

Wolston and Centenary Catchments Inc.

2017 Annual Report



“Our Catchments, Our Community, Our Commitment”



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Cover image

Superb Fairy-wren in a planted eucalypt – Wild about Your Creeks Project, Site 5-VMU1, 2015.

Photo by R. Jaensch

President's Address

Welcome to country:

I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land, their elders, past and present and also the young leaders of tomorrow.

Thank you to everyone who has joined us today at WaCC's Annual General Meeting. First I will talk about this years on-ground projects. The area between Wolston Creek Bushland Reserve (WCBR) and Spine Street Park has received more attention this year in association with Brisbane City Council (BCC) and through Community Conservation Assistance (CCA) grants and will continue to be maintained and improved. This area represents an important corridor of green space, allowing animals to move through a connected landscape from the Wacol Bushland Reserve and Pooh Corner Bushland Reserve through to the Brisbane River and surrounding bushland. Other sites along this vegetation corridor are Wacol Station Road Park and Wolston Road Park. These sites will play an important role in improving the capacity of the wildlife corridor adjacent to the industrial and urban environments of the area.

We have been very busy over the last few months. We have successfully connected with multiple groups within our catchment and beyond. We connected with the Jindalee Scouts to organise a full day of environmental tasks on our sites. The scouts did a great job identifying and removing weeds, and removing rubbish at Spine Street Park. They then moved on to spreading three massive piles of mulch that had accumulated outside Pooh Corner Picnic Area. Their capacity and tenacity was a sight to behold and I cannot thank them enough for their contribution. The day after this we hosted a morning of weeding and environmental education for the Student Catchment Immersion Project (SCIP) group from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT). They carried out some weeding activities at Spine Street Park and finished off with some mulch spreading at the Pooh Corner picnic area. Thank you to Julie Vejle and Donna Edwards, for organising, and Ed Parker and Lenore Bracey for helping to make these events such a huge success.

Most recently we had our first BushWaCCers event which was a great success. We continued to build on the works carried out at Spine Street Park and added to it 30 plants. The following month we removed weeds from a past WaCC planting site at Wau Rd., Centenary Village. We connected with the Dera Sacha Sauda who are an invaluable work force. Our Brisbane City Council (BCC) Creek Catchment Officer Donna Edwards has been an amazing asset this year and has gone above and beyond to ensure the success of BushWaCCers, our projects, and our funding applications. She has provided excellent support and we would like to thank her and BCC for supplying additional tools for WaCC, and the \$1000 of plants that we won to be used in our catchment.

Julie Vejle continues to manage WCBR and her dedication continues to be an inspiration to me and I look forward to working more with her in the future.

Additional to her site, she has put in an incredible effort in submitting multiple grant applications this year for CCA projects and helping with the BushWaCCers organising and events.

Thank you also to Shealah Walker for your contribution to the PCEC management and organising the picnic at Pooh Corner and the planting day. You have also helped with on-ground assessments for CCAs and I am grateful for your expertise.

Ed Parker has once again committed himself to improving Pooh Corner for the good of the community. He plays a pivotal role in the maintenance and improvement of Pooh Corner Environment Centre (PCEC). Thank you to the PCEC management committee for keeping the Environment Centre running smoothly.

Our Treasurer Jess Scott has joined the team this year and we are so happy to have her. She has tirelessly given up her precious time to keep our finances up to date, and has done an excellent job. And of course our Secretary Lenore Bracey continues to be the glue of our organisation and we could not accomplish all that we have without her. We have such a fantastic and diverse skill set among our members and these really shone through this year with everyone's skills complementing each other nicely.

Last but certainly not least we would like to thank the volunteers from the wider community for making our planting and weeding days a great success this year. Since last September we have engaged with approximately 280 people for our events including bush care days and guest speakers. From this we calculated a total of 803 hours of volunteer contribution to on ground-projects, planting, weeding and running of WaCC and PCEC, which is an incredible achievement. We hope to engage more with the community in the future and always welcome new members and new ideas. We are always happy to support projects within our catchment and welcome any new project managers who are keen to see our bushland restored. So I encourage you, and anyone you know to join us, in any way you can to help us achieve our goals of protecting and enhancing the natural values of the Wolston and Centenary Catchments. I can only hope that more people will support bush care and catchment groups like WaCC now and into the future. There are exciting projects and collaborations on the horizon and we will continue with our work to improve the green spaces of Wolston and Centenary Catchments.

Katrin Lowe - President

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1. Our Catchments

The Wolston and Centenary catchments consists of Wolston Creek and various sub-catchments in the Centenary suburbs, which feed directly into the Brisbane River. Together, these catchments are 66 square kilometres in size and are located within Brisbane, Ipswich and Logan City Council local government areas.

The Wolston Creek Catchment area is 44 square kilometres. Wolston Creek forms the downstream part of the catchment, which flows, into the Brisbane River. Feeding into Wolston Creek at Sumner Park are its three tributaries, Ric Natrass Creek, Bullockhead Creek and Sandy Creek, which have their respective sources in Richlands and the Greenbank Military Training Area 11 kilometres to the south. Much of the vegetation found in this area has been classified as Endangered Regional Ecosystems. This classification means that the plant species and the soil type in the bushland reserves are rare and significant.

The Centenary Catchments have a combined area of 22 square kilometres and consists of two main creeks, Mount Ommaney Creek and Jindalee Creek. There are several other minor, unnamed creeks and sub-catchments, which flow separately into the Brisbane River. This area is highly urbanised, mainly residential but with natural bushland reserves along the Brisbane River, creeks and other locations.

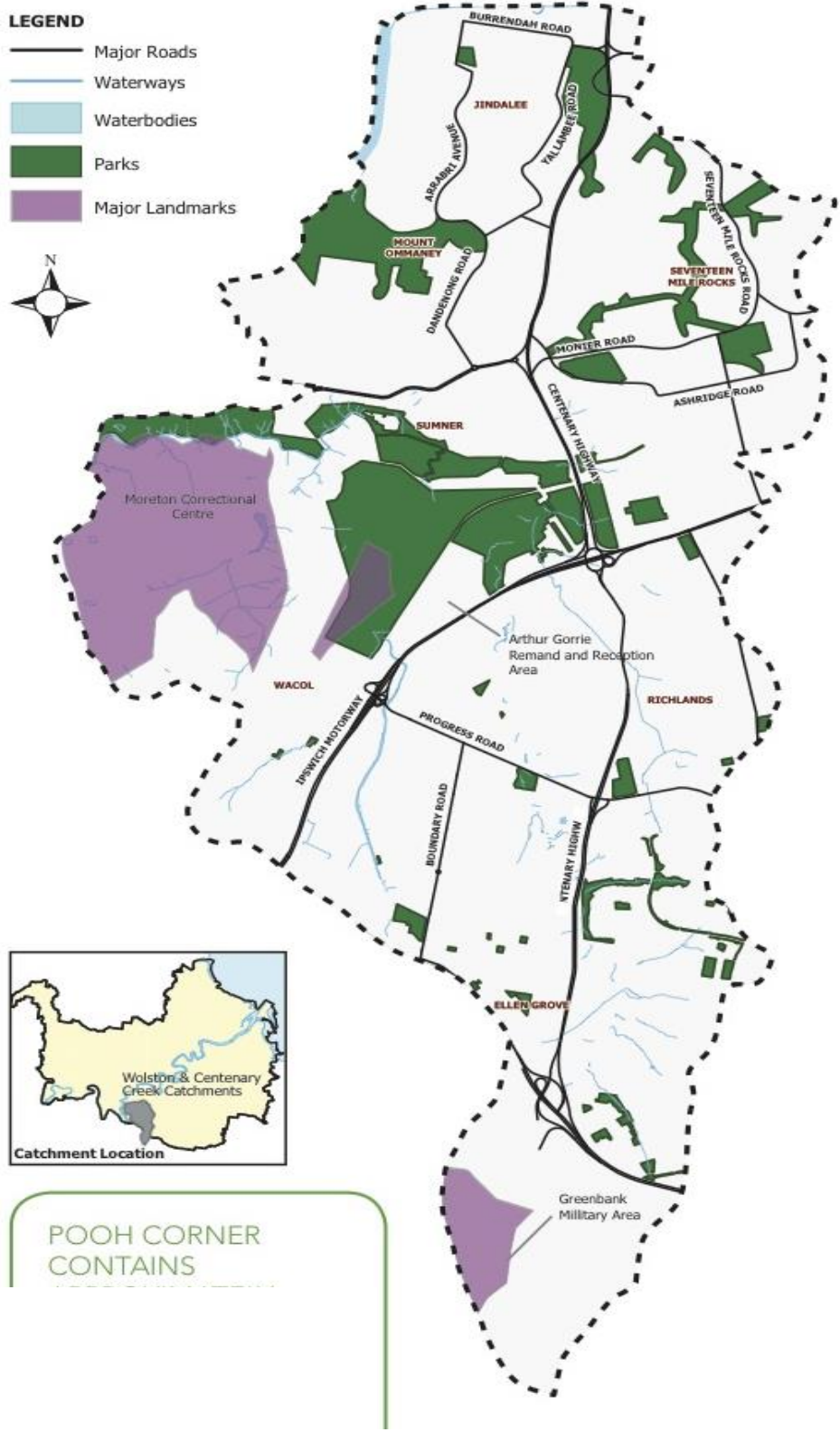
The catchments include all or part of the following suburbs:

Jindalee, Mount Ommaney, Westlake, Seventeen Mile Rocks, Jamboree Heights, Riverhills, Sinnamon Park, Middle Park, Sumner, Wacol, Ellen Grove, Richlands, Gailes, Carole Park, Darra, Forest Lake, Camira and Springfield.

The significant natural assets in Wolston and Centenary catchments include:

Wolston Creek Bushland Reserve, Pullen Reach Bushland Reserve, Rocks Riverside Park, Mount Ommaney Bushland Reserve, Edenbrooke Park, Pooh Corner Bushland Reserve and Wacol Bushland Reserve.

Map of Wolston and Centenary Catchments

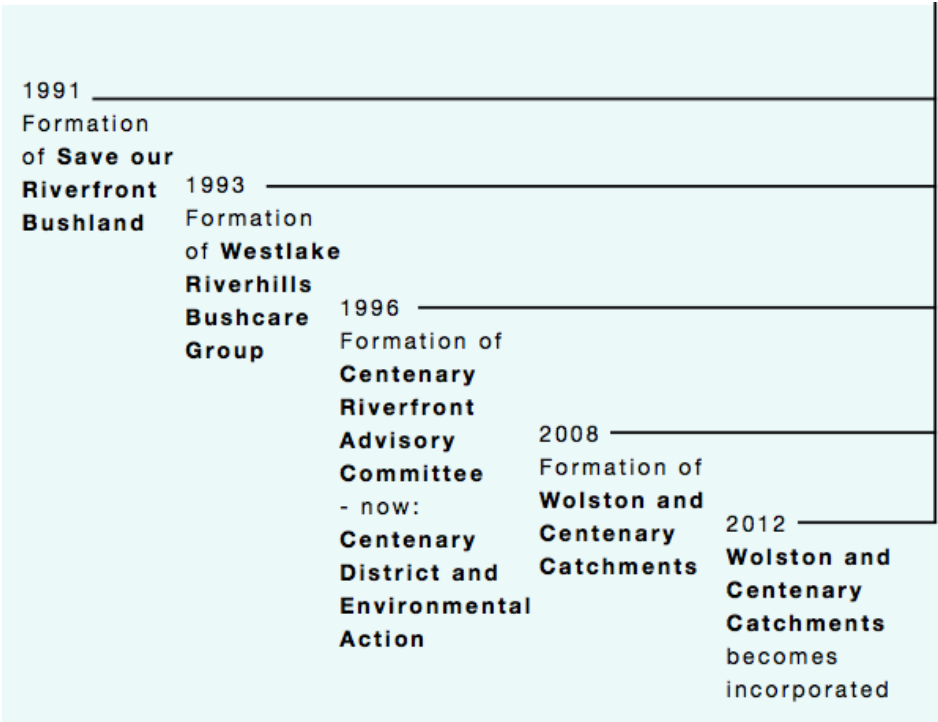


2. Wolston and Centenary Catchments Inc.

2.1 History

WaCC was formed in 2008 as the community-based catchment group to oversee and drive the community's involvement in protecting and enhancing the environment in the area covered by the Wolston and Centenary Catchments. In 2012 the group was formally incorporated and a new management team appointed.

Timeline of WaCC



2.2 Mission Statement

To protect and enhance the natural environment and resources within and around Wolston and Centenary Catchments.

2.3 Membership

WaCC membership is open to individuals, families, community groups, schools and corporations who subscribe to our objectives.

WaCC currently has 34 financial members.

2.4 Organisational Structure

The management committee consists of the following roles:

President: Katrin Lowe

Vice-President: vacant

Secretary: Lenore Bracey

Treasurer: Jessica Scott

The PCEC sub-committee consists of the following roles:

PCEC Coordinator: Ed Parker

Committee Members: Julie Vejle and Shealagh Walker



3. Reports

3.1 Year in Review

Community Events

WaCC has been involved in a number of events throughout the year engaging with the community and developing partnerships with local groups.

WaCC held events on World Environment Day and an End of Year Celebration (2016) in partnership with Centenary Districts Environment Action (CDEA). In total these two events attracted 80 community members. Guided bush walks and bird walks were part of these activities. Children's craft activities were also organised. Other activities included, SCIP activities Jindalee Scouts environment project and BushWaCCers bushcare group.

Planting events were held at Wood Park and sites adjacent to Wacol Bushland Reserve in Darra/Wacol. Members participated in Clean up Australia Day in March, which was held in the vicinity of Pooh Corner Bushland Reserve and resulted in the removal of a large amount of rubbish from a key site within Wolston Catchment.



Guest Speakers

WaCC engaged speakers during the year to present at general meetings. The following presentations were provided:

September 2016 AGM: *Brisbane City Council's Natural Area Restoration Program* - Andrew Meiklejohn (BSc.MEnvMan);

November 2016: *From House Detective to Plant Detective* – Marianne Taylor;

March 2017: *New study of the distribution of platypus across South East Queensland* - Temeille Brunt from Wildlife Queensland;

May 2017: *Family Bushwalks in South East Queensland – a Guide* - by Gillian Duncan;

September 2017: *Fungi – The Superheroes of Our Future* - Sandra Tuszynska (PhD).

Marketing and Communications

Improving social media and marketing has been a key focus for WaCC this year. Our utilisation of Facebook and other social media platforms has resulted in an increase in activity on the WaCC Facebook page, diversity in our approach to event marketing and access to a larger portion of the community.

The design and further upgrade in security of the WaCC website www.wacc.org.au was finalised this year by Paul Kingsnorth from Deepdesigner www.deepdesigner.com.au. The WaCC website is now fully functional, easier to administer and more secure.

Lenore Bracey and Julie Vejle are Co-administrators of the WaCC website. Lenore has embarked on a steep learning curve and attempts to keep the website up to date and provide current information about the organisation. WaCC is thankful to have Paul Kingsnorth from Deepdesigner provide some training and support.

Volunteer Engagement

WaCC has engaged over 280 volunteers through community planting days, Clean up Australia Day and other activities. WaCC welcomes all volunteers and supports the opportunity for members to apply for grants within our catchment and undertake formal project management roles.



3.2 Pooh Corner Environment Centre – Coordinator's Report

Introductory background

WaCC Inc. took occupancy of the PCEC at a handover by BCC on 27th May 2015.

WaCC has operated the facility since then under an annual site licence from BCC, which was renewed for the second time mid this year. WaCC operates the PCEC in partnership with supporting groups, CDEA and Friends of Pooh Corner (FoPC). Those groups were the prime movers in March/April 2005 for saving the land that is now the Pooh Corner Bushland Reserve, upon which land the PCEC is based.

This report covers the financial year under review, 2016-17.

Notable Achievements for PCEC

Apart from actual usage of the facility as summarised on the next page, key achievements include:

- **Establishment of the facility** and processes for managing the property;
- **Fitting out** with furniture, kitchen and office equipment;
- **Laying of carpet tiles**, providing acoustic benefits apart from comfort and appearance factors;
- **Street numbering** – PCEC has its own official street address – **100 Wolston Road, Wacol**;
- **Signage** – planning, design and installation concluded 3rd December 2016;
- **Fire safety board and equipment** installed.

Funding support is acknowledged from BCC Lord Mayors Suburban Initiative Fund (LMSIF) and Environmental Grants (for the fitting out and operation of facility) and Federal Government funding by Department of Social Services (for the carpet tiles and equipment). The last grants were successfully completed and acquitted in June this year.

Before after photos of office floor with carpet tiles installed in August 2016:



Signage

This photo shows the signage as completed on 3rd December 2016.




PCEC Signage completed

Photo: EP 4-Dec-2016


This image shows the general information sign was installed on both the road frontage northern wall and the eastern wall facing the picnic area and car park. ➔

Pooh Corner Environment Centre


100 Wolston Road, Wacol QLD 4076




Managed on behalf of the local community by:


 **Wolston and Centenary Catchments Inc (WaCC)**


Key Partner organisations:

 **Friends of Pooh Corner (FoPC)**

 **Centenary and District Environment Action (CDEA)**

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Unveiling of the new signage at the end-of-year breakup on 27th November 2016:



Fire Safety



Installation of fire safety equipment board.

Usage Summary

Facility usage has continued at a similar to previous years with approximate annual average statistics as follows:

Days used:	50 days	(days accessed)
Number of Events:	25 events	(meetings and public events)
User/Visitor usage:	600 person-hours	

Ed Parker – Coordinator, Pooh Corner Environment Centre

4. Our Projects

4.1 Wolston Creek Bushland Reserve (WCBR)

The Lord Mayor's Community Sustainability and Environmental Grants Program (2016-2017)

WCBR is a 47 ha site with high environmental values. It is in the lower confines of the Wolston Creek Catchment and is a major wildlife corridor from the Brisbane River through to Wacol Bushland Reserve, Pooh Corner Bushland Reserve and the Greenbank / Flinders Ranges. The WCBR site is ex-prison farm land which had considerable vegetation removal as part of past farming practice, with introduced pasture species dominating the site. In recent years, significant re-vegetation works were undertaken by BCC. However, weed invasion continues to impact the reserve and its' biodiversity values. Hence the on-going need to control weeds.

WaCC project P201701 (2017-2018) at WCBR (which is in the suburb of Riverhills) is for control of class C weeds by paid contractors (Terra Regenerators). The work is funded by BCC and managed by Julie Vejle. Julie is passionate about the Reserve and has secured considerable funding for weed control over recent years. This project serves to consolidate previous work and investment towards the ultimate goal of bushland Restoration. For more information on weed classification refer to:

<https://weeds.brisbane.qld.gov.au/weed-classification#c>



4.2 Wood Park Phase 4

The Lord Mayor's Community Sustainability and Environmental Grants Program (2016-2017)

The Wood Park Restoration Project is located within the riparian vegetation area of a gully, which eventually flows into the Brisbane River. The gully is located in Wood Park (formerly Naver Street Park), Middle Park QLD 4074. Phase 4 aimed to manage re-invasion of weeds in and around sections VMU1 and 2 (4000sqm), targeting weeds including Glycine vine, Cobbler's Peg, Leucaena, Leucocephala and exotic grass species.

The \$12,611 of funding allowed significant works to be achieved on the ground through contractors. Regular maintenance works were carried out by contractors Oxley Creek Catchment Association's (OCCA's) Business Support Unit (BSU) and WaCC volunteers, including regular weeding, watering, and infill planting to complement planting from previous phases. We look forward to continuing with works at Wood Park into the future.



4.3 BushWaCCers

BushWaCCers is a new roving bushcare group that WaCC has formed this year. BushWaCCers will ensure the success of our many environmental sites through regular weeding and maintenance. We look forward to BushWaCCers growing as a group and invite you all to join us in improving the environmental value of the bushland in our backyard.

We have had 2 weeding days this year. One in September at Spine St. Park where we engaged 33 members of the community, WaCC volunteers and Dera Sacha Sauda. The second was in October at a past planting site off Wau Rd., Darra in Centenary Village where we engaged 15 volunteers to remove weeds around a past planting site. BushWaCCers will rove around to our project sites every month, and we invite anyone from the community to attend.



4.4 Administration Grant

The Lord Mayor's Community Sustainability and Environmental Grants Program (2016-2017)

The successful application and expenditure of this Brisbane City Council grant funding has enabled WaCC to continue to carry out administration activities crucial to the organisation. It funded organising and engaging general meetings, catering, stationary purchases, production and printing of reports, updating and repair of the WaCC Website, insurance, and various other expenses. Funding these areas ensures improved media coverage to improve community engagement; provision of support for members grant applications; and accountability through good bookkeeping and end of financial year accountant reports.

Key Outcomes

This project ensured that WaCC maintained a high standard of governance and accountability, attract members and volunteers to participate in catchment management, biodiversity conservation and nature appreciation activities, and enabled successful grant applications. WaCC is thankful for the support given by BCC for WaCC Administration.

4.5 Pooh Corner Environment Centre (PCEC) Grants

Information about these grants is covered in the PCEC Coordinator's Report in section 3.2 of this Report.

5. Accountant's Financial Statements

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Wolston and Centenary Catchments Incorporated
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Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax	25,065.26	624.35
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
Net profit attributable to the association	<u>25,065.26</u>	<u>624.35</u>
Items recognised directly in equity:		
Net increase in Asset Revaluation Reserve		
Increase (decrease) in retained profits due to:		6,204.14
Total revenues, expenses and valuation adjustments attributable to the association and recognised directly in equity		<u>6,204.14</u>
Total changes in equity of the association	<u>25,065.26</u>	<u>6,828.49</u>
Opening retained profits	6,828.49	
Net profit attributable to the association	25,065.26	624.35
Adjustments:		6,204.14
Closing retained profits	<u>31,893.75</u>	<u>6,828.49</u>

These financial statements are unaudited. They must be read in conjunction with the attached Accountant's Compilation Report and Notes which form part of these financial statements.

Wolston and Centenary Catchments Incorporated
ABN 71 225 469 038
Detailed Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Current Assets		
Cash Assets		
Cash at bank	2,823.00	20,484.20
Restricted Acc	34,468.13	
	<u>37,291.13</u>	<u>20,484.20</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>37,291.13</u>	<u>20,484.20</u>
Non-Current Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment		
Plant & equipment - At cost	1,333.00	1,904.00
	<u>1,333.00</u>	<u>1,904.00</u>
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>1,333.00</u>	<u>1,904.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>38,624.13</u>	<u>22,388.20</u>
Current Liabilities		
Payables		
Secured:		
Restricted Grant Monies	6,730.38	15,559.71
	<u>6,730.38</u>	<u>15,559.71</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>6,730.38</u>	<u>15,559.71</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>6,730.38</u>	<u>15,559.71</u>
Net Assets	<u>31,893.75</u>	<u>6,828.49</u>

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	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Members' Funds		
Accumulated surplus (deficit)	31,893.75	6,828.49
Total Members' Funds	31,893.75	6,828.49

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**Note: the complete Financial Report is available on request from the
 Secretary or Treasurer of WaCC.**