

PAUL ROBERT BURTON OUR LAND OUR WATER OUR FUTURE

For the first four years of his working life Paul studied as a Technical Officer Grade 1 with a foundation in fundamental electronics, communications and computing. He is also highly experienced in live/multimedia audio and video (AV) production.

He has over 30 years' professional experience in the music industry. Beginning his music career as a session musician, Paul has worked with and managed many successful bands. <http://www.paulrobertburton.com/about/biography/>
He currently performs at festivals, a wide variety of community and cultural events, workshops and spiritual gatherings, as both musician, public speaker and/or assisting with AV production.

His music is a highly eclectic repertoire of originals and unusual traditional musical pieces that blends new age, blues, celtic, middle eastern, gypsy, gospel, bluegrass, jazz, and other multicultural influences together into an evocative musical soundscape. He combines rich emotive vocals, traditional acoustic instruments and modern technology together to perform, record and video document, music and the arts as the universal language of unity and empowerment.

From the year 2000, after years of exploring the core foundations of many different spiritual faiths, He began an applied theological practice (Advaita Vedanta*) that illuminated the common ground between all religions, spiritual practices, music and social change.

In 2010, He became aware of the rapid rise of 'inappropriate mining'(**) and immersed myself in research and activities to understand this industry and its impacts on ecological and social communities. He founded Our Land, Our Water, Our Future Inc ([Responsibility Statement](#)) originally on the Central Coast of NSW Australia and began an intense journey of community-based education and communication through direct community engagement.

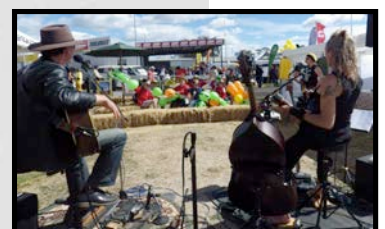
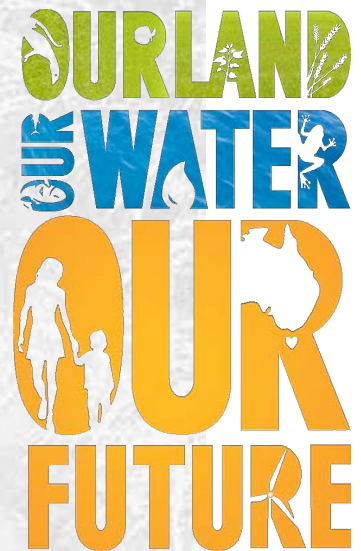
Initially focused on the impacts of inappropriate mining, His work expanded from an examination of corporations and their interaction with governments and communities into a global vision of unification.

Through his creative and active work in regional communities over the past four years, Paul is using his unique creative and communication skills to:

- inspire, empower, engage, energise, support and connect people (communities, groups and individuals);
- promote local enterprise, local food and local economy; health and wellbeing; self-education and self-reflection; return to nature; resource self-sufficiency and resilience; and voluntary simplicity.

He undertakes this innovative work through musical and audio-visual performances, education and information presentations, workshops, and relationship building with communities and individuals.

In mid-2013, after a period of intense activity and in-kind performances with many varied community groups, Paul recognised the creative, community-based facilitation process he was engaging with. He collaboratively restructured Our Land, Our Water Our Future to develop creative community building and community connection projects to empower individuals to "Be the change you wish to see in the world" (Gandhi).



This facilitation work includes:

- Musical and audio visual performances (solo and interactive) at community fundraisers, awareness raising, and educational events;
- Musical and educational workshops;
- Multi-media presentations;
- Online and community-based activity to connect community leaders and groups across Australia to share information, skills, networks and develop grassroots solidarity;
- Online community forum/blogging to connect and unify diverse and geographically distant community groups;
- Direct engagement with rural communities;
- Development of a mobile renewable energy system to power off- grid performances in remote, regional and rural communities; as well as to offer educational/demonstration of transportable renewable energy;
- Collaborating with key stakeholders, organisations, community groups and communities to engage with and facilitate positive change, that supports self-sustaining activities and events;
- Teaching meditation practices and “Truth Gatherings” within the context of community based action and organising.

To hear and see some of Paul’s performances, music and videos go to:

<http://www.paulrobertburton.com>

<http://www.facebook.com/pastorpaulrobertburton>

To access Paul’s work with OLOWOF Inc go to:

<http://www.ourlandourwaterourfuture.org>

<http://www.facebook.com/ourlandourwaterourfuture>

Paul’s work is funded by his public performances, donations and grants. Events are advertised as free and using the word “Dana”, a Buddhist term whereby people contribute after an event only if they are moved to do so and with no expectation or obligation. For more information please contact Paul direct or email a representative at . (info@paulrobertburton.com)

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(*) Advaita Vedanta - Non Dualistic Vedanta is a perennial philosophy based on the Vedas. It gives full freedom to each individual to evolve morally and spiritually according to his own faith and conviction. It includes fundamental truths found in all religions of the world. Vedanta teaches the aim of human life is to realise the divinity.

(**) Inappropriate mining – all mining activities including CSG, open cut and long wall mining, related infrastructure and associated extraction industries that challenge boundaries and the security of natural resources such as water, agricultural soils and land, air, flora and fauna as well as the social fabric of regional communities.

