



EON Foundation Inc.

EON ANNUAL REPORT 2017

GROWING HEALTHY FOOD FOR HEALTHY LIVES

EON Foundation was established in 2005 and is a not-for-profit organisation focused on improving health and preventing disease in remote Aboriginal communities through improved nutrition.

Our innovative, grassroots **EON Thriving Communities Program** has been delivered with great success in 24 communities in the Kimberley and Pilbara regions of Western Australia.

Demand for the program is high with a **waiting list** of communities in Western Australia and the Northern Territory hoping to join the Program soon.

OUR VISION

To make a lasting contribution in remote Aboriginal communities to the reduction of preventable and chronic disease caused by poor nutrition.

OUR MISSION

To grow, in partnership with Aboriginal communities, edible gardens and practical, healthy eating programs that sow the seeds of changing attitudes to nutrition for generations to come.

THE WAY WE WORK

The core values that guide the way we work include:

Trust – we value and seek to develop the trust of the communities in which we work and the trust of our funding partners who enable our work.

Respect – for our program participants, stakeholders and each other and the Aboriginal culture.

Accountability – we do what we say we are going to do.

Adaptive – we are practical and innovative in our approach, constantly striving for improvement.

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR YEAR

- Commencement or extension of **our Program in six new communities** – Roebourne, Nullagine and Marble Bar in the Pilbara and Yakanarra, Yiyili and Jarlmadangah Burru in the Kimberley.
- Undertook extensive **Monitoring and Evaluation Program** to measure the impact of the EON Thriving Communities Program.
- Due diligence underway for a further **six new communities**.
- Planned **expansion into the Northern Territory** of the EON Thriving Communities Program.
- Winner of the Pilbara Development Commission **Best Community Organisation**.
- **Employed seven Aboriginal Community Assistants** and provided further paid casual work to local community members.
- **Worked collaboratively with more Agencies** in remote WA including CSIRO, the Heart Foundation, Yorga Djenna Bidi, Leadership WA.

OUR FOOTPRINT DURING 2016/17

During 2016/17 EON Foundation delivered the EON Thriving Communities Program to:

20
Remote Communities

Made **349**
community visits

Spent **515** days
in community

Cooked **7,821**
nutritious meals

Delivered **604**
edible garden classes

Gave **524**
healthy eating classes

Provided **15** healthy
homes workshops

Had **12,535**
student interactions

And **2,414**
community interactions

Cultivated **1,700** m²
of garden

Planted **200**
fruit trees

Installed **14**
home gardens

Travelled
94,684 KMs.

"I've changed the food that I make for my family; I'm adding new ingredients, use less sugar, less salt and we've changed to sugar-free drinks now too."

Local Community Assistant, South Hedland



REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

During the year, EON continued its formal Monitoring and Evaluation Program to ensure that its program is achieving its intended outcomes and to identify areas for improvement or change. The flexibility and tailored approach taken by EON in each community partnership is a feature of its success – recognising that each community has its strengths, weaknesses and opportunities to thrive.

Once again, our Monitoring and Evaluation results demonstrate that our long-term, early intervention approach to changing knowledge, behaviour and attitudes to healthy eating and disease prevention is working. Our commitment to visit our partner communities every fortnight for 3-5 years remains an EON hallmark and feedback confirms that our physical presence builds the trusting relationships required to have a real impact. Our partnerships with schools, families and community councils require everyone's resolve and effort to achieve such positive results.

As statistics for remote community health remain stubbornly poor, and the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal health remains high, we are committed to growing even more fresh food to keep the children healthy and prevent the diseases that keep them from participating fully in school and life.

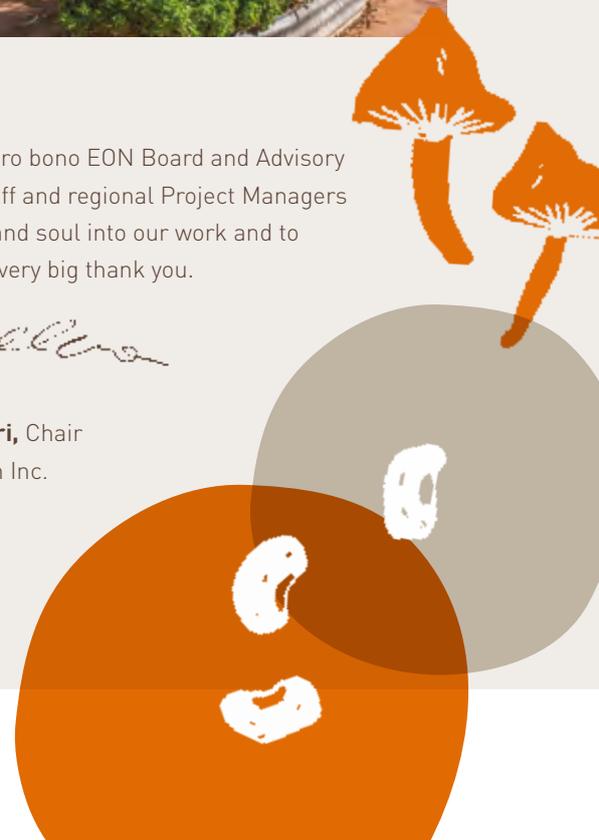
Our waiting list for the program remains at 20-plus communities, despite EON delivering to an additional six communities during 2016-17 and our plans to deliver to a further six communities in the coming year. Our expansion to the Northern Territory and mid-west regions of Western Australia, beyond our Kimberley and Pilbara footprint, expands our geographic coverage even further. During the year, our Project Managers travelled a total of 94,684 kilometres and delivered 1,143 classes and workshops, with 14,949 community interactions.

None of this would be possible of course without the financial support of our funders, donors and supporters. A particular thank you to BHP and the Australian Government Department of Health for funding our program in three and six communities respectively.



As always, the pro bono EON Board and Advisory Panel, Perth staff and regional Project Managers put their heart and soul into our work and to them all I say a very big thank you.

Caroline de Mori, Chair
EON Foundation Inc.



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT



2016/17 has been a busy and successful year for the EON Foundation. The team has achieved great success and that is reflected in the results coming through from our recent Monitoring and Evaluation Program.

It is clear that when EON Project Managers arrive in community, school attendance increases. It is also clear that EON Project Managers collaborate effectively with other agencies and organisations to ensure the most efficient and consistent program delivery and positive outcomes for each community.

Curriculum Alignment of EON Thriving Communities Program

Over time, the EON Thriving Communities Program has become embedded in each of our school's teaching and learning program and many aspects of the Program link directly to the curriculum. As a result, in 2016 EON engaged a curriculum specialist to map our Program to the Western Australian Curriculum and the Early Years Learning Framework, reinforcing the cross-curriculum links of the Program for teachers and Early Childhood Educators with whom our Project Managers are working.

Expanded Program Delivery

Thanks to funding from the Australian Government Department of Health, EON commenced or extended delivery of the EON Thriving Communities Program in six new communities during 2016/17, including Roebourne, Nullagine and Marble Bar in the Pilbara and Yakanarra, Yiyili and Jarlmadangah Burru in the Kimberley.

Education, Training and Employment

I am delighted to report that during the year, EON employed seven Aboriginal Community Assistants and provided further paid casual work to local community members, all of whom work in the gardens between visits and alongside the Project Managers when they are in community.

65% of teachers saw improvements in the health of their students within 12 months of commencement of the EON Thriving Communities Program.

2017 Monitoring and Evaluation Report,
EON Foundation Inc

EON supports our Community Assistants to access formal training opportunities through a relationship with North Regional TAFE and during the year, we were thrilled to see some of our Community members at Yakanarra graduate from TAFE with a Certificate II in Horticulture.

Recognition

During the year, EON won **Best Community Organisation** at the 2017 Pilbara Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Awards. The Award represents fantastic recognition of the hard work of all members of the Pilbara EON team.

The Road Ahead

I am pleased to report that EON has commenced initial due diligence for the delivery of our Program in three new communities in the Murchison region of Western Australia. Subject to securing funding these communities are scheduled to commence early in 2018.

During the year, EON was invited by the Anindilyakwa Land Council and community leaders to discuss the possibility of expanding the EON Thriving Communities Program to communities in Umbukumbu, Bickerton and Angurugu, located on or around Groote Eylandt in the Northern Territory.

Thank You

The EON team is dynamic and works effectively together across many hundreds of kilometres to achieve EON's shared vision. They are supported and guided by an exemplary Board of Directors who provide strong leadership and share a wealth of experience and knowledge. They also travel many hundreds of kilometres alongside EON's Project Managers visiting communities, meeting partners and supporting the team to achieve success.

With that in mind, I would like to thank the Board, our staff and volunteers, collaborators and financial supporters and all the generous people with whom we work for your help and guidance over the course of 2016/17. We couldn't do it without you.

Anjie Brook, General Manager
EON Foundation Inc.

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

“GETTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE COMMUNITY PROGRAM IS THE GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR PARTNERSHIP.”

Yaandina Family Centre, Roebourne

- Aboriginal children experience a rate of nutritional anaemia and malnutrition thirty times higher than non-Aboriginal children and an eighteen times higher rate of childhood diabetes.
- 95% of Aboriginal children have an inadequate daily intake of fruit and vegetables.
- 49 KMs is the average distance travelled by community members for fresh food supplies.
- The cost of a standard basket of food is 50-60% higher in remote communities, while the average income is 15-20% lower than in major cities.
- 19% of the Aboriginal health gap is caused by poor diet, particularly low fruit and vegetable consumption.
- Hot chips, sugary drinks, high-fat processed meats, salty snacks and white bread are the highest contributors to calorific intake for remote Aboriginal children.
- Aboriginal Australians are two times more likely to report no usual fruit consumption and seven times more likely to report no usual vegetable consumption.
- 22% of Aboriginal households have run out of food in the last 12 months and not been able to afford to buy more.
- 93% of children in remote communities have some form of middle ear infection, associated with poor nutrition.

For more information and reference to source information, please visit www.eon.org.au

A FRESH APPROACH

The EON Foundation was established in 2005 in response to the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research Longitudinal Study into Aboriginal Child Health.¹ We are a not-for-profit organisation, focused on improving health and preventing disease in remote Aboriginal communities through improved nutrition.

Our innovative, grassroots EON Thriving Communities Program has been **delivered in 24 remote Aboriginal communities** in Western Australia with great success.

The Program operates by **invitation only** from remote, Aboriginal communities. It is a hands-on gardening, cooking, nutrition education and hygiene program based around establishing edible fruit, vegetable and bush tucker gardens in remote schools with the involvement of local community members. The gardens are a source of fresh, healthy, affordable food for school children and the community in general and a basis for **training and jobs for adults**.

The EON Thriving Communities Program is delivered by EON's Project Managers who visit each community fortnightly for up to **five years**, providing education and training as well as building capacity amongst local people to enable the community to maintain the Program themselves.

The EON Thriving Communities Program **builds capacity**, seeks to prevent disease, improve health, educational potential and economic opportunities by:

- Ensuring there is a source of fresh healthy food available to communities
- Teaching children and adults in the community to grow their own food and prepare it in a healthy environment
- Providing nutrition and health education to encourage healthy choices
- Providing training and mentoring to ensure sustainability.

¹Zubrick, S. R., Lawrence, D. M., Silburn, S. R., Blair, E., Milroy, H., Wilkes, T., Eades, S., D'Antoine, H., Read, A. W., Ishiguchi, P., & Doyle, S. (2004). The Health of Aboriginal Children and Young People [Volumes 1-4]. Perth: Telethon Institute for Child Health Research.

The EON Thriving Communities Program has four integrated components:

1. EON EDIBLE GARDENS

The establishment of a large vegetable, fruit and bush tucker garden in the community school. Children learn how to grow, and have access to, the fresh produce. An EON Project Manager visits fortnightly during the school term to provide hands-on gardening, cooking and nutrition classes to school and pre-school children, their parents and other members of the community.

2. EON HEALTHY EATING

Use of the garden produce to deliver nutrition and cooking education as part of the school timetable as well as providing workshops for adults.

3. EON HEALTHY HOMES

Delivery of knowledge and tools to maintain healthier home environments and reduce communicable disease.

4. EON TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Formal horticultural training through local education and training institutes as well as informal training to kids and adults to sustain the gardens and provide employment pathways.

THE EON THRIVING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM IS UNIQUE IN AUSTRALIA





MONITORING AND EVALUATION

EON has been working with remote Aboriginal communities for 12 years. The Program has been developed in consultation with community members and adapted based on community feedback.

EON monitors evidence of program success through independent evaluation, a comprehensive **Monitoring and Evaluation Program** and continuous community engagement.

During 2016/17, EON undertook an extensive program of Monitoring and Evaluation in ten communities with the principal aim of measuring the effectiveness of the EON Thriving Communities Program against five objectives:

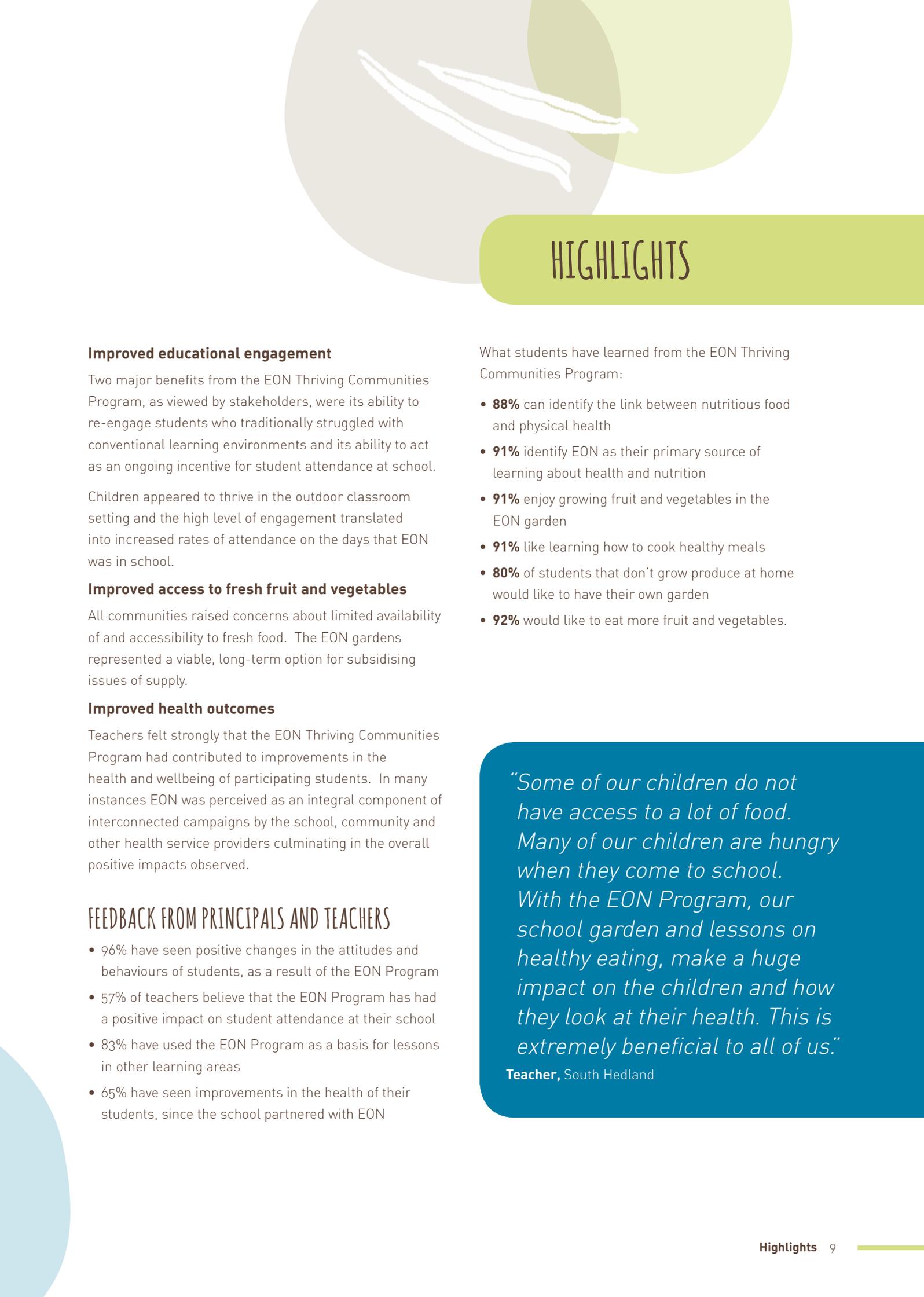
1. Improved health outcomes and general well-being
2. Improved dietary and hygiene attitudes and practices
3. Improved education and training engagement, leading to attainment
4. Improved access to a sustainable, local, healthy food supply
5. Improved community capacity towards program sustainability.

A substantial component of the program included one-to-one surveys with over 320 students and more than 40 surveys and structured interviews with teachers, principals, community assistants, collaborating agencies and other key stakeholders.

The findings are insightful and encouraging and will prove invaluable in terms of the ongoing development of the EON Thriving Communities Program as well as for other health agencies providing services in remote communities.

*“When we’re in the garden,
it’s the best day of my life!”*

Student, 8 years, Warmun



HIGHLIGHTS

Improved educational engagement

Two major benefits from the EON Thriving Communities Program, as viewed by stakeholders, were its ability to re-engage students who traditionally struggled with conventional learning environments and its ability to act as an ongoing incentive for student attendance at school.

Children appeared to thrive in the outdoor classroom setting and the high level of engagement translated into increased rates of attendance on the days that EON was in school.

Improved access to fresh fruit and vegetables

All communities raised concerns about limited availability of and accessibility to fresh food. The EON gardens represented a viable, long-term option for subsidising issues of supply.

Improved health outcomes

Teachers felt strongly that the EON Thriving Communities Program had contributed to improvements in the health and wellbeing of participating students. In many instances EON was perceived as an integral component of interconnected campaigns by the school, community and other health service providers culminating in the overall positive impacts observed.

FEEDBACK FROM PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS

- 96% have seen positive changes in the attitudes and behaviours of students, as a result of the EON Program
- 57% of teachers believe that the EON Program has had a positive impact on student attendance at their school
- 83% have used the EON Program as a basis for lessons in other learning areas
- 65% have seen improvements in the health of their students, since the school partnered with EON

What students have learned from the EON Thriving Communities Program:

- **88%** can identify the link between nutritious food and physical health
- **91%** identify EON as their primary source of learning about health and nutrition
- **91%** enjoy growing fruit and vegetables in the EON garden
- **91%** like learning how to cook healthy meals
- **80%** of students that don't grow produce at home would like to have their own garden
- **92%** would like to eat more fruit and vegetables.

“Some of our children do not have access to a lot of food. Many of our children are hungry when they come to school. With the EON Program, our school garden and lessons on healthy eating, make a huge impact on the children and how they look at their health. This is extremely beneficial to all of us.”

Teacher, South Hedland

EON ONLY WORKS WITH SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES THAT INVITE US IN AND AGREE TO WORK WITH EON FOR UP TO FIVE YEARS TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABILITY.

WHERE WE OPERATE

EON operates in or has completed its program in 24 communities in the Kimberley and Pilbara regions of Western Australia and we are hoping to expand to the Northern Territory in early 2018.

A number of original participant communities have completed the program. The majority of them

continue to sustain the benefits with some seeing broader spin-off benefits including more home and/or community gardens, job creation and aspirations for commercial horticulture ventures.

During 2016/17, Project Managers were on the ground in community every fortnight.

	Visits	Lessons facilitated	Student interactions through workshops	Community member interactions through workshops
West Kimberley	55	226	2,004	789
East Kimberley	40	113	1,037	128
Central Kimberley	28	93	879	135
Central Pilbara	186	596	7,627	1,043
East Pilbara	40	115	988	319

LEGEND

- East Kimberley
- Central Kimberley
- West Kimberley
- Pilbara
- Exited Communities





PROGRESS IN THE KIMBERLEY

Jo Rose was EON's Central Kimberley Project Manager in Jarlmadangah Burru, Yakanarra, and Yiyili until the arrival of Eliza Wood who took over in June 2017.

Jarlmadangah Burru and Yiyili commenced the EON Thriving Communities Program in 2016 as a result of funding from the Australian Government Department of Health. Both communities have embraced the Program and established edible gardens and regular cooking classes.

Over the wet season both Yakanarra and Jarlmadangah Burru were cut off by flooding. Not wanting to lose momentum, however, the Yakanarra community chartered a plane on several occasions to fly our Project Manager into community.

During the year, Jarlmadangah Burru enjoyed a visit from Sabrina Hahn, EON's consultant horticulturalist. Students also planted banana and mulberry trees and our Project Manager supported Elder Mum Anne, with the provision of cultural classes and bush tucker lessons.

At Yakanarra, we were also thrilled during the year to have three community members graduate from North Regional TAFE with a Certificate II in Horticulture.

With Jo's departure from EON in June, we welcomed Eliza Wood to continue delivering the Program in these three communities. Eliza has brought a new energy and a wealth of horticulture skills and knowledge that has already made a big impact in these communities.





Laura Priest is EON’s East Kimberley Project Manager working in the Doon Doon and Warmun communities.

After a lapse in support due to staffing changes, the outcry from the Doon Doon and Warmun communities provided the impetus for EON to recommence the EON Thriving Communities Program.

Laura brought a wealth of horticultural knowledge and experience and the gardens and students in these two communities have begun to flourish once again.

At Doon Doon, gardens were reinvigorated at the homemaker centre next to the school. Classes were re-started and local Elder, Nancy Martin, joined the EON team as a community assistant helping to maintain the gardens between visits. Nominated by the Principal, Nancy was a finalist for the Elder of the Year Award in the 2017 East Kimberley Aboriginal Achievement Awards.

At Warmun, the gardens flourished under Laura’s guidance and students of all ages loved their lessons with Laura. The students worked hard planting and harvesting and made the garden a special place with sculptures, painted tyre seats, scarecrows, hopscotch and a fire pit.

Our collaboration with East Kimberley Job Pathways provided additional support to keep the gardens maintained between visits. During the year, local elders helped to dig up bush tucker for a community cook-up and the kids made green pumpkin scones to celebrate Saint Patrick’s day.

Suzanne O’Connell is EON’s Project Manager in the Dampier Peninsula and surrounding region. She provides support to seven communities, five of which have completed the formal five-year EON Thriving Communities Program but requested continued support to achieve new objectives.

Suzanne is the Project Manager for Bidyadanga and thanks to funding support received from the Bass Family Foundation, provided post-exit support to One Arm Point, Djarindjin and Lombadina, Beagle Bay and Looma during the year. Suzanne also concluded delivery of an adapted program at Milliya Rumurra thanks to funding from Hawaiian.

During the year, most communities received a visit from EON’s horticultural consultant, Sabrina Hahn. At Bidyadanga, Beagle Bay and One Arm Point, local Community Assistants remained employed by EON with other communities employing their own community gardeners or volunteers.

EON continued to support Looma with particular emphasis on working with locals to further their aspirations to develop the community garden into a small commercial venture. Initial feasibility planning commenced with a range of stakeholders to assess land usage and potential crops, resourcing and infrastructure needs and more. In the interim, paw paw and mulberry trees were planted.

At Milliya Rumurra a new orchard was planted and produce from the garden was used continuously in the preparation of daily meals.





PROGRESS IN THE PILBARA

Jenny Hurse is EON's Pilbara-based Project Manager, working in the South Hedland, Warralong and Yandeyarra communities.

During the year, Jenny continued to extend the gardens at South Hedland Primary School to include KindiLink, Gumula Child and Parent Centre and Best Start. With support from EON's Project Officer, Anthony Holman, the Program was also delivered at Rose Nowers Early Learning Centre for 0-3 year olds.

Jenny and Anthony ran classes two days a week at South Hedland Primary School and the students particularly loved the cooking lessons. Local Aboriginal elders, Beryl Ponce and Barbara Hale, continued their work with Jenny at the school, facilitating sessions with students on bush foods and took a greater role in supporting all healthy eating classes.

Jenny, together with the help of Anthony, participated in numerous community events and activities during the year, including an EON Cooking Competition held at South Hedland in which all three of Jenny's communities participated. The day was a huge success with great support from Foodbank, Earbus and Pilbara Population Health.

At Warralong, the gardens underwent major expansion and new orchards were planted. EON collaborated with the CSIRO Science Pathways program which targets primary and middle school students in remote Indigenous communities and uses on-country projects as the context for learning science linked to Indigenous ecological knowledge. An ambitious cross-community school camp is planned for later in the year. EON was also invited to participate in a bush tucker dinner during NAIDOC week.

At Yandeyarra, the gardens continued to grow and produce substantial fruit and vegetables. EON, with help from Community Assistant, Pauline Monaghan, appointed a new local Community Assistant, Aaron Paton, to assist with the gardens during and between EON visits. Gardens at Yandeyarra also received great support from local pastoral workers with much of the heavy lifting work. Planting of a new community orchard is planned.

Stacey Turale is EON's East Pilbara-based Project Manager working in the Marble Bar, Nullagine and Roebourne communities.

Stacey began delivering the EON Thriving Communities Program in Marble Bar, Nullagine and Roebourne during the year as a result of funding from the Australian Government Department of Health.

The gardens were quickly established in all communities and students enjoyed helping Stacey to plan, install and plant the new edible gardens along with the healthy eating classes delivered as part of the Program.

At Roebourne, Stacey began delivering our Program to young children at One Tree Day Care and initiated a Mums and Bubs program at the Child and Parent Centre, establishing gardens for the community to access. Stacey also commenced a program at Yaandina Youth Centre Service, working with a young women's group and continued to look for other opportunities to expand.

At Nullagine, the kids received a new smoothie bike thanks to an Atlas Helping Hands grant. Stacey also collaborated with other agencies to provide a school holiday program.

The Program was also enthusiastically embraced at Marble Bar and senior students learnt to erect shade houses as part of the installation of their gardens. The Marble Bar gardens have grown well and are producing food for cooking lessons.





BHP

EON's corporate partnership with BHP has allowed us to deliver the EON Thriving Communities Program in Yandeyarra, Warralong and South Hedland communities in the Pilbara. We are now in our third year of this highly valued partnership with our Project Manager and Project Officer visiting each community on a fortnightly basis.

In October 2016, EON was fortunate to have 15 BHP employees offer to volunteer their services. Over the course of a day, the highly capable team helped to lift and manoeuvre, dig and secure, plant and water new edible gardens at Hedland Senior High School as well as transport soil, build and fill garden beds and install reticulation at South Hedland Primary School.

The BHP staff were a hit with the students who worked alongside BHP and EON staff, teachers and community members.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Thanks to funding from the Australian Government Department of Health, we have been able to commence the EON Thriving Communities Program in five new communities – Roebourne, Marble Bar and Nullagine in the Pilbara and Yiyili and Jarlmadangah Burru in the Kimberley. This funding has also enabled us to continue our program at Yakanarra.

In addition, funding from the Department of Health has enabled EON to explore the possibility of expanding our Program into communities in the Northern Territory and due diligence is currently well underway.

THE BASS FAMILY FOUNDATION

Generous support provided from The Bass Family Foundation has enabled EON to employ local community assistants in Beagle Bay, One Arm Point and Bidadanga in the Kimberley and allowed us to provide post-exit support to the communities of Djarindjin, Lombadina, Beagle Bay, One Arm Point and Looma that have completed our formal five-year program but have requested to receive ongoing support to maintain their community gardens.

MAJOR FUNDING PARTNERS



PRATT FOUNDATION

Funding from the Pratt Foundation enabled EON to review and revise our monitoring and evaluation framework and subsequently undertake our monitoring and evaluation program in ten communities.

Funding also enabled us to commence planning and due diligence in six new communities that are waiting to join the EON Thriving Communities Program.

IMPACT 100 WA

Funding received from Impact 100 WA enabled EON to commence the EON Thriving Communities Program in the Kimberley community of Yakanarra at the start of 2016.

This funding also assisted EON to secure additional funding from the Australian Government Department of Health to enable us to continue to implement our Program.



“The EON Foundation has been a key partner to Foodbank WA because of the strong community networks and relationships we have developed.

It has been our experience that strong community connection is the key to success with community development initiatives, especially in remote areas, and the staff at the EON Foundation have demonstrated value, passion and commitment to investing in these relationships.

The passion, integrity and collaborative approach demonstrated by the EON Foundation staff has helped to build a strong reputation within schools, health organisations and the wider community.”

Foodbank WA

COLLABORATIONS

EON continued to work in a collaborative partnership with Foodbank and Pilbara Population Health with the Pilbara EON team co-planning and co-facilitating lessons with students on the weeks that other agencies are in the EON communities. Foodbank is expanding its remote services into the Kimberley and has connected with EON Kimberley Project Managers to plan together.

On the ground EON Project Managers had great success working in collaboration with many agencies and organisations including Earbus, Broome Renal Health, Nindilingarri Health Services, CSIRO, Edmund Rice Camps and the Heart Foundation, often running joint workshops and developing collaborative projects.

EON continued to collaborate with Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation, the Telethon Kids Institute and the West Australian Health Promoting Schools Network.

A key part of the EON Thriving Communities Program is the ability to train and employ local community members in horticulture jobs. As such, we continued to collaborate successfully with Community Development Program (CDP) providers by offering activities and employment opportunities.

EON continued to grow its partnership with North Regional TAFE in the provision of formal training to those EON Community Assistants and community members who expressed a strong interest in completing formal Horticulture courses.

In the latter part of 2016, EON partnered with Leadership WA with General Manager, Anjie Brook, invited to speak to the Aboriginal women leaders participating in the Yorga Djenna Bidi program. EON also hosted six Signature Program participants providing an experience to visit Yandeyarra Community and learn more about the EON Thriving Communities Program.

"I was privileged to visit this community with the EON team and see first-hand their passion for helping the local communities improve their health and wellbeing, specifically in relation to reducing diseases such as diabetes amongst the Aboriginal population."

Signature Program Participant, Leadership WA



FUN STUFF ALONG THE WAY



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

During the year, the EON Foundation was nominated as a finalist in four community Awards and won the Pilbara Development Commission **Best Community Organisation**.

The award formally recognised businesses that demonstrate exceptional commitment and dedication, acknowledging their ingenuity and innovation in striving to improve and build upon Port Hedland's business and community environments.



A FABULOUS NEW CONTRAPTION

Thanks to a grant from Atlas, EON was able to purchase a smoothie bike for our kids in the Pilbara region. The bike has been in high demand with kids whipping up delicious and nutritious smoothies, albeit with a fair bit of pedal power, using ingredients from their own thriving school garden.



PILBARA COOK-OFF COMPETITION

In August, students from Warralong, South Hedland and Yandeyarra competed in the inaugural EON cooking competition. Each school team cooked three meals which were sampled and judged by EON's Board Director, Paula Rogers, BHP's Indigenous Affairs Specialist, Adrian Brahim and EON's Financial Controller, Anna Morris.

The cooking competition provided students with the opportunity to showcase produce from their school's edible gardens and demonstrate cooking skills developed during healthy eating classes. Each school cooked three recipes, two lunch options and one afternoon tea.

EON had great collaborative support with this event from Foodbank, Pilbara Population Health and Earbus.



WHEN THE WET SEASON IS THE BIGGEST IN A DECADE

Early in the year, the Kimberley region experienced its biggest wet season on record, causing headaches for emergency services, remote communities and cattle stations that were cut off by flooding.

The rainfall caused rivers to swell and break their banks, turned pastures green and waterfalls to flow on a grand scale.

Yakanarra was cut off for many weeks but not wanting to lose the momentum of the EON Thriving Communities Program, a plane was chartered to fly our Project Manager into the community on several occasions.

Likewise, the Pilbara experienced the biggest wet season in over a decade which impacted on access to many EON communities.

EON PROJECT MANAGERS RECOGNISED AS LEADERS

The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal provided a scholarship to EON Project Manager, Jenny Hurse to participate in the 2017 Harwood Public Innovators Lab in Perth. The Public Innovator Labs are for people across all sectors who are leading or supporting work to help address community problems – ‘public innovators’. The Lab provides participants with the opportunity to learn how to make the community the reference point for choices and action.



MORE GRADUATES

EON supports our Community Assistants to access formal training opportunities through a relationship with North Regional TAFE and during the year, we were thrilled to see some of our Community Assistants at Yakanarra graduate from TAFE with a Certificate II in Horticulture.

MARATHONS AND FUN RUNS

Richard Pearce ran marathons in eight cities across Australia over the course of 18 months, raising funds for the EON Foundation and Direct Reach Ethiopia. Richard's epic marathon efforts concluded with the Melbourne Marathon in October 2016.

Rishelle Hume, 2016 West Australian of the Year Aboriginal Award winner, also raised funds for the EON Foundation through her participation in the Chevron City to Surf event.

WHAT'S NEXT?



GROW MORE FOOD . . .

The EON Thriving Communities Program grew significantly in 2016-17 with the commencement of our Program in six new communities. Our waiting list of communities that have requested to join the Program, however, remains high. We will, therefore, stay focused on building capacity within existing communities to achieve sustainability whilst seeking new funding to meet further demand.

EON will continue to be innovative and adapt swiftly to changes in the environment and the needs of our partners, ensuring that services on the ground are not duplicated and inter-agency collaborations are fully leveraged to maximise initiatives and ultimately generate tangible progress toward achieving our mission of 'closing the gap' between the health of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians.

Priorities for 2017/18 will include:

- Implementation of the findings from our recent Monitoring and Evaluation Program to ensure that our Program continues to deliver our mission and our vision in the most effective way possible.
- Commencement of our Program in three new communities in the Murchison region of Western Australia, subject to the completion of satisfactory due diligence and securing of funding.
- Expansion of our Program into three new communities in the Northern Territory.
- Development of new education materials, lesson plans and activities for use by schools and EON Project Managers.
- Development of culturally-appropriate training modules for our Project Managers to guide the training of EON's Community Assistants.
- Continued provision of practical support to community members who wish to install home gardens and increase food security.
- Continued provision of post-exit support to those communities that request our help to remain self-sustaining at the conclusion of our Program and assistance to explore proposed possibilities for social enterprise and small agricultural business ventures.



PLEASE HELP US GROW

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Better nutrition, early in life, can deliver a generational improvement in Aboriginal health and help break the cycle of low engagement in education and employment.

Implementing our strategic priorities in 2017/18 requires secure funding. We invite you to be part of the solution through:

Corporate Partnership

Becoming a funding partner of the EON Thriving Communities Program provides a genuine opportunity to support **generational change** in remote Aboriginal communities committed to improving the health, educational potential and economic opportunities of children and community members.

Workplace Giving

A program that enables employees to make small, regular donations to the EON Foundation each month from pre-tax dollars via company payroll.

In-Kind Support

Providing resources or specialist knowledge or skills that align with the work of the EON Foundation.

Fundraising

Choosing EON Foundation as the charity of choice for an individual or organisational fund-raising activity or challenge.

Donate

Your donation helps EON deliver its EON Thriving Communities Program, growing long-term edible gardens, building capacity by training local people, teaching cooking classes and delivering home hygiene classes and workshops in remote Aboriginal communities.

If you would like to donate to EON, please visit our website at: www.eon.org.au/donate

EON has Deductible Gift Receipt status so all donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW FY16/17

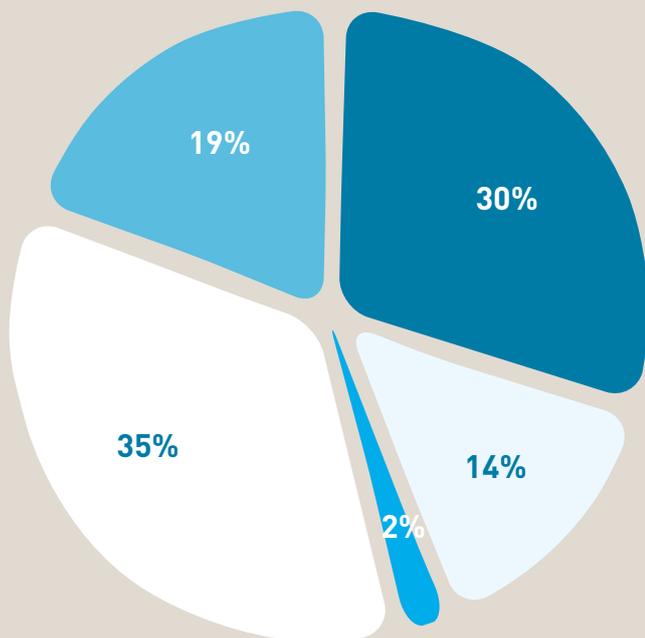
OPERATING RESULT

Income for the year to 30 June 2017 was \$1,388.1k compared to \$843.7k in 2015-16, representing a year-on-year increase in revenue of 64.5%. Expenditure was \$1,223.8k in the period compared to \$794.6k in 2015-16, an increase of 54%. As a result, EON recorded a net surplus of \$164.3k for the 2016-17 financial year.

The growth during the year mainly reflected the expansion of operations into six new communities funded by the

Australian Government Department of Health, along with expansion of operations in the Pilbara and higher general donations income. EON continued to maintain a strong focus on cost control, partly assisted by strong support from a number of suppliers who provided pro bono or heavily discounted administrative and professional services. We wish to express our gratitude for their ongoing support and acknowledge them on page 25.

HOW EON IS FUNDED



- 30% Federal Government Grants
- 14% State Government Grants
- 2% Other Income
- 35% Other Grants (including Corporate)
- 19% Donations

EON's total government funding increased from 29% in 2015-16 to 44% in 2016-17, reflecting a new three-year funding agreement with the Australian Government Department of Health. As such, Australian Government funding increased from 10% in 2015-16 to 30% in 2016-17, with the Indigenous Land Corporation also providing funding in both years.

The Western Australian State Government continued to support EON in 2016-17 through a funding agreement with the Department of Regional Development which contributed 14% of income for the year.

Other grants contributed 35% of income in 2016-17 mainly from ongoing funding partners including BHP, Impact 100 WA, Hawaiian Investments Pty Ltd, Clayton Utz Foundation and the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal.

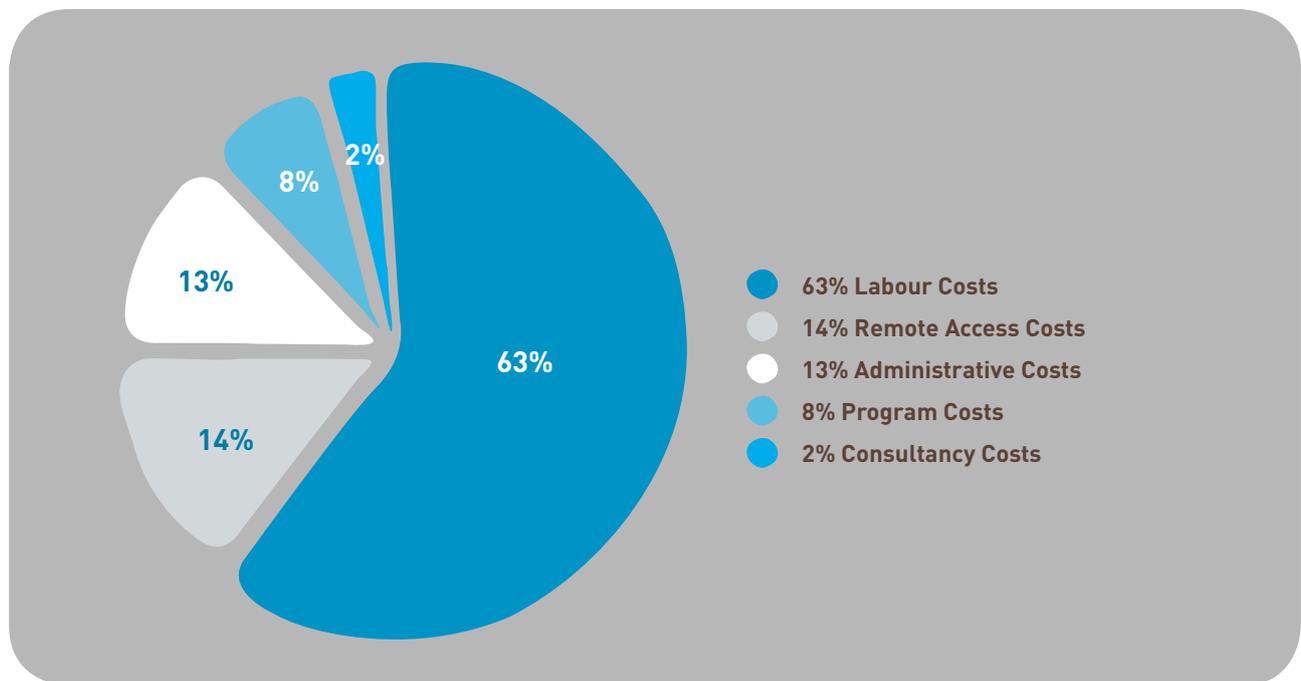
Atlas Iron Limited became a new corporate funding partner during the year providing funding for several projects in the Pilbara through their 'Helping Hands grants'.

21% of EON's funding in 2016-17 came from donations and other income. This includes philanthropic donations from the Bass Family Foundation and the Pratt Foundation, donations from members of the public, income from fundraising activities, workplace giving programs with Chevron and ATCO Gas, bequests and interest earned on unspent funds.

EON is grateful to all its financial supporters who are acknowledged on page 25 and 26.



HOW THE FUNDING IS EXPENDED



Labour costs - salaries and oncosts for Project Managers, Community Assistants and head office staff. EON's program is labour intensive due to fortnightly community visits.

Remote access costs - travel, accommodation, fuel and maintenance of vehicles.

Administrative costs - includes office costs, insurance, IT and communication costs, marketing, audit and accounting fees.

Program costs - infrastructure and materials required to create and maintain EON's edible gardens, along with ongoing program resources, materials and supplies.

Consultancy - engagement of consultants to provide advice and expertise in areas such as horticulture, education and due diligence.

A photograph of a person wearing a yellow hard hat and a yellow t-shirt with a logo, working in a garden. The person is holding a large blue plastic water container. The background shows green plants and a dirt path. The image is partially overlaid by a blue rounded rectangle containing text.

"The future of the Doon Doon Community has been strengthened through EON'S initiative; the garden has ensured a constant supply of fresh fruit and vegetables as well as creating a special harmonious place for everyone to come together. Genuine outcomes have been achieved in this little piece of paradise in the tiny East Kimberley community of Doon Doon."

Principal, Dawul Remote Community School

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