

Rural Alive & Well Inc

Annual Report
2013—2014



Outreach Team

As a not for profit community based organisation; Rural Alive & Well Inc. is funded primarily by the Tasmanian and Commonwealth Governments.

Rural Alive & Well Inc. is also supported by generous donations from benevolent organisations, individuals and the business community.



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Department of Health



Annual Report

Board of Directors

President—Ian McMichael

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Noel Beven: Nicholas d’Antoine

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Vision Statement

Maintain a focus on service delivery to ensure our current strategies are effective and timely for reducing suicide and promoting help seeking avenues for individuals, families and communities experiencing mental health issues.

Expand outreach services to other areas of need in the state in a sustainable manner.

Identify opportunities to develop partnerships with other agencies and service providers to facilitate multi level services to communities and identify any service gaps.

Promote the Rural Alive & Well (RAW) model to other rural communities across the country where high levels of suicide and mental health issues are identified, or where requested by communities.

Expand the promotion of mental health and suicide awareness and prevention through the media and at community events and forums.

RAW Inc. is an incorporated not for profit organisation formed to create resilience and capacity of individuals, families and the community to react to challenging life experiences with particular emphasis on mental health and wellbeing.

Objectives

We have a focus on service delivery to ensure early intervention policies and programs are effective and timely for reducing the incidence of suicide and promoting help seeking avenues for individuals, families and communities experiencing mental health and welfare issues.

The principal objective for which the association was established, is to create a strong resilience and capacity of men, their families and the community to react to challenging life experiences with particular emphasis on mental health with a specific focus on suicidal tendencies.

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From the President

It gives me pleasure to present the 5th Annual Report of Rural Alive and Well Inc. for the year 2013/2014

Our Team has continued to pursue our objectives and vision to reduce the focus of stigma related to mental illness and suicide activity. Our clear focus is to deliver early intervention policies and programs, to individuals, families and communities experiencing mental health and welfare issues in a timely and effective manner.

When I consider the past twelve months in rural and remote areas of Tasmania, there appears to be little change in the outlook for many sectors of the economy. There are some bright spots however our experience within the rural communities is an increase in the number of people requesting our services. Loss of employment, decreasing family finance, marital breakdown and general despair continue to be the major contributors to depression/mental health and suicidal behavior.

Your board has continued to drive our vision and objectives for the betterment of Rural and Remote areas in Tasmania.

Key activities this year have included:

- Completion of a Strategic Program Review of, Governance, Administration, Programs and Sustainability for the future of RAW Inc. plus the commencement of action on the same.
- An external evaluation of our service delivery, its acceptance, visibility, modes and quality of delivery, plus views on strengths and areas for further development was carried out by Western Research Advisory Services.
- We continue to auspice information sessions for communities around mental Health and Suicide issues to endeavoring to reduce the Stigma attached to these illnesses.
- We continue to work closely with other NGO organisations like The Salvation Army; Lifeline; Relationships Australia; Anglicare; Beyond Blue; Uniting Care etc. The importance of these relationships cannot be underestimated
- Continued bi-monthly visits to King Island with the exit of JB Swift from meat processing on the Island.
- Ongoing activity to maintain sound long term funding for the program from all levels of Government and the Private sector.
- Commenced streamlining the administration to provide a more responsive process.
- Continued update of our web site to provide an increase in community awareness of our programs.

The external review was extremely positive with strong feedback from community and other service providers that “RAW provides an excellent service in the face of scarce resources. RAW is an organization catalytic to crisis assessment and appropriate referral in rural and remote Tasmanian locations, and as such has a major impact on the quality of service for a range of associated providers.” In other words it shows excellent community awareness and support, plus outlines the strong conduit between the services across the board has been improved.

Tight financial constraints forced us to reduce our outreach staff early in the part of the reporting period to 7 FTE. Whilst this was unfortunate discussions with our funders at all levels of government have been positive for the future. The pressure for our services continues to push the boundaries. At a recent Rural & Remote Mental Health conference it became very obvious that our bottom up community approach to our vision and objectives is a strong point of difference to most other programs. Ours is proactive rather than reactive and hence is receiving strong community support.

Funding continues from the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing, Department of Primary Industry Water & Environment and the Department of Health and Human Services. Further support from Local Government (Glamorgan/ Spring Bay, Southern Midlands and Central Highlands LGA's), Tasmanian Farmers & Graizers Assoc., Hydro Tas, and generous private individuals. We continue to seek long term funding from State and Commonwealth Governments to continue to carry out the RAW program across the entire State for the benefit of all rural communities.

I would like to acknowledge the continued support from the following individuals and organizations for their assistance throughout the year: Mr. Tim Franklin, Radar Promotions; The Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania; The Salvation

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Army; Lifeline; Relationships Australia; Anglicare; Beyond blue; Uniting Care; Searson Buck; David Kirk & Gavan Barbour – Orford Odeon; 4 Business & Community; Andrew Hart; Jack Lark; Butler McIntyre & Butler; Australian Forest Contractors Association; Ratho Farm Golf; Western Research Advisory Service and our Founding Ambassador Mr. John Jones OAM. Without their co-operation and support our job would be more difficult.

During the course of the year Mr. A Tchappatt resigned from the board, and Mrs. Anne Cox resigned her Senior Administration position due to external commitments. Their council and commitment on the in their area of expertise was invaluable. Mr. Ron Christie, Mr. N. Beven, and Mr. N. d'Antoine have joined the board and we look forward to their input.

To the staff and my fellow board members it continues to be a team effort. Your dedication and advice continues to strengthen the recognition of the RAW brand. On behalf of our Rural Communities, I sincerely thank you for your continued support.

Ian McMichael
Board President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Ian McMichael", with a horizontal line above and below the name.

From the Outreach Manager

The past 12 months have had some additional challenges for the RAW Outreach Team. Our areas of service include the sprawling municipalities of Central Highlands, Glamorgan/Spring Bay, King Island and Southern Midlands, along with the Tasmanian forestry sector which spans areas across the breadth of northern Tasmania, the Huon, Sorell, the Derwent Valley and Tasman regions.

While the additional workload ensures all of our outreach team have been kept busy, it has been encouraging to know that our (**RAW's**) approach and method of delivery has been recognised as being genuine, practical and appreciated, with very real, positive outcomes for the individuals that we work with. The flexibility of our respective roles is instrumental in our success and our ability to identify persons at risk and assist them in a non-judgemental way, at a location of their choosing, normally in their own homes. This is imperative, as early identification and intervention generally leads to resolving a problem before it becomes a major issue.

Most communities have excellent, committed clinicians, support N.G.O's, welfare agencies and associated health services working there, however they lack the ability and the resources to perform outreach. Our role here at Rural Alive & Well, as outreach workers, is instrumental in identifying those at risk and putting them in touch with those agencies and services which will best assist and support them moving forward. From involvement in a community bbq event, picking up a prescription, to patient transport to a GP or hospital from a remote location; our workers provide a valuable service to ensure people don't "fall through the bureaucratic gaps".

Some of our rural communities this past 12 months have been challenged . . . really challenged, and shaken . . . for some, their lives will never be the same.

The loss of a friend, father, brother, workmate, neighbour, husband or wife is a life-changing event from which it is difficult to see promise on the horizon or happiness in the coming days.

In times like these, we naturally ask ourselves the simple question **Why?**

Maybe at times like this, we need to reflect on **How?**

How, do we as individuals intend to deal with our grief and loss? . . .

How, can we assist the friends and family left behind? . . .

How, can we as friends, neighbours, workmates and spouses, reach out to the people we love, respect and care for them in their time of need? . . .

How, do we try and make sense out of a situation which doesn't seem to make any sense? . . .

How, can we try to prevent similar events? . . .

Be aware of your friends and family . . . don't be afraid to have an honest conversation with someone you are concerned about. It isn't soft or being weak. Make them realise that you really care about and for them.

Seek assistance and support them in this.

Above all, be understanding . . . mental illness is a very real condition, and the majority of people who are affected, as many thousands throughout Australia are every year, recover well with medical and emotional support and early intervention.

There should be no stigma attached to mental illness, it is as real as a broken limb, disease or infection.

Let's all help to be part of the solution . . .

Wayne Turale

Outreach Manager

"Talk to a mate"

From the Business Manager

2014 has been a busy year. The organisation continues to grow and with it comes added pressures for the administrative team. Anne Cox our Senior Administrative Officer left us early in May to relocate to Sydney and we wish Anne and her family well in the future. The departure of Anne saw us welcome Kate Windle to our team in late May. Kate has quickly fitted into her new role.

I would like to thank the hard working administrative team of Anne, Kate and Kristy who continued to face each new challenge with great enthusiasm. The number of events and community activities that RAW attends and supports have increased and the administrative team ensure the smooth running of these events, from booking venues to resource development.

The organisation has attended many of the rural shows and continues to attend community events that provide opportunities for the outreach team and admin staff to connect with new individuals and organisations.

The team have continued to review and develop procedures and processes for the administrative and outreach areas during this year and policy development remains an ongoing process. The organisation reviewed its strategic plan during the year and the objectives and outcomes have been a priority for both the administrative and outreach teams as we develop and change processes and practices.

Our committed board continue to look for opportunities to develop RAW and its services and they are to be commended for the work they do on a voluntary basis.

The coming year looks extremely busy with possible office relocations and restructuring as the RAW board implements the outcomes of its strategic review. I look forward to working with the board and team to maintain our high standard of service to our clients and the community.

Susan Webb Business Manager—Rural Alive & Well



King Island Show

Organisation Chart

Rural Alive & Well Inc 2013-14





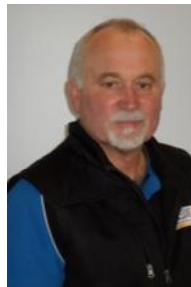
Nicole Grose
North / North East



Darren Thurlow
Southern Midlands



Trevor Chalk
North/North West



Outreach Manager
Central Highlands
Wayne Turale



Tony O'Malley
South East



Martin Howell
South



Garry Sharp
Glamorgan Spring Bay

OUTREACH TEAM

THE RAW TEAM

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



Business Manager
Susan Webb



Admin. Officer
Kate Windle
Previously Anne Cox—
Resigned May 2014



Events/Admin. Officer
Kristy Mayne

Statewide Funding Coverage



Partners & Supporters

SOUTHERN
MIDLANDS
COUNCIL



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DEPARTMENT of
PRIMARY INDUSTRIES,
PARKS, WATER and
ENVIRONMENT



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The Royal Agricultural
Society of Tasmania



Event Highlights

- ◇ Hamilton Blaze Aid—Thank You
- ◇ Bothwell Community Disco
- ◇ Bronte Lake Clean Up
- ◇ Tommy Hafey Motivational Tour
- ◇ Fingal Mens Fishy Business Fishing Trip
- ◇ St Mary's Health Expo
- ◇ Agfest 2013
- ◇ Orford Odeon Film Night
- ◇ Southern Midlands Mens' Shed Launch
- ◇ King Island—Grassy Day Out
- ◇ Living with Cancer Education Program
- ◇ Bothwell Womens' Pamper Day
- ◇ Southern Midlands Golf Challenge
- ◇ Bothwell Football Club
- ◇ Copping Family Fun Day
- ◇ Aurora Stadium Football Fun Day—North West
- ◇ Hobart Show Luncheon

A few photos.....



Testimonials

Rural Alive & Well staff receive many personal notes and expressions of thanks for the help and support given to clients, community and partner agencies. The following have been taken from the recent report prepared by Western Research Advisory Services Pty Ltd which examined the RAW program and the services it provides.



“We’ve seen whole communities lifted because of these guys. This is difficult work.” (Service Provider)

“They do outstanding work, they answer their phones, respond immediately, don’t give up and are flexible.” (Service Provider)

“More RAW! Thumbs up – they go the extra mile. We’d like to see them more often but we know they are busy. They are so unique in their service – they respond on a moment’s notice, out of hours, long distance, but please get some women.” (Service Provider)

“I would just like to say a big thankyou to (ROW worker). He listened to me babble on when no-one else did and I think you are a wonderful help when needed.” (Client)

“The help given to me was the foundation for my recovery.” (Client)

“The service they provide is brilliant. It does not matter who you are or what your needs are they are there to help. Thankyou.” (Client)

“I would just like to add that I cannot fault the help I have received from RAW without which I don’t think I could have survived.” (Client)

“They are so very dedicated in every way possible, what more could they do? I feel in my heart we need to be so extremely grateful to have them and that the people of the community are so very appreciative for all that they do. My husband and myself and our little daughter could never thank them enough for all that they have done for us all. A million thankyou’s.” (Client)

“Thankyou so much to everyone at RAW. It is very comforting to know there is help if we need it – it eases the pressure. Thanks again.” (Client)

TALK TO A MATE

RAW OUT AND ABOUT

On Sunday 9th March Nicole represented RAW at the Scottsdale Emergency Services Appreciation Day.

All that attended really appreciated the effort by all the exhibitors and once again RAW set up their casting arena which allowed people of all ages to try their hand at casting plugs at RAW targets and win fishing gear as prizes.

Fishing identity Neil Grose was available to teach casting techniques.

Neil taught a 3 year old girl how to cast and she hit the Rural Alive and Well target and went home very excited with a goodies bag of gear and a casting plug so she can practice her casting in the backyard at home.

While the kids were distracted with casting Nicole had the opportunity to discuss the services RAW provide and lend an ear to the people in the North East and listen to what's important to them.



Secret Mens' 'Fishing Business'

RAW staff with the valuable assistance of renowned Tasmanian born trout fishing guide Neil Grose once again ran a fishing camp at the Tiger Hut at Miena from the 10th to 13th February 2014.

15 men from the North East and Central Highlands met, fished, cooked and generally chewed the fat—away from the normal distractions of everyday life.

The cooking—one word, YUM and thanks Michael.

The food—thanks to those who contributed goods from their pantries, home grown vegetables, home made chutneys and jams.

The fishing—bait and lure fishing from the shore was difficult, but the fly fishing went well and about 15 brown trout were caught and taken home. Peter Jeffrey's previous record of a 1.5kg trout still stands.

Tall tales—a few.

A great time away with friendships renewed was had by all.



RAW 2013 ANNUAL

RAST LUNCHEON 25th OCT 2013



Rural Alive & Well Inc. (RAW) welcomed 100 guests to its 3rd annual luncheon held at the Royal Hobart Show Grounds on Friday 25th October 2013.

The aim of the RAW luncheon is to raise awareness of Mental Health Issues via promotion of RAW services within the Tasmanian Rural Community .

TFGA CEO Jan Davis was the guest speaker this year, said Tasmania was Australia's best kept secret. Mrs Davis stated the past few years have been challenging for farmers with the downturn in Forestry, drought, bushfires & floods , but they are inherently optimistic & take on whatever is thrown at them. However, it is always important to reach out and "Talk to a Mate"



Rural Alive & Well Inc.
A.B.N 65 712 033 425

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For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

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Rural Alive & Well Inc.

Income Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
INCOME			
Activities income		7,406	10,103
General income		35,912	7,069
Grant funding - DHHS		105,933	101,020
Grant funding - DoHA		821,343	814,067
Support and counselling services		15,000	39,000
Interest received		7,027	8,913
Total Income		992,621	980,172
EXPENSES			
Accountancy and audit		6,351	2,775
Advertising		3,570	8,258
Bank charges		909	879
Board catering		381	425
Board expenses		2,207	3,551
Client brokerage		561	694
Depreciation		34,340	24,500
Dues and subscriptions		1,778	1,415
Electricity		3,670	3,451
Employee costs	3	683,713	735,113
External consultants		3,520	23,057
Insurance		34,900	23,241
Interest paid		-	30
Internet		8,212	6,200
IT - maintenance		7,223	2,828
IT - software		362	3,615
IT - website		8,709	-
Legal expenses		1,960	2,912
Needs analysis		-	45,581
Postage and shipping		725	550
Printing		5,636	12,846
Rates and charges		619	890
Recruitment		475	355
Rent and building maintenance		4,617	7,388
Review costs		23,301	1,859

Rural Alive & Well Inc.

Income Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Staff amenities		1,234	1,686
Stationery		8,179	13,057
Sundry expense		461	657
Telephone		14,888	17,403
Travel and accommodation		26,932	28,623
Vehicle leasing and expenses		-	2,100
Vehicles and maintenance		88,382	70,433
Workshop information session		33,054	31,567
Workshop seminars and conferences		882	7,222
Cost of Sales - Freight		14	-
Total Expenses		1,011,765	1,085,161
NET DEFICIT		(19,144)	(104,989)

Rural Alive & Well Inc.

Balance Sheet

As At June 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash	4	277,405	277,652
Trade and other receivables		-	-
Total Current Assets		277,405	277,652
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	5	81,033	67,135
Total Non Current Assets		81,033	67,135
TOTAL ASSETS		358,438	344,787
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	6	66,402	85,591
Provision for annual leave		-	-
Total Current Liabilities		66,402	85,591
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provision for long service leave		27,956	23,300
Total Non-Current Liabilities		27,956	23,300
TOTAL LIABILITIES		94,358	108,891
NET ASSETS		264,080	235,896
EQUITY			
Accumulated funds	7	264,080	235,896
TOTAL EQUITY		264,080	235,896

Rural Alive & Well Inc.

Notes to the Financial Statements

30 June 2014

1 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the reporting requirements of the *Association Incorporation Act (Tasmania) 1964*.

The committee have determined that the association is not a reporting entity and therefore there is no need to apply Australian Accounting Standards or other mandatory professional reporting requirements in the preparation and presentation of the financial statements.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs modified by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with previous periods unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report:

(a) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

As at 1 July 2013 R.A.W. bought to account 3 Vehicles expensed in 2013, adjusting against retained earnings

(b) Revenue

Grants and fundraising revenue are recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

Government grants are recognised as revenue in the period in which they are actually received.

Interest and other income is recognised on receipt.

(c) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstance the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are show inclusive of GST.

(d) Annual & Long Service Leave

Due to the contractual nature of the employess with R.A.W. any annual leave untaken at 30 June each year is paid out. Long Service Leave is accrued for all employees, however there is no discount factor applied per AASB 119.

2 Economic Dependency

Although there is no reason to believe that funding will cease, the ongoing viability of the organisation as a going concern is dependent on continued Governement funding.

Rural Alive & Well Inc.

Notes to the Financial Statements

30 June 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
3 Employee costs		
Wages and salaries	583,054	646,581
Superannuation	55,644	59,136
Long service leave provision	4,656	9,028
Annual leave provision	-	(10,778)
TOIL time paid	19,958	11,819
Training	8,140	10,377
Staff debriefing	9,519	5,905
Other employee expenses	2,744	3,045
	683,713	735,113
4 Cash		
ANZ - operating	20,426	104,596
ANZ - saver account	264,609	173,056
Petty Cash	300	-
Electronic Clearing Account	(7,930)	-
	277,405	277,652
5 Property, Plant and Equipment		
Motor vehicles	159,602	105,000
Accumulated depreciation	(78,569)	(37,865)
	81,033	67,135
6 Trade and Other Payables		
Trade creditors	41,796	27,763
GST clearing	(2,551)	17,869
PAYG withholding payable	9,031	17,660
Salary Packaging Deduction	1,347	-
Superannuation payable	16,779	22,299
	66,402	85,591
7 Accumulated Funds		
Accumulated funds b/f	235,896	340,885
Prior Year Adj (1a)	47,328	
Net loss for the period	(19,144)	(104,989)
Closing balance	264,080	235,896



Michael Burnett
 D. Burnett
 Rural Alive & Well Inc
 Hobart 10/10/14

RURAL ALIVE & WELL INC - BOARD MEMBERS CONTACT DETAILS AS AT AUGUST 2014

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Incorporation number: IA10037

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RURAL ALIVE & WELL INC.

OFFICERS' ASSERTION STATEMENT

The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee, the attached financial report:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Rural Alive & Well Inc., as at June 2014 and its performance for the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014;
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Rural Alive & Well Inc., will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

Dated at Hobart this ^{5th} day of ^{Oct} 2014.


PRESIDENT


TREASURER

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Rural Alive & Well Inc.

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose report, of Rural Alive & Well Inc., which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2014, the income statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the officers assertion statement.

Officers Responsibility for the Financial Report

The officers of Rural Alive & Well Inc., are responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1, is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporated Act 1964* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The officers' responsibility also includes such internal control as the officers determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the officers, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Rural Alive & Well Inc., as at 30 June 2014 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the *Associations Incorporated Act (1964)*.

The previous year's accounts were audited by another auditor. We were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the comparative figures and as such our assurance provided is limited to the 2014 figures. Please refer to the previous auditor's audit report for assurance on the 2013 figures.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the officers financial reporting requirements under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1964* and as such may be unsuitable for another purpose.

The officers have determined that the financial report shall be prepared in accordance with a special purpose framework. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose as only the accounting standards specifically stated in note 1 to the accounts have been applied in the preparation of this special purpose financial report.

As such, this report should not be distributed or used by parties other than Rural Alive & Well Inc., and its members.



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