





## CHAIRPERSON'S Report

**Our staff, members and volunteers have once again shown strength and resilience in coping with the ongoing coronavirus situation. Our supporters have shown a tremendous understanding of the importance of our work in the community, and an unwavering faith in their support.**

After the challenges and disruption we faced last year, we had hoped for a much smoother run at our programs and activities this year. The ongoing pandemic has once again caused some disruptions. The frequent short lockdowns our State endured meant members sports and recreation programs were put on hold and disability awareness programs cancelled or postponed, we were however able to run a number of our regular programs at some stage throughout the year including Rugby, State League Basketball, Whiz Kidz, Spinners and the Family Camp. Thank you to the staff and our members for being flexible and adapting at short notice.

Our other events and programs such as the City Showcase, Telethon Weekend activation, and Telethon Community Cinemas volunteer program continue to gain traction and increasing support. We welcomed a new partnership with Rio Tinto and look forward to nurturing the relationship. Our ties with Clifford Chance also continue to grow, and we look forward to their continued support.

Last year, we determined that getting our message and services to even more people was crucial. That in order to live a full life, people needed a community around them, and sports and recreation were necessary for physical and mental wellbeing.

By channelling our efforts and focus towards an expansion, the number of participants in our wheelchair basketball and wheelchair rugby programs have grown in the past year.

Our Whiz Kidz program has expanded as well with a new base in Murdoch University to complement the existing Mirrabooka location. This expansion opens new partnership possibilities and participation opportunities for our members.

In line with our continued focus to increase participation opportunities for Western Australians living with physical disability, next year we aim to establish a northern base for our Spinners program. This will make it even easier and more accessible for teenagers to participate in activities they enjoy and find a community which supports and encourages them.

Let me conclude by commending our Paralympians for their campaign for the Tokyo Paralympics, well done on your preparations, perseverance and congratulations on your very significant achievements amidst a great deal of uncertainty, you are a true inspiration to us all.

*Simon Hardbottle*

**Simon Hardbottle**  
Chairperson

# CEO'S Report

**This year has been another year of growth for the organisation.**

In spite of the numerous short lockdowns Western Australia endured this year, participation in our programs and our membership base continue to grow. Visibility of adaptive sports amongst the general public has also increased this past year with the screening of the Tokyo Paralympics Game on free to air TV and the Wheelchair Rugby National Championships on Kayo.

For the first time since 2015, Rebound WA was able to field a wheelchair rugby team at a National Championship. Even more impressive is that this team comprised of an all Western Australian cast. The last time the Enforcers were able to put up an all WA team with no imports from other States or countries was back in 2007. After the 2015 Nationals, the entire wheelchair rugby program was in a pretty dire situation. A couple of their most experienced players retired from the sport, and there was a general lack of participants in the program. The entire program had to be rebuilt from scratch, and more new talent had to be recruited and taught the game. Not content with just being present at Nationals, the wheelchair rugby team emerged as champions of Division 2. This represents a phenomenal end to a journey of true grit, passion, and dedication.

After being postponed last year due to the pandemic, the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games were held this year. Seventeen of our members were able to showcase their talents on the world stage. Their achievements will no doubt inspire the next generation of kids to chase their dreams and to take advantage of participation opportunities and get involved in sports and recreation.



At a grassroots level, our *Whiz Kidz* program has expanded to include a new base south of the river to complement our hub in Mirrabooka. This means it is even easier for kids living with physical disability to access our programs and equipment.

Participation in our wheelchair rugby and wheelchair basketball program has also grown this year. An increasing number of people are participating in active sports and recreation for their mental and physical wellbeing.

This has been helped enormously by the new equipment we have been able to purchase this year. Thanks to the generous support of Telethon we have received an Omeo, two new race runners, a Stricker and, 16 new sports wheelchairs. And The Primary Club funded the purchase of six new sports wheelchairs.

All this new equipment has supercharged our plans to expand our programs, run new programs and get more people playing sport and getting active through recreation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Simon Mead".

**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.



**126**  
Basketball  
games



**40**  
Wheelchair  
rugby games



**11**  
Come and  
try days



**1**  
Deep-sea  
fishing trip



**145**

disability awareness sessions conducted at schools, workplaces and community groups.



**10,000+**

people reached by the *Wheel Life* program creating greater awareness around adaptive sports.



**200+**

hours spent at PCH and Fiona Stanley Hospital talking to kids and teenagers about living healthy, active lives.



# Our MEMBERS

**Born with cerebral palsy, Rhiannon chooses to be defined by her achievements and not her disability. Like many of our other members, all she required to show her talent was a level playing field, and the opportunity to get involved instead of being sidelined.**

Her start into the world of adaptive sports and recreation happened by chance after she was referred by her physio for a come and try day for para athletics. As a young person who is active and loves her sport, Rhiannon was keen to give anything a go and to start participating instead of being a spectator.

Since then, Rhiannon has gone on to win a silver medal at the 2018 Commonwealth Games, and two bronze medals at the World Para Athletics Championships in Dubai in 2019. She was also a finalist for the 2018 and 2019 WA Sports Stars Awards, and 2018 and 2019 Seven News Young Achiever Awards. She was also recently at the Tokyo Paralympics Game.

Aside from being part of the action and being given the opportunity to participate, Rhiannon also loves the support and guidance she receives from our community. She has developed a strong network to support and guide her. Among them is Rebound WA member and track star Maddison DeRozario who is a role model and friend to Rhiannon.

Through our community, Rhiannon can share her challenges, in sports and life, and seek guidance from more experienced athletes and members. Being a track athlete, Rhiannon is removed from team sports. Rebound WA provides her with an opportunity to socialise with others in her age group from various other sports and activities.



Training six times a week leaves Rhiannon time poor at times, but when she has some time to herself, she gives back to our *Whiz Kidz* program by dropping in to help inspire and motivate our young members. She shows our *Whiz Kidz* that great heights are achievable through hard work and dedication, and that they can always rely on our community to support them.

She counts her mother and sister as some of her greatest cheerleaders. Rhiannon plans to continue her athletics career whilst pursuing university education in the future.



## Our ACTIVITIES

**Staying active is key to maintaining good mental and physical health. For children living with a physical disability it can be daunting and difficult to find a way to play sport and stay active.**

So often a child living with a physical disability can find themselves overlooked and sitting on the sidelines as their siblings and friends get active and have fun.

For over 60 years Rebound WA has been dedicated to fixing that problem. We work to ensure that all kids living with a physical disability get the chance to get active, stay active, try different sports and have fun!

Staying active and finding a sport they love helps combat low self-esteem, stops kids feeling like the odd one out and makes sure they never miss out on experiencing the joy of being part of a like-minded group.

Our *Whiz Kidz* program is an avenue to activity for Primary School students. This program aims to provide a safe space for participants to find a like minded community, who are navigating the same challenges together. Our young members can participate in sports and play with others on a level playing field.

With our recent expansion to include a south of the river hub at Murdoch University, it is now even more convenient, and more accessible for children to take part in physical activity.

Rebound WA has all the specialised equipment that is required to play adaptive sports, enough to accommodate brothers, sisters, cousins and friends even if they are not living with a physical disability themselves. This inclusive program helps build and cement friendships and understanding while providing a supportive community environment.

Free to join, free to join in. Our mission is to get these kids active and we don't want any barriers in their way.

**At the core of it we cater for a vibrant and active community, and as such sports and recreation are still a huge part of who we are.**

# 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.

### Edoardo Argento, Director

Board member since 2018

Edoardo graduated from the University of Western Australia with a Bachelor of Commerce (Finance and Economics Degree) in 2016, and has been working as a Consultant at Mainsheet Capital, a corporate advisory and Management Consulting firm, since graduation.

In his time at Mainsheet, Edoardo has worked on projects with aged and disability services' providers, a medical and research institute, as well as mining services companies. Edoardo also worked for the Perth Wildcats for five years as a casual staff member, was a Basketball coach at Scotch College and worked at Subiaco Oval for three years. He is an avid basketball and AFL fan/player, and hopes to contribute as much as he possibly can to Rebound WA.

### Suzanne Perry, Director

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.

### Karen Harvey, Director

Board member since October 2019

Karen has 27 years of lived disability because of a car accident.

Her experience has been in the area of presenting and tutoring. She worked as a tutor with people with a brain injury and taught computer and communication skills for six years in New Zealand. Karen holds a diploma in Training and Assessment.

Also a keen water skier, Karen's history with disabled sports has been winning a bronze medal at an international fespics games in China and more recently, three-time Australian H4 handcycling champion.

Karen is the Founder and Chairperson for Spinal Chatter Inc, Injury prevention presenter for PBF and Peer support officer for Spinal Life.

She is looking forward to being a part of Rebound WA, networking with like-minded people and providing a unique perspective from a disabled person with many years lived experience.



### Megan Hancock, Director

Board member since October 2019

Megan has three sons who have always been active in both club and representative sporting sides. Her middle son has a physical disability and has been a member of Rebound WA for the last four years. He has enjoyed the physical and emotional benefits of participation in sport and the sense of community and belonging that it brings.

Megan is a Human Resource Professional with 20 years management experience. She holds a Masters in Commerce, majoring in HR management from the University of NSW and a Bachelor of Arts from UWA.

In joining the Board, Megan hopes to bring her perspective as a parent, and draw upon the feedback of other parents like herself to provide a representative voice in the decision making of the Board.

### Aaron Camm, Director

Board member since July 2021

Aaron has been a member of Rebound WA for 16 years. He started his sporting career in Swimming before moving to Wheelchair Rugby where he has represented the West Coast Enforcers since 2012, including captaining the side to a Division 2 National Championship in 2021.

Aaron also co-hosted *Spoked* on 91.3 SportFM for many years that provided coverage to disability sport on the airwaves.

Professionally Aaron works in the Financial Advice Industry currently working for Viridian Advisory. He has previously worked for the Commonwealth Bank. He has a Bachelor of Business majoring in Economics and a Graduate Diploma in Financial Planning.

Aaron is looking forward to working on the board and making a positive impact on an organisation that has given him so much support over the years.





# THANK YOU to our supporters

**In order for Rebound WA to successfully deliver programs and activities to our members, we greatly depend on the support of our partners and supporters. Through them, we are able to make a meaningful impact in our members lives.**

For the first time since 2015, Rebound WA was able to field a team for the National Championships. A crucial element in being able to field a competitive team were the seven new rugby wheelchairs purchased in the past few years. Six chairs in funded by Federal Government, The Honda Foundation and National Disability Services, plus one chair funded by Australian Paralympic Team. These additional chairs allowed our rugby program to accommodate more players during game days and training sessions.

Having access to equipment meant the program was able to expand and develop. Continued support for our other programs will mean that those programs have a chance to thrive as well. This will result in more accessible opportunities for all Western Australians living with physical disability.

- All participants of the Wheelchair Challenge
- All participants of the Urban Descent
- All Saints College
- At Home Care
- AVIVO
- Bendat Basketball Centre
- Break the Boundary
- Brookfield Properties
- CBC Fremantle
- City of Bayswater
- City of Gosnells
- City of Perth
- City of Stirling
- City of Vincent
- Clifford Chance
- Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
- Edmund Rice
- Fiona Stanley Hospital
- Fremantle Sailing Club
- FTT group
- GIO Insurance
- Hale School
- Healthway
- Hollister
- IONA Presentation College
- John Calvin Christian College
- Lotterywest
- Mercy College
- Minister Don Punch
- Murdoch University
- National Disability Services
- Open Arms
- Perth Children's Hospital
- Primary Club
- Rio Tinto
- Royal Perth Hospital
- SEDA
- Show West
- St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls
- Telethon
- Telethon Community Cinemas
- The Oliver Charitable Foundation
- The Stan Perron Charitable Trust
- Town of Cambridge
- Wesley College
- Westfund Health Insurance
- Westfield Local Heroes
- Wheelchair Sports South West
- WildWest Wheelchairs

# FINANCIALS

## Statement of Financial Position

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets	1,766	1,361
Non-current assets	2,432	2,332
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>4,198</b>	<b>3,693</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current liabilities	834	325
Non-current liabilities	48	34
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>359</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>3,316</b>	<b>3,334</b>

## Statement of Financial Performance

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
<b>INCOME</b>		
Fundraising	277	549
Grants and sponsorship	448	344
Other income	265	353
<b>Total income</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>1,245</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Fundraising expenses	76	240
Employee entitlements	721	642
Programs, services and administration	321	500
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>1,118</b>	<b>1,382</b>
<b>NET(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS</b>	<b>(128)</b>	<b>(137)</b>



# Rebound WA

Enabling WA's disabled community

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