

ANNUAL REPORT

RURAL ALIVE AND WELL

2016 / 2017



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Vision Statement

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. Our vision is to:

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 Rural Alive & Well (RAW Inc.) 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 community events and forums.

Objectives

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

The principal objectives 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 8th Annual Report of Rural Alive & Well Inc. for the year 2016/2017

RAW continues to push its vision to promote improved mental health, community resilience and reduced incidence of suicide throughout rural and remote communities in Tasmania. Our clear focus is to deliver early intervention programs to assist and support rural communities respond to adversity.

When I consider the past year there has been a mixture of bright spots as well as devastating local incidences. On balance, it is still tough out there. The hangover from the bushfires around Dunalley, the aftermath of the floods, sustained reduction in milk price and the impending closure of the milk factory in the North West and the increased usage of drugs etc. continue to be of concern. Loss of employment, decreasing family finance, marital breakdown and general despair within communities have been major contributors to the increased demand for our service.

Highlights for year included:

- Continued support from The Ian Potter Foundation, TasNetworks and the Cape Hope Foundation for the implementation of the Healthy and Resilient Communities Project in strategic areas in rural Tasmania.
- RAW being the recipient of substantial donations to support our ongoing outreach service from individuals and organisations such as Hanson Orchards, Huonville Community Bank, The Merrin Foundation, The Fahan School, Rotary Australia and the TFGA to name but a few, that support our ongoing outreach services.
- Continued bi-monthly visits to King Island and continued services to Flinders Island.
- On-going auspicing of information sessions, attending many community functions and shows, (eg. Agfest) endeavouring to promote a stronger approach within communities around mental health and suicide issues to help reduce the stigma attached to these illnesses.
- Continuing to work closely with other community organisations including Lifeline, Relationships Australia, Anglicare, Beyond Blue, Salvation Army, Uniting Care, Rotary and Men's Sheds. These relationships are essential to the effectiveness of our work.
- RAW being the recipient of generous donations after the floods in June 2016 through appeals auspiced by the ABC, The Examiner, B&E, Cape Hope Foundation, and North East Landcare plus numerous individuals, to enable us to enhance our activities in throughout the affected areas.
- Ongoing activity to maintain sound long-term funding for the program from all levels of government and the private sector.

- The commencement of an external evaluation of our services through UTAS with the view to assessing and enhancing our program structure and service delivery.
- In 2016 RAW received the Tasmanian Agricultural Productivity Group award for service to the Agricultural Community in recognition of our proactive and tireless support of individuals and families involved in agriculture in times of need.
- RAW also received the Rotary International Service Award, in recognition of outstanding service and contribution to Tasmanian Rural Communities.

The pressure for our services continues to push the boundaries. For RAW to operate effectively the security of long term funding cannot be overestimated. Whilst we understand the budgetary pressures on governments, a whole-of-community approach is necessary to alleviate the pain and stigma of this crisis.

RAW could not do this work if it were not for our partners, the three tiers of government and the private sector. I acknowledge both Federal and State governments for their ongoing interest and support; local governments (Glamorgan/Spring Bay and Southern Midlands) for their active participation; the private sector, notably The Ian Potter Foundation, TasNetworks, The Merrin Foundation, Roberts Ltd, Cape Hope Foundation, The Fahan School, and Rotary Clubs. To you all and the many others, your generous support is certainly appreciated.

Ms Liz Little took up her appointment as CEO in July last year. I would like to thank her and all her staff for their steadfast dedicated approach to the Tasmanian rural communities. Mrs Susan Webb resigned during the year after nine years of service in the role of Office Manager. She played a vital role in the early years of the organisation. We all sincerely thank her for her contribution.

To my fellow Board members and all the staff, 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 continuation to drive our vision and objectives for the betterment of rural and remote individuals and communities in Tasmania.

Ian McMichael
President

From the CEO

I commenced as the CEO of Rural Alive & Well on 15th of July 2016. As always with a new job, my first few weeks were a whirl of introductions and hearing different points of view about where RAW had come from and where it is heading in the future. One thing that stood out for me from that time was how many people spoke to me about RAW with a passion for the service and what it has achieved. Some of those were people who had been part of forming the organisation in 2008; others had received RAW services or had seen RAW in action supporting their families, friends and communities; others still were people who have been touched by the suicide of family or friends and who wanted to bring their experience to support others in the same situation.

For me it was a case of hitting the ground running - within 2 weeks of starting at RAW I had my first engagement talking publicly about RAW at the Tasmanian Health Conference... within 3 weeks I was in the North-West working with the RAW team to assist people who were impacted on by the floods... and so it has continued.

Over that time there were a couple of key messages that I received about RAW. The first is that rural people see RAW as being in their community, where they are needed, when they are needed. The second is that RAW does not tell people what it can't do, instead it focuses on what we can do together. RAW puts into practice the motto on their vehicles "Talk to a Mate" by being accessible and compassionate with a 'feet on the ground' approach to providing support, wherever and whatever the issue.

The RAW Outreach program provides support to individuals, families and communities in all of rural Tasmania except for the metropolitan areas. It is available 24/7 either face-to-face or through our 24/7 phone service, 1300 HELP MATE. Outreach staff conduct regular farm and house visits to make contact with those who traditionally have been isolated or overlooked or are simply 'doing it tough'. The Outreach team focuses on engaging people and takes the time needed to connect with them, providing ongoing support or referral to key services.

RAW has consistently increased its client load over time. About 16% of our clients at any one time are considered to be 'at risk' of suicide and 57% are experiencing isolation or loneliness. Over the three year period 2013–2016, more than 30% of referrals to RAW Outreach services were self-referrals which shows the high level of community acceptance and credibility that RAW has in rural communities across the state. A further 10% of our referrals come from family members.

As a service designed by, run by, and for rural people, RAW sees itself as about the well-being of rural communities and as part of the bigger conversation about where and how these communities fit into Tasmania as a whole. Agricultural industries are one of

Tasmania's primary income sources, when we talk about agricultural industries contributing to the state's economy, we also need to talk about how Tasmania is contributing to the well-being and sustainability of the rural communities that are producing that wealth. The Healthy and Resilient Communities Project (HaRC) program is supported by our funding partners the Ian Potter Foundation, TasNetworks, and the Cape Hope Foundation. It provides an opportunity for RAW to work with rural communities to build resilience and capacity in order to address the factors that may lead to poor mental health and the risk of suicide. Good health and wellbeing requires conditions that allow all community members to pursue important personal goals, enjoy fulfilling relationships, and take part in their community. A healthy, thriving community is one that actively promotes productive, rewarding and socially inclusive lives.

In closing my first Annual Report I want to thank the Board and staff of RAW who have welcomed me to the organisation and who have been unstinting in their support and encouragement. In particular, I want to thank the President of the RAW Board, Ian McMichael, whose unfailing good humour and pragmatism have made climbing the steep learning curve for a new CEO an achievable task.

Elizabeth Little
Chief Executive Officer

From the Outreach Team Leaders

It gives me great pleasure to provide the Southern Outreach Team report for 2016-2017 financial year. As we moved in to the year, there was a considerable change at RAW with the new Chief Executive Officer, Liz Little, bringing a different style of management. We have developed a Senior Management Group, consisting of the CEO, the Business Services Team Leader, and the Northern and Southern Outreach Team Leaders and I think this has worked very well in making decisions for the organisation.

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 that can guarantee quality assurance through prompt responses, provide confidentiality, and offer practical supports and assistance.

While the majority of our work was at the support and prevention level, there were many times where our Outreach team members have been called to or otherwise come upon someone assessed to be at high risk. Training that we have given our workers over the past year has been beneficial to the team to use on the ground and at the coalface every day.

2016-2017 saw changes in both management structures and personnel. During this period, Tony Barker became permanent Team Leader in the north. We also had the resignation of Samara Ford, Outreach Worker in the south, we wish her all the best in her new endeavours. As Samara has moved on we have not been able to fill that role because of budget restraints, so southern workers now cover a larger area where need be. This has been a struggle at times for the Outreach Workers, however we seem to be coping at the moment. We cannot afford to lose sight of the great work everyone has been doing in the south and state-wide

I would like to acknowledge Kristy Mayne, Martin Howell and Andrew Baker, for their dedicated and tireless work over the past twelve months. As a team, the work is made easier and I would like to thank them for the support that they have given me as Team Leader over the past year.

On behalf of the Southern Outreach Team I would like to say particular thanks to our Business Services team 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.

This year has been one of significant change and as always has provided a variety of challenges that have been worked through in a timely and professional manner. I would like to thank the

CEO Liz Little and the Outreach and HARC teams for your hard work and your professional approach throughout the year.

I would also like to thank the RAW President 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.

Darren Thurlow

Outreach Team Leader South

The Northern Outreach Team finished out the 2016-2017 year in much the same way as the first half, that is, attending to the high client and community demand driven from climatic crisis. Flood recovery activities were a main focus as much of the North was affected by the June Floods with particularly devastating impacts in the Latrobe area on the Mersey River, but also 'Hundred Year Events' with widespread damage across the North West, North and North East.

We were further able to engage and offer support to these communities in August by holding a 'Roadshow' in Ulverstone, Deloraine and Latrobe with the assistance of Darren Thurlow and Andrew Baker from the Southern Team and our new CEO Liz Little.

Solid networks and relationships with key groups and service providers enabled RAW to provide great value through this period by supporting activities conducted by others and receiving referrals so we could target our response with face to face visits. These included Dairy Tas, Rural Business Tasmania, DPIPWE, NRM, Ruralco, Flood Recovery Taskforce and many local councils. We also supported the roll out of the Agricultural Landscape Rehabilitation Scheme during January.

Kim Van Oosterom and Jacqui Morris joined the Outreach team for short term contracts specifically supporting flood recovery activity.

All Outreach Workers completed ASIST training to further enhance our skills specifically around suicide intervention and prevention.

With a view to delivering trainings in the future, John Clark and Rhonda Gee-Mackerill, have become certified as Mental Health First Aid Instructors. This is a great add on to our current activities and I support their success in this area.

Attending numerous agricultural shows and other events continues to be core activity for the team, raising awareness, networking and providing opportunities for engagement. Once again our presence at Agfest, this year across two sites, raised our public profile and helped position RAW among our peers.

We continue to work closely with the Department of State Growth and their Rapid Response Team, when supporting workers as they face redundancy. These activities occur all across the North with the largest job numbers (120) being with the recent announcement of the Murray Goulburn factory closure at Edith Creek. Being proactive in supporting these groups of people facing challenges, will, I hope, pay dividends for their future wellbeing and mental health.

I would like to thank John, Rhonda, Jayne, Kim, and Jacqui for their effort and contributions during this past year and everyone else who contributes to keeping our team on the road and look forward to delivering this much valued support service into the future.

Tony Barker

Outreach Team Leader North

Rural Alive and Well Statistics

	2015-2016	2016-2017
Direct Client Contact – Family	246	167
Direct Client Contact - Individual	2,779	3,003
Scheduled Client Bookings	1,605	1,947
Unscheduled Bookings	1,353	1,223
Females	457	462
Intersex or indeterminate	2	2
Males	654	657

From the Business Services Team Leader

It is with pleasure that I am able to provide the Business Services team report for the 2016-2017 period for Rural Alive & Well Inc.

During the course of the year, there have been a number of employee changes and the creation of new positions in the structure of the organisation. We have farewelled Susan Webb from the role of Business Manager. We welcomed the appointments of Liz Little as Chief Executive Officer and Jacki Miller as Executive Officer and Events. This financial year also saw Kylie Lawless complete her traineeship and being confirmed in the position of Administration Support Officer, we congratulate her on obtaining her Certificate 3 in Business.

For the team at Rural Alive & Well Inc, it has been a year of consolidation and growth, although the one area in which we have not grown is in the number of employees, which we rely on to achieve these outcomes for rural Tasmanian communities. When you reflect on this report, it is with great pride I can boast it is done with the commitment and capability of just 17 incredible team members to provide a state-wide service to rural Tasmania. I would like to recognise and thank each of them.

A focus for the Business Services Team this year has been shaping our corporate services into a lean and efficient model. The implementation of best practice processes and principles has assisted in this effort.

I am also deeply grateful for the Board who have governed the organisation with great skill and commitment – most particularly Ian McMichael, our President who inspires us all.

Finally I would like to thank the following people for their support: Liz Little (CEO), the Outreach teams including their Leaders, the HaRC Facilitators, and especially the Business Services team. Without their support, input, and enormous effort, RAW would not be the organisation it is today, allowing for continual improvement and evolution of the organisation, enabling the organisation to assist and support rural Tasmania.

Peta-Maree Davidson
Business Services Team Leader

Healthy and Resilient Communities

Rural Alive & Well Inc. with the support of funding partners The Ian Potter Foundation, TasNetworks and the Cape Hope Foundation, launched the Healthy and Resilient Communities (HaRC) initiative in 2016.

At RAW we believe that a healthy and thriving community is one in which members enjoy optimal health in an environment that actively promotes productive, rewarding and socially inclusive lives.

To achieve this, RAW is working alongside twenty communities in rural Tasmania over a three year period, enlisting stronger community participation in local suicide prevention and wellbeing initiatives.


RAW is actively enabling and supporting the development and implementation of locally identified and owned suicide prevention strategies and projects designed to boost greater community resilience. Core to this initiative is the establishment of local community wellbeing and suicide prevention groups and the implementation of locally identified and owned community projects.

2016-2017 has seen our Community Resilience Facilitators continue to support and nurture the established groups in Bothwell, Huonville, Geeveston, Ross and Georgetown and assist new communities such as Tasman Peninsula, South East, East Coast and Maydena to mobilise and establish a HaRC within their community.

HaRC was also fortunate to be supported by the Ian Potter foundation to undertake an evaluation of the HaRC Program through UTAS Centre of Rural Health. The Centre for Rural Health (CRH) was contracted by RAW to undertake a formative process related to the HaRC program. The evaluation targeted HaRC sites that are at different stages of development in terms of the establishment of local governance support structures. The evaluation is focusing on the process-related aspects of the program including the efficacy of the service model, the extent to which the model reflects 'best practice' in enhancing community resilience and capacity, and key enablers and barriers to achieving the program's objectives. The outcomes from this evaluation will be available in 2018.

Thanks must go to Alberto Furlan and Squirrel Main, from the Ian Potter foundation for their wonderful support and insight into the program and evaluation. We valued their input, knowledge, skills and expertise whilst engaging with UTAS to devise appropriate tools and questions to best obtain the outcomes required from the evaluation.

2017 also saw the Geeveston HaRC successful in obtaining Local Drug Action Team (LDAT) status through the Australian Drug Foundation (ADF) grants. By being recognised as an Action Team HaRCs will work collaboratively as a group to prevent alcohol and other drug



harms in their community. With support and resources from the Alcohol and Drug Foundation (ADF), the HaRC LDAT will deliver evidence-informed social change activities that strengthen protective factors to minimise AOD harms in their community.

This year has been a very busy, productive and successful year for HaRC. Recognition must also go to the Outreach Workers who support and assist the HaRC program in their areas of service. The ability to have ongoing representation in these communities only adds to the sustainability of the HaRC groups. I look forward to the next 12 months and seeing the outcomes that are a result of the UTAS Centre of Rural Health evaluation and the achievements made by the individual HaRC groups that are situated throughout Tasmania.

Amity Deans
Community Resilience Facilitator



Event Highlights 2016 - 2017

- Royal Hobart Show Luncheon
- Agfest 2017
- Old Mates Day
- 10 Agricultural Shows around the state
- 5 RAW CORES training & MHFA Courses
- 32 Information Sessions attended state-wide
- 5 Flood Recovery events around the state



Organisation Chart 2016/2017

President	Vice President	Junior Vice President	Treasurer	Secretary	Public Officer
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Ian McMichael	Nicholas Goddard	Anne Downie	Dianne Fowler	Robin Thompson	Nicolas d'Antoine
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Board Members

Noel Beven	Ron Christie	John Tuskin	Leonie Young	Dr Robert Walters
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Chief Executive Officer

Elizabeth Little



Business Services Team Leader

Peta-Maree Davidson

Admin Officer

Kylie Lawless

Executive Officer and Events

Jacki Miller

Healthy and Resilient Communities Facilitators

Amity Deans
Ann Hughes

Flood Case Worker

Kim Van Oosterom
Jacqui Morris

Outreach Team Leaders South/North

Darren Thurlow	Tony Barker
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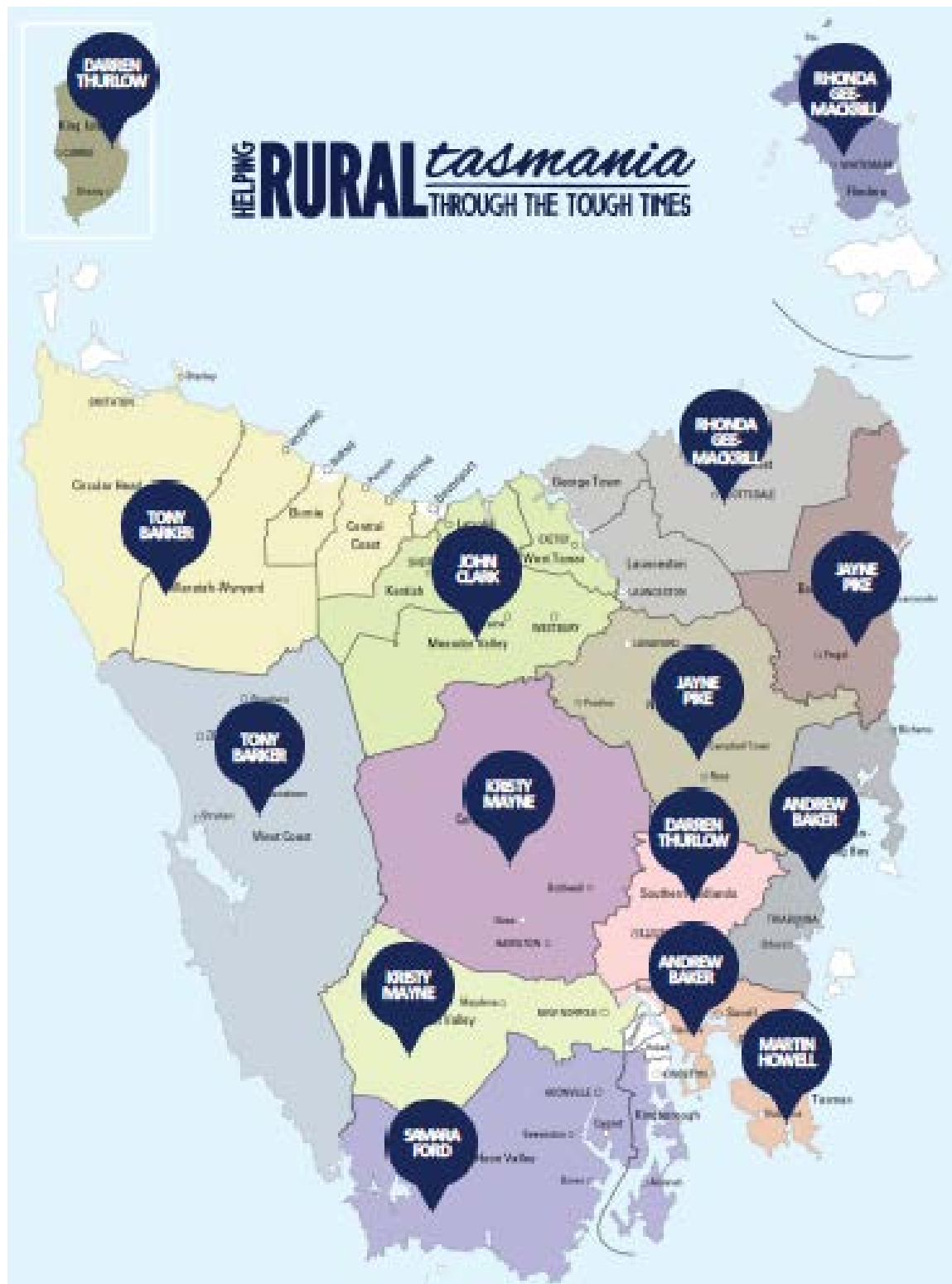
Rural Outreach Workers

Andrew Baker	John Clark
Kristy Mayne	Rhonda Gee-Mackrill
Samara Ford	Martin Howell
Jayne Pike	

Practice Consultant

Lorette Venables

Areas of Service 2016 - 2017



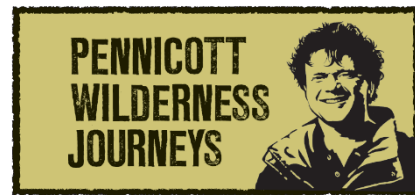
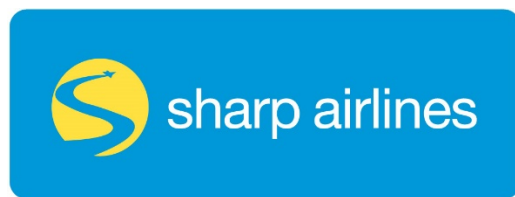
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TASMANIA



WEST COAST
WILDERNESS
RAILWAY



BONORONG
Wildlife Sanctuary



2016 - 2017 Donors

Rural Alive & Well would like to publicly thank all individuals who generously provided donations to RAW during 2016 to 2017 financial year. A thank you also goes out to those individuals that provide cash donations at events and at stores that hold RAW donation boxes. These individuals and organisations to name a few donated to Rural Alive & Well:

ABC Giving Tree
Bellerive Primary School
Bothwell Uniting Church
Burnie Baptist Church
Cape Hope
Leanne Cody
Copping Christian Fellowship
Corporate Finance Staff at Wrest Point
Geoff Coghlan
Nicholas d'Antoine
Cherie De'Arne
Geoff Ellerton
Examiner B&E Flood Relief Appeal
Fahan School
Joanne Galliher
Steve Gordon
Grenet Foundation Ltd
Nick Goddard
Hanson Orchards
Rosalind Herbert
Hounville Community Bank

Hounville Community Church Inc.
Greg Hudson
Lions Club of Clarence
Lions Club of Deloraine
Lions Club of St Helens Inc
Macquarie Franklin Pty Ltd
Andrew Parsons
Ian McMichael
Jodie McQueen
Norske Skog Boyer Mill
North East Coast Landcare Group Inc
Margaret Norton
Rosalie Woodruff MP
Rotary Australia Benevolent Society
Rotary Club of Claremont
Rotary Club of Devonport North Inc
Samaritan Project Fund
Tas. Fire Service – Devonport Station
Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Assoc.
Women's Business Network

RAW 2016 Annual RAST Luncheon 21st October 2016

Rural Alive and Well Inc. held its annual 2016 Royal Hobart Show Luncheon in partnership with Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania. The keynote speaker was Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner, AM, Governor of Tasmania.

Rural Alive & Well Inc. would like to thank Her Excellency for sharing her inspirational words and pass on a grateful acknowledgement of thanks to all of the generous supporters of this event.

Rural Alive & Well Inc. look forward to hosting another successful luncheon in 2017.



RAW 2016 Annual RAST Luncheon Sponsors

The success of the show luncheon would not be possible without the generous support of the following.

A.H.Beard	John Jones OAM
AFL Tasmania	Lions Club of Sorell
Hon. Elise Archer MP	Longley Organic Farm
BOB JANE T-MARTS	Lost Pippin
Bonorong Wildlife Park	Lufra Hotel & Apartments
Bunnings Rosny	Ian and Tam McMichael
Coaldale Walnuts	Mole Creek Holiday Village
Deputy Lord Mayor Alderman Ron Christie	Mures Tasmania
Hon. Julie Collins MP	Norfolk Bay Gourmet Seafoods
Cool Wine	Pennicott Wilderness Journeys
Daci and Daci Bakers	Royal Agricultural Soc. of Tas
Peter & Glenda Davidson - Electricians Unlimited	Salamanca Wharf Hotel
Federal Group Tasmania - Wrest Point Casino	Sharp Airlines
41 South Tasmania	Stillwater
Forty Winks	Stockman Stud
Dianne Fowler	Swansea Backpackers Lodge
Frogmore Creek	Tamar River Cruises
Geelong Football Club	Tasmanian Pate
Gone Fishing Charters - Andrew Hart Hook, Line & Sinker	TASSAL
Greater Western Sydney Football Club	Trees Adventure
Hon. Matthew Groom MP	Twelve Stones
Hawthorn Football Club	Hon. Rob Valentine MLC
Herbaceous Tours	West Coast Wilderness Railway
Lord Mayor Alderman Sue Hickey	Willie Smith's Organic Cidery
Hobart Yachts	Wind Song Bed & Breakfast
House of Anvers	Wineglass Bay Cruises
Island Berries	Leonie Young

Rural Alive & Well Inc.

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Income Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
INCOME			
Activities income		72,268	17,084
General income		87,481	113,710
Donations		149,818	59,289
Grant funding - DHHS		716,044	921,698
Grant funding - DoHA			467,602
Fund - Prime Health Tas		323,120	-
Interest received		6,359	8,629
Other Income		6,423	51,073
Total Income		<u>1,361,514</u>	<u>1,639,084</u>
EXPENSES			
Accountancy and audit		7,056	8,728
Advertising		2,364	4,326
Bank charges		931	910
Board catering		540	453
Board expenses		917	467
Client brokerage		10,536	6,704
Depreciation		58,436	69,978
Dues and subscriptions		3,903	5,091
Electricity		3,910	4,380
Employee costs	3	1,100,919	1,064,060
External consultants		11,383	7,898
Insurance		52,275	55,579
Internet		2,262	5,034
IT - maintenance		8,078	3,511
IT - software		14,802	1,761
IT - website		698	323
Legal expenses		2,895	9,212
Postage and shipping		483	2,569
Printing		27,893	32,186
Rates and charges		1,020	993
Recruitment		1,579	6,633
Rent and building maintenance		13,899	12,660

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Income Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Staff amenities		1,184	1,818
Stationery		5,907	10,368
Sundry expense		3,249	2,512
Telephone		20,973	23,109
Travel and accommodation		47,529	53,157
Vehicles and maintenance		63,741	70,751
Workshop Training Sessions		2,665	
Workshop information session		11,133	48,224
Workshop seminars and conferences		2,423	13,506
Workshop client data systems		-	300
Total Expenses		<u>1,485,583</u>	<u>1,527,201</u>
NET PROFIT		<u>(124,069)</u>	<u>111,883</u>

Rural Alive & Well Inc.

Balance Sheet

As at 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash	4	300,241	428,120
Trade and other receivables		65,861	15,414
Total Current Assets		<u>366,102</u>	<u>443,535</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	5	130,941	203,441
Total Non Current Assets		<u>130,941</u>	<u>203,441</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>497,043</u>	<u>646,975</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	6	56,908	57,010
Unexpended grant money		25,000	71,154
Total Current Liabilities		<u>81,908</u>	<u>128,164</u>
Non-Current Liabilities			
Employee Provisions	7	101,425	81,033
Entity wind up costs	2	104,121	104,121
Total Non-Current Liabilities		<u>205,546</u>	<u>185,153</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>287,454</u>	<u>313,317</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>209,589</u>	<u>333,658</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated funds	8	209,589	333,658
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>209,589</u>	<u>333,658</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 \$
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Government grants, fees and other income		1,253,131
Interest received		6,359
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,406,856)
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities	9	<u>(147,367)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from sale of assets		22,000
Purchase of motor vehicles, plant and equipment		(2,513)
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities		<u>19,487</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from borrowings		-
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities		<u>-</u>
Net increase/ (decrease) in cash held and cash equivalents held		(127,880)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		<u>428,120</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year		<u>300,241</u>

Rural Alive & Well Inc.

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

	Retained Earnings \$
Balance 1 July 2015	221,775
Comprehensive Income	
Deficit for the year attributable to members of the entity	111,883
Other comprehensive income for the year	-
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity	111,883
Balance at 30 June 2016	333,658
Comprehensive Income	
Deficit for the year attributable to members of the entity	(124,069)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity	(124,069)
Balance at 30 June 2017	209,589

Rural Alive & Well Inc.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

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.

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 non-current liability of \$104,121 has been quantified in the financial statements as at 30 June 2017. 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.

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For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
3 Employee costs		
Wages and salaries	954,095	878,318
Superannuation	89,437	86,281
Long service leave provision	6,936	(12,218)
Annual leave provision	3,373	32,740
Sick leave provision	10,974	17,590
TOIL time paid	14,041	31,297
Training	11,452	4,030
Staff debriefing	12,471	11,159
Other employee expenses	(1,858)	14,864
	<u>1,100,919</u>	<u>1,064,060</u>
4 Cash		
ANZ - operating	23,963	63,030
ANZ - saver account	63,781	160,890
CBA - operating	7,729	3,900
CBA - Term Deposit	204,467	200,000
Petty Cash	300	300
	<u>300,241</u>	<u>428,120</u>
5 Property, Plant and Equipment		
Motor vehicles	307,807	356,136
Accumulated depreciation	(184,023)	(162,725)
Property & Equipment	17,442	14,929
Accumulated depreciation	(10,285)	(4,900)
	<u>130,941</u>	<u>203,441</u>
6 Trade and Other Payables		
Trade creditors	24,727	32,741
GST clearing	14,637	6,288
PAYG withholding payable	16,422	12,361
Salary Packaging Deduction	-	5,204
Superannuation payable	1,122	417
	<u>56,908</u>	<u>57,010</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
7 Employee Provisions		
Provision for long service leave	36,749	30,703
Proviion for annual leave	36,113	32,740
Provision for sick leave	28,563	17,590
	<u>101,425</u>	<u>81,033</u>
8 Accumulated Funds		
Accumulated funds b/f	333,658	221,775
Net Profit for the period	(124,069)	111,883
Closing balance	<u>209,589</u>	<u>333,658</u>
9 Cash Flow Information		
Reconciliation of Cash Flows from Operations with Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	2017	
Operating surplus / (deficit)	(124,069)	
Depreciation	58,436	
Less: Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(5,423)	
Changes in net assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/ decrease in receivables	(50,447)	
Increase/ (decrease) in payables	(102)	
Increase/ (decrease) in provisions & other liabilities	(25,761)	
	<u>(147,367)</u>	

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Officers' Assertion Statement


For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

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 2017 and its performance for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017;
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:


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President


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Treasurer

Dated at Hobart this 22nd day of Sept. 2017

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Michael J Burnett B.Com. FCA
Registered Company Auditor

29-9-17

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Date

Independent Auditor's Report

To the members of Rural Alive & Well Inc.

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Rural Alive & Well Inc. (the Entity), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, the statement comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the declaration by those charged with governance.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Entity as at 30 June 2017 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standard Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Rural Alive & Well Inc. to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial report in accordance with the ACNC Act, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

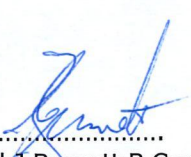
In preparing the financial report, Management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless Management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.


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