

1<sup>st</sup> February 2016

## Linux Australia Treasurer's Report for 2015

Taking on the role of treasurer has provided many challenges and opportunities for (personal) growth. My focus has been on consolidation and rather than new endeavors/altering workflows.

The 2014 council left the accounts and budget in good shape and there were no external events that caused the 2015 council to re-evaluate.

Our existing relationships have not changed. We are still using the same accounting software (Xero), auditor (Greg Middleton), accountants (Purpose Accounting) and our banking providers are Westpac (Australia) and ANZ (New Zealand).

Linux Australia worked with the following conferences since the last AGM: LCA2015, DrupalSouth Melbourne, PyCon AU 2015, Joomla Day Brisbane 2015, OSDC 2015 and WordCamp Brisbane 2015. We also had a very close relationship<sup>1</sup> with GovaHack 2015

Due to the strong performance of these events Linux Australia is in a solid position and during the financial year<sup>2</sup> has a profit of approximately \$143k. This is due to the exceptional success of LCA 2015 and PyCon AU 2015.

## Suggested improvements

### Looking back

In François' 2014 report<sup>3</sup> the following suggestions were made for the 2015 treasurer.

1. canceling Linux Australia's Github subscription (not needed assuming some changes to the way we host zookeeper instances)
2. looking into canceling our Verified by Visa membership
3. investigate getting a separate Xero account for New Zealand to allow New Zealand
4. conferences to use Xero properly
5. revising our ANZ accounts so that two authorizations are required for all payments

All Items have commenced though to be perfectly frank none are complete.

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1 GovHack was an official sub-committee of Linux Australia. Linux Australia also sponsored the event.

2 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015

3 <http://lists.linux.org.au/pipermail/linux-aus/2015-January/021984.html>

## Looking ahead

In 2015 several key features of our online banking interface were changed. This leads me to suggest during the 2016 term Linux Australia should re-evaluate it's banking providers. With a view to streamlining sub-committee workflows and international transactions. Although I admit the later is less of an issue until we run another event outside Australia.

## Budget Tracking – 2015

<b>Expenses</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Spent</b>	<b>Remaining</b>
Donations	Sponsorship/Donations/Grants	5,000	2,500	2,500
Operating	Face-to-Face Meetings	8,500	6,500	2,000
	Insurance[3]	6,500	6,800	(300)
	Accounting Costs	7,000	4,700	2,300
	Storage	3,000	1,900	1,100
	Travel (Team Review)[1]	2,500	0	2,500
	Misc Office Expenses	1,500	1,500	0
	Bank Fees	5,000	0	5,000
	MemberDB[2]	0	0	0
Ongoing Projects	Admin Team (HW)[6]	2,500	4,000	(1,500)
	Awards and acknowledgments	500		500
Sub-Total		42,000	27,900	14,100
<b>Income</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	
Conference Return	LCA2015	35,000	98,500	
	PyConAU 2015	7,000	37,000	
	Drupal South Melbourne 2015[5]	4,000	30,000	
	Word Camp Sydney 2014[4]	400	(7,200)	
	Joomla Day Sydney 2014	1,800	1,800	
	Interest	10,000	11,400	
	Sub-Total		58,200	171,500
Totals		16,200	143,600	

[1] Due to the timing of the site visit for LCA2018 this item was unused in 2015.

[2] The planned hackfest did not happen due to concerns from the community about project direction.

[3] Expanding our scope to include GovHack increased our insurance costs.

[4] The loss is due to the way WordPress Foundation approaches sponsorship. We value their contribution and will determine a way of working with them to support Word Camps in Australi

- [5] The actual conference profit was higher but approximately \$9k of this profit has been returned to the Drupal community in the form of grants.
- [6] During 2015 the council signed a 3 year contract for server maintenance. This will need to be amortised over that period.

## **2016 Budget**

As yet a 2016 budget has not been moved to council. Though we intend look at increasing our grants / sponsorship budget to allow us to support aligned organistaions such as Software Freedom Conservancy, Electronic Frontiers Austraila, Drupal Foundation and Wordpress Foundation.

## **Thanks**

On behalf of the Linux Australia council, and personally, I would like to thank all of the sub-committee members for their hard work this term. Specifically I would like to express my gratitude to the sub-committee treasurer's (Joel, Peter, Russel, Carly, Morgan and Bronson) for helping reconcile Xero and keep things running smoothly and on budget.

I'd also like to echo François' statements in his 2014 report and call out Russel Stuart for his extraordinarily thorough work as treasurer of PyCon AU 2014/2015, as well as Josh Hesketh for his invaluable help during the end of year financial work.

As always if you have any questions about the reports or figures, please contact [treasurer@linux.org.au](mailto:treasurer@linux.org.au) and we'll make sure to answer your questions or provide you with the appropriate documentation.

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