**Community Praxis Co-op Ltd**

**Report of Directors**

Your Directors present their Report to the Co-operative for the year ended 30 June 2016.

DIRECTORS

The following persons have held office as a Director during the period of operation:

**Tina Lathouras**  PhD

Tina lectures in Social Work at the University of the Sunshine Coast.  She teaches courses on Community Development and Social Action, and Critical Social Policy Analysis.  She is active in the movement to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution, as part of the Sunshine Coast Recognise Group.  She is also active in the Sunshine Coast Coalition of Community Boards network, which is working to support small-medium community-based organisations in their efforts to provide services to disadvantaged and vulnerable population groups across Queensland.

**Lynda Shevellar** PhD; M Ed; Grad Dip. Psych; BA

Lynda is an experienced facilitator with a background in psychology and education and an emphasis upon participative approaches to learning. She has studied and worked in community development, as well as having spent time in the Public Service. She has a particular interest in the fields of disability and mental health, and more recently in community economic development. Lynda has worked as a practitioner, consultant, a leader of a community organisation and currently is employed by The University of Queensland in the School of Social Science.

**Neil Barringham** M. Soc. Wk.; B. Soc. Wk.; BA; Dip. Com. Services Cord’n.

Special responsibility: Secretary

Neil Barringham is a community worker who works with others in his home and neighbourhood to facilitate inclusion and community supports. As an inclusion worker with “A Place to Belong”, Neil also deeply enjoys interacting with passionate people in the mental health and disability fields about ways we can together build community supports and opportunities for participation with people who desire to belong.

**Howard Buckley** Post Grad. Dip. Social Planning, B. Com. Welfare, Cert. IV in Assessment and Workplace Training BSZ40198

For more than 17 years Howard has held a variety of community and youth development roles with community organisations throughout south east Queensland including Goodna, Hervey Bay and Noosa. He has a strong commitment to his local community and over the past 13 years has worked voluntarily in Maleny with the local neighbourhood centre and many youth initiatives.

Between 1996 and 2002 he was employed by Caboolture Shire Council as a Social Planner. This role enabled Howard to engage first hand with the struggles of working in a bureaucratic structure that was never designed to respond to the social needs of the community. Howard worked alongside the community to create new ways of opening the doors of Council to respond to its ever-changing community.

Since 2002 he has been consulting for Community Praxis providing community development training, project management and workshop facilitation. His current work role enables him to enjoy more time with his family, friends and community as well as enjoy more of his favourite past-time – bushwalking & camping.

**Emily James**

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|  | **No. of board meetings 2015-16** | **No. of board meetings attended** |
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PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The provision of education, training and development service for the purposes of community development

RESULTS OF OPERATION AND STATE OF AFFAIRS

There are no significant changes in operation during the year or in its state of affairs.

DIVIDENDS AND MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

There were no dividends paid or declared during this period.

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS

The co-operative is not affected by environment regulations.

EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

At the date of this report there are no matters or circumstances, which have arisen since the end of the financial period that have significantly affected or may significantly affect:

(1) the operations of the Cooperative

(ii) the results of those operations

(iii) the state of affairs of the Cooperative

LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS AND EXPECTED RESULTS OF OPERATION

At the date of this report, the Directors are not aware of any likely developments requiring disclosure. Expected results of operations are not likely to vary significantly from those of the current period of operation.

DIRECTORS INTERESTS AND BENEFITS

Directors receive normal salary and superannuation benefits commensurate with work performed as disclosed in the operating statements. No other benefits are paid to directors.

INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE OF OFFICERS AND AUDITORS

All Directors are covered by the Cooperative’s public liability and professional indemnity insurance.

The auditor is not covered by any insurance of the cooperative and relies on his own profession’s compulsory professional indemnity insurance.

Dated this 23rd day of September 2016

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Directors

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