



# Annual Report 2021-2022



## CHAIRPERSON'S Report

**This past year, Rebound WA completed an extensive strategic planning process that reviewed our past, engaged internal and external stakeholders, and resulted in a 3-year Strategic Plan.**

We assessed the evolving Para sports environment, considered Rebound WA's services, and identified a new vision and purpose: to become *the place* connecting Western Australians with physical disabilities to each other and to sport and recreation opportunities.

The strategic plan identified three pillars: Financial Sustainability, Engaging and Expanding Community, and Organisational Capability. We reviewed how our existing activities fit within these pillars and developed a new initiative – an annual signature event – and prioritised expanding our reach into hospitals. We also set a 5-year goal to develop a clubhouse for members to meet and get active together.

With the strategic plan in hand, we hit the ground running and made a great start. We had several financial developments which will help our sustainability including receiving a new LotteryWest Grant, whose funds will enable us to reach more people with physical disabilities and nurture an engaged community that may become the heart of the Rebound WA Clubhouse.

Our debut signature event, the Rebound WA Para Sport Festival in Yagan Square, was unique because it welcomed the general public to explore Para sport and recreation. Passersby and attendees with physical disabilities, cheered on wheelchair rugby and basketball demos, met Para athletes, and could have-a-go at wheelchair basketball. They could also stop by participating organisations to hear about adaptive sports. We look forward to building upon this event every year, as outreach to Western Australians with physical disabilities and as an invitation to the broader community to learn more about a variety of Para sport options in Perth.

The progress implementing our new strategic plan occurred during fluctuating COVID restrictions, opening borders, and community-spread. Thank you to our Rebound WA staff, volunteers, and members for their dedication and drive to advance participation for people with physical disabilities in sport and recreation.

*Simon Hardbottle*

**Simon Hardbottle**  
Chairperson



# CEO'S Report

**Through this year's periodic restrictions, opening WA's borders, and COVID's community spread, Rebound WA rose to every challenge because we embody the ethos of adaptability.**

Due to COVID's community spread, events were cancelled, we had difficulty maintaining basketball referee and player levels, and staff members were directly impacted. However, thanks to our COVID planning and staff support, members did not forgo sport and recreation opportunities. Furthermore, we were able to greatly expand our reach educating both Western Australians, with and without disabilities, on sport and recreation.

LotteryWest provided a substantial grant to connect with people with physical disabilities who have been severely impacted by the pandemic. This project focuses on outreach to individuals with physical disabilities and to providers, informing them on the benefits of physical activity and connecting with other people with physical disabilities. The project team conducts presentations to providers, table expos, and are organising a mentorship program and monthly opportunities for members to socialise over casual activities.

We fostered a partnership with Athletics West to develop a frame-running program, which has become popular. After a series of come and try events with Rebound WA equipment, a Bunbury-based member was able to secure equipment to launch Wheelchair Sports SW, which hosted its first wheelchair basketball league in Bunbury. And, our Whiz Kidz and Spinners members have 32 shiny new wheelchairs, donated by Telethon.

We also built upon existing relationships and long-standing partnerships. We are preparing to embark with Telethon Community Cinemas on a new fundraising initiative. Wheel Life has also stayed extremely busy, especially its outreach activities to schools and corporations, including Rio Tinto.



We are renewing relationships with hospitals and are starting the process to expand into a new hospital.

As always, our sport and recreation programs are very popular, especially wheelchair basketball and rugby. The fishing trips and annual family camp quickly filled to capacity.

We were thrilled to bring back our Annual Awards Breakfast, which had been cancelled in 2021. It was heartening to finally gather together and recognize the athletic achievements from 2020 and 2021. Throughout this past year, we continued our tradition supporting members in varying recreation and athletic pursuits, including through awarding scholarships and have cheered on 26+ members, who competed at the international level.

Over the past year, we learned about the importance of anticipating challenges and a willingness to adapt to shifting circumstances. In the coming year, we look forward to nurturing a strong sense of community among our membership, by providing them with opportunities to connect with each other and get active together.

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

**Simon Mead**  
CEO

# Our ORGANISATION

Rebound WA is a charitable association to enhance the lives of Western Australians with a physical disability through sport and recreation opportunities and access to a like-minded community.

Our vision is to be the place that provides Western Australians with a physical disability the opportunity to live a more connected, engaged, and active lifestyle.



**112**  
Basketball  
games



**46**  
Wheelchair  
rugby games



**6**  
Come and  
try events



**2**  
Deep-sea  
fishing trip





**147**

disability awareness  
sessions conducted.



**5,000+**

people reached by the  
*Wheel Life* program.



**2806**

volunteer hours.





# Our MEMBERS

**Caitlin Dransfield was born with Cerebral Palsy, which affects the right side of her body. She has always enjoyed sports and dreamed of going to the Paralympics.**

At the age of 7, Caitlin tried tennis and found “her sport.” Initially, she struggled with serves but after adapting it and hard work, serving became her “secret weapon.” She played competitively for a club until she was 21 years old, however, the Paralympics does not have avenues for standing Para players, so she thought her Paralympic dream would never come true.

Caitlin began pursuing a career in the disability field and started volunteering at Rebound WA’s Whiz Kidz program to complete practicum hours for a certification. She enjoyed seeing kids with physical disabilities thrive when they tried sports, so she stayed on as a volunteer long after her certification was completed.

It was here as a Whiz Kidz volunteer, in 2016, that her Paralympic future came knocking: she met the National Badminton Coach who facilitated a Whiz Kidz badminton activity. He asked Caitlin to join an emerging Badminton Club and mentioned the 2020 Paralympics at the first session.

Over the next four years, Caitlin focused on qualifying for the Paralympics. In the summer of 2021, Para Badminton debuted at the Paralympics

and Caitlin and her teammate, Grant Manzoney, will go down in history as the first Para Badminton team to represent Australia.

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, Caitlin’s family and friends were unable to attend the Tokyo Paralympics. She is driven to make it to Paris Paralympics in 2024 and is currently focusing on the six upcoming international qualifying rounds. She is working hard so that she can share the Paralympic experience with her family and friends in Paris.

In February 2022, at Rebound WA’s first Annual Awards Breakfast since the pandemic started, Caitlin and her teammate were awarded the 2021 Breakthrough Athletes for their contributions to Australian Para sport. Recently, she returned to Rebound WA as a practicum student on the verge of completing her Bachelors in Disability and Community Inclusion. She draws upon her own sport and Paralympic experiences to help Rebound WA review and redevelop its youth program because “everyone, no matter how old you are – or how able you are – deserves the right to have the opportunity to participate and enjoy the sport they love.”





## Our ACTIVITIES

**Regardless of age and disability, staying active is key to maintaining good mental and physical health. For people with physical disability, it can be difficult to find out about adaptive sport and recreation options.**

Many Western Australians with physical disability, their family, and even providers, do not know about the adaptive sport and recreation options. Due to this lack of information, they miss out on the physical benefits of getting active, as well as the sense of wellbeing and community connections.

Rebound WA recognises that awareness about sport and disability is key to building community among people with physical disabilities and expanding the options. For this reason, Rebound WA conducts awareness-building activities throughout the year including the Rebound WA Para Sport Festival, hospital visits, and outreach to providers.

The Rebound WA Para Sport Festival invites the general community to see first-hand demos of wheelchair rugby and basketball. The public nature of the Para Sport Festival advances the message of an inclusive sport environment. For attendees with physical disabilities and providers, the festival is a one-stop-shop providing information on several adaptive sports, recreation opportunities, and their communities.

Our unique hospital visitation program enables us to directly reach individuals in difficult medical situations who may benefit from adaptive sport and recreation. Staff members visit hospitalised

individuals and start conversations about getting active. Based on the individual's interests, staff discuss sports and recreation options. These visits provide information, reflect a vibrant disability sport community, and offer a sense of possibility and hope.

Rebound WA also focuses on engaging a variety of providers because we recognise that they are key in distributing information to people with physical disabilities. We conduct outreach to occupational therapists, physiotherapists, and care providers. We share how Rebound WA can help their clients explore sport and recreation opportunities.

Our mission is to make sure that Western Australians with physical disabilities have opportunities to get active. Our outreach and awareness initiatives strive to increase participation in sport and recreation by making sure no one falls through the cracks.

**We are dedicated to making sure those with physical disabilities have the information necessary to explore sport and recreation opportunities.**

# 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 last year.

### Edoardo Argento, Treasurer

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 5 years as a casual staff member, was a Basketball coach at Scotch College and worked at Subiaco Oval for 3 years. He is an avid basketball and AFL fan/player, and contribute as much as he possibly can to Rebound WA.

### Suzanne Perry, Vice Chair

Board member since July 2019

Suzanne was a General Manager for the Rottnest 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 fespig 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 enjoys 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, Secretary

Board member since October 2019

Megan has three sons who have always been active in both club and representative sporting sides. Her middle side 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.

Megan brings her perspective as a parent and draws 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 enjoys 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.

New equipment is crucial in our mission to expand sport and recreation opportunities for our members and other Western Australians with physical disabilities.

This past year, Telethon provided several pieces of equipment that helped kids with physical disabilities explore outside and even experience running for the first time. With its big wheels and segway-like technology, the Omeo is a wheelchair that takes kids with physical disabilities off pavement to explore grassy areas and dirt terrains. The Stricker transforms a wheelchair into a hand or electric-powered bike, allowing youth to easily explore paved trails. We also received two frame runners that are enjoyed by our Whiz Kidz members and are used in the development of the first frame-running program in Western Australia.

Continued support for our other programs means that our programs have a chance to thrive. This results 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 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
- Rio Tinto
- Royal Perth Hospital
- SEDA
- St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls
- Telethon
- Telethon Community Cinemas
- The Oliver Charitable Foundation
- Stan Perron Charitable Foundation
- Town of Cambridge
- Wesley College
- Wheelchair Sports South West
- WildWest Wheelchairs



# FINANCIALS

## Statement of Financial Position

	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets	3,426	1,543
Non-current assets	994	2,432
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>4,420</b>	<b>3,975</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current liabilities	431	489
Non-current liabilities	28	48
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>537</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>3,961</b>	<b>3,437</b>

## Statement of Financial Performance

	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
<b>INCOME</b>		
Fundraising	566	320
Grants and sponsorship	512	448
Other income	285	265
<b>Total income</b>	<b>1,363</b>	<b>1,033</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Fundraising expenses	22	76
Employee entitlements	737	721
Programs, services and administration	521	336
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>1,280</b>	<b>1,133</b>
<b>NET(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>(100)</b>



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