



National Rural
Women's Coalition

Annual Report 2015 – 2016



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UNDERSTANDING THE NATIONAL RURAL WOMEN'S COALITION



Our vision: to support and grow, vibrant rural, remote and regional communities throughout Australia.

Our values: respect, innovation, professionalism, empowerment.

Our objectives:

- 1) represent the diverse views of women in rural, remote and regional Australia
- 2) provide advice to the Australian Government on policy issues relevant to the views and circumstances of rural women
- 3) contribute to building a positive profile of rural women, their achievements and issues



It is my pleasure, as President, to present the National Rural Women's Coalition Ltd (NRWC) Annual Report for the year 2015-2016.

The report, in capturing the issues addressed and the activities delivered, is a collation of three parts: the NRWC Ltd, the company which drives our business; the NRWC organisation which helps us reach our destination;

and the network which brings together rural, remote and regional women who keep bringing a fresh approach to old challenges to help us remain vibrant and relevant.

We acknowledge the support and energy from Minister Michaela Cash and the Office for Women team.

Dr Pat Hamilton
PRESIDENT



COMPANY SECRETARY'S REPORT

A board of 7 Directors governs the NRWC LTD, a registered Australian Public Company, limited by guarantee. Five of the Directors represent the member organisations: Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA), the Australian Women in Agriculture (AWiA), the Country Women's Association of Australia (CWAA), the National Rural Health Alliance (NRHA), and Women's Industry Network Seafood Community (WINSOC), and two independent Directors, one of who represents Aboriginal Women.

The 2015 AGM was held in September and chaired by President Dr Pat Hamilton who farewelled the outgoing Directors, Donna Digby (AWiA) and Noela McLeod (CWAA) and welcomed Sarah Parker (AWiA) and Dorothy Coombe (CWAA) to the NRWC Board. The valuable contribution of Donna and Noela was acknowledged.

The Board elected the 2015-2016 Office Bearers: Dr Pat Hamilton, President, Leonie Noble, Vice President, Alwyn Friedersdorff, Treasurer and Lisa Shipley, Company Secretary.

The Board has held monthly meetings via teleconferencing, two face-to-face meetings to review the Strategic Plan and to plan for a strong, resilient and adaptable organisation to advocate for rural, remote and regional women now and into the future. The executive has met face-to-face on two occasions to conduct a performance review of the contractors and to draft the new operational plan.

During the last year the Company applied for two grants. The FRRR grant enabled us to design and deliver a program specifically for rural, regional and remote (RRR) Northern Territory women. Participants were given the skills to grow their leadership capability and to build capacity in their own rural enterprise and/or within their community (i.e. a community focused project). The sessions were moderated by Kerry Suttor and delivered by leading presenters via interactive virtual classroom technology (Blackboard Collaborate) during the period 13 October – 1 December 2015.

The second grant, under the National Landcare Program – Sustainable Agriculture Small Grant Round 2015-2016 will be delivered from September – December 2016. The purpose of the grant is to safeguard the overall resilience, competitiveness and productivity of Australia's agricultural and fishing industries.

The future of rural Australia depends on its ability to obtain support from organisations that have credibility with government, business, industry and rural communities. The NRWC, under the leadership of Dr Pat Hamilton and the committed Directors, has achieved this for the benefit of all rural, remote and regional women.

It has been an honour to serve as Company Secretary to an organisation of amazing, dedicated and supportive women.

Lisa Shipley
COMPANY SECRETARY



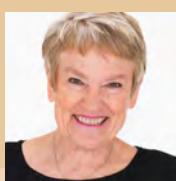
NRWC BOARD AT A F2F MEETING



OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

NRWC BOARD 2015-2016

"A dream is not a dream without a goal, and a goal cannot be achieved without the will to focus on the steps to achieve that dream." [Anon]



DR PAT
HAMILTON



LISA SHIPLEY



ALWYN
FRIEDERSDORFF



DOROTHY
COOMBE



DR KATHRYN
KIRKPATRICK



LEONIE NOBLE



SARAH PARKER

NAME	BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP	BOARD MEETINGS ATTENDED
Dr. Pat Hamilton Independent – linking and connecting state and national rural women's organisations.	President Executive Program (Chair) Finance Policy Communications (NTNAG)	11 out of 11
Leonie Noble WINSO connects and works to recognise and enhance the capacity of seafood women across Australia.	Vice President Executive Finance	10 out of 11
Alwyn Friedersdorff ALGWA works to promote leadership roles for women in local government.	Treasurer Finance (Chair) Policy	9 out of 11
Lisa Shipley Indigenous – bringing together the skills, experiences and knowledge of Indigenous women across Australia and Torres Strait Islands.	Company Secretary Policy	7 out of 11 (leave of absence granted for three meetings)
Dr Kathryn Kirkpatrick NRHA, comprised of 39 national organisations to provide national leadership, is committed to improving the health and well being of the people living in rural and remote Australia.	Program	7 out of 9
Dorothy Coombe CWAA advances the rights and equity of women, families and communities in Australia through advocacy and empowerment.	Policy (Chair) Website	6 out of 9
Sarah Parker AWiA exists to ensure that agricultural women have the capacity, confidence and channel to be able to have their voice heard in primary production, rural industries and communities.	Program Website	5 out of 9
Irene Mills AM OSJ NRHA	Immediate Past President	2 out of 2
Donna Digby AWiA		0 out of 2
Nola McLeod CWAA		1 out of 2

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"Leadership is about leading a team to go somewhere to make a positive difference."

As I reflect on the activities of the last 12 months, I am reminded of the wisdom in the words of a very dear friend, mentor and amazing teacher: *"Learning begins so early in our lives... as we foster connections across cultures connecting head, hand and heart through the enthusiasm and knowledge of those who engage us"* (Erica Jolly 2015). Life as President of the NRWC is full of exciting challenging and very rewarding moments as the Board endeavours to grow a dynamic, vibrant organisation in building and nurturing the leadership, the advocacy, the capacity and the resilience of our rural, remote and regional women.

From its inception in 2002 as one of the National Women's Secretariats and then as one of the National Women's Alliances, the NRWC has been instrumental in championing the status of rural, remote and regional women, both home and abroad. By joining a sponsored NRWC program, rural women are bridging and forging social and professional links cross a diverse range of industries, government bodies, businesses and rural communities – their impact is making a difference in the way we grow, innovate and sustain the future of rural communities.

Building positive and productive relationships in an environment based on trust and respect is vital to the success of the NRWC – the Board is very good at achieving the visions and goals of the organisation through these relationships. Over the last two years as President, I have committed my energy, my experiences, my expertise and my time in reaching and engaging rural women through personal contacts, joining in teleconferences and webinars, planning the e-Leaders projects, participating in face-to-face meetings, writing submissions and oodles of reports, meeting politicians from all parties and government and industry agencies, and being taken on a huge journey as we embraced social media. You can celebrate our achievements with us throughout this Annual Report.

It is with deep appreciation that I thank the 2015-2016 Board for their support and sharing their expertise to achieve the NRWC's goals, as we continue to raise the issues and solutions as a political and social force. These women give valuable volunteer hours with great personal commitment. I am indebted to the support of Sarah Parker (AWiA Director), Dorothy Coombe (CWAA Director), Dr Kathy Kirkpatrick (NRHA Director), Lisa Shipley (Independent Aboriginal Director) and, in particular, Vice President Leonie Noble (WINSO Director) whose practical advice on both personal and professional levels have 'saved' me on many occasions, and a very special thanks to Treasurer Alwyn Friedersdorff (ALGWA Director).

Alwyn is always there to support, to offer assistance whenever needed and to always apply the steady right hand. The Board has appreciated the professionalism of the operational team, Karen Tully as Program Manager and Keli McDonald as Finance Manager, who have ensured that all our commitments have been delivered. The 2016-2017 year promises to be full of activities of connecting and linking our rural, remote and regional women.

Dr Pat Hamilton

PRESIDENT



SUBMISSION TO AGRICULTURAL INNOVATIVE INQUIRY



THRIVE WEBINAR SERIES

TREASURER'S REPORT

"The secret to financial security is not to have more money, but having more control over the money we presently have." Auliq-Ice

A snapshot of the projects that have been rolled out over the past year, reveals that finance focused on activities to reflect our values of 'respect, innovation, professionalism and empowerment' has assured an impact on the growth and life of the participating rural women. That we have been able to create this impact matters because of our belief in the need for strong, vibrant rural communities.

The Finance Committee of the NRWC Board continued its role to oversee organisational finances and risk management processes. This committee has met regularly throughout the year and reported to the Board in finance and risk matters as required. We are confident that financial processing within NRWC is sound.

The majority of our funding has traditionally come through the Office for Women, however,

as we head towards the next financial year, we are challenged to diversify our funding base and increase our management revenue through specific project grants and sponsorship support so that our ongoing sustainability may be assured.

Reporting obligations have been met and project acquittals finalised as required throughout the year. Unspent grant income relates to projects that extend beyond the end of the financial year. These funds will be fully expended as projects are concluded.

Alwyn Friedersdorff

TREASURER



WOMEN VOTE ELECTION MESSAGES



RIRDC AWARDS



INFORMATION GATHERING

THE NATIONAL RURAL WOMEN'S COALITION ACTIVITIES

The NRWC has developed a culture of building and nurturing on-going learning groups by assisting rural, remote and regional women to stay at the forefront of change and innovation. We are one of the five National Women's Alliances, funded by the Australian Government to ensure that women's voices are heard in all aspects of policy-making and implementation to achieve gender equality. Our advocacy is through a rural lens. Our programs are responsive to women's needs and interests to reflect commitment, inclusivity, resilience, diversity as we support women's ability to act as agents of change.

Our brief is to focus on three pillars: leadership, economic security and freedom from family violence as our programs reach and engage rural women across Australia, professionally delivered by a team of contractors. These contractors, Karen Tully (Program Manager), Keli McDonald (Finance Manager) and Kerry Suttor (Project Coordinator), have invested their time, energy, enthusiasm, skills and knowledge to deliver a wealth of activities to foster and strengthen the personal and professional capacity development of rural women in reaching their aspirations. The NRWC deeply appreciates their contribution to the operational structures of the organisation.

From July 1st 2016 the NRWC has implemented a new operational structure. We are pleased to announce that, from an overwhelming number of applications, Karen Nankervis (Administrative Officer), Melissa Bouilly (Communications Officer) and Keli McDonald (Finance Officer) will manage the activities of the

organisation. Tenders will be called to coordinate future projects under the direction of a Director.

Through feedback from our Directors and their organisations, our forums, our roundtables, our e-Leaders courses and our extensive bank of survey data and anecdotal feedback, the NRWC has learnt that women across the country hold leadership positions in government, industry, business and community contexts.

As we look back and reflect on the NRWC's achievements and our celebrations of a socially and stimulating inclusive network of rural, remote and regional women, we continue to foster women's leadership skills and strengthen women's voices in the rural sector.

The following is a snapshot of the activities we initiated to empower women to achieve gender equality.

A Cuppa With™

The NRWC has delivered ten sessions where rural women connect with a guest speaker in a webinar format. These sessions are free and open to all.



Brave Danny

The Board commissioned children's author Robin Adolphs and illustrator Nicky Johnston to create a picture book for children aged 4-8 years about domestic violence with a guide to support the underlying messages.



Connecting Lives Program

Developed and piloted in Tamworth, NSW to engage with previously non-aligned Aboriginal women along the theme of women feeling safe.

Country to Canberra, 'empowering young women leaders'

NRWC sponsored the state Victorian winner; the President was a national judge and attended the Powerful Women's Breakfast.

Economic Safety Roundtable

Examined what is needed to ensure rural women have financial security and economic safety. The outcomes have been used to inform various decision-makers.

e-Leaders

Forty rural women were engaged in the Advocate and Influence and Social Media webinar series. Reports which detail the courses and the learning outcomes can be found on the NRWC website.

International Engagement

The NRWC worked collaboratively with the other National Women's Alliances focusing on the universal Periodic Review of Human Rights, the Sustainable Development Goals and the Commission for the Status of Women process.

FRRR Growing Northern Leaders – NT (e-Leaders Program)

Designed specifically to grow the leadership capability and build capacity in rural and remote women in enterprise and within their community.

Submission to Agricultural Innovative Inquiry

The President and Vice President attended a public hearing – outcome recommendation 6 from the government report, Smart Farming, has direct implications for RRR women and was a key plank of the NRWC's advocacy to this hearing.

Western Australia e-Leaders 'Thrive'

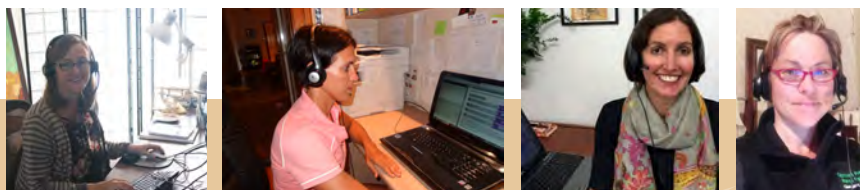
Webinar series for individual women and incorporating the extensive WA Community Resource Network.

What Rural Women Want Survey

Over 500 responses were gathered and produced rich data on what women want. A focus group kit was prepared to assist in gathering anecdotal verbal data with some remote women.

Website Redevelopment

The NRWC commenced work on redeveloping the website so that it will continue to meet the needs of the NRWC and rural women.



e-LEADERS

The linking and connecting between existing local, state and national organisations government departments and other interested bodies has been an empowering mechanism to increase women's diversity through these activities – outcome: a most positive, productive and rewarding year as rural women stake a claim as leaders. This work has been supported by our 5 member organisations: ALGWA, AWiA, CWAA, NRHA and WINSC and 2 Independent Directors, plus the NTNAG.



NRWC WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT



CONNECTING LIVES IN TAMWORTH



WOMEN'S ECONOMIC PROSPERITY ROUNDTABLE, CANBERRA



ALLIANCE FORUM



HEALTH AND WELLNESS ROUNDTABLE



WOMEN'S INDUSTRY NETWORK SEAFOOD COMMUNITY



e-LEADERS ALUMNAE

THE NATIONAL RURAL WOMEN'S COALITION NETWORK

The NRWC is characterised by a web of positive relationships, which provide tangible benefits to rural women such as gaining visibility, social and business support, enabling their voice and perspectives to surface, access to resources and information in a supportive environment.

Networking the Networks Advisory Group

The Communications arm of the NRWC has been driven by a group of volunteer women representing each state and territory to reach, engage and promote the voice of rural women across Australia. Under the leadership of Pat Hamilton (SA). Sandra Ireson (NSW), Tahnee Thompson (NT), Carla Keith (QLD), Nat Sommerville (SA), Alwyn Friedersdorff (TAS), Renee Fiolet (VIC), Jo Fulwood (WA) and Karen Tully (Coordinator, QLD), the NTN AG has continued to build an informative, interactive and engaging network of RRR women (including CALD women; women with disabilities and ATSI women) and organisations and met 11 times in the period.

Their social media activities have encouraged women to be more confident and to speak more loudly in celebrating the achievements of rural women. On July 1st, as part of the restructuring of the organisation the NTNAG has been replaced by a Communications Reference group being driven by Melissa Bouilly, (NRWC Communications Officer).



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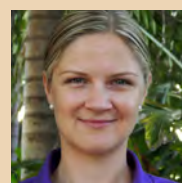
CARLA KEITH



MELISSA BOULLY



SANDRA IRESON



TAHNEE
THOMPSON

COMMUNICATIONS SNAPSHOT

A snapshot of the communication activities include the following:



The NRWC develops and implements effective two-way communication processes which engage RRR women.

The organisation aims to be a two-way conduit which both gathers and shares information between RRR women, government, industry, business and rural communities and organisations.



**FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR
THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2016**

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Directors present their report on the company for the year ended 30 June 2016.

Directors

The names of the Directors in office at the date of this report are:

P. Hamilton
A. Friedersdorff
L. Noble
L. Shipley
D. Coombe
S. Parker
K. Kirkpatrick

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the company during the financial year were: *To provide a collaborative national voice for women living in rural, regional and remote Australia.*

There were no significant changes in the nature of the company's principal activities during the financial year.

Operating Results

The profit and extraordinary items of the company for the financial year amounted to \$37,175.

Dividends Paid or Recommended

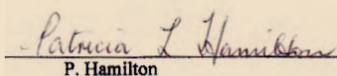
No dividends were paid or declared since the start of the financial year. No recommendation is made as to dividends.

Indemnifying Officers or Auditor

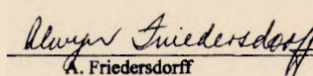
No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the company.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Director


P. Hamilton

Director


A. Friedersdorff

Dated this 11th day of October, 2016

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION TO THE DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL RURAL WOMEN'S COALITION LIMITED

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2016 there have been:

- i. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- ii. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



Thomas Simpson Partners
169 King Street Newcastle NSW 2300



David Simpson
Partner

Date: 11 October, 2016

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2016

	30TH JUNE 2015 \$	30TH JUNE 2016 \$
EQUITY		
RESERVES		
Retained Earnings	99,953.05	137,127.79
REPRESENTED BY		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bendigo Bank – 143533230	91.58	988.12
CBA – 260210581561	189,827.64	61,634.35
CBA Management Account	71,694.88	59,588.75
CBA FRRR Account	–	942.17
CBA Term Deposit	–	50,000.00
Prepayments	2,783.44	–
	264,397.54	173,153.39
INTANGIBLE ASSETS		
Formation Expenses at Cost	962.80	962.80
TOTAL ASSETS	265,360.34	174,116.19
LESS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
PAYG Withholding Payable	–	
Funding in Advance	140,570.00	340.00
Accrued Expenses	16,548.05	33,985.10
GST Payable	8,289.24	2,663.30
TOTAL LIABILITIES	165,407.29	36,988.40
NET ASSETS	99,953.05	137,127.79

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PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

	30TH JUNE 2015 \$	30TH JUNE 2016 \$
NRWC MANAGEMENT		
INCOME		
Interest Received	2,023.19	1,083.79
Management Fees	1,800.00	3,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	6.00	–
Toolkit	70.00	35.00
	3,899.19	4,118.79
EXPENSES		
Communications	167.82	(184.60)
Coordinators/Facilitators	–	1,090.91
Gratuity	–	100.00
Presidents Honorarium	–	3,000.00
Stipends	4,950.00	4,050.00
	5,117.82	8,056.31
	(1,218.63)	(3,937.52)
Retained Profits at July 1	85,358.40	84,166.51
Transfers From Reserves		
Post Acquittal Consolidation	26.74	–
	84,166.51	80,228.99
	84,166.51	80,228.99

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PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

	30TH JUNE 2015 \$	30TH JUNE 2016 \$
OFFICE FOR WOMEN: 2010–2013		
Accumulated Losses at July 1	139.23	–
Transfers From Reserves		
Post Acquittal Consolidation	139.23	–
	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>

DEPT AGRICULTURE & WATER RESOURCES

Income		
Funding	<u>–</u>	<u>35,685.44</u>

OFFICE FOR WOMEN

INCOME

Funding	272,950.00	281,139.00
Interest Received	76.87	72.87
Reimbursed Expenses	<u>21,885.87</u>	<u>7,009.68</u>
	294,913.24	288,221.55

EXPENSES

Accountancy	10,040.00	3,440.00
Auditors Remuneration – Fees	4,000.00	2,000.00
Bank Charges	77.32	120.63
Bookkeeper	31,707.27	34,146.36
Communications	10,200.33	37,948.64
Computer Costs	475.44	549.95
Conferences, Meetings & Travel	1,757.05	12,142.82
Communications Officer	–	1,125.00
Program Manager	19,899.55	33,895.80
Gratuity	–	164.50
Insurance	2,446.71	2,435.80
Licences, Registrations, Permits	691.00	855.00
Printing, Stationery & Postage	2,454.76	11,392.32
Telephone	1,679.43	3,126.04
Website Design	1,600.03	300.00

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PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

	30TH JUNE 2015	30TH JUNE 2016
	\$	\$
OFFICE FOR WOMEN (CONTINUED)		
PROJECTS		
2015 Conference	668.33	–
A Cuppa With™	4,124.62	4,186.91
e-Leader/Alumnae	–	1,900.00
e-Leader Muster	25,842.40	–
e-Leader Thrive TAS	3,766.32	736.38
e-Leader Thrive WA	3,852.36	(1,200.00)
e-Leader Social Media	19,304.54	11,402.69
e-Leader Leadership, Communication in Action & Influence	12,871.36	15,547.37
ERA – Collab Housing Policy	31.49	–
Family & Domestic Violence	5,000.00	16,034.94
International Engagement	9,663.68	–
IRWC	7,468.75	–
Membership Support Projects	21,658.04	–
Communications NTN	21,654.87	6,388.02
Roundtable Disaster Forum	7,300.11	–
Roundtable Wellbeing Forum	20,099.45	22,218.26
Weather the Storm Resource	3,043.50	226.60
Website Upgrade & Development	11,468.37	–
Connecting Lives	–	8,499.51
	<u>177,818.19</u>	<u>85,940.68</u>
GOVERNANCE		
AGM	10,933.74	11,201.06
Meetings	4,157.74	33,414.64
Focus Group Meeting	26,254.01	–
Alliance Meetings & Support	14,480.30	10,389.06
	<u>55,825.79</u>	<u>55,004.76</u>
	<u>320,672.87</u>	<u>284,588.30</u>
	(25,759.63)	3,633.25
 Retained Profits at July 1	 41,831.62	 15,786.54
Transfers From Reserves		
Post Acquittal Consolidation		
OFW 2010 to 2013	(139.23)	–
Networking the Networks	(146.22)	–
	<u>(285.45)</u>	<u>–</u>
	<u>15,786.54</u>	<u>19,419.79</u>
	<u><u>15,786.54</u></u>	<u><u>19,419.79</u></u>

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PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

	30TH JUNE 2015	30TH JUNE 2016
	\$	\$
WOMEN TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY – FUNDED BY DEPT. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY		
INCOME		
Interest Received	213.87	–
EXPENSES		
Administration Management Fee	1,800.00	–
Bookkeeper	872.73	–
Coordinators/Facilitators	10,979.00	–
Program Manager	8,651.25	–
Gratuity	300.00	–
Printing, Stationery & Postage	15.45	–
Telephone	36.66	–
	<u>22,655.09</u>	<u>–</u>
	(22,441.22)	–
Retained Profits at July 1	22,467.96	–
Transfers From Reserves		
Post Acquittal Consolidation	(26.74)	–
	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>
	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>
	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>

GROWING NORTHERN WOMEN LEADERS (NT) – FUNDED BY FOUNDATION FOR RURAL & REGIONAL RENEWAL

INCOME		
Funding	–	18,795.00
Interest Received	<u>–</u>	<u>1.26</u>
	–	18,796.26
EXPENSES		
Bank Charges	–	2.50
Bookkeeper	–	1,516.25
Communications	–	487.00
Coordinators/Facilitators	–	11,139.76
Program Manager	–	397.00
Printing, Stationery & Postage	–	60.18
Project Management	–	3,000.00
Website Design	<u>–</u>	<u>400.00</u>
	<u>–</u>	<u>17,002.69</u>
	<u>–</u>	<u>1,793.57</u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

	RETAINED SURPLUS
	\$
Balance at 1 July 2015	99,953
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year attributable to members of the entity	<u>37,175</u>
Total Surplus/(Deficit) for the year attributable to members of the entity	<u>37,175</u>
Balance at 30 June 2016	<u>137,128</u>

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

	30TH JUNE 2015	30TH JUNE 2016
	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from customers	296,712.37	345,664.12
Other Receipts	2,313.93	1, 157.92
Payments to suppliers and employees	(194,411.17)	(429,656.81)
Other Payments		
GST Payable	<u>2,890.07</u>	<u>(5,625.94)</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	107,505.20	(88,460.71)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds		
Office Equipment – At Cost	–	–
Less: Prov for Depreciation	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>
	–	–
Payments		
Less: Prov for Depreciation	–	–
	–	–
NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD	107,505.20	(88,460.71)
CASH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	<u>154,108.90</u>	<u>261,614.10</u>
CASH AT THE END OF THE YEAR	<u><u>261,614.10</u></u>	<u><u>173,153.39</u></u>

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NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Preparation

The Directors have determined the company is a non-reporting entity because there are no users who are dependent on its general purpose financial statements. The Directors have determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of members.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical cost, unless otherwise stated.

(b) Income Tax

The company is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(c) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

NOTE 2 – MEMBERS GUARANTEE

The company is incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 as a company limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$2 each towards meeting the costs and obligations of the company.

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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

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

The Directors of the company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set on pages 10 to 16:


a) comply with Accounting Standards as detailed in Note 1 to the financial statements and the Corporations Act 2001; and

b) present fairly the company's financial position as at 30 June 2016 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

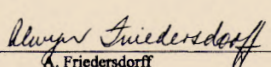
2. In the Directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors and is signed for and on behalf of the Directors by:

Director


P. Hamilton

Director


A. Friedersdorff

Dated this 11th day of
October, 2016

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NATIONAL RURAL WOMENS COALITION LIMITED

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of National Rural Women's Coalition Limited, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2016, the statement of profit and loss, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Directors' declaration.

Director's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Director's responsibility also includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted

our audit in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

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

The financial report has been prepared for the distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Directors' financial reporting responsibilities under the Corporations Act 2001. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any other person other than

the members, or for any other purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

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

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the Corporations Act 2001, provided to the Directors of National Rural Women's Coalition Limited, would be in the same terms if provided to the Directors as at the date of this auditor's report.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion the financial reports presents fairly in all material aspects, the financial position of National Rural Women's Coalition Limited as at 30 June 2016 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and the Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) to the extent described in Note 1.

Thomas Simpson Partners

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David Simpson
Partner

Date: 11 October, 2016

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the attached Compilation Report.



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