




  
**Waterways Watch Society**
  
**Annual Report 2016**



# PRESIDENT ' S M E S S A G E

Dear Friends and Members,

I am pleased to share with you all our improved achievements in our various programs and activities this past year, even while facing the slowing down in economic progress. I believe this was partly due to SG50 initiatives and the fact that more schools and corporates are beginning to pay more attention towards the importance of sustainable environment. Even our membership increased to 450 as of March 2016.



2015/2016 saw an increase, not only in income but with more environmental programs done by WWS. Thanks to our dedicated admin staff and passionate leaders, we did better than the previous years. Through our various VIA and CSR programs, we managed to maintain our River Monster (RM) program sessions but with a new RM Junior introduced for pre-school children. Assembly talks, learning trails, beach clean-up programs and camps had seen their decreased in number of participants with over 3,260 participants. Water activities like our kayak river clean-up programs saw the highest jump with over 14 sessions covering over 600 participants and this is an area we hope to grow even further. I am also happy to report that we are seeing more corporates engage us for their CSR activities and during this period we did over 39 sessions.

For this financial period 2015/2016, we like to thank our sponsors and donors for their support in our work. To name a few, Singapore Water Association / Keppel Care Foundation, The Grace Shua and Jacob Ballas Charitable Trust, Pratt & Whitney, YTL PowerSeraya, BBA Aviation, Levi Strauss & Co. and North-West CDC. In addition, special thanks to the following schools – Damai Secondary School, Crest Secondary School, Chung Cheng High School (Yishun), Yew Tee Primary School and Ngee Ann Polytechnic for nominating us as key partners under the SG50 Giving. We hope to see more such school support if ever another opportunity like this is presented. Thank you all for your believe in our work and we hope to continue this partnership into the future.

During the period of review, we also enrolled 41 number of members for the NEA Community Leader Authority Card which many recently attended the expanded training with NEA, happening in the new financial year this year. Going forward, I am pleased to share that we will also be engaged with LTA under their LTA-AMP program and hopefully with PUB on the managing of common challenges faced today. Members who are invited to join such programs need to have an interest in such extended roles and also must meet our basic criteria.

Finally, we like to thank our regular admin staff, part-time interns and helpers in continuing to make WWS a successful NGO. With our expanded work place (thanks to MND and MEWR), we have been able to deliver more programs and introducing new ones to cater for all types of categories including the handicapped, senior citizens and preschoolers.

Last but not least, we appreciate the support, trust and understanding of key agencies we regularly work with like PUB, NParks, NEA, LTA and URA.

Thank you and may the year ahead be better for everyone and the environment.

Eugene Heng  
President  
Waterways Watch Society

# AUDITOR'S REPORT



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### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WATERWAYS WATCH SOCIETY** (Registered in Singapore under the Societies Act, Cap. 311)

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Waterways Watch Society (the "Society") as set out on pages 3 to 12, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 March 2016, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in fund and statement of cash flows for the financial year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### *Management Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

The Management Committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Singapore Societies Act, Singapore Charities Act (the "Charities Act") and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as the Management Committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Management Committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

#### *Opinion*

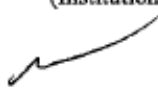
In our opinion, the financial statements of the Society are properly drawn up in accordance with the Societies Act, Charities Act and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards, so as to present fairly, in all material respects the financial position of the Society as at 31 March 2016 and the financial performance, changes in fund and cash flows of the Society for the financial year ended on that date.

#### **Report on other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

In our opinion, the accounting and other records required by the regulations enacted under the Societies Act to be kept by the Society have been properly kept in accordance with those regulations.

During the course of our audit, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that during the financial year:

- i) the use of the donation moneys was not in accordance with the objectives of the Society as required under regulation 11 of the Charities (Institutions of a Public Character) Regulations; and
- ii) the Society has not complied with the requirements of regulation 15 (Fund-raising expenses) of the Charities (Institutions of a Public Character) Regulations.



Baker Tilly TFW LLP  
Public Accountants and  
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15 August 2016



YOUTH

## RIVER MONSTER & ASSEMBLY TALKS



**Under our traditional River Monster (RM) program with schools for 2016, we did over 36 programs involving over 1,500 students. These programs were conducted at our Waterways Watch Society premises, and we also conducted river clean-ups in partnership with North West CDC. Students were able to learn more about protecting our environment.**

**As our River Monster program continues to grow, we hope more schools will benefit from a greater awareness of pollution issues and the need to protect our waterways. We have also launched a similar program called River Monster Junior for preschoolers and have done 3 programs involving 180 participants in total.**



**Assembly talks at schools remain popular and many of such talks are sponsored. A total of 20 talks were held, involving over 12,000 students from various schools. Despite the reduction of the number of students in our assembly talks, the number of school talks had increased for the year. Teachers have given us feedback that the talks allow the students to have a deeper understanding about protecting our waterway and environment care. These talks allow us to boost our outreach and awareness efforts to a much larger portion of the Singaporean student population. Some of these schools include Chung Cheng High (Yishun), Fuchun Secondary, Chongzheng Primary, Damai Secondary, Ngee Ann Polytechnic and ITE College East.**





## BICYCLE PATROL & BEACH CLEANUP



For our regular bicycle patrol on weekends, participants accompany our leaders in engaging with public and keeping our environment clean. Participants get to know about our society through school and community programs, the educational exhibitions or even by word of mouth. Some of the students became inspired by the reflections that their schoolmates have shared on our Facebook page and even contacted us to join in our efforts.

Students usually join our program with their classmates or friends to make full use of their weekends, and have a fun time learning more about the environment during these patrols. We also had a few of the international students joining us in the patrol. Waterways Watch Society is pleased to know that these programs have impacted students' lives, causing them to be more aware and caring about our environment.



In addition, we conducted 9 beach clean-ups involving over 1,100 participants. There is an increase in participation rate for this activity. We had an enjoyable time working with various corporates, institutions and students of different ages, yet rallying under the same cause of upholding local environmental standards. Some of these participating schools and corporates include Loyang Primary, Assumption Pathway School, Woodgrove Secondary, Salesforce, Ascendas and OCBC.





**Our kayak patrol program has been going strong, with 36 sessions conducted that involved over 1,290 students. These students enjoy this innovative and interesting form of environmental awareness with Waterways Watch Society. Some of the schools that participated in this program include Raffles Institution (Outdoor Activities Club), Ngee Ann Polytechnic, St. Andrew's Junior College, Nanyang Girls' High, River Valley High and our regular Damai Secondary.**

**Additionally, we also conducted kayak patrols for associations such as KKH Healthcare Services Employee Union, REACH Community Service, members of the Passion Courage Fun and TOUCH Community.**



**We are happy to share that with the assistance of NVPC, we managed to have kayak programs with several government agencies, namely Ministry of Social and Family Development and Ministry of Finance. We believe that there will be more of such partnerships in the near future.**

**The kayak patrol is a fusion of environmental (especially towards our water) awareness, teamwork as well as enjoyment of water activities. Through kayaking around one of our four national taps, our water catchment area, students get a closer connection to how precious our drinking water can be and learn to appreciate our given resources. A dirty reservoir would not just mean polluted drinking water but it will also affect the joy of doing water activities.**

## ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPS



**We managed to conduct a 2-day, 1-night camp for Chongzheng Primary and a 3-day, 2-night camp for Ngee Ann Polytechnic. These students enjoyed many outdoor activities as well as indoor learning opportunities both at our Waterways Watch Society premises and at their school, all in the spirit of sharing with them our passion for the environment.**

**During the camps, students learn how to be responsible for environment as well as taking care of their teammates. Our experienced camp facilitators use engaging methods to interest students to inspire them on daily habits such as practicing the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle). Students have given feedback that the camp is a platform for them to learn about our nation's water management and a lot more about the environment and Singapore's current status in environmental care and management.**





**Our own Learning Trail, the Waterways Watch Explorer (WWE) involved programs conducted at the various reservoirs e.g.**

- **MacRitchie (Mind-blowing Adventure Destination @ MacRitchie (MAD@Mac)),**
- **Lorong Halus (Learning Adventure @ Halus, Loving Appreciating Halus (LAH LAH)),**
- **Lower Seletar (Awesome Seletar Adventure Program),**
- **Punggol (Punggol Learning Adventure for Youth (PLAY)),**
- **Sungei Ulu Pandan (Sungei Ulu Pandan Environmental Rangers) which will be launched in the new financial year.**

**These learning trails are well supported by our partners and are today in high demand. We are indeed glad to have been able to have sponsors for most of our WWE program. In total we conducted 45 sessions with over 1700 students.**



**These values-in-action (VIA) and community youth learning programs have been one of our more popular programs, and we hope the students learnt about the environment as much as they enjoyed themselves.**



CORPORATE



## CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Besides working closely with schools, our corporate program continue to attract relatively good interest this year. We are beginning to see a greater interest and involvement by corporates and businesses with regards to the issue of environmental awareness amongst their staff, and we are glad to see their enthusiasm during such programs.

In total, we conducted 39 CSR programs for over 1,150 participants. To name a few participants came from: — Johnson Controls Inc, Solvay, Amcor, GSK, Damen Shipyard, Changi Airport Group, General Electric, Sports Hub, Singapore River One, Swissotel Merchant Court Hotel, All Nippon Airways, Brother Singapore, Laneige, Pacific Radiance, Moody's, Xylem. Our programs encourage team bonding while creating awareness, urging participants to practice daily what they have learnt and even to share these habits with their children. Highlighting the need to care for the place we are living in and to take care of our drinking source is vital.





OUTREACH



**Waterways Watch Society was invited to 21 outreach events where we set up a booth. Such events include a booth at HDB Welcome Party at Punggol Emerald, OCBC WaterFest, Victoria Junior College, Anglo-Chinese Junior College, River Valley High, Anderson Junior College, Fernvale Primary, Zhangde Primary and LinkedIn. These exhibitions allowed Waterways Watch Society to spread environmental messages and share our mission with more schools, corporates and the public. We keep in contact with interested individuals by emailing them about upcoming events.**



**Also, despite the cancellation of the actual International Coastal Cleanup 2015 due to the haze, we managed to hold a symbolic event on 21st November 2015, alongside the US Navy Office and staff from HGST. We collected a total of 85 trash bags with a combined weight of 790kg. We thank our participants and members for the overwhelmingly successful event and look forward to a cleaner coastline.**



# AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## **WATERWAYS WATCH SOCIETY**

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### **STATEMENT BY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Management Committee, we do hereby state that in our opinion, the financial statements of Waterways Watch Society (the "Society") set out on pages 3 to 12 are properly drawn up in accordance with Singapore Societies Act, Singapore Charities Act and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards so as to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Society as at 31 March 2016 and of the financial performance, changes in fund and cash flows of the Society for the financial year ended on that date.

On behalf of the Management Committee



Eugene Heng  
Chairman

15 August 2016



Ng Shiang Nee  
Treasurer

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**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

**For the financial year ended 31 March 2016**

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>Income</b>			
Donations	3	77,660	79,087
Service fees		177,840	128,843
Sponsorship income		103,239	98,404
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment		–	4,200
Others		6,725	5,594
		<b>365,464</b>	<b>316,128</b>
<b>Less expenses</b>			
Administrative expenses	4	242,711	201,652
Depreciation	5	48,761	41,955
Other expenses		36,847	35,783
		<b>328,319</b>	<b>279,390</b>
<b>Surplus and total comprehensive income for the financial year</b>		<b>37,145</b>	<b>36,738</b>

# BALANCE SHEET

## WATERWAYS WATCH SOCIETY

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### BALANCE SHEET

At 31 March 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	5	111,671	138,614
<b>Current assets</b>			
Service fees receivables	6	31,064	64,829
Deposit and prepayments		13,146	2,590
Cash and bank balances		204,063	114,646
		248,273	182,065
<b>Total assets</b>		359,944	320,679
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Other payables and accrued operating expenses		4,962	2,842
<b>Net assets</b>		354,982	317,837
<b>Accumulated Fund</b>		354,982	317,837

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

**For the financial year ended 31 March 2016**

	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Surplus for the year	37,145	36,738
Adjustments for:		
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	—	(4,200)
Depreciation	48,761	41,955
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital	85,906	74,493
Receivables	23,209	(7,103)
Payables	2,120	(1,450)
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>	<b>111,235</b>	<b>65,940</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Proceed from disposal of property, plant and equipment	—	4,200
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(21,818)	(72,663)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(21,818)</b>	<b>(68,463)</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>89,417</b>	<b>(2,523)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year</b>	<b>114,646</b>	<b>117,169</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year</b>	<b>204,063</b>	<b>114,646</b>

Cash and cash equivalents represent cash and bank balances shown on the balance sheet.