



INTERNATIONAL WATERCENTRE ALUMNI NETWORK

# 2016-2017 Annual Report

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## International WaterCentre Alumni Network

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THE INTERNATIONAL WATERCENTRE ALUMNI NETWORK IS A GLOBAL COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE THAT PROMOTES AND SUPPORTS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT.

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## CORPORATE INFORMATION

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### Directors

The following directors were in office at the date of this report:

M Yule (President)  
F Bouckaert (Vice-President)  
K Glanville (Secretary)  
P Svay (Treasurer)  
K Delfau (Executive Director)  
S King  
B McIntosh  
P Sharry  
U Buragogain

### Registered Office

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The International WaterCentre Alumni Network (IWCAN) is a company limited by guarantee and is the official Alumni association of the International WaterCentre (IWC). Its core membership is composed of current students and graduates of IWC education and training programs, including:

- Master of Integrated Water Management (MIWM)
- Graduate Certificate in IWM (Water Planning)
- Water Leadership Program (WLP)
- Short course training

### Mission Statement

The International WaterCentre Alumni Network is a global community of practice that promotes and supports the implementation of Integrated Water Management.

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

### President's and Vice President's Report

The financial independence achieved by IWCAN in 2016-17 has enabled us to employ Karen Delfau as the Executive Director and spend her professional time on the development of the kini initiative (see below). This in turn has assisted IWCAN to build a professional reputation with the Australian Water Partnership and has consolidated our networking expertise. Thanks to the interviews, the promotion and marketing for/through AWP we are starting to profile ourselves as an active organisation aiming to promote integrated water management where knowledge sharing through kini is the first step which resonates strongly with a number of our alumni. Our strategic thinking workshops have identified a number of issues of interest to the alumni network, and have set us on a path which is continuing in 2017-18 towards a platform for stronger networking and service delivery.

IWCAN has again managed the call for ERPA applicants and the selection process for finalists and the judging panel to select the winner, announced at the Delhi RiverSymposium in September 2016. Again, a strong field of applicants were received, suggesting that this award is increasingly being recognised as a worthwhile initiative. IWCAN is able to achieve significant successes when working in partnerships with other organisations and has established a positive partnership with AWP (Australian Water Partners), whilst continuing our partnership with IRF and of course IWC.

The momentum that is building with the Australian Water Partnership consultancy means that our organisation is reaching a critical mass of knowledge and expertise that will continue to attract new alumni and allow us to grow and mature, and further develop our own initiatives.

The IWCAN Facebook page which connects alumni together to share information and interesting water related content, is now a well-recognised communication channel frequently used by alumni and students alike. A lot of work has gone into aligning database functionality of IWC and IWCAN, and it is expected that during 2017-18 a fully functional integrated database will emerge, which will allow members to update their profile and contact details. This will be another significant step forward in strengthening our alumni network.

Finally we would like to extend our thanks to all alumni and current IWC students who got involved with IWCAN. Many of you have freely donated some of your time, expertise and advice which has all contributed to get us where we are now: an organisation that has become and will remain a significant player in the world of integrated water management.

Michael Yule  
IWCAN President

Frederick Bouckaert  
IWCAN Vice President

## Executive Director's Report

2016-17 was a breakthrough year for IWCAN due to two main achievements: it achieved financial independence, and it conducted a series of strategic thinking and planning sessions that look to set IWCAN on a path to transforming ways that alumni can engage professionally to realise Integrated Water Management. We also updated our branding for a more professional look!

In February 2017, we launched [Kini](#), a joint initiative with the Australian Water Partnership. Kini connects water management practitioners throughout the Indo-Pacific region and complements AWP Publications, activities, and policies by sharing knowledge in accessible formats including audio interview podcasts, presentation and interview videos, explanatory conceptual models and infographics, and written blog posts and articles. This innovative knowledge sharing initiative has provided a new mechanism for showcasing IWCAN and AWP Integrated Water Management practitioners, through blog posts and interviews.

One of the key outcomes of the initial stages of strategic thinking was to identify our 'why' statement:

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We, as practitioners, identify firsthand the systemic problems with the way that water is currently being managed - both within organisations and across sectors.

**We believe that radically shifting the current structure of work, of roles and responsibilities, of individuals and of teams, and enabling new ways of working collaboratively, is at the heart of managing water to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).**

**IWCAN supports its members to recognise, unlock, and realise their own potential; applying their skills and passions to make a difference to the way water is managed - locally and globally, both as individuals, teams and organisations.**

IWCAN transforms the way that people work to solve global and local water challenges. By looking at how to address root causes we aim to improve and transform the way we collaborate to be more effective in our work.

The statement serves, for IWCAN, to provide guidance for our future direction as an organisation, and already a number of ways that IWCAN can demonstrate its leadership to support the implementation of IWM are emerging.

We also had the opportunity to apply a number of design thinking tools through our process of strategic thinking, identifying our key stakeholders and exploring the interests and needs through the development of eight distinct member personas, which you can learn more about [here](#).

One of our key goals as a board over the next FY will be to increase board membership to be able to represent the diversity of our alumni on the board. Admittedly, the majority of us sitting on the board at the moment are Zenas (see the persona link above), and we'd really like to be more representative with board membership.

In September, we also successfully administered another round of the Emerging River Professional Award, in conjunction with the International RiverFoundation at the International RiverSymposium, held in Delhi, India. Each year, the applicant pool becomes more and more impressive, and this year was no exception.

The 2017-18 FY promises to be an exciting time for the growth and development of IWCAN, and as I conclude this reflective piece on 2016-17, I am looking forward to seeing what the next year will bring.



**Karen Delfau**

IWCAN Executive Director

## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

Your directors present this report to the members of the IWCAN for the year ended 30 June 2017.

### Directors

The names of each person who has been a director during the year and to the date of this report are:

Director	Date Appointed <sup>1</sup>	Date of termination	Board Meetings	
			A	B
F Bouckaert	01/07/2016	-	5	5
U Buragohain	06/07/2017	-	1	1
K Delfau	01/07/2016	-	5	5
K Glanville	01/07/2016	-	5	5
S King	01/07/2016	-	0	5
B McIntosh	01/07/2016	-	2	5
P Sharry	01/07/2016	-	5	5
P Svay	01/07/2016	-	3	5
M Yule	01/07/2016	-	3	5

A – Number of meetings attended

B – Number of meetings held during the time the director held office during the year and to the date of this report

Note that this year IWCAN held three full days of strategic thinking sessions on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 (followed by three additional days again in August 2017 in the 2017-18 fiscal year). Because of this, there were fewer board meetings held.

<sup>1</sup> All directors appointed prior to 01 July 2016 are given an appointment date of 01/07/2016.

## Principal Activities

IWCAN's principal activities during the year were:

- Launching the Kini Initiative in partnership with the Australian Water Partnership.
- Conducting initial Strategic Thinking sessions in Brisbane in May 2017.
- Organisational branding update.
- The successful administration of the 2016 Emerging River Professional Award.
- The updating and continued publication of 'Newsdrop', the IWCAN monthly newsletter, with the leadership and support of Sharon Marks, the IWCAN Communications Officer. In June 2017, Julia Bauer took over from Sharon Marks as Communications Officer.
- In-person engagement with alumni at the AGM, Networking Events, and at International Conferences including the International RiverSymposium in New Delhi, India.
- Building and developing IWCAN's facebook group page and twitter feed.
- Continuing the Mentorship Program.

## Member's Guarantee

In accordance with IWCAN's constitution each member is liable to contribute \$10 in the event that IWCAN is wound up.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors made pursuant to s. 298(2) of the Corporations Act.

On behalf of the directors:

M Yule

Melbourne, 2 December 2017



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

<b>Profit and loss</b>		
<b>For the 12 months ending 30th June 2017</b>		
		<b>Total</b>
<b>Income</b>		
4-1200	Membership Subscriptions Domestic	400.35
4-1250	Membership Subscriptions International	121.95
4-1300	Grants	132,067.62
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>132,589.92</b>
<b>Less Expenses</b>		
6-1115	Consultants Domestic	3,000.45
6-1116	Consultants International	77,520.32
6-1117	Company Administration	513.99
6-2112	Travel	5,033.50
6-2113	Accommodation	2,372.52
6-2130	IT Services	500.00
6-2140	Insurance	1,636.36
6-2160	Marketing	64.33
6-2161	Subscription	222.73
6-2162	Communications	458.64
6-3000	Sundry expenses	100.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>91,422.84</b>
<b>Operating Profit</b>		<b>41,167.08</b>
<b>Plus Other Income</b>		
8-1400	Other income	391.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>		<b>391.00</b>
<b>Less Other Expenses</b>		
9-1000	Other expenses	21,653.00
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>		<b>21,653.00</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>		<b>19,905.08</b>

<b>Balance Sheet</b>		
<b>As at 30th June 2017</b>		
		<b>Total</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
1-1000	NAB Cheque Account	29,740.54
1-1100	PayPal	104.99
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>29,845.53</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>29,845.53</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
2-1400	Visa	-9,619.91
2-2200	GST collected	12,452.06
2-2400	GST paid	-2,932.85
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>-100.70</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>-100.70</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>29,946.23</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
3-1600	Retained earnings	4,726.93
3-1800	Current year earnings	19,905.08
3-8000	Allocate me (Withdrawal)	-4,655.84
3-9999	Historical balancing	9,970.06
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>29,946.23</b>