Annual Report
2014-15
Notice of 2015 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for Members of Reclink Australia will be held at Reclink, South Melbourne at 9am on Wednesday 18 November, 2015.

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held in November, 2014.
2. To receive the Report and Financial Statements for the year that ended 30 June, 2015.
Our Mission

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

About Reclink Australia

Reclink Australia is a not-for-profit organisation whose aim is to enhance the lives of people experiencing disadvantage or facing significant barriers to participation, through providing new and unique sports and arts opportunities and specialist recreation programs.

We target some of the community’s most vulnerable and isolated people; at risk youth, those experiencing mental illness, people with a disability, the homeless, people tackling alcohol and other drug issues and social and economic hardship.

As part of our unique hub and spoke network model, Reclink Australia has facilitated cooperative partnerships with a membership of 360 community, government and private organisations.

Our member agencies are committed to encouraging our target population group, under-represented in mainstream sport and recreational programs, to take that step towards improved health and self-esteem, and use Reclink Australia’s activities as a means for engagement of hard to reach population groups.
Why We Exist

From the streets of St Kilda and Kings Cross, to the public housing estates of Adelaide and Canberra and the remote communities of the Northern Territory, Reclink Australia champions participation in physical and artistic activity for all Australians. We believe that sport, recreation, music and art are powerful tools to engage and support those most hard to reach within the community.

Building resilience and a sense of community, Reclink Australia believes that sport and the arts are the perfect vehicles to improve the lives of those experiencing complex disadvantage and social exclusion.

We believe that everyone has the right to 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.

For 25 years, we have led a network of member organisations and acted as a facilitator in the support of disadvantaged communities and individuals.

“Reclink exists to give life changing opportunity to where it doesn’t exist.”

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.

1998
Reclink Victoria v Reclink SA at Punt Road Oval.

1999
Reclink Australia travels to NSW – football and the Reclink Australia Olympics.

2000
Reclink Australia Super 8s played on the MCG.

2003
Reclink Australia partners with the Victorian Government.

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

2005
Peter Cullen appointed as Reclink Australia Development Manager.

2006
The Reclink Raiders are the first cricket team to compete in a community cricket league.

2007
Reclink Australia partners with VicHealth.

2008
Reclink Australia established in Alice Springs.

2009
The Choir of Hard Knocks is formed.

2010
Reclink Australia is a finalist for the Victorian Premier’s Award for Community Participation.

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Reclink Australia Super 10s played on the MCG.

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2013
Reclink Australia ‘All Stars’ game held at the MCG.

2014
The first Frank Galbally Cup is played between Victoria barristers and solicitors.

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2016
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2017
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2018
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2019
Reclink Australia established in Brisbane.

2020
Federal Government announces partnership to launch Reclink Australia nationally.
What We Do

Reclink Australia delivers services across the country, with participation at the core of everything we do.

From running, basketball and football, to painting, instrument making and singing, we promote and deliver the health, social and economic benefits of activity to an otherwise largely inactive population group.

Our national program of team sports have the ability to bring together people from diverse communities. The Reclink Australia Football Series is a flagship program that engages over 650 men and women, while the Reclink Tasmanian Youth League continues to engage young people from geographically disadvantaged communities. Our National Crime and Violence Prevention Award winning High Density Housing Safety and Security Project in the ACT continues to deliver improved outcomes for residents and a Victorian Government funded information and referral service ‘AAA Play’ is connecting people with a disability to sport and recreation participation opportunities.

Our programs have expanded to include a range of work readiness programs in South East Queensland and a targeted cycling program for people with disability developed in partnership Cycling Victoria.

As a unique voice in the sports participation space, we act as an advocate and conduit between disadvantaged communities, sports clubs and state sporting associations, recreation facilities and programs where physical activity can be undertaken. Using our extensive experience and our established 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.

Underpinning all our programs is the principle of respect that recognises and rewards participation and a willingness to support others above all else. Skill development and event days feature strongly in our annual calendar 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 supported and encouraged to transition to mainstream sports and arts programs, education and employment.

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.

2014
Reclink Australia becomes provider of Australia’s first State funded information and support service, assisting people with a disability to link with sports and active recreation.
Australia Post announces Reclink Australia as a National ‘Our Neighbourhood’ community partner.

2015
Rebranded Access for All Abilities First Point of Call Service to AAA Play.
Seven Work Readiness sites established across South East Queensland.
Joint partnership with Cycling Victoria to establish the TryCycling initiative.
Strategic plan 2015 – 2017 approved by the Board.

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Responding, Rebuilding, Transforming

In 2014-15 Reclink Australia delivered 58,602 sport, recreation and arts participation opportunities in partnership with over 360 member organisations across Australia, whilst achieving a budget surplus of $172K.

Reclink Australia has risen to all the financial challenges the year has brought and through innovation, collaboration and a strategic approach we have grasped the opportunities offered to establish a stronger operational footprint across Australia.

People experiencing disadvantage, their families and carers and member organisations continue to call on Reclink Australia as a peak national organisation to advocate for funding of sports, recreation and arts participation opportunities for disadvantaged Australians. The ability to connect with others is what makes us feel alive. For people with mental illness, or a disability, or struggling with homelessness, or drug addiction, and living in social isolation, finding a way back into mainstream society can be extraordinarily hard. Participation in sport, recreation and arts programs is one of the most effective means of engaging the most marginalised people in our community while enabling social inclusion and strengthening social cohesion.

We firmly believe, Reclink Australia’s unique culture, focusing on personal outcomes, respecting individual choice and supporting people experiencing disadvantage to exercise their human rights and enjoy valued roles in their communities, positions us well to contribute to such improvements.

Reclink Australia is grateful for the outstanding support from Federal, State and Territory Members of Parliament across Australia. We welcome the Senate passing a motion calling for the immediate reinstatement of Commonwealth funding for the Reclink National Program.

We sincerely thank our hundreds of loyal volunteers across Australia who continue to offer their talents and skills to Reclink Australia with large-scale public events and smaller endeavours. We are undoubtedly a better and stronger organisation as a result of their work and we acknowledge their efforts. Reclink Australia is also fortunate to have the support of our widely respected Ambassadors.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the support Reclink Australia has received from Local, State, Territory and Commonwealth Governments, community partners, donors and the many communities across Australia with whom we are privileged to work closely with.

A special thanks to our dedicated, committed and enthusiastic staff who continue to work tirelessly to deliver a diverse range of accessible sport, recreation and arts activities.

Reclink Australia continues to be very well served by our skilled and committed Board of Directors. All our Board members make an extremely important contribution to the sound governance of Reclink Australia and the achievement of our strategic objectives and we thank them for their commitment.

On behalf of the Board it is with great pleasure that we present our annual report for the 2014-2015 financial year.

David O’Halloran
Chairman

John Ballis
Chief Executive Officer
Community Partners

In 2014, Reclink Australia was proudly announced as one of seven national community partners of Australia Post. As part of Australia Post’s ‘Our Neighbourhood’ initiative, Reclink Australia will receive financial and organisational support and the opportunity to work collaboratively with one of the country’s most respected and trusted organisations. Australia Post’s employees will also have the opportunity to enrich our programs across Australia with their organisational commitment to volunteerism.

Talbot Family Foundation has been a supporter of Reclink Australia since 2009 and is one of the primary supporters of our Queensland choir, known as The Transformers. Reclink Australia is grateful for the ongoing support that the Talbot Family Foundation continues to provide, in supporting those who participate in the Transformers Choir.

Friends of Alice

The Friends of Alice tour continues to support Reclink Australia’s work in Alice Springs and provide a unique opportunity for greater cultural awareness and understanding of the social challenges.

As part of the tour students undertake a cultural immersion program, reflecting on the experience a student wrote “Painting with someone like Amelia was amazing, it was a great experience for such a knowledgeable person to teach us and share experiences. Hearing about their different skin colour references and names for each other - it’s amazing their respect for each other”.

Each year the Friends of Alice tour is a powerful opportunity to share, experience and learn.

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
Board Member since 2005.
Chairman since January 2013.
President from 2007 – November 2011.
Diploma of Community Services (AOD);
Diploma of Management.

Mary Delahunty
Board Member since 2010.
Chair from 2011-2012.
Financial Planner; Graduate Diploma Advanced Finance.
Resigned August 2014.

Sam Newton
Board Member since 2006.
Licensed Estate Agent.

Rod Butterss
Board Member since November 2010.

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

Karla Harman
Board Member since June 2014.
Bachelor of Business (Economics and Finance) and a Master of Applied Finance.

Donna Gross
Board Member since June 2014.
Bachelor of Creative Arts.

Sean Winder
Board Member since November 2014.
Bachelor of Financial Administration.

Tanya Baini
Board Member since November 2014.
Master of Arts (History) and Grad Dip Industrial Relations.

Theresa Sgambaro
Board Member since February 2015.
Masters of Laws, Legal Practice, Skills and Ethics. Bachelor of Business,

John Ballis
Chief Executive Officer.
Reflections from the Founder

In 1989, I was working at Sacred Heart Mission supporting some of the most disadvantaged and at risk young people living in the backstreets of St Kilda.

On the street I saw people living in a lost world, where there seemed to be no clear pathways to opportunity, no positive way for them to be involved in the world. There was a hidden crisis behind the challenges that people on the street dealt with.

“Boredom is a terrible emotion and can be deadly” another street person said to me. Not meaning the normal boredom we experience, but having no goals, no vision, and no sense of the future. A scenario which I witnessed over and over again was that boredom led to frustration, frustration led to drug use, drug use deteriorated to crime and crime to prison.

I soon realised that more needed to be done to help our disadvantaged Australians, not in an office environment but on the street, at the source of the problems people were experiencing.

“What if we could provide an opportunity that was immediate and could move people into another world, a world that could be caring and compassionate, something clearly life-giving, ongoing and structured? What if people could be creative together and experience working in a team? What if we could find something that mobilises people and helps them start a new beginning?”

It was in those early years of working on the street that I quickly understood the power of involving people through the informality of recreation, where individuals could get involved, enjoy each other’s company, be part of a sporting team and use recreation as a vehicle to rebuild trust, rebuild lives and help young people reconnect once more with the community.

It was through this understanding that Reclink Australia was born.

A simple kick to kick at the Peanut Farm Reserve in St Kilda on a sunny Sunday afternoon. This simple activity had a transformational effect on the lives of individuals that played that day, and a transformational experience for me in taking the decision to make this my life’s work.

Back then, as it is now, the premise was simple, provide individuals with something to do that is positive, something that would act as circuit breaker of destructive behaviour and something that would reconnect them back into the community.

Since our modest beginning Reclink Australia has grown to become a national organisation working in partnership with over 360 community organisations to deliver hundreds of sport and recreation and arts participation opportunities to thousands of disadvantaged Australians.

It is a proven model that has great reach and presents an enormous opportunity for governments, the community and the corporate community to all be part of efficiently delivering social impact and addressing community issues such as; reducing crime, reducing substance abuse, improving mental health, reducing health care costs, and providing pathways to training and employment.

Over the years I have listened to many disadvantaged people talk about their life journey and the following comments are only but a few from participants:

- “It keeps me alive really, it’s opened a door inside me and it’s given me my spirit back”;
- “It’s taken away my suicidal feelings and I feel welcomed - a part of community and valued”;
- “What do I get out of it? Life!”

Reclink Australia is uniquely placed to engage some of the most isolated and disadvantaged people in our community by bringing all parts of the community together to create participation opportunities and pool collective resources to deliver an activity that will break the downward spiral of self-destructive behaviours.

Since its inception Reclink Australia with this simple cost effective model has reached more than 60,000 disadvantaged people and has transformed the lives of many participants.

I firmly believe the Reclink model is a gateway to transition and transformation for those most at risk in our community; and through this model we create safer and more inclusiveness communities.

Reclink Australia fulfils these goals and we look forward to responding, rebuilding and reconnecting thousands of disadvantaged Australians for a further 25 years.

Peter Cullen AM
Reclink Australia Founder
Research and Evaluation

Reclink Australia is committed to continuous improvement and demonstrating the impact of our programs through evaluation and targeted research.

In October 2014 Reclink Australia prepared a questionnaire designed to collect both quantitative and qualitative data, in order to provide an in-depth analysis of the current environment of cycling opportunities for people with disabilities within Victoria, as well as opinions and recommendations on the design and delivery of a new cycling program.

Survey responses were collected from 146 stakeholders including disability organisations, non-profit organisations, local council representatives, state government representative, state sporting associations, and individuals and parents/carers of people with a disability.

The report found that there was a significant need for this type of program and that if developed the program would address a number of challenges that are faced by people with disability, their carers and other stakeholders.

In particular the report found:

- There was little in the way of appropriate existing programs:
  - 84% of respondents indicated they were unaware of any existing formal cycling programs for people with disabilities.

That uptake of the program would be strong:

- 60.5% of respondents believed people with a disability would be likely to participate in a formal cycling program with accredited teachers.

There was a number of significant benefits of a formal cycling program for people with disabilities:

- 79% of respondents believed a formal cycling program for people with disabilities would be beneficial within their local area; and

- Respondents believed the proposed cycling program would be effective in providing people with disabilities with additional activities to participate in within their local community and would provide benefits of inclusion, opportunity and participation.

Transformational Links, Training and Education

Reclink Australia believes in the power of opening doors for people experiencing disadvantage, establishing transformational links that can lead to life-long change. Whether it be mentorship, education or employment, Reclink continues to grow the range of available opportunities to those participants who are ready to take the next step.

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 15 participants will be accredited this year.

In conjunction with Sports Medicine Australia, Reclink Australia broadened its educational training programs to include an AFL Level 1 Sports Trainer course for participants in the Reclink Football Program, allowing participants to gain a valuable qualification and improve their football training skills.
Reclink Australia’s outreach programs and events in the Australian Capital Territory focus on high density housing sites in Canberra’s Inner North. The program design is aimed at improving personal safety, enhance housing and physical environment, integrate access to services and promote health and well-being.

This year our work in the community has been recognised at a number of levels. We were a finalist in the Family and Community Partnerships Award at the 2014 ACT Public Education Excellence Awards presentation ceremony. This new category recognises schools and organisations that are achieving outstanding success through effective partnerships with the community and positive engagement with families, carers and students.

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It’s been an exciting and rewarding year for Reclink Australia and our participants in the Northern Territory.

The Reclink Rebels, our cricket team, started off the year by winning the Imparja Men’s Community Cup contest with sheer determination, an amazing result as they had just missed out on winning the previous year. The player’s skill shone throughout the competition and their win was a testament to their commitment to their training over the course of the year.

One of the players from the Mental Health Association of Central Australia (MHACA) stated he was inspired by the Imparja Cup and by Reclink’s TV advertisement, ‘Raele’s Story’. He has now volunteered to coach beginner’s cricket and designed a cricket booklet specifically for Imparja Cup which has been distributed to other organisations.

The annual CAAMA Reclink Grand Final Series was held at Traeger Park where six Indigenous football teams took centre stage to play with skill and exceptional ability. A special thanks is extended to local radio personality ‘G Man’ for broadcasting the series live on CAAMA radio to deliver a great day for the players, spectators and volunteers.

Once again we are grateful for the support from students and teachers from Emmanuelle College in Melbourne and Indigenous players from Collingwood Knights Team who travelled to Alice Springs as part of the Friends of Alice tour, to play against the Clontarf Eagles, Corrections All Stars v Reclink Roos and Amoonguna v Cottage All Stars.

Reclink NT has been supporting the women’s softball at Yulara since the commencement of the championship in 2014. The Southern NT Indigenous Softball Championships is an important competition for women and their families involving five communities across the NPY region including Docker River, Yulara, Mutitijulu, Imanpa and Apatula.

Traditionally Reclink in Alice Springs has focused primarily on sport and recreation programs however with support from one of the Elders of Ginger Porter we have now established a Cultural Awareness and Arts program which has gained popularity since its introduction.

Reclink Australia is committed to improving and strengthen our programs in partnership with Indigenous Elders to the benefit of the Indigenous communities in which we are privileged to work with.

I would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who have supported us this year. Reclink Australia’s work continues as a direct result of your assistance.

Jimmy

Jimmy is an initiated Indigenous person who grew up in a remote community. Jimmy left school at a very young age and now works as a stockman sporadically; however, due to problems with alcohol, he has spent long periods of time incarcerated, he thinks up to 15 years.

Jimmy was introduced to Reclink Australia’s activities through a sport and recreation officer in gaol. For the last three years the participant has been regularly involved in a supported football program. Jimmy remains involved with the football program even when he has not been gaol.

For Jimmy the Reclink program “makes my time easy...just concentrating on what you’re doing in here”. The football activity helped him to focus on something different, rather than focusing on not being able to see his daughter.

“It reassured me that the people aren’t like the stereotypes; that they’re good people. What I heard, on TV, in the newspapers etc, was not reality.” – George, Friends of Alice Participant
Drawing on the inspiration that so many of our participants provide, Reclink Australia’s Queensland operations have moved in a new direction over the past year, a journey that has proven to be successful.

The Work Readiness project that commenced in 2014 has continued to develop beyond all expectations. From humble beginnings under a community hall in inner city Brisbane building musical instruments from recycled materials, creating garden beds from old pallets and rebuilding bicycles Reclink Australia is now operating 9 projects across 7 locations between the across South East Queensland.

The effectiveness of the Reclink Work Readiness model has consistently proven positive employment outcomes for people who often have significant barriers to obtaining work. Whilst the projects are diverse in their deliverable outcomes, all of these initiatives have a core focus of assisting community organisations to build capacity, improve service delivery and build on resources and infrastructure for the community in which they provide services. Some examples of these include:

- Community garden projects predominantly located at services which provide emergency relief for people experiencing socio-economic disadvantage;
- Building disability access to gym facilities at a YMCA site;
- Assisting Police Citizens Youth Club sites to create new facilities for community use including building new playground facilities, refurbishing a drop in youth space and building a recording studio; and
- Establishing a purpose built play area for children and young people at a disability service and childcare centre.

Welcoming new participants regularly, the Transformers Choir’s weekly rehearsal has been rewarded with the Choir performing at a number of high profile events this year.

The partnership with Lend Lease continues to evolve with Reclink Australia developing and implementing events across five development sites in South East Queensland.

The Reclink Touch Football and Futsal programs continue to operate with support from our member agencies and the success of our carnival days demonstrate the value of these initiatives, with 15 teams participating in an Indoor Soccer program and 22 teams involved in a Touch Football carnival day.

We extend our thanks for the outstanding support we received from our stakeholders and member agencies.

Steve Hutchinson

Through my job provider I needed to attend a work readiness program five days a week for five hours a day.

I participated in Reclink’s Certificate III in Concreting at the PCYC Deception Bay.

I loved the course because I had a background in labouring and bricklaying.

I got the opportunity to apply for a Bricklaying position and because I had completed the certificate III concreting and had the concreting CERT III I got the job.

I am now looking at getting an apprenticeship with the company.

This would never have happened if I had not done the Cert III through Reclink.
Reclink in South Australia continues to look at innovative ways to deliver cost effective sport and recreation participation opportunities to the most marginalised and disadvantaged in our community.

The support from our member agencies and community groups is greatly appreciated and has ensured the continued delivery of valued programs. This year Reclink Australia has been able to deliver sport and recreation opportunities that have included:

- Football, Ten Pin, Golf, Cricket, Fishing, Snorkelling, Surfing, Scuba diving and Swimming.
- We have also continued Lawn Bowls, Yoga, Self Defence, and Art Therapy in the Hills/Murraylands, Gym and Aqua Aerobics in the South, Fencing in Murray Bridge, 8 Ball Challenge in the north and Yoga in the city.

Reclink South Australia began planning for the introduction of a number of Work Readiness programs and we are looking forward to developing stronger community connections and support for individuals seeking employment.

Once again our work would not be possible without the support of our funding organisations:

- The Office of Recreation and Sport;
- Adelaide City Council;
- Mid Murray Council;
- Port Adelaide/Enfield Council;
- Murray Bridge Council; and
- Mount Barker Council.

This year, as in previous years, Reclink Australia is privileged to have had the assistance and support of a dedicated band of volunteers.

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I have been involved in Reclink activities for the past 5 years. I first connected with Reclink when I joined the football competition as a member of the Archway Lions, a team that competed in the first Reclink Grand Final.

Since then I have dealt with confronting my personal issues and have rebuilt my life through the support and engagement with Reclink. Reclink are the best bunch of people I have ever been lucky enough to have been associated with and I can’t thank you enough for all the help and friendship you have given me.

From the footie I became part of the Watersports program and did surfing and also joined the snorkel program. I completed my training as an open water scuba diver. I am currently working as the head chef for a large Adelaide retirement home and have re-established my career.
The Resilience Film Challenge and the Reclink Kaleidoscope Art Festival are growing from strength to strength, annually showcasing the artistic talents of over 100 people experiencing disadvantage. Each piece of art work and film clip portrayed the observations, stories and life experiences of those living on the street and were exhibited to the general public.

The delivery of our sport and recreation programs as well as our high profile arts programs could not have occurred if it were not for the outstanding support from our many talented volunteers and our dedicated member agencies. Reclink Australia extends our sincere appreciation to all those who contributed to making our Sydney events and programs a success.

The annual Beat-the-Blues Walk and Festival of Sport events was well attended thanks to the enthusiasm and passion from our volunteer coordinators. A range of other programs were also conducted including water aerobics, ten pin bowling, bush walking, eight ball, swimming and a touch football tournament.
“Reclink Australia helps give me structure and I know my team there for me if I am hurting.”

Tasmania

Peter Cullen AM

Thanks to the ongoing support from our committed volunteers and our enduring partnerships with member organisations Reclink Australia’s sport and recreation programs have had a continued presence in Tasmania.

The annual Reclink Tasmanian Youth Football League is a highlight bringing together football teams from four schools across South East Tasmania to play in a grand final series at the North Hobart Football Oval. Commentated by local personality, Knocker Knowles, the event with all its thrills is an amazing day where boys and girls combined to play in mixed gender teams. Interest in this grass roots competition is growing and it is encouraging that the profile of this program is increasing with community support.

The Southern Midland Council continues to be a valued supporter since the league’s inception eight years ago. Greg Hunt, a staff member from the Southern Midland Council has been the driving force but sadly passed away. To honour Greg’s outstanding support and leadership in coordinating the Reclink Tasmanian Youth Football League, Reclink Australia has named the medal for the Best Player in the Grand Final in Greg Hunt’s honour.

In addition, Relink Australia in partnership with member agencies delivers the following sport and recreation programs for people experiencing disadvantage:

- Swimming at the Hobart Aquatic Centre;
- Weekly Golf at Rosny Park;
- Sailing at King Pier Marina; and
- Accessing tickets through the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra.

Reclink Australia extends our sincere appreciation to Mr Andrew Wilkie MP, Independent Federal Member for Denison, calling for the reinstatement of Commonwealth funding for the Reclink National Program.
During the 2014-15 year Reclink Australia has successfully achieved our participation targets in the majority of planned sport and recreation activities by introducing targeted activities in Melbourne CDB such as Aussie Rules and skateboarding as well as identifying sports clubs and facilities in Dandenong and Frankston areas.

To progress of our commitment to creating participation opportunities for people with a disability Reclink Australia has undertaken a comprehensive consultation process and a sample survey of people with disability and services provides in the development of the TryCycling initiative, a partnership with Cycling Victoria to introduce cycling participation opportunities to people with a disability across Victoria.

In 2014-15 Reclink became member of National Disability Services and has been meeting on a regular basis with the NDS State Manager to promote AAA Play initiative. In late 2014 AAA Play held an information/display stand at the annual Victorian NDS State Conference.

The AAA Play services has made substantial gains in increasing awareness of sport and recreation participation opportunities and currently the AAA play website is registering 700 to 800 unique visitors per month. An evaluation report of the AAA Play service is being finalised by Victoria University.

Reclink Australia has introduced sport activities such as Skateboarding and Football in both the Eastern and Southern Metropolitan areas in partnership with member agencies and various service providers. Reclink activities aim to have people experiencing disadvantage transition into mainstream services and to this end we continue to promote and support people to become involved with mainstream sporting clubs, associations and leisure facilities including Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre, Melbourne City Baths, and Fitzroy Bowls Club.

Reclink Australia extends our sincere appreciation to all State Sporting Associations [SSA’s], Sports Club and Leisure Centres for their continued support. Our strong working relationships with SSA’s including AFL, Cycling Victoria, Cricket Victoria, Netball Victoria, Surfing Victoria, and Basketball Victoria to name but few has provided numerous opportunities for people experiencing disadvantage to gain the benefits of participation in a sport which they value. We are also grateful to all the Local Government Councils in the greater Melbourne Metropolitan area for promoting the Access for All Abilities First Point of Call Service through their websites and simplifying the pathway for people with disability to gain access to information regarding the Access for All Abilities program.

Our volunteers have been an integral part of our sport, recreation and arts programs and to strengthen our engagement of volunteers Reclink Australia has become member of Volunteering Victoria to ensure policies and practices are consistent best practice standards.

Reclink has a well-developed volunteer engagement program for corporates, including Holden GMH, GE Money, Australia Post and Bendigo Bank, education institutions Swinburne University, Victoria University and local community. The number of volunteer enquiries for Reclink Australia programs in Victoria has increased in the period 1 January 2015-June 2015. Annually Reclink engages over 400 active volunteers in a range of sport and recreation activities in Victoria.
In 2014-15 Reclink achieved improved participation rates for each sport over the 12 month period. A total of 1497 participations were achieved across the five newly introduced sports, more than triple the target of 300 set in the key results schedule.

Reclink Australia worked closely with over 70 communities agencies to deliver targeted sport and recreation participation opportunities to people who are at risk of mental health problems because they may be experiencing or recovering from substance abuse, addictions, homelessness, domestic violence and also those who have been clinically diagnosed with a mental illness, living in supported accommodation.

In the past twelve months Reclink Australia:

- Established partnerships with SSA’s and local sport and recreation facilities to increase participation of the target group in a range of inclusive sport and recreation services, programs and competitions;
- Increased the number and range of sport and recreation programs inclusive of the target group;
- Increased the number of Reclink participants transitioning to community sport and recreation programs/clubs through Reclink’s transformational links model; and
- Established partnerships with universities to develop volunteering opportunities for students in program delivery.

We extended our sincere appreciation to State Sporting Associations and mental health service providers who worked with Reclink Australia to identify sport and recreation opportunities for participants who are ready to make the transition from Reclink competitions to community sport and recreation programs or clubs in the metropolitan area.

We are privileged to have the support of our 23 volunteers who assist in delivering the Reclink programs, including the Reclink Basketball and Reclink Volleyball programs which were held over a 10 week period.

While the results for year have been outstanding, it is disappointing to note that combined the loss of Federal funding for the Reclink National Program and the loss of funding from the WA Sport and Recreation Department has reduced the number of Reclink programs offered to people experiencing disadvantage and our member agencies. Reclink will continue work with member agencies and WA Sport and Recreation to develop a sustainable program for Western Australia.

We extend our gratitude to WA Sport and Recreation for the funding provided through the Headstart into Activity project. Reclink Australia thanks Andrew Joske for his commitment, enthusiasm and drive in delivering Reclink programs in partnership with member organisations and wish him all the best for his future endeavours.

### State Reports

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AAA Play continues to play a crucial role in connecting people with Disability with sporting and recreation opportunities.

After rebranding in 2014, Access for All Abilities Play (AAA Play) continues to improve the image of the service to the public, increase awareness and enhance performance outcomes. As a result of the implementation of an effective marketing strategy, AAA Play has improved the image of the service to the public, continued to increase awareness of AAA Play and AAA funded organisations, and enhanced performance outcomes. Targeted marketing activities have directly engaged individuals with disabilities (young people), the carers and parents of people with disabilities, and professionals within the disability sector to enhance performance outcomes, particularly specialist schools and rehabilitation centres/hospitals.

In summary, AAA Play has individually assisted over 274 (120 in June 2014) people via telephone and email enquiries, and lists over 356 (168 in June 2014) participation opportunities across Melbourne. The AAA Play website has had 12,319 unique individuals’ access information directly from the aaavic.org.au website since the website launch, 20,197 total visits to the website and 46,341 page views since the website launch in December 2013; we have witnessed increasing trends across all website analytics overtime, a trend that is expected to continue. This indicates that the rebranding strategy that was implemented in mid-2014, along with activities conducted during the 2014-2015 financial year regarding marketing, promotions and relationship building, have been successful, reflecting AAA Play’s aims and objectives.
Figure 1: Monthly website visits

Figure 2: Users of AAA Play website

Figure 3: Gender of AAA Play website users

Figure 4: Enquirer Type
Art Programs

Together We Are The Transformers

This year we saw the culmination of months of preparation for the Queensland Choral sound in which the Transformers performed as headliners at the Courier-Mail Piazza, performing three new original songs with a 60 piece choir of volunteers.

We welcomed a few new members and set our sights on the International Disability Day celebrations at the State Library of Queensland in December. Although well prepared and looking forward to this event it was sadly postponed after freak storms damaged the building.

One pleasant episode during the year was a visit from Mark who is involved in a similar choir in England, the Choir With No Name. He was very impressed with the way our choir operated and we exchanged recording.

The end of the year saw our musical conductor, Kiri leaving to pursue other endeavours. Luckily Kiri suggested Rosalind Perry who was available, enthusiastic and has proven to be a wonderful choice.

Starting the New Year was quite a challenge for Rosalind as the Library event was re-scheduled for early February and through natural attrition we had lost a few members and had a group of brand new members. So we all had to work together to be up to speed. The event was a big success and the choir was once again very well received.

With a new conductor and an almost new choir much of the first half of 2015 was spent consolidating the new line-up and working towards new songs and new arrangements in the lead up to performances in September (Brisbane Square Library as part of Disability Week) and October (Sanity Fair as part of Mental Health Week).
Reclink Art Therapy Program

The Reclink Art Therapy remains a popular program for people aged 16 and over. Facilitated by a qualified Art Therapist the program runs throughout the school terms.

Delivered in Hastings, the Reclink Art Therapy program offers participants opportunities to explore a sense of wellbeing through creative expression and provides a stimulating, nurturing and spontaneous environment that promotes understanding, relaxation and social connection.

A variety of art mediums are explored by participants including paints, pastels, clay, sand, collage, writing, music, sound and movement. The program is an open group where participants are welcome to drop in once initial contact has been made with the facilitator and registered as an attendee.

The therapeutic process works on themes raised by the participants and/or facilitator on the day or from the previous week. Through a person centred approach the Art Therapist facilitates the processes of arts to engage and assist individuals to get started, while being encouraged by a sense of wellbeing within the group.

People attending the Reclink Art Therapy program have commented the sessions are engaging and relaxing, a time to breathe out, get in touch with oneself, be spontaneous, explore mediums of the arts without judgement and discover shape form and colour. A time of free expression, creatively, emotionally, physically, socially, personally in a safe and friendly space.

Showcasing Hidden Stories of Disadvantage

Reclink in collaboration with St Vincent de Paul Society NSW presented the Resilience Film Challenge. The project aims to assist people from disadvantaged backgrounds to creatively engage in the community by participating in a filmmaking course that teaches them how to tell a story, shoot footage, and edit a movie to create a short film.

The project is a 5 day challenge concluding with a screening and awards night at Dendy Cinema, Sydney.

Each film must present the specified subject, word or theme, and is no longer than 5 minutes duration.

The project showcases the hidden talent and stories of those within the City of Sydney, seen from the perspective of those most at risk who may be experiencing homelessness, disadvantage or marginalisation.

It provides a recovery focus to promote social inclusion, and acts as a tool of engagement for early intervention and as a referral point for individuals at risk of falling into homelessness or further disadvantage within the community.

Reclink Australia is proud to be involved in such a creative and innovative program.

“I enjoy the group environment. I find it relaxing time to work through my thoughts.”
Work Readiness –
A pathway to employment

In 2014, Reclink piloted a work readiness project based at our Spring Hill Shed program in Brisbane. This project was funded as a work experience program through the Department of Employment as part of the Australian Government Work for the Dole initiative.

Reclink Australia is committed to delivering work readiness programs that focus on assisting participants to develop work skills which contribute to each job seeker’s future employability. The Reclink work readiness program incorporates structure and routine to emulate a workplace and activities are conducted in a group environment to enable participants to develop positive interpersonal interactions.

The programs, now operating across 7 sites in South-East Queensland enables participants to learn general woodworking skills, basic carpentry, furniture building and restoration, building musical instruments, rebuilding bicycles, in addition to having access to a computer lab for job seeking, basketball and tennis court.

The future vision of this project is to establish social enterprises providing gardening, landscaping and mowing services at affordable prices to community organisations and individuals, particularly targeted towards pensioners and people on a disability support payment.

This will create sustainable employment pathways for people engaged in this program whilst also making a positive contribution to regions in which these programs operate.
Events, Fundraising 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.

Melbourne Reclink Community Cup
“celebrating 21 years of grass roots football and live music”.

After 21 years the Reclink Community Cup continues to capture our imagination, and for die-hard fans it’s the match that stops the city.

This iconic Melbourne event with its unique blend of grass roots footy, half time kick-to-kick on the oval and live performances by some of Melbourne’s most talented bands and musicians is without peer. The Reclink Community Cup its rules and culture are made by people, strongly embedded in its early beginnings all those years ago when a band of friends, local musicians and radio football wannabees gathered together to play their form of Aussie rules football.

Families, music fans, half-time kick-to-kick, and theatrics galore including two skydivers who delivered the ball pre coin-toss to Hon Anthony Albanese MP who then handed it onto Umpire Brian Nankervis to kick the game off, made for a very colourful day.

Reclink Australia is privileged to have the support from local members of parliament, Hon Michael Danby MP, Member for Melbourne Ports for his outstanding contribution to the event over many years, Hon Martin Foley MP, for tossing the coin, and Senator Janet Rice for presenting the Cup.

For Reclink it’s the one day in the year when community radio sector and local musicians band together to help raise much needed funds to enable us to deliver sport, recreation and arts programs that make a huge difference to lives of the neediest in our community; programs that foster self-confidence, fight isolation, develop skills and establish connections and lasting friendships.

This year the public were entertained by Ally Spazzy’s Kiddyrack & The Cool Bananas with loads of children enjoying their performance and local acts Pearls, Adalita, The Public Opinion Afro Orchestra. Post-match saw Graveyard Train perform a blistering live set.

It is with great thanks that Reclink Australia acknowledges the support of our partners including Triple R 102.7FM, PBS 106.7 FM, the Cup’s Organising Committee, the Cup’s founder Jason “Evo” Evans and all our generous sponsors and suppliers. To the Megahertz, Rockdogs and artists and bands who donate their time, thanks for “Feelin Kinda Sporty” and turning up to play your best.

Key Events
Reclink Community Cup – Melbourne and Sydney
Frank Galbally Cup – Melbourne
Reclink Australia Football Series
Peter Cullen Medal – Melbourne
Reclink Tasmanian Youth Football Series

Reclink National Paddle Series – Sorrento, Geelong, Sydney and Brisbane
Reclink CAAMA Football Finals – Alice Springs
Kaleidoscope Art Festival – Sydney
Resilience Film Challenge – Sydney
Sydney Reclink Community Cup

Under ominous grey Sydney skies, 2014 proved once again that the Sydney Reclink Community Cup is continuing to become a feature in the Sydney social calendar with over 900 people attending the event to see a colourful grass roots football match and in the process raise funds for Reclink programs in Sydney.

The Western Walers, joined this year by the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, took on the Sydney Sailors who continued their winning streak to overcome the gallant Walers.

Our sincere gratitude goes to Adam Yee, 2SER 107.3, FBi Radio, the Music, our generous sponsors and supporters and all our loyal volunteers for supporting this annual event.

Frank Galbally Cup

Annually the legal fraternity in Melbourne continue to support Reclink Australia through participation in the Frank Galbally Cup, a football match between Solicitors and Barristers. Now in its ninth year, the Frank Galbally Cup was once again a triumph of enthusiasm over skill. The winner on the day was clearly Reclink Australia with much needed funds being raised for the organisation.

Reclink Australia would like to thank the tireless efforts of the Frank Galbally organising committee and in particular Hayden Legro who’s support is integral to the success of the day.
Peter Cullen Medal

The Peter Cullen Medal, named in honour of Reclink Australia’s founder, is a celebration of the skill, commitment and camaraderie displayed throughout the Reclink Football Series program. The series engages over 650 participants from disadvantaged backgrounds.

This year more than 200 players and coaches attended the lunch, which was hosted by the Collingwood Football Club. With 1116 SEN radio personality Graham ‘Smokey’ Dawson as Master of Ceremonies, Collingwood coach and Brownlow Medallist, Nathan Buckley attended the event to acknowledge everyone involved in the program.

Reclink National Paddle Series

Held at four idyllic beachside locations across Australia, the Reclink National Paddle Series is an opportunity to participate in water activity using a range of water craft whilst raising funds to support Reclink Australia’s sport and art programs.

Each event has a unique course distance suitable for both the novice and experienced paddler and all types of paddle craft are welcome.

This year we welcomed Heath Meldrum as the series ambassador. Over 248 entrants took part in the series, held at Sorrento and Eastern Beach Geelong, Spit Bridge Sydney and Suttons Beach Redcliffe, on various craft including canoes, kayaks, double kayaks, stand up paddle boards and surf skis.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Nick and Virginia Cable for their outstanding support and the many volunteers across Australia who assist in the events.

Reclink Volunteers

The work that Reclink Australia undertakes would simply not be possible without the support of our hundreds of loyal and talented volunteers. From administrative support, to assisting with events and programs and acting as ambassadors and advocates of Reclink Australia, volunteers are vital to the success of our programs across Australia.

With over 700 active volunteers Reclink Australia is grateful for their combined assistance in helping deliver our major events and support the diverse range of sport, recreation and arts programs across Australia.

Reclink Australia would also like to acknowledge the invaluable contribution through corporate volunteering made by GE Capital and General Motors.

Rose Cicero, Membership and Administration (volunteer)
Our Activities

Reclink Australia, in partnership with our member agencies and support from our strategic partners and supporters, has offered the following activities to disadvantaged communities throughout Australia. The ‘whole of community’ approach empowers our member agencies to determine which activities are needed in their community. Local knowledge drives our response to local needs.

Activities

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

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 50s
- 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
- Muldarks theatre production
- National Gallery Victoria
- Picnic in the Park
- Observation Deck visit
- Wii
- Zoo trip

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
- 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
Our Members

With 360 health, welfare and community organisations currently engaged with Reclink Australia’s program, Reclink Australia continues to play a critical role in the community sector in ensuring that individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds are provided with participation opportunities.

Membership to Reclink Australia provides community organisations with the following benefits:

- 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
- Canberra Mens Centre

### New South Wales
- Anglicare – PHaMs
- CatholicCare – Personal Helpers and Mentors Program
- Mission Australia – Sydney Centre
- Neami Pagewood
- New Horizons – Thornleigh Mental Health Respite Program
- New Horizons Enterprises Limited – PHaMs
- Richmond PRA – Buckingham House
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
  - Ozanam Learning Centre
  - Matthew Talbot Hostel
- The Haymarket Centre
- Pro-Social Activities
  - The Salvation Army – Foster House
  - The Salvation Army – Samaratian Services
  - The Wayside Chapel
  - Day-To-Day Living
- Vincentian House
  - Matthew Talbot Homeless Services
- Wesley Mission – Edward Eager Lodge

### Northern Territory
- Anglicare
- 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
- 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 – PHaM’s Program
- Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women’s Council
  - Youth Program
- Team Health – Breakway
- The Salvation Army
- The Smith Family – Girls at the Centre

### Queensland
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service Brisbane Ltd
  - Healing Centre
- ACCES Services Inc.
- Access Community Services
- Alara Association
- Anam Cara – Centacare
- ARAFM – KUI
- Australian Red Cross
  - Jeay’s Street Community Centre
- Bayside Initiatives Group Inc.
  - Recovery and Recreation Centre
- Beenleigh Special School
- Baytown – Youth Connections
- Carers Link
- 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
- Cerebral Palsy League – Support in the Community – Metro North
- Communicy QLD
- Community Learning Ltd
  - Jabiru Community College
- Crestmead PCYC
- Deception Bay PCYC
- 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
- Hills District PCYC
- House With No Steps
  - Post School Services and Respite
- HYPAR Ptd Ltd
- Inner North Brisbane Mental Health Service – Resource Team
- Intercept Youth and Family Service
- Ipswich City Council
- Ipswich PCYC
- Jabiru Community Services
- Jacaranda Clubhouse
- 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-Beaudesert Mental Health Service
Mental Illness Fellowship of Queensland – Hub House and other Brisbane Services
Mercy Disability Services – Community Respite
Mercy Family Services
Micah Projects Inc. – Forgotten Australian Support Services
Micah Projects Inc. – The Hive Social Inclusion Team
Micah Projects Inc. – Forgotten Australian Support Services
Multicultural Development Association
Multilink Community Services Inc.
Murri Watch ATSI Corporation – Bowman Johnson Hostel
Neami – PHaMS
New Farm Neighbourhood Centre
North East Community Support Group Inc.
Northside Mental Health Service – Queensland Health – Recovery and Rehabilitation Service
Nundah Community Support Group Inc.
Orana Youth Shelter – Queensland Baptist Care
Ostara
Ozcare – Mozart
Pine Rivers PCYC
Queensland Health – Bayside Mental Health: Metro South
Queensland Health – Transitional Housing Team
Queensland Injectors Health Network
Red Cross Employment Services – Disability Employment Network
Redcliff PCYC – QPCYWA
Royal Children’s Hospital, Child and Youth Mental Health Service – Nundah Cottages
SaQual Association Inc.
The Chermside and District Senior Citizens Centre Inc. – Burnie Brae Centre
The Community Place
The Lodge Youth Support Service Inc.
The Salvation Army Youth Outreach Service
The Spot Community Services
W.W.I.L.D-SVP Association Inc.
West End Family Care Services Inc.
Workscape Inc.
YMCA of Brisbane
Youth and Family Service (Logan City) Inc. – YFS
Youth Housing Project Association Inc. (YHP)

South Australia
ACH Group – Social Links East
ACH Group, Health and Community Services, Social Links North
Aged Homeless Assistance Program – Homelessness Strategy Housing SA
Anglicare – Regency, SRF/Boarding House
Anglicare SA – Site 197
Baptist Care – Westcare Karpanedi Arts Centre
Baptist Care – Refugee Services
British Sub Aqua Club (BSAC)
Catherine House Inc. – Sagamartha
Centacare – Murray Bridge
City of Onkaparinga – Care and Share and Happy Wanderers
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 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
Hills Community Options Inc. – Disability Support Service
Hutt Street Centre
Ink Pot Arts 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 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
Snorkel Safari Adelaide
St. John’s Youth Services – Ladder St. Vincent Street
St. Vincent de Paul Society Inc. – Vincentian Centre
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

Tasmania
Able Australia
Anglicare Tasmania – Personal Helpers and Mentors Program (PHaMs)
Aspire – A Pathway to Mental Health Inc.
Bethlehem House – Homeless Men’s Assistance Centre Incorporated
Brighton Council – Sport and Recreation
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)
Glamorgan Spring Bay Council
Goodwood Community Centre
Hobart City Council – Youth Programs
Jordan River Learning Federation – Support, Advice and Mentoring (SAM) Project
Jordan River Services Inc.
– Gagebrook and Bridgewater Community Centres
Kingborough Council
Mental Health Services
Migrant Resource Centre (Southern Tasmania) Inc. – Frail Aged Programs
Migrant Resource Centre (Southern Tasmanian) Inc. – Youth Program
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
Special Olympics Australia
Tasman District School
Tasmanian Association of Police and Community Youth Clubs Inc.
– Hobart Police and Community Youth Club Inc.
Teen Challenge Tasmania Inc.
– Live Free Tassie
The Parkside Foundation
– Community Access
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
Whitelion – Mentoring South

**Victoria**

ACSO – Australian Community Support Organisation – Specialist Mental Health Services (SS)
Alfred Psychiatry
arbias – Community Programs
ASTERIA Services Inc.
Ballarat and District Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd
– Innovations/No Quick Fix
Bayview House – Mental Health Clinic
Blind Sports Victoria
Brotherhood of St. Laurence – Coolibah
CHSA Sports Central
CREATE Wyndham
Dame Pattie Menzies Centre Inc.
Department of Human Services
– Disability Services – Grampians Region
Doutta Galla CHS
– Arion Prevention and Recovery Centre
EACH
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
Golden City Support Services Inc.
– CreateAbility Events Network
Homeground Services
– Recreation Program
Impact Support Services
Inner East Community Health Service
– Boroomdara 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
ISIS Primary Care
Karingal – KABLE
Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre
– Inclusive Communities Program
Latitude
– Directions for Young People Inc.
Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre
Melbourne City Mission
– Melbourne Academy
Mental Illness Fellowship of Victoria
– PARC (Prevention and Recovery Care)
Mental Illness Fellowship Victoria – Carer Respite – Specialist Family Support
Mental Illness Fellowship Victoria
– Mulberry House Day Program
Mental Illness Fellowship Victoria
– TJ’s Day Program
Neami – Blackburn
Neami – Fairfield
Neami – Neami North East
Neami (Whittlesea)
Neami Briar Hill
Ngwala Willumbong Co-op. Ltd.
– Galiambile and Winja Uhopna
North Western Mental Health
– Adult Mental Health Rehabilitation Unit
North Yarra Community Health
– Innerspace – Next Door Primary Health
 Odyssey House Victoria
OZ Child
– Counselling and Family Solutions
Peninsula Health – PenDAP
– SHARPS NSP
Port Melbourne Neighbourhood House
Preston Reservoir Adult Community Education – Youth Programs
Radius
Rosebud Police
– Southern Peninsula Swans
Sacred Heart Mission
Scope Loddon Mallee (Golden North)
– Adult Services
Scottsdale P.D.R.S.S.
– Opening Doors/Prahran Mission
Self Help for Addiction Resource Centre (SHARC) – Recovery Support Services
St. John of God Hospital, Ballarat
– Bloomsbury House Dual Diagnosis Service
St. Luke’s Anglicare
– Mental Health Program
St. Luke’s Anglicare – Youth Central
St. Luke’s Anglicare, Castlemaine
– Group Program
St. Mark’s Community Centre
– Sport and Rec.
St. Mary’s House of Welcome
St. Vincent de Paul Aged Care and Community Services – Ozanam Community Centre (OCC)
St. Vincent de Paul – Quin House
St. Vincent’s Prague House
Stewart Lodge SRS
Taskforce Community Agency
The Big Issue
– Community Street Soccer Program
The Salvation Army – Adult Services – The Open Door – Adult Service Network
The Salvation Army
– Brunswick Community Program
The Salvation Army
– Community Aged Care Program
The Salvation Army
– Community Outreach Services
The Salvation Army – Eastcare
The Salvation Army
– Flagstaff Crisis Accommodation
– Recreation Program
The Salvation Army – Flagstaff Outreach
The Salvation Army – Foley House
The Salvation Army
– SANS Intensive Outreach Support
The Salvation Army
– Support in Public Housing Program
The Salvation Army – The Anchorage
The Salvation Army – The Basin Centre
The Salvation Army Bridge Program
– Bendigo (Alcohol and Other Drug Services)
The Salvation Army Crisis Services
– Youth and Family Services
The Wellington Collingwood Inc.
UB Tec (University of Ballarat) – VCAL
Vincentcare, Victoria – Ozanam House
VISTA Community Support
WEAC – Tandana Place
Werribee Mercy Mental Health
– Community Care Unit
Whitelion Inc. – Bundji Bundji
Windana
Wintringham
Wintringham – Dandenong
Wintringham
– Housing and Rooming House Program
Wintringham – McLean Lodge Hostel
Wintringham – PAG Central City
Wintringham – Williamstown Hostel
Youth Substance Abuse Service (YSAS) – City North West
Youth Substance Abuse Service (YSAS) – Bendigo
Youth Substance Abuse Services (YSAS) – Birrubi

Western Australia
55 Central Inc.
Alma Street Centre (ASC) Fremantle Hospital – Adult Mental Health Service, Occupational Therapy Program
Anglicare WA – Foyer
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
City of Cockburn
– Rec Development Office
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
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
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
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
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Greg Hunt (deceased)
Hayden Legro
Mick Miller

Individuals
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Adrian Cloonan
Adrian Crawley
Alan Pascoe
Alan Quaife
Alice Springs Correctional Centre
Andrew Brackman
Anthony Koutoufides
Barry Oates
Barry Silvester
Bedri Sainovski
Brian Millett
Brian Presnell
Brian Procopis
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Glenn Simmonds
Glenn Watts
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Greg Tickner
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ACT Justice and Community Safety Directorate
Able Australia
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Adelaide City Council
Adelaide FC
Adelaide Police
Adelaide Symphony Orchestra
AFL Central Australia
AFL Tasmania
AFL Victoria
Alice Springs Bowls Club
Allen’s Linklaters
Australia Post
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
Carlton Football Club
Central Australia Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA)
Central Australia Football League
City of Fremantle
City of Maribyrnong
City of Melbourne
City of Sydney
City of Port Phillip
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
DO Consulting
East Fremantle Football Club
Etihad Stadium
Eventpower Solutions
Eview Real Estate
Executive Security
FBi Radio
Fishing NSW
Football West
Fremantle Football Club
GE
Government of South Australia
Greek Welfare, SA
Health Directorate – ACT Government.
Hobart Aquatic Centre
Hobart City Council
Hobart PCYC
Hydro Tasmania
Injury Prevention and Management 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)
Mid Murray District Council
Midway Print Solutions
Miller Foundation
Momentum Builders
Mornington Shire Council
Moreton Bay Regional Council
Motor Accident Insurance Board
Mount Barker Council
Mount Barker Lawn Bowls Club
Mountain Goat
Murray Bridge Council
Ozenham House
Pathwayz – Cerebral Palsy League
PBS 106.7FM
Peninsula Stand Up Paddle School
Port Adelaide/Enfield Council
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
Rosenthal
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 Government Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources
South Australian National Football League (SANFL)
South Yarra Football Club
Sport 927
Sport Education Development Australia (SEDA)
Sports Chaplaincy
St John’s Marouba
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 Marquee People
The Salvation Army
The Vic, Newtown
Canberra City
Theatre Royal, TAS
Tony Leggatt Dive Co.
Triple R FM 102.7
Troy Horse
Victoria Police
Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA)
Voyages, NT
Werribee Football Club
Wesley Church Adelaide
West Coast Eagles
Western Australia Cricket Association
Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service, ACT
Woodstock Folk Festival
YMCA – Mount Barker

Committees and Advisory Groups
Sydney and Melbourne Reclink Community Cup Committees
Frank Galbally Cup Committee
The Transformers Choir Organising Team

Schools
De La Salle College
Emmanuel College
Mary MacKillop College
Mount Lilydale Mercy College
Pulteney Grammar
The Hutchins School
Wesley College
Xavier College
**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 Programs
- Adelaide, SA
- Alice Springs, NT
- Perth/Fremantle, WA
- Victoria
- Youth Football, TAS
- Yulara, NT

### Sports Programs
- **Cricket**
  - Adelaide, SA; Melbourne, VIC; Perth/Fremantle, WA; Alice Springs, NT
- **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
- **2014 Spirit of Reclink Awards**
  - Jai Johnston, Frances Addabbo, Greg Hunt, Ruah Community Services
  - SEN 116 – Radio, GE Capital
  - Elle Steele, Matt Lewis, St Joseph’s Flexible Learning Centre
  - Odyssey House Victoria
  - Gymnastics Victoria, DASA, Northern Territory
  - Leaping Larry L, Tony Biggs
  - Dave Barrett, Troy Shoesmith
  - Rosemary Walton

- **Peter Cullen Medal 2014 Winner**
  - Rory Gilbert

- **Peter Cullen Medal 2014 Runner Up**
  - Anthony Ryan

- **Peter Cullen Medal 2014 Female Player of the Year**
  - Pauline Hedger
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