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Charitable Foundation
of Western Australia Inc.

Year Book 2019 - 2020





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SMCFWA Board



George Rogers
Chairman



Edward Lennie OAM
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Kevin McKay



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Our Mission

"Improve the quality of lives of Western Australians, through the provision of relief and creation of meaningful partnerships that are sustainable and mutually beneficial."

The Foundation aims to achieve this by working with local Scottish Masonic Lodges and charitable/not-for-profit organisations that demonstrate commitment to those in need within our State.

The Foundation also provides broader based community support utilizing the resources and skills of our brethren to facilitate and support initiatives with significant benefit to the WA community.

Our Vision

Improving the quality of life of all Western Australians through a more highly visible community practice of the principles and values of Scottish Freemasonry.

Our Values

Our decisions and actions are guided by our values which are:

Brotherly Love: Every true Freemason will show tolerance and respect for the opinions of others and behave with kindness and understanding to his fellow creatures.

Relief: Freemasons are taught to practice charity and to care, not only for their own, but also for the community as a whole, both by charitable giving, and by voluntary efforts and works as individuals.

Truth: Freemasons strive for truth, requiring high moral standards and aiming to achieve them in their own lives.

Chairman's Report



I am happy once more to be able to report that the Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation of Western Australia, through the hard work of the Board of Directors, continues to be in a relatively strong financial position. Allowing for the COVID-19 pandemic which has affected our income stream and as a Board of Directors we thought it prudent to put on hold this year's Grants until our income returns to a more normal level and then allows us to continue our support of our selected recipients.

With a new larger Board being elected there were some new ideas of funding and everyone has engaged in our way forward and we welcome our new Board Members and look forward to continuing to help our West Australian community where we can. During the past year we have been able to fulfil our commitment to provide support to the following;

\$25,000.00 to the Returned Services League of Western Australia to assist with Homeless Veterans and to make sure everyone had a food hamper at Christmas time.
\$25,000.00 to one of our new recipients, The Lucy Saw Refuge who help provide emergency accommodation and support to women affected by Domestic Violence.
\$25,000.00 to another new recipient, Lung Foundation Australia which, due to travel restrictions, has still to be presented to their representative.

\$20,000.00 to Surf Life Saving WA to support their TOAD and RISE-UP camps and also this year the Youth Awards Ceremony which due to COVID-19 was announced over the internet and I was fortunate to be able to provide some words of encouragement to all involved.

\$5,000.00 to the Perth Metro Pipe Band who provide entertainment at our Annual Gala Dinner and our Charity Golf Day.

We have also introduced a new Grant with each of the Scottish Lodges in that the Foundation will match up to the value of \$1,000.00, of any donation that each Lodge wants to donate to a local recipient and so far we have matched the \$500.00 from Lodge Kilwinning to the Lung Foundation Australia, \$700.00 from Lodge Sir Walter Scott Breadalbane and \$500.00 from Lodge Royal Stuart to the Cancer Council of Western Australia, and also still to be arranged is another \$500.00 from Lodge Royal Stuart to Diabetes WA, \$1000.00 from Lodge Balmoral to the NPC Disease.

All these donations have been matched by the Foundation and I was pleased to be present along with the Lodge Master's to meet each recipient and hear what they would like to do with the Grants. We are pleased that the Lodges have taken the opportunity to become more involved with the Foundation in their local community.

On the 15th January, our Board members Andrew and Bronwyn travelled over to Rottnest Island to address those taking part and to present the cheque at the annual TOAD Camp. This donation brings the total over the past 10 years to \$185,000.00.

One of the ideas to come from our new Board thinking was to change the name of our annual Tartan Ball to encourage more people who may think it was just for Scottish people to attend and the result is it will now be called the "SMCFWA Annual Gala Dinner". We have also changed the venue to the Duxton Hotel in the city and it will still be held on the first Saturday in July. Along came the Virus and due to Government restriction's all plans were thrown out of the window and the event had to be cancelled but after our Vice Chairman had some strong words with the Duxton they agreed that our deposit would be held over for next year's event and that has been locked away for the first Saturday in July 2021

Last October the 10th Annual Scottish Masonic Charity Golf Day went back to our original venue of Wanneroo Golf Club and we had 76 players take part and a fantastic day and evening was had by all. The golf course was presented in fantastic condition and the dinner and service after the golf was first class. The Management of Wanneroo Golf Club are to be congratulated.

My thanks go also to all our valued Sponsors and all the players who took part, which enabled us to raise the fantastic sum of \$5,600.00.

We plan to play again at Wanneroo Golf Club on Friday 6th November, 2020 although it will be more of a social game this year as there will be no Sponsors asked to support the event due to financial hardships suffered by everyone during the Virus.

I would also like to express my thanks to all the Scottish Lodges in this District for their continuing support of the Foundation, I can assure you it is most appreciated and allows us to promote Scottish Freemasonry in a positive manner in our wonderful State of Western Australia.

George J. Rogers



Celebrating 10 Years of the Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation of WA Inc

During 2009 SMCFWA sold the Retirement Village it began in 1969 and became a Charity. The main Vision was to continue to help people in need in the community.

Once the Foundation found its feet as a Charity, more Community groups benefited from the Grants which we have provided.



Below is a list of the Beneficiaries over the past ten years:



W A Deaf Society
Solaris Care Foundation – Red Skyride
Men Shed
Victoria Bush Fire Appeal 2009
Smith Family
Riding for the Disabled (RDA)
Greenwood High School – Chaplain
Toodyay Bushfire Appeal 2010
Movies By Burswood – 2012 Season
Canteen
Autism WA
VisAbility – Guide dogs *2
VisAbility – On 2 employment Program
Surf Life Saving WA – T.O.A.D Camps
Surf Life Saving WA – Various other projects
School of Social Entrepreneurs
The Lucy Saw Refuge
RSLWA
Lung Foundation Australia
Cancer WA
NPC Foundation
Diabetes WA
Motor Neuron Disease
Salvation Army

The value of these Grants is over \$939,000.

These Grants would not have been possible with out the guidance of our very proactive Board and the volunteers who have been volunteering since the beginning.

The Board of the Foundation is now looking at increasing and expanding the scope of the Grants they provide and encouraging all DGLWA Scottish Lodges to participate.



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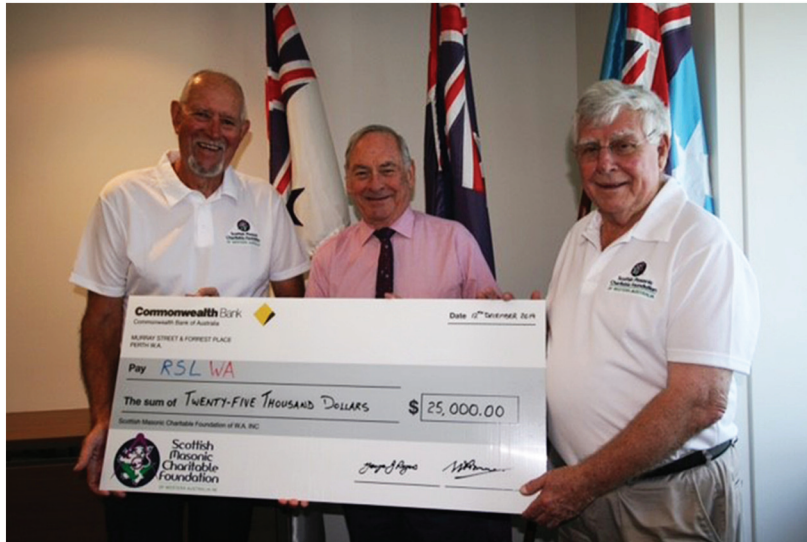
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SMCFWA GRANTS

2019 – 2020



George Rogers, Chairman SMCFWA, RSLWA President Peter Aspinall AM, Andrew Bruce, Board Member SMCFWA

During the past twelve months the Foundation has
Granted money to three new organisations,
The Lucy Saw Refuge, RSLWA and Lung Foundation
Australia. Each organisation was the recipient of a
Grant of \$25,000.

RSLWA were presented with a cheque for their Grant of \$25,000, in December 2019.

The Grant funds were used in the RSLWA Christmas Hampers for Heroes program. This program provided 200 socially isolated or Cash Strapped Veterans with food for Christmas.

The funds also helped Veterans and their families in hardship – emergency relief including food, utility payments and accommodation assistance.

The Grant was able to help 260 Veterans and their family members in time of need.

The funding reached Veterans in the local and metro community as well as the rural community.

Another Grant that was made, was to Lung Foundation Australia. The Grant was also for \$25,000. The monies are being used to fund a research program being conducted at Curtin University into the effects of Vaping/E-Cigarette with emphasis on the chemicals found in the vapour and affect they have on lung health.

Lung Foundation Australia provides support and information to the general public regarding all Lung related illnesses.

The Foundation is based in Sydney and still provides support and research all round Australia.

The presentation of this Grant has taken a substantial amount of time due to the availability of their CEO and the effects of Covid 19 on the community. After many emails, the presentation took place with the Researchers at Curtin University on Tuesday 25th August.

Board members Robert Keenan and Kevin McKay presented the cheque to Paul Pringle, Ben Mullins, Ionut Caraene, Alex Larcombe, Sebastian Allard and volunteer Tamara Linsey.

The Lucy Saw Refuge received a cheque for \$25,000 for a Grant to assist Women and children affected by family and domestic violence.

The presentation took place on a lovely December morning. Board members Kevin McKay and Ron Kirkwood were joined by Pat McKay, Joyce Kirkwood and Maureen Wakenshaw in making the cheque presentation. The ladies attended as they have separately been involved over the years in raising funds and organising essential items for the women and children that the refuge assist.

Anne Moore, Executive officer of the Refuge, was extremely grateful for the Grant and said that it would be put to good use in providing services and support to the women and children who came to them. Anne also gave an insight into the work that they do with these people.

Unfortunately, due to the nature of their work no photos were taken of the presentation.



Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation of WA Inc and WA Scottish Lodge Grants



During the past year, the Board implemented a new Grant Proposal which will see SMCFWA match any Scottish Lodge Grants up to the value of \$1,000. This would enable SMCFWA to increase their Grants to the community by \$10,000.00 per year.

The Foundation was approached by a few Lodges to support this new scheme.

Lodge Kilwinning was at the time organising a donation to the Lung Foundation Australia for \$500, so they approached the Board who approved their request and the donation then became \$1,000.

Lung Foundation Australia hold an afternoon tea in Perth once a year which happened to coincide with this Grant being approved. Robert Keenan, who is a Board Member of SMCFWA and is the RWM of Lodge Kilwinning, attended the afternoon tea and presented the cheque for \$1,000 to Mark Brooke, Chairman of Lung Foundation Australia and Sandy Sampson, Volunteer.



Lodge Sir Walter Scott Breadalbane applied for a Grant of \$700 to be made to Cancer WA in honour of their former Lodge Secretary, Bro Brian Lennox-Watkins. At the same time, Lodge Royal Stuart also applied for a Grant of \$500 to Cancer WA.

The Foundation approved and matched both requests. Bro Lennox-Watkins was the former Chairman and Board Member of the Foundation.

The current chairman of the Foundation, Mr George Rogers, the RWM of Lodge Sir Walter Scott Breadalbane, Bro Gary Pollard and the RWM of Lodge Royal Stuart, Bro John Anderson attended Cancer WA and made the presentation of \$2,400 to Seiko Humble, Community Engagement Coordinator, Cancer WA.



Lodge Balmoral applied to the Foundation for a Grant of \$1,000 to The Australian NPC Disease Foundation Inc. As this Grant was to a not commonly known disease foundation, SMCFWA researched into the disease and found that the money that would be granted would help a young adult travel to Melbourne regularly for treatment of this disease. The Board approved this grant and the presentation was organised with the young lady her in Perth.

Mr George Rogers, Chairman of SMCFWA and Bro Ken Murie, RWM Lodge Balmoral presented the cheque to Jessica Powell and her mother, Trina Powell.



Lodge Royal Stuart applied to SMCFWA for a Grant of \$500 to Diabetes WA. This Grant was approved. Unfortunately, due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, a presentation has not been able to occur.

2020 Surf Life Saving WA NIPPER & YOUTH AWARDS

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The Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation of WA (Inc) continue to play a significant role in the development of young lifesavers within Western Australia through their support of Surf Life Saving WA (SLSWA).

Over the past year, funding provided by the Foundation has assisted SLSWA in three key areas, namely;

1. Continuation and further development of a state wide Youth Program
2. Continuation and further enhancement of the Rise Up and T.O.A.D Camps
3. Introduction of specific Nipper and Youth Awards to widen our recognition and reward program to all levels of membership

SLSWA have designed their very own Youth Program to enhance engagement and participation of Youth Members (13 – 16 years) across the state.

The program provides learning experiences across four main areas namely lifesaving, training, leadership and surf sports. Within the program we have embedded an opt in Youth Leader Program (YLP) where members progress, and their development is monitored by SLSWA staff. Youth members in the YLP gain individual recognition when they complete one of three levels – Bronze, Silver or Gold.

The certificates achieved at each level carry the Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation's logo. For the first time since the program's inception, we had five youth members gain the highest level, Gold, during the past season.

Also embedded in our Youth Program is the Youth Official Program (YOP) which is designed for youth members so they can assist at Little Nipper (6 - 7 years) and/or Nipper (9 – 12 years) carnivals and events. Money provided by the Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation of WA (Inc) went towards the administration costs associated with the running of the program.



Annually SLSWA run two development camps aimed at their youth members. These camps provide opportunities for teamwork and leadership skills to be developed by the youth members attending.

The Rise Up Camp, for Under 17's, commenced on Monday 6 January 2020 and ran for four days. The camp was held in Pemberton at the Camp School. Forty-eight (48) participants from 24 clubs attended the camp forming fantastic friendships with other youth members from all around Western Australia. Activities included mountain biking, canoeing and swimming in the local pool. Thirty-eight (38) participants completed their Advanced Resuscitation Course.

The Teamwork, Opportunity and Development (T.O.A.D) Camp ran from Monday 13 January until Thursday 16 January 2020 at Rottnest Island. On this camp were 71 U14 & U15's from 27 clubs. TOADies got to ride around the island with snorkelling stops along the way. They also participated in beach activities and group challenges. On the final day, with new and refined radio skills learnt on the camp, the Great Rotto Race saw the TOADies working together in their groups to navigate their way around the island.



Whilst on the T.O.A.D Camp we were honoured to receive a visit from Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation of WA Board Members Andrew Bruce and Bronwyn Waugh, accompanied by SLSWA CEO James O'Toole. The visiting party were able to see firsthand the important role our camps play in the development of our youth members.

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In 2020, SLSWA ran the inaugural Surf Life Saving WA Nipper and Youth Awards presented by the Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation of WA.

For many years, there has been a recognition and reward program in place for adult members of our organisation. On review we thought we needed to have a similar program for our Nipper and Youth Members.

In total, 75 nominations were received from our clubs for the four new award categories: Nipper of the Year, Under 15 Lifesaver of the Year, Youth Official of the Year and Youth of the Year.



We received a total of twenty-six (26) nominations for the Nipper of the Year. All nominations were recognised as their club's Nipper Achiever of the Year with the overall winner of the Nipper of the Year being Hamish Bowles from Albany Surf Life Saving Club. Hamish always displayed a positive "can-do" attitude and related well with all members both young and old. Each week Hamish volunteered to prepare equipment for others to use within the Nipper Program. When given the opportunity he represented his club with pride.

In the Under 15 Lifesaver of the Year category, sixteen nominations were received. The winner was Sydnee Gould from the Mandurah Surf Life Saving Club. Sydnee completed over a hundred hours of patrol and water safety service last season. At her young age Sydnee has taken on a club office and approaches everything she does at the club with enthusiasm and a massive smile.



The Youth Official of the Year was awarded to Annika Rasmussen from the Mullaloo Surf Life Saving Club. Annika always willingly and enthusiastically undertook the role she was asked to perform. She related well to all, competitors, spectators and other officials. Annika's maturity and professionalism saw her given tasks that would normally go to someone more senior in age and rank.

Finally, the Youth of the Year category drew a total of twenty-six (26) nominations. Similarly, to the Nipper of the Year, all nominations were recognised as their club's Youth Achiever. Casey Cruttenden from Esperance Goldfields Surf Life Saving Club was named the inaugural Youth of the Year recipient. Casey is an outstanding role model for youth at his club. Given he is still in the age bracket himself Casey is a leader and youth representative. Casey mentors' younger members and has overseen the Youth Leaders Program in the club. Casey has various lifesaving awards and was made a Patrol Captain last season.

While the planned in-person, formal awards ceremony was cancelled due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the awards were instead delivered via an online video presentation on Saturday 9 May 2020. The ceremony was delivered via Facebook, YouTube and the SLSWA website, and received high levels of engagement and viewing. The video production included a message from George Rogers, the current Chair of the SMCFWA.

Post event, the awards garnered significant media coverage with local media profiling winners and award recipients across a range of mediums.

In closing, the financial support provided by the Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation of WA (Inc), which goes towards our youth initiatives outlined in this report, is extremely appreciated by Surf Life Saving WA and its 31 affiliated clubs.

Perth Metro Pipe Band

We wish we could be writing an exciting review of the year, but as with most organisations, best laid plans have been thrown into chaos thanks to COVID19.

The number 1 band was set to travel to Scotland this year to compete in Grade 2 at the World Pipe Band Championships. When gatherings of more than 10 people were banned in WA, playing management reached the conclusion that it was not feasible to continue preparations let alone travel internationally. It was an enormous blow to everyone involved but we look at this disappointment as a minor hiccup especially when we see the other parts of the world suffering much worse than we have in WA.

The band has tentatively aimed for traveling again in 2022, but it remains a fluid situation.

We are also looking at the number 2 band attending the Australian Pipe Band Championships in April next year, but again, this will be monitored closely as at this stage they are scheduled to be held in Victoria.

We re-commenced practices in June and we continue to work hard and strive forward.

We were extremely disappointed at the cancellation of this year's ball as it is a highlight on our calendar.

Enormous thanks to SMCFWA for your continued support, you are the lifeblood of our Perth Metro Pipe Band and we are so looking forward to being part of your plans for 2021.





Scottish Masonic Charity Golf Day Report

The 10th Annual Charity Golf Day took place on Friday 11th October 2019 and saw us return to our original venue at Wanneroo Golf Club. A big vote of thanks goes out to the General Manager, Mr Mick Smith and his staff, who not only made us all feel more than welcome but looked after us very well both on the course and afterwards with an excellent meal served in a very professional manner and much enjoyed by all in attendance.

This year we had an increase in our hole sponsors and our thanks go out to not only our new sponsors but to our loyal band who have been supporting us for years. This year we had a good rise in the number of players and 76 took part.

After the sausage sizzle was enjoyed by all in attendance our Golf Co-Ordinator, George Rogers welcomed everyone and thanked our very generous hole sponsors who were;

Danmar Homes our new Silver Sponsor and Proweld Construction a new hole Sponsor, our returning hole sponsors: EFTECH; The House of Tartan; Masonic Care WA; Ingot Metals; PQR Quality Solutions; InFocus Money Management; SMS Scaffolding Services; Painters United (Jim Anderson & Don Wakenshaw).

The Club Professional then addressed the players on the rules of the day, being an Ambrose Competition and on course etiquette, before leading the teams to their appropriate tees for a shotgun start at 12pm.







After the game, which started in a bit of a smoke haze due to a burn off nearby cleared the weather was perfect, a refreshing shower and a cool drink, (not necessary in that order) were enjoyed before the presentation dinner took place where we were entertained by a piper from the Perth Metro Pipe Band which was received very well.

An excellent 2 course dinner was provided by the Wanneroo Golf Club and once again, the staff have to be congratulated on the manner and quality of the service provided.

The Winner this year was; SMCFWA team of George Rogers, Jamie Johnson, Stuart McHutchison and Craig Wilson with a gross score of 65; nett 55.5

Runners Up; - Wanneroo members team; consisting of Curt Lipscombe, Peter Minty, Joe Curran and Andy Attrill with an excellent gross score of 63; nett 55.875

There were 4 nearest the pin prizes won by Paul Reed 4th; George Rogers 8th; Joe Curran 11th; and Stuart Robinson 15th; a big thank you to Wanneroo Golf Club for providing the magnums of wine to each winner.

The longest drive prize was won by Joe Curran; thanks again to Wanneroo Golf Club for providing the twin pack of wine for the winner.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our valued Sponsors and our unsung volunteers, Pat McKay, Maureen Wakenshaw and Peta McLean, for managing the registration and administration duties; Kevin McKay, Don Wakenshaw Darren Dowley, for driving the drinks cart and keeping us refreshed throughout the day, for all the work they put in and lastly to all who took part and helped make the Event a success raising \$5,600.

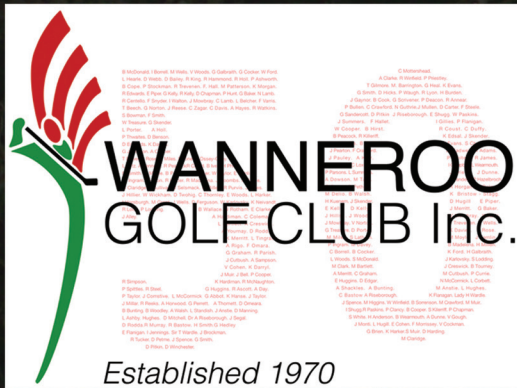
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