



CHAIR REPORT 2025.

The Board of Zero Emissions Byron and our Project Officer continue to be a source of inspiration and action, collegiate relationships, and commitment to our renewed goals to continuously engage our local community to increase their uptake of emission reduction activities.

As Chair I thank each member for their commitment and diligence. It has been a busy year and together we have achieved much.

Dr Andy Baker and Project Manager Wren McLean, ran an outstanding program in 2025 with partners Jagun Alliance Aboriginal Corporation and Madhima Gulgan Community Association, on *Ecocultural Fire Training for Biodiverse and Bushfire Resilient Communities*, funded by the **Northern Rivers Community Foundation** for \$24,972. This program will cease at the end of the end of the year, but be followed by **The Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal's** grant received on 25 September 2025, for \$19,976 written by Wren and Andy, and partners Jagun Alliance Aboriginal Corporation and Madhima Gulgan Community

Association, for *Befriending Fire: Delivering Ecological and Cultural Solutions for Community, Country, and Climate*

We will report on this generous grant at the end of 2026.

Anne Stuart, Jill Moonie and Ken McLean, along with community representatives on the **Community Battery Working Group**, spearheaded the successful push for Council to seriously engage with renewable energy. The outcome of a \$40,000 Feasibility Study into behind-the-meter batteries for community buildings was testament to a very determined effort.

A report on this outcome will be in the Annual Review 2026.

I hope the **Annual Review 2025** gives an insight into our continued successful work, for which we thank the community for its support and our partners in their exemplary delivery.

I wish you all the best for the end of 2025 and the coming year 2026.

Dr Anne B. Stuart,
Chair and Secretary Zero Emissions Byron,
on Bundjalung Country.