



Be The Change Limited

Directors' Report 2021-22

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Be The Change Australia acknowledges and pays respect to Aboriginal Australia and their elders past and present

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1. Executive Summary

Be The Change Australia's purpose is to educate, inspire and empower individuals, organisations and communities on the path to a sustainable, just and fulfilling future.

We do this through harnessing the catalytic capacity of our educational programs across Australia, and by building a connected passionate community of people who stand for this vision.

Our aim is to connect, educate, inspire, equip and motivate people across Australia to co-create a thriving, just and sustainable world.

Our 2021-22 Director's Report includes contributions from our two active Chapters/affiliated programs - It's Up to Us and Inspiring Transition, as well as our leadership team, the Guardianship Council.

We recommend this report to you all, with a view to new horizons and a recognition that there is a growing appetite for activities which help environments and communities be more sustainable, resilient and creative in these challenging times for the planet. At the 2022 Annual General Meeting we will invite discussion of ideas regarding partnerships, projects and passions for the rest of 2022 and onwards.

2. Reports

Guardianship Council report

Over 2021-22, Be the Change met monthly to cover our essential transactions in three fundamental groups: the Guardianship Council, the Finance and Admin Committee (see BTC's Financial report) and the Public Fund Committee. Managing the website and administration tasks have never stopped in the background of these activities.

We have continued to support the It's Up To Us initiative (Jaime and team in Western Australia) and Inspiring Transition, led by Andrew Gaines. See the enclosed reports to find out more about what these chapters and projects have been up to!

In 2021-22, Be the Change formalised a new grant-giving protocol to expand our support of environmental and climate related activities proposed by other people and organisations which forward our constitutional purposes. While our fundraising needs work in order to allow for a sustainable grants program, we intend that this new direction will inspire donations to help make our world a more liveable place in these challenging times. Our first applicant, Climate Justice Union, has received a grant towards the employment of a Climate Health Coordinator (see WA report for more details).

After consultation with members, Be the Change has drafted some minor changes to the Constitution which have been approved by the Register of Environmental Organisations which oversees tax deductible organisations in the environmental domain. These changes, to be presented as a Special Resolution at the 2022 AGM, reflect our increasing commitment to supporting educational activities relating to climate justice and caring for country - two things we believe are essential for an environmentally sustainable and socially just future.

Be the Change is no longer running in-person Symposiums or Project Drawdown workshops. This is with respect to the shift in focus both in the Pachamama Alliance international team, and with our work in Australia. The Jump Up curriculum for children developed by Helena Read is available online for a donation via our website.

Since we have all the bells and whistles of a Registered Environmental Organisation, including deductible gift recipient status, we are open to suggestions as to how we can support additional programs that forward our constitutional purposes.

We would like to thank all who have contributed to the work of the organisation in the past year and look forward to continuing to build together as a community.

Andrew, Liz and Katherine - Guardianship Council members 2021-22

It's Up 2 Us report

Jaime Yallup Farrant CEO It's Up 2 Us and Climate Justice Union Campaigner

Over several years members of Climate Justice Union have worked with a community of health professionals, the Department of Health and Minister for Health to prioritise climate action and environmental sustainability within the portfolio. They were instrumental in establishing the WA Climate and Health Community of Practice, and in advocating for inclusion of environmental sustainability and climate change in the Sustainable Health Review.

Until late 2021 this work was unfunded and relied on the core capacity of a small CJU staff team and volunteers. In late 2021, in partnership, BTC provided a grant of \$25,250 towards the employment of a Climate & Health Organiser. CJU raised the rest of the approximately \$45,000 worth of funds by other means. Together this covered the cost of an initial 1 year of employment for a 0.4 FTE role.

Madu Venkatesan was employed in this position in February 2022.

This position has enabled CJU to deepen existing relationships and establish new relationships, collaborate with and support various organisations, and work to ensure the climate and health movement is connected and engaging across silos in their shared advocacy work.

This work has included the establishment of a CJU Health Network, a member's network for people working across the intersection of health and climate, and has facilitated the Climate and Health Community of Practice in holding public events and providing networking and collaboration opportunities. CJU has also, in partnership with Climate and Health Alliance established a National Mental Health and Climate Change Network which meets quarterly to support effective collaboration and highlight intersectionality and social justice within this space.

CJU have created an Extreme Heat Guide, a resource which collates important information about the health impacts posed by extreme heat, and actions individuals can take to care for themselves and each other during periods of extreme heat.

This position has also enabled CJU to engage in numerous policy processes including crafting a submission to the WA Community Disaster Resilience Strategy. This process included engaging with a variety of CJU members, including those who lived through recent extreme weather events, such as Yamatji woman Yungaji who lived through Cyclone Seroja.

Based on the input and stories from CJU members, along with analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the discussion paper, we provided a submission with 6 recommendations.

Finally the CHO position has enabled CJU to respond in a timely way to various opportunities including collaborating with the National Resilience and Recovery Agency (now

merged with Emergency Management Australia to become the National Emergency Management, Resilience and Recovery Agency (NEMRRA)). Through this we have prioritised the input of people with lived experience in policy development and brokered relationships to ensure the perspectives and worldviews of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are included in these National processes.

Inspiring Transition report 2021


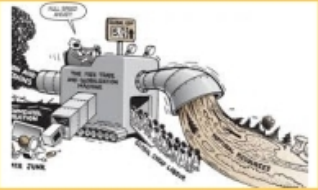
Andrew Gaines - Guardianship Council Member and Inspiring Transition Initiative Founder

Inspiring Transition

We are taking on humanity's greatest challenge

Transitioning to a life-affirming culture
(rather than continuing on our present course
of ecological self-destruction)

Let's do it together!



Our vision remains magnificent!

It is to catalyse a new kind of social change movement devoted to bringing forth an ecologically sustainable, socially just, spiritually fulfilling human presence on this planet. In other words, to inspire thoughtful mainstream commitment to doing everything required to pull out of our ecological nosedive, and transition to a life-affirming culture. We act on this by inspiring people to be citizen-educators, and providing innovative communication tools.

The reality is that we are just a speck.

Last year I ran a regular drop-in discussion group on [Catalysing mass commitment to transformational change](#). A number of the regular participants were extremely knowledgeable, and they enjoyed the discussions. However, when I suggested that our discussions were not accomplishing anything, and that we should turn our attention to reaching out to catalyse a new kind of mass communication initiative – one based on helping ordinary people and decision-makers think more realistically about the larger issues of our time – many of them dropped out.

However, things are picking up. I was interviewed by a South African researcher who was exploring the views of members of the Climate Coaching Alliance. He liked what I said so much that he volunteered to work with me and others. He started by introducing me to the CEO of a US consulting firm, and this has led to other connections.

I continue with the drop-in discussions. They are Tuesday mornings at 9 AM Sydney time. A few people show up; it is a way to make first connections. There is no particular agenda, and we do not try to accomplish anything in that group.

The Zoom link is: <https://zoom.us/j/4338939903>

However, we are also starting a League of Evolutionary Catalysts. This is for people who are committed to catalysing a movement to shift mainstream consciousness, and who embrace the '[new paradigm](#)' of enabling people to function better both mentally and emotionally. If this interests you, I can be contacted directly at andrew.gaines@InspiringTransition.net.

I take the bottom line to be this: *Greta Thunberg will have reason to hope when she sees that mainstream society is committed to turning things around.*

3. Finance and Administration

See separate *Financial Report*.

4. Who's Who - Contact Us

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