More than 9500 activities were conducted this year across Reclink Australia’s 21 networks. More than 95,800 participants were involved in those activities.

Our Mission
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 490 member agencies committed to encouraging participation in physical and artistic activity in a population group very under-represented in mainstream sport and recreational programs and associations.

We believe that sport and the arts will become accepted as a primary approach to improving the lives of those experiencing homelessness, drug and alcohol addiction and socio-economic disadvantage.

Those 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 the past 20 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 Australia has given me back my life and the opportunity to be part of the community again”

1988
Peter Cullen uses recreation as street outreach.

1989
Kick-to-kick commences – seven social games of 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 1000 people take part from April to August each year. Our other team sports include cricket, soccer, league tag and 8 Ball, 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.
Growth and Challenge

The significant and national growth of all key outputs continued throughout the last year; however this was balanced by a substantial shortfall across anticipated sources of revenue.

Growth was evident by a 33% increase in the number of member organisations to 493 and the number of sport and art activities available to those members increased from 5653 to 9539. This growth was realised in spite of reduced funding and is largely due to efficiency gains in the cost of delivering programs.

These gains over the past three years are significant with the average program cost reducing from $102 in 2010 to $54 in 2012. As a result, a record level of participation of almost 100,000 (95,811) was reached with the goal of 120,000 in the next 12 months now a very realistic outcome.

The positive effects of Reclink Australia programs was further validated with the release of several research reports from Latrobe University and the presentation of an Australian Red Cross Humanitarian Award for our programs in the Australian Capital Territory.

The deficit for the year was directly linked to a lack of success in securing grants from trusts and foundations, losses or less than budgeted surpluses from key events and a shortfall in corporate donations. The challenge now facing the organisation in 2013 is to sustain the extent of our national network, should the trend of declining revenues continue beyond the next 12 months.

Counteractive measures have been implemented including a streamlining in administration and a reduction in operational staff. Program cost analysis is ongoing.

A more conservative strategic and financial approach to revenue generating activities will predominate the organisations operations in the short term. At the same time, further efficiency gains in the sourcing and delivering of our sport and art programs will be actively pursued in order to maintain the level and diversity of choice to our member organisations.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to our dedicated government and community partners, our volunteers and friends for their continued support of Reclink Australia. In particular we would like to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of our staff who have continued to deliver and grow Reclink Australia programs during this challenging time.

Mary Delahunty
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 on behalf of its members, participants and supporters.

Mary Delahunty
Chair since November 2011. Board Member since July 2010.
Diploma of Financial Planning; Master of Applied Science (Corporate Advisory).

David O’Halloran
Diploma of Community Services (AOD); Diploma of Management.

Hayden Legro
Board Member since November 2000.
Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Laws; Bachelor of Theology.

Sam Newton
Board Member since 2006 Licensed Estate Agent.

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

Rod Butterss
Board Member since November 2010.

Kym McInerney
Board Member since November 2010.

Chris Newton
Board member since June 2012.
Bachelor of Commerce; Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance; Master of Business Administration.

Theresa Sgambaro
Treasurer since 2005. (Retired November 2011)
Master of Laws (Legal Practice, Skills and Ethics); Bachelor of Business (Accounting); Diploma of Financial Services (Financial Planning).

Penny Showers
Executive Member since 2007. (Retired November 2011)
Certificate in Public Relations; Graduate Certificate in Business. Currently completing a MBA in International and Community Development.

Peter Cullen A.M

Adrian Panozzo
Chief Executive Officer since January 2008.
Master of Sport Business; Churchill Fellow; MAICD.
Research and Evaluation

In 2008, Reclink Australia commissioned La Trobe University to undertake an evaluation of its national programs and operations. The research used semi-structured interviews of agency staff and Reclink Australia participants.

The aim of the project was to identify the ways in which Reclink Australia use sport and arts programs to contribute to the physical, mental and emotional health of people experiencing disadvantage.

The agency workers described Reclink Australia programs as enriching the lives of participants and providing them with opportunities that they would not otherwise have access to, across domains such as social integration benefits, self-esteem benefits, physical/health benefits and access benefits (such as financial accessibility and physical accessibility).

To date, the research has used data from more than 200 Reclink Australia participants and over 50 agency workers. The evaluation team have produced summaries for every participant that has been interviewed. These ‘participant summaries’ attempt to give a sense of the life history of the participants, the challenges they faced prior to joining Reclink Australia, and the impact the organisation has had on their lives.

Many of the Reclink Australia participants experience significant disadvantage including social isolation, drug addiction, mental health issues ranging from schizophrenia to depression, problems with the law, including incarceration and repeat offending, unsatisfactory living arrangements and broken relationships. These significant disadvantages have meant that many Reclink Australia participants have found meaningful social engagement out of their reach. While for some, the benefits from Reclink Australia programs were small, for others, the benefits have been significant and have resulted in positive and substantial changes to their lives.

Conclusions so far are that Reclink Australia programs provide significant benefits to their participants. The findings note six key sub-themes within the broader theme of benefits.

**Reclink Australia programs:**

1. Break down the barriers to isolation;
2. Assist in establishing and maintaining friendships;
3. Alleviate boredom;
4. Provide a sense of community;
5. Development of self-esteem and confidence; and
6. Assist in the acquisition of new life skills.

The La Trobe research concludes that all these benefits acquired through participation in Reclink Australia programs and activities enabled participants to feel more comfortable within the housing complexes that the majority of participants call home. The research has shown that programs are successful in ameliorating problems associated with social disadvantage such as boredom, and provide opportunities to engage in activities that provide a sense of purpose. In many Australian locations, participants are introduced to Reclink Australia by community agencies that are part of the participant’s broader journey of personal growth and transformation. For example whilst in Canberra, the researchers found that the participants became involved in Reclink Australia activities as a result of their living arrangements and proximity to the Reclink Australia location – rather than as part of a larger treatment plan or service.

The research reports that these participants believe that they will not ‘escape’ their public housing environment and consequently view Reclink Australia activities as an essential and important part of their future. These findings truly illustrate the transformative potential that Reclink Australia bring to the increasing pockets of socially disadvantaged Australians.

“This remarkable program called Reclink Australia should be supported by everyone... it makes such a difference in peoples lives”
Transformational Links

Reclink Australia’s Transformational Links program provides support and targeted opportunities to assist individuals and groups move beyond our programs into mainstream community activities such as employment, sporting groups and clubs. Reclink Australia staff work closely with our member agencies to develop individual transformational links opportunities.

This year Reclink Australia launched its first Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Certificate IV training course in partnership with the Australian Institute of Flexible Learning which is a Registered Training Organisation and part of the Upper Murray Community Health Services organisation. The course was conducted in Melbourne and by early 2013 will accredit 12 participants.

We intend to expand third party training programs in the future to provide other opportunities that will assist disadvantaged individuals to obtain educational qualifications.

Reclink Australia also successfully facilitated an AFL (Australian football) Level 2 coaches course with 18 participants obtaining certification. These coaches are linked to various football clubs in the Reclink Australia National Football Leagues and provide quality coaching and mentoring outcomes for our participants.

99 football teams (AFL, Soccer and League Tag) consisting of more than 1850 participants compete in 16 organised leagues across Australia.
Community Partners

IOOF Foundation
Reclink Australia would once again like to thank the IOOF Foundation and acknowledge their generous support. Launched in 2008, the relationship has gone from strength to strength enabling Reclink Australia to have a presence in each state and territory of Australia. The IOOF Foundation’s continued support of Reclink Australia over the past five years has been invaluable and we look forward to working with the Foundation in 2013.

The IOOF Foundation is the sole funder of the Reclink Australia National Football Leagues (AFL). In 2011, this funding enabled in excess of 1000 men and women of all ages and abilities to participate in the leagues across Australia. With a total of 43 teams nationally, more than 200 matches were played across seven leagues in five states and territories throughout Australia.

The IOOF Foundation is also the major supporter of Reclink Australia's Transformational Links initiative. Transformational Links is a program that provides a pathway from Reclink Australia activities back into employment, education or training. In 2012 this funding provided 12 participants from 11 different membership agencies with the opportunity to complete a Certificate IV Alcohol and Drugs course which will be completed in February 2013.

Talbot Family Foundation
The Talbot Family Foundation is delighted to be associated with Reclink Australia and in particular their Queensland Choir The Transformers.

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’s chose Reclink Australia to be the sole Australian beneficiary of their charitable foundation – 1love.

We would like to thank all the Friends of Alice benefactors whose invaluable support has ensured Reclink Australia is able to continue to provide high quality programs that make a significant social impact in the Alice Springs region.

Friends of Alice
It is our intention at Reclink Australia that when we see and identify a community need we respond courageously. Part of that response is to involve the wider community. With this philosophy in mind, the Friends of Alice program was born. Through this program interested people located anywhere in Australia can be part of the solution to disadvantage in Alice Springs.

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Australian Football League
Reclink Australia receives support from the Australian Football League (AFL) through access to ticketing and events which support our fundraising and volunteer recruitment programs. We are grateful for the ongoing support that the AFL provides to Reclink Australia and we look forward to strengthening this relationship in 2013.

Carlton Football Club
Reclink Australia developed a strong partnership with the Carlton Football Club in 2012, which included new initiatives such as our Beat the Blues run/walk recreation program, assisting with football development days and acknowledging our organisation as the official community charity partner in an AFL match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground during the year. The Carlton Football Club has also granted access to the Visy Parks facilities throughout the year for participant activities and fundraising events.
Overcoming challenges, initiating change and consolidating existing activities to meet the desired outcomes of community and our key ACT funding bodies have guided our work this year.

Our focus to improve personal safety and reduce crime, enhance housing and physical environment, integrate access to government and non-government services and promote health and wellbeing drives the design of our activities.

The Jerilderie Court Garden Project is a prime example of where neighbourhood spirit, expertise and skilled labour combined with assistance from government directorates and other support organisations achieved amazing outcomes.

Neighbourhood residents having completed garden construction in November 2011 have produced over 100 kg’s of healthy food, engaged in food education and active recreation providing garden maintenance on a regular basis.

As one resident noted, “Building these raised garden beds is harder than a workout in the gym.”

Existing arts programs once again provided some amazing works for our second annual Down the Avenue creative arts exhibition with sculptures from our Ainslie Community Kids Active Art Program stealing the show.

Other activities which have delivered positive health outcomes include our Civic gym programs and the Ainslie Village workshop with continuing growth in participation rates.

The standout event for the year was our March 2012 Tap into Water Everyday Run, Roll or Walk with Discrimination Commissioner, Dr. Helen Watchers as ambassador supported by our key partners Australian Red Cross, DIRECTIONS ACT and the ACT Health Directorate. Over 130 people attended the event representing over 20 organisations generating new contacts and supporters of Reclink Australia.

Growth will continue through an exciting new active arts based program at the Playing Field studio at the Australian National University beginning July 2012.

Noteworthy, our work in the ACT Inner North was recognised by Australian Red Cross by being awarded a Humanitarian Partner Award at the national awards ceremony and was presented by the Ambassador to Switzerland in Australia.

A special thank you to our key funding bodies in the ACT: Justice Planning and Programs. Justice and Community Safety Directorate | ACT Government and Health Directorate | ACT Government. Reclink Australia also acknowledges the fantastic contributions of our key partners throughout the year including the Australian Red Cross, Cycle Australia and DIRECTIONS ACT.

Mark Ransome
Project Manager

“There were probably two factors that have led to my recovery completely and Reclink Australia would be one of them”
Northern Territory

The highlight for the year was the 2011 grand final played at Traeger Park oval. Six teams participated on the day including four men’s and two women’s teams. The day was supported by a large number of volunteers from the Central Australia Football League, Clontarf AFL Academy and local identities. A special thank you must go to Central Australia Media Association (CAAMA) radio for broadcasting the matches. The Melbourne group Friends of Alice supported the day and had the opportunity to participate in match commentary.

The following day two matches were played as part of the Yulara Football Grand Final. We are grateful for the support of the manager of Voyagers Resort, Shaun Peerce who not only coordinated the day but umpired as well.

Cricket progressed slowly throughout the season due to extreme weather conditions. However, interest in this activity increased after the Imparja Cup, an Aboriginal national cricket competition hosted annually in Alice Springs.

Some of our new activities that have been well supported throughout the year include:

- **Traditional Games** – These games that have their origin throughout Australia in remote Indigenous communities, have been sought by agencies seeking to provide Indigenous knowledge and history for their clients.

- **Low Ropes Course** – This has been extremely beneficial for participants that would otherwise shy away from physical activities and group involvement.

Reclink Australia continues to support Morris Stuart’s and the Community Choir of Central Australia project. The choir performed at the Alice Springs Desert Festival singing a number of well known songs which were sung in the local Aboriginal language. The choir is renowned for its unique blend of harmony.

In the near future we will investigate the opportunity to establish a women’s softball competition between six remote communities. In addition, we will be pursuing a request from the Barkley Shire to implement a Reclink Australia football (AFL) competition within a cluster of smaller communities.

“Reclink Australia helps give me structure and I know my team mates will be there for me if I am hurting”
Queensland

Sustainable growth has been our focus in the past 12 months, with Reclink Australia programs now operating across five established network areas in Queensland. Member agency numbers are consistently increasing as is the diversity of the organisations that are embracing and contributing to the collaborative process that the Reclink Australia model offers. Programs extend across four local government regions in South East Queensland including Brisbane, Logan, Moreton Bay and Ipswich. In 2012 we have successfully established networks in Moreton Bay and Ipswich with steadily increasing attendance at activities.

We have welcomed new staff members to the Reclink Australia team including Courtney Gillott, Community Development Coordinator in Logan and Mike Meade, our new Choir Manager/Arts Coordinator. Their appointments ensures that we are able to continue to support the development and implementation of high quality, meaningful experiences for some of our communities most vulnerable and at risk people.

A key area of growth in relation to program development across our networks, is the number of organisations acknowledging the need for increased activity provision specifically targeting disengaged and marginalised young people. In response to this identified need, Reclink Australia has developed a state wide partnership with Queensland Police Citizens Youth Welfare Association (PCYC) with programs being operated and developed across 20 branches.

Some of the highlights of the past year have included:

- The Transformers choir launching their first single and accompanying film clip at the Queensland State Library during National Disability Awareness Week;
- The Reclaimers Community Orchestra drumming program performing at the Kaleidoscope Festival in Logan;
- Skateboard, BMX and scooter competition and festival day in north Brisbane in collaboration with Brisbane City Council, PCYC and multiple youth support agencies;
- The ongoing development and expansion of the Spring Hill Shed program which now incorporates bicycle building, woodworking, leatherwork, instrument building, multi-sports facilities, guest speakers on health and nutrition and a growing social enterprise;
- Another successful year of supporting the Art From the Margins program as a major component of Brisbane Festival and the Refugee Week art exhibition with Wesley Mission.

During the past year we have continued to hear stories of positive life change for many of the service users participating in Reclink Australia programs. We look forward to continuing to work with our partner agencies, who share a common belief that all people have the inherent right and deserve the opportunity to be involved in life pursuits that contribute to active, healthy and socially included lives. We would also like to acknowledge our funding bodies including the Talbot Family Foundation, Queensland Government – Sport and Recreation Services and the Regional Arts Development Fund.

“Reclink Australia opened my eyes to the disadvantaged”

Steve Hutchinson
State Manager
South Australia

The South Australian vision is to build a ‘sense of community’ around events and activities. This is achieved by bringing people together and creating an atmosphere where the focus is on a positive personal experience for the participant and not the day-to-day problems that they may encounter in their lives.

Examples of this include Peter, a man in his 50’s that has Down syndrome. Peter started participation in our football competition as an isolated and withdrawn individual and now is a valued member of the Archway Lions football team. Peter can now kick, mark and handball and his involvement with the football team has attributed to improving his communication skills with others. Mike, Don and Mark were Reclink Australia participants with challenging life issues. Through involvement in Reclink Australia programs they have built confidence to enable them to manage our golf, snorkelling and tenpin bowling programs.

We appreciate the organisations that support our programs including the Adelaide City Council, Office of Recreation and Sport and the Mount Barker Council. These organisations provide funding to enable our networks to grow in both the city and regional areas. The South Australian National Football League (SANFL) is the core of our football competition and we thank them for their generous support. We would like to acknowledge the following organisations which enable participation in community sports and events including the Adelaide Crows FC, Port Power FC, South Australia Cricket Association, the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra, the Royal Adelaide Show, Wallis Cinemas, Snorkel Safari and Scubacom.

Andy Asser
State Manager

Sydney

The Sydney network has now grown to more than 20 member agencies and provides a wide range of activities for participants located in the inner city area. Some of our most successful activities this year have included swimming lessons and water aerobics where there have been substantial health benefits for participants. Many of these participants are women who are staying in a women’s refuge and have never had the opportunity to learn how to swim. Other activities include our run/walk around Centennial Park, a fishing trip, visits to the Zoo, an 8 Ball competition, tenpin bowling, tennis and a community garden project. Highlights for the year included two very successful art shows held at St Vincent’s Hospital and the Tap Art Gallery.

The building of relationships with New South Wales peak sporting organisations has been one of the milestones this year. Working closely with Bowls NSW, Surfing NSW, Tennis NSW and Fishing NSW has strengthened the quality of the programs offered. These organisations have acknowledged the role of Reclink Australia in making possible a practical way to engage with and genuinely involve disadvantaged people.

We would like to thank Wesley Mission, Rough Edges, Ozenham House, St. Vincent’s Hospital, The Heart Foundation, St John’s Maroubra and Hope Street and their dedicated supporters and volunteers for helping establish the Reclink Australia network in Sydney. Over the next 12 months, Reclink Australia will focus on increasing our membership and program reach beyond the inner city area.

Andy Asser
State Manager

Peter Cullen AM
National Development Manager
Now in its fourth year of operation, the Tasmanian network continues to grow its membership and activity opportunities to support several hundred Tasmanians experiencing disadvantage. Strengthening and building relationships has been a key focus of the work carried out to secure and provide a diverse range of programs and activities that have been requested by the member agencies. By maintaining old favourites and well attended programs whilst introducing new activities such as golf at Rosny, swimming and movies in Glenorchy has meant that Reclink Australia enjoys a reputation for demonstrating The Power of Purpose in Tasmania.

The group of Reclink Australia golfers can be seen each week, swinging their clubs and enjoying the ambiance of the Rosny Golf Course. Swimming at the Hobart Aquatic Centre has been the most popular activity due to the partnership with Hobart City Council. The Movie Club with coffee conversation supports a regular group of participants whilst other popular activities include the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra program of concerts, the Choir of High Hopes, the use of the PCYC gymnasiaums, walking in Glenorchy and sailing on the Derwent River courtesy of volunteer Rotarians.

Reclink Australia is now well established and is appreciated for delivering successful and well attended activities within the Risdon Prison Complex. The inmates participate in team sports on a regular basis including basketball, volleyball, soccer and Australian football (AFL) all of which are possible as a result of the strong partnerships with Basketball Tasmania, Kingborough Council and AFL Tasmania. Once released connections for the inmates are made within Reclink Australia’s community programs where particular emphasis is placed on skill or knowledge development that may lead to a pathway for employment and ongoing support to reintegrate and settle into the community.

The growth, development and sustainability of the Tasmanian network is due to the generosity of many sporting and recreation clubs and organisations who work in collaboration with Reclink Australia; in particular the Police Citizens Youth Club, local government authorities and clubs such as the Rosny Golf Club. We wish to acknowledge and thank all of the supporters of Reclink Australia for their contribution in making a difference to the lives of people experiencing disadvantage in Tasmania.

“We have had a really positive outcome from the women – this is a great win for Reclink Australia.”

Joanne Lorraine
State Manager
Victoria

Over the past 12 months, there has been a major focus of reviewing various aspects of our operations in Victoria. With over 150 member agencies currently accessing our sport and arts programs, it is imperative that we are efficient when allocating resources throughout our services. Some of these key areas included:

- Restructure of our networks by segregating our member agencies in various zones in both metropolitan and regional areas based on their respective local government authorities;
- Assessing our community development department human resource requirements in providing opportunities;
- Exploring opportunities to recruit additional volunteers, particularly students associated with tertiary institutions;
- Obtaining feedback from our member agencies through various meetings throughout the year regarding our services;
- Working closely with other respective State Managers to determine emerging trends, challenges and opportunities throughout Australia;
- Ensuring that we are fully aware of research projects for people experiencing disadvantage.

We continue to provide over 25,000 participant opportunities each year across a range of sport and arts programs, including new initiatives such as our Beat the Blues event in partnership with Carlton Football Club as well as the introduction of a mini golf program in regional Victoria. We were also successful in creating a new and unique initiative by providing participants with the opportunity of completing a Certificate IV qualification as part of our Transformational Links program.

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

- Develop stronger working relationships with our existing member agencies through various communication strategies;
- Increasing membership by further promoting our services to organisations targeting disadvantaged communities;
- Review our model to ensure that it is conducive to the needs of our members and prospective participants;
- Providing an increased diverse range of programs by responding to the needs of people experiencing disadvantage through member surveys and a research evidence based approach;
- Ensure consistency in programs by providing a low cost, high quality experience with the aim of increasing participation levels;
- Attract additional investment from government and the corporate sector to commence new services in regional locations.

We would like to acknowledge the contribution of our members, partners, sponsors and donors who have assisted in the delivery of sport and arts programs for people experiencing disadvantage.

“Many people run for medals and that’s OK…I run to make a difference”
In the past 12 months, Western Australia has experienced growth and expansion which shifted the focus towards developing a solid and sustainable network in the Perth-metro area. With financial support from Department of Sport and Recreation, we were able to increase participation opportunities having doubled the number of program activity sessions and increased the number of activities by 90%. We have also broadened our reach, offering activities in communities throughout the Perth-metro area including Kelmscott, Middle Swan, Midland and Joondalup. The funding has also enabled us to include new programs such as Zumba, laughter yoga, indoor rock climbing and expansion of the Australian football (AFL) league.

The most popular program was indoor soccer in which more than 15 agencies participated. After numerous requests, we delivered our first outdoor soccer tournament, supported by Football West, followed by a grand final day to wrap up the season. Seven teams participated in the competition which is a noteworthy number for our first year.

The Fremantle Dockers continue to be a substantial supporter throughout our AFL season. This year they provided jumpers and boots to players and maintained a crucial role in the planning and running of the grand final day.

We were also fortunate enough to establish a relationship with the West Coast Eagles who provided jumpers for one new team and have expressed interest in continuing their support in the future.

During the next 12 months, the main areas of focus will be:

- Increase the quantity and range of sport and arts services, programs and competitions in new and existing areas;
- Increase the number of participants moving from Reclink Australia programs to community clubs through the Transformational Links program; and
- Development of feeder partnerships with WA sport and recreation clubs and competitions.

Our agency members truly embrace the Reclink Australia model and without their contributions and support, the activities and programs provided simply would not exist. It is when we meet with these agencies that we are reminded of the considerable impact Reclink Australia has on the day-to-day lives of our participants. One participant disclosed to me, “Without the Reclink Australia programs, I wouldn’t have a reason to wake up every day.” In virtue of this affirmation, we look forward to another fruitful year full of life-changing possibilities.
Our Networks

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

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

Sports Leagues
Cricket (Melbourne, VIC, Fremantle, WA, Alice Springs, NT)
League Tag (Brisbane, QLD)
Soccer (Melbourne, VIC, Adelaide, SA, Perth, WA)

Life Members
Allan Jeans (Deceased)
Mick Miller

Awards
2011 Spirit of Reclink Australia Award (Victoria) – Chris Lakey (Bendigo), Elvin Atkin (Westernport Warriors) and Roy Alexander (Western Storm)
10 Year Service Awards to Football (Victoria) – Ian Lewis (Odyssey Blues), Gary Lambert (MIDDWAY Cobras) and Shane Cox (Melbs)
2011 Peter Cullen Medal Winner (Victoria) – Keyran Gibb (Odyssey Blues)
2011 Peter Cullen Medal Runner up (Victoria) – Brendan Hicks (Bendigo Victory)
2011 Female Player of the Year (Victoria) – Tiffany Hicks (Bendigo Victory)
2011 Clarke-Landy Medal (Victoria) – Scott Orchard
Events

Throughout the year, Reclink Australia delivers a number of community and corporate events which generate revenue to support the organisations national sport and arts programs.

Peter Cullen Medal

A culmination of the 2011 football year, the annual Peter Cullen Medal is a celebration of Australian football (AFL) in Victoria. Held at Etihad Stadium the evening hosted more than 180 football participants and Reclink Australia guests. This event is Reclink Australia’s version of the Brownlow Medal with awards presented on the evening including the Peter Cullen Medal winner and runner up, Female Footballer of the Year, Victorian Team of the Year, Spirit of Reclink Award and 10 Years Service Awards.

Reclink Community Cup – Sydney and Melbourne

Based on the success of Melbourne’s iconic event, the inaugural Reclink Community Cup was held in Sydney at Henson Park, Marrickville in March. More than 3000 people attended on the day to watch the Sydney Sailors consisting of local media personalities defeat the Western Walers who were represented by local musicians. The annual Melbourne event was held at Elsternwick on Sunday June 24 with highlights including more than 9000 individuals attending, more than 215 volunteers assisting in the delivery of the event and Drunk Mum’s, Bunny Munroe, Boomgates and Blue Ruin performing. The match ended in a draw with both teams scoring 35 points.

Rock for Reclink – Sydney and Melbourne

Expanding on the success of the 2010 Ruck ‘N’ Roll concert featuring Paul Kelly and Tim Rogers at the Corner Hotel in Melbourne, the Rock for Reclink concerts were held in Sydney and Melbourne. The Sydney concert was held in March 2012 during the Reclink Community Cup week and featured The Cruel Sea, Dan Sultan and The Ronson Hangup. The Melbourne concert was held in June and featured a long list of local talent including The Blackeyed Susans Trio, Dave Larkin Band, Davey Lane, Leena and The Ronson Hangup.

Reclink Footy Lunch

Held at Zinc on Friday June 15, 2012 the annual Reclink Footy Lunch unites Melbourne’s corporate community in support of Reclink Australia’s programs. Key note speakers included Mark Bosnich, former Socceroo champion and goalkeeper with Manchester United, Aston Villa and Chelsea, David Schwarz, Melbourne Football Club player and SEN personality and Rhan Harris, Reclink Australia Ambassador.
Volunteers

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

The Reclink Community Cup continues to be the predominant event where volunteers contribute time to support our work. For the Melbourne event more than 215 volunteers provided support in the lead up to and on event day, ensuring the 9000 patrons had an enjoyable experience. For the Sydney event more than 180 volunteers assisted on the day. The volunteer contribution for the two Reclink Community Cup events is estimated to be more than $65,000. We also rely on the commitment of volunteers to deliver the annual Frank Galbally Cup, The Great Peninsula Paddle and the national football grand final series.

There are a number of individuals around the country who volunteer their time and skills to assist Reclink Australia staff with events and activities for our participants. The support of these individuals ensures that our participants have a high quality experience each time they participate. On behalf of the organisation we would again like to acknowledge the on-going support of Rose Cicero who has been providing membership and administration support at head office for the past five years.

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

The Great Peninsula Paddle

Held on Saturday February 4, 2012, more than 180 people participated in the 3.6km paddle from Sorrento to Portsea piers on all forms of paddle craft including kayaks, canoes, surf skis and stand up paddle boards. The event was run in partnership with the Portsea Surf Life Saving Club and over the past three years has provided Reclink Australia with the opportunity to engage with the Mornington Peninsula community.

Frank Galbally Cup

First held in 2005, the Frank Galbally Cup has now raised more than $130,000 for Reclink Australia. In August 2011, Melbourne’s law firms, barristers and solicitors swapped the court room for Visy Park. The Barristers, coached by David Rhys-Jones were triumphant on the day, defeating Denis Pagan’s Solicitors by one goal with only 45 seconds remaining on the clock. Reclink Australia would like to thank the numerous Melbourne law firms for providing ongoing support for this event.

Run for Reclink

Our Reclink Runners participated in a number of running events around the country in support of Reclink Australia. Peter Cullen, Reclink Australia Founder competed in his first Melbourne Marathon in October 2012 and in the process raised more than $15,000. In November, Scott Orchard commenced an epic journey of 766km running from Canberra via Australia’s highest mountain, Mt Kosciusko arriving in Melbourne 11 days later and raised $13,000. 11 Reclink Runners raised $37,000 this year.

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Tinika Van Dort
Marketing and Events Manager
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.

Events
- Reclink Community Cup – Melbourne and Sydney
- Frank Galbally Cup – Melbourne
- League Tag Grand Final Gala Day – Brisbane
- National Reclink Australia Grand Final Football Series
- Peter Cullen Medal – Melbourne
- Rock for Reclink – Melbourne and Sydney
- The Great Peninsula Paddle – Sorrento
- Corporate Luncheons – Melbourne

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)

Sports Leagues
- 8 Ball
- Australian football (AFL)
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Lawn bowls
- League tag (touch football)
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tenpin bowling
- Volleyball

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
- Dividing
- Fishing
- Futsal
- Go carting
- Golf
- Group fitness
- Gym
- Hip hop dance
- Horse riding
- Indoor beach volleyball
- Indoor cricket
- Kayaking
- Mini golf
- Outdoor adventure
- Resistance training
- Rock climbing
- Roller blading
- Run, Walk, Roll
- Running
- Salsa and Latin dancing
- Sailing
- Scooter competitions
- Scuba diving
- Skating
- Snorkelling
- Soccer
- Squash
- Steady steps classes
- Supa golf
- Surfing
- Swimming
- Table tennis
- Taekwondo
- Tennis
- Tenpin bowling
- Volleyball
- Walking group
- Wheelchair dancing
Women's Activities
Baking
Beading
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

Arts
Ainslie Community
Kids Active Arts Project
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
Sewing and craft
Storytelling
Street art
Street orchestra
Urban Encounters (Aboriginal Arts and Music Group)
Writers circle

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

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

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
Our Members

Reclink Australia’s national membership base is made up of 493 different agencies across the community development sector. Our members help to form the basis of the Reclink Australia model which is to work as part of a cooperative partnership to increase the availability of sport and arts activities to people experiencing disadvantage.

Australian Capital Territory
ACT Health – Health Promotion Branch
– Healthy Communities Initiative
Belconnen Community Service
– Open Arts and Leisure Programs
CAHMA – The Connection Program
Canberra Mens Centre
Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW
– D2DL Canberra

New South Wales
Angelcare – PHaMs
Buckingham House
– Psychiatric Rehabilitation Australia
CatholicCare – Personal Helpers and Mentors Program
Eddie Dixon Centre
Hopestreet Urban Compassion
– Community Development
Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre
– Bradfield Park Carer’s Program
MARS INL/CREATE L.N.S.
CREATE – Ryde
Mission Australia – Sydney Centre
Mission Australia – Womens Services
– A Woman’s Place and Women in Supported Housing
Neami Ltd. – HASI
Neami Ltd. – Bankstown
Neami Ltd. – Pagewood
New Horizons Enterprises Limited – PHaMs
Rough Edges Community Centre
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

Northern Territory
Acacia Hill School
Aged and Disability Support Unit
– Aged and Disability Program
– Central Australia: Department of Health Bushmob Inc.
Casa Central Australia Inc.
Central Australian Aboriginal Alcohol Programs Unit – CAAAPU
Central Australian Aboriginal Congress
– Healthy Lifestyle and Smoking Cessation Program
Central Australian Aboriginal Congress
– Ingkintja
Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Inc.
– After Hours Youth Service
Centralina Girls Academy (Tigers)
Centralian Senior College
Clontarf Foundation – Central Region NT
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 Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women’s Council – Youth Program

Steps Disability QLD – Steps Employment Team Health – Breakway
The Salvation Army

Queensland
139 Club Inc. – Homeless Day Centre
4 Walls
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service Brisbane Ltd.
– Healing Centre
ACCESS Services Inc.
Access Arts Inc. (QLD)
Aftercare – PHaMs
Anam Cara – Centacare
Artrageous Community Arts Centre
– Articipate
Australian Red Cross
– Jeay’s Street Community Centre
Australian Red Cross
– Red Cross Employment Services
Bayside Initiatives Group Inc.
– Recovery and Recreation Centre
Boystown – Youth Connections
Break Thru People Solutions
– Disability Employment Service
Break Thru People Solutions
– Job Services Australia
Brisbane South Division
– Connecting Communities – Chain Reaction
### 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 SA – Refugee Services
- Baptist Care Westcare – Westcare
- Beyond Addiction
- British Sub Aqua Club – BSAC
- Catherine House Inc. – Sagamartha
- Centacare – Murray Bridge
- 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
- District Council of Mount Barker
- Drug and Alcohol Services, SA – The Woolshed
- Eastern Mental Health Service – Club 68 – Clinical Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program
- Global Care (Adelaide Hills) – Health Ministry and Council Home Assist Program
- 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
- Mental Illness Fellowship of SA – Activity Program – Panangga
- Mental Illness Fellowship SA Inc.
- Mind Australia – Burnside HASP
- Mount Barker Baptist Church
- Mount Barker Family House Inc.
- Mount Barker Uniting Church – Hungry No More
- Murray Mallee GP Network – Murrarylands Headspace
- Neami Ltd. – Health and Fitness
- Northern Mental Health – The Gully
- OARS Community Transitions, Supportive Accommodation Services
- Our Wellbeing Place
- Remix Youth Adelaide Hills – Baptist Church
- Snorkel Safari Adelaide
- St. John’s Youth Services – Emergency Services
- St. John’s Youth Services – Ladder St. Vincent Street
- St. Vincent de Paul Society (SA) Inc. – Vincentian Centre
- Teen Challenge SA Inc.
- The Hall, Mental Health Activity and Resource Centre
- The Magdalene Centre
- Towards Independence Network of Services
- Uniting Care Wesley Adelaide – Byron Place Community Centre
- Uniting Care Wesley Adelaide – Kuitpo Community
- Uniting Care Wesley Port Adelaide – Family and Support Services
- Unity Housing Company
- Westcare Karpandi Arts Centre
- YMCA Adelaide Hills Recreation Centre
- YMCA of SA – Recreation Link-up

### Tasmania

- Able Australia
- Anglicare – Access and Bilton 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
- Colony 47 – Men’s Health Program Pilot Project
- Community Corrections
- Department of Health and Human Services – Pulse Youth Health Centre
- Department of Health and Human Services – Alcohol and Drug Service (South)
- Department of Justice – Integrated Offender Management Unit
- Edmund Rice Camps Tasmania Inc.
- Gavitt House – Community Mental Health
- Geeveston Community Centre – Youth Program
- 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 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
– Supported Housing (SASH) and Re-Integration for Ex Offenders (REO)
The Salvation Army – Hobart Doorways
The Smith Family – Learning for Life
Tolosa St. Respite and Rehab Services
Veranto – Oakdale Lodge
Warrane Primary – Alternative Education
Wise Employment

Victoria
ACSO – Australian Community Support Organisation – Specialist Mental Health Services (SS)
Alfred Psychiatry
Amicus Group Inc.
Anchor Inc.
– Community Wellbeing Program
Arbias – Community Programs
ASTERIA Services Inc.
Asylum Seeker Resource Centre
– Social and Rec
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
Eastern Access Community Health
– Halcyon PDRSS
Eastern Access Community Health
– Lifeworks
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.
– CreateAbility Events Network
Good Shepherd Youth and Family Service
– Good Shepherd Community House
Hanover Welfare Services
Heathdale Neighbourhood Association
Homeground Services – Recreation Program
Impact Support Services
Inner East Community Health Service
– Boroondara Centre
Western Australia

55 Central Inc.
Alma Street Centre (ASC) Fremantle Hospital – Adult Mental Health Service, Occupational Therapy Program
Anglicare WA – Foyle
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 (WA) – Migration Support
Balga Detached Youth Work Project Inc.
Caversham Training and Education Centre
Centrecare Inc. – Youth Diversion Service
City of Cockburn – Recreation Development Office
Clontarf Foundation – Gilmore College Football Academy
Department of Corrective Services – Banksia Hill Detention Centre
Department of Corrective Services – Rangeview Remand Centre
Fremantle Multicultural Centre Inc.
Inclusion WA
Interchange Inc.
Life Without Barriers – Disability and Mental Health Respite
Life Without Barriers – Ngaiti House
Mental Illness Fellowship of WA Inc. – Early Intervention Recovery Program (EIRP)
Mental Illness Fellowship of WA Inc. – MIFWA
Mental Illness Fellowship WA – Parent Peer 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 WA – Healthy Lifestyle
Rocky Bay – Getabout
Rocky Bay Inc. – Life Styles
Romily House
Ruah Community Services – Inreach North
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 – 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 – Recreation Program
The Salvation Army – Men’s Homelessness Services
Uniting Care West – Homeless Accommodation and Transitional Accommodation
Uniting Care West – Homeless Accommodation Support Services – South
Uniting Care West – Personal Helpers and Mentors
WA AIDS Council (WAAC) – Support Services
Womens Health Services – Community Development
Gratitude

Individuals
Adrian Anderson
Adrian Basso
Adrian Cloonan
Adrian Crawley
Alan Pascoe
Andrew Brackman
Andrew Catterall
Andrew Gaze
Anthony Hudson
Anthony Koutifidis
Barry Kidd
Barry Oates
Barry Silvester
Bedri Sainovski
Brendan Gale
Brian Cook
Brian Millett
Brian Nankervis
Brian Presnell
Brian Procopis
Bruce Hill
Cam Butler
Chris Smith
Crackers Keenan
Craig Lynch
Craig Willis
Damien Harriss
Damien Taylor
Daniel Macpherson
Darren Crocker
Dave Barrett
Dave Houchin
Dave Hughes
David Eadie
David Rhys Jones
Denis Pagan
Dermott Breereton
Des Tuddenham
Don Hume
Doug Hawkins
Douglas Holmes
Edward Sinn
Father Bob Maguire
Frank Costa OAM
Gabrielle Kopke
Gary Epple
Geoff Ryan
Georgia Webster
Glen McIver
Glen Omodei
Glenn Simmonds
Glenn Watts
Graham ‘Smokey’ Dawson
Greg Barnes
Hank Hubers
Helen Cusack
Jacko
Jade Tziavaras
James Tunstall
Jason Evans
Jeff Ryan
Jeremy Dickson
Jo Cusack
Joel Bowden
Joffa Corfe
John Dever
John Nichol
John Russo
Joanne Rockwell
Jonathan Coyne
Jonathon Pilbrow
Judith A
Justin O’Halloran
Kel Bryant
Ken Wilson
Kuot
Leanne Smith
Lesley Hurley
Liam O’Shannessy
Liddy Dixon
Liz Kirk
Luke Waters
Lynne Gardiner
Marilyn Hague
Mark Davis
Mark Potter
Mark Whiteman
Mary Meldrum
Mary Fines
Matt Finnis
Matt Fisher
Matt Lee
M-C Jean Louis
Michael Green
Mick James
Morris Stuart
Myrtle Jeffs
Nick Cable
Nicky Friedman
Pat Ward
Paul Ryan
Peter Cates
Peter Crofts
Peter Diacos
Peter Hession
Peter Monagle
Peter Ryan
Peter Seal
Peter Schwab
Phil Cox
Phillip Giallo
Phillip Touzel
Pip Enscye
Ray Beacham
Ray Salao
Reece Homfray
Rhan Harris
Rob Heath
Robbie Muir
Ron Jones
Ronald
Ron Barassi
Ros Andrews
Rose Cicero
Rosemary Walton
Samantha Lane
Scott Orchard
Shane Cassidy
Shane Cox
Shaun Pearce
Stacey Klomp
Stephen J. Peak
Steve Sinn
Tracey Seach
Terry Daniher
Terry O’Brien
Terry O’Donnell
Tim Costello
Tim Noonan
Tim Watson
Tammy Hatley
Tony Leggatt
Virginia Cable
Wayne Frith
Wayne Henwood
Wylie J
Our 212 Community Cup Volunteers

Organisations
ACT Department of Justice and Community Safety ACT Health Directorate
ACT Government
Adelaide City Council
Adelaide Crows FC
Adelaide Police
Adelaide Symphony Orchestra
Australian Football League
AFL Central Australia
AFL Tasmania
AFL Victoria
Australian Institute of Flexible Learning
Alice Springs Bowls Club
Aliens Arthur Robinson
APRA
Australian Federal Police
Australian Government – Department of Health and Ageing
Australian Red Cross
Basketball Tasmania
Bayside City Council
Beam Global Australia
Bendigo Bank – South Melbourne
Bowls NSW
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Bridgewater PCYC
Brisbane City Council
Carlton Football Club
Central Australia Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA)
Central Australia Football League
City of Fremantle
City of Melbourne
City of Yarra
Clarence PCYC
Clontarf AFL Academy
Coastline Church
Coburg Football Club
Cockburn Council
Corporate Traveller
Cricket Victoria
Cycle Education ACT
Department of Sport and Recreation, WA
DIRECTIONS ACT
Earth Visual Communications
East Fremantle Football Club
Essendon Football Club
Etihad Stadium
Eventpower Solutions
Executive Security
Fishing NSW
Football Federation Victoria
Football West
Fremantle Football Club
Glenn Hester Photography
Government of South Australia
Greek Welfare, SA
Health Directorate I ACT Government
Hobart City Council
Hobart PCYC
Hope Street
Hydro Tasmania
Injury Prevention and Management Foundation
IOOF Foundation
JPJ Audio
Justice and Community Safety Directorate I ACT Government
Kingsborough Council
Lance Rock Publicity
Lifeline Community Care, QLD
Lion Nathan
Lord Taverners
Mac ‘n’ Me Graphics
MCC
Motor Accident Insurance Board
Momentum Builders
Mornington Shire Council
Mount Barker Baptist Church
Mountain Goat Beer
On-time Concepts
Ozenham House
Pathwayz – Cerebral Palsy League
PBS 106.7FM
Peninsula Stand Up Paddle School
Port Melbourne Football Club
Port Power FC
Portsea Surf Life Saving Club
Queensland Government – Sport and Recreation Services and the Regional Arts Development Fund
Queensland Health
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
Rough Edges
Royal Adelaide Show
Rural Press Australia
Ryan Commercial Lawyers
SACA
Saltwater Media Solutions
The Salvation Army
Canberra City
SANFL
Scubacom
SecondBite
Shulu Foundation
Slattery Media Group
Snorkel Safari
Sport 927
Sports Chaplaincy
South Yarra Football Club
St John’s Maroubra
St Vincent’s Hospital
Stage Two Lighting
Stonehenge Group
Street Press Australia
Surfing NSW
Sweeney Estate Agents
SEN 1116
Talbot Family Foundation
Tasmanian State Government
Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra
Tennis NSW
The Age
The District Council of Mount Barker
The Heart Foundation
The House of Marley
The Marquee People
Triple R FM 102.7
VAFA
Voyages, NT
Werribee Football Club
Wesley Church Adelaide
Wesley Mission
West Coast Eagles
Western Australia Cricket Association
Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service, ACT
97.7 3SER-FM

Committees and Advisory Groups
Reclink Community Cup Committee
Frank Galbally Cup Committee
La Trobe University
The Transformers Choir Organising Team

Schools
CBC St Kilda
De La Salle College
Mary MacKillop College
Mount Lilydale Mercy College
Pulteney Grammar
The Hutchins School
Wesley College
Xavier College
Emily (QLD)

Our daughter Emily used to have little interest in watching choir members sing. Joining The Transformers has been a life changing experience for her. She now loves watching choirs because she lives the experience of being in a choir which is even more remarkable because though Emily can vocalise, her intellectual and physical disabilities prevent her from speaking words or singing. In performances she joins in the actions and claps furiously at the end of each song. Audience members are captivated and many are moved to come and talk to her. The most amazing example of this was after the choir sang for the His Holiness the Dalai Lama when He and Emily moved towards each other and embraced.

Socially the choir is enormously important to Emily as she sees that she is a valued member of society and in return how Emily expresses her enjoyment improves the wellbeing of others choir members. The discipline learnt from weekly rehearsals has transferred to other areas of her life making her more patient and able to deal with situations that were previously very difficult.

Donning her choir uniform is one of the highlights of Emily’s life. Travelling to a performance, she makes eye contact with people, pointing to her The Transformers shirt and as a result of this interaction many people are then keen to hear about Reclink Australia and the choir. Emily is a great example of how the choir breaks down barriers for people with a disability.

We marvel at the dedication of those who make The Transformers a reality. They allow everyone to feel accepted for whom they are so they can fulfil their dreams of being a performer. They are transformed.

Rodney (TAS)

Rodney is a cheerful 55 year old who lives with his wife Julie and their two dogs and two cats on the outskirts of Hobart. Rodney suffered a stroke in 2008 which badly affected his speech and moods. Last year, Julie sought help through Headway to assist with his mood swings, boredom and recent loss of employment. Being such an active man, Rodney did not cope well with being stuck at home.

Paul, a support worker from Headway introduced Rodney to Reclink Australia activities. 12 months down the track Rodney sings weekly with the Choir of High Hopes, meanders around Rosny Golf Course with his new friends, goes sailing on the Derwent River and plays indoor bowls.

Rodney has identified that his wellbeing has improved and by attending Reclink Australia activities he has filled an empty place in his life. Rodney says that without Reclink Australia he could not afford to participate in activities like golf. Julie agrees that Rodney’s wellbeing has improved and participating in Reclink Australia activities has helped him find new friends and stay active in the community.

Jai (SA)

Jai has been a Mount Barker resident for five years. His first Reclink Australia activity was a fishing trip 18 months ago. Jai loved the experience and asked about other programs he could attend and was encouraged to participate in the water sports program. Jai’s first challenge was to get up on the surfboard, he managed to do this before being dumped by the next wave.

Jai has a passion for the underwater scene and really took to snorkelling at Port Noarlunga The Bluff and Aldinga and also has attended training sessions at Marion Aquatic Centre. Jai is now registered as a Reclink Australia volunteer. He helps coordinate the water sports program, the Run, Walk, Roll activity and he promotes other local programs. Jai has completed his Senior First Aid certificate, a sport coaching course and will undertake a snorkel instructors course in the near future.
Drew (ACT)

Drew is a long term inner north high density housing resident. For the past 12 months, Drew has been actively involved in three Reclink Australia programs – gym, Run, Roll or Walk and a neighbourhood garden project. Drew described his mental and physical health prior to being involved in the activities as being “pretty crap.” When asked to describe what being involved in the activities meant Drew stated, “Gardening is good for my soul and the gym gives me a stronger body. I’ve really enjoyed the gardening project, I’m proud of my contribution. I get to watch things grow, which is very rewarding.”

Overall, Drew believes that his mental and physical health had improved since being involved in the Reclink Australia activities, however he identifies that he is “still in a daily battle.” Drew also noted that his use of medication had been reduced because he is utilising his time better.

It is important to note that without Drew’s enthusiasm, hard work, brilliant sense of humour and compassion, the neighbourhood garden project would not have reached its current levels of success.

Drew now volunteers regularly at the monthly Run, Roll or Walk and assists with other Reclink Australia activities.

Justin (WA)

Tai Chi is a mind/body practice that originated in ancient China and has been practiced for thousands of years. Many people who practice Tai Chi regularly believe that it improves the flow of energy in the body and heightens feelings of wellbeing. Tai Chi began as a martial art and as it developed, it took on the purpose of enhancing physical and mental health.

Justin suffered from anxiety and was unable to live the life he wanted so he began working with Ruah Inreach Mental Health Services 12 months ago. His community mental health worker suggested attending Reclink Australia’s weekly Tai Chi classes. Justin has been going ever since. For Justin, the Reclink Australia Tai Chi classes have helped increase his confidence and played a major role in dealing with his anxiety. “If I am feeling anxious I can do the Qi breathing – it helps me relax. Tai Chi gives me a natural high, I feel relaxed but alert,” Justin said. “It’s challenging, but the better I get at it, the more I get from it.”

Justin’s health worker can see the improvements he is making in Tai Chi transferring into other aspects of his life. Because of Tai Chi, Justin is more independent and confident and is hoping to attend a train-the-trainer course later in the year. “It helped me to realise I can do anything if I set my mind to it.”

Jeannie (VIC)

Prior to the Rocky Road Choir, Jeannie knew she needed something to satisfy and fulfil her life. Soon after joining the choir, she felt a sense of belonging and hasn’t looked back since.

Jeannie heard about Reclink Australia and the choir through Rivendell where she is a participant.

“I am drawn like a magnet. Every song we sing has a meaning and a purpose, which is beautiful. Even if I’m feeling a bit unwell or a bit low, I still get myself to choir because once I start singing, it lifts my spirits.”

The choir has changed Jeannie’s life in so many ways. She says it has brought her enjoyment, fulfilment and consequently happiness in to her life and it has also built her self esteem and confidence.

“I have met a lot of friendly people during choir rehearsals and we have this special bond. We’re like this big happy family. Without the choir I would feel lost and empty as if something was missing in my life, I need to sing now to feel complete.”
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Notice of 2012 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for Members of Reclink Australia will be held at 115B Ferrars Street, South Melbourne at 4pm on Wednesday November 21, 2012.

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