

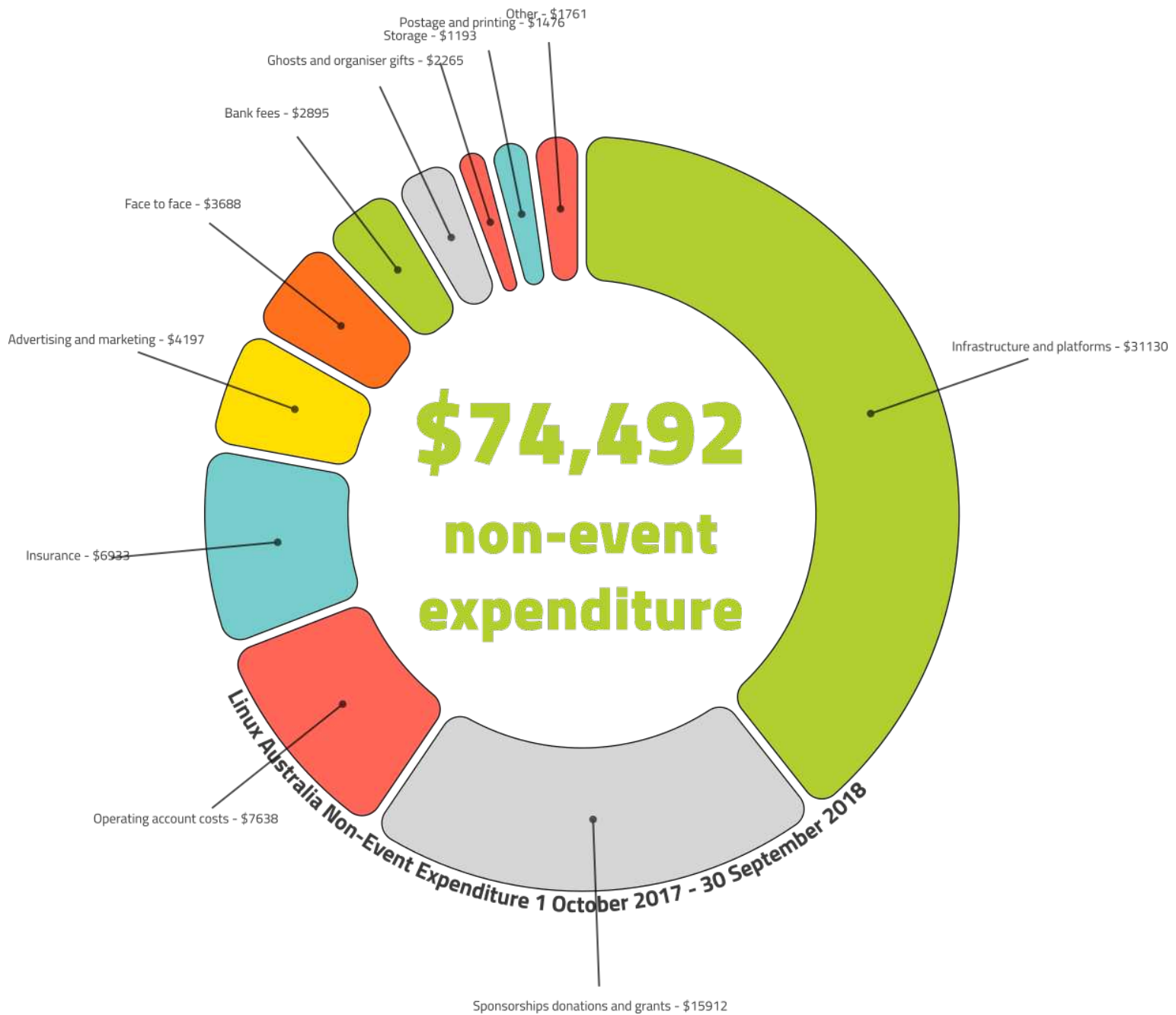


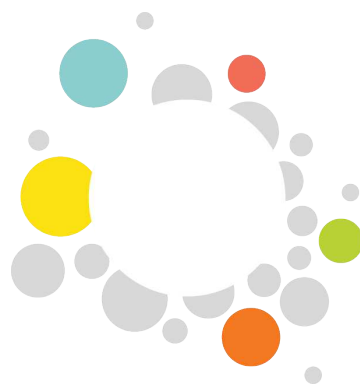
LINUX AUSTRALIA INC. ANNUAL REPORT

2019



Clockwise from top left: James Polley and Bruce Crawley at linux.conf.au 2018 by Brett James CC-BY-SA, LCA2018 attendees and organisers by Elizabeth K Joseph via Twitter, Dr Andrew "Tridge" Tridgell by Brett James CC-BY-SA, LCA2018 Volunteers by Brett James, CC-BY-SA, Annie Parker, Invited Speaker of PyCon AU 2018 by Katie McLaughlin via Twitter.





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About Linux Australia

Linux Australia is the peak body for Open Source communities in Australia. Linux Australia represents thousands of users and developers of Free Software and Open Technologies, and facilitates internationally-renowned events including linux.conf.au -- Australasia's grassroots Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) Conference.

Linux Australia is voluntarily bound by the principles embodied by its statement of values and the articles of association, and undertakes to operate at all times in an open, transparent and democratic manner.

Individuals who join Linux Australia directly participate in online discussions on mailing lists covering a range of topics and user communities. The Committee regularly posts reports and minutes, and makes personal contact with local Linux User Groups.

Members of Linux Australia participate in sub-committees and special interest groups, organise events or stand for election to the Linux Australia council.

Linux Australia Members may submit applications for funding for projects relevant to or beneficial to the Australian FOSS community under the grants programme. Linux Australia membership is free and anyone can join.

Our Values

As an organisation, we aim to represent and assist the groups and individuals who make up the Free Software and Open Source communities in Australia. These communities are diverse in many ways, and the groups and individuals which constitute them have many different needs that should be addressed and supported to the best of our ability. In doing so, it is our goal to uphold certain values reflecting the core philosophies around open source technologies. This statement specifies those values which we aim to embody, embrace and promote as an organisation.

These values should inform the strategic direction, activities and decision making of the organisation as a whole.

Open Technology

Linux Australia was founded with a focus on the Linux operating system but quickly evolved to embrace all facets of open technology.



Open technology is a term encompassing openness in source code, standards, formats, licences and APIs. Whether for software sources, documents, hardware designs, images or works of art, we value the use of open licenses to promote the creative reuse of intellectual effort.

Open source makes code available to everyone to study, modify, repurpose and redistribute. We value the innovation made possible by the sharing of openly licensed intellectual effort.

Community

We value the creation, support and maintenance of community around open technologies. This includes private individuals, community projects, other aligned organisations and businesses engaged with open technologies. Communities can be any combination of developers, users or advocates of open technologies. We invite participation in our communities and culture, and welcome newcomers.

Freedom

We value freedom in the use and development of open technologies. This includes freedom of expression within accepted community norms.

We strongly encourage the use of free software and free culture copyright licenses.

We value free access to, sharing of and repurposing of information, in particular that information held by the public sector.

Respect

We value respect for people, for community, and for society. This includes respect for the opinions, ideals and choices of others, for the communities which we create and participate in, and for society as a whole. It is vital that while we uphold our ideals, we respect the ideals of others. We obey lawful restrictions placed upon us, particularly with reference to licencing, copyright and patent law, to the best of our ability.

Diversity

People of all ages, genders, nationalities, ethnicities, backgrounds, abilities and walks of life are part of the communities we serve. We respect and encourage diversity at our conferences, events, and other activities.



About the team

Kathy Reid - President

Kathy Reid works at the intersection of open source, emerging technologies and technical communities. She is currently the Director of Developer Relations at Mycroft.ai and advocates for the developer community and builds strong developer on-ramps, prioritizes community feedback into technical roadmaps, and actively advocates these changes internally.

Over the last 20 years, she has held several technical leadership positions, including roles in web and apps development, video conferencing and digital signage at Deakin University in Geelong, and more recently has run her own micro-business in technical consulting. Kathy holds Arts and Science undergraduate degrees and an MBA (Computing).



Cameron Tudball - Vice President

Cameron is a Systems Engineer, working with large scale cloud-based systems. He has been working with Linux systems since 1994, and holds pragmatic views towards open software with a focus on collaboration over idealism.

His background includes projects with multinational corporations, government departments, defence agencies and non-profit organisations. Cameron has been involved in linux.conf.au since 2004, was treasurer for LCA 2012 and is generally somewhere behind the scenes making a nuisance of himself.



Sae Ra Germaine - Secretary

Sae Ra Germaine is the Manager of Digital Platforms at CAVAL, and has over 10 years of experience working with high profile systems companies from a diverse range of fields.

Prior to CAVAL, she has worked for IBM, Federation University; and has published papers on 'Virtual worlds and higher education'. Sae Ra is a technology evangelist with a focus on leveraging user-centric design and open standards as a driver for innovation and change.

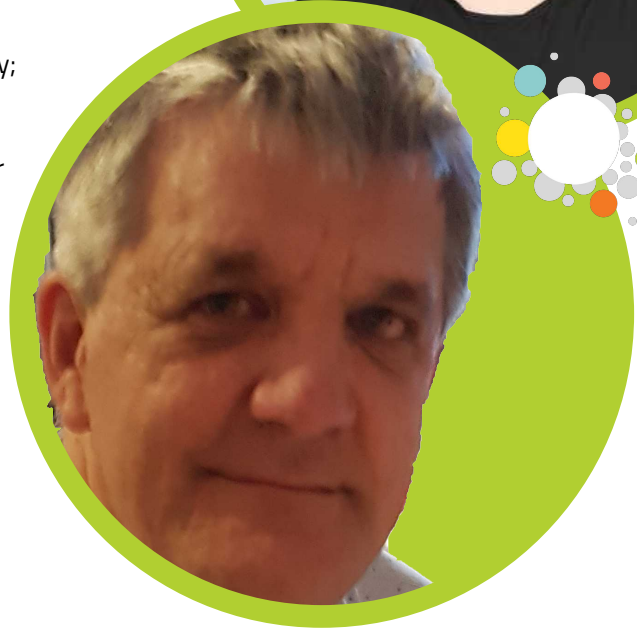
She is an active advocate of free and open source initiatives and hopes to bridge the gap between Libraries and the Open Source world.



Russell Stuart - Treasurer

A computer programmer whose main claim to fame is being among the first of his profession to emerge from the primordial soup.

He is now close to achieving his final ambition for his career - becoming the first fossil that can still program.





Cherie Ellis - Ordinary Council Member

Community really is my thing. I am driven to be a useful part of a community, and getting people together to give them the opportunity to connect is what I do best.

I have attended and been involved with 10 of the last 12 LCA conferences and have now served 2 separate years on the LA Council. This last year I have been working with James Polley to create a Conference support sub-committee which we will continue into next year. Our focus is to provide consistent information, documents and support for conference teams from proposal through to event.

I have loved serving the community so far and I look forward to continuing to do so.



Hugh Blemings - Ordinary Council Member

Hugh took a radio apart when he was about eight and never recovered. From this start and an interest in Ham Radio an early career doing hardware and embedded software development followed back when 68HC11's were the latest and greatest.

Hugh has been working on Free software since the mid-90's for fun and as a (still fun!) paid gig since 1999. He was co-author of the gnokii project and developed Linux kernel device drivers for the Keyspan USB-serial adaptors. He worked at IBM's Linux Technology Centre as a Open Source Hacker in the Canberra based OzLabs team for just shy of eight years doing everything from first line management to Linux kernel porting for embedded PowerPC platforms. He worked on Ubuntu Linux at Canonical in the kernel team but remains firmly of the view that any day that involves a soldering iron, a 'scope and emacs is a good day.

Hugh is currently Executive Director of the OpenPOWER Foundation, where he helps to make it easier for developers to experience POWER technology.

Additionally, Hugh has served in an OCM capacity for several years with Linux Australia and is the immediate past President.



James Polley - Ordinary Council Member

James is currently working at the OpenAustralia Foundation, serving as director, sysadmin, volunteer wrangler, and several other roles besides.

James has a background as a sysadmin who dabbles in development. After 16 years of doing this he moved into management, and is now back at school attempting to earn Masters qualification in Not-For-Profit management.

As well as his second term on Council, James was a co-director of LCA2018.





President's Report

Transformation

The organisation has continued to take transformational steps to address some of the technical debt that occurs with many non-profit organisations - with our website and membership system receiving a complete overhaul, and launching in December 2018. This is the most significant upgrade of our website and membership system in over a decade. Our intent is that the new system will serve the organisation for up to another decade, and provide the ability for more advanced membership functionality. Like most major system overhauls, this hasn't been without some minor teething problems, and I thank all members for their patience. My thanks especially to Justin Freeman and Agileware for their professional expertise, helpfulness and talent.

We're also in the early stages of transforming the way budgeting is done for events which are auspiced by Linux Australia. Previously, most events were asked to budget to provide an \$AUD 11 per person return - known as the 'LA Tax'. This amount was intended to cover the central costs Linux Australia incurs - such as merchant and banking fees, insurance, server and hosting costs and so on. Currently there is little incentive for auspiced events to do long-term planning. Instead, by imposing a levy as a percentage of total revenue - 6% - we wish to encourage events to use the surplus over and above this amount to invest in their own communities, and drive longer-horizon planning. For example, if the Drupal Community wanted to run a series of workshops to attract new members, or to fasttrack the development of a new version, then surplus funds can be steered by the relevant community. This also helps to remove any 'blockage' that Linux Australia can be for events and for communities, as currently the funding required for these sorts of activities needs to be sought through the Grants process. My thanks to James Polley and Russell Stuart for their efforts here.

Teamwork

I've again been incredibly fortunate to lead a team of experienced professionals who are giving of their time, expertise, judgement, and critical thought.

I'd also like to again thank all of our incredible event teams - linux.conf.au 2018 Sydney, Pycon AU in Sydney, WordCamp Sydney, WordCamp Brisbane, HealthHack and DrupalSouth - each of the event teams have delivered events that are professional, well managed, well budgeted, aware of safety, security and diversity best practice and are on par with professionally-run events.

We've continued the relationship building efforts seen over years past, this year becoming members of the Open Source Initiative. By partnering here, we can work together on areas of common interest and have higher global impact.

Maturity

Organisationally, Linux Australia has continued to improve our organisational maturity. As a governing body, we have an obligation to ensure continual improvement processes are in place. However as Linux Australia continues to expand its remit to more and larger events, we must also ensure that our risk management, financial oversight processes, and general operational rhythms continue to mature. This is the "dry and boring" part of Linux Australia - but without it, we are much less effective.

Challenges

Like every organisation, we've had our challenges. Diversity of our organisation continues not to mirror Australasian society more broadly; we've taken some initial steps to address this by partnering with VALA for VALA Tech Camp's diversity scholarship in 2019, with the aim of replicating the success seen from the 2017 partnership. Improving diversity requires significant and sustained effort; this is currently beyond the capacity of Council and is an opportunity for the Grants Program and a motivated individual.

We continue, as we do every year, to be challenged by capacity. Ideally, I'd like to see more members in our Community take on activities - however small - that contribute to our overall mission. If you have ideas or suggestions for how we could create better "on ramps" for engagement and contribution, we'd love to hear from you.

Behaviours of a very small minority of our membership continue to disappoint me. As a community we have clear values, and those members who cannot adhere to them need to consider whether they should remain so.

A parting note

After five years on Council, two of those as President, it's time for me to move on to other endeavours, knowing that I've done my best to make the organisation better in that time. Your incoming President, Sae Ra, is in her own right an accomplished leader, effective communicator and relationship builder. Linux Australia is in good hands, and has a bright future.

With kind regards,

- KATHY REID BA/BSc MBA (Computing)
President, Linux Australia, January 2019

Secretary's Report

Executive summary

2018 was very successful year for Linux Australia Council. Social media exposure of Linux Australia continued to grow gradually. In addition the day-to-day running of Linux Australia proceeded without issue; the organisation was again run smoothly, with quorum achieved at all fortnightly meetings, ensuring strong and rapid decision making.

Meetings

During 2018, 25 Council teleconferences and 1 face-to-face meeting was held. Quorum was achieved at each of them, and minutes were produced and made public via the new website. Action items were generally tracked well.

Secretarial Activities

This was my fourth year as Secretary and I won't be seeking re-election for the Secretarial role in 2019 as I will be nominating for the role of President.

An Operations Manual has also been developed to enable a more streamlined approach to Linux Australia's activities including an Events Checklist and Activities Calendar; this will remain a work in progress over 2018.

Membership

We have moved to a new membership system!!!

On 08 January 2019

Linux Australia had 3479 members

This represents steady numbers despite moving to a new system. Expiry dates have now been applied to members due to expire at September 30 of each year. This date was chosen for 2 reasons, firstly this date is in line with Linux Australia's financial year and 2nd to be able to track renewal rates each year.

Handling of correspondence

Linux Australia handled a large volume of correspondence this year, including requests for termination of membership, financial correspondence, we also participated in submitting a response to the Australian government regarding the Assistance and Access bill that was drafted and unfortunately passed.

A small volume of support requests were also received. All correspondence were tracked via minutes and responded to.

Top to bottom: Justin Chronicle at WordCamp Sydney 2018 via Twitter, HealthHack collaboration via HealthHack, WordCamp Sydney schwag by Nadia Kerr via Twitter.

A Personal Note

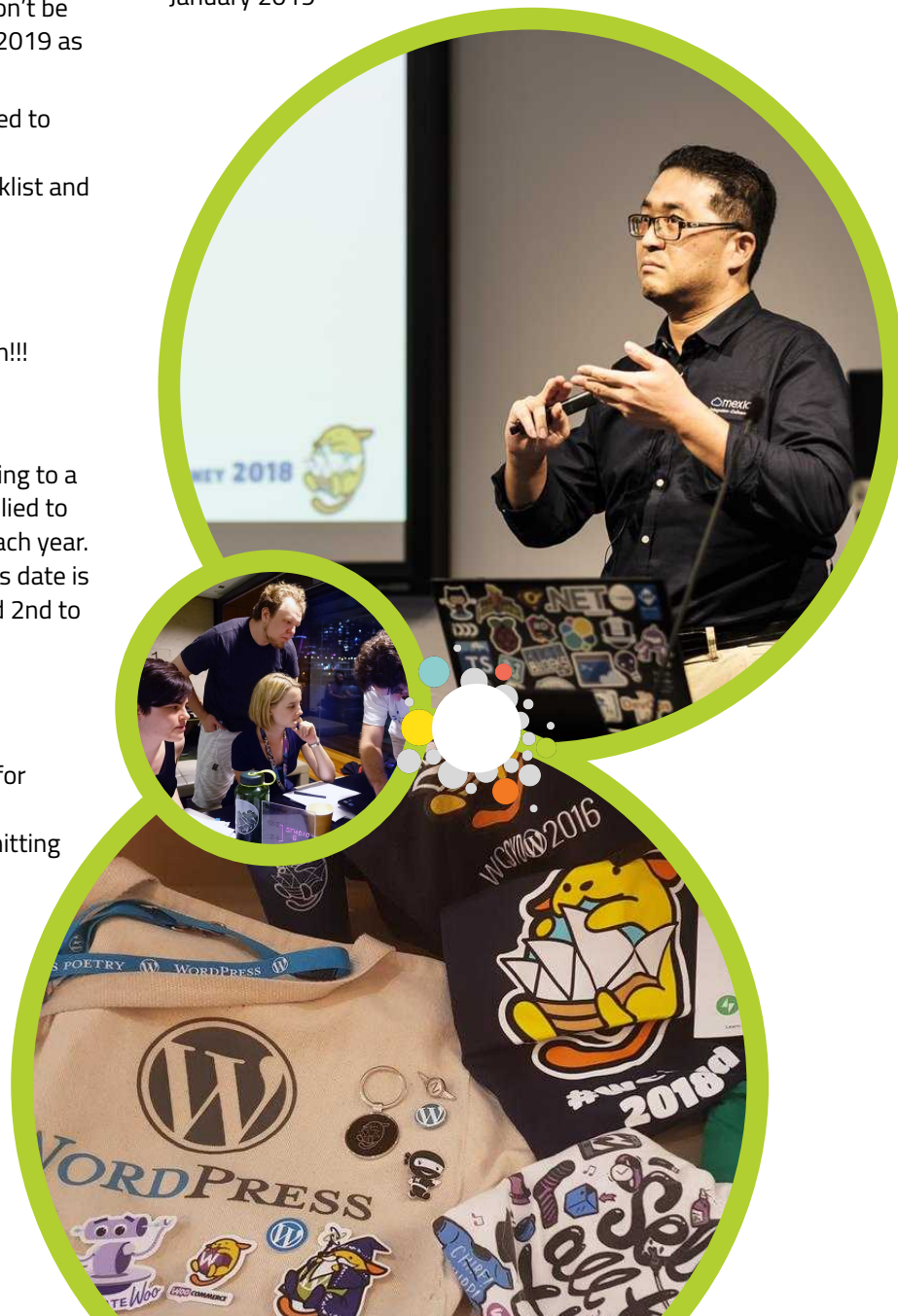
The Linux Australia Council is seeing a significant turnover of Council members this year. I would personally like to thank each of the 2018 Council Members for being a brilliant group to work with to contribute to great organisation. I would also like to especially thank our outgoing President, Kathy Reid: your wisdom and guidance has helped Linux Australia grow into a successful organisation without losing its values and remit. Being on Council is often a thankless position to be in, there were many challenges that we faced this year and we managed all with grace and most of all with openness. Thank you :)

Thanks

- SAE RA GERMAINE B. Comp(Hons), Dip TAA

Secretary, Linux Australia

January 2019





Treasurer's Report

The two line summary of LA's financial year is:

- **The auditor says we made a \$47,543 profit this year, and**
- **The auditors report was unqualified.**

This what your LA Executive spent directly.

All other expenses were incurred by conferences:

	2019 Budget	2018 Actual	2018 Budget [0]
Professional services	\$2,000	\$0	\$20,000
Infrastructure / platforms	\$0	\$31,130	\$30,000 [1]
Face to Face meetings	\$10,000	\$3,688	\$10,000
Admin Team and hardware	\$2,500	\$239	\$2,500
Awards and acknowledgements	\$2,000	\$948	\$4,000 [2]
LA Overheads	\$16,500	\$36,005	\$66,500 [3]
% of total income	1.64%	3.59%	6.62%
Operating account costs	\$8,000	\$7,638	\$6,000
Advertising and marketing	\$1,000	\$4,197	\$0 [4]
Bank fees	\$5,000	\$2,895	\$6,500 [5]
Bid Review	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500
GitHub, domain reg etc	\$1,000	\$574	\$0
Government fees and charges	\$1,000	-\$4,595	\$0 [7]
Insurance	\$7,000	\$6,933	\$7,000
Postage and printing	\$1,000	\$1,476	\$2,500 [8]
Ghosts and organiser gifts	\$3,000	\$2,265	\$1,500
Storage	\$3,000	\$1,193	\$3,850
LA Expenses	\$49,000	\$58,580	\$96,350
% of total income	4.88%	5.83%	9.59%
Sponsorships, donations and grants	\$35,000	\$15,912	\$35,000 [9]
Total of all expenditure	\$84,000	\$74,492	\$131,350

[0] LA Budget for 2019 set at start of Financial year, Oct 2018. We budget expenses only. Income is assumed to be 6% of gross revenue. Gross revenue is guessed at \$1M/year.

[1] Infrastructure spending was for the new web site, now complete.

[2] These are awards from LA as opposed to a conference, like the Rusty Wrench.

[3] If LA didn't exist, neither would these overheads.

[4] 2018 Advertising expenses included re-branding, mostly logo. Usually the advertising LA does is on a conference's behalf.

[5] Pycon paid its own bank fees in 2018, which should be a one off.

[6] The review expenses for 2020 bid was paid by the winning city.

[7] The income was from a NZ tax rebate, expected to be one off.

[8] Freight less because LCA 2019 didn't want bits. Expected to go up next year.

[9] Grants are down because we didn't receive the applications.

The P&L break down by conference is attached. Explanations follow the colours, right to left:

Blue, Event Totals:

In previous years these totals were for the financial year only. This time around they are for the entire period the conference was run. The difference between the two can be seen in the "Previous Years" column to the right. It shows the amounts the conferences in this area transacted in 2016/2017 and previous years. In previous years the auditor chose the conferences in this area. This year I chose them, and I've chosen the conferences that wrapped up this year. Thus DruCon17 appears last year, but I've also included it this year because I say it wrapped in 2017/2018 (it was held in Nov/2017).

Yellow, Standing Subcommittees:

These are groups who have elected to operate under LA's umbrella. The money shown here is theirs, stored in a separate bank account, and provided they stay within LA's constitution and policies they are free to spend it as they see fit.

Red, LA:

The longer version of LA's account above. "Closed" is amounts spent by conferences reported as wrapped up in previous years, but more things came in.

Green, Total:

If we do our accounting this way we made a \$26,683 loss instead of the \$47,543 profit shown by the auditor. Notice the \$26k loss is roughly equal to the \$30k we spent on replacing the web site. We expected to make a much larger loss, however we managed to keep the cost of the web site changeover down, and didn't get the expected grant applications. The auditor's profit figure came as quite a surprise.

The motivation for changing the accounting periods can be gleaned from the previous results the auditors' method reported:

2017: -332,366 (loss)

2016: 531,768 (profit)

2015: 143,451 (profit)

2014: -9,775 (loss)

I found it very difficult to tell how LA was doing when variations many times the "average" profit/loss were included in each year. I expect the variations to be much less with this new method. It's based on the theory those variations are caused by reporting conference figures for one year and they are badly skewed by the tendency for a conference to incur a their expenses up front and get their income at the end.

Yellow, Reconciliation:

Shifting hundreds of thousands between years may yield easier to understand results, but it makes it possible for the Treasurer to make up a nice sounding story with no grounding in reality. So these shifts must be shown to have some relationship to the truth, and the only source of truth we have is the audited results.

If you add the columns Total, Previous Years, and Future Years, you will get the audited figure (ie, the truth) on the right. "Previous Years" and "Future Years" both relate to the Blue area. The Blue Area included the amounts from 2017 and before, so those amounts are removed from Total by the "Previous Years" column. The Blue area excluded some amounts that happened in 2017/2018 because the conferences hadn't wrapped up yet. Those figures are added to the Total by the "Future Years" column. There is one more trick to remember: this year's "Future Years" column will become next years "Previous Years" column, and a diligent LA member would check that next year.

6% Gross Income, LA without grants:

We currently base our budget on LA's total expenses being 6% of income. Of that 6% about 4.3% is spent on behalf of the conferences, meaning if we knew there were no conferences in the upcoming year it would disappear. The remaining 1.7% is overheads needed to run LA: things like travel expenses for meetings, awards like the Rusty Wrench, and the web site. Anything over and above the 6% is given back to the community (ie, the people that gave it to us in the first place) via grants in the next financial year. So while we will spend the \$35K in grants and sponsorship if we get the requests this year, next

year expenditure in that area is determined by what we earn over and above 6% this year.

Up until now LA imposed a \$11/attendee "LA Tax" on conferences. This tax was intended to cover LA's overheads. But it turns out if you multiply the \$11 by the guesstimated number of people who attended the conferences, you end up by a factor of 3 or so short. A figure that really covers LA overheads is more like \$33. 6% of total income is another way of calculating the same number. A percentage of income is how other similar organisations charge their members [10] and so provides a baseline LA can compare itself against.

However, the change from a per head tax to 6% is not neutral to our conferences. Conferences with higher income per attendee will end up paying more compared to what they would be charged with a flat fee. LCA and Pycon fall into that category. Small, short conferences have lower per attendee income and so will end up paying less. Conferences tend to run longer and charge more the more they become better known whereas conferences starting up tend to be run on a shoestring budget, so the net effect of this is established conferences fund the newer experiments.

Historically conferences tend to make more than 6%. In previous years this has been used to build up a self insurance fund. [11] Currently LA could have 2 large conferences fail [12] and remain viable so this year's executive believes the fund is at an appropriate level. Legally, this is straightforward, as LA is the legal entity running the conferences, so all the money must be spent according to LA's constitution and its policies. Nonetheless these profits have been a continuing source of contention between LA and its conference organisers over the years.

In practice, LA's policy has been to give a conference as much freedom as possible in determining where they spend their delegates' money. Innovation and experimentation with unusual ideas is encouraged. The profits arrive after the conference has closed and the organisers have disappeared, so as a practical matter they end up being managed directly by LA, not the conference that earned them. LA tries very hard to do this in a manner that is open, transparent and fair to every member of the open source community, and as conferences tend to focus on their particular group the two viewpoints on how the profits should be spent are often at odds.

Up until now LA has had a very good use for the profits: build up a self insurance fund. Now that's done we have some flexibility. LA has decided to allow

conferences to budget for things that happen up to a year after the conference. This will be "conditional spending", treated no differently to similar conditional expenses LA encourages a conference to have. Such conditional spending is a list of "nice to have but not essential" things. Having them in the budget gives the conference flexibility to deal with yearly changes in sponsorship and attendance. Such conditional expenses will only happen if the conference will make a profit after the 6% LA requires.

The executive hopes this accounting change will have several positive effects:

1. It will allow conference to spend profits they make on things that only benefit the conference, instead of open source in general and thus ease the tension over what happens to profits earned by the conference.
2. It will encourage conferences to plan ahead.
3. We hope it will see the formation of standing committees that plan ahead in the same way LA does for the one conference it manages directly, LCA. Such standing committees would take care of asking and managing for bids for future conferences and continuity of conference teams (like LA does with ghosts).

- RUSSELL STUART
Treasurer, January 2019

[10] Other similar organisations (eg Pycon US) charge between 5% and 10% of income

[11] Commercial conference insurance has been investigated. It is so expensive it would make a conference unviable. So if we want to protect ourselves against conference failure self insurance is the only way to do it.

[12] An example of where LA did come close to losing an entire conference at the worst possible time is Brisbane 2011 floods wiping out LCA2011 venue 4 weeks before the conference. As it turned out, LCA2011 was run by a bunch of heroes.



Linux Australia + Conference P&L for conferences wrapped up in 2018

	Totals for all years the event was active					Figures for 2018 only						Previous	Future	
INCOME	DruAuc17	HHckBr18	LCA18	PySyd18	WCmpSyd18	IWS	LUV	WP-Aust	LA	Closed	Total	Years	Years	Audited
Conference Registrations	27,958	0	330,606	210,839	13,324	0	0	0	0	4	582,730	0	8,190	590,921
Donations income	0	0	0	0	0	1,455	0	0	730	0	2,185	0	0	2,185
Interest Received	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,193	0	7,193	0	0	7,193
Sponsorship - International	32,459	0	25,972	17,000	36,000	0	0	300	0	0	111,731	-32,459	20,500	99,772
Sponsorship - Local	11,226	5,500	114,224	76,318	8,500	0	0	2,727	0	0	218,495	-9,428	95,136	304,204
Total Income	71,643	5,500	470,802	304,157	57,824	1,455	0	3,027	7,923	4	922,335	-41,887	123,827	1,004,275
Expenditure														
Advertising & Promotion	437	0	8,665	8,000	0	0	0	0	4,106	0	21,208	-7,000	0	14,208
AV and Network Equipment	16,877	0	14,877	12,327	6,109	0	0	0	0	0	50,190	-409	0	49,781
Bad Debts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	314	314	0	0	314
Bank Charges	1,287	0	0	-5,484	0	0	0	0	2,900	0	-1,298	0	0	-1,298
Conference Accommodation	0	0	30,135	1,710	0	0	0	0	0	0	31,844	-4,396	0	27,448
Conference Dinner	0	0	60,909	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60,909	-9,091	0	51,818
Conference Bid Team Revi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consultants & Accounting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,638	0	7,638	0	0	7,638
Conference Performance	453	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	453	0	0	453
Diversity Program	0	0	3,605	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	3,629	0	0	3,629
Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,455	0	1,455	0	0	1,455
Events Management	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Face to Face	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,594	0	3,594	0	0	3,594
First Aid	0	0	2,250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,250	0	0	2,250
Food & Drink	0	0	3,481	491	477	415	192	2,482	1,047	0	8,583	-1,282	9,706	17,007
Foreign Exchange Gains/lo	-280	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	122	94	-37	753	-139	577
Ghosts	0	0	10,565	0	0	0	0	0	1,218	0	11,783	-10,565	10,460	11,679
Grants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,505	0	12,505	0	0	12,505
Gifts & Presentations	162	0	2,292	0	0	438	0	0	1,039	0	3,931	0	0	3,931
Grants Travel	0	0	186	0	0	0	0	0	212	0	398	0	0	398
Govt Hack Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Income Tax Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,933	0	6,933	0	0	6,933
Merchandise And Schwag	9,755	0	34,848	11,719	3,419	0	0	0	0	0	59,741	0	0	59,741
Networking Event	944	0	26,126	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27,070	0	0	27,070
Motor Vehicle Expenses	0	0	210	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	210	0	0	210
NZ Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-4,595	0	0	-4,595	0	0	-4,595
Office Expenses	0	0	213	132	0	0	0	0	473	0	818	0	0	818
Papers Committee	0	0	3,213	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,213	-3,213	4,947	4,947
Partners Program	0	0	3,885	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,885	0	0	3,885
Presentation Materials	0	0	5,045	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,045	0	0	5,045
Postage	58	0	1,065	25	0	0	0	0	414	0	1,562	0	0	1,562
Printing & Stationery	110	0	4,153	1,404	423	0	0	0	406	0	6,496	0	0	6,496
Server	0	0	2,771	643	0	0	0	0	239	382	4,035	-490	0	3,545
Speakers	6,800	0	75,665	3,651	0	0	0	0	0	0	86,116	0	3,560	89,675
Storage Rental	0	0	1,180	0	0	0	0	0	1,193	0	2,373	0	0	2,373
Sponsorship	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,716	0	1,716	0	0	1,716
Software	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31,130	0	31,130	0	0	31,130
Third Party Training	0	0	0	140	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	0	0	140
Subscriptions	0	0	0	0	0	0	263	0	2,370	0	2,633	0	0	2,633
Telephone	4,454	0	348	0	0	0	0	0	183	0	4,984	0	0	4,984
Travelling Expenses	57	0	12,113	11,941	0	0	0	0	94	0	24,205	-755	0	23,450
Venue Hire	29,784	2,657	147,023	239,304	40,320	0	123	91	0	0	459,301	-20,517	36,145	474,930
Prior year adjustment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,655	0	2,655	0	0	2,655
Close of partnership	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditure	70,897	2,657	454,850	286,004	50,748	852	578	2,573	79,069	790	949,017	-56,965	64,679	956,732
Gross Profit / Loss	746	2,843	15,952	18,153	7,076	603	-578	454	-71,146	-786	-26,683	15,078	59,148	47,543
Less 6%	-3,553	2,513	-12,296	-96	3,607	6% gross income LA without Grants			55,340 -58,641					



Left: Matt Cengia at Pycon AU via Twitter

Sponsorship

Again this year, Linux Australia made a number of targeted sponsorships, initiated by request to Council.

Internet Freedom Hackathon

Supported by multiple digital rights, civil society and academic institutions, the Internet Freedom Hack is a series of community events that bring technologists with a passion for digital rights together to build things that advance the cause of internet freedom. Linux Australia funded \$AUD 1500 of hardware as prizes for the event in Melbourne in November and \$AUD 1200 sponsorship for the event in Brisbane in April, totalling \$AUD 2700.



Health Hack

Linux Australia agreed to sponsor Health Hack at \$AUD 2000, however subsequent to this Health Hack has become a subcommittee and auspiced event of Linux Australia, and instead we provided seed funding, bank account and merchant access.

Grants Program 2018

This year, based on community feedback, we moved discussion of Grant Requests to a separate mailing list. This allowed only those members who wished to discuss Grant Requests to get targeted emails and respond accordingly.

The Grants that we funded in 2018 were:

Code Club Australia (donation matching linux.conf.au 2018 Sydney)

Linux Australia, in what is now a well-established tradition, matched the donations received to the nominated linux.conf.au charity, which this year was Code Club Australia. Linux Australia donated over \$AUD 4800.

Promote Drupal Fund



Drupal has been a flagship open source web-based content management systems and is heavily adopted in the Australian public sector - as seen by the success of DrupalSouth Canberra this year. To continue to improve and build the Drupal ecosystem, the Drupal Foundation in 2018 ran the Promote Drupal fund, seeking donations to continue their excellent work. Linux Australia contributed \$AUD 2500 to the Promote Drupal Fund.



Unit Testing of Elections CiviCRM extension

In order to bring the CiviCRM and Website renewal project into alignment with our budget, certain features were excluded from the agreed scope of the project. Unit Testing was one of these. Given the ability for other organisations to use the Elections extension, and the strong support of this grant from the CiviCRM community, Linux Australia funded Unit Testing at \$AUD 3000.

A separate grant for UX improvements to the Elections CiviCRM extension was not funded - Linux Australia would like to work with other likely adopters of the extension to identify the ability for it to be co- or jointly funded.



Grants committed from the 2018-2019 budget

Internet Freedom Hackathon Melbourne November 2018

Linux Australia sponsored this event with \$AUD 1500 towards prizes of open hardware for hackathon winners. Again we extend our thanks towards Robin Doherty and Thoughtworks for hosting the Internet Freedom Hackathon.

Open Hardware Miniconf at linux.conf.au 2019 Christchurch

10th Anniversary Special Project

To celebrate its 10th anniversary, the OHMC has a very special project planned. Thanks to the hard work of the OHMC organisers, the price point for equipment for the project has been brought down from around \$AUD 300 to around \$AUD 150.

Even at this price point, it was felt that it would be exclusionary. To this end, Linux Australia has sponsored OHMC up to \$AUD 4000 to reduce the price point of the kit, and to fully fund some places which are reserved for diversity attendees.

At the time of writing, the project had not been disclosed, so is not reported here to keep the surprise ;-)



Andy Gelme
@geekscape

Following

OHMC2019 #OpenHardware 10th miniconf for @linuxconfau2019 ... large shipment from Shenzhen just arrived thanks to @thingc_co /cc @HackMelbourne @jonoxer @mage0r @wolfeidau @ajfisher @linuxaustralia @linuxconfau



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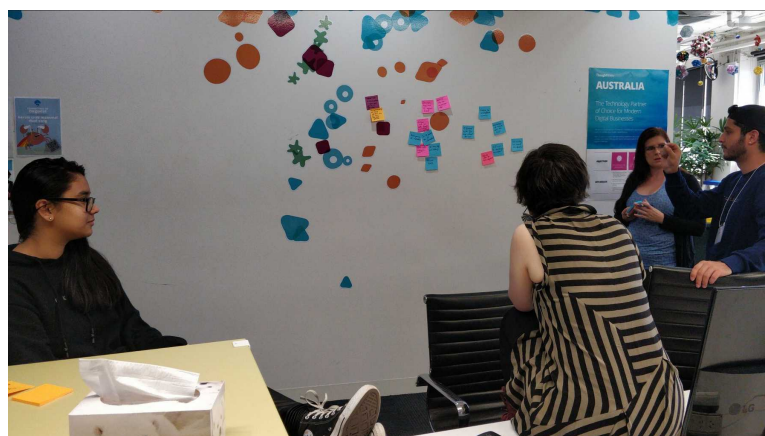


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VALA Diversity Scholarship for VALATechCamp2019

Based on the success of the VALA Diversity Scholarship awarded to Nathan Sentance in 2017, we were again delighted to partner with VALA when approached, and have already funded the VALA Diversity Scholarship for VALATechCamp2019, to be held in Melbourne in April 2019.



Team #unsure and Team ByteMe at Internet Freedom Hack in
November 2018
via @inetfreedomhack on Twitter



Linux Australia events 2018

In 2018 we auspiced several events.

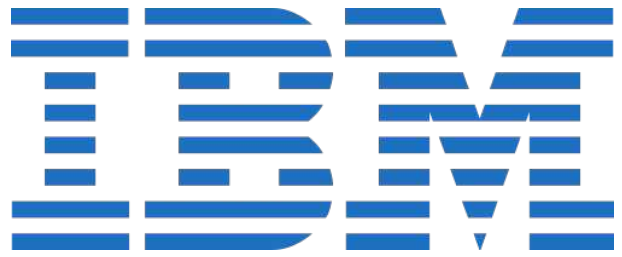
linux.conf.au 2018 Sydney

The year started with the linux.conf.au in Sydney's University of Technology. linux.conf.au hasn't visited Sydney since 2007, and we welcomed keynotes Karen Sandler, Hugh Blemings, Matthew Todd and Jess Frazelle.

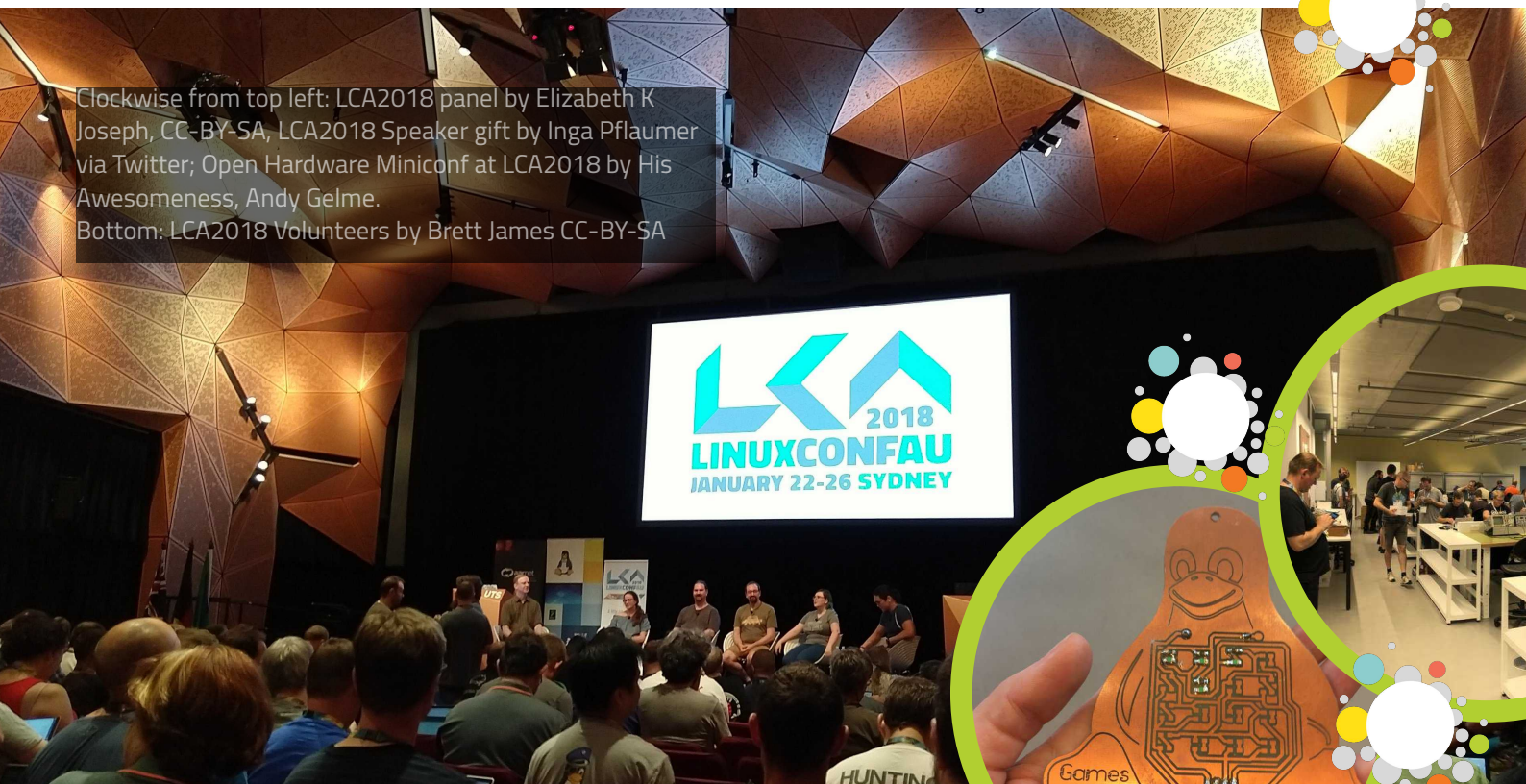
<https://www.youtube.com/user/linuxconfau2018>

linux.conf.au 2018 welcomed over 600 delegates. The Penguin Dinner took in amazing views of Sydney Harbour at the Australian Maritime Museum, and the Speakers' Dinner was held at a rotating sky restaurant, with breathtaking views of the city.

Special thanks to co-directors, Bruce Crawley and James Polley.



Clockwise from top left: LCA2018 panel by Elizabeth K Joseph, CC-BY-SA, LCA2018 Speaker gift by Inga Pflaumer via Twitter; Open Hardware Miniconf at LCA2018 by His Awesomeness, Andy Gelme. Bottom: LCA2018 Volunteers by Brett James CC-BY-SA





PyConAU 2018

In August, the ninth annual PyCon AU headed to Sydney at the International Convention Centre for the first of two years, welcoming Invited Speakers Tracy Osborn, Tom Eastman and Annie Parker.

<http://youtube.com/user/pyconau>

Pycon AU 2018 welcomed around 650 delegates - our biggest Pycon AU in history; testament to the excellent efforts of organisers past and present.

A special shoutout to Pycon AU 2018 Conference Director Katie McLaughlin and her team for all their incredible efforts.



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Left: Katie McLaughlin with the Pythonic Staff, image by James Stewart, used with permission. Bottom: Annie Parker at Pycon AU via Katie McLaughlin, used with permission. Top: Sydney Harbour by Nick Coghlan, via Twitter

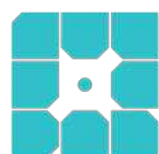


WordCamp Sydney 2018

Held at the University of Technology, Sydney, WordCamp Sydney 2018 hosted nearly 300 people, again one of our largest WordCamps to date.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLCE-YSAYYVd7dtjSKuOnF171BttzSCPfj>

A special shoutout to WordCamp organiser Kristen Symonds (@kristarella) for her outstanding efforts.

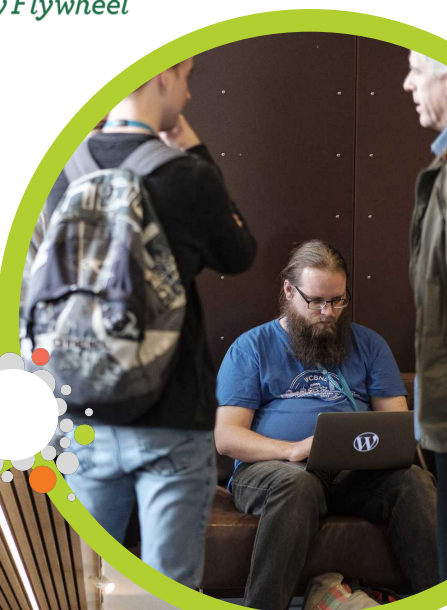


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Clockwise from top: Nadia Kerr, Dion, Gutenberg Panel and Jane Tweedy at WordCamp 2018. All images by Alex Shiels, licensed under CC-BY-SA-4



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OCTOBER 27 - 28 2018 — QUT GARDENS POINT, BRISBANE

WordCamp Brisbane 2018

Held at QUT Gardens Point, WordCamp Brisbane hosted over 325 people - a fantastic turnout.

A special shoutout to WordCamp organiser Ricky Blacker for all his efforts.

Left: Andrew Duncan presenting at WordCamp Brisbane 2018 via Twitter;
Right: WordCamp Brisbane audience via Prospress on Twitter.

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DrupalSouth CBR

Dec 3rd to 5th, Hotel Realm

DrupalSouth 2018 Canberra

Held at Hotel Realm in Canberra, this year's Drupal main event was a combined DrupalSouth and DrupalGov event, maximising attendance in Canberra, Australia's seat of government.

DrupalSouth saw over 300 participants this year, another excellent turnout.

Many thanks to DrupalSouth and DrupalGov key organiser, Christopher Skene.



Left: GovCMS panel at DrupalSouth via AusGovCMS on Twitter;
Right: Chris Skene via Piyush Poddar on Twitter



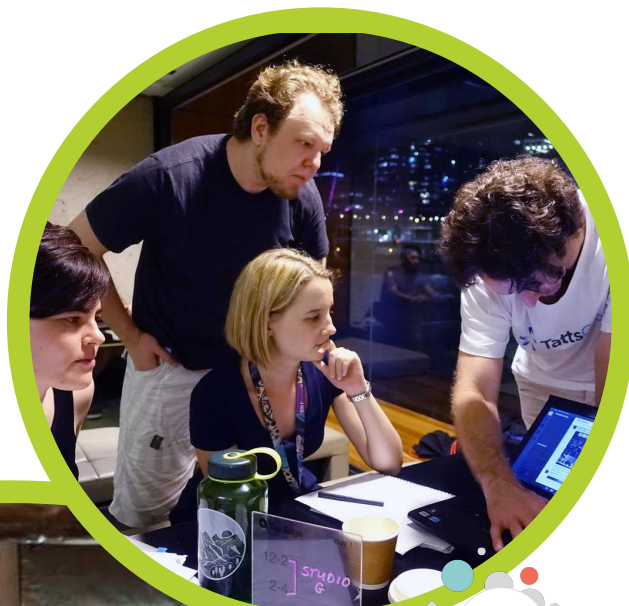


Health Hack

HealthHack 2018

For the first time this year, Linux Australia were delighted to auspice HealthHack - a hackathon designed to bring together problem owners in health and allied health settings, together with designers, developers and other specialists, to advance public health outcomes.

Special thanks are extended to Gareth Moores, Melissa North and the HealthHack team for all their efforts.



Left: HealthHack presentation via Dr Nick Hamilton
Right: HealthHack collaboration, via HealthHack



Subcommittee Reports

Linux Users of Victoria

In 2018 LUV held twenty-two events over the course of the year including fifteen presentations by thirteen different speakers at our monthly meetings plus eight monthly workshops, our annual January picnic, a joint event with DrupalMelbourne and Software Freedom Day in September.

- ANDREW PAM

Vice President, Linux Users of Victoria

Linux Australia Admin Team

2018 was a somewhat productive year for the admin team. We completed the membership process for APNIC and have been allocated our own ipv4 and ipv6 block, making any future server moves easier to plan and undertake. This block is in the process of being configured on our hosting partner's network, and we hope to be live shortly after LCA2019. 2018 was also the year we tried a different approach to project completion. Working with several community members, a number of new services were assessed and deployed, freeing up the admin team to focus on the operational tasks, but also ensuring we were able to look to the future and continue to meet the needs of the organisation as it transforms.

One of these projects has provided Linux Australia a self-hosted GitLab instance, which once out of final testing will allow Linux Australia to move away from Github and onto our own project and version control platform. This will also facilitate the move to microservices for the conference teams by in future acting as a container registry and CI platform. The admin team would like to thank David Bell for working on the gitlab project, fitting it in on a shortened timeframe before he took paternity leave.

The admin team's day-to-day workload was reduced in 2018 by the LCA2019 conference team again using Google Cloud for the conference website hosting, and the pycon-au 2018 team hosting their site on github pages and several other sites. This meant the planned admin hackfests were not progressed, but these are something we hope to carry through in 2019 as the organisation website moves from an external host back onto LA owned infrastructure. The replacement of the server hardware originally purchased in 2012 was deferred by council due to a number of other projects underway, but as the current chassis are well outside maintenance, this

will hopefully be one of the first tasks to be addressed in 2019.

Julian De Marchi has taken a leave of absence from the team due to a number of personal and health issues, but Steve is already working with some members of the 2019 council to find an experienced sysadmin to temporarily fill the role until Julian can return to the team.

- STEVE WALSH

Media and Communications

This year was a quiet year for Media and Communications Subcommittee. We automated our Paper.Li account, which generates an open source-related tweet every morning about 7.30am Australian time.

Followers across all our social media channels continue to grow slowly; there is an opportunity here for someone to specifically take on Social Media for Linux Australia.

- KATHY REID



Right: Claire Krause at Pycon AU 2018,
photo by Peter Hall via Twitter

Initiatives, advocacy and other achievements

Joining Open Source International

Linux Australia Inc. was accepted for membership of the Open Source International group, with the aim of working together

auDA - Australian Domain Name Authority

Linux Australia voted in favour of the new auDA constitution after due consideration. We were also represented in supplier-side discussions regarding opening up direct registration; it continues to be our position that direct registration is not a wise strategic choice. We hold several concerns regarding the proposed criteria for Australian domain names and intend to remain vigilant to this issue in 2019.

Access and Assistance Bill (#aabil)

We partnered with the Open Technology Network, co-signing a letter which set out in no uncertain terms what a poor piece of legislation the Access and Assistance Bill is.

We re-iterate our call for this poorly-drafted, and technically deficient legislation to be revoked.

Rebooting the auIGF

Linux Australia was represented at discussions in Canberra in August aimed at re-booting the Australian Internet Governance Forum which was defunded by auDA in 2017. We will likely play a peripheral role in the forum going forward.

Website and Membership platform refresh

Our largest undertaking this year has undoubtedly been our website and membership platform refresh. Our thanks go to Agileware and Justin Freeman in particular for their work and assistance; this significant undertaking will allow us to better manage members and communications for several years.

Looking forward to 2019

Linux Australia is again in a strong position to continue to provide umbrella services to the open source, Linux and free software community within Australia. Our significant cash reserves, strong processes, renewed platforms and relationships provide a strong foundation to take on additional initiatives - such as diversity - if capacity permits. Linux Australia is in safe hands, and has a bright future.

- Kathy Reid, Cameron Tudball, Sae Ra Germaine, Russell Stuart, Cherie Ellis, James Polley and Hugh Blemings



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January 2019

Image: Jack Skinner via Twitter

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FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED
30 SEPTEMBER 2018

Meagher Howard & Wright
Certified Practising Accountants
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COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee members submit the financial report of the Linux Australia Inc for the financial year ended 30 September 2018.

Committee Members

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Katherine Reid
Russell Stuart
Cameron Tudball
Sae Ra Germaine
David Bell
Hugh Blemings
Josh Stewart

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were
Linux Australia is the peak body for Linux User Groups (LUGs) around Australia, and as such represents approximately 5000 Australian linux users and developers.

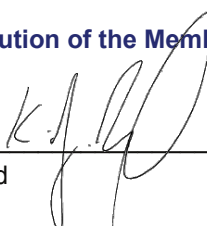
Significant Changes

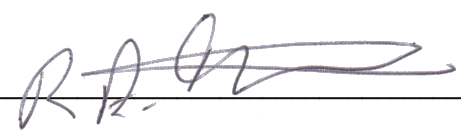
No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The profit from ordinary activities after providing for income tax amounted to \$47,543.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.

Committee Member:  _____
Katherine Reid

Committee Member:  _____
Russell Stuart

Dated this 15 day of November 2018

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INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
INCOME			
Conference Registrations		590,921	701,127
Donations		2,185	23,565
Interest Received		7,193	8,629
		<u>600,299</u>	<u>733,321</u>
OTHER INCOME			
Sponsorship - International		99,772	67,087
Sponsorship - Local		304,204	290,959
GovHack Revenue		-	(929)
Sales - Miscellaneous		-	1,232
		<u>403,976</u>	<u>358,349</u>
		<u>1,004,275</u>	<u>1,091,670</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
EXPENDITURE			
Advertising & Promotion		14,208	16,177
AV and Network Equipment		49,781	87,634
Bad Debts		314	1,000
Bank Charges		(1,297)	17,615
Conference Accommodation		27,448	80,729
Conference Dinner		51,818	2,410
Conference Bid Team Review		-	478
Consultants & Accounting		7,638	2,674
Conference Performance		454	-
Diversity Program		3,629	-
Donations		1,455	40,275
Events Management		-	3,638
Face to Face		3,594	9,446
First Aid		2,250	-
Food & Drink		17,007	18,444
Foreign Exchange Gains/losses		577	15,067
Ghosts		11,678	18,184
Grants		12,506	31,375
Gifts & Presentations		3,930	10,080
Grants Travel		398	-
Govt Hack Expenses		-	351,200
Income Tax Expense		-	381
Insurance		6,933	6,027
Merchandise And Schwag		59,741	27,278
Networking Event		27,070	-
Motor Vehicle Expenses		210	(148)
NZ Tax		(4,595)	-
Office Expenses		818	2,181
Papers Committee		4,947	6,168
Partners Program		3,885	3,193
Presentation Materials		5,045	-
Postage		1,563	3,071
Printing & Stationery		6,496	7,856
Server		3,545	6,264
Speakers		89,675	62,419
Storage Rental		2,373	1,993
Sponsorship		1,716	3,453
Software		31,130	-
Third Party Training		140	2,089

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Subscriptions		2,633	625
Telephone		4,984	4,834
Travelling Expenses		23,450	18,305
Venue Hire		474,930	541,698
Prior year adjustment		2,655	-
Close of partnership		-	19,923
		956,732	1,424,036
Profit (Loss) before income tax		47,543	(332,366)
Profit (Loss) for the year		47,543	(332,366)
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year		715,726	1,048,092
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year		763,269	715,726

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		796,998	716,878
Trade and other receivables	3	17,159.00	26,660.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		814,157.00	743,538.00
TOTAL ASSETS		814,157.00	743,538.00
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables		50,888	27,812
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		50,888	27,812
TOTAL LIABILITIES		50,888	27,812
NET ASSETS		(763,269)	(715,726)
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Retained earnings	4	763,269	715,726
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		763,269	715,726

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

	2018 \$	2017 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from customers	1,147,061	1,034,420
Payments made to suppliers and suppliers	(1,074,133)	(1,053,077)
Government Hack expenses	-	(352,129)
Interest received	7,193	8,629
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>80,121</u>	<u>(362,157)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Payment of cash to Government Hack	-	(19,923)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>(19,923)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash held	80,121	(382,080)
Cash at beginning of financial year	716,877	1,098,957
Cash at end of financial year	<u><u>796,998</u></u>	<u><u>716,877</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

The financial statements cover Linux Australia Inc as an individual entity. Linux Australia Inc is a not for profit Association incorporated in New South Wales under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009.

The functional and presentation currency of Linux Australia Inc is Australian dollars.

1 Basis of Preparation

In the opinion of the Committee of Management, the Association is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial report who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the Act.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements, AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows, AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors and AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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Revenue

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as part of receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

Cash flows in the cash flow statement are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

	2018 \$	2017 \$
3 Trade and Other Receivables		
Current		
Other Debtors	909	909
Trade Debtors	16,250	25,751
	<u>17,159</u>	<u>26,660</u>
	<u>17,159</u>	<u>26,660</u>
4 Retained Earnings		
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year	715,726	1,048,092
Net profit (Net loss) attributable to the association	47,543	(332,366)
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year	<u>763,269</u>	<u>715,726</u>

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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial statements as set out on pages 1 to 9:

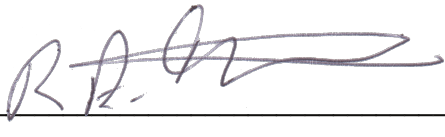
1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Linux Australia Inc as at 30 September 2018 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Linux Australia Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

President:


Katherine Reid

Treasurer


Russell Stuart

Dated this 15 day of November 2018

MEAGHER, HOWARD & WRIGHT

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Linux Australia Inc**Opinion**

We have audited the financial report of Linux Australia Inc ("the Entity") which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2018, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the statement be members of the committee

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Entity as at 30 September 2018, and its financial performance and its cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 of the financial statements.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* ("the Code") that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the special purpose financial report in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 of the financial statements and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the special purpose financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intend to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Date 15 November 2018

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CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

I, Katherine Reid and I, Russell Stuart certify that:

- (a) We are members of the committee of Linux Australia Inc.
- (b) We attended the annual general meeting of the association held on .
- (c) We are authorised by the attached resolution of the committee to sign this certificate.
- (d) This annual statement was submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.

Committee Member: _____

Katherine Reid

Committee Member: _____

Russell Stuart

Dated this 15 day of November 2018