

ANNUAL REPORT

RURAL ALIVE AND WELL 2015 - 2016



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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 promote 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.

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 promote 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 7th Annual Report of Rural Alive and Well Inc. for the year 2015/2016.

RAW continues to see change in its service commitment to Tasmania's rural and remote areas in the endeavour 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.

When I consider the past twelve months in rural and remote areas of Tasmania, there appears to be little change in the economic outlook for many rural sectors of the economy. Drought, POMS virus, bushfires, reduction in milk prices and floods have contributed to 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 behaviour. Demand for our service has increased substantially over the period with many staff changes, the majority for personal family reasons.

At this point I would like to pay tribute to the whole team. To those who have left us a sincere thankyou; to those who maintained us with a solid base and those who have come on board; rural Tasmania is conscious of your efforts and sincerely thanks you. Your award as the 2015 Tasmanian Community Group of the Year is testament to this.

In particular I would like to acknowledge the following for their dedication to RAW – Garry Sharp, Nicole Grose and Wendy French for their input into the management of the program, and Danial Rochford our inaugural CEO who took RAW to the next level. Their individual inputs will leave a lasting legacy; a sincere thanks from us all.

Highlights this year included:

- Support from The Ian Potter Foundation, TasNetworks and the Cape Hope Foundation for the implementation of the Healthy & Resilient Communities Project throughout strategic areas in rural Tasmania.
- Partnering with 'Psychs on Bikes' to tour rural Tasmania carrying out health checks and engaging on mental health issues with the communities they visited.
- Continued bi monthly visits to King Island and recently a commenced service to Flinders Island.
- On-going auspices 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.
- Roger Hanson and Wendy French being honoured with Life Awards for their work in reporting on mental health issues and service to rural communities.

- Continuing to work closely with other non-government organisations such as Lifeline, Relationships Australia, Anglicare, Beyond Blue, Salvation Army, Uniting Care, Rotary and Men's Sheds, to name a few. The importance of these relationships cannot be underestimated.
- RAW being the recipient of generous donations after the floods in June through appeals auspiced by the ABC, The Examiner and the Cape Hope Foundation.
- Ongoing activity to maintain sound long term funding for the program from all levels of government and the private sector.
- An external evaluation of our governance and general management processes to enhance our service delivery.

The pressure for our services continues to push the boundaries. 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, Southern Midlands, Central Highlands and Northern Midlands LGA's) for their active participation; the private sector, notably The Ian Potter Foundation, TasNetworks, Roberts Ltd, Cape Hope Foundation, Australia Post, and Rotary Clubs to name but a few. To you all and the many others, your generous support is certainly appreciated.

During the course of the year Mr. Nick Goddard and Mr. John Tuskin joined the board and we look forward to their input. Mr. Goddard was granted leave of absence from the board to take on the role of acting CEO in April until the appointment of a new CEO. Ms. Elizabeth Little was appointed at the end of June. Nick, we all sincerely thank you for your tireless work.

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 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 am pleased to provide the CEO's report for 2015/16 noting that I acted as CEO for a three month period following the resignation of the inaugural CEO Danial Rochford in April 2016 and prior to the appointment of our new CEO Liz Little.

Danial was RAW's inaugural CEO and I wish to acknowledge the work undertaken by Daniel in moving RAW forward, particularly his role in lifting the profile of RAW, developing collaborative partnerships with a number of organisations and in attracting philanthropic funds to RAW.

The brief period during which I acted as CEO provided me with an opportunity to see first-hand the work of the RAW Outreach team and the support team located at our Oatlands Headquarters. It has been a particularly trying year for people in rural communities and our Outreach team was at the forefront, recording a record high number of client contacts and really connecting with our rural constituency.

I would like to pay tribute to our team for their commitment and dedication to helping people in rural communities, to be available as a mate and to be a valued support in times of need.

Following severe droughts, falling dairy prices and quota reductions in the poppy industry rural Tasmania was severely hit by flooding and our team around the state provided some much needed support in collaboration and partnership with many other organisations.


It was gratifying that RAW was the recipient of donations from a number of sources to enable support to those in need, particularly those not eligible for support from other sources. The Examiner Winter Relief Fund, the ABC and the Cape Hope Foundation were just some of the very generous donors.

RAW has a strong commitment to working collaboratively with others and has continued to establish partnerships including an MOU with the Tasmanian Men's Sheds. RAW also enjoyed support from a range of community organisations around the state. The Claremont Rotary Club for example held its annual golf day with funds going to RAW.

We also appreciated the support of organisations such as Roberts and Australia Post which provided funding that enabled community events to be held around rural Tasmania.

I would also like to acknowledge the funding support from both the State and Federal Government, noting that the Federal funding for mental health is now channelled through Primary Health Tasmania, and we look forward to continuing our positive relationship with these agencies.

RAW was also pleased to nominate Roger Hanson for a LIFE Award which he duly received for his important role in reporting mental health in the press.



RAW had a strong and visible presence at Agfest and attracted a huge number of visits and established many ongoing contacts. We were grateful for the sponsorship support of the Hawthorn Football Club in this regard.

Another highlight this year has been the implementation of the Healthy and Resilient Communities Project (HARC) and I wish to acknowledge the work undertaken by Wendy French in establishing and progressing the initiative. Sadly Wendy has resigned for family reasons but leaves us well placed to work with rural communities around the state in reducing the prevalence of suicide.

I also wish to acknowledge the Ian Potter Foundation, TasNetworks and the Cape Hope Foundation for their support of the HARC project.

RAW seems well placed to build on its successes this year and to continue to work positively in rural communities to develop capacity, resilience and good mental health in collaboration with our many partners.

Nicholas Goddard

Acting Chief Executive Officer



From the Outreach Team Leaders

It gives me great pleasure to provide the Southern Outreach Team report for 2015/2016 financial year. As we moved in to the year there was a considerable reduction in the Southern Outreach team as there had been two workers resign from the team. As we farewelled these staff members Garry Sharp and Tony O'Malley in the South this enabled me to move from the acting role of team leader north to Permanent Team Leader South and I must say that this has been a great privilege to do so. As we had had staff move on we also looked at hiring two new staff and also transition one staff member from Admin to Outreach. We cannot afford to lose sight of the great work every one has been doing in the South and state-wide for that matter as our clients need us for support. 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 applaud the RAW Board, Outreach and Administration team for your hard work and your professional approach.

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 could 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 were called upon or stumbled upon someone who was 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.

2015/2016 saw changes in both management structures and personnel. During this period we welcomed Samara Ford, Andrew Baker and Kristy Mayne to the Southern Outreach Team. This has helped strengthen our Southern presence and assisted in utilising current workers in areas where their particular skills and expertise were needed. I would also like to acknowledge Martin Howell, Andrew Baker, Samara Ford, and Kristy Mayne for their dedicated and tireless work over the past twelve months. As a team the work is made easier. I would also like to thank them for the support that they have given me as a Team Leader over the past year.

I would on behalf of the Southern 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 also 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.

Darren Thurlow

Outreach Team Leader South

In a 'typical' year rural Tasmania faces its share of challenges and dealing with them is what builds resilient individuals and communities. This last 12 months though has thrown drought, fire, dairy industry crisis and floods of amazing proportions at people working and living in our state, really testing their resolve both financially and emotionally.

This situation has kept our Outreach Team both busy and challenged while aiding, supporting and directing people through these times of extra need. Once again the RAW team have done an outstanding job working alongside other service providers and supporting rural industry collaboration and networks.

RAW Outreach Workers are regularly invited to support and speak at rural and community events highlighting the growing awareness of mental health and wellbeing and its connection with suicide prevention. This is a great demonstration of the value that our Outreach Team adds to Tasmanian communities.

During the year we farewelled Trevor Chalk and welcomed Jayne Pyke to work alongside John Clark, Rhonda Gee-Mackrill and myself as the northern team. We also commenced regular service to Flinders Island and have a stronger presence in the Break O'Day region as Jayne is based there.

I would like to thank everyone who contributes to keeping our team on the road and look forward to further supporting rural Tasmanians.

Tony Barker

A/ Outreach Team Leader North

Rural Alive and Well Statistics

	FY 2015	FY 2016
Direct Client Contact – Family	226	246
Direct Client Contact - Individual	2,114	2,779
Scheduled Client Bookings	964	1,605
Unscheduled Bookings	2,092	1,353
Females	285	457
Intersex or indeterminate	0	2
Males	448	654

From the Business Manager

I am pleased to be able to provide an administrative team report for the 2015-2016 period for Rural Alive & Well Inc.

During the course of the year there have been a number of employee changes in the structure of the organisation. We have farewelled Kate Windle from the role of Finance Officer and welcomed Peta-Maree Davidson to the role. Kristy Mayne has moved into the Outreach programme and this has provided RAW with the opportunity to have a full-time Marketing and Event Coordinator. Ella Richmond has filled this role during the year and has been a welcome addition to the team. This has enabled the organisation to further develop its branding and marketing and expand its website and Facebook presence.

Our CEO Danial Rochford left during the year and I wish him well with his new endeavours. I would also like to thank Nick Goddard for his assistance in the role of Acting CEO during the recruitment process to fill the vacancy created by Danial's departure.

A focus of the organisation has been on event management and attendance at events to increase the awareness of the organisation in the community. The success of these events can be attributed to our administrative team with tremendous support from the Outreach team. The Outreach team's assistance and support to ensure a smooth operation within the organisation is greatly appreciated and acknowledged by all the administrative team.

The administrative team have expanded the central database of supporters and contacts for RAW and we have continued to focus during the year on increasing the number of tremendously supportive individuals who champion RAW's cause in the community.

Our strong management team continued to improve the co-ordinated management process for the organisation which has resulted in a very successful year for RAW. A major focus of the team has been policy development and review.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the number of volunteers from the community who assist 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.

Susan Webb

Business Manager

Healthy and Resilient Communities

Tasmania has the second highest rate of suicide in Australia and rural and remote communities are not immune from these statistics of suicide. There are a range of determinants which contribute to suicide in rural communities including the cumulative effect of difficult conditions such as drought, flooding, fire, economic, financial factors, family pressures, domestic violence, a lack of immediate access to key services and often a reluctance to access these.

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.

At RAW we believe that a healthy and thriving community is one in which members enjoy optimal health in an environment that actively promotes, productivity, 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 will actively enable and support 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.

Since the launch of HaRC in February 2016, Wendy French the project's Community Resilience Facilitator has assisted the communities of Bothwell, Geeveston, Georgetown, Huonville and Ross with the implementation of their community projects.

RAW will continue to engage and partner with other agencies working in suicide prevention, community development and service provision, in many more communities. Together we will support and assist in the development and implementation of local suicide prevention and wellbeing plans within communities. It is these outcomes that will see stronger, more resilient rural communities and through this we hope to see rural suicide rates decline.

Rural Alive and Well Inc. would like to acknowledge the successful launch and excellent work that Wendy has done building a solid foundation for the HaRC project.

Event Highlights 2015 - 2016

- Royal Hobart Show Luncheon
- Psychs on Bikes
- Spanner in The Works
- Exeter Community Safety Expo
- Claremont Rotary Golf Day
- Agfest 2016
- Ulverstone Rotary Health and Wellbeing Expo
- 12 Agricultural Shows around the State
- Four RAW CORES training events
- Seven Mental Health First Aid Seminars
- Tasmanian Women in Agriculture Gathering
- Farm Fest



Organisation Chart

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Tony Barker

Rural Outreach Workers

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Rhonda Gee-Mackrill

Elizabeth Bond

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John Clark

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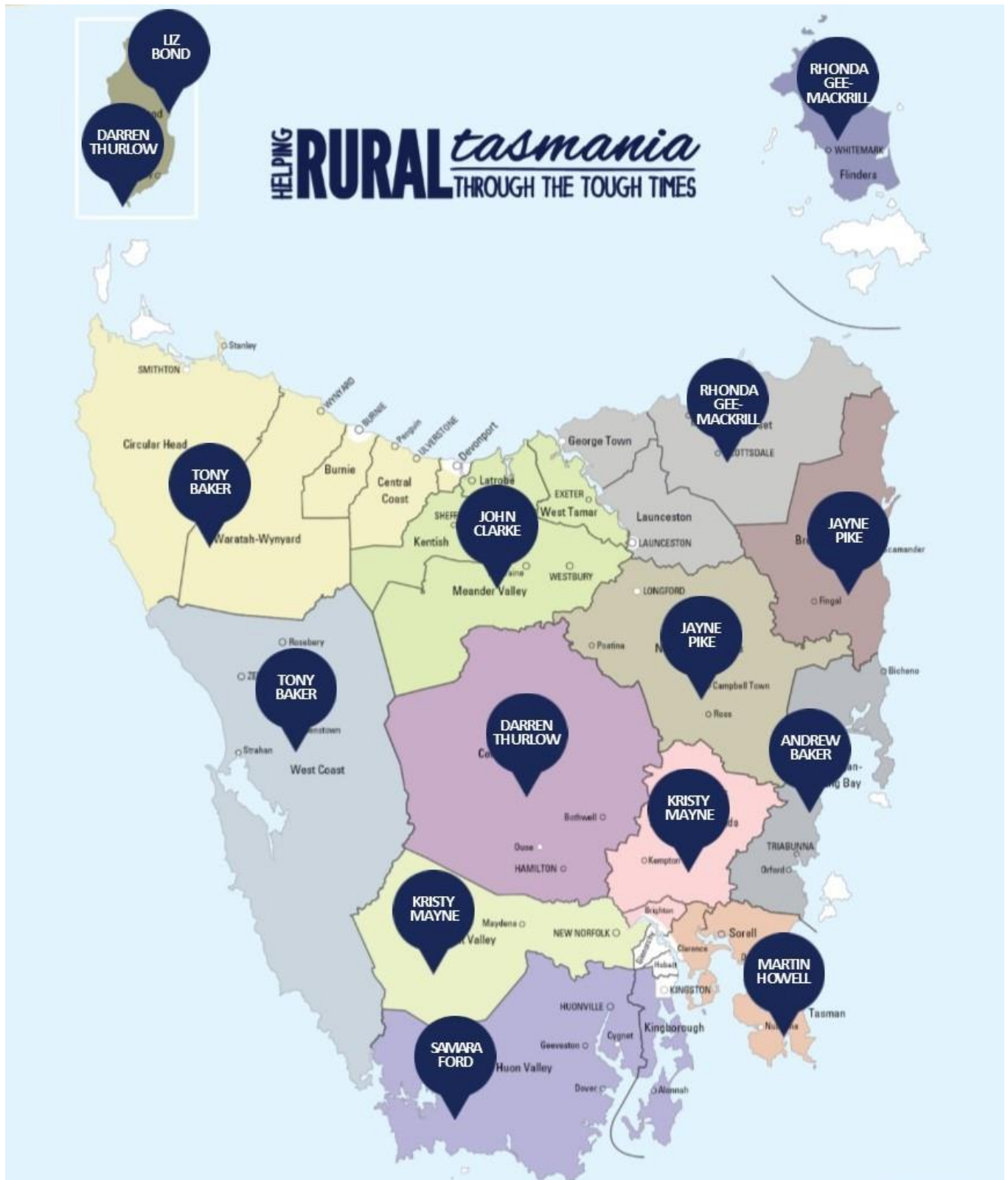
Samara Ford

Jayne Pike

Healthy and Resilient Communities Facilitator

Wendy French

Areas of Service



Partners and Supporters



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RAW 2015 Annual RAST Luncheon

23rd October 2015

Rural Alive & Well Inc. held its annual 2015 Royal Hobart Show Luncheon in partnership with Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania. The key note speaker Matthew Evans, from SBS Gourmet Farmer television series spoke regarding his experience of lifestyle change.

The interstate former chef and well known food critic, turned Tasmanian smallholder engaged with 160 guests with his story of lifestyle change from being a Sydney high flyer to novice farmer, developing his land and skills to becoming a small-scale food producer.

Rural Alive & Well Inc. would like to thank Matthew for sharing his journey and to pass on a grateful acknowledgement of thanks to all of the generous supporters of this event, especially Roberts Ltd. Rural Alive & Well Inc. look forward to hosting another successful luncheon in 2016.



Rural Alive & Well Inc.
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Financial Report
For the Year Ended 30 June 2016

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Rural Alive & Well Inc.

Income Statement For the Year Ended 30 June 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
INCOME			
Activities income		17,084	7,009
General income		113,710	36,525
Donations		59,289	-
Grant funding - DHHS		921,698	389,513
Grant funding - DoHA		467,602	832,499
Support and counselling services			-
Interest received		8,629	12,848
Other Income		51,073	15,090
Total Income		1,639,084	1,293,485
EXPENSES			
Accountancy and audit		8,728	7,471
Advertising		4,326	2,200
Bank charges		910	787
Board catering		453	157
Board expenses		467	343
Client brokerage		6,704	1,889
Cost Recovery		-	35,000
Depreciation		69,978	34,801
Dues and subscriptions		5,091	3,691
Electricity		4,380	2,635
Employee costs	3	1,064,060	824,932
External consultants		7,898	7,988
Insurance		55,579	32,724
Internet		5,034	6,128
IT - maintenance		3,511	6,881
IT - software		1,761	90
IT - website		323	123
Legal expenses		9,212	9,096
Postage and shipping		2,569	943
Printing		32,186	5,477
Rates and charges		993	928
Recruitment		6,633	10,183
Rent and building maintenance		12,660	17,949
Review costs		-	14,250

Rural Alive & Well Inc.

Income Statement For the Year Ended 30 June 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
Staff amenities		1,818	891
Stationery		10,368	9,645
Sundry expense		2,512	183
Telephone		23,109	22,155
Travel and accommodation		53,157	42,481
Vehicles and maintenance		70,751	72,545
Workshop information session		48,224	37,292
Workshop seminars and conferences		13,506	10,377
Workshop client data systems		300	9,435
Wind up costs - estimate	2	-	104,121
Cost of Sales - Freight			-
Total Expenses		1,527,201	1,335,790
NET(DEFICIT) SURPLUS		111,883	(42,305)

Rural Alive & Well Inc.

Balance Sheet As At June 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash	4	428,120	451,802
Trade and other receivables		15,414	15,054
Total Current Assets		443,535	466,856
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	5	203,441	182,111
Total Non Current Assets		203,441	182,111
TOTAL ASSETS		646,975	648,967
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	6	57,010	39,209
Unexpended grant money		71,154	245,019
Total Current Liabilities		128,164	284,228
Non-Current Liabilities			
Employee Provisions	7	81,033	38,843
Entity wind up costs	2	104,121	104,121
Total Non-Current Liabilities		185,153	142,964
TOTAL LIABILITIES		313,317	427,192
NET ASSETS		333,658	221,775
EQUITY			
Accumulated funds	8	333,658	221,775
TOTAL EQUITY		333,658	221,775

Rural Alive & Well Inc.

Notes to the Financial Statements 30 June 2016

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 current liability of \$104,121 has been quantified in the financial statements as at 30 June 2016. 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.

Notes to the Financial Statements 30 June 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
3 Employee costs		
Wages and salaries	878,318	705,765
Superannuation	86,281	71,569
Long service leave provision	(12,218)	10,887
Annual leave provision	32,740	-
Sick leave provision	17,590	-
TOIL time paid	31,297	19,555
Training	4,030	1,987
Staff debriefing	11,159	11,241
Other employee expenses	14,864	3,927
	1,064,060	824,932
4 Cash		
ANZ - operating	63,030	79,734
ANZ - saver account	160,890	264,609
CBA - operating	3,900	-
CBA - Term Deposit	200,000	-
Petty Cash	300	300
Electronic Clearing Account	-	(7,930)
	428,120	336,713
5 Property, Plant and Equipment		
Motor vehicles	356,136	287,227
Accumulated depreciation	(162,725)	(112,195)
Property & Equipment	14,929	8,254
Accumulated depreciation	(4,900)	(1,175)
	203,441	175,032
6 Trade and Other Payables		
Trade creditors	32,741	18,730
GST clearing	6,288	490
PAYG withholding payable	12,361	14,510
Salary Packaging Deduction	5,204	(3,001)
Superannuation payable	417	8,479
	57,010	39,209
7 Employee Provisions		
Provision for long service leave	30,703	38,843
Proviion for annual leave	32,740	-
Provision for sick leave	17,590	-
	81,033	38,843
8 Accumulated Funds		
Accumulated funds b/f	221,775	264,080
Net loss for the period	111,883	(42,305)
Closing balance	333,658	221,775

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 2016 and its performance for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016;
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 22 day of September 2016


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PRESIDENT


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TREASURER

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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 2016, 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 2016 and of its financial performance and its cash flows 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 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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Date: 22/09/16

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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 2016, 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 4th July 2016, 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 sincerely



Name



Title

Date 22 September 2016





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