



# Annual Report 2018-2019



## CHAIRPERSON'S Report

**It has been an honour and privilege to have had the opportunity to chair Rebound WA this year.**

Over the past year, we have continued to provide new opportunities and experiences for our members while holding true to our traditional values of providing sports and active recreation for our members.

We further strengthened our bonds with the community through our partnerships with Lotterywest, City of Bayswater and Telethon Community Cinemas. These partnerships allowed us to reach out to the wider community at a grassroots level.

Our community has continued to grow, with the addition of new members, volunteers and supporters. And we look to further showcase our relevance to the wider Western Australian community.

As we move on to another year, our vision for Rebound WA is developing a more comprehensive peer support program and wider involvement with hospitals to better provide our services to those who need them.

Rebound WA will also look to create more robust Spinners and Whiz Kidz programs. These programs are crucial for our younger members, especially in the development of their confidence, independence and appreciation of

an active lifestyle. I know how important Spinners has been to my family and I am very keen to ensure the benefits are felt for as many members as possible.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the many volunteers, your contribution is greatly valued. Without this many of our programs wouldn't be possible. Without your assistance we would not have been able to provide access to sport and recreational activities for as many Western Australians. I would also like to thank Rebound WA's staff, who have been working hard to increase participation, develop and run programs, meet new members, engage with the current members and deliver on our strategy.

As our organisation continues to grow, evolve, and develop, I trust that our members, volunteers and supporters will continue to support Rebound WA and the work we do, and that you will continue to advocate for us as we strive to continually better our services.

*Simon Hardbottle*

**Simon Hardbottle**  
Chairperson

# CEO'S Report

**Rebound WA has developed a passion for building partnerships. And we have a commitment to giving our members ever greater sporting and recreational opportunities.**

This year we have worked hard to build partnerships with more and more organisations to bring an increasing number of activities to our members. In particular we are proud to have helped nurture Break the Boundary, the new charity established by Andrew Liddawi which aims to take accessible sport and active recreation off the beaten track.

This year our passion and commitment has also deepened many ongoing programs and broadened into new areas.

We have nurtured existing programs, including Paradance, Wheelchair AFL and Sledge Hockey by investing in more equipment, promoting activity among our members and, for our members who wish to take the activity up competitively, helping raise funds for equipment, fees and flights.

Wheelchair AFL is growing in popularity, and some schools have been fortunate enough to try out this program during our Wheel Life sessions. Paradance is also another popular activity and our Whiz Kidz enjoyed the recent Come and Try day organised for them. We hope this will also help instil a love for the arts amongst our younger participants.

And we have introduced new programs to our community, including Wheelchair Rugby League. This is a new sport to WA which has rules which are very similar to the National Rugby League. Our multipurpose sports chairs are suitable for this game which means even more participants are able to take part in this new offering without being inhibited by equipment requirements.

Through our fundraising efforts such as Raffle Tickets and the Urban Descent Abseil, as well as other partnerships and grants, we have continued to provide funds to further develop our programs.



In order to further the potential of our Raffle Ticket sales and increase our visibility within the community, we have also set up a face to face division selling raffle tickets in shopping centres.

Importantly, this new addition has provided employment opportunities to our members and supporters as well as allowing us to socialise with the wider community.

In seeking to raise the profile of our work, we partnered with 6PR to conduct a live broadcast during our City Showcase event. While dozens of corporate teams played Wheelchair Basketball in Brookfield Place, we received substantial air time promoting our work. Some of our members were interviewed and their stories shared during the live broadcast, as well as in the weeks leading up to the event.

Our objective for next year is to build even more partnerships and create an even greater awareness of our organisation and our values amongst Western Australians. We hope to ensure our members' success and stories will be further celebrated amongst the community of Western Australia.

We will also seek to further develop our Whiz Kidz and Spinners program to reach even more young members, and to increase our presence in Perth. The key is to ensure that all children with physical disability, have an opportunity to participate in some form of sports or recreational activity to help their physical and mental health.

**Simon Mead**  
CEO

# Our ORGANISATION

Rebound WA is a charitable association assisting Western Australians living with physical disability to lead fuller, more active and more connected lives. Essentially we help people to rebound from adversity.

Our aim is remove barriers – both physical and mental – so children and adults with physical disability can have the same participation opportunities as their able-bodied peers.



65%

REBOUND MEMBERS REFERRED FROM WA HOSPITALS

10%

AMPUTEE

25%

NEUROLOGICAL CONDITION



12%

OTHER

53%

SPINAL CORD INJURIES AND CONDITIONS

## Why our work Matters

People with physical disability face many barriers – both internal and external.

When our members engage in sport and recreational activities they learn new skills, improve their confidence and resilience, make new friends and celebrate their achievements.

We work to help all our members become physically and mentally stronger.





## ROOM FOR GROWTH

Difference in participation rates of physical activity.

People with disabilities

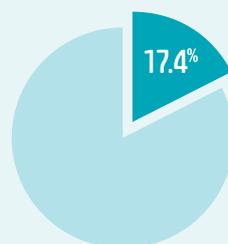
**19.3%** 71,529

People without disabilities

**37.7%** 476,592

Source ABS Disability, Ageing and Care Survey 2009 and ABS General Social Survey 2010

## DISABILITY BREAKDOWN



ABS 2009 Disability, Ageing & Carers Australia

**382,300**

People with a disability in WA



## How we engage with our community

### Encouragement and Information

We've been doing this for over 60 years so we have a lot of expertise and knowledge our members can tap into. We help with advice and information on anything from equipment grants, to the accessibility of public facilities, to which sport or recreational activity may them.

### Sport and Recreation

We can provide information on a wide variety of accessible sporting and recreational activities. Whether our members are interested in joining a team sport for fun, fitness and friendship, learning a new recreational activity that helps with their rehabilitation, or aiming for the highest level of elite sport – we can help our members get there.

### Advocacy and Education

We work collaboratively with sporting and recreational clubs and associations as well as community groups, to educate and advocate for inclusion and accessibility. To educate more people on what life is like with a physical disability we run educational experiences for schools, supply corporations and organisations with speakers and run our popular Wheelchair Challenge.

### Community

Rebound WA has an active community of members who offer peer support and mentoring to our members and their family. No matter what kind of physical disability they have, we can connect them with someone to talk to. Someone who will understand what they face every day, and be able to provide advice and support. Our community

stays connected via social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, where we share information on social events, sporting fixtures and results and member achievements

### Programs

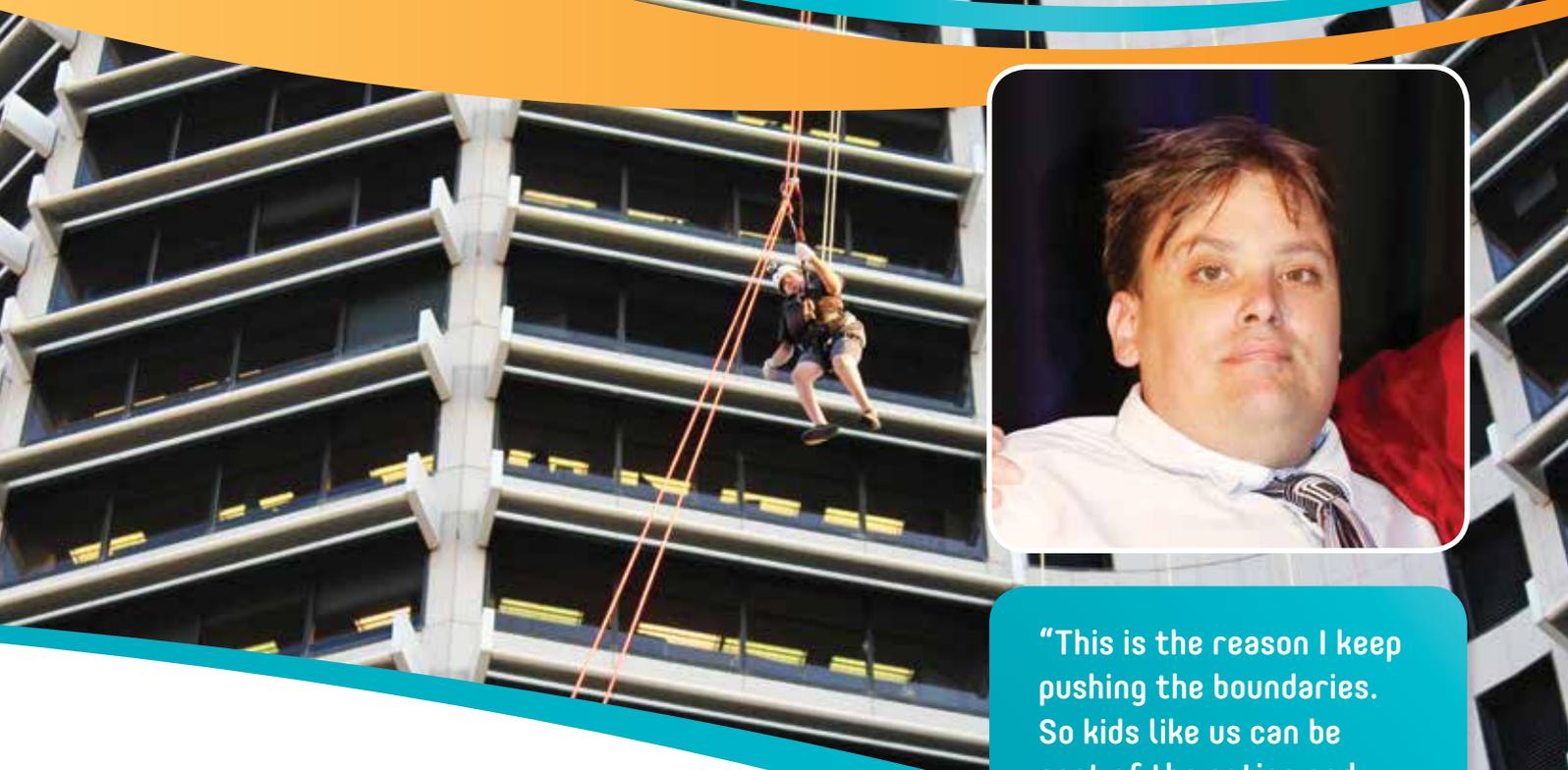
The work we do with young people is best illustrated through our Whiz Kidz and Spinners programs.

Our Whiz Kidz and Spinners programs are aimed at children with a physical disability in Western Australia, to help them become more confident within themselves and in a peer environment, learn new skills through different activities, provide support networks and importantly just to have fun!

The Whiz Kidz program is for members aged 6-12. Crucially the program has a multi-sport focus, providing an introduction for participants to various different accessible sports and active recreational opportunities. The program also offers a range of activities in addition to sports, such as excursions to Whiteman Park, healthy cooking classes, ten pin bowling and annual fishing trips.

For many years Whiz Kidz has helped kids learn independence and focuses on them being a part of a wider community.

The Spinners program is for our members aged 13 and above and looks to further develop the skills and proficiencies in sports as well as to build upon the life skills and independence of our young members. One of the most important activities within the Spinners program is the Annual Camp. Members attend this camp without their parents or carers, a huge step in realising their capabilities and building their confidence and independence.



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## Our MEMBERS

**Ben is a member of Rebound WA, and a great supporter of our work.**

You can often catch him at Wheelchair Basketball and Wheelchair Rugby games as well as fundraising events organised by Rebound WA. A spirited competitor himself, Ben used to play Wheelchair Basketball, until a shoulder injury relegated him to the sidelines as an onlooker. However, this has not stopped him from helping the organisation he dearly loves.

This year, Ben faced his fears, and abseiled down the 160 meter tall QV1 building in the Perth CBD to raise funds for kids programs run by Rebound WA. He is now contemplating jumping out of an airplane to raise even more funds to help those in need. The reason he keeps challenging himself? To inspire and open up opportunities for the younger generation living with disability.

As a kid, Ben often felt isolated and far from the action as he watched on from the sidelines as other kids took part in sports and recreational activities. The realisation that he could have an impact on the lives of other children in a similar situation as him, came about one day as he was setting up for a Whiz Kidz session:

“On this particular day, they were running a session on wheelchair basketball, so I got to the stadium early and started setting up for the session.

While I was doing that, a mother and her young son in a wheelchair were looking for someone to talk to about the program. They had made their way up from Mandurah for this session. The mum shared how her little boy was seven and he comes home from school feeling upset most days as he sits in the classrooms each day looking over the school oval while his peers played.

**“This brought back a lot of memories of me doing the same thing as a kid; of just sitting alone in a corner while everyone else played on the oval.”**

The kid had an amazing time, and kept coming back week after week.

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The Whiz Kidz program run by Rebound WA is free for all our young members. This program helps build up the confidence and independence among our young members. The program helps to instil a sense of belonging, and shows them that anything is possible if they work for it.

# Our ACTIVITIES

Rebound WA runs a wide range of activities throughout the year.

These activities range from artistic, such as Paradance, to sporty, such as Wheelchair Rugby or Wheelchair Basketball, to recreational such as fishing. These activities allow our members to live a healthy and rich life where their hobbies and interests are catered for.

As such, we are always on the lookout for more sporting or recreational activities which our members can be a part of so that the wide interests of our community, is catered for. One of the new activities introduced this year is Wheelchair Rugby League.

Wheelchair Rugby League was started in 2004 by French Rugby League player, coach and official Robert Fassollette and Wally Salvan. The game shares many features and rules with the NRL. But there are also rules which are unique to this game.

In partnership with National Rugby League WA, Rebound WA held a Come and Try session at Belmont Oasis on the 12th October 2019. The session was a success and the participants enjoyed this new sport. There are plans for another 3 come and try sessions to be held over the next 9 months at various locations around Perth.

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# THANK YOU to our supporters



**We would like to acknowledge and thank all our supporters and partners who have worked alongside Rebound WA to reinforce the services we provide to our members.**

We look forward to ongoing collaboration and partnerships focused on delivering a better quality of life for our community.

In particular we'd like to take this opportunity to celebrate our ongoing partnership with Lotterywest. Through a grant provided by Lotterywest this year, Rebound were able to purchase a new van, new trailer, and 12 new multisport wheelchairs. These allows us to further increase the reach of our Wheel Life program to schools and workplaces around Perth.

We are also grateful to KBR and Brookfield for their ongoing support and partnership and will seek to build upon our relationship.

We would also like to thank the people on Western Australia for supporting us through our fundraising, donations, raffles and mail appeals.

- All participants in the Wheelchair Challenge
- All participants in the Charity Golf Day
- All participants in the Urban Descent
- All Saints College
- Brookfield
- Brown and Root
- City of Bayswater
- Civmec
- Cottesloe Golf Club
- Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
- Ductworx Pty Ltd
- Event Cinemas
- Federal Member for Stirling, Mr Michael Keenan
- Federal Member for Tangney, Mr Ben Morton
- Ferngrove
- Fiona Stanley Hospital
- Fremantle Sailing Club
- FTT group
- Hale School
- Harcourts Foundation
- Healthway
- Hollister
- KBR
- Lotterywest
- Mercy College
- National Disability service
- Patersons Security
- Perth's Children Hospital
- PGA
- PWC
- Royal Perth Hospital
- Shenton College
- Show West
- Site Sentry
- Telethon
- Telethon Community Cinemas
- The Oliver Charitable Foundation
- The Stan Perron Charitable Trust
- Trevors Carpet
- United Way
- Westfund Health Insurance
- Woman and Leadership Australia



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# Our PEOPLE

## Our Board

### Simon Hardbottle, Chairperson

Board member since 2016

Currently the Chief Information Officer for Programmed, Simon has previously held the roles of Executive General Manager Commercial and Finance for the Marine and Workforce divisions, along with commercial management and corporate finance roles. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Adelaide, a Master of Business Administration from the University of South Australia and is a Certified Practising Accountant. Simon is an experienced finance executive and brings to the Board valuable skills in achieving strategic and operational outcomes.

Simon is a fellow of CPA Australia and a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Through his family, Simon has been involved with Rebound WA for several years and was appointed as Chairperson this year.

### John Driscoll, Vice Chairperson

Board member since 2013. Resigned July 2019

John was the Chairperson and CEO of Marketforce from 2003 to 2017 after joining in 1989 as Group Media Director. He holds a Bachelor of Economics from University of Western Australia and a Master of Business Administration from Edith Cowan University. John brought to the Board strong skills in the areas of business strategy and development, brand strategy, media strategy and campaign development.

John is a member of a number of professional associations including the Australian Institute of Company Directors, World Presidents Association, Communications Council of Australia and the Western Australian branch of the Australian Institute of Management.

### Justin Eveson OAM, Secretary

Board member since 2012

Justin is a Primary School Teacher with a passion for increasing the level of physical activity in young people. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Western Australia and a Post Graduate Diploma in Education from Edith Cowan University. Justin is a proud ambassador for the West Australian Disability Services Commission's Count Me In and provides motivational and disability awareness speaking services to organisations and clubs.

Justin has an in-depth knowledge of Rebound WA's operations, gained as a former employee and long time member. He is a four-time Paralympian and gold medallist at the Beijing 2008 games in Wheelchair Basketball. With extensive experience as an elite amateur and professional athlete, Justin brings to the Board an intimate understanding of the complex issues faced by athletes with a disability.

### Scott Mison, Treasurer

Board member since 2013

Scott is currently a director of Jupiter Energy Limited, InterMet Resources Limited, Planetary Power Australia Pty Ltd and Company Secretary / Chief Financial Officer for Rift Valley Resources Limited and IDM International Limited. Through his private company, Scott also provides corporate advisory services to private and public companies. He holds a Bachelor of Business degree, majoring in Accounting from Edith Cowan University.

With over 15 years in the finance industry working predominantly with public companies, both on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) and the AIM Market of the London Stock Exchange, Scott brings to the Board experience and knowledge in corporate compliance, finance, statutory financial reporting and shareholder/member communication. He is a Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and Governance Institute of Australia.

### Suzanne Perry

Board member since July 2019

Suzanne was a General Manager for the Rottne Island Authority from 2012 to 2017 and now works for the PACT group as their Marketing & Innovations Manager. Suzanne brings to the Board strong skills in the areas of business strategy and development and commercialisation and marketing.

# FINANCIALS

## Statement of Financial Position

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets	1,098	1,211
Non-current assets	2,802	2,747
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>3,900</b>	<b>3,958</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Liabilities	198	211
Non-current liabilities	23	12
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>224</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>3,679</b>	<b>3,734</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Asset revaluation and capital reserves	243	209
Retained surplus	3,436	3,525
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>3,679</b>	<b>3,734</b>

## Statement of Financial Performance

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
<b>INCOME</b>		
Fundraising	309	342
Grants and sponsorship	385	312
Other income	310	330
<b>Total income</b>	<b>1,004</b>	<b>984</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Fundraising expenses	142	93
Employee entitlements	523	586
Programs, services and administration	427	415
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>1,094</b>
<b>NET(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS</b>	<b>(88)</b>	<b>(110)</b>



# Rebound WA

Enabling WA's disabled community

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