steve Pursell
Project Manager
WA



Tony Baird
Marketing Manager

Our team's shared expertise within marine ecology, project management, environmental conservation, marketing, media and community engagement has laid the path for the triumphs we've enjoyed over the past 12 months. Each team members has dedicated hours of time and energy into their projects



ENGAGING OUR FISHERS AND TELLING OUR STORY

The OzFish Engagement and Culture team has been working behind the scenes this year to streamline our delivery, improve awareness and ensure we are prepared for growth. This has included streamlining the migration of membership and volunteer management systems to a new online customer relationship management system, allowing us to manage our membership and growing donations more easily. It has also allowed for us to deliver automated membership renewal, automated emails, event registrations, online appeals, and regular giving.

Social media and digital storytelling have remained a strong focus to improve our online engagement on the value of habitat to recreational fishing and the role we play with restoring habitats. With short documentaries, feature films and highlight videos hitting the online platforms, the team have surpassed all expectations with online growth.

- **OUR SHELLFISH REVOLUTION SHORT DOCUMENTARY WAS SEEN BY OVER 120,000 PEOPLE ONLINE**
- **OUR RECRUITMENT DRIVE VIDEO FOR FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND WAS VIEWED BY OVER 80,000 PEOPLE ONLINE**

The team have distributed more videos, events, and media releases than ever before – one of the highlights of the year. Our ability to connect is second to none with creating meaningful and relevant content that's informative and inspirational. These videos allow us to connect with the broader recreational fishing audience and drive our message further.



Our highlights have included:

- **AN ABC TV LANDLINE STORY FEATURING MORETON BAY SHELLFISH REEF RESTORATION**
- **REGULAR INTERVIEWS WITH SCOTT LEVI ON THE ABC RADIO BIG FISH PROGRAM**
- **FREQUENT COVERAGE IN FISHING WORLD MAGAZINE AND ON THE REEL ACTION FISHING PODCAST**
- **COVERAGE IN MEDIA TARGETING DIVERSE AUDIENCES SUCH AS GOURMET TRAVELLER AND RM WILLIAMS OUTBACK MAGAZINE**
- **A MAJOR ARTICLE ON OUR SEAGRASS RESTORATION WORK ACROSS AUSTRALIA FROM NEWS CORPORATION PAPERS**

We are also expanding our reach in some areas that are extremely important to our message. These include, working with DPI Fisheries on the *Fish Screens Australia* website and communications support, the *I Fish Because* video developed for BCF which featured the benefits fishing has for mental health, supporting the national peak body for recreational fishers (ARFF) with National Gone Fishing Day and with Tangaroa Blue to ramp up litter reduction and rig recycling from recreational fishers.

We have seen an increase in our corporate partnership as businesses explore their sustainability goals and look for partnerships that can be mutually beneficial such partnerships include TWEED BAIT, SHIMANO, NAVICO and TACKLE TACTICS.

With this broad coverage of our actions the story of recreational fishers making a difference to their local waterways is being seen and heard across Australia from Governments to local communities. The outcome that we are seeking from these efforts is that the work of our recreational fishers, delivering environmental stewardship, is attracting the support and recognition that is needed to restore the degradation of our waterway.

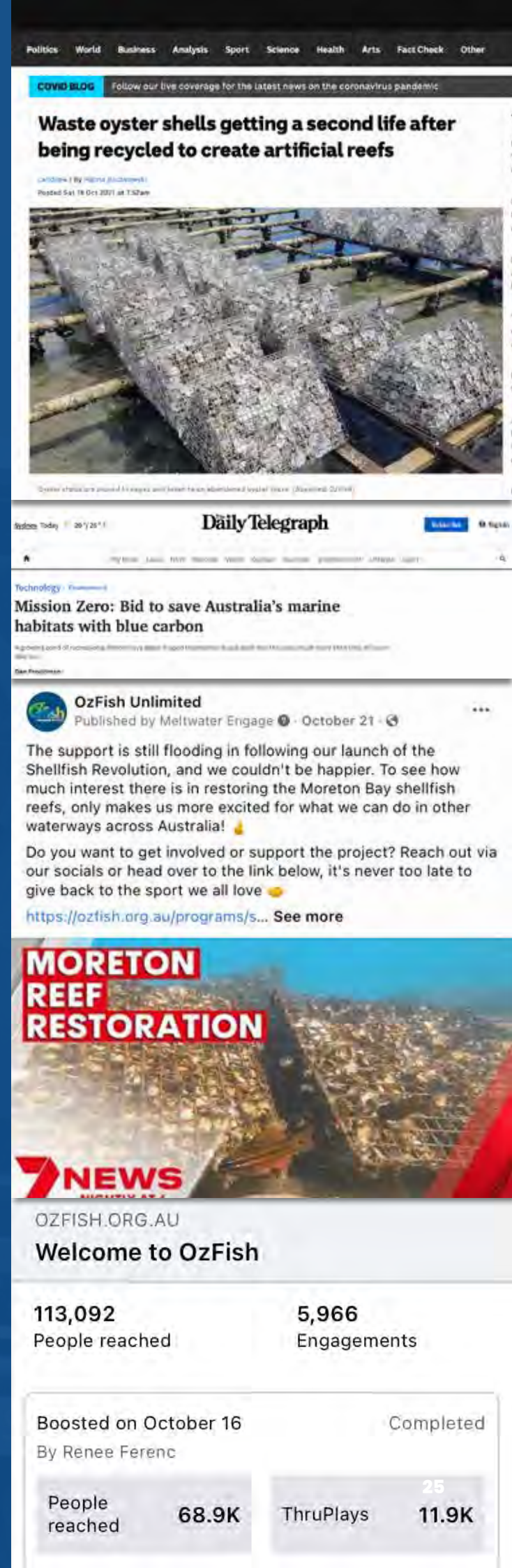
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CENTRAL MORETON BAY (QLD)	27
CLARENCE RIVER (NSW)	31
COFFS HARBOUR (NSW)	31
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CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

ADELAIDE (SA)

- Adelaide members attended Clean Up Australia Day Coorong Beach with Coorong Chapter and helped sort the 2 tonnes of garbage collected at Belair S.A.
- Seeds for Snapper – Community seagrass fruit collection, sorting, sewing seagrass into sandbags and deployment of sandbags. December 7th to January 10th 2021 at CYCSA North Haven
- BCF fund raising days –Marion store day and BCF BBQ Port Adelaide

Volunteer Hours: 3155

APYAC (VIC)

- Volunteer activities heavily impacted by Victorian COVID restrictions during this financial year
- Discussion with OzFish staff regarding potential project development
- Develop project ideas

Volunteer Hours: 16

BAROSSA (SA)

- Participated in Clean Up Australia Day at Warren Reservoir, Williamstown SA
- Organised cleaned and deployed Limestone Blocks and Terracotta Cod Lodges in Warren Reservoir
- Participated in Carp removal project at Victoria Creek
- Held a fundraising BBQ at BCF Modbury
- Organised kids fishing clinic at the Warren Reservoir
- Ongoing engagement of area stakeholders (Councils, Fisheries and other agencies) regarding restoration efforts in Barossa area

Volunteer Hours: 180

BAYSIDE (VIC)

- Volunteer activities heavily impacted by Victorian COVID restrictions during this financial year
- Seastar removal at Mornington pier – 22 divers involved, several wheelie bins of seastar removed, with great publicity on facebook page and for those on the pier that day
- Discussion with OzFish staff regarding potential project development
- Various meetings and promotions of OzFish.
- Brighton Beach Shellfish Reef Test site preparation

Volunteer Hours: 95

CAIRNS (QLD)

- Carried out the second year of the Mourilyan Harbour seagrass restoration project with TropWater (James Cook University – JCU) and Mandubarra Rangers with funding from Fisheries QLD and JCU
- Held a creek clean up event for CleanUp Australia Day 2021 in Saltwater Creek catchment
- Completed fish surveys completed for Saltwater Creek catchment, in partnership with Cairns Regional Council and TropWater (JCU) with funding from the Communities Environment Program
- Held a stakeholder workshop in Cairns to discuss priority management options for improving waterways and green spaces, in partnership with Cairns Regional Council, Terrain NRM, Healthy Land & Water and JCU
- Assisted Cassowary Coast Council with their largest and most successful tilapia fishing competition in Australia
- Secured funding through the Fish Habitat Restoration Program to improve connectivity and hydrology in mangrove wetlands at Cairns Airport
- Gave a presentation at Port Douglas Sustainable Fishing Forum

Volunteer Hours: 312





CHAPTER ACTIVITIES (CONT.)

CAMPASPE-LODDON (VIC)

- Established in July 2020
- Planning for the installation of large timber habitats into Lake Eppalock
- Numerous meetings with key stakeholders and volunteers

Volunteer Hours: 60

CASTLEREAGH RIVER (NSW)

- Established in September 2021
- Meetings to discuss project opportunities
- Regular meetings with local council

Volunteer Hours: 70

CENTRAL MORETON BAY (QLD)

- 12 Monthly meetings. These have an average of 12 persons attending each meeting.
- 12 Monthly newsletters produced and distributed to chapter members.
- Construction of 900 OzFish Robust Oyster Baskets (ROB) 400s ready for deployment in November and December 2021.
- Deployed 55 OzFish ROB's on our oyster lease for spat collection with 45 Students from Iona College
- Engaged with the Rotary Club of Redcliffe Sunrise [ESRAG:Moreton Bay]. Members have joined OzFish and they have initiated a shell recovery program with us and commenced the first of weekly deliveries to the Port of Brisbane Shellfish Recycling Centre of Oyster shells on the 3rd Sept 2021.
- Initiated talks with Moreton Bay Council to establish shell recovery facilities at the Redcliffe Transfer Station
- Hosted workshops and information talks for;
 - Rotary Redcliffe - 23 attendees
 - PROBUS Cleveland - 45 attendees
 - Carina Men's Shed - 120 attendees
 - Mt Gravatt Men's Shed - 23 attendees
 - Yachting Rotarians Morningside - 12 attendees
 - Iona College
 - Moreton Bay College
 - Moreton Bay Boys College
 - Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron

- Carried out underwater video monitoring and underwater baited video Monitoring at the Port of Brisbane shellfish restoration site on 3 occasions. This monitoring will be used at baseline data to compare with post deployment data to see if our shellfish reef restoration sees an increase in fish numbers
- Participated in Clean Up Australia Day at Tingalpa Creek where we removed tons of dangerous and illegal jetties that were in disrepair. This has made the area safer and removed many toxic plastics and tyres.
- Ongoing engagement of local area stakeholders;
 - Moreton Bay Regional Council
 - Redlands City Council
 - Healthy Land and Water
 - QLD Fisheries
 - Moreton Bay Marine Park Authority
 - Indigenous groups
 - Brisbane City Council
 - The Nature Conservancy
 - Port of Brisbane
 - Caltex Australia
 - QOGA
 - Iona Colledge
 - Moreton Bay College
 - Moreon Bay Boy's College
 - The Moreton Bay Foundation
- Took 20 members of the Moreton Bay Foundation out to the OzFish oyster lease. This workshop taught the members what we are doing in the shellfish reef restoration space.
- Took 40 students from Iona College out to the Shellfish Lease. These marine science students deployed 55 ROB's onto the lease. The ROB's have now recruited thousands of oysters and are ready to be deployed out to the Shellfish Restoration Site at the Port of Brisbane.
- Presented to The Moreton Bay Foundation's Day On The Bay 2021 with a shellfish filtration demonstration. Over 200 people heard about our project and what we are doing in shellfish restoration.
- Engaged with SEQ universities; University of Queensland, University of Sunshine Coast and Griffith University in high level talks designed to improve our shellfish reef restoration works. Senior lecturers and professors have helped design the scientific modelling for our shellfish reef restoration project. This modelling is thought to be able to produce 4 scientific papers and help with future shellfish restoration projects.

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CHAPTER ACTIVITIES (CONT.)

CENTRAL MORETON BAY (CONT.)

- Engaged and supported Marina Richardson's Ph.D. Marina is using our lease to collect shellfish and will deploy Mini ROB's on the shellfish reef restoration site at the Port of Brisbane.
- Have ran more than 15 ROB working bees to wash shell, produce and fill ROB's.
- Have conducted major improvements to the Shell Recovery Centre at the Port of Brisbane. These improvements include;
 - Built container dome shade area to form a workshop
 - Purchased a guillotine
 - Adapted the guillotine to streamline processing of materials
 - Made 3 steel benches
 - Built stairs to access Wally the Washer (Shell Washing Machine)
 - Rebuilt Wally the Washer to be more efficient and waste less water
 - Purchased various PPE
 - Written SWMS for the Shell recovery area, boat use, shell collection and handling
 - Improved bund walls to prevent rain runoff
 - Tidied up the site and consolidated all equipment to one area
 - Rebuilt the ROB filling station
 - Fenced off the area for safety
 - Purchased a petrol driven compressor to run clip guns and guillotine
 - Purchased 8 KVA generator
 - Purchased 2 new clip guns and a grinder to aid in ROB production
 - Purchased rough terrain pallet Jack
 - Consolidated air lines and electrical cords to remove trip hazards
 - Built a ramp to facilitate loading of ROB's onto boats
 - Recovered 3 pontoons for use in loading the boat.
 - Set up coffee and tea making facilities, water, hand washing, hand sanitizing, and sunscreen stations.
 - Plumbed in 5000ltr water tanks
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 - Designed and improved workflow
 - Built fines removal machinery
 - Built Sink and washing station
 - Ground has been covered in crusher dust to prevent trip hazards
- Weekly shell recovery has seen us divert over 150m3 of oyster shells from landfill using several volunteers. Shell has been collected from;
 - Shucks Bar
 - Manly Boathouse
 - Howard Smith Wharves
 - Sam's Oysters
 - The Fish Factory
 - Eat St Markets
 - Recently engaged with 2 restaurants to expand our shell collection
- Launched the Shellfish Revolution that saw over 200 persons attend. This was shown on ABC news, 7 News, 9 News and 10 News. It was posted on over 15 personal and business social media sites. Attendees included Hon Mark Furner Minister for Fisheries, Deputy Director General Graeme Bolton, Joan Pease Member for Lytton and Peter Cumming Councillor for Wynnum/Manly.
- Filmed the Shellfish Revolution video. The footage will be re edited to make many smaller videos.
- Hosted the Super Retail group for a ROB manufacturing day.
- Hosted the BCF Head Office staff group for a ROB manufacturing day. Yes both
- Hosted students from Iona for an information workshop and ROB manufacturing day.
- Ran the food tents at the Wynnum Fringe Festival raising \$5,000 and promoted our work to a unique audience
- Ran a BCF Sausage sizzle at the Enoggra BCF launch. We raised \$375 and met with many customers and gained new members
- Collected more than 100 recycled pallets. These pallets were destined for landfill.
- Central Moreton Chapter appeared on many social media platforms, newspaper, radio and television stations including but not limited to;
 - Local Newspaper - Bayside Bulletin (3 occasions)
 - Triple M Morning radio
 - ABC 612 Radio
 - 7 News
 - 9 News
 - 10 News
 - ABC News
 - Creek to Coast (2 times)
 - Featured on ABC Landline
- The incredible work and dedication of our highly motivated chapter members have seen the chapter thrive. We are proud to be the largest chapter in OzFish with more than 450 members.

Volunteer Hours: 5733





CHAPTER ACTIVITIES (CONT.)

CLARENCE RIVER (NSW)

- The OzFish Clarence River Chapter was established in September 2021, with four Chapter Executives.
- Chapter Executives Peter and Ros attended a Valley Watch meeting in October and spoke about the new Chapter with approximately 20 others.
- A fundraising fishing contest was organised by Chapter Executive Kayla. A \$2,000 grant towards this activity was secured from NSW DPI. However, the event has been postponed due to COVID-19-related restrictions.

Volunteer Hours: 24

COFFS HARBOUR (NSW)

- Regular Meet Ups at Sawtell RSL and online during Covid-19
- Clean Up at Cordwells Creek
- Clean Up at Boambee Creek
- Clean Up Australia Day at Urunga Boat Ramp
- Habitat Mapping the Bellinger River section one and planning completed with the assistance of an intern for section two.
- Fish Talks with local Fishing Clubs.
- BBQ at BCF Coffs Harbor to support the Gone Fishing Day donation drive
- Promoted OzFish in local media

Volunteer Hours: 100

COORONG (SA)

- Sixteen volunteers organised and participated in Clean Up Australia Day - Coorong/Ninety Mile Beach - a 4 day weekend cleanup
- 2 tonnes garbage sorted and recorded for Tangaroa Blue report card (Belair)
- BCF BBQ held at Richmond Store
- 2021 Fish habitat presentation and initial Coorong Camera Workshop presentation and trial at Kartoo Road, Meningie (Coorong)
- Project Coorong Government Forum attended
- Ongoing engagement of area stakeholders

Volunteer Hours: 882

DARWIN (NT)

- Recruitment of part time Habitat Project Officer jointly employed by AFANT and OzFish
- Official launch of Northern Territory AFANT and OzFish partnership in the media
- Darwin Chapter established and new Executive team onboarded.
- Growth of Darwin Chapter membership.
- Working with AFANT to complete two CEP grants for Baited Remote Underwater Video (BRUV) which included volunteer workshops to build frames.
- Working with AFANT for ongoing BRUV monitoring program in conjunction with Charles Darwin University.
- Developed and submitted grant to Recreational Fishing Grants scheme for installation of Tangle bins around greater Darwin.
- Established relationships with local stakeholders including two BCF stores and landholders for Tangle bins. Presented to Darwin BCF store staff meeting and started planning future events.

Volunteer Hours: 135

EAST GIPPSLAND (VIC)

- Volunteer activities heavily impacted by Victorian COVID restrictions during this financial year
- Discussion with OzFish staff regarding potential project development
- Co-ordinated Twin Rivers Mens Shed to construct Robust Oyster Baskets for the "Fish Castles in the King" project.
- Continued project discussion with OzFish staff on submission of new projects.

Volunteer Hours: 10

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES (CONT.)

EUROBODALLA (NSW)

- Chapter meetings have been via phone calls and zoom meetings
- Multiple phone calls made to keep relationships intact with OzFish Head Office
- Two chapter members participated in a day long survey on the Clyde River
- Mapping Locations for EDNA Sample kit surveying
- Clean Up Australia Day - Local Community Partnership at Lake Illawarra
- Interview and Article with 2EC radio - Clean Up Australia Day
- Successful efforts having recreational fishing citizen science included in the next Marine Estate Management Authority budget
- Networking with local community groups (Dalmeny Matters)
- Successfully raised chapters Facebook page to over 1500 in its first 12 months
- Attendance at Bermagui Fish Habitats Forum - March 2021
- Letters of support for several Citizen Science initiatives involving the chapter, including the Landcare led Bushfire Recovery projects and Bushfire Recovery projects at the Mongarlowe and Tuross Rivers
- Meeting with Eurobodalla Shire Council and South East Local Land Services for upcoming projects and collaboration opportunities

Volunteer Hours: 86

EUSTON-ROBINVALE (VIC)

- Occasional trips along the river and on the river collecting rubbish- roughly 20kg
- Workshop with on rigs, knot tying, casting and what line to use and hooks and sinkers and informed participants about OzFish and being involved in future events.
- Held a tour with River Repair bus of our new chapter area. Will do another check in to start a tree replenishment where there was a bush fire on the river.
- Held our first Fishing comp day for our chapter. New sign up and 54 people attended and enjoyed the day. People walked away with information about our

local OzFish chapter and all expressed interest in next activity (more members hopeful soon). And raised \$550 dollars for our chapter

Volunteer Hours: 30

FREMANTLE (WA)

- Many members assisted with the Seeds for Snapper Project including project planning, community education, seed collection and seed distribution
- Helped out with Peel Harvey citizen science activities.
- Met regularly to plan shell recycling project; the group have made good progress on developing a scalable project which will provide much needed materials for future habitat restoration activities. Participated in coastal planting days at Port Beach
- Participated in the Perth NRM coastal challenge
- Presented to community groups and attended numerous information and education events on behalf of OzFish

Volunteer Hours: 1134

GEELONG (VIC)

- Activities heavily impacted by Victorian COVID restrictions, hence chapter has been on pause for this year. We are looking forward to being involved in the upcoming projects in the Geelong region during the new year.

Volunteer Hours: 0

GEOGRAPHE (WA)

- Coordinated rescue and relocation of protected Carter's freshwater mussel in Vasse River.
- Continual community consultation regarding state of Vasse-Wonnerup system and plans for future rehabilitation work.
- Ongoing engagement of local area stakeholders (City of Busselton, NRM groups (GeoCatch, SWCC), Fisheries, Recfishwest) re: efforts to restore health of Vasse River.
- CreekWatch macro-invertebrate sampling session.
- Attended local information session and meetings .

Volunteer Hours: 340





CHAPTER ACTIVITIES (CONT.)

GOLD COAST (QLD)

- The chapter successfully completed a planting day at Barrs Scrub. This involved negotiating with Gold Coast Council and employing Regen Australia to prep the site and purchase trees. 9 volunteers planted the 1,250 plants.
- Held AGM. The Gold Coast chapter agreed to support the Logan Chapter area until a stand alone chapter can be formed.
- Completed site survey for shellfish reef restoration on the Southern banks of the Logan River.
- Participated in Clean Up Australia Day on Coombabah Creek collecting 4 large bags of rubbish.
- Helped Sunraysia and Central Moreton Chapters to create maps that have been used in successful projects.
- Supported 2 planting Days at the Logan Parklands on the banks of the Logan River planting 3,000 plants and these are growing well.
- Met with Councillor Mark Hammel. This was a very successful meeting with Mark offering to fund projects including tackle bins and has seeded ideas for many projects on the Gold Coast.
- Met with Sebastian Lopes from Griffith University. He is working on fish passage and will get the help of chapter members with this.

Volunteer Hours: 315

GOONDIWINDI (QLD)

- Inaugural Cod Classic successfully held - \$3250 raised
- Rubbish tidying at common fishing areas
- Promoting safe fish handling to adults and youth
- State of Origin Fundraiser - \$2070 raised

Volunteer Hours: 200

HASTINGS RIVER (NSW)

- Collaborated with the local community group Revive Lake Cathie whose aim is to address the poor water quality and environmental degradation of the Lake Cathie Lake Innes Estuarine System.
- Applied for funding from NSW government with the assistance of OzFish Habitat Officer to secure a boat, equipment, and office support in November 2020, this was unfortunately unsuccessful
- Took part with other local community groups in a combined Clean Up Australia Day event at Lake Cathie in March 2021
- Supported Revive Lake Cathie in establishing a Remote Water Sensor Buoy in the middle of Lake Innes. This was a collaborative partnership with several government agencies, council and non-government stakeholders
- Supported Revive Lake Cathie in setting up Wildlife Cameras to monitor wildlife in and around Lake Innes Nature Reserve
- Involved with discussions regarding a possible project led by Southern Cross Uni in eDNA sampling
- Held 2 Chapter Meetings at Lake Cathie Bowling Club to discuss issues and opportunities
- Diversified and expanded the chapter to include Port Macquarie / Hastings catchment
- Two new executive members appointed to increase Port Macquarie presence

Volunteer Hours: 139

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES (CONT.)

HAWKESBURY-NEPEAN (NSW)

- The chapter continued to assist Campbelltown City Council with eDNA sampling of the Georges River, testing for the presence of Macquarie perch, Red-eared slider turtles, platypus and carp.
- Assisted the Hawkesbury-Nepean Landcare Network with revegetating Schoolhouse Creek as the recent floods had badly eroded this tributary of the Nepean. This included three Schoolhouse Creek Planting and Maintenance Days with Penrith City Council, Penrith Bushcare and Hawkesbury-Nepean Landcare Network
- Continued our participation with Transport for NSW, NSW DPI, Soil Conservation Service and Penrith City Council with re-snagging the Nepean River at Fowler Reserve in Wallacia. Revegetation of the riparian zone is to commence early 2022.
- In conjunction with the Bass Sydney, the Galston-Glenorie Fishing Club, Clean-up Australia, Hawkesbury City Council, Coles and the Hawkesbury-Nepean Landcare Network, we held a clean-up of Cattai Creek, as part of the Hawkesbury Valley Flood Recovery program.
- Provided 10 Tangle Bins to Campbelltown City Council to set up in the Georges River to reduce negative wildlife interactions and protect Macquarie perch and platypus habitat from debris and rubbish
- Participated in a community engagement event in March at Galston-Glenorie Fishing Club with approximately 40 people in attendance
- Held site visits with OzFish and Council staff to identify future potential work sites

Volunteer Hours: 259

HUNTER (NSW)

- The chapter held quarterly chapter meetings face to face with an additional executive meeting in April
- Carried out site inspections around the Hunter River for prospective Landcare NSW partnership projects and for Gone Fishing Day 2021 (to be held in 2022)
- Participated in the Landcare Year 1 Partnership Project – Planting at Luskintyre River with Hunter Regional Landcare Network
- Assisted in the sourcing and coordination of logistics of future rootballs to be placed as snags at the Luskintyre site

- Operation Posidonia seagrass restoration project launch, videos and participation in the collection of sprigs for transplantation
- Letters of support for collaborative projects and upcoming partnerships
- Promoted our activities on social media
- Provided internship opportunities for three 80 hour placements from University of Newcastle undergraduates in Marine, Sustainability and Environmental Science degrees.
- Attended Lets Fish Lake Mac Festival 2021
- Response to emails and correspondence
- Participated in Clean Up Australia Day 2021 at Carrington

Volunteer Hours: 522

INDENTED HEAD (VIC)

- Volunteer activities heavily impacted by Victorian COVID restrictions during this financial year
- Discussion with OzFish staff regarding potential project development
- Chapter members participated in two Underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle field day activities

Volunteer Hours: 26

ILLAWARRA (NSW)

- Clean up Australia Day event at Wollongong
- Planning undertaken for Puckeys Lagoon project
- BCF BBQ Event – Nowra
- Rods and Reel Repair and Maintenance and Giveaway
- Planning and Meetings for Chapter Events with OzFish Staff

Volunteer Hours: 35





CHAPTER ACTIVITIES (CONT.)

INLAND WATERWAYS (NSW)

- 5 volunteers assisted NSW DPI Fisheries with a fish rescue on the Lachlan River, and relocation to Wyangala Dam – 177 Murray Cod, Golden Perch and Silver Perch relocated.
- Attended the NSW DPI Fisheries release of Murray Cod and Golden Perch fingerlings into the Macquarie River – the fingerlings were the progeny of fish rescued by NSW DPI Fisheries and OzFish in the 2019 drought, when the river below Warren was a series of disconnected, drying-up pools.
- River Repair Bus:
 - Operated 4 days/week for most of the year
 - Regular weed control and rubbish removal on Council reserves
 - Maintenance of trees planted by OzFish on Dubbo Regional Council land
 - Identified further patches of lippia, tiger pear, and balloon vine along 20+ kms of river for future control works
 - Participated in an educational day for Dubbo Public School at Sandy Beach with NSW DPI Fisheries, Department of Planning, Industry & Environment and Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre; also ran an educational session for Dubbo TAFE students
 - Involved volunteers in weed control, tree plantings and rubbish removal (limited number of volunteers due to Covid).
 - 2 ABC radio interviews re River Repair Bus work

Volunteer Hours: 900

LACHLAN RIVER (NSW)

- On-going maintenance at NSW DPI Fisheries Habitat Action Grant (2019-2020) weed control and native revegetation site at Jemalong Weir near Forbes
- Meetings to discuss project opportunities
- Chapter expanded to include Cowra and Orange regions
- Participated in Lachlan River fish rescue with NSW DPI Fisheries, rescuing Murray Cod and Golden Perch

Volunteer Hours: 150

MACKAY (QLD)

- First chapter meet-up held in April 2021
 - Discussed ideas for potential projects and increasing recreational fisher engagement in habitat restoration and monitoring activity in Mackay/Whitsunday area
 - Follow-up visit to fishway monitoring event the day following chapter meet-up organised for Mackay chapter
- Held a beach clean up event for CleanUp Australia Day 2021 at Illawong Beach
- Attended Mackay tilapia fishing competition at Gooseponds wetlands and organised by Mackay Council. OzFish reps attended to talk about invasive fish and fish habitat issues in the tropics
- Held second chapter meet-up in September 2021

Volunteer Hours: 87

MANNING (NSW)

- The chapter met online for a chapter meeting as face-to-face meetings were postponed or not possible due to COVID
- Participation in the Tide to Tip cleanup of the Manning River with OceanWatch Australia, Local Land Services and MidCoast2Tops Landcare
- Photopoint monitoring at the NSW DPI Fisheries HAG 21 site: Lansdowne River Links
- Letters of support for 2021 and 2022 upcoming projects and collaborations with new partners
- Travel for site inspections
- Mangrove clean-up site inspections in and around the Greater Manning Catchment

Volunteer Hours: 49

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES (CONT.)

MAROOCHY RIVER (QLD)

- Oyster shell recovery. 1 x 240ltr bin of shell per week for past 6 months with over 6m3 of shell diverted from landfill.
- Workshop 1 at the Port of Brisbane Shell Recovery Centre to introduce members to shell recycling and washing.
- Workshop 2 at Port of Brisbane saw the Maroochy chapter construct 75 Robust Oyster Baskets
- Deployed Robust Oyster Baskets onto the Maroochy Oyster Lease to catch spat.
- Site suitability study for Maroochy River to improve bank stability and deploy shellfish reefs.
- Site Survey to find suitable sites for shellfish reef restoration
- Applied for DA for bank stabilisation works in the Maroochy River
- Ongoing engagement of local area stakeholders (Sunshine Coast Regional Council, Healthy Land and Water, QLD Fisheries, Indigenous groups)

Volunteer Hours: 276

MIA LEETON (NSW)

- 8 Volunteers attended Clean Up Australia Day in March, a total of 450kg of rubbish was removed from the Euroley Bridge Crown Land Reserve.
 - Installed 10 large logs installed at identified sites along the Murrumbidgee River adjacent to the MIA National Park with NSW DPI Habitat Action Grant support.
- The logs were sourced from the local Boarding School which had removed large river red gums to install new boundary fencing. Contractors from Griffith undertook the project under the guidance of OzFish.
- Unfortunately, due to the Covid pandemic, we were unable to hold our annual Leeton Bidgee Classic Fishing Competition. Plans are in place to hold a shortened version of the competition in March 2022 and we will hopefully be back in full swing and provide a 3 day event in March 2023.
 - Developed a DPI Habitat Action Grant for 2021/22 for the removal of invasive willow trees, installation of large woody habitat and releasing of native Golden Perch and Murray Cod Fingerlings in 2022.

- Consultation with Leeton Shire Council re the improvements and production of the Gogeldrie Weir Master Plan (home to the Leeton Bidgee Classic) with significant improvements to the recreational space which encompass the Gogeldrie Weir precinct. Agencies and user groups will work collaboratively to enhance this space for visitors and fishers alike. Improvements to fishing access (ie boat ramp and walking access track to downstream of the weir) is a priority.

Volunteer Hours: 254

MOREE (NSW)

- Moree Chapter establishment 27 people attend the meeting.
- Chapter members toured prospective habitat sites
- Whittakers Lagoon filming for upcoming project
- Whittakers Lagoon and four-mile project site planning
- Moree fish talk preparation helping organise printing, media, catering, venue hire.
- 3 monthly meetings which ceased under Covid conditions.
- Helping River Repair Bus get established introducing Team Leader and taking him around the Mehi and Gwydir rivers to familiarise him with the areas of concern
- Moree Chapter is the newest chapter in the Northern basin with 45 members and growing every week. We are very proud to be apart of this journey with many exciting projects coming up in the Mehi and Gwydir. We are also very pleased that the third River Repair Bus is based here and look forward to what the future holds for our Chapter, community and our fish habitat.

Volunteer Hours: 197





CHAPTER ACTIVITIES (CONT.)

MORNINGTON (VIC)

- Activities heavily impacted by Victorian COVID restrictions
- Chapter establishment and inaugural meeting gathering of chapter executives
- Write blog post for announcement of chapter establishment
- Chapter executives undertook online Chapter resource training
- Chapter executives meeting to discuss project opportunities
- Members participated in invasive sea star removal in collaboration with local dive community
- Chapter members participated in two Underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle field day activities
- Carried out several small-scale clean-up activities along shoreline of Mornington Peninsula

Volunteer Hours: 65

MURRAY-GOULBURN REGION (VIC)

- Creation of new chapter
- Members of the Murray Goulburn Region chapter have been working in collaboration with Victorian Fisheries Authority and the Goulburn Valley Association of Angling Clubs (GVAAC) (of which some OzFish members are also members) to create a working group towards installing fish habitat structures into Waranga Basin which is one of Victoria's largest lakes and a popular fishery.
- This project was initiated four years ago by chapter president Roland Huber.
- Many hours were undertaken in building the necessary support through forming constructive partnerships and discussing the negative impact fishers were concerned with when stocking the waterway with native fingerlings.
- Building on previous stocking and habitat enhancement investigations initiated by GVAAC and undertaken for the VFA, regional fisheries and natural resource management consultants, The Wedge Group, assisted GVAAC with the submission of a large Victorian RF grant application with representatives from OzFish given the opportunity to present current projects, and answer questions from the fishers present.

- The application was successful and OzFish will participate in Steering Committee and assist in delivery
- In 2022 more funding may be necessary for the cost of implementing the structures into their location particularly in the deeper water.
- Members have also been investigating the possibility of putting habitat structures into Greens Lake, Corop.
- No monies were received or disbursed by the chapter
- No smaller projects within the region were undertaken due to COVID restrictions.

Volunteer Hours: 120

NOOSA (QLD)

- Clean Up Australia Day Noosa River. Worked with NICA, Noosa Council & Tangaroa Blue to clean-up Lake Donnellia for CUAD 2021
- Held 2 Weeding Day blitzes to remove Singapore daisy and other noxious weeds as part of Murdering Creek Weeding Blitz
- Replanted the previously weeded areas at Murdering Creek in partnership with Noosa Landcare
- Participated in other natural resource management committees with other Noosa River stakeholders
- Held monthly meetings with local Chapter members
- eDNA Testing at Murdering creek Water samples for eDNA testing with Dr Sophie Pryor
- Replaced 30 Fishing Line Recovery Bins along the Noosa river in partnership with NICA
- Undertook Noosa River RUV underwater footage for the Noosa River Shellfish reef restoration project with TNC
- Held OzFish information talk at BCF members night at Noosa
- Held BCF Sausage Sizzle raising money and OzFish awareness at the Noosa BCF store
- Took part in waterbug monitoring event with Dr Sophie Pryor
- Contributed to filing of Rig Recycling project at Noosa BCF with Scotty Hillier and Tangaroa Blue
- Meetings with various Noosa River stakeholders e.g Noosa Council, MSQ, DAF & Fisheries

Volunteer Hours: 290

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES (CONT.)

NORTH QUEENSLAND (QLD)

- Completed fish surveys around Townsville for Communities Environment Program project catching >1 000 fish from 60 fish species at 5 separate survey events
- Secured funding and project partnership with Townsville City Council to run weekly waterway monitoring events around Townsville (Creekwatch)
- Conducted wet-season fishway monitoring (10 fishways) in partnership with Greening Australia, NQ Dry Tropics and Lower Burdekin Water
- Completed water quality monitoring in lower Burdekin in partnership with Burdekin Fish Stocking Association, Lower Burdekin Water, NQ Dry Tropics and Substation 33, funded through the Communities Environment Program
- Held chapter meet up via Teams to discuss current projects, progress and continuing to grow the North Qld Chapter membership
- Organised and attended the Herbert River Catchment NRM Forum in Ingham
- Completed boat electrofishing surveys in Ingham wetlands and Herbert River
- Attended Walking the Landscape Workshops—organised by Terrain and QWP (QG) in Ingham and Tully to discuss priority locations for fish barrier remediation in the Herbert and Tully/Murray River catchments
- Conducted mangrove monitoring in Hinchinbrook region, in partnership with JCU and Cairns and Far North Environment Centre (CAFNEC)

Volunteer Hours: 1082

NORTHERN TABLELANDS (FORMERLY TENTERFIELD) (NSW)

- Platypus monitoring for Australian Platypus network over 2 sites on Tenterfield Creek Platypus Valley site and Commonwealth Environment Program (CEP) site in town twice daily since November last year
- Clean up Australia Day on Tenterfield Creek
- Apex Park planting 200 native species continuation of CEP grant
- Global Giving Bushfire recovery eDNA sampling done over 5 sites

- Delivery of Edna samples to Ballina
- Engagement of Guyra Angling Club and recruitment of members, expansion of chapter and name change to Northern Tablelands chapter members in Tenterfield, Guyra, Bingara, Barraba, Upper Horton and Armidale – Chapter now also supported by BCF Armidale
- Jewel beetle monitoring at Long Gully bushfire recovery site
- Backroads episode on Gunnima native nursery and OzFish Unlimited, planting 50 trees at Dairy Mountain
- Attended planting day at the Nymboida River bushfire recovery site planting 200 native trees
- Bingara living classroom meeting with Northern Tablelands Local Land Services, Gwydir Ark and Northern slopes Landcare recruited 3 new members on site at meeting, visited potential sites and developed project for Upper Horton River
- Garlic farm bushfire planting and monitoring, monthly incidental wildlife reports and helped contractor with planting 600 trees
- AGM held ne members added to executive and chapter name change to Northern Tablelands. While Covid has impacted on many events and projects we have still remained active in our area and are very much looking forward to the expansion of the chapter and working with BCF Armidale for the future of our Chapter

Volunteer Hours: 536





CHAPTER ACTIVITIES (CONT.)

NYAH (VIC)

- Running the annual Nyah Fishing Event
- Undertaken litter clean up in local reserves
- Run three community catch a carp fishing events
- Installation of solar light at boat ramp
- Monthly meetings to organize projects, discuss collaboration opportunities and fishing events

Volunteer Hours: 1,198

ONKAPARINGA (SA)

- Participated in Clean Up Australia Day Coorong Beach
- Assisted with the transport and setup/pull down of tanks and other equipment including signage associated with Seeds for Snapper SA. Also deployment of bags and checking of bags for seagrass colonisation
- Scientific presentations (Wallaroo and Renmark) – public presentations to showcase chapter activities
- BCF fund raising days – attended 2 store days to discuss chapter activities with the public
- Construction and deployment of eight pyramid type of modular wood structure ("Frustra") into the Onkaparinga River.

Volunteer Hours: 220

PEEL-HARVEY (WA)

- Introduced OzFish to 50 high school students and promoted current restoration projects undertaken in WA with emphasis on the Seeds for Snapper project and the importance of seagrass.
- Held interactive stall at the fair with 'Know your Knots' where volunteers spoke with members of the community/ visitors about the importance of tying correct knots to prevent the loss of tackle in our waterways. Approximately 100 people attended this event.
- Hooked on Black Bream information night was held at MOFSC where members of the community were invited to hear about the bream stocking initiative with John Tonkin College and Murdoch University. Speakers at this event included OzFish Senior Program Manager

Andrew Matthews, local bream fishing guru Sean 'Bear' Forward, and Richard Campbell – the Oceans Project Coordinator from The Nature Conservancy.

- Funding secured for citizen science program, seven OzFish members also undertook training to gain skills for deploying and using remote underwater cameras to collect photographic samples of benthic habitat.
- Funding secured for upcoming Pimp My Jetty project, materials can be purchased to create complex settlement habitats below private jetties.
- The three Peel-Harvey chapter executives have met regularly with the OzFish Project Officer to discuss topics relevant to promoting fisher involvement in improving fish habitat outcomes.
- Continual community consultation regarding state of Peel-Harvey system and plans for future rehabilitation work.
- Ongoing engagement of local area stakeholders (City of Mandurah, NRM groups (Peel-Harvey Catchment Council), Fisheries, Recfishwest) re: efforts to restore health of Peel-Harvey Estuary.
- Fundraising BBQ at BCF Mandurah.

Volunteer Hours: 160

PERTH (WA)

- Many members assisted with the Seeds for Snapper Project including project planning, community education, seed collection and seed distribution
- Carried out a range of fundraising initiatives through local BCF stores
- Developing the Swan River mussel habitat project in conjunction with The Nature Conservancy

Volunteer Hours: 626

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES (CONT.)

PUMICESTONE PASSAGE (INCLUDING REDCLIFFE PENINSULA WORK) (QLD)

- Engaged with the Rotary Club of Redcliffe Sunrise [ESRAG:Moreton Bay]. Members have joined OzFish and they have initiated a shell recovery program with us and commenced the first of weekly deliveries to the Port of Brisbane of Oyster shells on the 3d Sept 2021.
- Successfully negotiated area of use at Redcliffe Recovery Centre for oyster shell recovery.
- Surveyed areas for shellfish reef restoration sites.
- Weekly collection and recycling from the Redcliffe area has seen 360 Ltrs of shells diverted from landfill this year
- Weekly collection and recycling of oyster shells from the Bribie Island area saw 20 tonnes of oyster shells diverted from landfill.
- AGM on 16 May 2021.
- Clean Up Australia Day Event – Approx. 40 attendees, including Ali King's supporters & members of the Bribie Anglers Club, met to clean up the Bellara foreshore.
- Media attention to shellfish recycling in Pumicestone Passage – Creek to Coast, visit from Terry Young.
- Attended the Pumicestone Convergence Conference and represented OzFish, noting the achievements to date, the work still to be undertaken, and some of the impediments to progressing that work
- Successful Federal Grant application for shell washing equipment (Terry Young)
- A new grant application has been submitted recently for an upgraded generator to run the shell washer and a new pressure washer to replace the old, damaged unit that Ben has been using to date.
- Shell turnover day at Ningi Transfer Station
- Chapter BBQ at Redcliffe saw 13 members get together and discuss new shellfish reefs in the Redcliffe area.

Volunteer Hours: 805

RICHMOND RIVER (NSW)

- Ongoing engagement and meetings/workshop attendance of area stakeholders (Councils, Local Land Services, NPWS, Fisheries) re efforts to restore fish habitat and address related water quality issues
- OzFish continues to convene and chair the 11 member Tuckean Steering committee. The project is currently in an interim pathway phase with tender documents issued for a project Cost Benefit Analysis plus a separate tender to assess costings for each of the on-ground works options as outlined in the project report. We continue to work with UNSW-WRL plus local stakeholders.
- Covid has restricted face to face Chapter Meetings to Dec (20) and May 21. Regular chapter updates (email) continue to keep members up to date and abreast of activities and information.
- Schools continued to make use of video material recorded last year by OzFish Richmond. Completed in conjunction with the Durroughby Environmental Education Centre. Video covered Fish Habitat and its contribution to our food chain mangroves, oyster reefs, saltmarsh and seagrasses
- OzFish constantly monitoring creeks and drains for origins of poor water quality and advising local LGA
- Problems originally reported by OzFish regarding the Keith Hall Floodplain drainage complex are being addressed and continually improved by Rous County Council
- OzFish along with a local Oyster growers continue to monitor origins of poor water quality in the North Creek arm as well. This project is ongoing
- OzFish volunteers continued to maintain a hatchery batch of the new Richmond River ("OzFish") Rock Oyster and make samples available to different Universities. Now 3 years old.
- OzFish Richmond has started preliminary planning to restore shellfish reef systems on the lower Richmond. Four sites are being planned. Preliminary survey work has been completed
- A significant amount of very juvenile oyster spat was caught by OzFish volunteers (Mar thru Jul) and is now being grown and monitored to determine if it's disease resistant. Working in conjunction with the Port Stephens Fisheries Institute (PSFI) with lots of volunteer hours involved.

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CHAPTER ACTIVITIES (CONT.)

- Fishing Line Dispenser Unit (Tangle Bins) project still on drawing board waiting for Council approval
- Saltmarsh Save Our Species project continues under 5 separate volunteer teams and organised by Project Officer Demara Gates and volunteer Elvin Andrews. Work includes identifying, mapping, preservation and conservation of Saltmarsh in the lower Richmond area. Project entering 4th year of five-year project
- Participated in Clean Up Australia Day at North Creek
- Assisted Southern Cross University – pHD student Endang with monitoring of metal contaminants in oysters in the Richmond River catchment
- Oxleyan pygmy perch (OPP) – volunteers assisted with the NSW DPI Fisheries with a release of captive-bred OPP into a wetland in Northern Rivers to assist with the recovery of OPP population numbers after the devastating 2019-2020 bushfires. In a bid to learn more about the fish's ecology a team of OzFish members and landcarers toured the Bundjalung National Park with researchers from Griffith University.
- Bugs and Bass – The chapter supported the Boatharbour Landcare group and celebrated the remarkable achievements of landcare groups recent habitat action grant. The event was to raise awareness of the importance of riparian restoration for fish habitat – Australian bass and bugs
- Quarterly updates with commercial fishers and other stakeholders what is happening with OzFish – Richmond River.
- Removed large amounts of debris from the mangroves near Mobbs Bay
- Showed Southern Cross University students the importance of Oyster Reefs in the Richmond River

Volunteer Hours: 2344

SOUTHWEST VIC (VIC)

- Advocating for fish habitat across the region as a part of local working groups
- Developed concept and co-ordinated the removal of over 3 tonnes of invasive Carp from the Glenelg River using electro-fishing techniques through funding from the SouthWest Community Foundation, in collaboration with local stakeholders and Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority
- Video of local chapter works on social media being viewed over 3,000 times

- Chapter president represented OzFish on ABC media, discussing carp removal efforts and fisher works.

Volunteer Hours: 151

SUNRAYSIA (VIC)

- Installed 30 structures into Butlers creek
- Habitat map Rufus River and Frenchman's creek – 35km of waterway mapped
- Habitat map Butlers Creek – 5km of waterway mapped
- Merbein common waterways mapping – 6km of waterway mapped
- Members participated in rescue of fish stranded in drydown of irrigation infrastructure at Nicholas Point fish
- Ran two community fishing events
- Installed 35 large habitats into the Lower Darling River
- Supported Sunraysia River Repair Bus operations and projects
- Organised and supported Bottle bend restoration project
- Participated in litter collection events
- Participated in writing several environmental grants, created key partnerships with state and federal government agencies, providing assistance with site selection, promoting OzFish
- Numerous project meetings with key stakeholders and recreational anglers

Volunteer Hours: 3425

TAMWORTH (NSW)

- Organised weed control on Jewry St, Tamworth (undertaken mostly by contractors due to Covid)
- Wrote application for Healthy Rivers grant to start late 2021 on Goonoo Goonoo Creek

Volunteer Hours: 50

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES (CONT.)

TWEED RIVER (NSW)

- Participated in Clean Up Australia Day at Water Street, South Tweed
- Ongoing engagement of local area stakeholders (Tweed Shire Council, Tweed Landcare Inc) to engage fishers with fish habitat restoration projects.
- Participated in tree planting day partnered with Landcare NSW and Tweed Shire Council at Woodland Valley Farm.
- Worked with community to engage local fishers about pest species, especially tilapia. Recorded and promoted a video that has been used on OzFish website

Volunteer Hours: 400

WAGGA WAGGA (NSW)

- Planted 500 native trees and shrubs within the inlets of Lake Albert
- Prepared for Murray Darling Healthy Rivers Program – round one successful project
- Maintained NSW DPI Fisheries HAG 2019-20 planting site
- Ran two community fishing events
- Participated in litter collection events
- Participated in writing several environmental grants, created key partnerships with state and federal government agencies, aiding with site selection, promoting OzFish
- Numerous project meetings with key stakeholders and recreational anglers

Volunteer Hours: 950

WESTERN DOWNS (QLD)

- Chapter creation, onboarding and induction
- Develop project application for Karingal reserve plus acceptance of project and permitting process

Volunteer Hours: 40



FINANCIAL/AUDITOR'S REPORT

**OZFISH UNLIMITED LIMITED
ABN 29 602 568 696**

**FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 OCTOBER 2021**



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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 2021, 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.

Chris Malkin

Baumgartner Audit Pty Ltd

Date: 15 December 2021

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

		31 October 2021	31 October 2020
	Note	\$	\$
Income			
Revenue	3	2,584,642	2,405,002
Other income	3	96,000	290,200
		<u>2,680,642</u>	<u>2,695,202</u>
Expenditure			
Project Expenditure		1,761,375	961,046
Employee Costs		335,113	499,893
JIME - Salaries and Related costs		-	333,511
Marketing, Fundraising and Communications		248,725	141,778
Accounting, Insurance and Legal fees		29,739	38,510
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		59,270	33,349
Interest expense		1,684	2,710
Other Expenditure		120,294	220,914
Donation - JIME	4	-	238,558
		<u>2,556,200</u>	<u>2,470,269</u>
Surplus for the year		<u>124,442</u>	<u>224,933</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>124,442</u>	<u>224,933</u>

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2021

		31 October 2021	31 October 2020
	Note	\$	\$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	1,245,326	361,282
Accounts receivable	7	427,839	321,124
Other current assets	8	18,311	29,640
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,691,476</u>	<u>712,046</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant and equipment	9	261,077	93,913
Right of use assets	11	21,104	42,207
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>282,181</u>	<u>136,120</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>1,973,657</u>	<u>848,166</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables		1,107	11,978
Other payables	10	149,224	90,061
Lease Liabilities	11	22,165	21,086
Employee Benefits		63,795	25,327
Contract liability		935,375	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>1,171,666</u>	<u>148,452</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease Liabilities	11	-	22,165
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>-</u>	<u>22,165</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>1,171,666</u>	<u>170,617</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>801,991</u>	<u>677,549</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus		801,991	677,549
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>801,991</u>	<u>677,549</u>

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

	Accumulated Surplus \$	Total \$
Balance at 31 October 2019	452,616	452,616
Surplus for the year	224,933	224,933
Balance at 31 October 2020	677,549	677,549
Surplus for the year	124,442	124,442
Balance at 31 October 2021	801,991	801,991

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

	Note	31 October 2021 \$	31 October 2020 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		3,561,092	2,249,082
Government grant		115,200	271,000
Payments to suppliers and employees		(2,564,147)	(2,501,182)
Interest paid		(1,684)	(2,710)
Net cash provided by operating activities	16	1,110,461	16,190
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(205,331)	(65,507)
Finance lease repayment		(21,086)	(20,060)
Net cash used in investing activities		(226,417)	(85,569)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Finance lease payments		-	-
Net cash used by financing activities		-	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		884,044	(69,337)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the financial year		361,282	430,659
Cash at cash equivalents at end of the financial year	6	1,245,326	361,282

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

These financial statements cover OzFish Unlimited Limited as an individual entity. OzFish Unlimited Limited is a Public Company limited by guarantee incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

1 Basis of Preparation and Statement of Compliance

The general purpose financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*, Australian Accountings Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. A statement of compliance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) cannot be made due to the Company applying not-for-profit specific requirements contained in the Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Directors of the Company on xx December 2021.

2 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

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*.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

Leasehold improvements are measured at cost less amortisation.

The useful lives used for each class of depreciable assets are:

<i>Class of Fixed Asset</i>	<i>Useful life</i>
Project equipment	5 years

Financial Instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial instruments are recognised initially using trade date accounting, i.e. on the date that Company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

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Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at either *fair value*, amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, or cost. Fair value represents the amount for which an asset could be exchanged or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in arm's length transaction. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

The *effective interest rate method* is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and of allocating interest income over the relevant year. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial assets, or, where appropriate, a shorter year.

The classification of financial instruments depends on the purpose for which the investments were acquired. Management determines the classification of its investments at initial recognition and at the end of each reporting year for held-to-maturity assets.

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities (excluding financial guarantees) are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Fees payable on the establishment of loan facilities are recognised as transaction costs of the loan.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Company has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting date.

Impairment

At each reporting date, the Company assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. The carrying amount of financial assets including uncollectible trade receivables is reduced by the impairment loss through the use of an allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against the allowance account. Changes in the carrying value of the allowance account are recognised in profit or loss.

Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual rights to receipt of cash flows expires or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the entity no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are either discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the carrying value of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed is recognised in profit or loss.

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Leases

At inception of a contract, the company assesses whether a lease exists - i.e. does the contract convey the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

This involves an assessment of whether:

- The contract involves the use of an identified asset - this may be explicitly or implicitly identified within the agreement. If the supplier has a substantive substitution right then there is no identified asset.
- The company has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from the use of the asset throughout the period of use.
- The company has the right to direct the use of the asset i.e. decision making rights in relation to changing how and for what purpose the asset is used.

The non-lease components included in the lease agreement have been separated and are recognised as an expense as incurred.

At the lease commencement, the company recognises a right-of-use asset and associated lease liability for the lease term. The lease term includes extension periods where the company believes it is reasonably certain that the option will be exercised.

The right-of-use asset is measured using the cost model where cost on initial recognition comprises of the lease liability, initial direct costs, prepaid lease payments, estimated cost of removal and restoration less any lease incentives.

The right-of-use asset is depreciated over the lease term on a straight line basis and assessed for impairment in accordance with the impairment of assets accounting policy. The estimated life of the right-of-use assets is based on those of property, plant and equipment. The right-of-use asset is subject to the impairment requirements and is assessed for impairment indicators at each reporting date.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments at the commencement of the lease. The discount rate is the rate implicit in the lease, however where this cannot be readily determined then the company's incremental borrowing rate is used.

Subsequent to initial recognition, the lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The lease liability is remeasured whether there is a lease modification, change in estimate of the lease term or index upon which the lease payments are based (e.g. CPI) or a change in the company's assessment of lease term.

Where the lease liability is remeasured, the right-of-use asset is adjusted to reflect the remeasurement or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

Exceptions to lease accounting

The company has elected to apply the exceptions to lease accounting for both short-term leases (i.e. leases with a term of less than or equal to 12 months) and leases of low-value assets. The company recognises the payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

The non-lease components included in the lease agreement have been separated and are recognised as an expense as incurred.

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Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the Company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting year. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled. Employee benefits that are not expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. On determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employees may not satisfy vesting requirements. Liabilities for non-accumulating sick leave are recognised when the leave is taken and are measured at the rates paid or payable.

The Company presents employee benefit obligations as current liabilities in the statement of financial position if the Company does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve (12) months after the reporting year, irrespective of when the actual settlement is expected to take place.

Provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets

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 are measured using the best estimate of amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting year, including the risks and uncertainties associated with the present obligation. Provisions are discounted to their present values, where the time value of money is material.

Any reimbursement that the Company can be virtually certain to collect from a third party with respect to the obligation is recognised as a separate asset. However, this asset may not exceed the amount of the related provision.

No liability is recognised if an outflow of economic resources as a result of present obligation is not probable. Such situations are disclosed as contingent liabilities unless the outflow of resources is remote in which case no liability is recognised.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value. Bank overdrafts also form part of cash equivalents for the purpose of the statement of cash flows and are presented within current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

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Revenue and Other Income

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 non-reciprocal grants that are not subject to conditions are 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 contract liability is recognised at year end to the extent that conditions remain unsatisfied.

Donation Income

In the prior year donation income was accounted for when received by the organisation in accordance with AASB 1004. In the current year, donation income received through BCF has been accounted for when received by BCF, as they are acting as agents on behalf of the Company.

Interest revenue

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The Directors make estimates and judgements during the preparation of these financial statements regarding assumptions about current and future events affecting transactions and balances.

These estimates and judgements are based on the best information available at the time of preparing the financial statements, however as additional information is known then the actual results may differ from the estimates.

There are no areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

	31 October 2021	31 October 2020
	\$	\$
3 Revenue and other income		
Revenue		
JIME Donations/revenue	-	561,922
General Donations	465,174	365,183
Grant Income	1,810,149	1,246,562
Membership	28,452	19,447
Operational Income	280,866	211,888
	<u>2,584,642</u>	<u>2,405,002</u>
Other income		
Government Grants		
Government cash boost	-	100,000
Jobkeeper	96,000	190,200
Total other income	<u>96,000</u>	<u>290,200</u>
4 Donation - JIME		
During the prior year, Junior Indigenous Marine and Environmental Cadet Programme (JIME), which had operated under the auspices of OzFish, set up as an individual entity with DGR status. As a consequence, the balance of funds relating to this programme were donated to the new entity and the results of this programme will no longer be reflected in OzFish financial statements.		
5 Auditors' Remuneration		
Remuneration of the auditor		
- Auditing the financial report	3,500	6,000
	<u>3,500</u>	<u>6,000</u>
6 Cash and Cash equivalents		
Ozfish Gift Fund	9,691	-
Ozfish Unlimited Limited Operating accounts	1,235,635	351,382
OzFish JIME Chapter	-	9,900
	<u>1,245,326</u>	<u>361,282</u>
7 Accounts receivable		
	<u>427,829</u>	<u>321,124</u>

Accounts receivable for the year ended 31 October 2021 includes \$90,337 (2020: \$286,559) from the relationship with BCF, being \$Nil (2020: \$155,000) of grants receivable and \$90,337 (2020: \$121,559) of donations. Under AASB 1058, donations are accounted for when collected by BCF on behalf of OzFish.

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	31 October 2021	31 October 2020
	\$	\$
9 Other Current Assets		
Prepayments	16,931	9,060
Government grant receivable	-	19,200
Security deposit	1,380	1,380
	<u>18,311</u>	<u>29,640</u>
10 Plant and Equipment		
Plant & Equipment	309,963	104,636
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(48,890)</u>	<u>(10,723)</u>
Total Plant and Equipment	<u>261,077</u>	<u>93,913</u>

Movements in carrying amounts

Movement is the carrying amounts for each class of plant and equipment between the beginning and end of the financial year.

	Plant & Equipment	Total
	\$	\$
Carrying amount at 31 October 2019	39,129	39,129
Additions	65,507	65,507
Depreciation	<u>(10,723)</u>	<u>(10,723)</u>
Carrying amount at 31 October 2020	93,913	93,913
Additions	205,331	205,331
Depreciation	<u>(38,167)</u>	<u>(38,167)</u>
Carrying amount at 31 October 2021	<u>261,077</u>	<u>261,077</u>

11 Other Payables

GST payable/(receivable)	68,810	68,380
Sundry payables and accrued expenses	<u>80,094</u>	<u>21,681</u>
	<u>149,224</u>	<u>90,061</u>

All above liabilities are short term. The carrying values are considered to be a reasonable approximation of fair value.

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	31 October 2021	31 October 2020
	\$	\$

12 Leases

The Company has applied AASB 16 using the modified retrospective (cumulative catch-up) method and therefore the comparative information has not been restated. Information relating to the leases in place and associated balances and transactions are provided below.

Terms and conditions of leases

The building lease is for the corporate office and, has 1 year remaining at 31 October 2021.

Right of use assets

Balance at beginning of year	42,207	-
Addition in year	-	63,311
Depreciation charge	<u>(21,103)</u>	<u>(21,104)</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>21,104</u>	<u>42,207</u>

Lease Liabilities

The maturity analysis of lease liabilities based on contractual undiscounted cash flows is shown in the table below:

	<1 year	1 – 5 years	> 5 years	Total undiscounted lease liabilities	Lease liabilities included in this SOFP
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2021					
Lease Liabilities	22,770	-	-	22,770	22,165
2020					
Lease Liabilities	22,770	22,770	-	45,540	43,251

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

The amounts recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income relating to leases where the Company is a lessee are shown below:

	2021	2020
Interest expense on lease liabilities	1,684	2,710
Depreciation of right of use assets	<u>21,103</u>	<u>21,104</u>
	<u>22,787</u>	<u>23,814</u>

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	31 October 2021	31 October 2020
	\$	\$
Statement of Cash Flows		
Total cash outflow for leases	<u>22,770</u>	<u>22,770</u>
13 Employee Benefits		
Current		
Provision for Annual Leave	<u>63,795</u>	<u>25,327</u>
Current Employee Benefits	<u>63,795</u>	<u>25,327</u>
14 Contingent Liabilities		
There are no contingent liabilities that have been incurred by the Company in relation to 2021 (2020: Nil).		
15 Related Parties		
Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.		
16 Events after the Reporting Period		
No matters have arisen since the end of the year that have or may significantly affect the Company's operations, results of those and its state of affairs in future financial years.		
17 Cash Flow Information		
Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Surplus for the year	124,442	224,933
Non-cash flows in surplus		
- Depreciation and amortisation	59,270	31,827
Changes in assets and liabilities		
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(95,386)	(226,676)
- Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payable	48,292	46,115
- Increase/(decrease) in unearned income	935,375	(82,390)
- Increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	<u>38,468</u>	<u>22,381</u>
Cash flow from operations	<u>1,110,461</u>	<u>16,190</u>

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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The Directors of the Company declare that:

1.

The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 1 to 14 are in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including

- (i) Complying with Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2013 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
- (ii) Giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 October 2021 and of its performance for the year ended on that date, and

2.

In the Directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debt as and when they become due and payable.

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

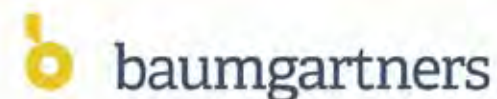
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Dated this 15th day of December 2021



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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), which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 October 2021, 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 and *Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) Act 2012*, including:

- a) Giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 October 2021 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Regime and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

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.



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.

Chris Malkin

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Date: 22 December 2021

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