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Chairman's Report

I am very happy to be able to report that the Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation of Western Australia Inc. through the hard work of the Board of Directors continues to be in a strong financial position and we are happy to announce that we have paid the last instalment to "VisAbility" in June for a project that was very worthwhile and are continuing our Grant to Surf Life Saving Association.

During the past year we have been able to fulfil our commitment to these two organisations. We have also donated to the Perth Metro Pipe Band and Variety WA Charity Bash.

Along with Brother Don Wakenshaw, we met up with David Somers, SLSWA Public Relations Officer and visited the "Rise Up Camp" on Rottneet in January to present a cheque for \$10,000 as the second installment of our sponsorship program. It was a great day and we were very impressed with the attitude and potential leadership shown by the 74 boys and girls who attended.

During the week commencing 9th April, we had the pleasure of a visit from the DGM and Brethren and their wives from the DGL of Bahamas. During these three days they were shown some of our wonderful tourist sites and attended an excellent 1st Degree hosted by Lodge Menzies Doric.

During May, we had the Inter-Lodge Golf tournament at Hartfield Park Golf Course and I would like to congratulate Lodge Kilwinning on lifting the trophy. It was a great day with many Lodge teams competing. I would like to thank Brother Alan Miller for his hard work in organising the event and as usual a very good day was had by all.

The 8th Annual Tartan Ball was held on Saturday, 7th July 2018 and again was very successful. Although our numbers were down, those who came had a great time and we raised over \$1,100 from the Raffle which was excellent. The next Tartan Ball will be held on Saturday, 6th July, 2019. The Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle again came to the fore with their fantastic venue and outstanding menu, the Heel 'n' Toe Band again entertained us and we had the World Pipe Band Champions, Perth Metro Pipe Band perform for us.

Jim Anderson as usual gave a great rendition of "The Toast to the Haggis" so all-in-all a very successful night.

The 9th Annual Golf Day will be held at the Hartfield Country Club Golf Course on Friday, 12th October and I am sure it will be as much of a success as in the past few years and I would like to thank Brother George Rogers for all his efforts for this event.

In May I took a deputation to the Earl of Dimore Lodge under the banner of the Grand Lodge of Victoria for their installation. This meeting was a Scottish Installation Ceremony for Brother the Right Honourable Malcolm Kenneth Murray, 12th Earl of Dinmore, Viscount of Fincastle, Lord Murray of Blair, Moulin and Tillimet.

It appears that this is the first time in 150 years this ceremony has been performed in Victoria.

It was a big occasion for the District and I would like to thank all those involved, you did the District proud.



I would like to extend my grateful thanks to all the Brethren and Lodges for their continuing support not only to me but the Foundation and it is very much appreciated and allows us to promote Scottish Freemasonry to the wider community in and around Perth and the South West.

SLSWA



Surf Life Saving WA have recently run two development camps aimed at our youth members. The camps provide participants with the opportunity to develop their teamwork and leadership skills.

The first of these camps was the Rise Up Camp. Forty-four participants, aged between 15 - 17 years, from 18 clubs headed to Pemberton on Monday 8th January for the four-day camp. On arrival, the group became familiar with Pemberton as they undertook a "Paparazzi Challenge" through the town within their Rise-Up Teams. That night the participants undertook training for the Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate.

Day two saw the start of group rotation, which involved mountain biking, Pemberton Challenge and regaining, and a visit to Big Brook for canoeing and raft making. On Wednesday, participants completed their group rotations and were assessed for their ART (AID) Certificate. On Thursday, there was a treasure hunt before departing back to Perth.

The second camp is the popular TOAD Camp. TOAD stands for Teamwork, Opportunity and Development. This year we had 73 "Toadies", aged 13 and 14 years, representing 25 of our surf life saving clubs. The TOAD Camp was held on Rottnest Island from Monday 15 through to Thursday 18 January 2018.

Development Camp Report 2018



Our first day on camp was very challenging with a record amount of raining hitting the island. On Tuesday, the weather improved and the group pedalled around Rottneest Island visiting some of the Island's best snorkelling locations.

Teamwork and communication skills came to the fore on Thursday when the "Toadies" competed in the Great Rotto Race. We also had a visit from Lifesaver 68, SLSWA metropolitan rescue helicopter.

Surf Life Saving WA are extremely appreciative of the financial support provided by the Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation of WA (Inc) that goes towards the running costs of these camps.



International Tartan Day Ball

Saturday 7th July 2018



The 8th Annual Tartan Day Ball was held on Saturday 7th July at the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle and was attended by over 90 people.

The evening commenced with the Chairman of the Foundation, Mr Kevin McKay, welcoming everyone to the night. At the conclusion of the speech the dancing began. The music was provided by the Heel 'n' Toe Ceilidh Band. The dance floor was well received by both the experienced and the non experienced dancers. Thank you to the Heel 'n' Toe Ceilidh Band for their continuing support.

The Esplanade Hotel provided us with a wonderful three course meal which catered to all the tastes of over the 90 people who attended.

With this being a truly Scottish occasion, the address to the Haggis by Brother Jim Anderson was passionate and well received. Thanks again to Jim and his helpers.

This year we had the pleasure of having a display by the Perth Metro Pipe Band, who are World Champions. They sent approximately 20 band members. Their performance was awe inspiring and had the audience spell bound. Thank you to the band members for providing such a wonderful performance.





The Raffle this year provided some wonderful prizes including a 32inch TV, Baby Webber, just to name a few. The Raffle was well supported with \$1,150 being raised. Thank you to the Lodges who contributed to the purchase of all the Raffle prizes and congratulations to all the lucky winners.

It was great to see so many of the attendees wearing Kilts. We would like to thank The House of Tartan for their continuing support of this event and for enabling those who wore Kilts to be able to.

The success of this event would not have been possible without the support of our Board and the Charitable Activities Sub Committee members and those who donated prizes for the Raffles, but most of all those who were in attendance.

We would like to thank everyone who attended the night and hope that we see you again on Saturday, 6th July, 2019 at The Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle.





PERTH METRO PIPE BAND

Perth Metro Pipe Band is honoured to have the support of the Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation, and through this support, it enables us to take part in events such as pictured above. *The North Berwick Highland Gathering*.

2018 has been yet again a successful year for our organisation. We continue our competition success as Western Australian G3 State Champions and premier civilian pipe band, we also successfully fielded two competitive pipe bands in Scotland, Grade 3A and Grade 4B.

This was the first international competition for our G4 Band, and for some members, their first trip to Scotland.

The G4B band finished 10th overall out of 18 Bands in their Qualifying Heat, however missed out in progressing to the Final in the afternoon as only the Top Six bands from each heat go through to the Final.

Our G3A Band finished 1st overall out of 12 Bands in their Qualifying Heat, and progressed through to the Final in the Afternoon, where after a long day of unpredictable weather they placed 3rd in the World.

With consistent results and continued improvement our Grade 3 Band was last month promoted to Grade 2 by the Australian Pipe Band Association and the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association.





Pictured above are all members after the Massed Bands at Glasgow Green, this was taken about 8.30pm, after arriving at Glasgow Green at 7.30am. A long day on the field, but well worth it.

Ventures such as this are not possible without the support of our families and friends. We would like to thank them for giving up their time and their family time to allow our members to participate in such a magnificent event. The World Pipe Band Championships is the pinnacle of competitions and we are extremely lucky to be able to be a part of it.

Through the generous support of the Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation and our other fundraising efforts, we managed to fund the 2 week accommodation and coaches for the 55 members in Glasgow this year.

We thank all our sponsors, and are truly humbly grateful on your continued support.

We look forward to performing at the next SMCF events and other Scottish Lodge functions we provide our pipers and drummers to.



Our Grade Four Band after their Qualifying performance



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The On 2 Employment Story

It was 2013 when the partnership between the Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation and VisAbility commenced the On 2 Employment program.

Research undertaken in 2012 by a service provider specialising in blind and vision impaired participants indicated that 58% of respondents were unemployed 'not by their choice'.

People who are blind and vision impaired who are seeking a job were four times more likely to be unemployed compared to the general population. These results are unsatisfactory and we endeavoured to see a change for the better.

Our challenge was to address some of the assumptions and break down some common myths about what people who are blind

and vision impaired can do not only from the Employer but also the individual seeking employment who lack confidence and doubt themselves.

In the initial stages of the program it was a learning process of what works and what doesn't.

The On 2 Employment Program maintained an ethos of continuous improvement, regularly reviewing the processes and activities ensuring that the program remains current and relevant to the goals of the program.

An early interaction with employers had identified the requirement to educate employers on the potential employability of our participants and provide them with the tools to support employment potential in the workplace.

We also encouraged employers to visit our office for tours of our facility that can offer support but also that we employ people who are vision impaired or blind who perform successfully in a busy work environment.



Integral to the success of the program was the establishment of key relationships with employers who can facilitate employment which reflect the skills and experience of our participants.

Developing and sustaining relationships with Disability Providers who can actively support clients with Wage Subsidies is also an important component to the program.

A review of participant employability was essential and strategies were implemented on managing client expectations which is in alignment with their current skill set and capacity.

Over the 5 years we saw positive results in participant's financial and emotional state as they became employed and gained independence to manage their own lives.

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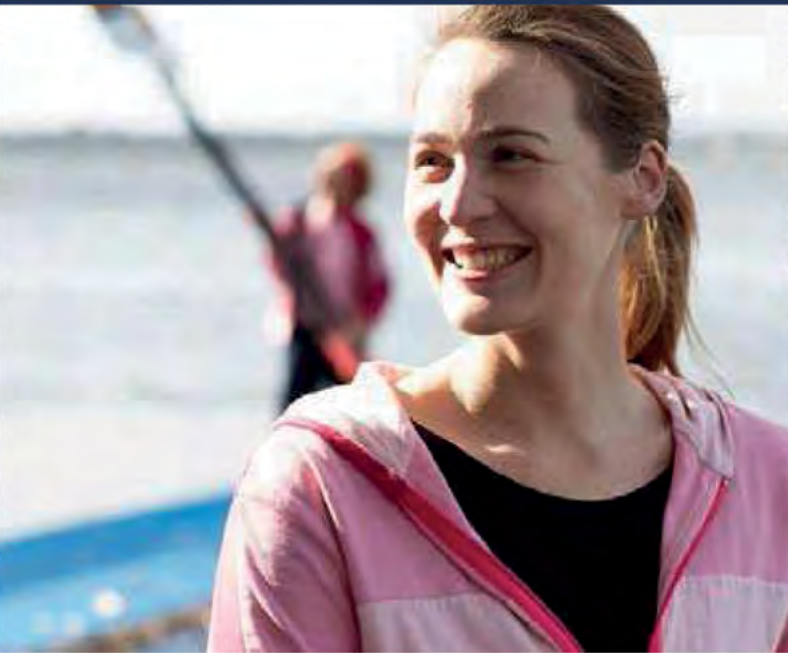
Jobs in Jeopardy

We extended the program to support clients who may be at risk of losing their employment and called this ‘Jobs in Jeopardy’.

Intervention was undertaken to prevent a person being dismissed from their current job simply because their eyesight was failing although they could still perform the job they were hired to do, however in the unfortunate situation when a job could not be saved the participant had the comfort of knowing we were there to support them into a new venture.

Work experience was another area we opened up to participants in assisting them in gaining that all important familiarity with a workplace environment.

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Job Club

Early in the program the Job Club was set up to bring participants together and discuss challenges and how to overcome them plus we provided guest speakers of Centrelink, Employers, DES providers.

It also offered participants the opportunity to meet others in the program and share stories with each other on their journey into employment.



Our vision for independence



Final Results

We are proud to announce the final figures for the program and believe the change for the better we sought after was achieved.

89

Participants gained employment and changed their lives for the better.

11

Jobs in Jeopardy were intervened and supported.

15

Participants placed into work experience with 13 gaining employment.

The On 2 Employment Journey

VisAbility is very proud of its commitment to blind and vision impaired Western Australians who are seeking equal opportunities into employment.

The success of this program has resulted from participants and employers having the courage to work with us in opening job opportunities. This has been achieved by the support and efforts of the Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation.

We are grateful to the Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation for believing in our dream of closing the gap between participant and employer.



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“**Resilience** comes in many shapes and forms, and different levels. A big thing I’ve learned is that it’s not about just an able person helping a person with disability. It’s not that. It works both ways.”

- Employer

“For the younger ones, it has helped them to be independent, to move out of home, to start their own **independent** lives.”

- Program Coordinator



“The biggest difference is that its given me my independence, and my own choices. I have the means to be able to make my own choices. For me, that’s vital.”

- Participant

“Gainful employment to me means a contribution to society, but it means independence as well.”

- Participant

Children's



The Annual combined Scottish Lodge's Children's Christmas party was held at the Sea Scout's Hall on the banks of the Swan River at AP Hinds Reserve in Bayswater.

We were greeted with a fine and pleasant day to spend the morning in the park.

The children all enjoyed being able to climb the climbing wall which was provided by Scouts WA.

A face painter was set up under the trees and was well received with lots of wonderful creations appearing on the children and even adult faces.

Sunday 10th December, 2017 Sea Scouts Hall Bayswater



Everyone enjoyed a Sausage Sizzle and cool drink. Thanks to Jim Anderson and his helpers for making the sausage sizzle available to all.

When it was time for Santa, he arrived on the back of a Ute. The children waited patiently for their name to be called and to receive a present. We would like to thank Santa for coming and his wonderful helpers for helping in handing out the presents and lollies to the children.

A great time was had by all in attendance on the day. Thank you to everyone who attended and also a big thanks to all who helped out with the children, the barbecue, providing the sausages and drinks and a special thanks to Santa for coming to see us.

We hope to see you all at the next Children's Christmas Party in December 2018.





The 8th Annual Charity Golf Day took place on Friday 21st October 2017 again at Hartfield Country Club and a big vote of thanks go 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 68 players making up the 17 teams who took part.

Charity Golf Day

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 the same nine who supported us last year.

The Club Professional then addressed the players on the rules for 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, again played in perfect weather, a refreshing shower and a cool drink, (not necessarily in that order) were enjoyed before the presentation dinner took place.



Again an excellent 2 course dinner was provided by the Hartfield Country Club and once again the staff has to be congratulated on the manner and quality of the service provided.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our valued Sponsors and the volunteers today for all the work they put in and lastly to all who took part and helped make the Event a success raising over \$7,800.

George J. Rogers,
Golf Co-Ordinator



The Winners this year were; - the Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation team consisting of George Rogers, Craig Wilson, Jamie Johnston and Tony Hagan, with a gross score of 65; nett 56.25

Runners Up; - Team Tyrone consisting of Brian McDonald, Jim McDonald, Adam Tong and Mark with a gross score of 67; nett 56.78

There were 4 nearest the pin prizes won by Kevin Peterson 4th; Tony Hagan 6th; Craig Wilson 12th; and John Truschel 15th; a big thank you to Hartfield Country Club for providing the magnums of wine to each winner.

The 2 longest drive prizes on hole 18 were won by Jim McDonald for the under 20 handicaps and by Adam Tong for the over 20 handicaps; thanks again to Hartfield Country Club for providing the twin packs of wine for each winner.

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