



2017

LIVING FUTURE  
INSTITUTE OF  
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REPORT

# LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

It has been a transformative year for the Living Future Institute of Australia (LFIA). I was very honoured to be chosen as the new Chair at the 2016 AGM, taking over from the wonderful Mary Casey. In my first year as Chair I have been blown away by what we have achieved and the amazing people and organisations that have supported us.

In late 2016, we were delighted to appoint one of the LFIA's previous Board Directors Stephen Choi as our first Executive Director. Throughout the year, Stephen has provided an extraordinary contribution to the LFIA and led the organisation in achieving some significant milestones.

We welcomed some fantastic new Board members in late 2016 and collectively the Board set some ambitious targets for 2017. This included partnerships and sponsorships, events, increasing our following, launching Declare and offering new services.

I am pleased to say that we have made significant ground across these areas and continue to grow the presence of the LFIA and a strong network of individuals and organisations that want to work with us to create a Living Future. A future that is socially just, culturally rich and ecologically restorative.

As you read the annual report you will get a sense of what the LFIA has achieved over the past 12 months. It's hard to pick just a few personal highlights but here goes.

Firstly the completion of our legacy project, the installation of solar PV system on the winning design competition school in Melbourne, which will obviously reduce carbon and save money but also importantly allow that money to be reinvested in other important education programs for many years.

Secondly are some of the events we have held this year. In particular the Forum and inaugural Symposium. The quality and enthusiasm of

both speakers and attendees made these very memorable events and something that we will build on over the coming year.

Next is the launch of Declare in Australia, which now allows the LFIA to issue Declare labels to products locally. A number of products have already received their labels and this will continue to grow in 2018.

It also inspiring to see the interest that is building towards Australian projects targeting the Living Building Challenge (LBC). The Australian property sector has notched up some significant achievements in delivering green buildings however some of the upcoming LBC projects will take this to the next level. The LFIA will continue to support these projects and hope to share more with you about them in 2018.

Finally, I want to give a special mention to some Board members whose term has come to an end. Mary Casey, Caroline Pidcock and

Brian Coughlin have collectively contributed immensely to the LFIA over several years. On behalf of the LFIA we thank them for their contribution and look forward to their support in other capacities in future.

To everyone reading this, your support is vital for us to continue making an impact towards a living future. The financial support we have received over the past year has been amazing. We will also continue to call on your voices and actions as active proponents of a Living Future, and request your feedback and your commitment to change.

We thank each and every one of you, our supporters, our partners, our volunteers, staff and Board members for your efforts and support during the year. We couldn't achieve what we do without you.

Paolo Bevilacqua

Chair of the Board





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At the Symposium, we heard the untold stories of people, projects, and journeys.

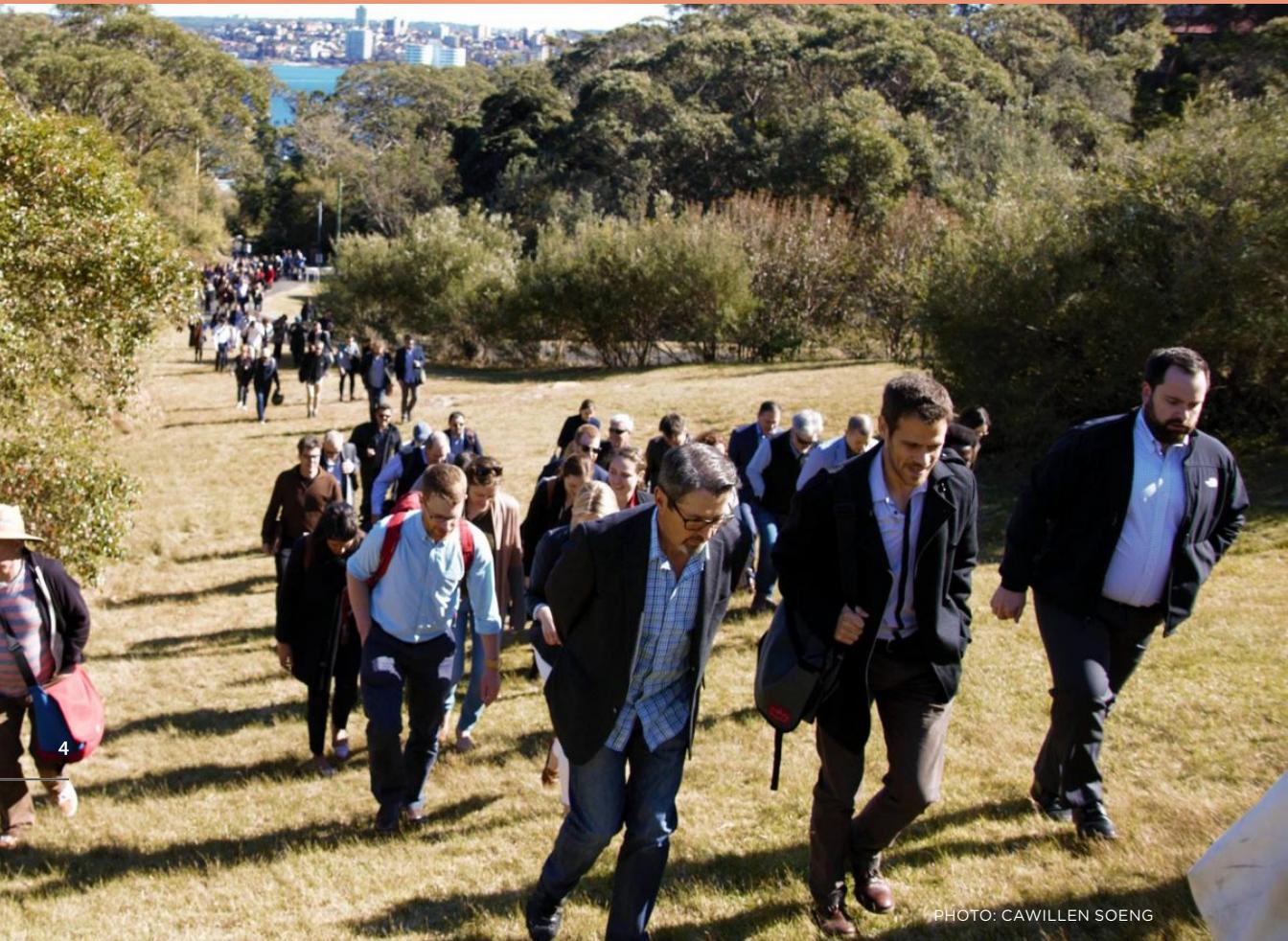


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# SYMPOSIUM

In September 2017, the LFIA held its very first Symposium to bring together inspiring thinkers and doers to define, redefine, examine, and challenge what a 'Living Future' could really mean across multiple communities and multiple industries.

Sydney Living Building Challenge Collaborative to provide participants with an opportunity to get to know one another in a fun and lighthearted way. Running alongside the Symposium was the Student UnSymposium where teams of students had five hours to showcase their brilliance by responding to a Living Building Challenge brief.

Centring on the theme of untold stories, the event commenced aboard the Mari Nawi boat upon departure from the Sydney Opera House, on the journey to the heritage listed Quarantine Station in Sydney's North Head National Park. Once there, participants heard from the inspirational Tony McAvoy SC and Kirsti Luke, who shared how their cultures had thrived for thousands of years, and to capture the lessons that we can all apply in our lives and workplaces. The remainder of the day included a range of high energy, intimate and engaging workshops, that looked deep into the subject matter.

A diverse mix of 170 people made up the Symposium, representing more than 90 different organisations. Professional backgrounds included artist, architect, contractor, ecologist, developer, engineer, educator, certifier, manufacturer, supplier, government, student and various senior sustainability consultants.

The event was an overwhelming success with participants bringing their best selves to the Symposium to help realise a 'Living Future' in Australia and beyond. Feedback indicates that participants left feeling elated, excited, inspired, motivated, energised and invigorated.

The Symposium also considerably increased the reach of the Living Future Institute of Australia. Twitter and LinkedIn both received more than 10,000 unique impressions; our Facebook followers doubled and over 100 new contacts were added to our database.

Other events included a Before-After Party which was hosted by the

Carbon generated through the Symposium added to 33.2 tonnes, and was offset through a verified carbon standard that protects Tasmanian native forest.

We can't wait to do it all again next time!

# FORUMS

This year the institute made another leap into the event space, with the goal of lifting the bar and showing what's possible in the built environment. Focused on the theme of Building Nutrition, the events in Sydney and Adelaide showed delegates why and how to bring health, happiness and wellbeing into the workplace.

The point of difference for the Forums were that there was an equal amount of time spent listening as there was doing. A format was adopted to really engage the people that paid to be in the room. This was done through active learning activities, predominantly facilitated round table discussions. Each participant

at each table had a different coloured marker, and were encouraged to be generous with their note taking, and to share their ideation process

The Forums were both wildly popular events, with Sydney and Adelaide drawing 60 and 39 people respectively. While the different locations proved to attract different sectors, each Forum had about one-third of participants representing an architecture practice. It was pleasing to see a strong turnout from government and developers.

In 2018 the Living Future Institute of Australia will look to deliver new Forums, focusing on the most pressing issues.



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# LIVING BUILDING CHALLENGE

## TEAM PROFILE



STEPHEN CHOI  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



BRIANA THOMPSON  
OPERATIONS MANAGER



BRANDON DALEY  
PROJECT OFFICER



IMAGE: FRASERS PROPERTY

### Green Star-Design & As Built/ Living Building Challenge 3.1

Approaches to buildings  
or fitouts seeking a dual rating



Sustainable Buildings Research Centre, University of Wollongong



Joining the sixteen registered projects in Australia, we commend Fraser Property Australia on their Burwood Brickworks Retail project, which has gone from being the subject of last year's incredibly successful international Living Building Challenge Design Competition to preparing to start on site in 2018, aiming to become the world's first retail Living Building.

In April 2017 the Crosswalk document for the Living Building Challenge 3.1 and Green Star Design & As Built was released as part of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Green Building Council of Australia. The Crosswalk aims to simplify the process for projects seeking both certifications.

# DECLARE

The LFIA has established a Partnership Agreement with the ILFI to allow the LFIA to locally prepare labels for approval by the ILFI, and share the associated revenue. The LFIA has also been promoting the take-up of manufacturers and suppliers seeking Declare labels at events throughout the year and through the LFIA's involvement with the LBC projects. In the past year, eight Australian Declare labels have been issued.

These were for the following products:

- Evcco Halogen Free Electrical Conduit and Fittings – Albatech
- IQ One - Tarkett Australia
- Porcelanosa Group Wall Tiles – Earp Bros
- Porcelanosa Group Floor Tiles – Earp Bros
- Speedpanel – Speedpanel Australia
- Terracore® Poly – Fabritrak Systems
- Weathertex Timber Weatherboards and Architectural Panels – Weathertex
- Webglas GC - Ampelite

The provision of a local Declare program is seen as a fundamental tenet for the future financial stability of the LFIA.

# JUST

The International Living Future Institute's™ JUST™ program is a voluntary disclosure program and tool for all types and sizes of organizations. JUST is, quite simply, a call to social justice action.

It is not a verification or certification program. Rather, the program provides an innovative transparency platform for organizations to reveal much about their operations, including how they treat their employees and where they make financial and community investments.

The Living Future Institute of Australia is wanting and willing to grow the Just program opportunity to Australian shores and our business .

It is a declaration to say that people matter as much as our planet and our products and we need to take care of those who are working with us and for us.

Particularly in Australia, this is a great time to show your dedication to your people with increased concern about modern slavery, fair enterprise arrangements and quality conditions.

# Declare.

**Your Product**  
**Your Company**

**Final Assembly:** City, State, Country  
**Life Expectancy:** 000 Years  
**End of Life Options:** Recyclable (42%), Landfill

**Ingredients:**

**Your First Ingredient** (Locally Sourced Location, ST), **Sustainably Sourced Ingredient** (Location, ST), **Non-toxic Item** (Location, ST), **Living Building Challenge Red List\***, **Another Component**, **US EPA Chemical of Concern**, **Last Ingredient**

**Living Building Challenge Criteria:**

XXX-0000 EXP. 11/11/2011  
VOC Content: 0.00 mg/m<sup>3</sup> VOC Emissions: CDPH Compliant

**Declaration Status**  
 LBC Red List Free  
 LBC Compliant  
 Declared

MANUFACTURER RESPONSIBLE FOR LABEL ACCURACY  
INTERNATIONAL LIVING FUTURE INSTITUTE™ [declareproducts.com](http://declareproducts.com)

# 1000+

TOTAL DECLARE LABELS DISTRIBUTED

# 8

AUSTRALIAN DECLARE LABELS IN 2017

# 6

NEW REGISTERED DECLARE LABELS

# Just.

**Organization Name:** Super Paint Corp.  
**Organization Type:** LLC  
**Headquarters:** Amherst, NJ  
**Satellite Facilities:** Portland OR, Houston TX, Montreal CAN  
**Number of Employees:** 3,220

**Social Justice and Equity Indicators:**

**Diversity**

- Non-Discrimination
- Gender Diversity
- Ethnic Diversity

**Worker Benefit**

- Worker Happiness
- Employee Health Care
- Continuing Education

**Equity**

- Full Time Employment
- Pay-Scale Equity
- Union Friendly
- Living Wage
- Gender Pay Equity
- Family Friendly

**Local Benefit**

- Local Control
- Local Sourcing

**Stewardship**

- Responsible Investing
- Community Volunteering
- Positive Products
- Charitable Giving
- Animal Welfare

**Safety**

- Occupational Safety
- Hazardous Chemicals

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE LABEL

INTERNATIONAL LIVING FUTURE INSTITUTE™

# 59

LABELS DISTRIBUTED

# 2

AUSTRALIAN LABELS DISTRIBUTED

## LBC COLLABORATIVES

ADELAIDE

94

FACEBOOK  
LIKES

MELBOURNE

895

FACEBOOK  
LIKES

SYDNEY

459

FACEBOOK  
LIKES

## LFIA DIGITAL MEDIA

366

LINKEDIN  
CONNECTIONS

1451

TWITTER  
FOLLOWERS

103

FACEBOOK  
LIKES

## FINANCIALS

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
<b>Revenue and Other Income</b>		
Memberships	5,638	5,119
Events and Sponsorship	97,512	14,496
Competition	5,000	70,697
Interest	-	-
	108,150	90,312
<b>Depreciation Expense</b>	-	-
<b>Other Expenses</b>		
Administration	(7,345)	(5,150)
Competition Expenses	(1,101)	(43,557)
Consultants	(2,069)	(4,400)
Events Expenses	(15,735)	(1,795)
Program administration and staffing	(78,731)	(77,008)
	(104,981)	(77,008)
<b>Surplus for Year</b>	3,169	13,304
<b>Retained Surplus at July 1</b>	<u>25,487</u>	<u>12,183</u>
<b>Surplus attributable to Association</b>	<u>28,656</u>	<u>25,487</u>

	NOTE	2017	2016
		\$	\$
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		35,871	48,662
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>35,871</u>	<u>48,662</u>
<b><u>NON CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>			
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		-	-
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>35,871</u>	<u>48,662</u>
<b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>			
Payables	2	-	21,370
Employee Benefits	3	7,215	1,805
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>7,215</u>	<u>23,175</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>7,215</u>	<u>23,175</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>28,656</u>	<u>25,487</u>
<b><u>EQUITY</u></b>			
Retained Surplus	4	28,656	25,487
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>28,656</u>	<u>25,487</u>

	NOTE	2017	2016
		\$	\$
<b><u>2 Payables</u></b>			
Prize Money Payable (net of Sponsorship Receivable)		-	19,250
Competition Costs Payable		-	2,119
<b>Total Payables</b>		-	<u>21,369</u>
<b><u>3 Employee Benefits</u></b>			
PAYG Withholding		4,864	962
Superannuation		2,351	843
<b>Total Employee Benefits</b>		<u>7,215</u>	<u>1,805</u>
<b><u>4 Retained Surplus</u></b>			
Retained surplus at the beginning of the financial year		25,487	12,183
Net surplus (deficit) attributable to the Association		3,169	13,304
<b>Retained Surplus at the end of the financial year</b>		<u>28,656</u>	<u>25,487</u>



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