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Our Mission

Respond. Rebuild. Reconnect. We seek to give all participants the power of purpose.

About Reclink Australia

Reclink Australia is a charitable organisation whose mission is to provide sport and arts activities to enhance the lives of people experiencing disadvantage.

Targeting some of the community’s most vulnerable and isolated people – those who are experiencing mental illness, disability, homelessness, substance abuse issues, addictions and social and economic hardship – Reclink Australia has facilitated cooperative partnerships with a network of over 580 member agencies committed to encouraging participation in physical and artistic activity in a population group under-represented in mainstream sport and recreational programs.

We believe that sport and the arts is an accepted approach to improving the lives of those experiencing homelessness, drug and alcohol addiction and socio-economic disadvantage.

Individuals tackling social isolation and disadvantage will seek out Reclink Australia knowing that participating in our activities will change their lives for the better.
Why We Exist

We believe that everyone has the right to a positive identity and a social network. This can be achieved through active participation in sport and the arts. It revives, nurtures and sustains an individual and improves their mental and physical health.

Currently, many Australians experiencing disadvantage and social isolation are unable to access or actively participate in sport or arts programs.

For 23 years, Reclink Australia has facilitated a proven, effective and efficient partnership based model that uses sport and the arts to transform the lives of these communities and to individuals experiencing disadvantage and social isolation.

“Reclink has made me a better person as it’s made me think about life, it’s made me care about other people. It’s brought me and a lot of people together as friends”

1988
Peter Cullen uses recreation as street outreach.

1989
Kick-to-kick commences – seven social games of Australian football (AFL).

1990
First Reclink Australia network meeting is held.

1991
Four teams play Australian football (AFL) in an organised competition.

1992
Former Victoria Police Commissioner, Mick Miller, appointed as first Reclink Australia Patron.

1997
Peter Cullen tours Australia presenting the Reclink Australia model. Reclink Australia travels to NSW – football and the Reclink Australia Olympics. Reclink Australia PCYC is established in Hobart. Funding is secured to establish Reclink Australia in South Australia.

1998
Reclink Victoria vs Reclink SA at Punt Road Oval. VicSafe Crime Prevention and Community Safety Award.

2000
Reclink Australia Super 8s played on the MCG.

2003
Reclink Australia partners with the Victorian Government. Reclink Australia employs first staff member. South Yarra FC is the first community football club to accept Reclink Australia participants. Reclink Australia is a finalist for the Premier’s Award for Community Participation.

2004
10 teams compete in the Victorian Reclink Australia Football League.

2005
Peter Cullen appointed as Reclink Australia Development Manager. Reclink Australia ‘All Stars’ game held at the MCG. The first Frank Galbally Cup is played between Melbourne’s barristers and solicitors.
What We Do

Some of our activities include golf, swimming, table tennis, lawn bowls, tenpin bowling, squash, basketball, choir, drama and music and are used to promote and deliver the health, social and economic benefits of activity to an otherwise largely inactive population group.

Our seasonal team sports include our famous grassroots Australian football (AFL) fixture — in which more than 850 people take part from April to August each year. Our other team sports include cricket, soccer, league tag and lawn bowls, and we also facilitate regular skills development courses and Transformational Link programs.

We act as an advocate and conduit between passive populations and facilities and programs where physical activity can be undertaken. Using our experience and networks we negotiate or subsidise access to facilities, manage customised programs and competitions within existing facilities and coordinate transitional programs to enable Reclink Australia participants to move into the mainstream community.

By facilitating relationships in supported environments, Reclink Australia is able to offer programs in places that cater for the safety and wellbeing of participants which are affordable and accessible.

Many programs that are initiated by our member organisations are based on participant choice and interest. All activities are inclusive and are alcohol and drug free.

A foundation principle of shared respect exists that recognises and rewards participation above all else. Skill development and grand final days feature strongly and are used to develop life skills rather than separate winners from losers.

Our ultimate aim is to empower participants to sustain an enhanced level of health, wellbeing and involvement in the community. By assisting with the development of fundamental social skills, participants are able to become active contributors in a variety of community environments such as sporting groups, social settings and work places.

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2006
The Reclink Raiders are the first cricket team to compete in a community cricket league.
Reclink Australia established in Alice Springs.
The Choir of Hard Knocks is formed.

2007
Reclink Australia partners with VicHealth.
Reclink Australia established in Brisbane.
Federal Government announces partnership to launch Reclink Australia nationally.

2008
Appointment of the first CEO, Adrian Panozzo.
IOOF Foundation became a major community partner.
Reclink Australia established in Western Australia.
Staff members appointed in Brisbane and Alice Springs.

2009
Staff members appointed in Hobart and Canberra.

2010
Networks established in Sydney and Logan.
Appointment of new staff members in Adelaide, Brisbane and Fremantle.
Strategic plan for 2010 to 2015 approved by the Board.

2011
Women’s football league commenced in Alice Springs.
Transition to Public Company Limited by Guarantee.
Friends of Alice launched.

2012
The Transformers Choir sings with His Holiness the Dalai Lama.
Australia Day Community Event of the Year.

2013
Record membership (588), networks (22), events (10,856) and participation (111,409).
Reclink Australia wins ACT Health Promotion Award.

“Membership passed 580 agencies for the first time”
A Year of Rebuilding and Records

After confronting serious challenges to revenue streams and our national operations, a focused plan was put in place to navigate the number of funding and program issues that needed to be addressed.

The response included a targeted and strategic approach to revenue and fundraising activities and achieving further efficiency gains in the cost of delivering of our individual programs and activities. At all times it was the intention that the pursuit of these objectives would not impact on the value and diversity of benefits provided to our members organisations and their clients.

By year’s end the product of the efforts of a smaller but refreshed executive team and our state managers resulted in record revenues ($2.3 million), a record number of activities offered (10,856) and an all time high number of participation opportunities (111,409).

The dramatic turnaround in 2013 and the manner in which the organisation has responded to the challenges of the previous 12 months have provided valuable lessons and created a renewed focus on our core mission and objectives.

Evidence that our work in the community is both needed and valued was shown by almost 100 new member agencies that joined our networks and our social housing project received an ACT Health Promotion Award.

Please enjoy this annual report which serves to celebrate the lives and achievements of our amazing participants and to say thank you to our partners, supporters, member agencies, staff and volunteers.

David O’Halloran
Chair

Adrian Panozzo
Chief Executive Officer

Corporate Governance

The Reclink Australia Board is responsible for Reclink Australia’s overall strategic direction, performance and compliance and providing effective governance and leadership.

David O’Halloran
Chair since January 2013.
President from 2007 – November 2011.
Board Member since 2005.
Diploma of Community Services (AOD); Diploma of Management.

Mary Delahunty
Chair from November 2011 – January 2013.
Board Member since July 2010.
Financial Planner; Graduate Diploma Advanced Finance.

Peter Cullen, AM
Founder; President 1992 – 2005;
Member of the Order of Australia 2000;
Centenary Medal 2003.

Adrian Panozzo
Chief Executive Officer since January 2008.
Churchill Fellow; MAICD.

Hayden Legro
Board Member since November 2000 (retired January 2013).
Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Laws; Bachelor of Theology.

Sue Wardle
Board Member since July 2010 (retired November 2012).
Associate Diploma of Business Legal Practice; Master of Business Administration; Graduate Certificate in Business Systems.

Kym McInerney
Board Member since November 2010 (retired November 2012).

Chris Newton
Board Member since June 2012.
Bachelor of Commerce; Graduate Certificate in International Development; Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance; Masters of Business Administration.

Sam Newton
Board Member since 2006.
Licensed Estate Agent.

Rod Butterss
Board Member since November 2010.
Research and Evaluation

Reclink Australia commissioned the Centre for Sport and Social Impact at La Trobe University to research its programs over a four year period between 2009 and 2013. This report examines the impact of Reclink Australia programs throughout Australia with the aim of the project to identify how Reclink Australia programs contribute to the physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing of people experiencing disadvantage.

In order to fulfil the central aim of the research, three methods were employed:

- An online survey of Reclink Australia agencies (64 responses). This enabled the researchers to establish the types of organisations that Reclink Australia engages with, as well as their capacity to engage in and contribute to sport, recreation and arts programs;
- In-depth interviews with workers from agencies that Reclink Australia has partnered with (60 interviews throughout Australia). This enabled the researchers to follow-up in more depth on some of the themes that emerged from the online survey, as well as establish what agency workers perceived were the impacts of Reclink Australia programs on their clients and participants; and
- In-depth interviews with active participants in Reclink Australia funded or supported sport, recreation and arts programs (274 interviews conducted throughout Australia).

The interviews with participants enabled the researchers to collect and analyse data on the perceptions of these individuals about the impact of Reclink Australia funded and supported programs on their lives.

The research revealed that Reclink Australia participants experience significant disadvantage, including social isolation, drug addiction, mental health issues including schizophrenia and depression, a lack of independence, often due to mental issues, which was in some cases drug induced, problems with the law, including incarceration and repeat offending, sexual abuse, homelessness or unsatisfactory living arrangements (which included both the quality of the accommodation as well as the social or familial interactions) and broken relationships.

More importantly the findings revealed that Reclink Australia programs were a catalyst for a better life for many of the participants who took part in the study. One of the greatest benefits from participating in Reclink Australia activities appears to be regular access to a support network and being part of a community of people who have had similar experiences or difficulties. The majority of interviewees reported that their self-esteem and confidence had been boosted by participating in Reclink Australia activities, while it was also clear from the research that participation in Reclink Australia activities was also a catalyst for addressing drug problems.

Transformational Links

The Transformational Links program identifies suitable Reclink Australia participants that may benefit from assistance in the pursuits of a normal life. These can be educational, vocational or coaching, or simply to assist in obtaining some part-time employment.

This year Reclink Australia continued with our Transitional Links program by providing a Certificate IV in AOD (Alcohol and Other Drugs) training course in partnership with the Australian Institute of Flexible Learning, a registered training organisation and part of Upper Murray Community Health Services.

The course is being conducted in Port Melbourne and currently 25 participants will be accredited this year. Reclink Australia is investigating the opportunity to expand these third party training programs and provide other opportunities that will further assist disadvantaged people to obtain essential educational qualifications.

Gavin Crosisca is a successful Transformational Links participant who commenced coaching with the Salvo Hawks football team. Gavin now assists Reclink Australia with a range of sporting programs.
Community Partners

The IOOF Foundation has been a key partner of Reclink Australia since 2008. They have continued to provide financial support to various programs throughout Australia, including:

- Australian football (AFL) in Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania and Northern Territory, which currently consists of 39 teams and 885 participants throughout these states;
- Assisting people experiencing disadvantage as part of our Transformational Links program, which enables people to participate in mainstream sport and arts activities such as sporting clubs as well as educational development opportunities; and
- Providing sport and arts activities for disadvantaged communities in Sydney, Hobart and Western Australia. There are currently over 40 programs coordinated each year in these locations, providing over 3,000 activities and 25,000 participation opportunities in the past 12 months.

Talbot Family Foundation

The Talbot Family Foundation is delighted to be associated with Reclink Australia and in particular the Queensland choir known as The Transformers.

Friends of Alice

The Friends of Alice tour was established as a result of the financial challenge to support Reclink Australia’s work in Alice Springs and the central desert. Over the past two years the support for this region has grown rapidly with numerous individuals offering on-ground volunteer support as part of the tour. $15,000 was raised in the past 12 months with Ken Wilson, Robert Hargraves, Wayne Henwood, Don Hume and Hayden Legro as key supporters.

The Friends of Alice tour also provides support for Reclink Australia’s staff member in Alice Springs. Many of the group’s members have travelled to Central Australia for a second time, bringing with them the experience from the previous year. The cultural awareness and increased knowledge of the challenging social issues in Alice Springs and the 250 Indigenous communities in the surrounding areas continues to be educational experience for the tour members.

The House of Marley

The House of Marley is a brand with a heart and soul and is a legacy of the legendary Bob Marley. Respectful and cause minded, The House of Marley encourages everyone to make a change for good. In August 2011, The House of Marley chose Reclink Australia to be the sole Australian beneficiary of their charitable foundation – 1love. We look forward to an ongoing partnership with the House of Marley and thank them for their donations and support.

Having provided more than 100 staff to assist in a voluntary capacity at various sports and arts activities throughout Victoria in the 2012-13 period, GE is continually seeking opportunities to help improve the lives of people experiencing disadvantage.

Whether attending our football grand final days, playing cricket against welfare agencies or participating in our weekly Tai Chi program, GE staff have gained a valuable insight into our services.

More recently, GE announced that Reclink Australia has been selected as their charity partner for their annual golf fundraising day.

Each year, an Australian football (AFL) grand final is held in Alice Springs with a second grand final match played in Yulara. These matches are set against the magnificent backdrop of Uluru with most of the grand final players originating from the Alice Springs region.

The Friends of Alice tour now supports programs including musical events, wheelchair basketball, vegetable gardens and cultural, health and well-being programs.

More than 10,850 activities were conducted this year across Reclink Australia’s 22 national networks. More than 111,400 participants were involved in those activities.
Overcoming challenges, both structural and environmental, combined with strengthening and creating new relationships with participants and agencies, has been a principle focus for the year.

It’s amazing how the simple idea of creating a safe environment for high density housing residents to do their laundry, especially women and their children, can provide opportunities for engagement in a creative arts program.

Kites become canvasses and these artworks were flown by their creators at the Wind Air Water Festival.

Our men’s workshop provided an opportunity for individuals to give back to the community. The eight seat BBQ/picnic table built and donated to the local primary school was raffled at the annual school fete and the proceeds were allocated to a program for special kids in need. Programs such as these provide opportunities for linking people to support and encouraging innovation and ongoing participation.

The Kanangra Court Garden Project is a prime example of where neighbourhood spirit has flourished and the latest rejuvenation and renovations has created an ongoing source of fresh food and large-scale artwork.

Our outreach programs and events aim to improve personal safety, enhance housing and physical environment, integrate access to services and promote health and wellbeing.

Growth will continue through renewed funding from the ACT Government for our high density housing project and the construction of a new neighbourhood garden in September 2013.

A highlight for the year was recognition of our work over the previous two years through the prestigious ACT Health Directorate – Health Promotion Awards in June 2013. We received awards for ‘Outstanding Achievement to Address Unhealthy Behaviours’ from our Jerilderie Court Neighbourhood Garden Project and ‘Outstanding Contribution by an Individual to Health Promotion Practice’.

We will continue to deliver new and innovative programs to our key target population in the ACT Inner North and the broader community throughout the coming year. A special thank you to our key funding bodies in the ACT to Justice Planning and Programs, Justice and Community Safety Directorate, ACT Government and Health Directorate and ACT Government. Reclink Australia also acknowledges the contributions of our key partners throughout the year including the Australian Red Cross and Cycle Australia.

Rebecca

Rebecca has been homeless from age 14 and has faced a myriad of challenges throughout childhood and her adult life. Rebecca, now 24 is an ACT Inner North resident and engaged with Reclink Australia through one of the neighbourhood garden projects.

Rebecca’s passion and skills for gardening were obvious immediately and with a little support and instruction, she has upgraded the irrigation systems on all the garden beds and has regularly assisted with both planting out and general maintenance.

Flow on effects have included Rebecca becoming employed part time which has included working at Canberra’s premier gardening event “Floriade” and recently enrolling in a certificate course in horticulture at the Canberra Institute of Technology.

Ongoing achievements have included undertaking driving lessons and obtaining her driver’s licence, further strengthening Rebecca’s long term goals regarding permanent employment and perhaps operating her own gardening business in the future.

“Things are really falling into place which makes me stronger and more determined to achieve my goals. A big thank you to Reclink Australia”.

Rebecca

Mark Ransome
The Reclink Australia football grand finals played in Alice Springs, Uluru and the Correctional Centre were the highlight of the year. Four matches were played amongst member agencies and teams including Amoonguna, Centralian Senior Secondary College, Clontarf Academy, Yulara Flies, Mutitjulu Magpies, Cottage All-stars and the Cottage Bulldogs.

The grand finals were supported by the ‘Friends of Alice’ initiative, a group of volunteers from Victoria who donate time and funding each year to Reclink Australia’s work in the Northern Territory.

Whilst the football program was a highlight, there were over 10 different programs successfully coordinated in Alice Springs. The most popular activities included wheelchair basketball, gardening, cricket, boxing, self defense and team building games.

We experienced a significant increase in participation from people with disabilities and were able to facilitate their needs through community support. We also assisted three people obtain their Level 1 accreditation in boxing and a bronze medallion in swimming.

There were some challenges throughout the year, including a shortage of trained and experienced personnel to assist in the delivery of our services and the extreme weather conditions which both had a considerable impact on participation levels.

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of the following volunteers who played a major role in assisting Reclink Australia provide sports and arts activities throughout the year:

- Cathy Farrer – delivers self defense and numerous activities for women;
- Clair Meeney – assists across a variety of our sports programs;
- David Dacey – balloon art and various sports programs;
- Dennis Goodwin – boxing and various sports programs;
- Shaun and Mandy Peerce – Yulara football competition;
- Phil Lovell – cricket; and
- Clontarf Football Academies – assisted in various sports and provided access to a 28 seat bus.

“I go for a jog up that mountain some mornings and I’m really working hard to get to the summit without stopping. I feel good about myself and I wouldn’t be doing that if it wasn’t for the helping hand of Reclink Australia”
Reclink Australia in Queensland is continuing to develop with a growing number of agencies embracing the promotion of health and wellbeing through community connectedness and socially inclusive programs and activities. Across our five network areas, new partnering arrangements and collaborative processes have been established to implement a variety of new programs in response to identified areas of interest from people experiencing a diversity of complex life issues.

During the past year we have solidified our partnership with Queensland Police Citizens Youth Welfare Association with multiple programs established across 19 locations. Relationships with local government have expanded with Brisbane City, Moreton Bay Regional, Logan City and Ipswich City Council supporting and funding programs in their respective regions. This recognition of the Reclink Australia model and provision of active, healthy and accessible programs has allowed for increased attendance, particularly in the new network areas.

A few of the highlights from the past year include:

- The Transformers Choir and Reclaimers Community Street Orchestra performing at the Woodford Folk Festival with 68 participants attending. Both groups have performed regularly throughout the year at high profile events;
- The first Moreton Bay Peninsula Paddle was held in December at Suttons Beach and was supported by Surf Lifesaving Queensland and Moreton Bay Regional Council;
- Volleyball, soccer and league tag carnival days were run in Ipswich, Moreton Bay, Brisbane and Logan during Mental Health Week and National Youth Week; and
- The Spring Hill ‘Shed’ Program hosted regular cricket competitions and now operates three days a week with more than 200 people attending.

A positive reflection on the success of our programs is the number of participants who no longer identify as experiencing ‘disadvantage’, however still want to be involved in Reclink Australia initiatives to give something back to the community. We now have a volunteer base of over 60 people, many of whom have previously participated in Reclink Australia programs. They are now providing training initiatives in sports referee/coaching and Certificate 3 in Disability and Mental Health. It is a privilege to be invited into people’s lives, walking alongside their journey of positive change.

Stuart

“I left Tasmania a few years ago, leaving my employment after burning out. I was a youth shelter support worker for 14 years, involving my clients in community based theatre and musical activities. I arrived in Queensland to try and start ‘a new life’ only to experience a nervous breakdown. I proceeded to exist on the streets, becoming homeless (ironic considering my previous vocation), frequenting shelters and eventually found boarding house accommodation. I started withdrawing from society, becoming more anxious with mental health problems dictating my direction in life. During my time at the boarding house, I was fortunate to be introduced to a community based organisation called Footprints. But I still chose to live in isolation away from society. I indicated an interest in music to Footprints who then referred me to a choir called The Transformers. That was the moment my life changed in the most positive way. I was surrounded by caring, supportive people in a safe environment. I had not been involved in performing for many years, however I now felt the freedom to do so. It has been rewarding in many ways. Through my involvement with the choir I was introduced and became involved with other Reclink Australia programs including the Reclaimers Street Orchestra and The Shed, all of which have contributed greatly to my self-worth, esteem and innate sense of belonging. The contributions that Reclink Australia has made to my life is immeasurable”.

Steve Hutchinson

Queensland
Reclink Australia networks across Adelaide and regional areas of South Australia have a vision for active community based programs with a strong social focus. In an increasingly challenging fiscal environment we have been supported by many community groups and volunteers who share this common vision and have a passion to work with disadvantaged people from a diversity of backgrounds.

Encouraging trends we have experienced this year have been the enthusiasm of clients from mental health and disability services taking on the challenges of football, snorkelling, surfing and par 3 golf. In many cases these programs have been life changing in terms of personal health and fitness, self confidence and reduced social isolation.

Seven participants have qualified as open water scuba divers due to expert training provided by Tony Leggatt, a Reclink Australia community volunteer. Two participants are now snorkel instructors and others have gone on to study at TAFE, coach Reclink Australia football and have gone back into the workforce.

New events include an 8 Ball challenge in Modbury, paddle boarding at Southport, a city based ladies only swim and spa, a come and try model airplane event and skateboarding sessions, tennis, basketball and soccer. Reclink Australia participants also enjoyed visits to AFL and SANFL matches, Mozart concerts, 20/20 cricket matches and The Royal Show.

We acknowledge the continued support of the Adelaide City Council, the Office of Recreation and Sport and local sporting and community groups across the state including the Adelaide FC, Port Power FC, South Australia Cricket Association, South Australia National Football League, Adelaide Symphony Orchestra, The Royal Adelaide Show, Scubacom, Woodville-West Torrens Footy Club, Adelaide Lutheran Footy Club and Inkpot Arts.

Simone

Simone has been involved in various Reclink Australia activities for the past two years. Simone’s initial involvement was with the women’s swim program and since then she has participated in surfing, golf and tenpin bowling activities as well as excursions and camps.

Last summer, Simone started dive training and now is a qualified open water scuba diver.

In May last year, Simone signed on as a Reclink Australia volunteer. She now coordinates the women’s swim program, assists with the dive program and has been a great support to other participants because of her enthusiasm and commitment.

Simone acknowledges that her connection with Reclink Australia has helped to keep her focused and positive. Her involvement with Reclink Australia has enabled her to “stay on the right track”, is providing options for her future and the opportunity to build new friendships and support networks that provide much needed stability.

Added to this, Simone has improved her fitness levels and vision for her future. Shortly, she will commence a beauty therapy course at TAFE and is currently employed in an aged care facility.
Jeanette

Jeanette’s father took her to the Dalmar Children’s Home when she was nine years old. However, her siblings continued to live with him. She has never understood why her father put her in care and not her siblings. It is something that, as an adult, Jeanette is still coming to terms with.

With all the pain, rejection and dislocation, Jeanette wanted something to dull the feelings.

So, she scraped together whatever money she had to buy illicit substances.

Jeanette is now the mother of two children, aged 13 and 9, however, her children are currently living with foster parents. She would dearly love to have them with her in the near future.

Fortunately, Jeanette has had the support of staff at Wesley Mission’s Edward Eagar Lodge. She joined the art classes where she found resolution and her creativity really bloomed.

“I take extra care in my paintings because they are about my family. Painting lets out my emotions a bit but not so everyone else can see – it’s healing for me.”

At a Reclink Australia Kaleidoscope exhibition, one of her paintings sold for $80. “I was blown away to have my paintings up on the wall. I didn’t think any of them would sell.”

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Reclink Australia’s membership and services have increased steadily over the past five years. With the State Manager resigning in July 2012, Reclink Australia decided to coordinate services remotely from Victoria.

With sustainability a major focus for the 2012-13 period we approached Able Australia to assist in the administration of services and are extremely grateful for their assistance.

There are a number of programs that continue to remain popular, including:

• Attending concerts performed by the Tasmania Symphony Orchestra;
• Swimming at the Hobart Aquatic Centre;
• Weekly golf at Rosny Park;
• Attending regular events through the Theatre Royal; and
• Youth football program involving six schools.

This year we introduced new programs including basketball, indoor cricket, sailing and a social football program. We also promoted the services of the National Heart Foundation and the Big Issue to ensure diversity amongst our programs and we continued to work with the Risdon Prison on creating pathways for individuals wishing to access sport opportunities post release.

With the continued support of the Federal Government and our current fundraising activities, Reclink Australia will maintain its existing services in Tasmania and anticipates increased sport and arts activities in the future.

We would like to acknowledge the contribution of our member agencies, volunteers, recreation providers, the IOOF Foundation, Greg Hunt and Dan Keegan, for all their assistance in ensuring sport and arts activities are available in Tasmania.

“I’m just a sports nut… I know Reclink assists my personal growth… it’s been awesome for me”
Our focus over the past 12 months has primarily involved ensuring stability with our programs as well as maintaining investment from both the Victorian Government, corporate organisations and the local community.

Some of our achievements included:

- Extending our 10 year partnership with the Victorian Government by securing additional funding as part of the Access for All Abilities program;
- Identifying corporate partners such as GE who confirmed Reclink Australia as their charity partner for their annual fundraising golf day;
- Introducing new sport and recreation programs at the Fitzroy Victoria Bowls Club, Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre and Burnley Golf Club;
- Establishing relationships with state sporting associations such as Basketball Victoria who coordinated a competition on behalf of our member agencies; and
- Responding to the needs of our member agencies in a more efficient and timely manner.

There are a number of challenges and opportunities in the next 12 months which include:

- Maintaining and increasing our membership levels by ensuring highly valued services in targeted geographic locations;
- Increasing the number of sport and arts participation opportunities for our member agencies;
- Negotiating improved financial outcomes with numerous suppliers to maintain cost efficiencies;
- Introducing programs in new geographic networks in partnership with the Victorian Government; and
- Increasing the profile of Reclink Australia in the health promotion sector.

We would like to acknowledge the contribution of our key stakeholders including our members, State Government, corporate partners, donors and volunteers who have assisted in the delivery of sport and arts activities for Victorians experiencing disadvantage.

Wing

When I started to attend Reclink Australia Tai Chi I was amazed at how our facilitator, Rani, taught the movements step by step which made it a lot easier to learn. The Tai Chi movements were like water flowing in the river and she allowed participants to modify them if they couldn’t perform each movement. When each session finished we would share how we felt and noticed that people felt more relaxed and energised. It’s a warm and friendly welcoming group and I made a few new Tai Chi friends.

In September 2011, I was admitted to hospital due to a medical complication and lost all my strength. So I thought of doing a simple Tai Chi movement with my arms and visualised myself doing the rest of the Tai Chi movements. I was so happy that these simple movements had such a calming effect when I was so anxious. When I was discharged from hospital my husband drove me to our weekly Tai Chi class. Amazingly, this was the only exercise I could do for my recovery.

Tai Chi is such an interesting exercise that you can do anywhere. Often I would practice the forms I learned and when I finally mastered some of them I also started to appreciate its great artistic depth. As I began practicing Tai Chi diligently, I found that my balance improved immensely and I had less back pain. I used to practice Tai Chi at home when I felt anxious, now I just practice it every night and enjoy the calmness.

Tai Chi has not only brought me many physical and mental benefits, but also brought me new opportunities. I recently became a committee member of the Western Region Health Centre’s (WRHC) Community Engagement Advisory Committee (CEAC). This enabled me to participate in a project where I performed as a consumer actor to health care workers and attended a conference. This year, I was employed by the WRHC to help facilitate Tai Chi classes. It is fulfilling to work with such wonderful people.
Improving the quality of our services, cultivating relationships and encouraging members to take ownership of their respective networks have guided our work this year. Due to the support provided by Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) we established new networks and subsequently provided more activities in Western Australia. This year we welcomed Rebecca Lovell as the new Sports Coordinator. Rebecca is responsible for growing and expanding sporting competitions and developing partnerships with sport and recreation clubs. In addition, Rebecca works to identify the needs of Reclink Australia participants and facilitates the relationship and links with community sport and recreation providers, programs and clubs. Another focus of the year was to identify opportunities for participants who were ready to make the transition from Reclink Australia competitions to community sport and recreation programs and clubs.

This year we established relationships with several state sporting associations to ensure we provided high quality programs for our participants. As part of our commitment to increase services to our members, we introduced a range of programs including ultimate frisbee, knitting, papier-mâché and a weekly games day. Our sporting programs continued to expand as new teams joined the Australian Football (AFL), soccer and cricket competitions. The Western Australia Cricket Association was involved in the cricket competition this year and assisted in facilitating a memorable grand final day at the WACA. We look forward to working with the WACA next year to establish an indoor cricket competition.

For the next 12 months, the primary areas of focus will be to:

- Increase sport and recreation opportunities for Reclink Australia members;
- Retain existing members and recruit new member agencies;
- Increase the number of Reclink Australia participants joining local sport and recreation programs and clubs; and
- Increase the capacity of sport and recreation providers to incorporate social inclusive practices.

The Reclink Australia model is embraced by the member agencies in Western Australia. With their valuable feedback and support, Reclink Australia has grown stronger and has been able to support more participants this year.

Fatim arrived in Australia in 2009 from Mali. As a mum of four children in a foreign country Fatim felt lonely, isolated, discouraged and depressed. She decided to join the Zumba classes that Reclink Australia offered. Through Zumba, Fatim has been able to form friendships with other people in similar situations. Fatim even found out that some of the women were on the same boat as her. Fatim has met many other mums who were also isolated, overweight and struggling with young children at home. Not only did Zumba help her lose excess weight, she was finally able to have fun again and experience feelings of joy and freedom. It was heart-warming for her to finally see her children laughing whilst playing with other children.

Fatim thanks Reclink Australia for helping her reduce her social isolation, establish new friendships, lose weight and also helping her to regain her confidence.

Fatim hopes to someday become a Zumba instructor in order to help others experience the joy she has found.
Our National Footprint

Networks
Adelaide City, SA
Adelaide Hills/Murraylands, SA
Alice Springs, NT
Ballarat, VIC
Bendigo, VIC
Brisbane North, QLD
Brisbane South, QLD
Canberra, ACT
Fremantle, WA
Hobart, TAS
Ipswich, QLD
Kwinana, WA
Logan, QLD
Melbourne, VIC
Melbourne – East, VIC
Melbourne – North, VIC
Melbourne – South, VIC
Melbourne – West, VIC
Midland, WA
Moreton Bay, QLD
Perth, WA
Sydney, NSW

AFL Leagues
Adelaide, SA
Alice Springs, NT
Perth/Fremantle, WA
Victoria
Youth Football, TAS
Yulara, NT

Sports Leagues
Cricket
Adelaide, SA; Melbourne, VIC; Perth/Fremantle, WA
League Tag
Brisbane, Ipswich, Moreton Bay QLD
Soccer
Brisbane, Logan, QLD; Adelaide, SA; Perth, WA
Pool
Melbourne, VIC
Basketball
Melbourne, VIC
Lawn Bowls
Clearview, Adelaide, SA
Volleyball
Ipswich, Moreton Bay, QLD

Awards
2012 Spirit of Reclink Australia Awards (Victoria)
Andrew Brady, Westernport Warriors
Tony Eccles, Odyssey Blues

2012 Peter Cullen Medal Winner (Victoria)
Kyle Rowley, Wynbay Power

2012 Peter Cullen Medal Runner Up (Victoria)
Danny Ralph, Middway Cobras

2012 Female Player of the Year (Victoria)
Bree Taylor, Salvo Hawks

Sports Leagues
Adelaide City
Adelaide Hills/Murraylands
Alice Springs
Ballarat
Bendigo
Brisbane North
Brisbane South
Canberra
Fremantle
Hobart
Ipswich
Kwinana
Logan
Melbourne – East
Melbourne – North
Melbourne – South
Melbourne – West
Midland
Moreton Bay
Perth
Sydney
Events and Volunteers

To generate revenue to support the organisation’s sports and arts programs, Reclink Australia delivers a number of community events throughout the year.

Reclink Community Cup – Melbourne

With a record attendance of more than 10,000 individuals, over 215 volunteers assisted to deliver the annual Melbourne event on Sunday 23 June, 2013. Performing at the fifth Reclink Community Cup was Justine Clarke, Super Wild Horses, King Gizzard and the Lizard Wizard and Beasts of Bourbon. When the final siren sounded, the match ended in a draw for a second year in a row with both teams scoring 4.4.28.

Run for Reclink

Our Run for Reclink campaign continues to grow as a national fundraising campaign. Chief Executive Officer, Adrian Panozzo completed the Marathon de Sable 260km run across the Sahara Desert for the second time and in the process raised over $15,000 with the support of fellow desert runners Jason Arnold and Brett Foote. We also launched the inaugural Great Western Ultra Fun Run in March 2013 which raised close to $15,000. The event was held along the Werribee River with 29 runners completing either 10km, 20km or 50km. The event was supported by the Werribee community including the Rotary Club of Wyndham, Western Athletics, Emmanuel College and SEDA College. We would like to thank our major event partner, Eview Real Estate and in particular Lesley Hurley and Brian Hanson for their support. Thank you to Gerry Hart, Alex Jovanovski, Angelisa Watts, Chris O’Malley and the 32 community volunteers for their contribution in ensuring this inaugural event was a success.

Reclink Charity Paddle – National Series

Following on from the success of The Great Peninsula Paddle, founded in 2010 by Reclink Australia supporters Nick and Virginia Cable, the Reclink Charity Paddle – National Series was our inaugural event staged in five locations across Australia. Events were held in Sorrento and Geelong in Victoria, Morton Bay in Queensland, Sydney in New South Wales and Perth, Western Australia. More than 275 individuals participated on various craft including canoes, kayaks, double kayaks, stand up paddle boards and surf skis.
Reclink India Australian Football Competition

Reclink Mumbai is an outpost program initiated in 2011 by expatriate volunteer Lincoln Harris. Inspired by his experience with the Salvo Hawks football team, Lincoln began by holding regular kick-to-kick in Shivaji Park (famous as the home ground of Sachin Tendulkar) and encouraged participation from disparate groups such as residents of Dharavi slum, university students and local workers. The casual kick-to-kick event evolved into clinics and practice matches and the eventual formation of two Mumbai football teams.

On the back of press coverage and social media a dormant Indian-Australian Football Association was rekindled and the first national Indian-Australian football tournament was held in Callicut in November 2012 with more than 75 players from three states competing to be crowned the national champions of India. This inaugural event was sponsored by Reclink Australia with Steve Waugh appointed as our patron and assisted by the Australian Trade Commission.

The event drew local and Australian media coverage.

Frank Galbally Cup

First held in 2005, the Frank Galbally Cup has now raised more than $150,000 for Reclink Australia. On 30 June, Melbourne’s law firms, barristers and solicitors swapped the court room for Victoria Park. The Barristers, coached by Collingwood premiership player, Gavin Crosisca lost by 18 points on the day to the Solicitors who were coached by Jimmy Buckley. We would like to thank the numerous legal firms for providing ongoing support for this event.

Peter Cullen Medal

A culmination of the 2012 football year, the annual Peter Cullen Medal is a celebration of football in Victoria. Held on the 29 August at Etihad Stadium the lunch hosted more than 150 football participants and guests. This event is Reclink Australia’s version of the Brownlow Medal with awards presented including the Peter Cullen Medal winner and runner up, Female Footballer of the Year and Victorian Team of the Year.

Reclink Volunteers

Our volunteer network continues to be integral to the work of the organisation. Volunteers assist around the country in office administration, at community or participant events and programs. Whether an individual’s volunteer experience is a one-off or is over a longer period of time, their contribution makes a significant impact on our work around the country.

The Reclink Community Cup events continue to be the predominant events where volunteers contribute time. For the Melbourne event more than 215 volunteers provided support in the lead up to and on the event day, ensuring the 10,000 patrons had an enjoyable experience. We also rely on the commitment of volunteers to deliver the Frank Galbally Cup, The Reclink Charity Paddle National Series and the National Football Grand Final Series. The support of our volunteers ensures that the participants have a high quality experience.

We would like to acknowledge the ongoing contribution from Rose Cicero. Rose has been providing membership and administration support at the national office for six years and is a highly valued member of the team.

Thank you to all volunteers around the country who have assisted Reclink Australia over the past 12 months.

Rose Cicero,
Membership and Administration (volunteer)
Our Activities

Using its unique community development model, Reclink Australia in partnership with member agencies has offered the following activities to disadvantaged communities throughout Australia. The ‘whole of community’ approach empowers agencies to determine which activities are needed in their community.

Programs

- Stand up paddle boarding (Sporting)
- Indoor soccer (Sporting)
- Finska (Sporting)
- Mindful meditation (Health and Wellbeing)
- Circus performance (Arts)
- Walk and draw (Health and Wellbeing)
- Computer class (Social, cultural and educational)
- Second chance cycles (Social, cultural and educational)

Events

- Reclink Community Cup – Melbourne
- Frank Galbally Cup – Melbourne
- National Reclink Australia Grand Final Football Series
- League Tag Grand Final Gala Day – Brisbane
- Peter Cullen Medal – Melbourne
- Reclink Charity Paddle National Series – Sorrento, Geelong, Sydney, Brisbane and Perth

Activities

- Aerobics
- Archery
- Aqua aerobics
- Aqua program
- Badminton
- Ballroom dancing
- Basketball
- Bike riding
- Blind soccer
- BMX
- Bocce
- Boxing
- Bush walking
- Cardio fitness and weights
- Circuit
- Croquet
- Darts
- Diving
- Fishing
- Futsal
- Go carting
- Golf
- Group fitness
- Gym
- Hip hop dance
- Horse riding
- In Skateboarding
- Indoor beach volleyball
- Indoor cricket
- Kayaking
- Mint golf
- Outdoor adventure
- Rage Cage Soccer
- Resistance training
- Rock climbing
- Roller blading
- Run, Walk, Roll
- Running
- Salsa and Latin dancing
- Sailing
- Scooter competitions
- Scooters
- Scuba diving
- Skating
- Snorkelling
- Soccer
- Squash
- Steady steps classes
- Supa golf
- Surfing
- Swimming
- Table tennis
- Taekwondo
- Tennis
- Tenpin bowling
- Volleyball
- Walking group
- Wheelchair basketball
- Wheelchair dancing
Sports Leagues
8 Ball
Australian football (AFL)
Basketball
Cricket
Lawn bowls
League tag (touch football)
Soccer
Softball
Tenpin bowling
Volleyball

Arts
Airbrush art
Art therapy
Art workshops
Book club
Contemporary dance
Contemporary Visual Art Workshop
Crochet
Down the Avenue Art Exhibition
Drama group
Drumming
Guitar course
Instrument making
Knit and yarn
Knitting
Music group
Photography
Public arts
Samba Drumming Circle
Sewing and craft
Storytelling
Street art
Street orchestra
Urban Encounters (Aboriginal Arts and Music Group)
Writers circle

Social, Cultural and Educational
Aquarium outing
Avenue Community – neighbourhood chats
Ballroom dancing
Christmas in July
Circus Oz
Community BBQ
Community Christmas Party
Community gardening
Craft group – Over 55s
Deadly Outdoor Adventure Group
Easter community BBQ
Environmental park outing
Furniture making
International Rules match
Kids day out
Line dancing
Masters Exhibition – National Gallery Victoria Ainslie
Men's shed program
Movie day
Muldark theatre production
National Gallery Victoria
Picnic in the Park
Observation Deck visit
Wii
Zoo trip

Health and Wellbeing
Acupuncture
Chiropractic
Cooking club
Kanangra Court Gardening Project
Massage
Planting for pizzas
Gigong
Sahaja meditation
Self defence
Stretch and relaxation
Tai Chi
Yoga

Choirs
Central Australian Indigenous Women’s Choir – Alice Springs
Choice Voices – Bendigo
Choir of High Hopes – Hobart
Starlight Hotel Choir – Fremantle
The Big Sing – Melbourne
The Rocky Road Choir – Outer East
The Transformers – Brisbane
Under the Lamp Post – Adelaide

Women’s Activities
Baking
Bead making
Belly dancing
Boot camp
Boxing and self defence
Car Maintenance
Circus workshops
Creative arts
High Tea luncheon
Jewellery making workshops
Make up session
Music therapy
Nutrition
Pamper day
Zumba
Our Members

With over 580 member organisations working in partnership to assist in the delivery of sport and arts activities throughout Australia, there are significant benefits in becoming a member of Reclink Australia. These include:

• Low cost access to sport and arts activities;
• Opportunities to introduce new sport and arts activities for disadvantaged communities where there is an identified need;
• Networking with other organisations targeting people experiencing disadvantage; and
• Assisting disadvantaged communities to integrate into mainstream community based activities through our Transformational Links program.

We would like to acknowledge the contribution of the following organisations:

### Australian Capital Territory

ACT Health – Health Promotion Branch
– Healthy Communities Initiative
Belconnen Community Service
– Open Arts and Leisure Programs
Canberra Mens Centre

### New South Wales

Anglicare – PHaMs
Australian Red Cross – NSW Division – Migration Support Programs (MSP)
CatholicCare – Personal Helpers and Mentors Program
Eddie Dixon Centre
Hopestreet Urban Compassion
– Community Development
Housing New South Wales
– Community Development
Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre
– Bradford Park Carer’s Program
MARS INL/CREATE L.N.S. CREATE – Ryde
Mission Australia – Common Ground
Mission Australia – Sydney Centre
Mission Australia – Womens Services
– A Womans Place and Women in Supported Housing
Neami Ltd. – Bankstown
Neami Ltd. – HASI
Neami Pagewood
New Horizons – Thornleigh Mental Health Respite Program
New Horizons Enterprises Limited
– PHaMs
Richmond PRA – Buckingham House
Rough Edges St. John’s Community Services – Community Development
Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW
– D2DL Canberra
St. Vincent de Paul Society
– Mary MacKillop Outreach
St. Vincent de Paul Society
– Ozanam Learning Centre
– Matthew Talbot Hostel
The Haymarket Centre
The Lorna Hodgkinson Sunshine Home – Community Justice Program, Pro-Social Activities
The Salvation Army – Foster House
The Salvation Army – Samaritan Services
The Wayside Chapel
– Day-To-Day Living
Vincentian House
– Matthew Talbot Homeless Services
Wesley Mission – Edward Eager Lodge

### Queensland

139 Club Inc. – Homeless Day Centre
4 Walls
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service Brisbane Ltd
– Healing Centre
ACCES Services Inc.
Access Arts Inc. (QLD)
Access Community Services
Aftercare – PHaMs
Alara Association
Anam Cara – Centacare
ARAFMI – KUI
Arethusa College Ltd
– Skateboard Factory and Mossford
Artrageous Community Arts Centre
– Skateboard
Australian Red Cross
– Jeay’s Street Community Centre
Australian Red Cross
– Red Cross Employment Services
Bayside Initiatives Group Inc.
– Recovery and Recreation Centre
Bayside PCYC
Beenleigh Special School

Central Australian Aboriginal Congress
– Healthy Lifestyle and Smoking Cessation Program
Central Australian Aboriginal Congress
– IngaKintja
Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Inc. – After Hours Youth Service
Centralian Girls Academy (Tigers)
Centralian Middle School – Learning Hub
Centralian Senior College
Clontarf Foundation – Central Region
DASA – Drug and Alcohol Services Association – Alcohol and Drug Detox and Rehab
Gap Youth Centre
Life Without Barriers
Mental Health Association of Central Australia (MHACA) – Day to Day Living Program
Mission Australia – PHaMs Program
Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjarra
Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women’s Council
– Youth Program
Steps Disability Queensland
– Steps Employment
Team Health – Breakway
The Salvation Army
The Smith Family – Girls at the Centre

**Northern Territory**

Acacia Hill School
Aged and Disability Support Unit
– Aged and Disability Program – Central Australia
– Department of Health
Anglicare
Bushmob Inc.
Casa Central Australia Inc.
Central Australian Aboriginal Alcohol Programs Unit (CAAAPU)
Boystown – Youth Connections
Break Thru People Solutions
– Disability Employment Service
Break Thru People Solutions
– Job Services Australia
Brisbane North Youth Justice Service
Brisbane South Division
– Connecting Communities
– Chain Reaction
Brisbane Youth Service Inc.
Burpengary Baptist Community Church
Canefields Clubhouse
Carers Link
Carindale PCYC
Caxton Legal Centre
– Generalist Social Work
Cays Connect
Centacare – Amelia House Services – Belmont Respite
Centacare Community Support Services
– Resident Support Program
Centacare South West Brisbane – Community Options Project
Centre Education Programme
Cerebral Palsy League – Support in the Community – Metro North
Community QLD
Community Learning Ltd
– Jabiru Community College
Connections Inc. – Activities
Crestmead PCYC
Crossroads (Queensland)
Deception Bay PCYC
Down Syndrome Association of Queensland Inc.
Drug Arm Australasia
FIRST (Foundation for Independence, Recreation and Social Training)
Footprints in Brisbane Inc.
Fortitude Valley PCYC
HAND – Centacare Learning and Leisure
Hands on Art
Headquarter 7th Brigade
– Health and Wellbeing
Hills District PCYC
House With No Steps
– Post School Services and Respite
HYPAR Ptd Ltd
IMPACT Make Your Mark
Inala PCYC
Inner North Brisbane Mental Health Service – Resource Team
Intercept Youth and Family Service
Ipswich City Council
Ipswich PCYC
Jabiru Community Services
Jacaranda Clubhouse
Join Australian Music (JAM)
Karakan
Kingfisher Adult Learning Programs (KALP)
Kingston East Neighbourhood Group Inc. (KENG)
Lands Community Services – Outreach
Logan City Council – Sport and Recreation
Logan East Community Neighbourhood Association Inc.
Logan Women’s Health and Wellbeing Centre – Multiple Programs
Logan-Beaudesert Mental Health Service
Mater Child Youth Mental Health Service
– ADAWS – Adolescent Drug and Alcohol Withdrawal Service
Mental Illness Fellowship of Queensland
– Hub House and other Brisbane Services
Mercy Disability Services
– Community Respite
Mercy Family Services
Metro South Mental Health Services
(Princess Alexandra Hospital)
Micah Projects
– RSP (Resident Support Program)
Micah Projects Inc.
– Forgotten Australian Support Services
Micah Projects Inc.
– The Hive Social Inclusion Team
Micah Projects Inc.
– Forgotten Australian Support Services Mission Australia
– Project Circuit Breaker
Multicultural Development Association
Multilink Community Services Inc.
Murri Watch ATSI Corporation
– Bowman Johnson Hostel
Muscular Dystrophy Queensland
Neami – PHaMS
New Farm Neighbourhood Centre
North East Community Support Group Inc.
Northey Street City Farm Inc.
Northside Mental Health Service
– Queensland Health – Recovery and Rehabilitation Service
Nundah Community Support Group Inc.
Open Minds – Bayside Office
Open Minds – Client Services
Open Minds – PHaMS
Orana Youth Shelter
– Queensland Baptist Care
Ostara
Ozcare
– Mental Health Recovery Program
Ozcare – Mozart
Ozcare Homeless Men’s Hostel
Peninsula Power Football and Sporting Club – Active Inclusion Program
Pine Rivers PCYC
Queensland Alliance for Mental Health Inc.
Queensland Health – Bayside Mental Health: Metro South
Queensland Health
– Transitional Housing Team
Queensland Health
– Young Disabled Program
Queensland Injectors Health Network
Red Cross – Migrant Support Programs
Red Cross Employment Service – DES – Logan
Red Cross Employment Services – Disability Employment Network
Redcliffe PCYC – QPCYWA
Royal Children’s Hospital, Child and Youth Mental Health Service – Nundah Cottages
Sandbag Inc. – Drop In Program
Sandgate PCYC
SeQual Association Inc.
Somerset Villa’s (CCU)
– Extended Treatment and Rehabilitation Unit
South Pacific Youth Justice Inc.
Spiritus Care Services
– Anglican Womens’ Hostel
Stepping Stone Clubhouse
Tenpin Bowling Association of Queensland Inc.
The Chermside and District Senior Citizens Centre Inc. – Burnie Brae Centre
The Community Place
The Lodge Youth Support Service Inc.
The Salvation Army
– Brisbane Street Level Mission
The Salvation Army
– Moonahah Recovery Services
The Salvation Army – Pindari Homeless Persons Service – Resident Recovery Program
The Salvation Army
– Pindari Homeless Women’s Service
The Salvation Army Youth Outreach Service
The Spot Community Services
South Australia
Aboriginal Sobriety Group – L.T.W.
ACH Group – Social Links East
ACH Group, Health and Community Services, Social Links North
Adelaide Hills Community Health Service
Adelaide Hills Vocational College
Aged Homeless Assistance Program – Homelessness Strategy Housing SA
Anglicare – Regency, SRF/Boarding House
Anglicare SA – Site 197
Archway Services
Australian Red Cross – Step Out/Youth and Families Department
Baptist Care – Westcare Karpani Arts Centre
Baptist Care – Refugee Services
Baptist Care
– Westcare Daycentre and Westcare Choir
Beyond Addiction
British Sub Aqua Club (BSAC)
Catherine House Inc. – Sagamartha
Centacare – Murray Bridge
City of Onkaparinga – Care and Share and Happy Wanderers
City of Playford – Northern Sound System – Youth Hub
City of Port Adelaide, Enfield – SRF Project
CLASS – Day Options South Coast
Coastlands Care – Love Adelaide
Common Ground Adelaide
Community Bridging Services – Jobnet Employment Program
Community Lifestyles Inc.
Community Living and Support Services (CLASS) – Southern Metro Day Options
Community Living and Support Services Inc. (CLASS) – Day Services
Disability Services – Central Adelaide
District Council of Mount Barker Drug and Alcohol Services – The Woolshed
Eastern Mental Health Service – Club 68 – Clinical Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program
Global Care (Adelaide Hills) – Health Ministry and Council Home Assist Program
Helping Young People Achieve – Flexible Learning Options (HYPA – FLO)
Hills Community Options Inc. – Disability Support Service
Hutt Street Centre
Hutt Street Centre – Aged City Living Program
Ian George Court
Ink Pot Arts Inc.
Intermediate Care Centre (ICC)
Kura Yerlo Inc.
Life Without Barriers – Country South Services
Life Without Barriers – Homelessness and Disability
Mental Illness Fellowship of SA – Activity Program – Panangga
Mental Illness Fellowship SA Inc.
Mind Australia – Burnside HASP
Mount Barker Baptist Church
Mount Barker Community Centre
Mount Barker Uniting Church – Hungry No More
Murray Mallee GP Network – Murraylands Headspace
Neami Ltd – Health and Fitness
Neami Ltd – IPRSS
Northern Mental Health – The Gully
OARS Community Transitions, Supportive Accommodation Services
OPAL Murray Bridge
Our Wellbeing Place
Remix Youth Adelaide Hills – Baptist Church
Scosa Hackham Hub
Snorkel Safari Adelaide
St. John’s Youth Services – Emergency Services
St. John’s Youth Services – Ladder St. Vincent Street
St. Vincent de Paul Society Inc. – Vincentian Centre
Teen Challenge SA Inc.
The Hall, Mental Health Activity and Resource Centre
The Magdalen Centre
Towards Independence Network of Services
Uniting Care Wesley Adelaide
– Kuitpo Community
Uniting Care Wesley Port Adelaide
– Family and Support Services
Uniting Communities – Byron Place
Unity Housing Company
YMCA Adelaide Hills Recreation Centre
YMCA of SA – Recreation Link-up

Tasmania
Able Australia
Anglicare – Access and Bilton Lodge
Anglicare – Bayview Lodge
Anglicare Tas. Inc. – Children, Families and Community – South
Anglicare Tasmania – Personal Helpers and Mentors Program (PHaMs)
Anglicare Tasmania – Recovery Program
Aspire – A Pathway to Mental Health Inc.
Bethlehem House – Homeless Men’s Assistance Centre Incorporated
Brighton Council – Sport and Recreation
Child Protection Services – South West
– Response, Case Management, Out of Home Care
Choir of High Hopes, Hobart Inc.
Colony 47 – Eureka Clubhouse
Common Ground Tasmania (CGT)
Community Corrections
Cosmos Inc.
Department of Health and Human Services – Pulse Youth Health Centre
Department of Health and Human Services – Alcohol and Drug Service (South)
Department of Justice – Tasmania Prison Service
Edmund Rice Camps Tasmania Inc.
Gavitt House – Community Mental Health
Geeveston Community Centre – Youth Program
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Glamorgan Spring Bay Council
Glenorchy City Council
– Youth Programs
Goodwood Community Centre
Headway Rebuilding Lives
– Community Outreach Service
Hobart City Council – Youth Programs
Housing Tasmania
– Department Health and Human Services
Huon Valley Council – Youth Services
Jordan River Learning Federation – Support, Advice and Mentoring (SAM) Project
Jordan River Services Inc.
– Gagebrook and Bridgewater Community Centres
Kingborough Council
Langford Support Services Inc.
– Youth Centre
Launch Youth Inc.
Lifestyle Solutions
Mental Health Services
Migrant Resource Centre (Southern Tasmania) Inc. – Frail Aged Programs
Migrant Resource Centre (Southern Tasmanian) Inc. – Youth Program
Mission Australia – Gateway Services
Mission Australia
– Parents Staying Connected
Mission Australia – U-Turn
Mission Australia TYSS
Montagu Community Living Inc.
– Find a Friend, Keep a Friend
Montrose Bay High School
– Big Picture, Department of Education
Moonah Arts Centre (Glenorchy City Council)
New Town High School
– Learning Centre
Oak Enterprises (T/A Oak Tasmania)
Pittwater Community Centre
Sorell Council – Youth Services
Southern Midlands Council
Special Olympics Australia
Tascare Society for Children
Tasman District School
Tasmanian Association of Police and Community Youth Clubs Inc.
– Hobart Police and Community Youth Club Inc.
Tasmanian eSchool
Tasmanian Polytechnic
– Connect South Team

Teen Challenge Tasmania Inc.
– Live Free Tassie
The Parkside Foundation
– Community Access
The Parkside Foundation
– School Holiday/Respite Program
The Salvation Army
– Hobart Bridge Program
The Salvation Army
– Hobart Doorways
The Salvation Army
– Supported Housing (SASH)
The Salvation Army Support and Housing – Re-Integration for Ex Offenders (REO)
The Smith Family – Learning for Life
Tolosa St. Respite and Rehab Services
Veranto – Oakdale Lodge
Veranto Lifestyle Assistance
– Transition to Retirement
Warrane Primary – Alternative Education
Whitelion – Mentoring South
Wise Employment

Victoria
ACSO – Australian Community Support Organisation – Specialist Mental Health Services (SS)
Alfred Psychiatry
Amicus Group Inc.
Anchor Inc.
– Community Well Being Program
arbias – Community Programs
ASTERIA Services Inc.
Asylum Seeker Resource Centre
– Social and Rec
Austin Health
– Secure Extended Care Unit
Ballarat and District Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd
– Innovations/No Quick Fix
Ballarat Community Health Centre
– APROTCH
Ballarat Health Services – ABI Service
Ballarat Health Services
– Eastern View Residential Recovery Program
Bayview House – Mental Health Clinic
Bendigo Family and Financial Services Inc.
Berry Street – Open Place
Bethlehem Community
– Bowling At Highpoint Maribyrnong
BGT – Youth Connections
Blind Sports Victoria
Brotherhood of St. Laurence – Coolibah

Castlemaine District Community Health Centre
Centacare Ballarat – MASC
CHSA Sports Central
CREATE Wyndham
Dame Pattie Menzies Centre Inc.
Department of Human Services – Disability Services – Grampians Region
Department of Justice
– Judy Lazarus Transition Centre
Diamond Valley Learning Centre – VCAL
Doutta Galla CHS
– Arion Prevention and Recovery Centre
Doutta Galla Community Health
– Mental Health and Complex Needs
EACH
Eastern Access Community Health
– Halcyon PDRSS
Eastern Access Community Health
– Lifeworks
Eastern Access Community Health
– Rivendell
Eastern Access Community Health
– Supporting Connections
Eastern Health – Canterbury Rd CCU
Eastern Health – Maroondah CCU/ MSTS Rehab Shore Program
Eastern Regions Mental Health Association
Fintry Community Inc.
Golden City Support Services Inc.
– Create/Ability Events Network
Good Shepherd Youth and Family Service – Good Shepherd Community House
Greater Dandenong Community Health – Southern Health – Aged and Community Care Lifestyle and Recreation
Hanover Welfare Services
Heathdale Neighbourhood Association
Homeground Services
– Recreation Program
Hotham City Mission
– Meaningful Engagement Program
Impact Support Services
Inner East Community Health Service – Boroondara Centre
Inner South Community Health Service
Inner West Area Mental Health
– Mobile Support Treatment Team (MSTT)
Inner West Area Mental Health Service – Norfolk Terrace – Community Care Unit
Interchange Loddon-Malley Region Inc.
ISIS Primary Care
Western Australia

55 Central Inc.
Alma Street Centre (ASC) Fremantle
Hospital – Adult Mental Health Service,
Occupational Therapy Program
Anglicare WA – Foyer
Anglicare WA
– Spearwood Youth Accommodation
Anglicare WA
– Step 1 Street-Work Program
Arafmi – Recreation/Youth Services
Association for Services to Torture and
Trauma Survivors (ASeTTS)
Australian Red Cross
– Migration Support
Balga Detached Youth Work Project Inc.
Caversham Training and Education
Centre
Centrecare – Community Detention
Centrecare Inc. – Youth Diversion
Service
City of Cockburn
– Rec Development Office
Clontarf Foundation
– Gilmore College Football Academy
Department of Corrective Services –
Banksia Hill Detention Centre
Department of Corrective Services –
Rangeview Remand Centre
Explore Leisure
Fremantle Multicultural Centre Inc.
Graylands Hospital – North Metro Area
Health Service, Mental Health
Inclusion WA
Interchange – Gosnells
Interchange Inc.
June O’Connor Centre – Activity
Program
June O’Connor Centre Inc. Subiaco
Life Without Barriers
– Disability and Mental Health Respite
Life Without Barriers
– ICLS Community Living Strategy
Life Without Barriers – Migration Services
Life Without Barriers – Ngaiti House
Mental Illness Fellowship of WA Inc.
(MIFWA)
Mental Illness Fellowship of WA Inc.
(MIFWA) – Early Intervention Recovery
Program (EIRP)
Mental Illness Fellowship of WA Inc.
(MIFWA) – Lorikeet Centre Rehabilitation
Program
Mental Illness Fellowship of WA Inc.
(MIFWA) – Parent Peer Support Program
Mental Illness Fellowship of WA Inc.
(MIFWA) – Well Ways and Carer Support
Program
Mercy Care – Community Care
Midland Joblink – Leading The Way
Mission Australia – DAYS – Detox Unit
Mission Australia
– Drug and Alcohol Youth Service –
DAYS
Mission Australia – YASS
Osborne Adult Community Mental
Health Services
Passages
Perth Home Care Services
Port School
Richmond Fellowship – East Fremantle
Richmond Fellowship – Healthy Lifestyle
Richmond Fellowship – Personal Helpers
and Mentors
Rise Community Support Network
– Mental Health Service
Rise Community Support Network
– Open Options
Rocky Bay – Getabout
Rocky Bay Inc. – Life Styles
Romily House
Ruah Community Services
– Early Episode Psychosis
Ruah Community Services
– Independent Supported
Accommodation ISASO
Ruah Community Services
– Inreach North
Ruah Community Services
– Inreach Program
Ruah Community Services – Intensive
Ruah Community Services
– Ruah Inreach – Inner City
Ruah Community Services
– Ruah Inreach, Fremantle
Southern Cross Care
– Community Options
St. Bartholomew’s House
– Aged Care Program
St. Bartholomew’s House
– Appleton Support Services
St. Bartholomew’s House
– CSRU Sunflower Villas
St. Bartholomew’s House, Mental Health
Support Services – Arnott Villas
St. Bartholomew’s House, Mental Health
Support Services – Bentley Villas
St. Bartholomew’s House, Mental Health
Support Services – Swan Villas
St. Patrick’s Community
– Support Centre
Stand By Me Youth Service
Swan Youth Program
The Centre for Cerebral Palsy
– Community Access
The Halo Leadership Development
Agency Inc.
The Salvation Army
– Crossroads West, TSS – Rec Program
The Salvation Army
– Men’s Homelessness Services
Transition and Integration Services
Uniting Care West
– Homeless Accommodation and
Transitional Accommodation
Uniting Care West
– Homeless Accommodation Support
Services – South
Uniting Care West
– Personal Helpers and Mentors
Vincentcare
WA AIDS Council (WAAC)
– Support Services
Womens Health and Family Services
Gratitude

**Life Members**
Allan Jeans (deceased)
Mick Miller

**Individuals**
Adrian Cloonan
Adrian Crawley
Alan Pascoe
Andrew Brackman
Anthony Koutoufides
Barry Oates
Barry Silvester
Bedri Sainovski
Brian Millett
Brian Presnell
Brian Procopis
Bruce Hill
Cam Butler
Crackers Keenan
Craig Lynch
Damien Taylor
Dave Barrett
Dave Hughes
David Edie
David Rhys Jones
Dermott Breereton
Don Hume
Doug Hawkins
Douglas Holmes
Edward Sinn
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Gary Epple
Glen McIver
Glen Omodei
Glenn Simmonds
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Greg Barnes
Greg Hunt
Greg Tickner
Hank Hubers
Helen Cusack
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Jeremy Dickson
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Wayne Henwood
Our 215 Reclink Community Cup Volunteers

**Organisations**
97.7 3SER-FM
ACT Justice and Community Safety Directorate
Able Australia
ACT Health Directorate
Adelaide City Council
Adelaide FC
Adelaide Police
Adelaide Symphony Orchestra
AFL Central Australia
AFL Tasmania
AFL Victoria
Alice Springs Bowls Club
Allens Arthur Robinson
Australian Federal Police
Australian Football League
Australian Government
Australian Institute of Flexible Learning
Australian Performing Rights Association (APRA)
Australian Red Cross
Australian Trade Commission
Basketball Tasmania
Basketball Victoria
Bayside City Council
Beam Global Australia
Bendigo Bank – South Melbourne
BJ Ball Papers
Bowls NSW
Bowls WA
Bridgewater PCYC
Brisbane City Council
Camp Australia
Canoeing WA
Central Australia Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA)
Central Australia Football League
City of Fremantle
City of Maribyrnong
City of Melbourne
City of Yarra
Clarence PCYC
Clontarf AFL Academy
Coastline Church
Cockburn Council
Corporate Traveller
Cycle Australia
Cycle Education ACT
Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure, VIC
Department of Sport and Recreation, WA
East Fremantle Football Club
Etihad Stadium
Eventpower Solutions
Eview Real Estate
Executive Security
Fishing NSW
Football West
Fremantle Football Club
GE
Government of South Australia
Greek Welfare, SA
health.com.au
Health Directorate – ACT Government.
Hobart Aquatic Centre
Hobart City Council
Hobart PCYC
Hydro Tasmania
Injury Prevention and Management Foundation
IOOF Foundation
Ipswich City Council
JPJ Audio
King Performance
Kingsborough Council
Lance Rock Publicity
 Lifeline Community Care, QLD
Lion Nathan
Logan City Council
Lord Taverners
Mac ‘n’ Me Graphics
Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC)
Midway Colour
Miller Foundation
Momentum Builders
Mornington Shire Council
Moreton Bay Regional Council
Motor Accident Insurance Board
Mountain Goat
Ozenham House
Pathwayz – Cerebral Palsy League
PBS 106.7FM
Peninsula Stand Up Paddle School
Port Power FC
Portsea Surf Life Saving Club
Queensland Canoeing
Queensland Government – Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
Queensland Health
Queensland Police Citizens Youth Welfare Association
Redcliffe Surf Life Saving Club
Red Scarf Photography
Rockstar Management
Rosny Golf Club
Rotary Club of Albert Park
Rotary Club of Fremantle
Rotary Club of Melbourne South
Rotary Club of North Balwyn
Rotary Club of Werribee
Rotary Club of Wyndham Rough Edges
Royal Adelaide Show
Rural Press Australia
Ryan Commercial Lawyers
Saltwater Media Solutions
Scubacom
SecondBite
SEN 1116
Shulu Foundation
Snorkel Safari
South Australian Cricket Association (SACA)
South Australian National Football League (SANFL)
South Yarra Football Club
Sport 927
Sport Education Development Australia (SEDA)
Sports Chaplaincy
St John’s Maroubra
St Vincent’s Hospital
Stage Two Lighting
Street Press Australia
Surfing NSW
Surf Lifesaving Queensland
Sweeney Estate Agents
Talbot Family Foundation
Tasman Meats
Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra
Theatre Royal, TAS
The District Council of Mount Barker
The Heart Foundation
The House of Marley
The Marquee People
The Salvation Army Canberra City
The Type Factory
Theatre Royal, TAS
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Triple R FM 102.7
Victoria Police
Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA)
Voyages, NT
Werribee Football Club
Wesley Church Adelaide
Wesley Mission
West Coast Eagles
Western Australia Cricket Association
Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service, ACT
Woodstock Folk Festival

Committees and Advisory Groups
Reclink Community Cup Committee
Frank Galbally Cup Committee
La Trobe University, Centre for Social Impact
The Transformers Choir Organising Team

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Emmanuel College
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Mount Lilydale Mercy College
Pulteney Grammar
The Hutchins School
Wesley College
Xavier College
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Notice of 2013 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for Members of Reclink Australia will be held at the Australian Education Union Building, 120 Clarendon Street, Southbank at 5pm on Wednesday 27 November, 2013.

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 21 November, 2012.
2. To receive the Report and Financial Statements for the year that ended 30 June, 2013.

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Founder Message

In 1989 while doing street outreach work in St Kilda, I spoke to people who indicated that their personal issues made access to sport and arts programs difficult because of personal circumstances, but who would use these activities if they were accessible. This was a challenge for these people who often experienced trauma, boredom, loneliness, anger, depression, feelings of suicide and other personal and sometimes complex issues.

To me it was important to establish an organisation that brought like-minded agencies together as a group, to provide these types of opportunities to their communities and clients and provide valuable advocacy at the same time. Establishing Reclink (as it was known then) provided the vehicle for this vision.

The success and growth of Reclink Australia has been phenomenal and we now have over 580 agencies as members across Australia.

These agencies often provide coordinators for our events, along with peak sporting bodies, community organisations, schools and volunteers, who can facilitate a Reclink Australia event which is then supported and promoted to our members through the national office and by the various state managers.

Participants in Reclink Australia events and programs often feel more comfortable because they are personally invited by an agency they are associated with, and are supported by workers who understand their personal situation. This level of trust is vital to begin to engage those who usually cannot access these types of activities.

Reclink Australia provides the opportunity for disadvantaged people to participate in sport and arts programs and also the possibility of accessing mainstream competition if they wish.

The opportunities we provide are:
- Sporting competitions;
- Social, cultural and arts events;
- Health and wellbeing programs;
- Passive recreation; and
- Transformational Links.

It is vital that we continue to provide these opportunities to engage our community in facilitating well run low cost and high value programs and events well into the future.

I invite you to get involved and support Reclink Australia.

Peter Cullen AM

“The commitment to connection has to be an important part of our work”