



Annual Report 2010/2011



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Vision: A strong, united and sustainable civil society working collaboratively for climate action in Australia.

Mission and Purpose: Our mission is to create stronger, more confident and trusting working relationships among the CANA members from different parts of civil society.

We do this by initiating, facilitating and coordinating collaborative efforts by member groups in order to strengthen their collective contribution towards climate action at both a national and international level. CANA is a transparent, accountable and sustainable organisation.

CANA adds value to the efforts of civil society organisations working on climate change in Australia by enabling member groups to work together in key areas and by facilitating the pooling of resources (including knowledge, funding and staff) to achieve joint outcomes.

CANA is a network of over 70 Australian non-government groups working for action on climate change. It is the Australian national node of Climate Action Network International.

Strategic Approach: CANA's approach to reaching its mission is concentrated on helping our membership cooperate towards common objectives using complementary strategies and tactics. We will provide the space, facilitation and energy behind collaborative and shared campaign and policy work in order to reach these common objectives.

For the period to 2012, the four objectives established in the network are

- Australia legislates a price on carbon in 2011.
- Australia's greenhouse emissions peak and begin to decline by 2012.
- No new coal fired power stations are built in Australia from 2010 onwards.
- Australia has expanded uptake of large-scale renewable energy by 2012.

Broadly, CANA's role in helping our members achieve these objectives is by acting as an information hub and communications platform between and among members in their climate advocacy work in Australia and internationally.

Over the period 2010-2015, we aim to create and maintain a strong and mutual civil society network on climate change:

- We will facilitate CANA member involvement in and engagement with the international climate negotiations and in activities and processes through Climate Action Network International (CAN-I).
- We will facilitate common campaign and advocacy work in the lead up to and during the negotiations at the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- We will facilitate dialogue and collaboration among member groups on national climate campaigning and advocacy.
- Where necessary, we will facilitate engagement of members with relevant politicians, party representatives and bureaucrats on issues relevant to climate change.
- Where necessary, we will coordinate collaborative projects among the CANA member groups.
- We will undertake, facilitate and share analysis of national and international climate policy to form the basis for submissions, lobbying and awareness for our member groups and wider civil society.
- We will provide training, capacity-building and education opportunities on pertinent climate change issues.

Nationally, CANA will ensure that between 2010 and 2015, the membership are supported and informed to play an active role in advocating for the implementation of climate-related policies. Internationally, CANA will continue to coordinate and facilitate the CANA member groups within the Australian NGO delegation at international climate negotiations of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Goals and Objectives: CANA has identified the following four priority goals and associated objectives:

Goal 1: CANA will create, maintain and provide relevant climate-related information to member organisations.

Objective 1.1 CANA provides ongoing and current information to CANA members.

Objective 1.2 CANA convenes an annual CANA conference for member organisations.

Goal 2: CANA will facilitate successful collaboration among member organisations.

Objective 2.1 CANA facilitates relevant working groups of member organisations on specific projects.

Objective 2.2 CANA facilitates strategic planning on domestic climate policy development.

Objective 2.3 CANA connects its members to broader civil society alliances and partnerships.

Objective 2.4 CANA facilitates agreement among its members on common messages and strategy.

Objective 2.5 CANA facilitates capacity building for member organisations on specific issues and skills.

Goal 3: CANA will build the capacity and unite Australian NGOs to influence international climate agreements, maximising Australia's contribution to a strong international agreement.

Objective 3.1 CANA coordinates and maintains our members' successful engagement with the international negotiations for post-2012, including engagement and collaboration with CAN-I and the Australian Government.

Goal 4: CANA is a sustainable organisation

Objective 4.1 CANA provides a workplace for staff that emphasises worker participation and workplace democracy.

Objective 4.2 CANA realises its work through practices that minimise resource use in such a way that aims not to cause problems or limit the choices available to future generations.

Objective 4.3 CANA has financial reporting systems in place.

Objective 4.4 CANA ensures ongoing funding through the collection of membership fees, grant seeking and other fundraising activities



CANA President's Report

A year ago, I wrote the CANA President's Report in the wake of an uninspiring Federal Election campaign that tried to sweep climate change under the carpet. I wrote about the huge challenge that lay ahead for the climate action movement in filling the climate policy vacuum. It is fair to say that CANA and its members have risen to that challenge admirably over the past year.

As I write, we are less than a week away from a vote on the Gillard Government's Clean Energy Bill in the House of Representatives. A few weeks from now, in all likelihood, the Bill will pass into law and we will finally have a price on carbon in Australia. While the Clean Energy Future package is only a small step in the right direction and many tough battles still lie ahead, we should celebrate the progress that has been made over the last year.

CANA and its members have made a strong contribution to that progress through grassroots activism, political advocacy, protest and community engagement. We have kept the pressure on the politicians to deliver the best possible package and worked hard to counter negative public debate.

As a member and coordinator of the Say Yes Australia campaign, CANA has helped to present a positive and consistent message on climate action. CANA Director Georgina Woods has worked particularly hard behind the scenes to facilitate dialogue within the network and help the diverse CANA members to work together to achieve common goals.

Former Executive Director Nina Hall left CANA in late 2010 after several years at the helm and we were very sad to see her go. However, I am sure you will agree that George has stepped up to the Director role admirably and her energy, enthusiasm and strategic thinking have been invaluable over the past year. Under George's leadership, CANA ran another very successful conference for members in Melbourne this year. CANA has also led several workshops to coordinate campaigning for climate action that have contributed greatly to mutual understanding, respect and trust within the network.

This year, we also welcomed Annette Mayne back to CANA as Administrator. We were very lucky to have Annette return to CANA to keep things running smoothly in this critical year for climate action. Annette and her team of wonderful volunteers were instrumental in delivering the CANA Conference and Annette has happily taken on extra responsibilities several times over the past year when CANA was in need. I would like to thank both George and Annette for their dedication to the cause this year.

There have been changes in the Steering Committee during the year as well. Cath James is stepping down as CANA Secretary after several years, Lindsay Soutar left us to dedicate her time to the 100% Renewable Energy Campaign, Trish Harrup stepped down to go on maternity leave, Andrew Bray did a stint on the Steering Committee before moving on, Glen Klatovsky took over from Gavin McFadzean as the Wilderness Society's representative and Phil Freeman joined us from ACF. My thanks to all the Steering Committee members that have helped to guide CANA during the year for giving up their time for this important cause.

As always, many challenges lie ahead for climate action in Australia and around the world. With a carbon price in place, it is now time to look beyond this small step to the greater goal of avoiding dangerous global climate change. CANA intends to play a leading role in helping its members to set new goals and work together to achieve them in the year ahead.

Chris Riedy - CANA President



CANA Director's Report

Change and adaptation

Australia and the world are transforming before our eyes, and CANA is transforming along with them. The 2010/11 year has been tumultuous for Australia and CANA has had to adapt and respond to external and internal changes throughout the year.

Most profound of these internal changes was the loss of Dr Nina Hall, who had been with CANA since 2008, first as Member Coordinator, and then as Director from May 2009 to November 2010. We also said farewell to Rachael Eichmann and welcomed Annette Mayne back to CANA as Administrator. Since I have taken over the Director's role, I have been deeply grateful to the CANA Steering Committee and to Annette for their support and encouragement.

Together, CANA's staff and Steering Committee have this year created a new vision for CANA's role in Australian civil society, leading and supporting our members to rise to the challenge of cooperation and mutual aid in these difficult times.

We have a new vision, a new mission and a revised Strategic Plan, all of which are geared towards helping Australian civil society be more effective, more cohesive and more deeply collaborative in driving Australian leadership on climate change.

In the 2010/11 year, CANA's membership grew to 76. The Nature Conservation Council of NSW and the Queensland Conservation Council returned to CANA after a brief break, and we welcomed Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand, Climate Action Hobart, Climate Rescue of Wagga, the Mount Alexander Sustainability Group, Darebin Climate Action Now, and, of course, the Australian Climate Justice Program, formerly a project of CANA's, now launched as its own organisation, and providing regular updates and analysis of legal climate change initiatives around the world.

Activities

There were several key moments for CANA in 2010/11 that have shaped the organisation's work this year:

Setting the network objectives

Following the nail-biting Federal Election and the establishment of the minority Government, the opportunity to secure a price on carbon pollution was suddenly resurrected, after being formerly dashed by the Labor Government. CANA and our members held an all-day workshop in October 2010 to establish some short-term objectives. This was an important moment for the network and indicated that the damage and rending of 2009 and early 2010 were being mended in the formation of a more robust, outcomes-oriented and cooperative network. We established four objectives for 2012:

1. A price on carbon
2. No new coal fired power stations
3. Peak emissions by 2012
4. Expanded renewable energy capacity

Forming the "POP'11" project

The price on carbon was established as a key objective of CANA's and was a central undertaking of the minority Government agreement between the ALP and the Greens. Given its importance, and the growing intensity of the backlash against climate change science and policy since Copenhagen, CANA joined talks in late 2011 to establish a coordinated project to increase public support for securing a price on carbon pollution in 2011.

CANA played a key role in the establishment of the POP'11 group (aka Say Yes Australia), its structure and processes, and facilitated the Board and Operations Team meetings and processes in the early months of the project. CANA also

auspiced the crucial field operations budget, and provided a nexus between the POP'11 groups, who were intently focused on the carbon price objective, and other CANA members, who pursued different aspects of the climate change agenda.

The project demonstrated the degree to which the network had changed in a short period of time, in response to the fierce backlash against the reality of climate change that has gripped Australia since early 2010. Support for the price on carbon would likely be far lower had the project not been run, and cohesiveness among the members of the network would probably be less developed.

The Cancun climate talks

The Cancun climate talks were an important milestone for CANA, having maintained close scrutiny of the UN climate negotiations throughout 2010. In response to the contracting of resources available for individual CANA members to engage with the international negotiation, CANA launched an appeal in early 2010 for dedicated funding from member groups to support CANA's ongoing participation in the talks. This funding ensured that CANA's members were well-prepared for the Cancun meeting, as CANA provided daily report-backs from each meeting, detailed news and analysis in every fortnightly member update and, in the lead up to Cancun, background sheets on specific issues, meetings with Government and a full-day preparatory workshop. Our work has ensured continuity for the network in its engagement with the international negotiations, even throughout the intensely domestic focus of the first half of 2011.

CANA Conference 2011: the eleventh hour

With the 2011 Conference, CANA continued its process of deepening relationships between members of the network, and transitioning from a clearing-house of information and policy development, to the platform through which challenging cooperative campaigning and movement building takes place.

We are in the process of building a different attitude within the network and the annual conference is a key component of that process. In 2011, we structured the conference around the objectives set at the October 2010 meeting, creating continuity and a sense of narrative progression among the different roles and players within the network. We also experimented with some challenging plenary session, including the introduction to scenario planning, which will be taken further in the coming year.

The feedback from the conference was overwhelmingly positive, and our hope is to extend the process further in the coming year, taking the members of the network through a cumulative planning process from October 2011 through to the 2012 Conference and beyond, to the challenges of the period 2012-2015.

The changing shape of the conference, and its emerging role as a space for internal agenda-setting, rather than public communication, has required us to rethink its fundraising role. It will remain an important fundraising moment in the CANA year, but the tools we use to raise that money will concentrate less on the advertising value of the event and more on its value as an irreplaceable contribution to Australia's role in tackling climate change by providing the foundation for a civil society capable of meeting the challenges of the coming years.

Georgina Woods - CANA Director



CANA Governance and Membership 2010/11

CANA Steering Committee

The CANA steering committee (SC) is primarily responsible for the governance of CANA, not its operations. It is responsible for approving the organisation's mission and strategic direction, its budget and its major financial affairs, its policies on governance, management, and program implementation. It does not set specific policy direction on climate change.

The SC is responsible for providing support and direction to the Director and, where appropriate, other CANA staff. The Director is responsible for the operational management of the organisation. The Director may delegate tasks to other staff, but remains accountable to the SC for his/her performance. The SC includes the following current and retired members:

- **President- Dr Chris Riedy**, Research Director - Institute for Sustainable Futures
- **Secretary- Cath James**, Environmental Project Officer - Uniting Church, International Justice and Mission Unit
- **Treasurer- Ian McGregor**, Climate Action Sydney Eastern Suburbs

- **Public Fund Committee Members:**
 - (**Jeff Angel** - Director - Total Environment Centre
 - (**Jenny Curtis** - Convenor - Climate Change Balmain-Rozelle

- **Ordinary Committee Members**
 - (**Phil Freeman** - Campaigner, Climate Change Program - Australian Conservation Foundation
 - (**Peter Gorton** - AUSES
 - (**Glen Klatovsky** – Kimberley Campaigner - The Wilderness Society
 - (**Imogen Zethoven** - Director, Coral Sea Campaign, Global Ocean Legacy - Pew Environment Group
 - (**Trish Harrup** - Climate and Energy Team Leader -Greenpeace Australia Pacific
 - (**Kellie Caught**- Climate Program Manager- WWF Australia

Members of the committee who retired since the last AGM:

- Dr Mark Diesendorf, Institute of Environmental Studies, UNSW
- Tony Mohr, Australian Conservation Foundation
- Gavan McFadzean, The Wilderness Society
- Amelia Thorpe, Environmental Defender's Office
- Mahalath Halperin, ISES on behalf of AUSES

The Steering Committee started 2011 with a one-day strategic planning session for CANA, in order to set the direction for CANA for the year. The staff give their thanks to the Steering Committee for their commitment to CANA, and for providing CANA staff with help, guidance and support.

CANA staff 2010/2011

CANA Executive Director
CANA Director
CANA International Coordinator
CANA Administrator
CANA Administrator

Dr Nina Hall (departed November 2010)
Georgina Woods (commenced November 2010)
Georgina Woods (until October 2010)
Rachael Eichmann (departed September 2010)
Annette Mayne (commenced September 2010)

CANA Member Organisations

CANA's current members are listed below. CANA welcomes the addition of new member organisations (*marked in italics*) since July 2010. This has further expanded CANA's diversity into the sectors described below.

Environment and Climate Organisations (international)

- Climate Action Network - International
- Greenpeace Australia Pacific
- The Pew Charitable Trusts
- WWF - Australia

Environment Organisations (national)

- Australian Conservation Foundation
- *Climate and Health Alliance*
- National Toxics Network
- The Climate Institute (Assoc. Member)
- The Wilderness Society
- Women's Environment Network Australia

Environment, Human Rights and Youth Organisations

- 350.org Australia
- Australian Youth Climate Coalition
- GetUp!
- Sustainable Population Australia

Aid and Development Organisations

- ActionAid
- CARE Australia
- Caritas Australia
- Jubilee Australia
- Oxfam Australia
- Tear Australia
- World Vision Australia

Labour unions

- United Voice

Faith-based Organisations

- Australian Religious Response to Climate Change
- Catholic Earthcare Australia
- Edmund Rice Centre
- *Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand*
- Sisters of the Good Samaritan
- Uniting Church, The Justice and International Mission
- Uniting Justice Australia

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Organisations

- *Alternative Technology Association*
- Australian Solar Energy Society
- Moreland Energy Foundation

Legal and Research Organisations

- *Australian Climate Justice Program*
- Climate change research cluster, School of Health and Social Development, Deakin University
- Environmental Defender's Office New South Wales (Ltd) (Assoc. Member)
- Institute of Environmental Studies, University of NSW
- Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney (Assoc. Member)
- SEARCH Foundation (Social Education and Research Concerning Humanity)

Environment Organisations (state-based)

- Cairns and Far North Environment Centre
- Conservation Council of South Australia
- Conservation Council of Western Australia
- Environment Tasmania
- Environment Victoria
- *Nature Conservation Council of NSW*
- *Queensland Conservation Council*
- Sustainable Living Tasmania
- Total Environment Centre

Environment Organisations (regional)

- Gold Coast and Hinterland Environment Council (GECKO)
- North Coast Environment Council
- South East Region Conservation Alliance
- Sunshine Coast Environment Council
- *The Coastwatchers Association*

Environment and Climate Organisations (grassroots)

- *100% Renewable Energy Campaign*
- Ballarat Renewable Energy and Zero Emissions Inc (BREAZE)
- Bathurst Climate Action Network
- Climate Action Group Central Coast
- *Climate Action Hobart*
- Climate Action Moreland
- Climate Action Newcastle
- Climate Action Newtown
- Climate Action Sydney Eastern Suburbs (CASES)
- Climate Action Tomaree
- Climate Action Now Wingecarribee
- Climate Change Australia
- Climate Change Balmain Rozelle
- Climate Emergency Network
- *Climate Rescue of Wagga*
- Clean Energy for Eternity
- *Darebin Climate Action Now*
- *Mount Alexander Sustainability Group*
- Orange Climate Action Now
- Parramatta Climate Action Network (ParraCAN)
- Rising Tide Newcastle
- Victorian Climate Action Centre
- Wodonga and Albury Towards Climate Health (WATCH)
- Wollongong Climate Action Network

CANA's office accommodation

WWF have kindly hosted CANA since February 2005.



CANA Treasurer's Report

Summary

2010-11 has been a successful year for CANA as it continues to play a key role among the many organisations concerned about the failure our governance systems to effectively address climate change either in Australia or internationally.

CANA continued to cover its costs from membership fees, grants and other income sources and achieved a small surplus for the year.

Financial Results

For the year ending June 2011, CANA reported a surplus of \$2,912. Most of the large increase in the net cash balance at year end relates to \$90,121 which are funds received for the Price on Pollution 2011 Campaign but not yet used for the campaign. It is expected that these remaining funds will be spent in the coming year.

Income

Membership fees showed a significant recovery to \$81,555 up from \$71,742, partly due to small increase in membership fees, an increase in the number of members and fewer members seeking reduced fees due to financial constraints. Membership increased to 76 organisations; however, most of the new members were smaller organisations that paid the minimum CANA membership fee.

CANA received grants totalling \$43,500 a small decrease compared with the previous year's grant income of \$47,353. Conference and workshop income was also lower than the previous year representing \$12,264 compared with \$17,206 the previous year.

Expenses

The main expenses are salaries and entitlements, superannuation, and workers' compensation, totalling \$119,888, which was slightly lower than the previous year (\$122,713). Other expenses were significantly lower than the previous year, mainly due to reduced international travel related to the international climate change negotiations.

Cash position

Due to the small operating surplus, CANA has over \$100,000 in cash reserves, excluding the funds held which are to be used for the Price on Pollution 2011 campaign. The ending cash balance represents over 7 months' normal operating expenses for CANA.

Ian McGregor - CANA Treasurer