

# **The Wilderness Society Ltd**

## **Consolidated Financial Report**

**For the Year Ended 30 June 2017**

# The Wilderness Society Ltd

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## Board Report

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The Board submits the financial report of the Group for the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

### General information

#### Directors

The names of the Board members in office of The Wilderness Society Ltd at any time during the year are:

<b>Names</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Appointed/Resigned</b>
Linda Selvey	Convenor	Initial elected director from 9 March 2016
Craig Zanker	Director	Initial elected director from 9 March 2016
Coral Robinson	Director	Initial elected director from 9 March 2016
Joel Trigg	Director	Initial elected director from 9 March 2016; Retired 24 November 2016
Michelle Prior	Director	Initial elected director from 9 March 2016; Resigned 7 August 2017
Brigitte Smith	Director	Initial elected director from 9 March 2016; Resigned 2 September 2016
Leanne Craze AM	Director	Initial elected director from 9 March 2016
Stuart Baird	Director	Initial elected director from 9 March 2016
Louise Clifton	Director	Initial elected director from 9 March 2016; resigned 25 August 2016
Peter Follett	Director	Initial elected director from 9 March 2016; Retired 24 November 2016; Appointed Director from 6 December 2016
Laura Knight	Director	Initial elected director from 9 March 2016; Retired 24 November 2016
Melissa McQuillan	Director	Initial elected director from 9 March 2016
Michael Osborne	Director	Initial elected director from 9 March 2016; Retired 24 November 2016
Ben Holgate	Director	Appointed director 12 September 2017

The Board have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

#### Information on directors

The names of each person who has been a director during the year are:

Linda Selvey

#### **Qualifications:**

MBBS (Hon), BMedSci, M.AppEpi, PHD, FAFPHM

#### **Experience**

Linda first became involved with The Wilderness Society in Queensland in 1987, where she helped facilitate national meetings, fundraising activities and a component of the Vote for the Forest Campaign. She was very active in the Tully-Millstream campaign.

Linda has also been active in environmental campaigning with the Australian Conservation Foundation and Queensland Conservation Council, and was previously Chair of the Queensland Conservation Council. She is a member and supporter of a range of environmental organisations including Doctors for the Environment Australia and the Climate Reality Project, and was CEO of Greenpeace Australia Pacific from 2009-2011.

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Coral Robinson

### **Qualifications:**

Bachelor of Economics

### **Experience**

Coral is an Honorary Life Member of The Wilderness Society and has been a supporter for 23 years. Her passion for the protection of nature and wild places is the driving force behind her long involvement with The Wilderness Society.

25 years' experience as a senior economist in policy, planning and finance in the NSW water and energy industries, where she was responsible for cost-benefit analysis (incorporating financial, economic and environmental values) for major projects. A key element of this work was embedding environmental values into organisational decision-making, which led to improvements in marine and riverine water quality across the Greater Sydney area.

She has over twelve years' experience on various Wilderness Society management committees, providing expertise in finance, planning and governance. Coral is currently a member of The Wilderness Society Ltd Board, and also serves on a number of organisational committees.

Craig Zanker

### **Qualifications:**

Bachelor of Economics and Commerce, Chartered Accountant and Grad Diploma in Corporate Governance.

### **Experience**

Craig is an experienced financial controller and governance professional with work experience in grassroots and not-for-profit organisations in the health, community and Indigenous sectors, including land and sea management. He is a Chartered Accountant and is currently completing further studies in corporate governance. He has spent most of his career in management roles assisting not-for-profit organisations to achieve financial sustainability and improve governance and management systems. Craig was appointed as The Wilderness Society Inc Treasurer to fill a casual vacancy in June 2015 by the Committee of Management, and currently serves on The Wilderness Society Ltd Board.

He is employed as Chief Operating Officer and Company Secretary to a health promotion charity in Melbourne, Victoria. He has volunteered with and supported various environmental organisations outside of his paid roles and understands the important role supporters and volunteers contribute to the driving force of these organisations.

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Ben Holgate

### **Experience:**

Ben Holgate is a skills-based appointed Director with marketing and fundraising expertise. Director of Fundraising at Plan International, a global child rights organisation, for six years before moving to Multiple Sclerosis Ltd as General Manager, Strategic Fundraising in mid-2017.

Ben has stood on boards for organisations such as Circus Oz and the Public Fundraising Regulatory Association (PFRA) and is a member of the Fundraising Institute of Australia's sustainability and reputation reference group and conference advisory panel.

Having recently completed the FIA/AICD not for profit board governance course, Ben is keen to serve on The Wilderness Society Board which is closely aligned with his values and interest in the natural world. He looks forward to assisting the organisation as it faces the challenges of a tightening fundraising market.

Peter Follett

### **Qualifications:**

GAIDC, GB T&D, GD, BA, GD Industrial & Org Psychology

### **Experience:**

In a world of increasing exploitation of nature, Peter's involvement with The Wilderness Society is driven by his concern to see current generations leave a better legacy of wilderness areas and biodiversity; sadly, that remains a long-term vision. He has been a member of The Wilderness Society South Australia Board of Governance since 2008, the greater part of that as Convenor, and is now a member of The Wilderness Society Ltd Board.

Career-wise, Peter works with leaders of corporations, government agencies and in the not-for-profit sector, facilitating their strategic and cultural evolution and leadership development.

Melissa McQuillan

### **Experience**

Melissa is a former member of The Wilderness Society Queensland Management Committee.

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Leanne Craze AM

### **Qualifications:**

Phd BSW UNSW, Grad Dip Science (Climate Change & Sustainable Development) UWS, Cert I in Indigenous Languages.

### **Experience:**

Professionally, Leanne has qualifications in both Social Work (BSW, PhD) and Science (Grad Dip. Climate Change and Resource Management). She has run her own mental health and social policy consulting company since 1990; specialising in multi-stakeholder engagement and consultation, and been engaged by governments to provide advice and guidance with the establishment of a number of government-funded peak bodies.

Leanne has over 30 years' experience with NGO committees of management—establishing and supporting the development of both fledging and established NGOs. She has experience with non-government sector governance through a number of organisations she has either helped to establish or has been on the board of—such as the NSW Association of Mental Health (current) and Victorian Mental Health Legal Centre.

Leanne is also a Board member of GroundUp, a not-for-profit organisation supporting Aboriginal community development in the Kimberley and was elected to The Wilderness Society Inc Committee of Management for the first time at the 2015 AGM. She currently serves on The Wilderness Society Ltd Board.

Michelle Prior

### **Qualifications:**

Master of Natural Resources, Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Urban & Regional Planning.

### **Experience:**

Michelle has experience as a researcher and other responsibilities include, Director IOSS Holdings Pty Ltd, National Parks Australia Council (Non Executive Director), National Parks Association Queensland (Non Executive Director)

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Stuart Baird

### **Qualifications:**

Bachelor of Engineering

### **Experience**

Born in Victoria but raised in Tasmania, Stuart was introduced to Tassie at a young age. Frolicking in the central highlands or on coastal beaches helped form a deep love of our wild places. Following a long stint at the University of Tasmania, there were many years off the island, on mainland Australia and in North America working on environmental clean up projects for mineral processing operations and devoting excessive time to becoming a better back country skier. Stuart returned to Tasmania around the turn of the Century. For many years a TWS Tasmania Board member, and one time convener of the TWS Tasmania Board of Management, Stuart joined the TWS Transition Board in 2014 and became a TWS Ltd Board member in 2016 under the transitional arrangements. He believes TWS has a major role in helping the Australian community rally for change against destructive activities which diminish this amazing continent.

### **Members Guarantee**

The Wilderness Society Ltd is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of, and for the purpose of winding up the company, the amount capable of being called up from each member and any person or association who ceased to be a member in the year prior to the winding up, is limited to \$1 for members that are subject to the provisions of the company's constitution.

At 30 June 2017 the collectible liability of members was \$29,756.

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### Principal activities

The Wilderness Society Ltd is a public company limited by guarantee. Offices are located in Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart and Brisbane.

The Wilderness Society Ltd is primarily funded by donations from its Members and Supporters with the purpose of protecting, promoting and restoring wilderness and natural processes across Australia for the survival and ongoing evolution of life on earth.

The Wilderness Society operates as a federation of organisations sharing the same purpose and consists of The Wilderness Society Queensland, The Wilderness Society Newcastle, The Wilderness Society Sydney, The Wilderness Society Victoria, The Wilderness Society Tasmania, The Wilderness Society South Australia and The Wilderness Society Western Australia.

All of The Wilderness Society entities are members of and primarily funded by The Wilderness Society Ltd. As a federation the Wilderness Society entities work together towards achieving the purpose.

Individuals who are members of The Wilderness Society Ltd are also entitled to be members of their local Wilderness Society entity.

### Aboriginal & Torres Strait Communities

The Wilderness Society recognises Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities as the Traditional Owners and custodians of all Country in Australia and pays its respect to Elders past and present. We acknowledge that this land was never ceded. We support efforts to progress recognition of the distinct rights of Indigenous peoples as well as reconciliation, land justice and equality. We welcome actions that better seek to identify, present, protect and conserve Aboriginal cultural heritage, irrespective of where it is located.

### Short term and Long term objectives

Throughout 2016/2017, The Wilderness Society continued to deliver on the objectives identified in The Wilderness Society 2015-2017 Strategic Plan. This plan identified a path to achieve our purpose through enlivening and sustaining a mass movement, motivating public action through inspiring and credible communications, and focussing our campaigns to address the two major threats of nature degradation and climate change. To aid this work, we will build on our fundraising program and maintain a healthy organisational culture and operations, as well as invest in the next generation of leaders and streamline our governance.

### Strategy for achieving objectives

Three year budget plans and annual budgets are developed in order to enable the strategic plan. These are approved by The Wilderness Society Ltd Board each year. Budget to actuals are reported on each month. A six monthly strategic plan report is also produced for the Board which tracks achievement of objectives.



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### Nature Campaign

Conducting a Nature Campaign that aims to protect wilderness and nature across Australia by creating protected areas and strong, nationally consistent laws and institutions.

The Wilderness Society is a member of the Places You Love Alliance, which represents over 40 environmental groups and together aims to create a comprehensive suite of effective, nationally consistent laws with all levels of government signing up to protect nature.

The Nature Campaign is a series of campaigns to protect some of Australia's most incredible places:

- Land and sea protected areas in the Kimberley and the Great Western Woodlands, WA.
- The Tarkine in Tasmania, Australia's largest remaining tract of cool temperate rainforest, and retaining the regulatory mechanisms in the Tasmanian Forest Agreement.
- In Victoria, we are working toward the creation of the Great Forest National Park and reforming the forestry industry.
- In Queensland and NSW we are seeking to prevent environmental law rollbacks and secure strong land clearing and river protection laws.

### Climate Campaign

A Climate Campaign with the primary aim to keep fossil fuels in the ground and maximise the volume of carbon stored in natural landscapes through stopping the destruction of forests, encouraging reforestation and promoting healthy landscapes.

The Wilderness Society is a member of the Climate Action Network Australia (CANANZ) and is working collaboratively to promote climate action.

The campaigns that support the climate goals are:

- Stopping oil exploration in The Great Australian Bight by multinational oil companies. This project is in an area treasured for biodiversity, and the extraction and burning of oil will contribute to global warming over 1.5 degrees.
- Preventing the development of the Pilliga forest for coal seam gas extraction and protecting the forests, the rural communities and preventing further encroachment on the Great Artesian Basin.
- Keeping shale gas fracking, coal and oil development out of the Kimberley, one of the world's last great wild places.
- The nature as a climate solution campaign promotes a healthy natural world as part of the solution to climate change.

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### Community Organising

The Wilderness Society has a deep commitment to the power of people to make change and in 2015 launched the Movement for Life community organising program to empower a new generation of leaders.

This program involves building the capacity of communities through training leaders and organisers to create lasting positive change for nature.

### Fundraising and Administration

This financial year has continued to see focus on strengthening The Wilderness Society governance.

We have invested significantly in technology platforms with the long-term goal of reducing costs, simplifying the administration of thousands of transactions and improving communication and relations with our members and supporters. A major component of this project was completed in January 2017.

We have carried out fundraising activities through our Wilderness Defender program in Sydney and Melbourne. The Wilderness Society employs and manages its own Wilderness Defender face to face fundraising program.

### Consolidated Entities

The Wilderness Society is deemed to control interests in the Friends of the Wilderness.

The Friends of the Wilderness unit trust holds property in Hobart and Launceston and leases the properties to The Wilderness Society, Tasmania. The Wilderness Society owns 73% of the units in the Trust.

## 1. Operating results and review of operations for the year

### Operating results

The consolidated surplus/(deficit) for the year of the Group amounted to \$ 319,204 (2016: \$ 22,925).

### Parent

Total revenues increased by \$397,101, Donations as a total increased by \$106,134 or 1.03% continuing a longer term trend and reflecting the competitive fundraising environments. Bequests have grown strongly in 2017.

Total expenses decreased by \$214,270 in the current year compared to the prior year resulting in the parent entity making a surplus of \$297,635 compared to a deficit of \$313,736 in the prior year.

## 2. Other items

### Significant changes in state of affairs

Due to changes in the nominator of trustees of the Forever Wild Trust on 3 August 2016, The Wilderness Society Ltd no longer has control of the Forever Wild Trust under the Accounting Standards.

### Future developments

The Wilderness Society Ltd expects to maintain the present status and level of operations and hence there are no likely developments in the entity's operations.

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### Meetings of the Board

During the financial year, 9 meetings of the Board were held. Attendances by each Board member during the year were as follows:

Board Meetings	
Number attended	Number eligible to attend
Linda Selvey	9
Craig Zanker	9
Coral Robinson	9
Ben Holgate	-
Joel Trigg	2
Michelle Prior	9
Brigitte Smith	1
Leanne Craze AM	7
Stuart Baird	9
Louise Clifton	1
Peter Follett	8
Laura Knight	3
Melissa McQuillan	7
Michael Osborne	1

### Company secretary

Matt Brennan held the position of Company Secretary at the end of the financial year.

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### Auditor's independence declaration

The auditor's independence declaration in accordance with section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (Cth) for the year ended 30 June 2017 has been received and can be found on page 35 of the financial report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board:

Convenor: .....



Board Member.....



Dated this .....24th..... day of .....October..... 2017.

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## Board Declaration

In the opinion of the Board the financial report as set out on pages 12 to 34:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of The Wilderness Society Ltd and its controlled entities as at 30 June 2017 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (Cth).
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that The Wilderness Society Ltd and its controlled entities will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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

Convenor .....  .....  
Linda Selvey

Board member .....  .....  
Craig Zanker

Dated this 24th day of October 2017.

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## Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

	Parent		Consolidated	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>				
Income from fundraising, donations, bequests and grants	11,716,794	11,269,955	11,716,794	11,269,955
Investment and other non-operating income	314,703	364,441	314,703	378,942
<b>Total Income</b>	12,031,497	11,634,396	12,031,497	11,648,897
<b>Less: Expenses</b>				
<b>Environmental campaigns and programs</b>				
- National	1,635,622	1,936,318	1,635,622	1,936,318
- NSW	502,615	660,054	502,615	660,054
- VIC	441,326	431,373	441,326	431,373
- TAS	450,851	514,624	450,851	514,624
- SA	691,845	676,690	691,845	676,690
- WA	505,486	486,578	505,486	486,578
- QLD	452,123	415,366	452,123	415,366
- Membership & supporter engagement	865,767	758,651	865,767	758,651
<b>Total environmental campaigns and programs</b>	5,545,635	5,879,654	5,545,635	5,879,654
Fundraising expenses - recruitment of new supporters	2,044,376	1,953,486	2,044,376	1,953,486
Fundraising expenses - staff, appeals, supporter and other costs	2,617,211	2,362,326	2,617,211	2,362,326
Governance, finance and operations	1,325,834	1,386,286	1,304,265	1,386,926
Depreciation and amortisation	200,806	123,077	200,806	123,077
Donation of bequests to Forever Wild Trust	-	243,303	-	(91,914)
<b>Total expenses</b>	11,733,862	11,948,132	11,712,293	11,613,555
<b>Net surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>	297,635	(313,736)	319,204	35,342
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	297,635	(313,736)	319,204	22,925
<b>Net surplus/(deficit) for the year attributable to:</b>				
Non-controlling interest	-	-	5,789	8,950
Parent entity	-	-	313,415	13,975
	-	-	319,204	22,925

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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## Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2017

	Note	Parent		Consolidated	
		2017	2016	2017	2016
		\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>					
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	3	1,710,842	1,499,756	1,742,905	4,814,881
Trade and other receivables	4	350,806	132,937	350,806	134,845
Inventories		18,868	27,249	18,868	27,249
Other financial assets	5	407,442	600,000	407,442	600,000
Other assets	6	269,364	343,515	271,969	359,676
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>2,757,322</b>	<b>2,603,457</b>	<b>2,791,990</b>	<b>5,936,651</b>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Property, plant and equipment	9	138,157	193,043	1,036,007	945,950
Investment in Friends of the Wilderness	7	554,280	554,280	-	-
Intangible assets	8	1,440,951	912,573	1,442,700	914,319
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>2,133,388</b>	<b>1,659,896</b>	<b>2,478,707</b>	<b>1,860,269</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>4,890,710</b>	<b>4,263,353</b>	<b>5,270,697</b>	<b>7,796,920</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Trade and other payables	10	511,355	644,988	516,603	705,848
Employee benefits	11	621,700	856,457	621,700	856,457
Provisions	12	1,350	378,488	1,350	43,271
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>1,134,405</b>	<b>1,879,933</b>	<b>1,139,653</b>	<b>1,605,576</b>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Borrowings		900,000	-	900,000	-
Employee benefits	11	250,844	75,594	250,844	75,594
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>1,150,844</b>	<b>75,594</b>	<b>1,150,844</b>	<b>75,594</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>2,285,249</b>	<b>1,955,527</b>	<b>2,290,497</b>	<b>1,681,170</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>2,605,461</b>	<b>2,307,826</b>	<b>2,980,200</b>	<b>6,115,750</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>					
Accumulated surpluses and reserves		2,605,461	2,307,826	2,736,689	5,912,710
Non-controlling interest		-	-	243,511	203,040
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>2,605,461</b>	<b>2,307,826</b>	<b>2,980,200</b>	<b>6,115,750</b>

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**The Wilderness Society Ltd**  
**Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity**  
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	Parent					
	Accumulated surpluses	Tied funds	Priority campaign	Science and research	Non- controlling interests	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2016</b>	1,536,841	685,921	15,885	69,179	-	2,307,826
Transfer from reserve	737,351	(652,287)	(15,885)	(69,179)	-	-
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	297,635	-	-	-	-	297,635
Transfers to reserve	(381,993)	381,993	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2017</b>	<b>2,189,834</b>	<b>415,627</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,605,461</b>

	Parent					
	Accumulated surpluses	Tied funds	Priority campaign	Science and research	Non- controlling interests	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2015</b>	1,613,201	769,349	73,559	165,453	-	2,621,562
Transfer from reserve	632,753	(478,805)	(57,674)	(96,274)	-	-
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	(313,736)	-	-	-	-	(313,736)
Transfers to reserve	(395,377)	395,377	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2016</b>	<b>1,536,841</b>	<b>685,921</b>	<b>15,885</b>	<b>69,179</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,307,826</b>

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	Consolidated					Total
	Accumulated surpluses	Tied funds	Priority campaign	Science and research	Non-controlling Interests	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2016</b>	5,141,725	685,921	15,885	69,179	203,040	6,115,750
Transfers from reserve	737,351	(652,287)	(15,885)	(69,179)	-	-
Transfers to reserve	(381,993)	381,993	-	-	-	-
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	313,415	-	-	-	5,789	319,204
Transfer out on deconsolidation	(3,599,754)	-	-	-	-	(3,599,754)
Revaluation increment	110,318	-	-	-	34,682	145,000
<b>Balance at 30 June 2017</b>	<b>2,321,062</b>	<b>415,627</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>243,511</b>	<b>2,980,200</b>

	Consolidated					Total
	Accumulated surpluses	Tied funds	Priority campaign	Science and research	Non-controlling Interests	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2015</b>	1,627,280	769,349	73,559	165,453	211,930	2,847,571
Transfers from reserve	632,753	(478,805)	(57,674)	(96,274)	-	-
Purchase of additional units in trust	-	-	-	-	(8,890)	(8,890)
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	13,975	-	-	-	8,950	22,925
Gain of control of entities	3,263,094	-	-	-	-	3,263,094
Transfer to reserve	(395,377)	395,377	-	-	-	-
Dividends paid or provided for	-	-	-	-	(8,950)	(8,950)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2016</b>	<b>5,141,725</b>	<b>685,921</b>	<b>15,885</b>	<b>69,179</b>	<b>203,040</b>	<b>6,115,750</b>

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## Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

Note	Parent		Consolidated	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>				
Receipts from membership proceeds	330,825	651,472	330,827	651,472
Receipts from sales	97,859	102,064	97,859	102,064
Interest, dividends received and other non-operating income	314,703	364,442	314,703	382,360
Donations and other receipts	11,869,756	11,170,769	11,893,878	11,182,675
Payments to suppliers and employees	(12,628,119)	(12,271,339)	(12,663,417)	(12,326,518)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(14,976)	17,408	(26,150)	(7,947)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>				
Acquisition/(derecognition) of cash on consolidation	-	-	(3,271,727)	3,271,727
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	2,965	-	2,965	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(22,415)	(160,670)	(22,415)	(160,670)
Purchase of intangibles	(654,848)	(862,577)	(654,649)	(862,577)
Net cash used by investing activities	(674,298)	(1,023,247)	(3,945,826)	2,248,480
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>				
Proceeds from borrowings	900,000	-	900,000	-
Net cash used by financing activities	900,000	-	900,000	-
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	210,726	(1,005,839)	(3,071,976)	2,240,533
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,499,756	2,505,595	4,814,881	2,574,348
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	1,710,482	1,499,756	1,742,905	4,814,881

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

### For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

This financial report includes the consolidated financial statements and notes of The Wilderness Society Ltd and its controlled entities (the Group). The Wilderness Society Ltd is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee incorporated in Australia under the *Corporations Act 2001* and registered under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth)*.

Each of the entities within the Group prepare their financial statements based on the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (Functional currency). The consolidated financial statements are presented in Australian Dollars which is the parent entity's functional and presentational currency.

#### 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

##### (a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. The Company is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

##### (b) Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial position and performance of controlled entities from the date on which control is obtained until the date that control is lost.

Intragroup assets, liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cashflows relating to transactions between entities in the consolidated entity have been eliminated in full for the purpose of these financial statements.

Appropriate adjustments have been made to a controlled entity's financial position, performance and cash flows where the accounting policies used by that entity were different from those adopted by the consolidated entity. All controlled entities have a June financial year end.

Due to changes in the nominator of trustees of the Forever Wild Trust on 3 August 2016, The Wilderness Society Ltd no longer has control of the Forever Wild Trust under the Accounting Standards.

A list of controlled entities is contained in Note 16 to the financial statements.

##### Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are all entities (including structured entities) over which the parent has control. Control for accounting purposes is established when the parent is exposed to, or has rights to variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power to direct the relevant activities of the entity.

Each subsidiary remained a separate legal entity during 2017.

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**(c) Comparative amounts**

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

**(d) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

**(e) Trade and other receivables**

The Group provides an allowance for impairment on trade receivables based on current recoverability of amounts owed.

**(f) Inventories**

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

**(g) Property, plant and equipment**

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated, less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

**Plant and equipment**

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the Board to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets.

Where the cost model is used, the asset is carried at its cost less any accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses. Costs include purchase price, other directly attributable costs and the initial estimate of the costs of dismantling and restoring the asset, where applicable.

Assets measured using the revaluation model are carried at fair value at the revaluation date less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Revaluations are performed periodically, at least every three years, or whenever there is a material movement in the value of an asset under the revaluation model. Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation are credited to a revaluation reserve in equity. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same class of assets are charged against fair value reserves directly in equity; all other decreases are charged to the statement of comprehensive income. Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

**Land and buildings**

The land and buildings owned by the Group are heritage listed properties and are therefore not depreciated. Land and buildings are shown at independent valuation undertaken in 2017. An independent valuation was obtained on 18 October 2016 for Hobart property and 12 October 2016 for Launceston by the Opteon Property Group.

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**(g) Property, plant and equipment**

**Depreciation**

The depreciable amount of fixed assets, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

Fixed asset class	Depreciation rate
Plant and Equipment	10-50%
Leasehold improvements	25%

At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the statement of comprehensive income. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation surplus relating to that asset are transferred to accumulated surpluses.

**(h) Fair value measurement**

When an asset or liability, financial or non-financial, is measured at fair value for recognition or disclosure purposes, the fair value is based on the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date; and assumes that the transaction will take place either: in the principal market; or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market.

Fair value is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming they act in their economic best interest. For non-financial assets, the fair value measurement is based on its highest and best use. Valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, are used, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value are classified, into three levels, using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. Classifications are reviewed each reporting date and transfers between levels are determined based on a reassessment of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

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**(i) Critical accounting estimates and judgments**

Board members evaluate the estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Group.

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.

**Key estimates - impairment**

The Group assesses impairment at the end of each reporting year by evaluating conditions specific to the Group that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

**Key judgements - employee benefits**

For the purpose of measurement, AASB119: Employee Benefits defines obligations for short-term employee benefits as obligations expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the reporting period in which the employees render the relative services. The Group expects most employees will not take their annual leave entitlements within this 12 month period in which they are earned, but this will not have a material impact on the amounts recognised in respect of obligations for employees' leave entitlements.

**Key judgements - provisions**

Provisions include amounts owing due to a present obligation arising from a past event and from a constructive obligation, namely a historic pattern of payments creating a valid expectation in other parties that the Group will discharge the obligation. The Wilderness Society Ltd has provisions relating to constructive obligations for which the actual amount may differ if circumstances change.

**(j) Financial instruments**

**Initial recognition and measurement**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. For financial assets, this is the equivalent to the date that the Group commits itself to either the purchase or sale of the asset (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transactions costs, except where the instrument is classified 'at fair value through profit or loss' in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately.

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**(j) Financial instruments**

**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 an 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.

Amortised cost is calculated as:

- (a) the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition;
- (b) less principal repayments;
- (c) plus or minus the cumulative amortisation of the difference, if any, between the amount initially recognised and the maturity amount calculated using the *effective interest method*; and
- (d) less any reduction for impairment.

The effective interest method is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life (or when this cannot be reliably predicted, the contractual term) of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Revisions to expected future net cash flows will necessitate an adjustment to the carrying value with a consequential recognition of an income or expense in profit or loss.

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 period for held-to-maturity assets.

The Group does not designate any interests in subsidiaries, associates or joint venture entities as being subject to the requirements of accounting standards specifically applicable to financial instruments.

**(i) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss**

Financial assets are classified at 'fair value through profit or loss' when they are either held for trading for the purpose of short-term profit taking, derivatives not held for hedging purposes, or when they are designated as such to avoid an accounting mismatch or to enable performance evaluation where a group of financial assets is managed by key management personnel on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy. Such assets are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in carrying value being included in profit or loss.

**(ii) 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 subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Loans and receivables are included in current assets, except for those which are not expected to mature within 12 months after the end of the reporting year.

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**(j) Financial instruments**

**(iii) Held-to-maturity investments**

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets that have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments, and it is the Group's intention to hold these investments to maturity. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Held-to-maturity investments are included in non-current assets, except for those which are expected to be realised within 12 months after the end of the reporting period, which will be classified as current assets.

If during the period the Group sold or reclassified more than an insignificant amount of the held-to-maturity investments before maturity, the entire held-to-maturity investments category would be tainted and reclassified as available-for-sale.

**(iv) Available-for-sale financial assets**

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivative financial assets that are either not suitable to be classified into other categories of financial assets due to their nature, or they are designated as such by management. They comprise investments in the equity of other entities where there is neither a fixed maturity nor fixed or determinable payments.

Available-for-sale financial assets are included in non-current assets, except for those which are expected to be sold within 12 months after the end of the reporting period.

**(v) 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 Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting date.

**Fair Value**

Fair value is determined based on current bid prices for all quoted investments. Valuation techniques are applied to determine the fair value of all unlisted securities, including recent arm's length transactions, reference to similar instruments and option pricing models.

**Impairment**

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 net surplus/(deficit) for the year.

Impairment losses are recognised through an allowance account for loans and receivables in the statement of comprehensive income.



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**Derecognition**

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual rights to receipt of cash flows expires of 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 net surplus/(deficit) for the year.

When available-for-sale investments are sold, the accumulated fair value adjustments recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to net surplus/(deficit) for the year.

**(k) Intangible Assets**

**Goodwill**

Goodwill is calculated as the excess of the sum of:

- i) the consideration transferred;
- ii) any non-controlling interest; and
- iii) the acquisition date fair value of any previously held equity interest;

over the acquisition date fair value of net identifiable assets acquired.

The value of goodwill recognised on acquisition of each subsidiary in which the Group holds less than a 50% interest will depend on the method adopted in measuring the aforementioned non-controlling interest. The Group can elect to measure the non-controlling interest in the acquiree either at fair value ('full goodwill method') or at the non-controlling interest's proportionate share of the subsidiary's identifiable net assets ('proportionate interest method'). The Group determines which method to adopt for each acquisition.

Under the 'full goodwill method', the fair values of the non-controlling interests are determined using valuation techniques which make the maximum use of market information where available.

**Software and website development**

Software and website development has a finite life and is carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and impairment losses. Software and website development is amortised over 8 years.

**Amortisation**

Amortisation is recognised in surplus or deficit on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of intangible assets, other than goodwill, from the date that they are available for use.

Amortisation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted if appropriate.

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**(l) Trade and other payables**

Trade and other payables represents the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the Group during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability to the short term nature of these liabilities.

**(m) Employee benefits**

Provision is made for Company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. 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 expected to be settled more than twelve months after the end of the reporting period have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to the probability that the employee may satisfy vesting requirements. Cashflows are discounted using market yields on corporate bonds with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cashflows. Changes in the measurement of the liability are recognised in net surplus/ (deficit) for the year.

**(n) Provisions**

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

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

**(o) Income Tax**

The Wilderness Society Ltd is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. No subsidiaries have income tax payable and therefore there is no income tax expense.

**(p) Leases**

Leases of fixed assets where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership that are transferred to entities in the Group, are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised by recording an asset and a liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

Leased assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives where it is likely that the Group will obtain ownership of the asset or over the term of the lease.

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all of the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

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**(q) Revenue and other income**

Interest revenue is recognised over the period for which the funds are invested.

Revenue from the provision of services is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customer.

Revenue from the provision of membership subscriptions is recognised when received.

Grant income is recognised when expensed in accordance with the terms of the funding agreement.

Donation income is recognised when the Group obtains control over the funds which is generally at the time of receipt.

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

**(r) Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows in the consolidated statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

**2 Revenue**

Revenue from continuing operations

	Parent		Consolidated	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
- Donations	10,282,980	10,176,846	10,282,980	10,176,846
- Bequests	1,005,129	348,850	1,005,129	348,850
- Subscriptions	330,827	651,472	330,827	651,472
- Merchandise and sales	97,859	92,786	97,859	92,787
	<u>11,716,795</u>	<u>11,269,954</u>	<u>11,716,795</u>	<u>11,269,955</u>
- Non operating	314,702	364,442	314,702	378,942
	<u>12,031,497</u>	<u>11,634,396</u>	<u>12,031,497</u>	<u>11,648,897</u>

**3 Cash and cash equivalents**

	Parent		Consolidated	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash at bank and in hand	1,710,557	1,461,203	1,742,620	1,776,328
Short-term bank deposits	285	38,553	285	3,038,553
	<u>1,710,842</u>	<u>1,499,756</u>	<u>1,742,905</u>	<u>4,814,881</u>

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**4 Trade and other receivables**

	Parent		Consolidated	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Trade receivables	296,896	76,293	296,896	78,036
Deposits	9,833	9,833	9,833	9,833
GST receivable	44,077	46,811	44,077	46,976
	<u>350,806</u>	<u>132,937</u>	<u>350,806</u>	<u>134,845</u>

**5 Other financial assets**

	Parent		Consolidated	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
CURRENT				
Shares in listed companies	207,442	-	207,442	-
Term deposit	200,000	600,000	200,000	600,000
Total current assets	<u>407,442</u>	<u>600,000</u>	<u>407,442</u>	<u>600,000</u>

**6 Other assets**

	Parent		Consolidated	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
CURRENT				
Prepayments	191,920	246,671	194,525	249,002
Accrued interest	77,444	64,237	77,444	78,067
Accrued income	-	32,607	-	32,607
	<u>269,364</u>	<u>343,515</u>	<u>271,969</u>	<u>359,676</u>

**7 Investments**

	Parent		Consolidated	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Friends of the Wilderness - at fair value	554,280	554,280	-	-
	<u>554,280</u>	<u>554,280</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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**8 Intangible Assets**

	Parent		Consolidated	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Computer software and website				
Cost	1,695,671	1,040,822	1,695,671	1,040,822
Accumulated amortisation	(254,720)	(128,249)	(254,720)	(128,249)
Net carrying value	1,440,951	912,573	1,440,951	912,573
Goodwill				
Cost	-	-	1,749	1,746
Net carrying value	-	-	1,749	1,746
Total Intangibles	1,440,951	912,573	1,442,700	914,319

(a) Movements in carrying amounts of intangible assets

Parent	Computer software & website	Goodwill	Total
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Year ended 30 June 2017</b>			
Balance at the beginning of the year	912,573	-	912,573
Additions	654,848	-	654,848
Amortisation	(126,470)	-	(126,470)
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	1,440,951	-	1,440,951

Consolidated	Computer software & website	Goodwill	Total
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Year ended 30 June 2016</b>			
Balance at the beginning of the year	912,573	1,749	914,322
Additions	654,848	-	654,848
Amortisation	(126,470)	-	(126,470)
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	1,440,951	1,749	1,442,700

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**9 Property, plant and equipment**

	Parent		Consolidated	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land and buildings				
At valuation	-	-	896,591	751,591
Total land and buildings	-	-	896,591	751,591
Plant and equipment				
At cost	192,633	477,804	194,908	480,319
Accumulated depreciation	(144,030)	(413,954)	(145,046)	(415,153)
Total plant and equipment	48,603	63,850	49,862	65,166
Leasehold improvements				
At cost	183,380	183,380	183,380	183,380
Accumulated depreciation	(93,826)	(54,187)	(93,826)	(54,187)
Total improvements	89,554	129,193	89,554	129,193
<b>Total property, plant and equipment</b>	<b>138,157</b>	<b>193,043</b>	<b>1,036,007</b>	<b>945,950</b>

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**9 Property, plant and equipment**

**(a) Movements in carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment**

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

	<b>Land and Buildings</b>	<b>Plant and Equipment</b>	<b>Leasehold Improvements</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Parent</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Year ended 30 June 2016</b>				
Balance at the beginning of the year	-	63,850	129,193	193,043
Additions	-	22,415	-	22,415
Depreciation expense	-	(34,697)	(39,639)	(74,336)
Disposals - written down value'	-	(2,965)	-	(2,965)
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,603</b>	<b>89,554</b>	<b>138,157</b>
	<b>Land and Buildings</b>	<b>Plant and Equipment</b>	<b>Leasehold Improvements</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Consolidated</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Year ended 30 June 2016</b>				
Balance at the beginning of the year	751,591	65,166	129,193	945,950
Additions	-	22,415	-	22,415
Depreciation	-	(34,754)	(39,639)	(74,393)
Disposals - written down value	-	(2,965)	-	(2,965)
Revaluation increment	145,000	-	-	145,000
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<b>896,591</b>	<b>49,862</b>	<b>89,554</b>	<b>1,036,007</b>

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**10 Trade and other payables**

	Parent		Consolidated	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Trade payables	273,663	286,574	278,911	347,434
Employee accruals	1,219	89,957	1,219	89,957
Accrued expense	236,473	268,457	236,473	268,457
	<u>511,355</u>	<u>644,988</u>	<u>516,603</u>	<u>705,848</u>

The carrying value of trade and other payables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

**11 Employee benefits**

	Parent		Consolidated	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT</b>				
Annual leave	471,700	527,119	471,700	527,119
Long service leave	150,000	329,338	150,000	329,338
	<u>621,700</u>	<u>856,457</u>	<u>621,700</u>	<u>856,457</u>
	Parent		Consolidated	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>NON-CURRENT</b>				
Long service leave	250,844	75,594	250,845	75,594
	<u>250,844</u>	<u>75,594</u>	<u>250,845</u>	<u>75,594</u>

**12 Provision**

	Parent		Consolidated	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT</b>				
Provision for payment of bequests	1,350	378,488	1,350	43,271
<b>Total</b>	<u>1,350</u>	<u>378,488</u>	<u>1,350</u>	<u>43,271</u>



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**13 Financial Risk Management**

The Group's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, short-term investments, accounts receivable and payable, bank loans and overdrafts, loans and leases.

The totals for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 139 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

		<b>Parent</b>		<b>Consolidated</b>	
		<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Financial Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	3	1,710,842	1,499,756	1,742,905	4,814,881
Trade and other receivables	4	350,807	132,937	350,807	134,845
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Investment in Friends of the Wilderness	7	554,280	554,280	-	-
<b>Total financial assets</b>		<u>2,615,929</u>	<u>2,186,973</u>	<u>2,093,712</u>	<u>4,949,726</u>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>					
Financial liabilities					
Forever Wild Trust loan		900,000	-	900,000	-
Trade and other payables	10	511,355	644,988	516,603	705,848
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>		<u>1,411,355</u>	<u>644,988</u>	<u>1,416,603</u>	<u>705,848</u>

**14 Capital and Leasing Commitments**

**(a) Operating Leases**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases:		
- not later than one year	366,693	411,898
- between one year and five years	1,610,516	446,714
	<u>1,977,209</u>	<u>858,612</u>

Operating leases have been taken out for office premises at Davey Street, Hobart, King Street, Melbourne and Kippax St, Sydney.

**(b) Capital expenditure and finance lease commitments**

There are no capital expenditure or finance lease commitments as at 30 June 2017.

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**15 Remuneration of Auditors**

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Remuneration of the auditor of the Company, Crowe Horwath Tasmania, for:		
- auditing and reviewing the financial statements for the group	27,875	27,325

**16 Interests in Subsidiaries**

	Principal place of business / Country of Incorporation	Percentage Owned/Controlled (%)*	Percentage Owned/Controlled (%)*
		2017	2016
<b>Subsidiaries:</b>			
Friends of the Wilderness Unit Trust	Tasmania	73	72
The Wilderness Society Australia Inc	South Australia	-	100
Forever Wild Trust	Tasmania	-	100

\*The percentage of ownership interest held is equivalent to the percentage voting rights for all subsidiaries.

**17 Related Parties**

There have been no other related party transactions outside of those disclosed within Note 18.

(a) The Group's main related parties are as follows:

(i) Subsidiaries:

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of The Wilderness Society Ltd and its subsidiaries. For details of subsidiaries, see note 16.

(b) Transactions with 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.

(c) Other related parties

Other related parties include close family members of key management personnel and entities that are controlled or significantly influenced by those key management personnel or their close family members.

**18 Events Occurring After the Reporting Date**

No other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Group, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Group in future financial years.

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**19 Key Management Personnel Disclosures**

The total remuneration paid to key management personnel of the Company and the Group is \$ 698,963 (2016: \$ 668,830).

**20 Fair Value Measurement**

AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement requires all assets and liabilities measured at fair value to be assigned to a level in the fair value hierarchy as follows:

- Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The table below shows the assigned level for each asset and liability held at fair value by the group as it includes land and buildings:

	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>30 June 2017</b>				
<b>Recurring fair value measurements</b>				
Shares in listed companies	207,442	-	-	207,442
Land and Buildings	-	896,591	-	896,591
<b>Financial assets</b>				
	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>30 June 2016</b>				
<b>Recurring fair value measurements</b>				
Land and Buildings	-	751,591	-	751,591
<b>Financial assets</b>				

The current use of each asset measured at fair value is considered to be its highest and best use.

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**21 Reserves**

Restricted: Represents funds made generally from non-government sources for specific purposes or outcomes. Restricted funds are funds received or reserves held that must be spent on the purpose for which they were received or are held. They comprise of significant donations, sponsorships and bequests where the supporter indicates a preference for how the funds should be spent.

The Wilderness Society Ltd also ties funds for specific purpose and activity which are allocated through organisational planning processes. These funds are allocated to priority campaigns over multiple years or set aside for specific science and research projects and both ensure that The Wilderness Society Ltd can continue to undertake long term thinking and planning with regards to continental scale solutions, fundamental ecological processes and broad policy development. All other funds are unrestricted in that the Board has the discretion to spend them on purposes for which The Wilderness Society Ltd was established.

**22 Company Details**

The registered office of the Company is:  
The Wilderness Society Ltd  
132 Davey Street  
HOBART TAS 7000

**The Wilderness Society Ltd**

**Auditors Independence Declaration Under 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 To the Directors of The Wilderness Society Ltd and Controlled Entities**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2017, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

  
Crowe Horwath Tasmania



Alison Flakemore

**Audit Partner**

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017.

Hobart, Tasmania.

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## Independent Audit Report to the members of The Wilderness Society Ltd

### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of The Wilderness Society Ltd (the Company) and its subsidiaries (the Group), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Group is in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 30 June 2017 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements, and Division 60 the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are 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. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

### Other Information

The Board are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Board Report for the year ended 30 June 2017, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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#### Responsibilities of the Board for The Financial Report

The Board is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the applicable legislation and for such internal control as the Board 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, the Board is responsible for assessing the Group'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 the Board either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company financial reporting process.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our 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 our 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 our 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\\_files/ar3.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_files/ar3.pdf). This description forms part of our auditor's report.



Crowe Horwath Tasmania



Alison Flakemore

**Audit Partner**

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017.

Hobart, Tasmania.