

# Annual Report 2015–2016



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# 1 Introducing Community Power Agency

Community Power Agency is a non-profit organisation striving to achieve a vision for a fair and sustainable energy sector that provides real benefit for more Australians and our environment.

We believe that democratically controlled, decentralised renewable and energy efficiency projects will bring social, environmental and economic benefits to communities across the country. That's why we work to grow a vibrant Australian community energy sector.

As one of Australia's leading community energy support organisations, we specialise in supporting community groups to navigate the complex process of setting up a community owned renewable energy projects. We focus on building the capacity of communities on the ground and working collaboratively with other organisations to address systemic barriers facing the sector as a whole.

From facilitating workshops to developing information resources, running strategic advocacy campaigns, to telling the story of community energy in the media, Community Power Agency is at the forefront of Australia's community energy sector – a sector that has now grown to more than 50 operating projects and 80 community energy groups.

Community Power Agency is a worker co-operative and a non-profit charity, registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission. We have five directors who are also co-operative members and workers and we engage with contractors who share our vision and values. Our commitment to democratic principles extends to our organisational and governance structures.





## Letter from the Directors

Dear friends,

It's been a big year and never has there been a more exciting time to do what we do at Community Power Agency. As we say when we start our talks - Australia is standing at a cross-roads and for the first time the choice is not between dirty energy and clean energy, it's a choice of how we transition to clean energy. At Community Power Agency we are committed to seeing the cost reductions in renewable and storage technologies and the inevitable closure of Australia's aging coal-fired power stations translate into an energy system of the future where all Australians can participate and benefit, where the energy system is more democratic and the transition is just.

While these sound like nice words, they have played-out in the day-to-day actions of Community Power Agency. Over the past five years since Jarra and Nicky founded Community Power Agency in a small cottage on the outskirts of Armidale, we have been on quite a journey. Community Power Agency's journey is just a small part of the overall journey of hundreds if not thousands of people are taking action to grow a more democratic and sustainable energy sector in Australia.

From small beginnings, at a time before Hepburn Wind's Gusto and Gale had been constructed, we're proud to say that Community Power Agency has grown from strength to strength. In 2015 we incorporated as a workers cooperative, with a team of five people and an average FTE of 2. This year has been our most exciting on record.

In this, our first Annual Report we set out the highlights of the 2015/16 year, which include:

- Supporting 10 community energy groups through training and mentoring;
- Engaging with well over 100 community energy and other stakeholder organisations;
- Running the Smart Energy Communities campaign and securing funding commitments from the Federal Australian Labor Party and Greens to support community energy to the tune of \$98.7m and \$265m respectively, if they are elected;
- Working with the ACT Government to ensure positive community outcomes from their wind and solar reverse auction;
- Co-authoring the Homegrown Power Plan with GetUp's Miriam Lyons; and coordinating the Coalition for Community Energy, which has now grown to more than 70 organisations.

We're passionate about community energy! Part of the ethos of community energy is collaboration - working together for the collective good. We know that no one organisation can grow a democratic clean energy system let alone stop climate change. That is why we are privileged to work with the best minds in community and clean energy from Embark to the Institute of Sustainable Future at UTS, the Alternative Technology Association, Moreland Energy Foundation, Clean Energy Council, Solar Citizens, the Victorian Solar Alliance and more.

We look forward to more collaboration, more projects, more supportive community energy policy in 2016/17.

Sincerely

Nicky Ison, Jarra Hicks, Tom Nockolds, Franziska Mey and Manny Pasqualini  
Directors, Community Power Agency

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## 2 Supporting Community Energy Groups

One of pillars of Community Power Agency's mission is to build the capacity of communities to deliver clean energy projects. Since early 2015, Community Power Agency has directly supported more than 10 community energy groups through trainings and mentoring.

### Trainings and Community Support

Directly supporting communities by providing training and mentoring is a core competency of Community Power Agency and is key to our mission of building the capacity of community energy groups.

#### Community Owned Renewable Energy Mullumbimby (COREM)

Through our Inception Workshop, we supported a group of keen Mullumbimby residents to articulate their vision and develop a plan to achieve a community renewable energy project in their patch of the northern rivers, NSW. The Inception workshop is ideal for groups who are new to community energy are wanting to explore how to move their ideas forward. In addition, we provided training in designing and delivering community engagement, so the team felt confident to start actioning their plans. We also gave on-going mentoring to the group as they designed a community wide survey and started to refine their project options.

*Thank you so much Jarra for the Inception and Community Engagement workshops. Your knowledge and inspiration was so beneficial to COREM. You have helped us focus, realise our strengths and set achievable goals. We feel we are really on the way now to develop some exciting projects.*

*– Dave Rawlins, Community Owned Renewable Energy Mullumbimby, NSW*



## Solar Suburbs

Endorsed as an official Strategic Initiative of the Coalition for Community Energy, Solar Suburbs was a collaborative project between Moreland Energy Foundation, Alternative Technology Association, Community Power Agency and the Solar Suburbs Association, with funding provided by the NSW Office of Environment & Heritage. The project identified barriers and opportunities for increasing the rate of adoption of residential rooftop solar for a defined geographic area, such as a suburb. Three major streams in the project looked at specific areas which could have an impact on solar adoption: Local Government Capacity, Solar Products and Community Engagement.

The project outcomes are summarised in a final report which includes extensive appendices covering topics such as the Technologies and economics of sustainable energy for Sydney households and a Summary of council community programs and research into residential rates based financing (Environmental Upgrade Agreement) mechanisms.

The project intended to commission research into residential rates-based financing mechanisms (Environmental Upgrade Agreements) in New South Wales, however this research was funded separately and a report delivered by the Institute for Sustainable Futures at UTS.

## South Coast Health and Sustainability Alliance (SHASA) & Repower Coffs

Both Repower Coffs and SHASA engaged CPA to help them develop a new model of community energy that directly benefits low-income households. The specific approach taken by both groups was to work with social and community housing providers (CHPs), to help them install solar and possibly energy efficiency to the benefit of their tenants. The process included facilitating several workshops that helped to identify, analyse and evaluate different business model options. Community Power Agency in partnership with Chris Cooper delivered a feasibility study, implementation plan and financial modelling of the business model and a series of mentoring sessions.





## Bioenergy Hubs North of NSW

Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre sought support from CPA to investigate and evaluate the potential community benefits from the three proposed bioenergy projects in the North of NSW. CPA delivered a report which included an analysis of the three projects and further recommendations for potential ways to create community benefits.

### Gloucester Pre-feasibility

Community Power Agency worked with Enhar to support the inception of a new community energy group in the town of Gloucester, NSW. Some locals felt that the (now abandoned) AGL proposal for a Coal Seam Gas field in their area had left the town divided, so they wanted to create a positive way to bring people together. Supporting the town to develop a solutions-oriented alternative to fossil fuel development is seen as an important way in which Gloucester can contribute to building a strong community with a safe and clean energy future. We worked with Energise Gloucester to take a first look at what renewable energy opportunities exist locally and how they might harness them to achieve their social, environmental and economic goals.



## Resource Development

At Community Power Agency we recognise that not all communities can afford dedicated trainings, as such how to guides and reference materials play an essential role in increasing capacity. Whether used by community members directly or by trainers, these resources assist communities to deliver their own clean energy projects.

### Victorian How to Guide

Community Power Agency, along with Embark, The Moreland Energy Foundation and the Alternative Technology Association, partnered with the Victorian Government to write tailor-made guide to community energy for Victorian communities. The Guide gives an overview of how to develop a community energy project within the Victorian context and gives key advice on different types of renewable energy technology and different business models options. We also got to tour Victoria running workshops for communities from Castlemaine, to Beechworth and Leongatha. It is great to be part of a concerted effort to support community energy in Victoria!

*If only the Guide to Community-owned Renewable Energy had been available when we were getting started three years ago! It's is a great resource for groups embarking on the community solar journey. Thanks to all involved.*

—Linda Parlane, Moreland Community Solar





## Community Energy Finance Toolkit

Community Power Agency was pleased to be involved in the Community Energy Finance Toolkit project which aims to improve the financial literacy of groups and remove barriers associated with securing funding for community energy projects. Together with Embark, Community Power Agency provided subject matter expertise, research, case-studies, advice and content on community energy for the lead authors - Frontier Impact Group. The development of the toolkit is funded by the Australian Renewable Energy Agency.

*I would like to acknowledge the expertise and advice that Community Power Agency brought to the Finance Toolkit project. CPA were amazing in their ability ensure the toolkit was relevant to community renewable energy groups and helped link the Frontier Impact Group to the right community stakeholders to be involved in its development*

—Jennifer Lauber Patterson, Frontier Impact Group & Lead Author of the Community Energy Finance Toolkit



### 3 Agenda Setting– Policy, advocacy and media

Community Power Agency is known for its strategic leadership in the community energy sector. Through our work with partners and community energy groups on the ground, we are well placed to identify gaps, barriers and opportunities to address them. Over a number of years, we have then worked to progress these opportunities and plug these gaps through policy development, advocacy, media. This year, through our involvement in the Homegrown Power Plan we broadened our focus from community energy to creating a just transition to 100% renewable energy in Australia. We are excited that a number of our ideas are being adopted by political parties and governments across Australia.

#### National Community Energy Strategy

Community Power Agency was proud to be part of a coalition of organisations that worked to develop the National Community Energy Strategy (NCES). The NCES was an ARENA funded initiative led by the Institute for Sustainable Futures at UTS and published in 2015. The Strategy provides a comprehensive overview of the initiatives needed to grow a vibrant community energy sector in Australia, focusing on five areas - models, finance & fundraising, capacity building, profile raising and policy and regulatory reform. The NCES is supported by seven appendices, including a Collective Impact Assessment of the community energy sector and a guide to Behind the Meter Models of Community Energy. Community Power Agency was particularly involved in designing the stakeholder survey and developing the capacity building sub-strategy of the NCES.





## Renewables for All

The Renewables for All advocacy project was undertaken to help create the policy settings and regulatory and market context that allows all Australians, no matter their income or living arrangements, to be able to directly benefit from clean energy solutions such as solar PV, storage and energy efficiency. The project was led by the Community Power Agency with funding from Energy Consumer Australia and involvement from C4CE, Starfish Initiatives, Solar Share, Energetic Communities and the Conservation Council of South Australia.

Through this project we:

- Identified a range of clean energy models that could help address issues of clean energy affordability and accessibility for 'locked out energy users' such as renters, apartment dwellers and low income households and identified policy interventions that could facilitate their uptake. These included rates and rent-based financing and solar gardens. A series of jurisdiction specific discussion papers and six briefing papers on these models are publicly available [here](#).
- Built networks and collaborative partnerships across the community, social support, energy and other sectors to start to call on governments to develop programs and support innovation in new models that increase access to clean energy for disadvantaged energy consumers. In total we consulted with almost 100 stakeholders through a series of five workshops and 17 meetings.
- Raised the issue of clean energy accessibility and affordability and possible solutions with policy makers in the five target jurisdictions (Queensland, South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, ACT). In total we had 19 policy meetings to advance the Renewables for All agenda.





## Homegrown Power Plan

We were privileged to be commissioned to help develop the [Homegrown Power Plan](#) - a policy blueprint for transitioning Australia to 100% renewable energy. The report was co-authored by Miriam Lyons and Nicky Ison for GetUp and Solar Citizens and is what an Energy White Paper would look like if people and the planet mattered. Written with input from a range of energy experts, the [Homegrown Power Plan](#) draws on detailed knowledge of Australia's energy system and best-practice international clean energy policy. It sets out the pieces of the policy jigsaw puzzle to Reboot the System, Repower the Country and Remove the Roadblocks to a 100% renewable powered Australia. A number of the policy recommendations in the Homegrown Power Plan have been adopted by political parties, for example the ALP has committed changing the National Electricity Objective to include an environmental criteria.

*This report is the clearest explanation I've seen on how the National Electricity Market works, what's wrong with it and a long-term vision to reform it.*

*—Andrew Reddaway, Alternative Technology Association*

*Our experience in the ACT is that the transition to 100% renewable power is realistic and affordable. The ACT Government's commitment to a renewable future is already paying dividends - for the environment and for our economy. The Homegrown Power Plan shows how these benefits might be extended across the country, and its ideas deserve serious consideration by all state and national political leaders.*

*—Andrew Barr, Chief Minister, ACT*

## Smart Energy Communities Campaign

The Smart Energy Communities Campaign was a short campaign in the lead-up to the 2016 Federal Election to build cross-party support for the Community Powerhouses policy outlined in the Homegrown Power Plan. The campaign team, which included Community Power Agency Directors and five experienced volunteer campaigners, supported community energy groups across Australia to meet with their MPs, ask questions at election forums and get their story out there through local and statewide media. In total there were 30 MP meeting requests, 13 meetings with MPs and Ministerial advisors and 30 media stories including national ABC news, The Land and The Age. The campaign secured policy and funding commitments for community energy from the ALP (\$98.5million), Nick Xenophon Team (support for 50 Community Powerhouses) and the Greens (\$265million).

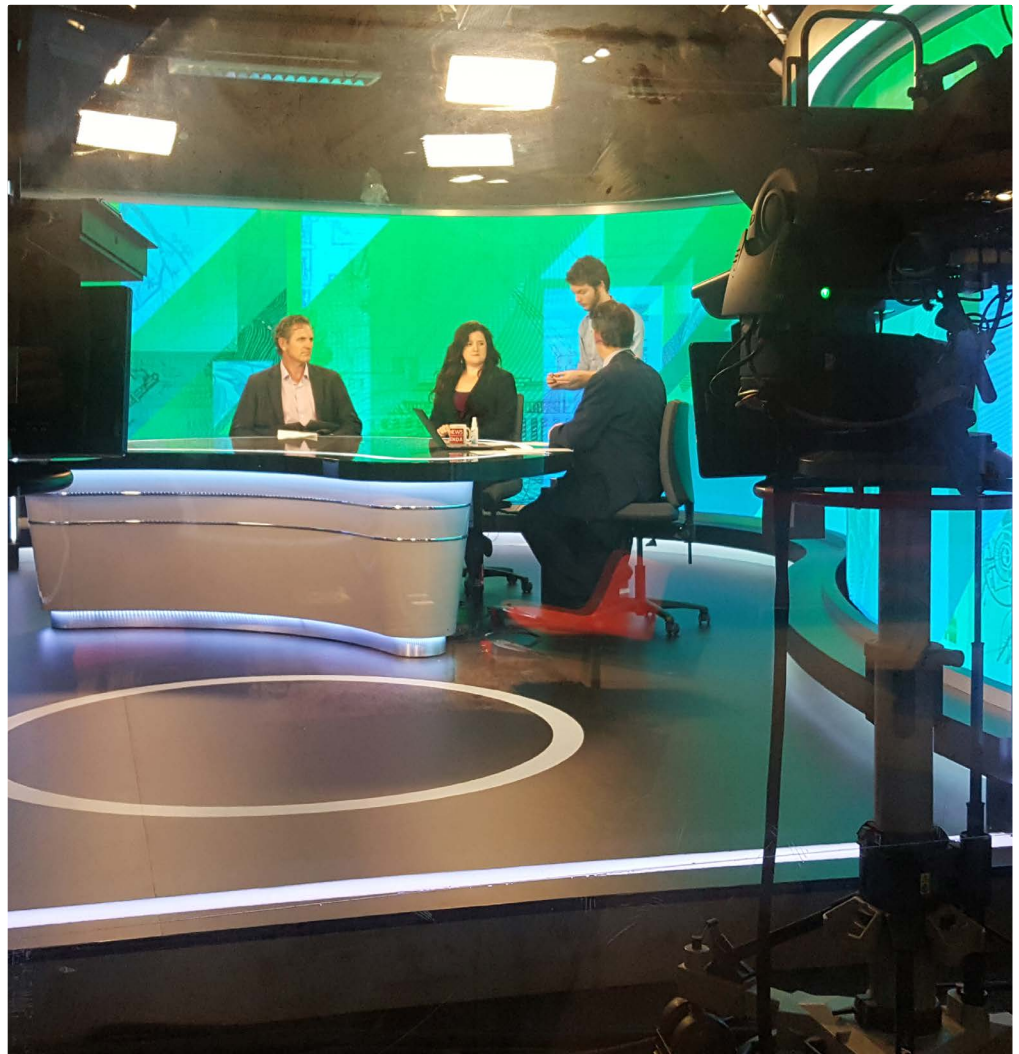


## Media

Our media reach experienced a significant boost in late 2015 when the [Climate Media Centre](#) started working with us, recognising the important role we play in bringing community energy voices to the climate change debate.

Our media exposure ramped up dramatically, from approximately one media story per month during 2015 up to an average of five or more per month from January 2016. We also saw an increase in the quality of our media outcomes over this period, gaining better exposure in mainstream and national television and print outlets. In particular we received a lot of media coverage about our Smart Energy Communities Campaign.

Stories were picked up by publications as diverse as The Land in New South Wales, ABC Evening News and the Guardian and Fairfax press nationally. Co-founding director, Nicky Ison, was regularly quoted in these publications and more as well as being interviewed for radio and television. We look forward to working with the Climate Media Centre into the future as the climate movement becomes increasingly solutions oriented.



## Public speaking

In 2015/16 we spoke, presented or facilitated at over 40 events. The opportunity to speak publicly is an important part of our work to raise the profile of community energy.

Our public speaking included community events, such as speaking in Gloucester, Goulburn, Port Macquarie. We spoke at events organised by councils, industry bodies such as Social Enterprise Finance Australia and national environment organisations such as Solar Citizens and Beyond Zero Emissions in Darebin, Launceston, Sydney and Tamworth. We spoke at conferences including All Energy, Utility Week, the Local Government Energy Efficiency Conference and the Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (NAGA) conferences. We were commissioned to speak on community energy, including by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage for six events. In 2015/16 we were also fortunate to speak internationally such as with the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL) in the US and at Forum For The Future in the UK. Finally, we also include webinars in our public speaking, such as co-hosting a webinar for the International Solar Energy Society (ISES) on community energy around the world.







## 4 Increasing community engagement

Having positive and beneficial ways for communities to engage with the renewable energy transition is key to its success. Through close engagement with local communities, renewable energy projects have the opportunity to deliver a range of social (as well as environmental) benefits. Community Power Agency plays a role in increasing community engagement and community benefit from renewable energy development through working with communities, developers and regulators.

### Research: Enhancing Social Outcomes from Wind Development

Delivering positive social outcomes from wind development is a value proposition for communities, industry and governments alike, but can be challenging to facilitate. The purpose of this research is to benchmark and evaluate current community engagement and benefit sharing practices in wind development in Australia and to develop pathways for achieving positive social outcomes. By using a collaborative and iterative research process involving a range of stakeholders including wind developers, NGOs, regulators and community, this research will generate understanding of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of existing models of engagement and benefit sharing.

Ultimately, this project seeks to contribute an evidence base for improving outcomes from wind development for communities, regulators and wind farm companies, and informing advancements in policy and development practice.

This research is delivered in partnership with Embark and the Clean Energy Council (CEC) and is funded through members of the Wind Energy Directorate of the CEC. In addition, the Federal Wind Commissioner, Andrew Dyer, and Nina Hall from the University of Queensland are Strategic Advisors. The research is now roughly at the halfway mark, having recruited a panel of 20 stakeholders to participate in the next research phase; completed a survey of Wind Developer practices; done a review of wind farm Community Engagement Plans and completed an international literature review on public attitudes to wind development!

### ACT Government Renewable Energy Auction

Community Power Agency was pleased to be invited to continue playing a role in the ACT Renewable Auction process. Building on CPA's expertise in community engagement and benefit sharing in the renewables sector, Jarra Hicks and Taryn Lane (Hepburnn Wind, Embark) [were commissioned to write the Best Practice Guidelines for Community Engagement in Wind Development](#) to inform the ACT's auction process. The ACT Renewable Auctions are helping them reach their goal of 90% renewable energy by 2020 (now 100% by 2020).

## 5 Fostering collaboration

Since our foundation, Community Power Agency has held the belief that community energy organisations can collectively achieve more success by sharing information and collaborating with each other. After a number of years of helping to establish the Coalition for Community Energy, in 2015, we formally commenced our role as the C4CE Secretariat.

### C4CE Secretariat

C4CE brings together organisations in Australia with a genuine connection to community energy - community energy groups, support organisations, government agencies and businesses working in the space. Based upon a collaborative governance model, the C4CE Secretariat is tasked with facilitating governance, administration and supporting key activities of the Coalition.

#### Governance

As the Secretariat, Community Power Agency is responsible for the administration of the governance body for C4CE - the Steering Group. Through 2015/16, we ensured a functioning Steering Group met regularly and made decisions required to keep the C4CE organisation in operation, this included organising a face-to-face strategic planning day. In addition, we supported C4CE to grow to have more than 70 organisations involved.

#### Information Sharing

A key function of C4CE, is to ensure information is being shared with members relating to developments in the community energy sector and communicate with stakeholders about the activities of C4CE and the community energy sector more broadly. To do this Community Power Agency managed C4CE's social media channels, website presence and newsletters to supporters. This included focus on collaborative strategic initiatives endorsed by C4CE.





## Congress

C4CE launched at the first Community Energy Congress in 2014. The Steering Group decided that holding the second Community Energy Congress in 2017 should be a top priority and requested Community Power Agency, as the Secretariat, to start planning for the event. We undertook early-stage planning for the Congress, including securing a venue in Melbourne Town Hall. Work on the second Community Energy Congress continues into 2016/17.

## Other collaborations

In addition to our involvement in the Coalition for Community Energy, Community Power Agency is pleased to be a member of the Nature Conservation Council of NSW, Climate Action Network Australia and the Australian Wind Alliance.



## 6 Meet the Community Power Agency Team

Nicky Ison, Founding Director  
*B. Eng (Environ) Hons; BA Envtl Studies*



Nicky Ison is one of the Founding Directors of Community Power Agency. She is an expert in the field of energy policy, energy market reform and community renewable energy and has worked with and visited over 50 community energy groups in Australia, Europe and the US. She was co-author of the [Homegrown Power Plan](#), the lead author on the National Electricity Market Report Card and [National Community Energy Strategy](#). Nicky is also one of the founders and coordinators of the Coalition for Community Energy, which is working to address the barriers to the development of Australia's community energy sector. Nicky is an experienced facilitator, having designed and run workshops for government agencies, community groups and private sector organisations in both Australia and the UK. As well her work at Community Power Agency, Nicky is a Senior Research Consultant at the UTS Institute for Sustainable Futures (UTS:ISF) and was a founding member of the board of the Solar Citizens Community Campaign. Nicky holds a double degree in Environmental Engineering and Arts (Environmental Studies). In 2014, Nicky was recognised on the Australian Financial Review's and Westpac's 100 Women of Influence list.

Jarra Hicks, Founding Director  
*B. Development Studies Hons I*



Jarra has a professional background in community development, campaigning and renewable energy. She studied Development Studies at the University of Newcastle and in 2009 completed Honours research that focused on grassroots renewable energy projects as effective responses to climate change using innovative economic practices. Jarra spent two years as the Project Coordinator of Mount Alexander Community Wind in Central Victoria. She has also co-founded and worked for a range of community organisations and social enterprises, from food to energy, advocacy to banking. In 2010 and again in 2012 Jarra completed study tours of community renewable energy initiatives in North America and Europe and spent time as a volunteer renewable energy policy advisor in Delhi, India. Jarra is currently a PhD Candidate at the University of New South Wales, researching the potential for community-owned wind energy projects to contribute positive social, economic and environmental outcomes for regional communities in Australia. Her research focuses on the community engagement practices, social enterprise models and diverse economic arrangements that community energy projects use.



Manny Pasqualini, Director  
BA Soc.Sc Hons; BA Environment; Cert IV SBM



Manny is an experienced and passionate sustainability strategist and change maker, specialising in community-owned renewable energy, which he sees as a perfect blend of community building, social enterprise and clean energy development. Over the past 10 years Manny has worked on diverse projects across the sustainability field; namely conservation, climate, water and environmental management projects in Europe, Latin America and Australia. Upon returning to Melbourne in 2009, he attained bachelor degrees in Environment (Soc.Sc), Social Science (Hons 1), and Cert IV in Small Business Management, all at RMIT University. Manny has over the past 12 months played a leading role in advocating for strong and innovative State and Federal government policy support for community energy, most recently through the Renewables For All project and the Federal Smart Energy Communities Campaign. From mid 2016, Manny's work sees him focus strongly on developing community energy in his home state of Victoria and is currently working with several Melbourne metro and Victorian regional communities to help develop and implement their community energy vision, while continuing to collaborate with a wide range of key innovators and industry stakeholders to help pave the way for these projects to be realised.

Franziska Mey, Director  
Dipl. Political Science, MA Sustainable Regional Development



Franziska has a double degree in Political Science and Regional Development from German Universities. She gained extensive work experience while working at WWF Germany coordinating European and international projects on sustainable regional development. Franziska is an experienced project manager and has successfully organised numerous workshops and events. In her current role at CPA she has delivered a range of projects and community workshops such as providing policy recommendations and conducting research into international financing policies for community energy. Besides her work at CPA, Franziska is currently a PhD candidate at UNSW at the Institute of Environmental Studies. She is writing her thesis on the institutional factors driving and constraining community renewable energy in Germany and Australia.

Tom Nockolds, Director



Tom has a vision of a future where people share the benefits and the burdens of the world more fairly. He left his corporate career in 2012 to pursue this vision in the community energy sector. Tom has an extensive work history and a strong track record of success in various roles and, prior to his career change, Tom held positions as diverse as business development manager, project manager and operations manager and has university qualifications in project management and a background in engineering. As one of the founding members of Sydney group, Pingala, Tom has helped oversee the continued commitment of a core group of volunteers working to bring community energy projects to the wider Sydney community. Tom has a strong knowledge of the different business models being adopted or considered by community energy groups in Australia and has helped groups navigate their way through the complex technical and regulatory environment. Tom fundamentally believes in sharing and collaboration and has become an enthusiastic participant in the Coalition for Community Energy - the sector-wide collaboration for the community energy sector in Australia.



# Acknowledgements & Upcoming Work

Community Power Agency has developed five areas of strategic priority for 2016/17 that build on the momentum from this year:

1. Winning the Smart Energy Communities Campaign;
2. Through our role as the Secretariat of the Coalition for Community Energy, organising the second Community Energy Congress - 27 & 28 February at Melbourne Town Hall [www.c4ce.net.au/congress](http://www.c4ce.net.au/congress);
3. Our bread and butter - continuing to build the capacity of community energy groups across Australia to deliver successful community energy projects;
4. Working to establish Social Access Solar Gardens - a new model of community energy to Australia (though one that is prevalent in the US) that would sidestep market barriers like split incentives and open up the benefits of solar to renters, apartment dwellers and even low-income households; and,
5. Increasing the quality of community engagement and benefit sharing within the wind industry and working to establish viable models of community-developer partnerships e.g. communities owning a turbine or stake in a larger developer-led wind farm.

Our work is supported by a multitude of partnerships and collaborations. We are extremely grateful for the generative and creative way that we have been able to work with others in the mutual pursuit of realising a vibrant community energy sector in Australia.

We would like to thank our long-term collaborators the Institute for Sustainable Futures (ISF) at the University of Technology Sydney, The Alternative Technology Association, Moreland Energy Foundation, Embark, Starfish Initiatives and Chris Cooper. Our impact as an organisation depends on the partnerships and collaborations we make and your support in 2015/16 is appreciated and by no means assumed. In particular, we want to acknowledge the role of ISF in physically hosting the C4CE Secretariat. We also want to acknowledge and thank all the organisations involved in the Coalition for Community Energy.

Thank you as well to Solar Citizens, GetUp, Nature Conservation Council, Friends of the Earth, Climate Action Network Australia and the Victorian Community Solar Alliance for their collaboration in making our advocacy campaigns a success. We would also like to thank the Climate Media Centre for amplifying our work and the stories of community energy groups through the media.

Renewables for All was an important piece of work requiring consultation with actors in multiple states. We couldn't have done this without The Conservation Council of South Australia, Energetic Communities, SolarShare and Changing Weather.

We are deeply grateful to Diversicon Foundation, Mullum Trust, The Sunrise Project, Energy Consumers Australia and a number of individual donors for providing us with grant funding and donations that supported our work in 2015/16.

Many thanks for the Clean Energy Council and members of its Wind Directorate for supporting our ongoing research into Enhancing Social Outcomes from Wind Development. Special thanks to Taryn Lane, Emily Wood, Nina Hall and Alicia Webb with whom we have done this work. And, of course, the Federal Wind Commissioner, Andrew Dyer for his strategic advice.

We were generously supported by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage in our work on Solar Suburbs. We were also pleased to be commissioned by the Victorian Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources and ACT Environmental and Sustainable Development Directorate to further their support for community energy. Finally we would like to recognise the huge work and commitment of the more than 80 community energy groups across the country - we are inspired every day by their work to keep doing what we do. We hope what we do at Community Power Agency makes the work of these amazing organisations and volunteers easier.



# Financials

## Balance Sheet

Statement of financial position for the year ended 30 June 2016.

### Current Assets

Cash at bank	43,718.23
Accounts receivable	9,900.21
Total Current Assets	53,618.21

### Non-current assets

Shares owned (unlisted entities)	1,000.00
Total Non-Current Assets	1,000.00

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Total Assets	54,618.44
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### Current Liabilities

Accounts payable	6,182.96
GST	5,666.00
Rounding	(0.50)

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Total Current Liabilities	11,972.24
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### Non-current liabilities

Total Non-Current Liabilities	—
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Total Liabilities	11,972.24
Net Assets	44,646.20

### Equity

Current year earnings	44,975.35
Retained earnings	(2,329.15)

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Total Equity	42,646.20
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## Profit & Loss

Statement of profit and loss for the year ended 30 June 2016

### Income

Interest income	212.61
Other revenue	2,000.00
Reimbursements	12,684.72
Sales	211,608.46
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Total Income	226,505.79

### Expenses

Bank fees	75.57
Consulting & contractors	165,024.75
Freight & courier	381.09
General expenses	3,577.61
Insurance	547.72
Motor vehicle expenses	166.43
Office expenses	68.16
Printing & stationery	338.00
Subscriptions	1,185.96
Telephone & internet	1,612.82
Travel & accommodation	8,552.33
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Total Expenses	181,530.44
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Surplus for Year	44,975.35