

Annual Report 2017–2018



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1 Introducing Community Power Agency

We believe that the transition to clean energy should be faster and fairer - addressing the urgent need for climate change, and enabling all Australians to participate and benefit. Our vision is for democratically controlled, decentralised renewable energy and energy efficiency projects bringing social, environmental and economic benefits to communities across the country.

Community Power Agency is one of Australia's leading community energy support organisations. We specialise in supporting community groups navigate the complex process of developing their own clean energy projects. We focus on building the capacity within communities and fostering collaboration. We also work to address the systemic barriers facing the sector as a whole and play an active role in bringing socially-responsible, community-beneficial business models into the Australian energy market.

From facilitating workshops to developing new guides and resources; from creating new energy business models, and 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 this year grew to more than 80 operating projects and close to 100 community energy groups.

Community Power Agency has three key areas of work:

1. **Building capacity** through training, resource development and mentoring,
2. **Enabling the adoption of new socially-beneficial business models and practices in Australia** such as better community engagement in the large-scale renewables industry and Social Access Solar Gardens.
3. **Influencing and setting the public agenda** on energy through advocacy, policy development, media and public speaking.

We strongly believe in doing things 'with', not 'for' people, and the role this plays in creating the capacity for long-term sustainability and resilience within communities. In addition, building the community energy sector has implications beyond local communities, since it also helps to build the broader social and political context needed to support the transition to renewable energy.

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 of Community Power Agency,

We feel we've been punching above our weight this year, if we may say so ourselves!

It's been a big year for influencing policy and getting some good wins, for supporting a range of new community energy projects from Alice Springs to Healsville to Cairns, and for publishing ground-breaking research.

We've launched into a timely project to unlock a currently missing part of the solar revolution in our country. The Social Access Solar Gardens project is working to give locked-out people - think renters, apartment dwellers and low-income households - the joys and benefits of owning solar PV. This ARENA funded project is developing four prototypes in three states, and we look forward to rolling it out and enabling a whole new cohort to access solar power once the model(s) are proven!

On the policy front, Community Power Agency worked with seven organisations to update and launch the [Repower Australia Plan](#), a policy blueprint to get to a 100% renewable powered Australia. We also worked with Solar Citizens in the lead-up to the South Australian election to release the Repower South Australia Plan. We continue to advocate for Community Power Hubs and Solar for All.

Along with the Coalition for Community Energy, we've developed a new guide for small scale community solar projects - those under 100kW and "behind the meter, below the load" and delivered a range of trainings using this resource.

Two of our directors, Franziska and Jarra, finished their PhDs on community energy this year, bringing a whole new suite of important and useful insights into how community energy can be effectively delivered and supported to generate meaningful outcomes for people.

As always, the work we do is possible (and heaps more fun!) because of the collaborations we have with amazing organisations and people across the country. We strongly believe in building the power of our growing community energy movement (in more ways than one!), and working together is central to this. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with the Institute for Sustainable Futures, the Coalition for Community Energy, the Alternative Technology Association, Solar Citizens, Climate Action Network Australia, Akin Consulting and so many more of you!

Cheers,

Nicky Ison, Franziska Mey, Jarra Hicks, Tom Nockolds and Manny Pasqualini.

Directors, Community Power Agency
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2 Supporting Community Energy & the Climate Movement

One of the pillars of Community Power Agency's mission is to build the capacity of communities to deliver clean energy projects. This year we continued to provide specialised training for new community energy groups, as well developing a focus on broad-scale capacity building.

Trainings and Community Support

Directly supporting communities by providing training, resources and mentoring is a core competency of Community Power Agency and is key to our mission of building the capacity of community energy groups and working with them to deliver projects.

Intro to the Energy System Trainings

Australia's electricity system is complicated, however having a base-level of understanding of how it works is critical for community energy groups and NGOs working on renewable energy. Building on previous engagement 2017-18 Community Power Agency ran six Introduction to the *Energy System Trainings* and [four webinars](#) for over 130 people, with support from a CANA small grant. These were held in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane and the Beyond Coal and Gas Conference and specialist trainings for the CANA and Solar Citizens teams. The trainings covered how the electricity system works, who's who in the energy zoo, current trends and explaining recent events. We were pleased to receive glowing feedback on how useful campaigners found this information.

Business model development workshops

Part of developing a community renewable energy project is adapting or developing a business model that is viable, feasible and desirable in the local context. The development of a complete operating structure for a community energy project is a design challenge. To support groups through this process, Community Power Agency has run a number of business model development workshops over the last year, drawing on the knowledge of the different models operating across the country. The workshop gets the group thinking about the technical, economic, governance and community aspects of a project and how they fit together.

Jarra and Tom were invited to Alice Springs to run a business model design workshop for the local community energy group to develop a community 5 MW solar farm. This also included discussions and consideration of a potential partnership with the state-owned electricity generator (the major electricity producer in the Northern Territory). The workshop helped the group to identify and agree on key features for their business model that would deliver on their motivations and vision in a viable way. It also clarified and articulated their expectations for working in partnership.

"In early 2018, Community Power Agency very successfully facilitated a workshop with RePower Alice Springs and our proposed major partner in a large community solar development, resulting in an agreed business model for the initiative. CPA brought its experience to bear to provide highly professional pre-workshop preparation, thorough and logical workshop facilitation and subsequent reporting, and good follow-up advice. This nicely mapped out the model/partnership and the work ahead required to progress the development, for which RePower remains very grateful."

– David & Harshini, Board Members, Repower Alice Springs.

Kick-starting community renewable energy projects

Community Power Agency regularly works with local communities who are just starting out on the community energy journey. The Congress last year inspired a number of individuals to form new community energy groups. One of them was the Healesville Community Owned Renewable Energy group. Across two workshops, Tom and Fran helped the group to agree on a clear shared vision and motivations for the project and to understand the range of potential project options they could consider. The second workshop helped the group decide on a business model and a high-level project plan, including next steps needed to make the plan a reality. Jarra ran a similar workshop with the three largest organisations on Phillip Island who are seeking to collaborate to reduce their carbon footprints.

"Jarra assisted the Phillip Island Nature Parks, Bass Coast Shire Council and Westernport Water in a workshop to develop a shared vision for a renewable energy partnership and to assess how this aligns with each organisations' strategic objectives. From the Nature Parks perspective this was an invaluable and invigorating exercise to unite with the two other largest organisations on Phillip Island to work towards something as important as renewable energy. Jarra did an outstanding job in harnessing the passion and enthusiasm of the group to develop the vision and future direction of the Working Group."

– Jarvis Weston, Projects and Procurement Coordinator, Phillip Island Nature Parks



Resource Development

We place emphasis on contributing timely and relevant resources on community energy, in order to support the implementation of informed policy and practice. As such, we commit significant time and energy into producing a range of resources, and developing our own knowledge base. Whether used by households or community members directly, or by organisations supporting them, these resources assist communities to deliver their own clean energy projects.



This year, two Community Power Agency directors completed PhD's, contributing significantly to our knowledge of community energy.

Franziska's thesis explored why and how community renewable energy fields emerge and the institutional drivers and challenges that contribute and constrain their development. Applying the framework of strategic action fields, which is based on elements of institutional, organisational and social movement theory, her thesis explores the development of community renewable energy fields based on case studies of Denmark, Germany and Australia. It investigates relationships between related actors considering both bottom-up (mobilisation) and top-down (decisive role of state and its institutions) dynamics and compares the developments of the three countries to identify development principles and to offer policy recommendations. In addition, special focus is placed on the role of local government as an institution that supports and could foster the establishment of community renewable energy initiatives.

Jarra's thesis studies the outcomes and impacts from community-owned wind energy project in small regional communities in Scotland and Australia. She analyses how business model design choices around governance structures, economic arrangements and community engagement practices influence the range and depth of outcomes and impacts. Using qualitative research methods, her research reveals a range of important social outcomes and impacts from CORE, such as experiences of empowerment, capacity building and political engagement, as well as increased sense of community and support for renewable energy.

Community Power Agency founding directors, Jarra and Nicky, published an important article on the understanding the nature of community energy in the international journal *Energy Policy*, the abstract of which is included below.

Energy Policy Journal Article

A range of actors involved in energy transitions are increasingly interested in 'community renewable energy' (CRE) for a multitude of reasons. [...] CRE has proven to be a diverse field: having emerged in different contexts and having been driven by a range of motivators, it encapsulates a diversity of technological, organisational, economic and social features. Developing a working definition and delineating what can legitimately be considered CRE is difficult given its varied forms. Drawing on interviews and document analysis with 25 case studies, we analyse the influence of context and motivations through the development process to understand the diversity of forms that lay claim to the 'CRE' title. Rather than a single definition, we propose a set of conceptual tools for thinking about this nuanced field. The tools analyse what constitutes 'community' RE, enabling proponents to expose the motivations and choices layered into different enactments of CRE in policy and practice. This article contributes to developing a language and practice that can explicitly articulate what is meant by CRE, what forms of activity are pursued and why.

Source: Hicks, J., & Ison, N. (2018). An Exploration of the Boundaries of 'Community' in Community Renewable Energy Projects: Navigating between motivations and context. Energy Policy, 113, 523–534.

VOCE

Community Power Agency's podcast, Voices of Community Energy, started the year with episodes devoted to explaining some technical emerging energy concepts. We interviewed two leading blockchain platforms: Power Ledger and LO3. This further expanded the concept of including "explainer episodes" on the podcast.

Our aspiration last year was to publish new stories throughout 2017/18 and to expand into video content. However, we have fallen short of that mark, and publishing of new episodes fell away in recent months, due to resource constraints. We do remain committed to the idea that community energy projects have a richness that cannot be captured by words on a page and graphs and numbers. We plan to reignite the VOCE initiative in 2018/19.

www.voce.net.au



Coalition for Community Energy (C4CE)

Consolidation and transition has been the focus for C4CE in 2017/18. After more than four years in the role, Community Power Agency stepped down as the Secretariat for C4CE in April 2018. However, our commitment to C4CE and its underpinning ethos of collaboration for the betterment of the community energy sector remains strong. We continue to play an active role in the Steering Group and are pleased to have helped C4CE grow from an idea to an organisation with more than 90 members. In our final 9 months as the Secretariat, we led C4CE's strategic planning, and developed two new important resources for the community energy sector - the Small Scale Community Solar Guide and a recorded Webinar Series.

Small Scale Solar Guide

We were the lead authors on this timely update to the Small Scale Community Solar Guide. With a changing regulatory landscape, new case studies available and more overall knowledge in the sector, the need for an update to this guide was strong. Community Power Agency included a whole new section to the document, the Common Legal Framework. Drawing from our deep knowledge of the business models being adopted and adapted by community energy groups, this section provides a new common visual arrangement and language to describe different community energy models.

The first version of this document, originally called the "Behind the Meter Solar Guide", was published in 2014 as part of the C4CE inception project, funded by ARENA and led by the Institute for Sustainable Futures at UTS.

"Sustainability Victoria was really pleased to be able to partner with Community Power Agency in updating the Small Scale Community Guide and subsequent webinars in late 2017. The Community Energy Sector had progressed so much that the updating the original 2015 Behind the Meter guide, that it was necessary to capture the breadth and maturity of the groups and their projects. It profiled 10 case studies of active community solar models, and also expanded on some important work around the legal frameworks that groups and projects were operating in. To make this new resource even more accessible, CPA put together webinars that hundreds of people across Australia were able to connect to and continue to draw upon on as they work up their own projects. Thanks CPA, and we look forward to continuing to work with you".

– Luke Wilkinson, Manager of Regions, Communities & Local Government, Sustainability Victoria

Webinar Series

Towards the end of 2017 calendar year, Community Power Agency identified that there were a number of substantial resource development projects underway in the community energy sector. These included the Small Scale Solar Guide work led by Community Power Agency, the ARENA-funded Finance Toolkit led by Frontier Impact Group and several smaller initiatives. With these projects all having a requirement to conduct knowledge sharing activities, Community Power Agency developed and successfully pitched to the C4CE steering group the concept of C4CE hosting a series of Webinars running through October, November and into December 2017.

Tom Nockolds was the host and lead organiser for each of these webinars, inviting guests and experts to present on various topics relevant to community energy in Australia. These webinars were all recorded and are now available on the [C4CE website](#).

Memberships

In addition to our membership of 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, the Alternative Technology Association and the Australian Wind Alliance. We also do work with other member-based organisations including the Smart Energy Council and the Clean Energy Council.

3 Agenda Setting - policy, advocacy and media

Community Power Agency plays a leadership role in helping to drive a faster and fairer transition to clean energy. This includes leading and collaborating on campaigns, doing policy development and analysis to support governments and our partners' advocacy and telling our story through the media and public speaking engagements.

This year, as part of our agenda setting work, we have continued to run the Smart Energy Communities campaign and launched the Repower Australia Plan (Homegrown Power Plan version 2). We are excited to see so many of our ideas being adopted by leading voices for clean energy, be they government, community, industry or non-profits.

Smart Energy Communities

The second half of 2017 saw the [Smart Energy Communities Campaign](#) (phase-two) continue. Through this campaign we champion the importance of a faster and fairer transition to clean energy within the community energy sector, climate movement and beyond. This work has led to a number of exciting collaborations with organisations that also see the benefit of the Smart Energy Communities program.

These include:

- Working with Solar Citizens to advocate for Smart Energy Communities in the South Australian election,
- Catalysing and supporting a campaign team of community energy advocates in Tasmania to advocate for Smart Energy Communities in the Tasmanian election,
- Working with Friends of the Earth's Victorian Climate Budget campaign and Environment Victoria's One Million Homes campaign,
- Organising NSW community energy groups to campaign for Smart Energy Communities to be included in the Climate Change Fund,
- Running a successful event with Conservatives for Conservation profiling community energy, and
- Participating in the CANA Repower Campaign, particularly focusing on efforts to ensure clean affordable energy for all.

To help deliver the Smart Energy Communities Campaign, we were excited to have Lachlan Rule as a part-time campaigner and organiser to the Community Power Agency team for the first half of the year.



"Nicky and the Community Power Agency's 'Repower South Australia' report helped shape the renewable energy movement's strategy ahead of the 2018 South Australian Election enabling us to make smart interventions because of their strategic research. This included securing commitments from politicians and media stories across the state."

- Dan Spencer, RePower Port Augusta, Campaign Leader.

Influencing policy

This year saw Community Power Agency launch the [Repower Australia Plan](#) (Version 2 of the Homegrown Power Plan). This expanded blueprint for how to power our electricity, transport and industry with clean energy by moving to 100% renewables and getting off coal and gas was supported by the Australian Conservation Foundation, GetUp, Solar Citizens, Environment Victoria, 350.org and the Nature Conservation Council of NSW. The Plan was launched by international climate leader Bill McKibbin in May 2018. Community Power Agency also worked with Solar Citizens to produce a [Repowering South Australia report](#), which identified five clean energy policy priorities for the South Australian election.

Community Power Agency also continues to provide policy advice and analysis for a range of organisations. Specifically, we were commissioned by a number of NGOs to undertake a policy analysis of the National Energy Guarantee when it was first proposed in October 2017.

Community Power Agency also worked with both the Victorian and New South Wales governments this year, providing advice on how to increase socially beneficial engagement with renewable energy and evaluating community energy programs. We worked with Akin Consulting to do a review of the first year of the Victorian Government's Pilot Community Power Hubs Program, which revealed the successful establishment of three Hubs and valuable contribution they are making in local communities.

Media

In 2017/18 Community Power Agency received over xx media hits, this is in addition to supporting community energy groups to tell their story, particularly as part of the Smart Energy Communities campaign.

Media highlights include:

- An [ABC Landline TV](#) feature on community-funded power,
- A double page profile of Jarra and community energy in [Money Magazine](#),
- Nicky's dual appearances as an energy expert on ABC's [The Drum](#),
- The launch of the Repower Australia Plan in [The Guardian](#), and
- The launch of our Solar Gardens research project in the [Sydney Morning Herald](#).

The CPA team also spoke on numerous radio shows and had articles and opinion pieces published in the Adelaide Advertiser, RenewEconomy, Fairfax regional papers, the Sydney Morning Herald and more. We were also pleased to continue our relationship with the [Climate Media Centre](#) and thank them for their support.

Public speaking

The Community Power Agency team are regularly invited to speak at events, forums and conferences on the topics of community energy, energy justice and the clean energy transition. In 2017/18, the CPA team spoke at 16 events including at the Climate Justice Conference in Hobart, the Sunpowered Queensland Summit, RenewFest and the Carbon Neutral Adelaide festival. In addition we have spoken at forums put on by new and emerging community energy groups such as Cairns, Bundaberg and Bermagui.





4 Fostering a fairer transition

Having positive and beneficial ways for communities to engage with the renewable energy transition is key to its success. Renewable energy has the opportunity to offer a range of social (as well as environmental) benefits when delivered in a way that is closely engaged with local communities. Community Power Agency plays a role in increasing community engagement in and community benefit from large-scale corporate renewable energy development through working with communities, developers and regulators.

Involving communities in the transition

In March 2018 the Clean Energy Council launched the [Enhancing Positive Social Outcomes from Wind Development](#) report, of which we were lead authors. The report looks at what is working well to establish positive and beneficial relationships between local communities and wind energy developments. It offers a range of insights and suggestions for practice, drawing together insights from wind developers, community members, regulators, advocacy organisations and academics. The report is based on 18 months of research and is the most comprehensive review of community engagement and benefit-sharing practices in the wind industry to day. Download the report, short fact sheets and full research documents [here](#).

Building on this knowledge base, Community Power Agency has been working with community and corporate renewable energy developers working on small, medium and large scale projects, helping them to understand how they can better involve and benefit local communities.

Social Access Solar Gardens

We believe that Solar Gardens will play a catalytic role in opening up the benefits of solar PV ownership to people who are currently locked-out of having solar on their own roof. Solar Gardens work by installing a central solar farm, generally near a population centre. Energy customers can buy panels in the farm. The electricity generated is credited on their electricity bill. With a solar garden, any electricity customer can participate in and benefit from solar energy. The solar panels may be located off-site but the household receives a similar outcome as having solar on their own roof. Social Access Solar Gardens are a type of Solar Gardens that specifically seek to enable the most vulnerable and low-income energy users to participate in solar.

In May 2018 ARENA announced that they would fund the Social Access Solar Gardens project, aimed at supporting the development of off-site solar business models that specifically include low income electricity users. This announcement was the culmination of over 18 months of developing the core concepts and working to to secure the \$635,000 funding required for the project.

The project is a close collaboration between Community Power Agency and the Institute for Sustainable Futures at UTS. The project aims to prototype four of the first solar gardens projects in Australia in locations across New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria. The Project will enable solar gardens that will benefit the 30% of Australian consumers currently excluded from solar because they aren't blessed with a sunny roof over their head that they own.

5 Meet the Team

Nicky Ison, Founding Director
B. Eng (Environ) Hons I BA Env'tl Studies



Nicky Ison is a Founding Director of the Community Power Agency, a Strategist at Climate Action Network Australia and a Research Associate at the Institute for Sustainable Futures at the University of Technology Sydney. She is an acknowledged leader, expert and commentator in the fields of energy policy, community energy, new clean energy business models and the transition away from coal to clean energy. Nicky has spent over fifteen years working and volunteering in the climate and clean energy sectors, including helped to found five organisations. Nicky is the lead author of the Repower Australia Plan and the National Community Energy Strategy. She has worked with and researched over 60 community energy projects in Australia, Europe and North America. In 2014 Nicky was recognised on the Australian Financial Review's 100 Women of Influence list.

Dr. Jarra Hicks, Founding Director
B. Development Studies Hons I PhD Faculty of Law/ Faculty of Built Environment



With 10 years experience in community energy in both Australia and overseas, Jarra's expertise spans community engagement, business models, facilitation, policy development and partnership building. She has worked as a project manager on the ground, as well as with governments, peak bodies, NGOs and the corporate sector. Jarra recently completed a PhD at the University of New South Wales. Her thesis analyses the outcomes and impacts from community owned wind energy projects in small regional communities. From 2014 to 2016 Jarra acted as an advisor to the ACT government in the design and delivery of the Community Engagement and Benefit Sharing component of their Renewable Energy Auctions. In 2017 Jarra co-authored the Victorian Government's Community Engagement and Benefit Sharing in Renewable Energy Development: A Guide for Applicants to the Victorian Renewable Energy Target Auction and worked with the Clean Energy Council to produce a comprehensive report of current and best-practice community engagement and benefit sharing in the wind industry, titled Enhancing Positive Social Outcomes from Wind Development.

Manny Pasqualini, Director
BA Soc.Sc Hons I BA Environment I 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. 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.

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.

Dr. Franziska Mey, Director

Dipl. Political Science | MA Sustainable Regional Development PhD Faculty of Science



Franziska has a professional background in project management, renewable energy policy and sustainable development. For 6 years she worked at WWF Germany and gained extensive work experience coordinating European and international projects on sustainable regional development. In one of those projects Franziska has developed and managed a network of 14 local governments and national organisations across Europe to enhance regional policies for sustainability. Since 2013, Franziska has been a Director at the Community Power Agency. In this role she delivers research projects, leads community energy business model development and contributes to national campaigns for community energy in Australia. Franziska is also works part-time at the Institute for Sustainable Futures at the University of Technology in Sydney as Senior Researcher. She works on research projects to further a just transition in Australia with a special focus on social access of low-income households.

Elizabeth Noble, Director

BA Visual Arts | MA of Environmental Science



Elizabeth has long had a keen interest in community engagement and environmental education. She has well over a decade of experience managing sustainability projects that focus on community involvement, consultation and education, and which produce environmental as well as social benefit. Since 2002, she has worked across the public, private and not-for-profit sectors in Australia, the UK and Asia as a project manager, sustainability advisor and environmental educator. She has extensive experience in household energy efficiency and renewable energy, and has particular interest in community-owned solar. Elizabeth also holds a Master of Environmental Science and a Certificate in Environmental Education focusing on enquiry-based learning and behaviour change.

6 Upcoming Work

Community Power Agency has four strategic priorities for 2018/19 that build on the momentum from this year:

1. Working to establish Social Access Solar Gardens models that can sidestep market barriers and open up the benefits of solar ownership to renters, apartment dwellers and low-income households.
2. Increasing community involvement and benefit in all forms and scales of renewable energy development, from household to community to commercial projects. This includes working with renewable energy developers, industry bodies and training organisations, as well as developing viable models of community-developer partnerships, where community members can own a stake in larger wind and solar farms.
3. Maintaining our position as a leading organisations that progressive voices turn to for policy advice and public commentary for how to deliver a faster and fairer transition to clean energy.
4. Expanding the work we do with Councils in support of the movement for local government action on climate change solutions, renewables, energy efficiency and engaging their communities.





7 Thank you

We believe in collaborations as a key ingredients to our success and our aim to grow the 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 for hosting our Sydney office space.

The policy work of Community Power Agency is made possible by numerous environmental NGOs. We would like to thank Solar Citizens, GetUp, Nature Conservation Council, Friends of the Earth, Climate Council, 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.

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.

Special thanks goes to Diversicon Foundation and The Sunrise Project and a number of individual donors for providing us with grant funding and donations that supported our work in 2017/18.

Finally we would like to recognise the huge work and commitment of the more than 100 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.

8 Financials

Balance Sheet

Statement of financial position for the year ended 30 June 2018.

Current Assets

Cash at bank	\$27,628.44
Accounts receivable	\$1,565.52
Total Current Assets	\$29,193.96

Non-current assets

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

Total Assets	\$30,193.96
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Current Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$640.00
GST	\$2,093.25
PAYG IAS Withholdings	\$508.00
Superannuation payable	\$5,242.48

Total Current Liabilities	\$8,483.73
Net Assets	\$21,710.23

Equity

Current year earnings	\$43,571.31
Retained earnings	\$65,281.54

Total Equity	\$21,710.23
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Financials

Profit and Loss

Statement of financial position for the year ended 30 June 2018.

Income

Dividends from Repower Three	\$303
Event Ticket Sales on Door	\$2,372
Interest Income	\$469
Sales	\$236,281
Total Income	\$239,424

Gross Profit	\$239,424
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Less Operating Expenses

Accounting Fees	\$573
Advertisin	\$479
Bank Fees	\$192
Conference & Seminar Costs	\$643
Consulting & Contractors	\$45,854
Donation Paid/ Payable	\$32,206
General Expenses	\$197
Insurance	\$1,061
Membership, Licenses & Subscriptions	\$731
Printing & Stationery	\$61
Superannuation	\$7,045
Telephone & Internet	\$3,353
Travel & Accomodation	\$10,740
Wages and Salaries	\$179,401
Workers Comp Insurance	\$459
Total Operating Expenses	\$282,996

Net Profit	(\$43,571)
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