

ANNUAL REPORT

2015-16



*Intrepid
Landcare*



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Intrepid Landcare acknowledges and pays respect to the traditional custodians of the land. Our indigenous brothers and sisters, the original carers of the Australian landscape. We pay our respect to elders past, present and future and we look forward to being an ongoing contribution to the repair, restoration and protection of Australia's land and water, our rich culture and heritage, and the communities which support a sustainable future for all.

OUR INVESTORS

Intrepid Landcare would like to acknowledge and thank all financial investors in the start up and various campaigns, projects and programs we have rolled out since our inception. To the individuals, organisations and networks who invested in our original crowdfunding campaign, you've sowed the seeds to help us lay the foundations for something great. To the individuals, organisations and networks who invested in sending young people to the 2016 National Landcare Conference, you empowered a team of young people beyond what we possibly could have imagined. To Landcare Australia your 'Support Grant' has helped us create an online presence and package resources to help our Tribe grow, and be a voice for youth engagement in Landcare. To the communities who have invested in our programs you have helped us connect and create something special.


OUR SUPPORTERS

We would like to acknowledge the National Landcare Network and Landcare Australia for their ongoing support in our organisation, and the various peak-State Landcare networks who we have worked with so far.

OUR MENTORS

We wouldn't be here without the wisdom from those close to us in the Landcare movement. Those who have pioneered the way in looking after our land and water and recognising the sharing and nurturing culture we need to create for those now ready to "come and thrive in the hollows that have been created for us", as quoted from Costa Georgiadis. We would especially like to thank Bill Pigott (Berry Landcare, NSW, AKA our David Attenborough of Landcare), who opened his home for us to create our future, Intrepid Landcare. To Mike Swanson (Landcare Illawarra, NSW) our finance and governance mentor who has offered his knowledge from years of experience in managing boards and committees for over 30 years. There are many more mentors we could thank, thank you to everyone who has supported us thus far.

Thank you for being our rock.



A NOTE FROM OUR CHAIR

Wow what a year, I can't even begin to describe how amazing it has been co-founding and chairing the start up of a national organisation. A young arm of the Landcare movement, which evolved from a little seed in the Illawarra (NSW) some 8 years ago, Intrepid Landcare has grown into a national organisation that empowers young people to act and lead with Landcare.

We are not re-designing Landcare, there's nothing different about what actually happens on the ground. The jobs are there and they need to get done, as Landcare is still repairing and transforming landscapes. But what we are bringing to the table, is a new view of the movement through a completely different lens.

Coming from core values of collaboration and connection, layered with adventure and exploration, our Intrepid Landcare experiences don't recreate, they value-add. And this is what's appealing to the next generation.

The magic is the connection to everything else, which is organic and manifests in ways that are important and relevant to each young person. Whether it's connection to other like-minded young people, connection to culture, connection to nature, connection to adventures and epic scenery. Connection to mentors and potential employers in their profession of interest, or connection to an experience which adds value to a field of studies. At the end of the day there's something in these experiences for everyone.

I would like to thank our incredible board for the late nights, crazy fun meetings, epic energy, the side-splitting laughs, incredible insights, your knowledge and adventurous spirits. Our board has

wholeheartedly contributed to the building of Intrepid Landcare and have embraced every challenge, the chaos, and incredibly ambitious out-of-the box ideas with a total 'can-do' attitude. Thank you for remaining grounded, self-aware, professional, and connected despite the fact that we are spread across the country. I couldn't be more proud of what we have created together, and I am grateful for the contributions you have all made.

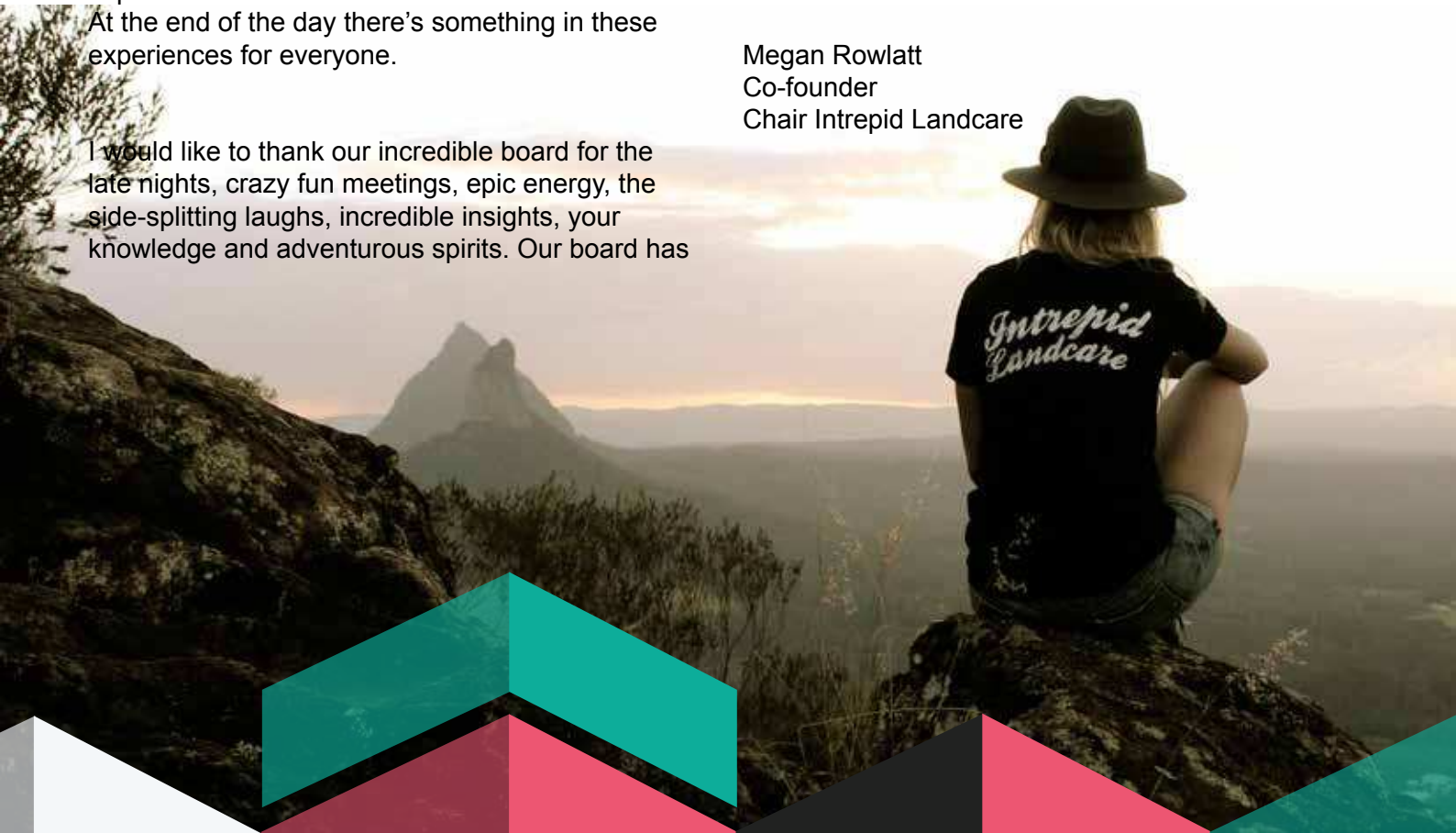
To all the young people we have met this year, you are incredible human beings. I wish you all the success in your journey in Landcare and may it be as enriching, educational, hilarious, fun and amazing as it has been for me. You are the next leaders and guardians of the Australian environment, and I have full faith and confidence that you are going to have a huge impact, create waves, and take Intrepid Landcare to a whole new level throughout Australia.

Welcome to the Tribe.

And to all of our donors, funders and supporters who have either cheered us on from the sidelines, or invested and backed us all the way, you have also played a pivotal role in this journey too. Supporting young people is an investment in our future, and you have helped us to start something great. Thank you.

Let's co-create the future we all want to see,

Megan Rowlett
Co-founder
Chair Intrepid Landcare



MEET OUR BOARD



MEGAN ROWLATT, NSW // CHAIR

Megan is a highly energetic, fun loving, Landcare leader from Wollongong, NSW Australia. She has been a member of the Landcare movement since 2008, and in 2009 she founded Illawarra Intrepid Landcare to address the issue of a lack of young recruitment in Landcare. She has a background in science, eco-tourism, business and communications. In 2011 she was recognised for her outstanding efforts in youth engagement and was awarded NSW Young Landcare Leader of the year, and then in 2012 she was recognised at a national level as the National Young Landcare Leader of the year.



CHRISTOPHER BRUNERO, NSW // VICE CHAIR

Christopher has been a passionate Landcarer since 2012 has turned up at almost every Illawarra Intrepid Landcare project since his first one in Bermagui on the far South Coast of NSW. Chris has had diverse industry experience and his passion is to encourage the next generation to realise the fulfillment, laughs and intense good times he has experienced while driving change with Intrepid Landcare. He has a background in engineering and works in the resource sector.



NAOMI EDWARDS, QLD // SECRETARY

Naomi is an infectiously inspiring community mobiliser who has a passion for beaches. She has been a member of the Landcare movement since 2006, and has been instrumental in establishing youth opportunities for Landcare. She is passionate about inspiring change makers to be organised and embrace creativity in the way we engage the public in environmental initiatives. She has degrees in environmental science, communications and international and community development, and is currently doing her PhD in coastal management! Naomi was recently awarded the National and State Young Landcare Leader of the year award.



RYAN KELLEN, VIC // TREASURER

Ryan is one of the original Illawarra Intrepid Landcare volunteers and has a passion for getting out in the great outdoors, exploring and meeting new people. Working an office 9-5 job, Landcare has been his avenue for meeting new people, giving back to the environment and learning more about the Australian landscape. He has a background in working with corporate and not-for-profit organisations and implementing business risk management and workplace health and safety.



JESSE KENNY, QLD // BOARD MEMBER

Jesse is a senior land manager and has worked in numerous community engagement capacities throughout his career with a focus on connecting communities to the environment. He is energised to share the opportunities our landscape can provide by way of hands on and creative engagement; the stuff you can see, hear, smell, taste or touch! He has a background in design, architecture, conservation and land management and in his downtime studies sociology and plays in a metal band.



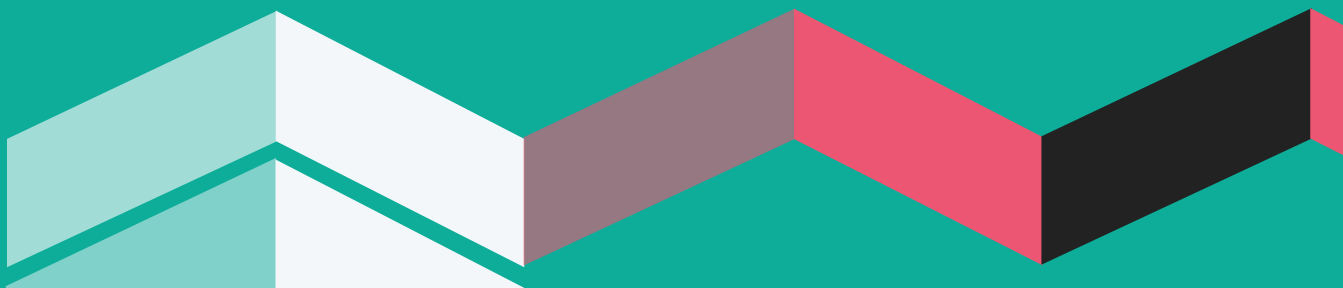
JOSHUA GILBERT, NSW // BOARD MEMBER

Josh uses Indigenous wisdom and values, alongside his agricultural history, to inform and shape modern society. In 2015, Josh was named in Pro Bono Australia's Impact 25, as one of the top 25 most influential people in Australia for his work in climate change and agriculture. In 2016 he was awarded Australian Geographic Young Conservationist of the Year given his passion and advocacy for renewable energy, and revolutionising the way we talk about agriculture and Indigenous issues in Australia, if not the world. He has a background in law, commerce and agriculture.



PETER PIGOTT, NSW // BOARD MEMBER

Peter is the Regional Landcare Facilitator for the South East Region of NSW, and has been in the Landcare scene for many years now and offers a wealth of experience in connecting communities, networks and facilitating highly effective discussions which really move communities and projects forward. He has been instrumental in establishing and supporting food producer and Landcare networks across the South East in NSW, and has a real passion for supporting leadership development in communities across Australia, particularly within Landcare and agriculture.



WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

Intrepid Landcare was established in 2015 in response to the overwhelming need to support young people to take on leadership roles in their community on stuff that matters to them. By "stuff" we mean an activity or cause that has a positive impact on the environment and community. Building on the success of Illawarra Intrepid Landcare which was founded in 2009 by Megan Rowlatt, Intrepid Landcare is now working with existing Landcare communities and groups of young passionate people around Australia to create the future they want to see for Landcare and their local environment.

To set us up we ran a successful crowdfunding campaign at the end of 2015 to cover the start up costs of our organisation. Offline donations got us well and truly over the line. We now have an incredible board of young intelligent professionals who are passionate about Landcare and the future of our planet, an amazing website and we are now working on creating a range of resources to support communities with youth engagement, as well as young people to start their own Intrepid Landcare initiatives.

To date we have run capacity building leadership retreats in two communities - Gold Coast QLD and the Hunter region NSW. Both have resulted in the establishment of local Intrepid Landcare groups. Hunter Intrepid Landcare most recently launched and attracted 46 people to their first project - which had pancakes, dune care and bush survival training! This was supported by Lake Macquarie Landcare, Hunter Local Land Services, Hunter Region Landcare Network, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, Burwood Beach Care and Conservation Volunteers Australia. What a collaboration!



The retreats not only bring together like-minded people, the up skill and empower young people to lead on environmental issues they see as important. The retreats foster a culture of community collaboration and cross-generational connection while creating long-lasting relationships.

Northern Rivers Landcare networks in NSW were inspired by the Intrepid Landcare concept and decided to trial an event in Brunswick Heads which again combined Landcare activities with outdoor adventure and connection to place and each other. Young people who attended the 'Weeds and Waves' event agreed that they wanted to start a North Rivers Intrepid Landcare and are in the process of mobilising more young people to take up the call to action, and create more exciting projects.



The Brisbane community also approached us to facilitate an event with the Brisbane Catchment Network. Put Soul In Sustainability was co-funded by various networks, which enabled us to support Gen Yadaba (a youth network from Yeppoon to also attend). We are in the process of creating a way forward to turn awareness into action.



Australian National University (ANU) in the ACT has also launched ANU Intrepid Landcare and has delivered a number of projects for university students. This has included a mix of fauna surveying and farm visits to introduce students to more on the ground projects and opportunities they can contribute to.



ANU ARE NOW IN THE TRIBE! AWESOME WORK.

The Illawarra (which has collaborated with over 40 different conservation and Landcare /Bushcare groups since 2009) and **UOW Intrepid Landcare Club** (which was established one year ago) are kicking along nicely. UOW Intrepid Landcare Club had their AGM recently and elected a new board who have great vision for where they want to take the group next year and the types of projects they want to create for members of their network.



NOW THAT'S A GINGER PLANT! SOMEWHERE IN THE ILLAWARRA.

Intrepid Landcare recently wrapped up another crowdfunding campaign which was supported by Landcare Australia. This campaign aimed to get more young people to the 2016 National Landcare Conference. Although we did not reach our target, the applications received from young people who wanted to attend the conference were so impressive that we were able (with some effective money juggling and co-investment from other Landcare networks) to send four young delegates to the conference. This was only possible with the support of Landcare Australia who helped us promote and coordinate the campaign.



THANK YOU FOR BACKING OUR IDEAS!

We have also been spreading the word and opportunities for young people in Landcare at a number of public speaking gigs around the country. **Megan and Naomi have delivered presentations at state and national forums, to other industry groups looking at integrating conservation and environmental projects into their core activities.** We have delivered talks to local schools and networks, outdoor recreation industry groups, councils and other Landcare networks interested in supporting young people in Landcare, and to say the least, the buzz is growing. We are grateful for the opportunity to spread the word and share what is possible.



JENNA KELLY & MEGAN ROWLETT AT THE NATIONAL LANDCARE CONFERENCE. THEY ALMOST BLEW THE ROOF OFF WITH THERE PRESENTATION!

We now have a growing online presence, which, as we grow, will house lots of useful tools and resources to help communities support young people, and young people to create Intrepid Landcare initiatives in their communities. Our online blog is a creative outlet for us to share our insights, ideas, campaigns and projects with the broader community, as well as invite guest writers to share their wisdom and experiences in leadership, Landcare, sustainability and more.



POST CONFERENCE DRINKS WITH NEW FRIENDS!

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GROWING TRIBES >>

In the last year we have supported the establishment of 4 new Intrepid Landcare groups to kick-start the cause in local communities. We have been stoked with the response, which has also allowed us to test our ideas on how to build the capacity of local Landcare networks to facilitate youth engagement to connect and support young people to act and lead with Landcare. The Hunter region and Australian National University was the first community and university, respectively, outside our personal network who approached us to set up a local group. Northern Rivers soon followed and we have received expressions of interest from other communities around Australia. We would love to take this opportunity to thank those who have stepped up and backed the idea of Intrepid Landcare, and even adapt their own ideas to try a different way of doing and sharing Landcare (we love Adventure Landcare Tamworth!).

We wish to expand the Intrepid Landcare Tribe next year and many more years too come. If you are interested in establishing a local Intrepid Landcare group, or are part of an existing youth-centric group, we would love to add you to the map and share your story.

To connect with us Join the Intrepid Landcare Tribe Facebook Group and introduce yourself, or email hello@intrepidlandcare.org



KEY PROJECTS COMPLETED / ON THE GO

WHAT HAPPENED	IMPACT	OUTCOME
+ Supported a 'Want what you have' workshop with the Hunter region Landcare networks	Local networks discovered they had heaps of resources and ideas to support youth engagement	Intrepid Landcare Retreat in the Hunter
+ Co-hosted an Intrepid Landcare Retreat in the Hunter	Connected 18 new young people to Landcare	Kick-started Hunter Intrepid Landcare
+ Met with Northern Rivers Landcare networks	Designed a project idea: Weeds and Waves event	Co-hosted 'Weeds and Waves' event
+ Supported a Weeds and Waves event	Connected 12 new young people to Landcare	Kick-started Northern Rivers Intrepid Landcare
+ Approached by NSW OEH to design a resource and workshop series to build the capacity of young leaders in Landcare	Currently developing a resource	Launch resource and deliver workshops across NSW in early 2017
+ Partnered with Art 4 Agriculture and successfully acquired a grant from NSW Government Family and Community Services	Currently developing a Young Sustainability Ambassadors school and community leadership program, linking to the UN Sustainable Development Goals	Deliver pilot project in 2017
+ Partnered with Landcare Australia to support a scholarship program for young people in Landcare to attend the national conference	Supported 4 young people to attend the conference as young Intrepid Landcare Ambassadors	Empowered young Intrepid Landcare Ambassadors to step and lead in their communities
+ Partnered with Brisbane Catchment Network to co-host a Put Soul In Sustainability event	Connected local young people to Landcare and opportunities across Brisbane	Potential retreat / workshop in 2017

IF YOU HAVE A PROJECT IDEA OR WOULD LIKE TO COLLABORATE WITH US EMAIL HELLO@INTREPIDLANDCARE.ORG

OUR NEW TRIBE MEMBERS AND WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY...

TONI STEVENS, VICTORIA

My 9-5 is as a science communicator and I'm passionate about increasing public awareness of science and the environment. On my weekends I love getting back to nature and going on adventures - swimming, surfing, hiking, bike riding, climbing mountains, planting trees, going on road trips and exploring new places.

I love that Intrepid Landcare is designed by young people for young people, we know what we want, and that is the opportunity to meet new people, see new places, and learn new skills, Intrepid Landcare offers all of these things.

I've already gained so much from Intrepid Landcare. As a volunteer back in the Illawarra, Intrepid Landcare allowed me to re-connect with nature, give something back to the world, and also to form a community of like minded young people who helped me through a pretty tough time in my life. Now I hope to be able to share the opportunity with others in Victoria.



KARA AGLLIAS, NSW - COMMITTEE MEMBER, HUNTER INTREPID LANDCARE

I spent my childhood making mudpies, stick houses and moats. The only thing that has changed in 20 years is the scale of my escapades. I pursue my love of nature and mud as a design engineer and in my spare time. On the weekends you will likely find me down a canyon, up a cliff or experimenting with native ingredients in the kitchen.

I love how Intrepid Landcare has given me the opportunity to look after nature, explore hidden bushland and hang out with a great crew. My participation in events this year has also allowed me to access the amazing knowledge of the broader Landcare network.



MADDY BRADDON, NSW – NORTHERN RIVERS INTREPID LANDCARE START-UP AND CONFERENCE AMBASSADOR

Moving a lot throughout New South Wales, bush walking, learning about nature and becoming an environmentalist lead to my discovery of Landcare. However, until recently, my involvement was limited to a few community tree planting days and working bees. Then I found out about Intrepid Landcare: an exciting new take on traditional Landcare, focusing on adventure, fun, leadership and most of all – young people.

Typically, young people are very busy. Out there dream chasing, adventuring or working several jobs and/or studying full time. Hectic. I totally get it. So what really captivated me was the no lock in contract vibes about Intrepid Landcare. It is created by young people, for young people.

Read about her conference experience [here](#).



GET THE LOOK FOR
YOUR NEXT
ADVENTURE IN 2017

ONLINE STORE COMING
SOON...



OUR ACCOUNTS: 1ST JANUARY 2016 - 30 JUNE 2016

Income

Crowd funding	\$3,675.00
Donations	\$3,625.00
Grants	\$1,100.00
Educational services and retreat facilitation	\$5,974.49
Inventory sales (t-shirts, bags etc)	\$0.00
ATO - BAS credit	\$137.00
Bank interest	\$0.00
Other income	\$106.07
Total	\$14,617.56

Expenditure

Intrepid Landcare registration / establishment costs	\$798.90
Insurance	\$358.75
Website development	\$1,298.00
Marketing material, collateral, stamps and postal	\$135.36
T-shirt stock	\$660.00
Promotional stainless steel drink bottle stock	\$378.00
Boomerang bag stock	\$297.00
Reimbursements	\$1,667.72
Educational services and retreat facilitation fees	\$0.00
ATO - BAS debit	\$314.00
Total	\$5,907.73

Current Assets

Cash in bank	\$8,709.83
Inventory	\$1,335.00
Total	\$10,044.83

Current Liabilities

	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00

TOTAL NET ASSETS

\$10,044.83



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