



THE GREENS (WA) 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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THE FOUR PILLARS



PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

An open system that allows meaningful participation by the whole community is the basis of true democracy.



PEACE & NON-VIOLENCE

Nonviolent methods of conflict resolution, with a focus on nuclear disarmament, are essential as we work towards a world at peace.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

A fair, equitable and humane society is based implicitly on equal justice for all.



ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY

Our economic and environmental management must be founded on sustainable practices to guarantee a viable future for our children.



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CO-CONVENORS' REPORT

by CHILLA BULBECK & MATT ROBERTS



This has been another big year for the Greens WA. From the highs (Marriage Equality!) to the lows (losing Jay) and all the challenges in-between, we have tried to summarise some of the key parts of our year here.

When will there be an election?

The Greens WA have been preparing for the Federal election almost since the state election. We planned to be ready for an August election and we almost were. We will definitely be rearing to go if the election is held in March/May 2019, as now seems most likely.

One of the goals that came out of the Greens Futures workshops conducted last year was to win a lower house seat. Propelled by our Power Up training early in the year which energised new volunteers, our first 2018 by-election, in Cottesloe, saw enthusiastic new members alongside old hands talking to voters at their door. This was followed by the Darling Range by-election in which members from outside and inside the electorate worked together to ensure all booths were covered on polling day. The Federal by-elections in Perth and Fremantle at the end of July saw us achieve over 33% two-party preferred vote and a fantastic turnout of campaign organisers and volunteers. We knocked on 25,000 doors in just two electorates: more doors than we have knocked on in any previous election.

Thanks to the persistent energy and overarching coordination of our State Director, Sophie Greer, other federal campaign teams are already on the road - knocking on doors, filming candidate videos, attending community events, and

building social media profiles. This action is happening in locations as far apart as Albany and Broome, with lots of activity in between, particularly in the metro areas.

Strengthening our consensus-based culture

It's often our policies and our difference from the other parties that attract new members to the Greens. It's the camaraderie of working with other members, their breadth of knowledge and passion and who share the same values and vision which engage members more actively. In the last 18 months or so, the Greens have been profiled in the media as riven by factions and inadequate responses to sexual harassment. For many members, these revelations come as a profound shock and disappointment, given our commitment to consensus decision-making and grassroots democracy.

In response, we have joined Greens parties across Australia to strengthen our governance architecture with new by-laws dealing with conflict resolution and sexual harassment. We have run a series of workshops on facilitation, group dynamics, conflict resolution and our nonviolence pillar, drawing on internal expertise and external facilitators. The Young Greens national conference held in Perth in January included a compulsory workshop on consent developed by the NSW Young Greens.

We are planning more consent training, responding to complaints and ensuring safe meeting practices to build a robust and inclusive culture which honours difference and diversity and achieves cohesion and consensus through respectful debate.

The Membership journey

Our membership approval processes have been streamlined. Every couple of months we run google hangouts to meet new members. We have been supporting Regional Group membership officers to ring their lapsed members to keep them with us. We ring resigned members for exit interviews to assist us in strengthening our culture. Annual workshops with incoming Regional Group membership officers will gather new ideas for membership engagement and retention, for example; more invitations to active supporters to join Greens WA; social and information events for new members; welcome videos; and improved matching of members' skills and interests to the party's needs and programs.

Community engagement

It might seem obvious that political parties exist to win seats in government. However, for some in the Greens our main goal is to get our policies legislated – and it doesn't really matter who does it. As a social movement, we seek to inform the public that their values are our policies and to persuade them that we can have the bright future expressed in our four pillars.

The Marriage Equality campaign was an exciting example of working with the Labor Party and community groups to build the strongest possible community campaign. The survey encouraged many Australians to see, if only fleetingly, that politics is about having a stake in our own lives. If we want to build better community engagement with fellow travellers and aligned community groups, the Equal Marriage campaign paved the way. We have ongoing collaborations with the CALD and Indigenous communities; in sharing the achievements of women in many walks of life as well as with advocacy groups in disability rights; mental health; homelessness and tenants' rights; and so many more examples. This work provides opportunities for members and our politicians, at all three levels of government, to work together to build our movement and support for our progressive policies.

Administration

It took many Regional Group meetings, but we achieved consensus that the Party was ready to grow through financial investment in the State Director role as a continuing position. Sophie Greer, as State Director, has managed organisational compliance with occupational health and safety requirements; permanent representatives' understanding of their legislative obligations; migrating the new website; supporting a range of Working Group activities from fundraising to ICT; and ensuring campaign reviews inform the design and resourcing of subsequent campaigns.

Most exciting, Sophie Greer has worked with the party to transform GWA from an administrative party to a proactive party, campaigning on issues that matter and building our membership and movement. This has allowed the GWA office-bearers to be similarly forward-looking and strategic to match the expanded promise for the Party with a continuing state director role.

We have worked with a number of Regional Groups during the year to build our member engagement, including Burt-Canning, Pearce-Hasluck, Fremantle-Tangney, Stirling, O'Connor, Curtin and Perth, and the Greater Bunbury local group.. A regional and rural loomio has been set up, and there is a proposal for a regional and rural working group to promote access for rural members. ICT-WG members are working hard to find a remote access solution for our Representatives Council meetings.

We have avoided thanking anyone by name so far, as there are too many of you: Regional Group and Working Group Convenors and other office bearers; campaign teams; and office volunteers. Thanks to every single member and volunteer who keeps hope alive in the Party. Our pillars stand for something very hard to win, but what most Australians want in our hearts.

We do want to name and thank Grahame Bowland and Hannah Milligan for their thoughtful handover and to Hannah for continuing to offer

her expertise as a member of Administration Working Group alongside Annabelle Newbury, Cadell Eynon and Diana MacTiernan. Thanks to our fellow office bearers, Ryan Quinn as punctilious secretary and Dan Loden, as visionary treasurer.

Thanks to Sophie Greer, our State Director for unfaltering support, to Rowena Skinner, the office manager and 'key to all administrative knowledge', and Jenny Sullivan, our book-keeper, as well as Rowena's happy and hardworking team of volunteers, each of whom donates thousands of dollars of time to the Greens WA. In 2017 we lost our longest serving office volunteer, friend and stalwart supporter of the Greens, Jay Birnbrauer. Jay left us an extremely generous gift from his estate (Peace, love and chocolate Jay, wherever you are!).



TREASURER'S REPORT

by DAN LODEN

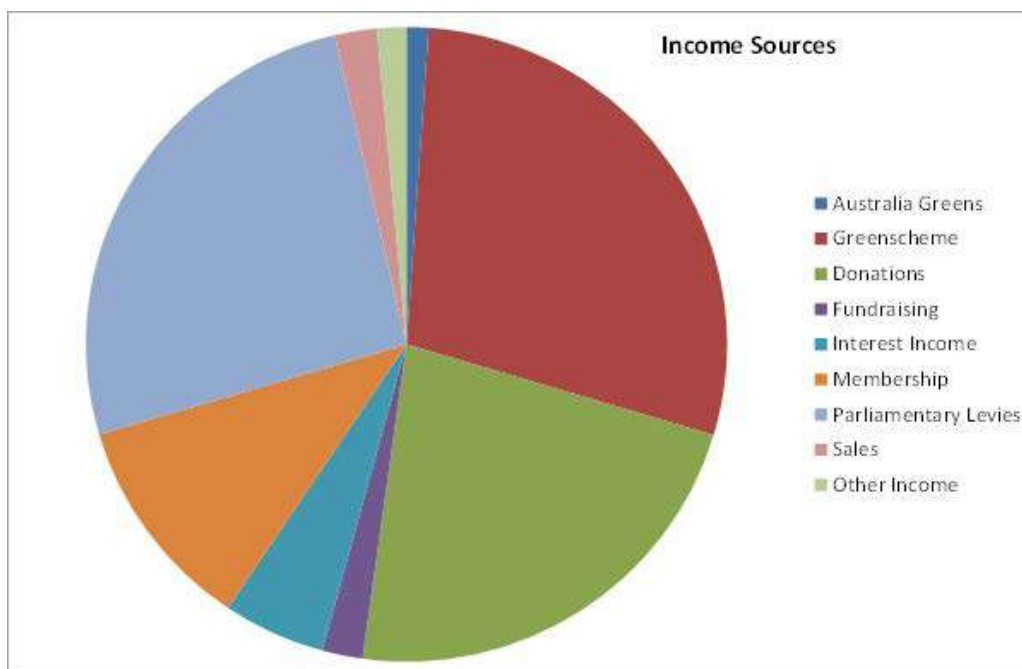


Our financial reports are consolidated and include all the activities of The Greens (WA). This includes our administration, campaigns and regional groups. Our audited finance report includes the income from the Future Fund as well, as this is required by the current accounting standards. The Future Fund is not reported on during the financial year in our regular monthly financial statements. The treasurer's report to Reps provides a high level summary of the status of the Future Fund.

The overall result for the 2017-18 year was a loss of \$71,204. This was made of:

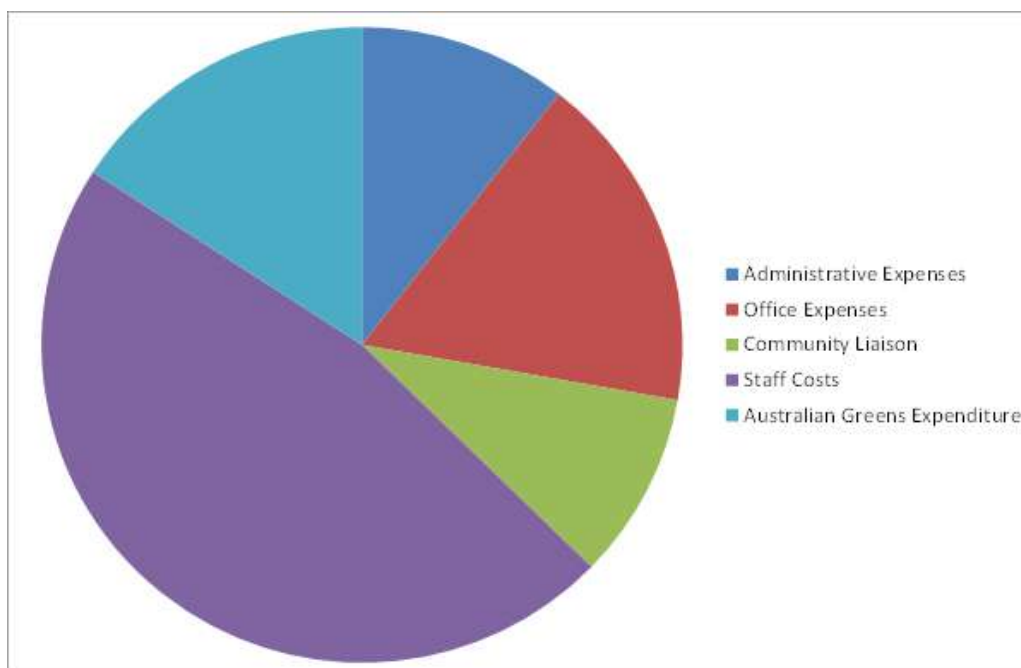
- a \$79,218 loss on Operations
- An overall surplus of \$8014 from campaigns and regional groups

Operations Income by Source



	Jun-18		
	Budget	Actuals	Difference
Australia Greens	\$0	\$3,389	100%
Greenscheme	\$100,000	\$87,384	-13%
Donations	\$30,000	\$69,210	131%
Fundraising	\$0	\$6,282	100%
Interest Income	\$18,000	\$15,844	-12%
Membership	\$48,000	\$33,768	-30%
Parliamentary Levies	\$81,988	\$79,614	-3%
Sales	\$4,000	\$6,510	63%
Other Income	\$4,000	\$4,520	13%
TOTAL	\$285,988	\$306,522	

Operations Expenses by Category



	Jun-18		
	Budget	Actuals	Difference
Administrative Expenses	\$43,522	\$40,624	-7%
Office Expenses	\$67,061	\$66,554	-1%
Community Liaison	\$31,190	\$36,739	18%
Staff Costs	\$176,116	\$180,663	3%
Australian Greens Expenditure	\$59,898	\$61,161	2%
TOTAL	\$377,787	\$385,740	

The events of the year can be seen reflected in the financial reports. The way in which they affected our income and expenses include:

Cottesloe & Darling Range By-elections

Both elections we successfully delivered as a campaign and were approximately cost neutral for the party. The specific costs have not been outlined in this report as they are not considered significant to the overall finances of the party.

Federal By-Elections (Perth & Fremantle)

The recent by-elections result in an unplanned loss in 2017/18 as the majority of the costs incurred happened in the 2017/18 financial year, whilst the income did not arrive until 2018/19 financial year. We have not included the details in this financial year but will report back on this in 2018/19. In summary however both campaigns resulted in a net financial gain for the party, estimated at \$35,000, in addition to topping up some of our reserve funds (such as the Australian Greens Levy). This money will be retained as untied funds to meet the longer term commitments for the party.

Parliamentary Levies

Financial contributions are 26% of our income. This was slightly below forecast due to not having a sitting senator for a number of months in the course of the year.

Commencement of our State Director

In March 2018 Representatives Council made the decision to make the State director role permanent. This represents a significant investment by the organisation in our collective future as we move forward in subsequent years to a federal election in 2018/19 and a state election in 2020/21. Whilst an operational cost, it is seen as a key step in investing in and growing the party.

Members and Greenscheme

We are our membership – members, through their membership fees and regular Greenscheme contributions, paid for 40% of our operational costs. Membership revenue came in significantly below forecast (30% less) and will need to be an area of focus in the future to increase renewals.

Donations

Our members and supporters are crucial to every campaign. Their generosity covered 23% of all our expenses. Further donations significantly exceeded expectation at \$69,000 compared to a planned \$30,000. This is a significant contributor to the better than expected year end outcome.

Other Income Sources

Interest Income, Dividends from the Future Fund, Fundraising and Sales make up the remainder of the income sources, we also received a small amount of income from the Australia Greens for support we have provided to the central office.

The Future Fund

Founded in 2015 the Future fund saw significant growth in 2017/18 with the current balance being \$1,048,897. I would like to acknowledge the generosity of Jay Birnbrauer in his bequest to GWA which forms part of the funds contributed this year. You shall not be forgotten. With the recent influx of funds the future fund is in the position to consider options such as the purchase of an office for GWA, which was part of the original intent of the fund. This would offset significant administrative costs for GWA as well as providing a permanent presence for GWA. A full report is available.

Reporting, Disclosures & Audits

Reporting, disclosures and Audit are a big part of our financial compliance and have been completed on time and with no further action required. Critically our recent audit has shown full compliance with no significant findings.

Divestment

Divestment from institutions that invest in fossil fuels has continued and is nearly complete. This is expected to be finalised by the end of 18/19 financial year once we have moved from Commsec for our future fund investments.

The Future

We have ended the financial year with \$693,000 in the bank which provides a suitable cover to

support cash flow of the organisation in the coming years.

In the coming years GWA has a number of financial challenges including funding a federal and state election, investing in a potential lower house seat campaign and addressing our ongoing operational budget deficit. However we have seen strong growth in recurring donations and the Future Fund continues to grow and offset costs. Our financial position has improved over the course of 2017/18, primarily due to the changes in the Future Fund, but we need to ensure we are spending our financial resources wisely on the issues that matter and will continue to support the growth and rigour of the Greens WA.

Thank you to:

- our Representatives Council for their overall responsibility and for making the big decisions;
- Admin Working Group for their responsible management;
- our Future Fund directors, especially Mark Siford for their work in securing our future;
- our fundraising and donor relations team, especially Chilla Bulbeck; and
- Our finance team. We can't manage, implement and report on our activities without the timely and accurate work of Rowena Skinner, Annabelle Newbury and Jenny Sullivan. Thank you all so very much.

The full financial reports are provided as a separate document. Please ask for a copy if you did not receive one.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

by RYAN QUINN

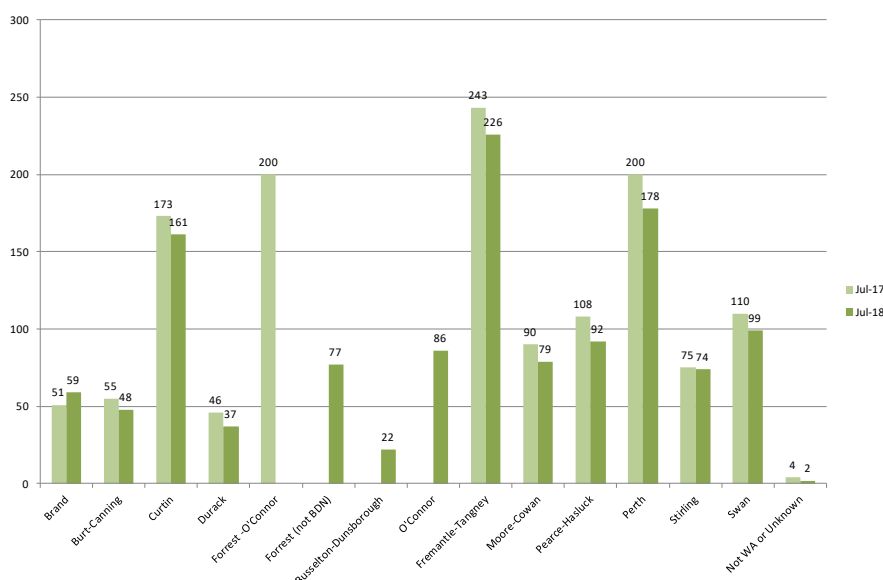


As Secretary for the Greens (WA) over the past year, I have had the privilege of working closely with our passionate volunteers, members and staff to ensure the Party is functioning at optimal capacity so we can continue building our movement.

As Secretary I have had the pleasure of working with the members of the Administration Working Group on matters of internal governance. We have had a particularly productive year, improving party processes with the development of Greens (WA) sexual harassment procedures, the review of proxy procedures, maintaining a register of working group mandates, and with particular assistance and drive from Sophie Greer our State Director we have had a renewed focus on occupational health and safety and have developed an internal risk register. I'd like to thank the members of Admin Working Group for their efforts this year, including Annabelle Newbury, Cadell Eynon, Hannah Milligan, Rowena Skinner and Diana MacTiernan.


In terms of membership, we have had some ups and downs this year. With a re-vamped membership renewal process in place we have seen members renewing faster than previously, reducing the rate of lapsed members. At various points throughout the year we also experience small spikes in new member applications – most recently as a result of Richard di Natale's speech following the change in Prime Ministers. Overall, our total number of members over the past financial year have decreased from 1,355 in July 2017 to 1,240 in July 2018. This slight dip is generally consistent with previous years where there has been no major election campaigns in place. Whilst the number of members has decreased, the percentage of members on Greenscheme has risen slightly from 31% to 33%.

Membership Numbers 2017 vs 2018



It's been a dynamic year in terms of working groups, with five new groups forming over the past year or so including the Pride WG; Unions WG; Local Government WG; and more recently the Country Greens WG; and the Office Selection WG. These groups are a great way for members to engage in areas of particular interest to them – please get involved! Working groups are also a great opportunity to build skills and knowledge within our membership base.

I'd like to thank Jean Le Quesne, our Membership Officer, and Eddie Marynowicz for their ongoing efforts in processing membership applications. I'm not sure how we would handle the workload without their assistance and dedication! Thanks are also due to Margo Beilby for facilitating the fast-track Loomio membership process, and to our Regional Group membership officers. Thank you to my fellow Office Bearers – Matt Roberts, Chilla Bulbeck and Dan Loden and to Sophie Greer our State Director. As a team we have collaboratively tackled the challenges that have come before us, and worked with passion to strengthen the Party. It has been a pleasure being the Greens (WA) Secretary throughout the past year.



STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

by SOPHIE GREER



It has been a huge year for our team.

I'm proud that over the last year we've worked together on some big campaigns and some highlights include;

- A fun local government campaign that many of our members were involved in!
- Four by-elections within five months. The campaign energy was huge over these few months and it was a pleasure to work alongside the teams in Cottesloe, Darling Range, Perth and Fremantle.
- Preparing for the next election; this is going to be the biggest one yet. We've got campaign teams happening across the State and are well on our way to ensuring our movement is able to get Jordon Steele-John back into the Senate.
- Improving our membership processes & membership experience; we've updated our membership systems, and we're creating more opportunities for new members to get involved and understand how they can get involved and make an impact.
- Improving Party governance; I've been working alongside our decision-making bodies to improve participation of members and ensure we understand the workplace health and safety, legal obligations and financial requirements of an organisation like ours. We've also continued to improve our by-laws including the Conflict Resolution and Sexual Harassment by-laws.
- Our growing staff team; it's been a big year for the William St team and a huge thank you to Rowena Skinner (Office Manager), Jenny Sullivan (Accounts Assistant) and Lily Newbury-Freeman (Lead Organiser) for their dedication to their roles.
- It's been a privilege to work closely with our Federal and State Parliamentary teams, and sharing our wins and successes with other State Parties and the Australian Greens team
- Focusing on Fundraising; thanks to the generosity of our movement we were able to meet our fundraising targets for the last year. We're now building our capacity for online donations in time for the Federal election.
- We've been training; a huge thank you to the many people who have run training in the last year. Our movement has been trained up in everything from social media, conflict resolution and much more. A training highlight was the PowerUp! run earlier in the year with many of our campaigners attending.

Our members contribute to our movement in many ways, and it's a privilege to be a part of it. This year has thrown many surprise by-elections our way, and it's so exciting to see new people jumping right in and others sticking around to be part of campaign after campaign. Thank you!

We've got a big Federal election campaign ahead of us, with many challenges and opportunities along the way. I look forward to working with you to build a future for all of us.

REPORTS FROM OUR GREENS (WA) MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT▲



RACHEL SIEWERT

SENATOR FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA



It's been another intense year of Parliament and campaigning, as we tried our best to speak to issues that matter to the community, planet and our future, particularly around reducing inequality, defending vulnerable Australians and protecting our climate.

Campaigns for people and planet

This year started off with the biggest Change the Date campaign we've ever run – resulting in us successfully profiling the Change the Date movement as the first step towards truth, justice and healing. We held our first Truth Telling event, with a panel of exceptional First Nations leaders, who spoke about their lived experiences and the importance of moving away from January 26th.

Our campaign to scrap the Cashless Welfare Card came within inches of halting two new trial sites, and in the end we managed to knock Bundaberg off the Government's agenda (although they are trying again to put a trial there). This punitive measure is an approach which does not have the evidence to support it. The trials are having a negative impact on people accessing income support and we will continue to try to disallow them in the Senate.

Newstart has not been raised since 1994, whilst the cost of living has increased dramatically, leaving those accessing some social security payments living in poverty. The campaign to raise the rate of Newstart by \$75 a week now has many groups and organisations supporting it including unlikely ones, like John Howard. It is time we stopped leaving struggling people behind and for Newstart to be increased to a level where jobseekers can live with some dignity. We are a kind and generous nation and to leave people trying to find a job living well below the poverty is a national shame.

Senate Inquiries

Some senate inquiries completed in the last 12 months included inquiries into the future of work, the community development program (CDP), the NDIS, age care, mitochondrial donations, drug testing for income support recipients and the punitive cashless debit card.

The establishment of the Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition Relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples was also an important moment to note, hearing directly from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations about a way forward on constitutional recognition.

Redress scheme

It's been an incredibly important year for survivors of child sexual abuse with the roll out of the National Redress scheme and Western Australia finally committing to the national redress scheme

for survivors of child sexual abuse, after the Royal Commission last year.

We welcomed the Federal Government committing to adopt 104 out of 122 Royal Commission recommendations relating to the Commonwealth, but continued to urge the Government to commit to a cap of \$200,000 for survivors instead of \$150,000.

I'm currently part of the committee providing advice to the Government on the national apology to survivors and I'm glad a date has been set for that.

Marriage Equality

It's hard to write an annual report without mentioning the historic moment we watched late last year with the passing of the Marriage Equality Bill. This is an issue that we've campaigned as Greens on for years, and to see it pass after 12 years in the Senate and years of dedicated campaigning by LGBTIQ+ organisations and community was just the best.



JORDON STEELE-JOHN

SENATOR FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA



What an incredible whirlwind the last 9 months has been! Almost one year ago to the day we found out that our dear friend, and former Senator, Scott Ludlam would be representing us no more. Scott set off a domino effect in both the Senate, and the House of Representatives, that we still haven't seen the end of.

For me, Scott's resignation was (literally) a life-changing moment. I'd been involved in the Greens for years and a candidate for local, state and federal elections, but never had I expected that I would actually take office. Yet here I am!

Since embracing the challenge of being your Senator for WA I've taken on the responsibility of the Youth and Disability Rights portfolios which suits me well as the youngest ever Senator, and the first to use a wheelchair. I've also inherited the Sustainable Cities and Digital Rights, NBN and IT portfolios from Scott. Just between friends, learning the ins and outs of encryption, copyright law and metadata retention has been interesting!

During my first sitting fortnight Australia got the news that 62% of us had voted in favour of marriage equality, and our Parliament subsequently discussed (and passed!) an historic bill to legalise marriage for all couples. I was simply blown away to be able to vote yes, both in the postal survey and in the actual Senate, to marriage equality in Australia and be there for such an historic moment. The atmosphere in Canberra was absolutely electric!

At the end of November, just before the Christmas break – I gave my first speech to the Australian Senate. Rather than do the same thing every single person does when they deliver a first speech and simply thank a laundry list of people, I decided to ask the people what they thought I should talk about, what issues mattered to them. It was a huge success! More than 3000 people responded to my call. As far as I'm aware I am the only politician to crowd source his first speech to Parliament!



Although I have had many “firsts” in the last 12 months there is none that I am more proud of than the introduction of my first bill. In April, during youth week, I announced that I would be introducing a bill to lower the voting age to 16 in Australia, giving young people the voice they deserve in our Parliament and helping to fight back against the growing disenfranchisement and disenchantment we’re seeing amongst young people right across this country. Since then the bill has been referred, by the Senate, to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters. The inquiry received almost 100 submissions, the overwhelming majority of which were positive, and just a couple of weeks ago had its first hearing in Melbourne. I am so damn excited for the committee to report so that we can take the next steps towards legislating this important democratic reform.

So, finally I would like to thank all of you for your support, encouragement and wisdom over this last 12 months. In particular my family, who have been an absolute rock, and my staff – Trish, Elliot, Aimee, Penny and Tim – who have softened the learning process and made sure that our time has actually been productive both in Perth, and in Canberra.

The next 12 months presents some incredible challenges for all of us. If you know me at all then you will know that election campaigning is my lifeblood, but we have a huge fight on our hands to keep our Senate seat here in WA for the Greens. We’ve seen the rise of far-right parties over the last couple of years, and an ongoing push from conservatives inside the government as well that means we could seriously be facing the prospect of the next Federal Election being fought on immigration.

Our movement is dedicated to fighting for the needs of our community and building a better future for all of us and we’ve proven time and again that we don’t need big corporate money to run big community campaigns. I can’t wait to get out there and campaign with all of you!



ROBIN CHAPPLE

MEMBER FOR MINING & PASTORAL



What an absolutely incredible year this has been, not just for me and my team but for our entire movement! Not to come across too much like Mr Turnbull, but I can honestly say that there has never been a more exciting time to be a Green. Whether you're down in Perth, or one of the many wonderful members I have the honour of representing in Kalgoorlie, Karratha, Broome and beyond, thank you for keeping our party strong.

This year we have been running several key campaigns; on plastics and waste reduction, industrialisation of the Burrup, fracking, remote Aboriginal communities and pollution levels among many others.

A big win was finally seeing the introduction of a plastic bag ban*.

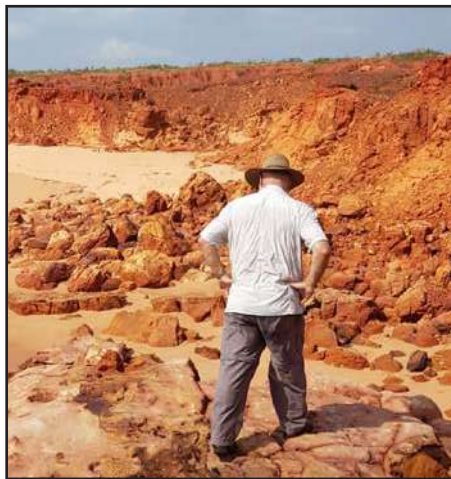
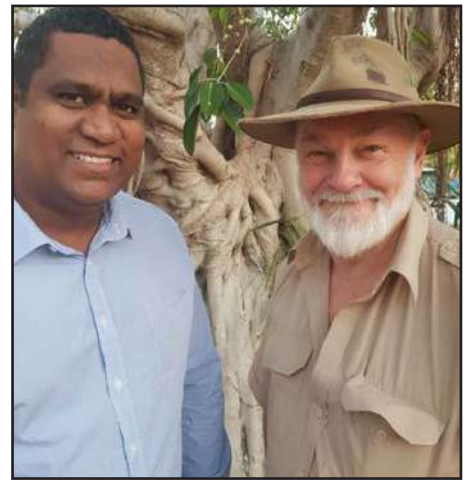
*not a ban, simply the introduction of even thicker plastic bags.

We have been campaigning strongly to get the Government on board with plastic reduction and it seems that they are finally swinging in behind community sentiment to back a ban on some single use plastics. I introduced my Environmental Protection Amendment (Banning Plastic Bags and Other Things) Bill 2018 which essentially amounted to a ban on most single use plastics, with exemptions for medical and accessibility reasons. Unfortunately, the Labor Government has vowed to vote against my Bill, showing that we always have more work to do to pressure the Government to stop polluting our oceans and bushland with wasteful plastics.

I recently returned from spending time on the Burrup Peninsula, home to the largest collection of rock art in the world, and also home to chemical plants and resource exports – which will only get worse if the McGowan Labor Government get their way. The rock art here is so old that it depicts animals that are now extinct, such as the Genyornis – google it. When Labor announced plans for further industrialisation, it sparked a fresh campaign to achieve World Heritage Listing for the amazing peninsula. No one saw this coming, because Mark McGowan had previously indicated that he would work with traditional owners. He's thrown that consultative, evidenced based approach out of the window in return for a quick fix for his mates in industry.

I have always said, I am lucky to have the best job in the world. The amazing people, beautiful places and incredible campaigns to make the world a better place are just some of the reasons why.

As we head into the next year, there is more to do than ever and more reason for The Greens to remain a strong movement in and out of Parliament. Everything we MPs do is made possible because of the membership, so thank you.



TIM CLIFFORD

MEMBER FOR EAST METROPOLITAN



The past year has been a busy one for me and my team. We welcomed a new staff member, Talitha Wolfe and have just inducted a new batch of parliamentary interns from Murdoch University.

Earlier in the year we conducted a survey of over 700 renters in Western Australia, which gave us a valuable insight into life as a renter in 2018. As more and more people turn to renting as a long-term housing solution, it's time that our system changed to balance the scales and make renting fair for tenants and landlords. We hosted a Renters Rights community forum in May where we heard firsthand from renters about their struggles and discussed the kinds of changes that I will be fighting for in the upcoming legislative review.

We welcomed the announcement by the State Government that it will overturn the approvals for Roe 8 and move a large portion of land around Beeliar Wetlands to Class 'A' Reserve. We look forward to the completion of this process and will be working to make sure it happens in a timely manner. As one precious place looks to finally get the protection it deserves, others around Perth have not been so lucky. I have been proud to stand alongside the Friends of Brixton Street Wetlands group in its fight against a development which – if permitted to proceed – will destroy roost habitat for the Forest Red Tailed Black Cockatoo. It's an all-too-common story of tension between development and urban forest protection, but thanks to the tireless work of campaigners and community groups, there is still hope that this particular habitat will be saved.

On the local front, I have continued to support the Midland Oval campaign. While many might look at this site and wonder why on earth we care so much about a patch of lawn – the principles behind this fight are important. There is a strong and large section of the community that remains disappointed by the consistent lack of consultation when it comes to planning in their city, and ultimately the lack of foresight shown by the City of Swan. The community values its city and simply wants a development that meets the needs of the community and includes a decent sized public open green space. In June, a group of diverse community members slept out on the oval to stop bulldozers coming in the middle of the night. The strength and commitment of these people has led to the Local Government Minister investigating the Council's spending of \$32 million on this project with no business plan.

The Midland Oval issue means more than just this one campaign, it goes to the heart of my approach. Localising issues that relate to my portfolios is fundamental to my approach. Localising issues allows me to address broader issues across the state, it provides important context and real life examples of policy failures that can be addressed through the implementation of Greens policies. Through this campaign we have put developers and local government on notice and in the process have earned the respect and gratitude of the local community.

In the upcoming Parliamentary session, I will be debating Bills relating to Metronet, Heritage and Strata Titles. After participating in Estimates hearings, we'll continue to fight for increased funding for the WA games industry, better and cheaper public transport, installation of rooftop solar on public housing and assistance for low-income earners in the face of rising living costs. I'm looking forward to the year ahead!

I have also been active on the ground not only consulting with the many stakeholders relating to my portfolios but also helping with the Perth by-election and continuing to work with our lower house campaign teams in the East Metro region as they prepare for the upcoming federal election. We should all do what we can to assist them as they work to build our movement.



DIANE EVERS

MEMBER FOR THE SOUTH WEST



In June 5 this year, I celebrated one year in office. We've accomplished much in that time, but there's so still more to do to ensure proper use of natural resources and appropriate delivery of services to all Western Australians.

Indeed, it's been a period of challenges and triumphs, demonstrated none more so than by our tale of two petitions.

I was very pleased when the WA Parliamentary committee agreed to hold an inquiry into compensation for economic loss to WA farmers caused by contamination from genetically modified material. This was a result of a petition which I had the honour of tabling, one of my first acts as a Parliamentarian.

The Standing Committee is still hearing and I expect a decision to be made by the end of the year. Somewhat bewilderingly, the response was not so favourable for a petition I tabled which called for the immediate protection of high conservation value (HCV) forests. The petition was one of the largest to be tabled in the WA parliament this century, with 5000 more signatories than the appeal for a referendum on Daylight Saving in 2007. But it was closed after it was claimed that the Forest Management Plan (FMP) currently in place (2013-2023) already took into account the HCV attributes of South West forests.

I remain undaunted and will continue to press for the State Government to safeguard HCV forests and transition the timber industry out of native forest logging. Indeed, I look forward to the findings of the draft mid-term review of the FMP, due this month (August). The recommendations of the review, which audits the FMP key performance indicators, will be made available for public comment for six weeks once released.

I'll also be hosting a discussion of forest practices at a forthcoming weekend workshop on forestry, scheduled to be held at Margaret River in late September. Topics to be discussed include a definition of High Conservation Value forests, why they're threatened and what we can do about protecting them. I hope it will also serve to raise awareness of this important issue.

On other matters, I lobbied the State Government to rethink its projected funding cuts to the state's 105 Community Resource Centres. I was therefore delighted when the State Government decided to reverse the move in August. The CRCs worked so hard to deliver the message about how essential they are and they deserve full credit for the result.

Meanwhile, the live sheep export industry has been at the forefront of agricultural issues, with all politicians, myself included, subjected to a letter-writing campaign from farmers and allied

industries beseeching support for continuation of the trade. There's no question that we support farmers and the associated businesses servicing the agricultural sector. However, we believe that the livestock export industry is in immediate need of restructure. I believe it is now time for the Government to focus on transitioning the live export industry to a more benign and sustainable model with time-based measurable goals, to ensure farmers' livelihoods are secure.

There were of course many other concerns I addressed throughout the year, including support for shark deterrents and the need for solid infrastructure to cater for the lithium boom, which I am very excited about.

And closer to home, I was delighted when I successfully encouraged Parliament's catering staff to stop using plastic straws for beverages. Every small step helps in the fight against plastic contamination, as indeed does every small step in our various battles on sustainability, conservation and social equality.

If you would like to speak with me about issues that matter to you, please get in touch via southwestevers@mp.wa.gov.au



ALISON XAMON

MEMBER FOR NORTH METROPOLITAN



It is difficult to believe only a year of my Parliamentary term has already passed. When I reflect on the past 12 months, I am pleased with what has so far been achieved and yet, as always, there is much more and many campaigns still planned. In the final days of sitting before the winter break, I introduced my fourth Private Members Bill for this term, the Equal Opportunity (LGBTI Anti-Discrimination) Bill 2018, which, if passed, will prevent private religious schools from discriminating against LGBTIQ students, staff and parents. It is very important that, in a post-marriage equality Western Australia, this law which continues to allow legal discrimination against people on the basis of their sexuality or gender history, is repealed and replaced.

The Bill followed my Industrial Relations (Equal Remuneration) Amendment Bill 2018, which I introduced to the Legislative Council at the end of March. Of equal urgency, this Bill will allow the WA Industrial Relations Commission to hear pay equity cases and make enforceable equal remuneration orders. I am also calling on the Government to re-establish the Pay Equity Unit. My Criminal Code Amendment (Industrial Manslaughter) Bill 2017 and Electoral Amendment (Access to Ministers) Bill 2017, both of which I introduced last year, are also still before the Parliament awaiting debate but have been the subject of much discussion amongst stakeholders.

Much has been done within the Parliamentary Select Committee into Elder Abuse, to which I was appointed Deputy Chair in September 2017. The Committee has looked at a broad range of issues affecting older Western Australians and conducted many public and private hearings in a bid to establish the multifaceted solutions required to address this increasing exploitation. Similarly, my work with the Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission has to date resulted in seven reports tabled in Parliament in addition to being in the middle of a Parliamentary Inquiry into Risks of Corruption in the Procurement of Government Goods and Services.

As I hold the Health and the Justice portfolios, I handle the vast majority of Bills which come before the Council. The Greens remain the consistent voice calling for long-term preventative and early intervention approaches to Health and for a commitment to Social Reinvestment and the Rule of Law when we have our Law and Order debates. Our contributions are evidence-based and grounded in social justice.

I have spoken on a wide range of issues affecting the state within my portfolio areas including the abhorrent recent cuts to the Education budget; the ongoing state of TAFE and training in this state and the need to implement recommendations coming from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. I have also reiterated the need to ensure successful implementation of the NDIS in WA; discussed the urgent case for reform of the youth justice system and talked about the significance of a well-funded State Records Office amongst other measures, which support integrity in Government. As always, I continue to speak regularly on my

favourite topics of mental health and suicide prevention. Most recently, I have gone into detail as to the Government's failure to adequately fund the 10-Year mental health and AOS services plan, which is meant to be the blueprint for services across this state now and into the future.

In my Electorate, I continue to work alongside the community to save Underwood Avenue and Lemnos Street bushlands; to advocate for best environmental practice in design and build processes for Ocean Reef Marina; and (although not in North Metro) to speak against the development of a wave park for Alfred Cove. Regularly discussing the need for new high schools for the western suburbs remains firmly on my agenda and I am working to establish how much work has been done to achieve the objectives set out in the Swan Canning River Protection Strategy amongst other things.



WORKING GROUP REPORTS▲



PRIDE WORKING GROUP

by MAX VOS

Co-Convenors: Charlotte Glance and Max Vos

Secretary:

Treasurer: Elliot Sawers

With the success of passing marriage equality into law comes a new frontier of discrimination to fight. The archaic practice of conversion therapy is still legal across Australia. Intersex people are still fighting for bodily autonomy and accurate recognition under the law. Transgender and gender diverse people are rarely catered for in the healthcare system, let alone protected despite the unique and pervasive discrimination they face on a daily basis. The ongoing ignorance of and fearmongering around LGBTIQ+ people and their identities fuels abuse and violence across the nation. We have a long road ahead of us in correcting injustice and we're just getting started.

The Pride Working Group worked with Alison Xamon last month to promote her campaign around repealing a set of religious exemptions that allowed religious organisations to discriminate against LGBTIQ+ people. This would make it illegal for a religious private school to fire LGBTIQ+ staff, or for a religious organisation that runs a homeless shelter to turn away homeless LGBTIQ+ individuals, or religious healthcare service to shut their doors to LGBTIQ+ clients. Indeed, it would also stop that one baker who refuses to cater same-gender weddings. The Working Group are currently working on coordinating a rights-based campaign for transgender and gender diverse individuals with the assistance of Janet Rice's office. After compiling research on the current state of discrimination against transgender people, we are ready to send submissions to the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia on Project 108; the project seeks to determine the relevance of institutions like the Gender Reassignment Board, the inclusion of an "X" gender marker on birth certificates (where it is already an option on other forms of documentation), and the revision of laws that required transgender people to divorce if they wished to change their legal gender.

The Pride Working Group is currently preparing for this year's pride with the theme "together". We learned a lot from last year's Pride and are starting preparations early, to coordinate a bright and beautiful celebration of diversity and togetherness. We've even found eco-friendly glitter for that extra Green touch.

ICT WORKING GROUP

by PETE CONDON & MARGO BEILBY

After two years of service Steven Ebsary and Alan Perkins stepped down as Co-Convenors of the group. Steven went above and beyond to provide support to campaigns; his passion and work ethic will be sorely missed and we wish him the best for the future. Alan's experience, and access to trade pricing, has always helped us get the most out of resources; we are thrilled that Alan remains an active member of the group. A high bar has been set for our new Co-Convenors - Pete Condon and Margo Beilby.

The National IT team have recently launched the new greens.org.au website, with Sophie Greer coordinating the implementation for GWA. Having an engaging and informative platform is a key asset, as our websites will take hundreds of thousands of hits during an election campaign. It remains an ongoing project as there are some outstanding content changes (automatic transfers don't get everything right), and customisations that need to be made. Overall we are pleased with the clean design, Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.0) compliance, and simplified maintenance.

Support for Phone Banking systems continues to be a major focus for the group as we prepare for the next federal election campaign. The Internet connection in 440 Williams St has not been as stable or consistent as we would like, but suitable options currently available to us are extremely expensive. NBN Co has begun building the Fibre to the Curb (FTTC) connection with a planned delivery date of early next year, we expect the new connection to be ready before the next election campaign and that it will substantially improve call quality. David Letham and Grahame Bowland are also continuing to work on the set up of the computers themselves, with the goal of improving responsiveness by reconfiguring the software. These changes will also allow us to take full advantage of the new version of gVIRS, which will give huge boost to field campaigning.

Improved facilities for teleconferencing, particularly for large meetings like Reps, remains an area of active research for the group. The cost of a permanent set up could be expensive, so alternatives (including renting a suitable space as needed) are being explored. We appreciate patience in this matter, and are aiming to finalise the list of options as soon as possible.

GWA's custom Membership database is a key component to the smooth running of our operations. David Letham is working to upgrade the software from a legacy version of Office that we are currently running to Office 365. We very much appreciate David's hard work on this crucial database, and look forward to supporting it as long as it is needed.

SUPPORTERS WORKING GROUP

by CHILLA BULBECK

Membership:

Co-convenors: Christine Lindsey and Chilla Bulbeck

Members: Carolyn Groves, Trish Cowcher, Lauren Evans, Toni Evans, Sophie Greer (ex officio), Dan Loden (ex officio),

The role of the Supporters Working Group (SWG) is to develop and implement a donor centred, ethical and professional donor strategy to maximise donations to GWA to ensure long term, sustainable and predictable donor income, including meeting campaign budget donation income targets.

Activities and initiatives

The Supporters Working Group is tasked with raising the large donations that support each election campaign as well as the donations that contribute to GWA's operational budget. We have reached our donation target in every campaign budget, thanks to the amazing generosity from so many members and supporters, giving according to their means.

We host events for donors and potential donors to meet our politicians, including those visiting from interstate. Our most recent event was with Richard di Natale in Jordon Steele-John's office with its stunning views (and staff).

Several initiatives have been supported this financial year with the expertise of two new members of our group, Christine Lindsey and Lauren Evans.

In February 2018, largely facilitated by Christine Lindsey, Christine Milne, Jo Vallentine and Jordon Steele-John launched our bequest program. We now have 20 forward-looking members and supporters planning to support a sustainable future in their wills. We especially honour the memory and generosity of our life member Jay/Birnie Birnbrauer who passed away in November 2017. Find out more about making a bequest from chillabulbeck@gmail.com

Following Australian Greens' success in using trained staff in Community Shapers for fundraising, GWA employed this group to follow up prospects who had made small donations in recent years. The program achieved a 20% conversion rate based on a telephone conversation.

Christine introduced a new scheme, Greens Sustainers which encouraged reasonably generous past donors and prospective new donors to give up to \$1500 as an end of financial year gift to the Greens. A letter was followed up with phone calls.

Other income came from an increase in membership fees, including encouraging members to sign

up as \$150 members, or Green Class members for \$500 as well as Life Members for \$1500. Half a dozen members have signed up at one of these top two generous rates. The major source of donations in our operational budget is via Greenscheme, standing at around \$100,000 per annum. Unfortunately there has been a significant attrition in the scheme since last year, so our Greenscheme drive this financial year is seeking to build the total back up to \$110,000 per annum.

Our group constitutes a small team of up to six volunteers who meet fortnightly to maintain contact with our donors and facilitate donations, for example expanding Greenscheme or following letter and email appeals, including those coordinated by the national fundraiser, Susan Griffiths-Sussems. Thanks to this team: Carolyn, Toni, Christine, Juanita Doorey and Giorgia Johnson.

The co-convenors want to thank Rowena Skinner for her unfailing timely support with contact information and system explanation, Dan Loden for supporting a larger budget to enable us to expand our fundraising initiatives, Trish Cowcher for steady support and liaison with Jordon's office, and Sophie Greer for support on so many fronts, including fundraising email messaging and the website's interface with donors.

Supporters Working Group would love to hear from anyone who understands how crucial our work is for GWA's future. Contact Chilla on chillabulbeck@gmail.com or 0407 165 753.



GLOBAL ISSUES GROUP

by MAUREEN BOYLE

The Global Issues Working Group in WA meets via TeamSpeak each month with other representatives in Australia on international issues that support the Global Greens Charter and the work of the Global Greens. In particular, the group is focusing on issues such as supporting West Papuan self-determination and the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. The aim of these campaigns is also to gain local support for international issues, in the case of the Nuclear Ban Treaty through approaching local governments to become involved in Mayors for Peace. A key action of the West Papua campaign is to encourage MPs and Greens members to fly the Morning Star West Papuan flag of 1st December in an act of solidarity with the West Papuan peoples. The group is also in discussion about other issues in the Asia Pacific region, including the political situation in Cambodia.

The Global Issues Group in WA have begun holding events with diaspora communities in Perth to assist in raising awareness of international issues with Greens members. In May 2018, an event on the history and culture of Sudan was held, which was an informative evening to understand the complex issues that the Sudanese community face in their homeland. In October, a similar event will be held with the Palestinian community.

The group is also reaching out to other Green parties internationally and Maureen was recently in Japan and met with a representative from the Greens Japan in Kobe to understand their priorities in the country. There was significant concern around the issue of nuclear power, post Fukushima with several nuclear generators being turned back on after a long hiatus, thus increasing nuclear generation in Japan. Some other issues that the Greens Japan were focused on included the increased use of glyphosate and the growing influence of Monsanto in the agricultural sector. The Greens Japan are also campaigning to abolish or significantly reduce the deposit system in Japan for political candidates. The system requires a significant fee for candidates to run in an election, which has the effect of limiting political participation.

We would also encourage all members to get involved in some of the campaigns mentioned and events we are holding in Perth and to like and share the Australian Greens Go Global facebook page, which you can find @AustralianGreensGoGlobal. I will be stepping down from the role of WA representative for the Global Issue Group, so if there is interest from members being involved with international issues and the campaigns the group is working on, please contact Viv Glance.

GREENS (WA) ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ACTION GROUP (GATAG)

by ARTHUR ROSENWALD

Current Conveners: Fabian Yarran, Lynn Toomey, Alan Perkins

We only had a very small number of meetings during the past year. The main reason being that we are struggling to attract Aboriginal members. We are also trying to define the role of GATAG. Our mandate is very general and does not say what we are trying to achieve. There is a disconnect between the wishes and expectations of our Aboriginal members, and what our mandate/Greens party allows us to do.

At some of the meetings Rachel Siewert, Giz Watson and Robin Chapple were present to inform and discuss.

Topics of discussion include:

- Constitutional recognition of Aboriginal Nations;
- The South West Noongar native title negotiation with the WA state government;
- We are still developing our ideas on the major structural issues, facing Aboriginal (and other) people, such as fines enforcement practices. This to assist Alison Xamon with her job in Parliament;
- The construction of the third runway for Perth Airport. This, and the operation of this new runway will have a major impact on Munday Swamp, north-west corner of Kalamunda Rd/Abernethy Rd intersection, which is a historic site for Whadyuk-Noongar people. We have been trying to find the traditional owners of the site. This, in order to be able to negotiate with the Perth Airport Authority about jobs for Aboriginal people with a link to the land. And for improvements to the historic area; and
- We will try to have more regular meetings during the coming year.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKING GROUP

by DAN LODEN

In 2017/18 the Local Government Working Group was formed. The group met twice in that time and discussed an range of issues from climate change action, greening our cities, addressing gender diversity, increasing accountability, addressing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander disadvantage and many more. This initiatives have been progressed within various councils and will continue in the coming years.

In October 2017 12 members ran in 2017 Local Government Elections. Of these 11 members there were 3 successful candidates being:

- Jonathan Hallett in the South Ward of the City of Vincent
- Giorgia Johnston in the West Ward of the City of Bayswater
- Sarah Quinton in the City of Bassendean

Naomi Godden was also successful in here campaign in Augusta – Margaret River.

We had two candidates (Liam Carter in Fremantle and Mary O'Byrne in Joondalup) who came within 50 votes of getting elected in their wards and a number of candidates running campaigns in very large and challenging wards, particularly against existing candidates.

Congratulations to:

- Mary O'Byrne
- Chris Morrison
- Lisa Thornton
- Liam Carter
- Elizabeth Sprivulis
- Aaron Olszewski
- Chris Muir
- Robyn Walsh
- Lee-anne Miles

It is a fantastic thing to put yourself forward for Local Council so well done.

The 2019 Local Government elections are coming up in October 2019, and over the course of 2018/19 the Local Government Working Group will begin preparations for this campaign.

NATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

by KATE DAVIS, HANNAH MILLIGAN AND TOM BOYLE

National working group facilitates the WA engagement with Australian Greens processes.

This year National Council's first priority has been the development of the federal election platform through a consultative national process, engaging state campaign committees, members workshops and party room engagement. Progressing this work has included a series of weekly national council meetings during peak development periods, in addition to the regular monthly meetings.

National Council this year has been a collaborative and collegiate space to engage in, with significant progress in the develop of effective national decision making processes, and the engagement between party and party room.

National Conference has continued to grow as a space for political dialogue, as well as internal decision making, many thanks to those members who missed the workshop discussions to represent us in 'the budget' series of breakouts.

There remain challenges in these decision making processes, with key among these the timing of proposals for circulation to local groups, balanced with the need to make some national decisions quickly. National working group will continue to develop and recommend reforms to better facilitate WA in engagement in the coming year.

This year our state member, deputy state member and national delegate all fulfilled national roles on working groups and undertook work at the national council level, and we commend this team approach to future office holders. National working group is open to all interested GWA members, and we encourage new members to join. In 2019 we're keen to have people from each regional group active in national working group.

Kate Davis (State Member on National Council), Hannah Milligan (National Delegate), Tom Boyle (Deputy State Member on National Council).



PERTH BY-ELECTION.

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Well 2018 gave us an unexpected campaign in Perth with former member Tim Hammond resigning for family reasons – entangling Perth in the remnant of the citizenship crisis that was the Super Saturday of by-elections.

This was an incredible opportunity for Perth. We had been planning for the general election, but had to ramp up the pace and scale of the operation. We were fortunate to have the very capable Emma Pringle in charge of the field campaign – an ambitious model that she had seen in action in Victoria.

We managed to get some excellent support from members from throughout the metropolitan area, with honourable mentions going to Swan and Curtin who had some RG branded neighbourhood teams and Moore-Cowan who were wrangled by the tireless and fearless Mary O'Byrne.

That said, we had a nine-week campaign. In that time we managed to get just shy of 18,000 doors. This, coupled with a number of phone-calls, led to many significant conversations with voters.

We achieved a positive swing of 1.74% on our primary – no small feat given that there were 15 candidates in the field. The numbers in the areas where we ran the ground campaign paint a very positive picture. There were consistent swings on booths in those areas – ranging from 3% to around 8%. This was a clear indication that field campaigning continues to yield positive results.

Another key factor that we managed to get in the era of the by-election was a strong visibility campaign. Jarrod Tan ensured, in amongst doing many other things including knocking on a ridiculous amount of doors, that we had well over 200 signs with Greens messaging and Caroline's face out in the community.

No campaign is complete without a strong digital strategy. Eva Bates gave her time to ensuring that we ran an effective Facebook and Instagram campaign – with the help of Grace Turco.

All of this would not have been possible without Caroline Perks agreeing to run in the by-election, knowing full well that there could be a Federal election at any time between now and May 2019. Caroline worked hard to build her profile and was recognised and well received throughout the electorate by stakeholders and voters alike.

All that said, we proved yet again that we are a movement powered by people. So many volunteers gave their time and it is because of them that we were able to implement a campaign strategy to get this swing. Thanks to everyone who gave what they could to this campaign.

As campaign manager, I enjoyed the challenge of pulling together all of the moving parts. It was wonderful to be part of such an enthusiastic team. Bring on the Federal election!



FREMANTLE BY-ELECTION

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Out of the chaos and confusion of the Super Saturday byelections came a unique opportunity for Greens in WA to send a message to the major parties, and both Fremantle and Perth delivered.

In Fremantle, our candidate was Noongar woman, former police officer and anti-domestic violence campaigner Dorinda Cox. Over a short but intense campaign, Dorinda and the amazing Greens volunteers across Fremantle spoke to thousands of voters about our plan for a future for all of us.

This was a powerful and incredible experience, and the campaign saw an influx of new volunteers keen to help out with everything from doorknocking to staffing a polling booth. Whether it was early mornings at Cockburn trainstation, or wintery afternoons in Hilton knocking on doors, the heroes of this campaign were regular volunteers, giving up their time to ask people to vote Green.

After a break, we are gearing up again for the federal election, to make sure that we keep our wonderful Senator Jordon Steele-John in the Senate. This will be our biggest campaign yet, so get involved!



DARLING RANGE BY-ELECTION.

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For this By-Election we focused on trying out a mostly digital campaign. We were able to make some Facebook content that hit on local issues. We predominately focused on fracking, bauxite mining in the area, power outages, solar and the need for better infrastructure.

These posts were all boosted into Darling Range for the most effective outreach. We were able to get people engaging in our posts outside of our normal base of voters, supporters and members.

In the future we would be best to focus on the image the Greens have in these spaces outside of what is usually the Greens Heartland.

On election day we had a strong member and supporters volunteer team out on all of the booths. I was able to visit at least eight of the polling stations within the electorate. Although I would have liked to reach more, the massive scope of the electorate is probably too much for anyone to do in one day.

A lot of our volunteers for how to votes commented on how slow the day was with some polling booths getting us as little as thirteen votes for the whole day. In the future I think pre-polling is going to become a bigger part of our elections and I think therefore we saw less people voting for us.

Overall, I think we maintained our base and considering how many other parties ran, it is likely we lost our votes to the one issue parties running in this race.

I'd just like to again thank everyone who assisted with this campaign and handed out how to votes on the day. It was fantastic to see that while Darling Range is a massive space we managed to fill it with our wonderful Green presence.



COTTESLOE BY-ELECTION.

COTTESLOE BY-ELECTION

The Cottesloe by-election was held on March 11, 2018, as a result of Colin Barnett stepping down. It was the best ever Greens result in Cottesloe, the highest primary vote ever too. Our two party preferred vote was 29.83% compared with the Liberal vote of 70.17%. There was no Labor candidate. The voter turnout was only 66.56%.

Our campaign was thorough with a fully committed experienced candidate, Greg Boland, and excellent volunteer involvement. We started door knocking in January 2018 and covered all suburbs. These events were made enjoyable by meeting at cafes and hotels afterwards for our debriefs. Dan Grosso's coordination and map cutting was invaluable.

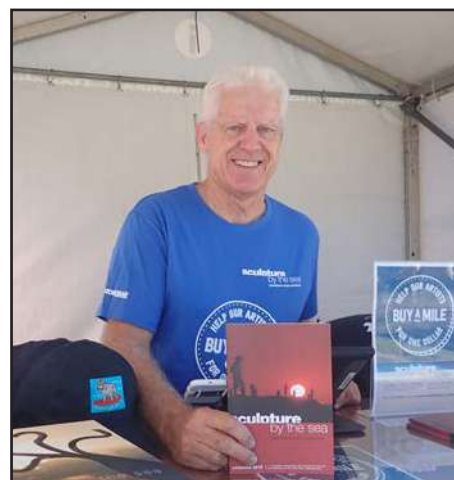
We leafleted all of the electorate two weeks out from the election thanks to the brilliant coordination of Cameron Pidgeon.

Viv Glance organised some fun events for Greg during the campaign including Greg's launch with special guests Christine Milne, Alison Xamon MLC and Senator Jordon Steele-John.

Tim Fairbanks and Greg covered the electorate with posters and banners the night before the election. And all the polling booths were already splashed with Green when the first booth workers walked in.

We had a lot of help from Fremantle – Tangney and other regional groups to door knock, phone and be at booths. The pre-polling booth in Eric Street were fully covered for 13 days. We had assistance from MLC members and Senators on the day.

Staff in the WA Greens office and Senators offices really helped things run smoothly and gave excellent advice and assistance along the way. This meant we had stunning flyers and posters quickly produced, great media coverage both social media and press, mostly The Post newspaper and professional looking photos and videos throughout the campaign.



2017 GREENS (WA) FUTURE FUND REPORT ▲



FUTURE FUND REPORT

by MARK SIFORD

The Greens (WA) Future Fund was launched in 2015 by Jo Vallentine on the 30th anniversary since Jo took up her seat in the Senate. As far as we know, Jo Vallentine is the only politician ever elected on an anti-nuclear ticket. Jo subsequently encouraged the formation of the Greens (WA) and became the first Greens senator in Australia.

The objectives of the Future Fund at time of launch were:

1. Facilitate gifts and bequests from GWA supporters;
2. Provide a recurrent revenue stream to GWA;
3. In the long term, enable GWA to purchase its own office; and
4. Ensure the ongoing financial viability of the organization.

It has been a busy year for the five Directors of the GWA Future Fund. Some very large donations were received to the Fund in FY18, which caused the Directors to reflect that one of the Fund's original goals i.e. to facilitate gifts and bequests from supporters, is now being met. The Directors take this opportunity to thank all members and their families for donations and support in the FY18 year.

Additionally, the donations were of such a magnitude to also allow the Directors of the Fund to consider achieving one of its other goals, enabling GWA to purchase its own headquarters. This could provide a permanent base for Green operations and make a significant contribution to the operational budget by eliminating rent and many outgoings that come with commercially rented property. Whilst the current office lease doesn't run out till after the next federal election, this proposal is currently being considered by GWA. A large term deposit has been established with funds to enable such a purchase should GWA decide to go ahead.

The FY18 year generated solid returns on funds invested, 6.1% on initial fund balance at the start of FY18. The strict ethical guidelines of the Fund mean many listed companies and sectors (banks, fossil fuels, treatment of animals, chemicals, gambling etc.) are excluded and this makes investment considerations challenging especially in creating a diversified portfolio. Directors also continue to seek transformative investments, i.e. those that are leading to a newer Greener economy.

I take this opportunity to thank all of the current Directors, Daniel Loden, Jodie Moffat, Elliot Sawers and Rowena Skinner for their contributions throughout the year. A complete financial report is available for members to peruse at the GWA office.

AUDITED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS▲



2017 GREENS (WA) AGM MINUTES▲





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