

ANNUAL REPORT

RURAL ALIVE AND WELL

2014-2015



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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

I'm honoured that I tender the President's report for the 2014/15 Financial Year.

RAW has seen some significant change in the last year that has certainly helped us grow the services we provide to ensure that we are helping those who may be facing life challenges in rural Tasmania.

The Board have for some years now been committed to strengthening RAW and its ability to enhance the work it does for rural Tasmania. Central to this strengthening has been the establishment of our new headquarters in Oatlands, the transition of our Board from a Board of Management to a Board of Governance as well as the appointment of the organisations first Chief Executive Officer.

Despite it being a year of great change, the important work our Outreach Workers do day in day out has not changed. Our team's commitment to our clients goes above and beyond and I know the work they are doing is saving lives. I have heard time and time from those at the coal face that RAW is making a difference and are such an important part of the social fabric of our rural communities here in Tasmania.

We are no doubt in a time of much change with both the Federal and State Government undertaking strategic reviews of mental health. RAW's resolve to participate in these reviews have remained strong, ensuring that all policy needs to focus on the issues of those living in rural communities.

These reviews will undoubtedly see a change in landscape, but RAW remains absolutely focussed on working with our partners to deliver real and tangible benefits to our clients.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge a number of people.

RAW could not do the work if not for our partners and in particular the Federal and State Government. The funds from both of these tiers of governments are crucial and can I acknowledge their respective strong interest in our organisation. In the same vein, I would also like to recognise the Southern Midlands, Glamorgan Spring Bay and Central Highlands Councils.

I am pleased to report that in the last year we have seen a steady increase in contributions to RAW from the

business sector and also individuals. Though there are too many to name, can I thank you all for your generous support.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Board Directors Anne Downie, Ron Christie, Dr Rob Walters, Nicholas d'Antoine as well as the members of RAW's Executive Board Robin Thompson, Noel Bevan, Leonie Young and Dianne Fowler.

We all volunteer our time and energies on the RAW Board and I would like to particularly acknowledge you all for your individual commitment to this great organisation.

Finally, can I also thank and acknowledge Danial and all the team at RAW. Our team are often put in some challenging situations and time after time they go above and beyond the call of duty for. Their passion and fortitude is a credit to them and their professionalism.

All in all 2014/15 has been a strong year for Rural Alive and Well. In the upcoming year we hope to build on this strong foundation as we continue to strengthen service delivery right across rural Tasmania.

I commend this report to you and I look forward to a positive future ahead.

Ian McMichael

PRESIDENT



From the CEO

I am very honoured to provide my first Chief Executive Officer's report for Rural Alive and Well. Since my appointment as the first CEO of RAW in October 2014 I have been focussed on delivering an ambitious agenda that has been laid down by the Board. 2014/15 has certainly been a year of much positive change within the agency and I have been proud to take up the challenge.

The Rural Outreach Program has continued to provide such a critical part of the work is doing in rural Tasmania. This innovative program is delivering results and continues to provide much needed support to those facing life challenges. I am pleased to report that the program expanded this financial year with two new outreach workers starting in the North and North West.

I have been really proud of the proactive work we are doing at the community level as well. No better example of this can be the support RAW provided in partnership with the Bothwell community for the Lift the Lid event. We were so happy that this event was chosen as the Community Event of the Year in this year's Tasmanian Life Awards. On top of a range of training sessions, community forums and meetings only amplifies our rural outreach program.

RAW was also very active in the local media over the past year with many articles and features appearing across various mediums.

We have also been focussed on building stronger partnerships. Over the past twelve months we have signed an MOU with Rural Business Tasmania as well as develop strong partnerships with business – in total we have had support from over 50 businesses in Tasmania. We have been very fortunate to have been selected by Roberts Ltd as an example to be their 150th Anniversary charity partner. This alone has seen significant exposure for our organisation and the work we are doing.

In December of 2014, the organisation adopted its new marketing and fundraising strategy which has been rolled out during the course of the financial year. This is delivering positive results and more importantly increasing our ability to promote our 1300 HELPMATE line across the state.

One of the exciting initiatives that has already come from this strategy is the creation of our MATES of RAW

project. The MATES of RAW is our new 'friends of' group which had its soft launch at Agfest this year. In just a few months we have already 300 mates and we will expect this figure to grow strongly. With our Mates of RAW as well as our email distribution lists we now have the ability to communicate with 3000 people when we send out newsletters. This is up from 170 in October last year.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to my team. I lead a group of individuals who do such an amazing role in what is often a very difficult and sometimes challenging circumstances. I am so proud of the work they do and how they do it. I would also like to publicly acknowledge my management team who have all risen to the challenge.

I would also like to acknowledge our clients, stakeholders, government partners, sponsors and of course the RAW Board for their support and encouragement over the year. There is no doubt this year has been about building a strong foundation for future development within the organisation.

I can only reiterate the President's comments that next year – even though we are heading into some uncharted funding waters remains a positive one as a result of the efforts and hard work undertaken in this financial year.

Danial Rochford
Chief Executive Officer



From the Outreach Team Leaders

I am very honoured to provide the Outreach Report for the 2014/2015 financial year. As we see out another successful year I am pleased to report a year of steady growth and the team now look forward to exciting and challenging times ahead. We cannot rest on our laurels and allow for complacency. The good work we have been doing may not be good enough in the future!

This year has been one of significant growth and change and as always has provided a variety of challenges that have been worked through in a timely and professional manner. I applaud the RAW Board, CEO, and Outreach & Administration team for your hard work and your professional approach.

The year has seen an increase in the number of Outreach Workers joining the team and an increase in area covered as a result this has seen the number of people connecting with our service increase.

During the past year the Rural Alive & Well Outreach Team has connected and worked with many clients who often present with complex and immediate needs which requires RAW to have access to appropriate referral options. Our team continued to network with many service providers who can provide a variety of supports and assistance for our rural clients. This was critical and required services who can guarantee quality assurance through prompt responses, provide confidentiality, and could offer practical supports and assistance.

While the majority of our work was at the prevention level there were many times where our Outreach Team were been called upon or stumbled upon someone who were assessed to be at high risk. Our team are trained, competent and comfortable so as these have occurred over the year all of our team at one time or another were called upon to provide interventions and to allow their skills to be put into practice and help bring an individual back from the brink of death.

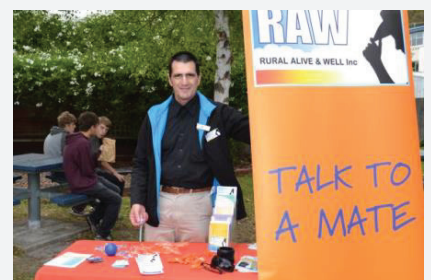
Mates Lunch Program

Rural Alive and Well was fortunate in being asked by the Central Highlands Rural Primary Health Service to assist and participate in a new activity designed to bring men together for a social activity in the middle of the Highlands Winter... the first "Mates Lunch" was held on Monday 7th July at the Central Highlands Community Health Centre at Ouse.



Cygnet Folk Festival

Rural Alive and Well Outreach Worker Martin Howell attended the Cygnet Folk Festival, Where he set up an information table and spent the day mingling with the community and promoting the organisation.



To highlight the great work carried out in rural Tasmania below are two of those interventions.

"A young women who had accessed RAW and referred for support and assistance to four other services as well as her G.P providing some medication she had been able to move on with her life after a few weeks. But like many others without follow up there is often the chance things may return to where they were or even worse. One of those unplanned follow up visits found this same women at home alone writing goodbye letters to her three teenage daughters and she was able to talk about what she saw as a hopeless situation. She had a rope attached to a hanging point in her bedroom and shared it was her only option and her family would be better off with her gone.

Follow up and regular monitoring saved her life and she now has hope and feels supported and on track."

"Another elderly man (one that in normal circumstance would be retired by now) who runs a small farm was suffering with health problems and unable to manage his farm alone. He was close to throwing in the towel. Both he and his stock were found in poor condition and in need of help. Stubbornness and pride got in the way of him asking for help. With a referral through a stock agent RAW were able to get him into medical treatment as well as some local support to help keep his farm going. This was a farmer living and working alone and in isolation who believed he had no other option than doing it all himself". He was close to the brink but with a little help has come through his personal crisis.

These are just two of many stories our Outreach Workers experience in their daily working lives and it is fair to say they don't always end in a positive way but that doesn't stop them from doing their work and being there when needed – even if they just happen to be in the right place at the right time!

Bellerive Community Farmers Market

Rural Alive and Well accepted an invitation from the Bellerive Community Farmers Market to be the "Charity of the Week" at their Saturday Markets.

Danial Rochford attended the day which helped promote RAW as well as raise funds for the organisation through a raffle that was donated by all the stall holders. In total \$350 was raised in 4 hours! RAW would like to thank all involved in Bellerive Farmers Market and encourage people to go along to support some great



The community building aspect of RAW allows the organisation to be part of many events and forums throughout rural Tasmania. The highlight for RAW is being part of AGFEST each year and in 2015 RAW had the privileged to have our own site for the first time as well as a presence at the Roberts Ltd site who were celebrating their 150th Anniversary. RAW attended 100 plus Rural Agricultural Shows, festivals, community forums, meetings, conferences, training sessions, Men's and community sheds, dinners, lunches and breakfasts around Tasmania including King Island to allow rural people and RAW to come together in a different environment and celebrate. All staff attended suicide prevention and intervention training and mental health awareness workshops as well as facilitating training and presentations to workplaces and community & service groups.

Of significant value were the Bothwell Lift the Lid event and Spring Bay Suicide Memorial event held in late 2014. Both of these events highlight the community capacity approach of RAW in encouraging local initiatives to be driven by local people and supported by RAW and other service providers. Recognition was given individually to Mrs Anita Campbell and Mrs Christine Haigh who shared in the Tasmanian Life Awards, for their contribution for Outstanding Individual work in Suicide Prevention in Tasmania. Both recipients paid tribute to the fantastic teams they worked with and the need for sustainability. We strive to connect with individuals and communities alike through being part of community activity.

2014/15 saw changes in both management structures and personnel. During this period we welcomed Adele Daly, John Clark and Tony Barker to the RAW Outreach Team. This has helped strengthen our Northern presence and assisted in utilising current workers in areas where their particular skills and expertise were needed. I would also acknowledge Wayne Turale, Tony O'Malley, Martin Howell, Darren Thurlow, Nicole Grose and Trevor Chalk for their dedicated and tireless work over the past twelve months. As a team the work is made easier!

Rosebery Men's Breakfast

RAW outreach worker, Trevor Chalk, was the guest speaker at the inaugural Rosebery Men's Breakfast on Saturday 14th of March. The breakfast, held at the local neighbourhood house, was organised by the Rosebery Christian Fellowship, and attracted attendees from as far away as Strahan. As a result of the very positive response from all who attended, men's breakfast will now be a regular monthly event, alternating between the major West Coast communities. The next breakfast will be held at Strahan. The opportunity for the men to develop new friend-ships and build additional social networks is invaluable. Also some enthusiastic discussion was initiated at the breakfast concerning the establishment of a men's shed at Rosebery. There are resources available and it is anticipated that such a facility can be brought to fruition.



I would on behalf of the RAW Outreach Team like to say particular thanks to our Administration colleagues who are a huge part of the organisation and without their support and backing we would not operate effectively. They are hardworking and professional people who like everyone in the organisation strive to do their best and watch out for others.

I would like to thank RAW President Mr Ian McMichael and his fellow Board members for the support and work that ensures we can provide an effective and professional service to rural Tasmania. The appointment of Danial Rochford as CEO has proven a step in the right direction and we have all been challenged to step up so that RAW continues to grow and meet the demands of Tasmania's rural communities and the ever changing landscape we work and live in. With a strong vision and a united team the future is assured!

Statistics – to be added

From the Business Manager

It gives me great pleasure to be able to provide a report for the 2014-2015 period for the Rural Alive & Well Inc. administrative team.

During the course of the year there have been a number of changes in the structure of the organisation. We have welcomed a CEO – Danial Rochford, Kate Windle has reduced her hours with RAW and is now a part-time dedicated Finance Officer and we have welcomed to our team Kylie Lawless who fills the role of full-time trainee Administrative Assistant.

We have moved into a new office in Oatlands, which has substantially more room and better amenities. We are now located in the middle of the township of Oatlands and this has been made possible by a partnership with the Southern Midlands Council.

There has been a focus on marketing and event management. This has resulted in the development of a new logo and branding. This branding has been imbedded into RAW's website which has been reviewed, we have a new look newsletter and resources and have held a number of successful events which culminated in RAW having their own site at AGFEST in 2015. The booking processes and procedures have been streamlined, which has reduced the administrative workload for event coordination. The administrative team have developed a central database of supporters and contacts for RAW and there has been a focus during the year to increase the number of tremendously supportive individuals who champion RAW's cause in the community.

During the year RAW participated in an organisational review undertaken by the Department of Health and Human Services. This review identified the organisations great strengths and areas for development. We have commenced addressing these areas of development during the year and will continue to review the organisations performance on meeting these key goals in the coming year.

We have a strong management team and an improved co-ordinated management process for the organisation all which has resulted in a very successful year for RAW from an administrative stand point.

I would like to thank the Board who have provided guidance for the smooth administrative function of RAW. Our CEO, Danial Rochford for his support during a very busy year, the management team and RAW staff who assist with program and project delivery.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the number of volunteers from the community who have assisted during the year in the administration department. It is very pleasing to have community members who are willing to give up their time to assist RAW to provide a vital and important service to rural and regional Tasmania.

I look forward to the coming year and the exciting opportunities it holds for the organisation.



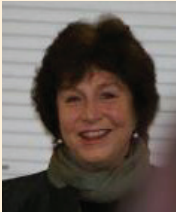





Event Highlights




- Hobart Show Luncheon
- Agfest 2015
- Lift the Lid—Bothwell
- Rural Shows x 24
- Spanner in the Works
- Taste of the North East
- Bush Fest
- Melton Mowbray Rodeo
- Georgetown Fun Day
- Kempton Festival
- Bothwell Spin-In
- Lift the Lid—Oatlands
- Ellendale Buskers Bash
- Paul Horne Memorial Match
- Kentish Mens Pizza Night
- Give me 5 for Kids Shearing Day
- Seafest
- Scottsdale Mental Health week Expo



Organisation Chart

President	Vice President	Junior Vice President	Treasurer	Secretary	Public Officer
Ian McMichael	Dianne Fowler	Leonie Young	Noel Beven	Robin Thompson	Nicolas d'Antoine
					

Board Members

Ron Christie	Rob Walters	Anne Downie
		

Chief Executive Officer

Danial Rochford



Business Manager

Susan Webb

Administration Officer

Kate Windle
Kylie Lawless

Events Co-Ordinator

Kristy Mayne

Outreach Team LEader South/North

Garry Sharp/Darren Thurlow/Wayne Turale (on leave)

Rural Outreach Workers

Tony O'Malley	Trevor Chalk
Garry Sharp	Nicole Grose
Darren Thurlow	
Tony Barker	Martin Howell
Adele Daly	John Clark

The RAW Team

Chief Executive Officer

Danial Rochford



Outreach Workers

Tony Barker



Trevor Chalk



John Clark



Adele Daly

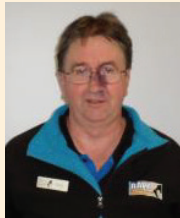
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Tony O'Malley



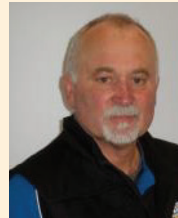
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Darren Thurlow



Wayne Turale (on leave)

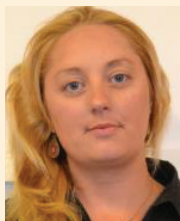


Administrative Team

Kylie Lawless



Kristy Mayne



Susan Webb



Kate Windle



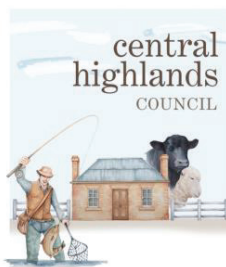
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Partners & Supporters



CELEBRATING THE PAST, BUILDING THE FUTURE



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The Royal Agricultural
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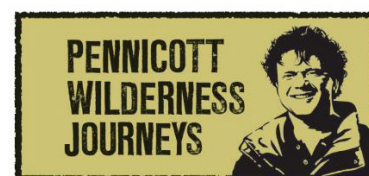
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RAW 2014 Annual RAST Luncheon 24th October 2014

Rural Alive & Well Inc. held its annual 2014 Royal Hobart Show Luncheon in partnership with Rural Agricultural Society. The keynote speaker and former Australian farmer of the year Tim Reid. Mr Reid spoke of his understanding of the pressures farmers and the rural sector feel.

The fifth generation fruit grower and Tasmanian exporter of the year, who is managing director of Reid Fruits in the Derwent Valley engaged with 100 guests to tell his story of struggles and success of being a farmer in rural Tasmania, RAW would like to thank Tim for sharing his journey and all of the supporters of this event. RAW look forward to holding another successful luncheon in 2015 and look to double the amount of guests to attend.



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

Financial Report
For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

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Rural Alive & Well Inc.

Income Statement For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
INCOME			
Activities income		7,009	7,406
General income		36,525	35,912
Grant funding - DHHS		389,513	105,933
Grant funding - DoHA		832,499	821,343
Support and counselling services		-	15,000
Interest received		12,848	7,027
Other Income		15,090	-
Total Income		1,293,485	992,621
EXPENSES			
Accountancy and audit		7,471	6,351
Advertising		2,200	3,570
Bank charges		787	909
Board catering		157	381
Board expenses		343	2,207
Client brokerage		1,889	561
Cost Recovery		35,000	-
Depreciation		34,801	34,340
Dues and subscriptions		3,691	1,778
Electricity		2,635	3,670
Employee costs	3	824,932	683,713
External consultants		7,988	3,520
Insurance		32,724	34,900
Internet		6,128	8,212
IT - maintenance		6,881	7,223
IT - software		90	362
IT - website		123	8,709
Legal expenses		9,096	1,960
Postage and shipping		943	725
Printing		5,477	5,636
Rates and charges		928	619
Recruitment		10,183	475
Rent and building maintenance		17,949	4,617
Review costs		14,250	23,301

Rural Alive & Well Inc.

Income Statement For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

		2015	2014
	Note	\$	\$
Staff amenities		891	1,234
Stationery		9,645	8,179
Sundry expense		183	461
Telephone		22,155	14,888
Travel and accommodation		42,481	26,932
Vehicles and maintenance		72,545	88,382
Workshop information session		37,292	33,054
Workshop seminars and conferences		10,377	882
Workshop client data systems		9,435	-
Wind up costs - estimate	2	104,121	-
Cost of Sales - Freight		-	14
Total Expenses		1,335,790	1,011,765
NET DEFICIT		(42,305)	(19,144)

Rural Alive & Well Inc.

Balance Sheet As At June 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash	4	451,802	277,405
Trade and other receivables		15,054	-
Total Current Assets		466,856	277,405
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	5	182,111	81,033
Total Non Current Assets		182,111	81,033
TOTAL ASSETS		648,967	358,438
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	6	39,209	66,402
Unexpended grant money		245,019	-
Total Current Liabilities		284,228	66,402
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provision for long service leave		38,843	27,956
Entity wind up costs	2	104,121	-
Total Non-Current Liabilities		142,964	27,956
TOTAL LIABILITIES		427,192	94,358
NET ASSETS		221,775	264,080
EQUITY			
Accumulated funds	7	221,775	264,080
TOTAL EQUITY		221,775	264,080

Rural Alive & Well Inc.

Notes to the Financial Statements 30 June 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
3 Employee costs		
Wages and salaries	705,765	583,054
Superannuation	71,569	55,644
Long service leave provision	10,887	4,656
Annual leave provision	-	-
TOIL time paid	19,555	19,958
Training	1,987	8,140
Staff debriefing	11,241	9,519
Other employee expenses	3,927	2,744
	824,932	683,713
4 Cash		
ANZ - operating	79,734	20,426
ANZ - saver account	371,764	264,609
Petty Cash	304	300
Electronic Clearing Account	-	(7,930)
	451,802	277,405
5 Property, Plant and Equipment		
Motor vehicles	287,227	159,602
Accumulated depreciation	(112,195)	(78,569)
Property & Equipment	8,254	-
Accumulated depreciation	(1,175)	-
	182,111	81,033
6 Trade and Other Payables		
Trade creditors	18,730	41,796
GST clearing	490	(2,551)
PAYG withholding payable	14,510	9,031
Salary Packaging Deduction	(3,001)	1,347
Superannuation payable	8,479	16,779
	39,209	66,402
7 Accumulated Funds		
Accumulated funds b/f	264,080	235,896
Prior Year Adj (1a)	-	47,328
Net loss for the period	(42,305)	(19,144)
Closing balance	221,775	264,080

Rural Alive & Well Inc.

Notes to the Financial Statements 30 June 2015

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.

(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 employees 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 Government funding.

A current liability of \$104,121 has been quantified in the financial statements as at 30 June 2015. This amount has been determined and agreed upon by the members of R.A.W's Financial Audit Risk Committee to adequately disclose the forecasted costs that the organisation is reasonably expected to incur in order to wind up its operations, and discharge its obligations in the event that Government funding support is withdrawn.

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 30 June 2015 and its performance for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015;
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 this¹⁷ day of ^{SEP}..... 2015


PRESIDENT


~~TREASURER~~
CHAIR AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

Rural Alive & Well Inc.

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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 statement of financial position as at 30 June 2015, the statement of financial performance 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 2015 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the *Associations Incorporated Act (1964)*.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 and 2 to the financial report, which describe 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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Dear Michael

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial report of Rural Alive & Well Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2015, for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial report is presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Associations Incorporation Act 1964 (Tas)*.

We confirm that *(to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made such enquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves)*:

Financial Report


- We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement dated 24 July 2015 for the preparation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Associations Incorporation Act 1964 (Tas)*; in particular the financial report is fairly presented (or gives a true and fair view) in accordance therewith.
- Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable (ASA 540).
- Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards (ASA 550).
- All events subsequent to the date of the financial report and for which Australian Accounting Standards require adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed. (ASA 560).
- The effects of uncorrected misstatements are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial report as a whole. A list of the uncorrected misstatements is attached to the representation letter (ASA 450)

Information Provided

- We have provided you with:
 - Access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial report such as records, documentation and other matters;
 - Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit, and
 - Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial report.
- We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial report may be materially misstated as a result of fraud (ASA 240).
- We have disclosed to you all information in relation to fraud or suspected fraud that we are aware of and that affects the entity and involves:
 - Management;

- Employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
- Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial report (ASA 240).
- We have disclosed to you all information in relation to allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the entity's financial report communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators or others (ASA 240).
- We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial report (ASA 250).
- We have disclosed to you the identity of the entity's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware (ASA 550)

Yours faithfully


Name DIANE FOWLER SNR. VICE PRESIDENT
Title CHAIRMAN AUDIT + RISK COMMITTEE
Date 17/9/2015



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