



Treasurers Report to AGM – May 26 2016.

This report is prefaced with thanks again to the QORF Office for the efficiency with which the accounts of the Outdoor Council of Australia have been maintained in the past year.

The Audited reports as circulated show the Outdoor Council of Australia has experienced a surplus of \$3,638 for this financial year 2015 compared to a loss of \$5,555 in 2014 (NB the 2014 loss included \$5,500 amortisation of NOLRS – thus a \$55 "cash" loss).

This has only been achieved through the generosity once again of the QORF Office and staff who have provided much unfunded support.

A decision was made in March 2015 that Membership Fees would not be invoiced at that time as it was hoped that the process of overhauling the OCA would be undertaken, and thence new fees set under a new structure. This did not occur and affected the income stream for the OCA.

Surpluses were generated by

- NOLRS, which experienced income growth over 2014 and generated \$4,976.
- AJOE, has provided \$4,570

These surpluses have carried the OCA for the year.

The OCA has continued to operate despite the tentative moves to overhaul its format but commitments made for research are on-going. The OCA currently has commitments to two research programs.

- Outdoor Youth Programs Research Alliance (OYPRA) – Murdock Children's Research Institute (MCRI) - of \$16,500 in 2016 (Most Members thought this had concluded in 2015 but 2016 is the final year) &
- UPLOADS – Monash/Southern Cross University of \$10,500, which continues for a number of years to come.

I have received verbal commitments from OCA Members to cover \$8,500 of this year's \$10,500 for UPLOADS. The Secretariat is investigating where the commitments to OYPRA lie, and will be invoicing those who can be identified as having committed to this project. The level of unfunded commitment is currently unknown and at worst case would eliminate the OCA's current equity. (Note that the Trails Australia Liability was made available to OCA for project work by resolution in 2015).

Thus the Outdoor Council of Australia just remains able to meet its expected costs at this time. However, it must exercise extreme caution moving through the next few months – and endeavour to obtain the funds that OYPRA believe were committed (if those commitments were made) it is to financially survive this year (2016).

I am of the opinion that the Outdoor Council of Australia Inc. is able to pay its debts at the time of this AGM.

The Auditor has expressed the opinion that the attached financial report of Outdoor Council of Australia Inc. presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Outdoor Council of Australia Inc. as of 31 December 2015 and of its financial performance for the year Jan 1 to Dec 31 2015.

Ken Pullen

Treasurer
23rd May 2016.