

Reducing the burden of Asthma since 1964



The 51st
Annual Report
2014-2015



Asthma
Foundation WA

Our Purpose

To advocate, provide asthma information, education, training and fund respiratory research

Our Vision

To free West Australians from the burden of asthma

Our Mission

Working with the West Australian community to help people with asthma and linked conditions breathe easier.

RELIABILITY

Our information and service is accurate and timely

PASSION

We demonstrate positive attitudes and behaviours that inspire others to make a difference

COMMUNICATION

We encourage open and honest two-way conversations with our staff and clients

TEAMWORK

We promote teamwork, cooperation and share responsibility at all levels of the organisation

INNOVATION

We seek innovation, creativity and wisdom in our organisation

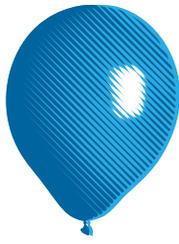
Accountability

We hold ourselves accountable for our words and actions

Our Values

We agree to act in accordance with these values.

As confirmed by all Asthma Foundation WA staff



Asthma Foundation WA

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Our Valued Partners

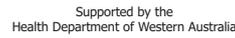
Principal Partner



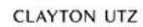
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Funding Partners



Corporate Supporters



Community Partners



From the President

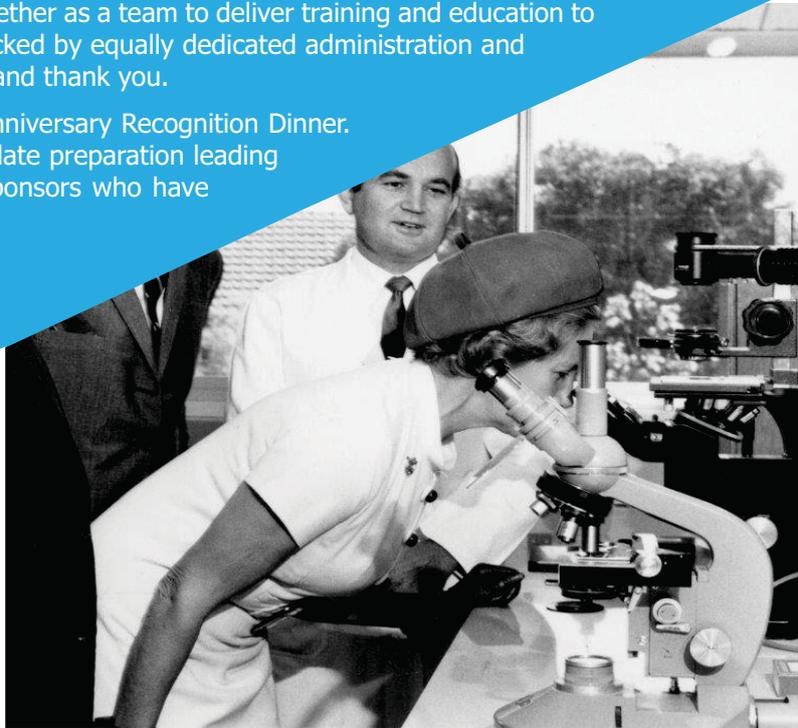
In my second year as President of the Asthma Foundation WA (AFWA) I would like to thank our many supporters and partners. Your generous support has enabled AFWA to post its fifth consecutive operating surplus at a time when the economy in general is under pressure.

Importantly I mention our dedicated staff that have pulled together as a team to deliver training and education to those living with asthma and their carers. Our front line is backed by equally dedicated administration and marketing staff. On behalf of the AFWA Board I congratulate and thank you.

The major highlight of 2014/15 was the Foundation's 50th Anniversary Recognition Dinner. This came together on the 29th of August 2014 with immaculate preparation leading to an evening which recognised the many individuals and sponsors who have helped AFWA in the pursuit of its founding goals:

1. To educate the people and the medical profession in the necessity for a co-ordinated approach to the control of asthma
2. To provide research facilities
3. To provide facilities for the treatment and rehabilitation of Asthmatics.

The Appreciation Evening acknowledged all who have come before and those presently working in the name of Asthma in Western Australia.



The discussion with Asthma Australia and other State Foundations relating to a merger into a single entity continues to be debated and whilst AFWA is a collaborative and supporting partner of Asthma Australia, a decision has been made to maintain our independence for the time being. We will continue to actively communicate with Asthma Australia in relation to this matter and should compelling reasons emerge from any planned merger, that will assist AFWA in its pursuit of the Asthma Cause, the Board and Members of AFWA will reconsider its position.

The Asthma Foundation WA is focused on serving the needs of asthmatics in Western Australia and without taking any focus off current activities and programs, Regional WA is seen as an important area that is presently under resourced and under serviced. It is hoped we can raise sufficient funds to establish the Regional Asthma Program in coming years. We will need strong corporate support to succeed in this vitally important area.

As a reader of this Annual Report you are either an asthma sufferer, current supporter or potential supporter of the Foundation. I ask everyone to help AFWA achieve its goal of reducing the burden of asthma in Western Australia.

From a \$10 donation, through to Volunteer help and onto our Major Donors and Partners, in 2015/16 I am asking all supporters to consider how they can add to what is currently being done. If everyone added just 10% to their current level of support, and those considering offering support stepped forward, we will deliver the regional program in WA. Remember referring others who can assist achieve our goals is support – great support. Thank you in anticipation and on behalf of all asthma sufferers.

Lastly, I offer thanks to the AFWA Board. At times we ask a lot of these Volunteers and they give freely of their time, knowledge and experience. Like all other supporters the AFWA Board will be considering how they individually, and as a team can increase the level of support to the Asthma Cause. I look forward to continuing my work with the AFWA Board.

Tony Carter

**President
Asthma Foundation WA**



Report from the CEO



It is with great pleasure that we present the 51st Annual Report of the Asthma Foundation WA. This year we witnessed the very best the Foundation has to offer and all it represents, through a year dotted with frustration and disappointment. The highlight obviously was the celebration of 50 years of service in Western Australia, culminating with the Anniversary Recognition Dinner held in August 2014.

The decision to record the Foundation's history on DVD was applauded and leaves a legacy of which we are extremely proud. We also hope to have captured some wonderful memories within the pages of this report.

The disappointment emanates from the lack of success within the organisation from an operational point of view, and the subsequent staff changes that unsettled the smooth operation of recent years. Plans and processes have been introduced to reduce the chance of a repeat performance.

Planning

The Foundation commenced the final year of the three year Strategic Plan and the recent review by your Board has re-focused the team, and we should achieve the outcomes expected if we strictly adhere to plan.

I commend those AFWA Board Members who assisted in this development for their commitment and leadership.

Financial performance

Whilst pleasing to report a fifth successive operating surplus, the amount is well below expectations and could not have been achieved without strong support from my Finance Manager, Sarah McKenna and Board Member and Treasurer, Spencer Broad.

Our ethos is now so firmly entrenched, that anything other than a surplus each year will be deemed unacceptable, and that with every successful year, our financial commitment to research, education and training remains.

Our Partners

We are blessed to have the support of one of the world's leading gold producers, Newmont Asia Pacific as our Principal

Partner. Their commitment now extends four years and has ensured we have remained financially viable, and whilst we acknowledge nothing lasts forever, we hope to retain Newmont Asia Pacific as a major partner in future years. Kelvyn Eglinton and Ken Ramsey, and more recently Kaye Clarke, have been a pleasure to work with.

Department of Health WA

Our primary focus is the delivery of health services to people with asthma, their families and carers. Each year the Department of Health WA fund many of our programs which are detailed later in this report. Our scope is large, but with this support, the task is very much achievable. On behalf of the Board and staff of the Foundation we thank Gerrie Williams, Lynn Wade and their team for their ongoing support and inspiration. Negotiations have commenced for a further five year agreement beyond 2015-16.

Channel 7 Telethon Trust

The Asthma Foundation WA has for many years enjoyed support from the Channel 7 Telethon Trust via grants from Telethon. This year we were very fortunate to receive a grant to develop resources aimed at children, in particular focusing on the management of their asthma. One of the major issues for charitable organisations such as ours is the cost to promote awareness of the disease in the community. Through Telethon's support, work commenced on developing a strategic approach through media, resources and online, aimed at children and their carers that we believe will change behaviour. We thank Steve Mummery and the Trust for their ongoing commitment to child asthma education.

We also thank throughout this report Evol LNG, Kleenheat, Wesfarmers, Lotterywest, Toyota WA and Clockwork Print for their continued financial support. We are proud to have some of Perth's leading organisations backing us.



Telethon Freeway Bike Hike for Asthma

Probably the most frustrating outcome of 2014/15 was the result and fallout of our annual major fundraising initiative, the Telethon Freeway Bike Hike for Asthma. The overall participation was well down on expectations, fundraising failed to meet budget and the event manager refused to fulfil their financial contractual obligation. This resulted in less than expected revenue and the subsequent near breakeven budget. Your Foundation will now investigate ways that will maintain control over the event to reduce future risk.

Tackling Asthma Campaign

The "Tackling Asthma with the Western Force" campaign on the other hand was an outstanding success, enthusiastically supported by the Western Force through Rugby WA and has now raised \$257k since inception. With 25 of Perth's leading companies supporting the program, the task of "tackling asthma in WA" has become a whole lot easier.

National

This year the National Asthma Conference "Connecting Asthma Care" was conducted in Brisbane. The biennial event was considered the best thus far with nearly 300 attendees. The merger talks between Asthma Australia and the National Asthma Council are well advanced, as is the proposed merger of Asthma NSW and Asthma QLD

Western Australia will adopt a wait and see approach to determine the best way forward for the Foundation. In the meantime, AFWA will participate as a proud partner in a National Website initiative, aimed at providing easier access and up to date information for people living with asthma. We will also deliver services through the National Asthma Management Program to ensure consistent and relevant information is provided to those who need it most.

50th Anniversary – 1964-2014

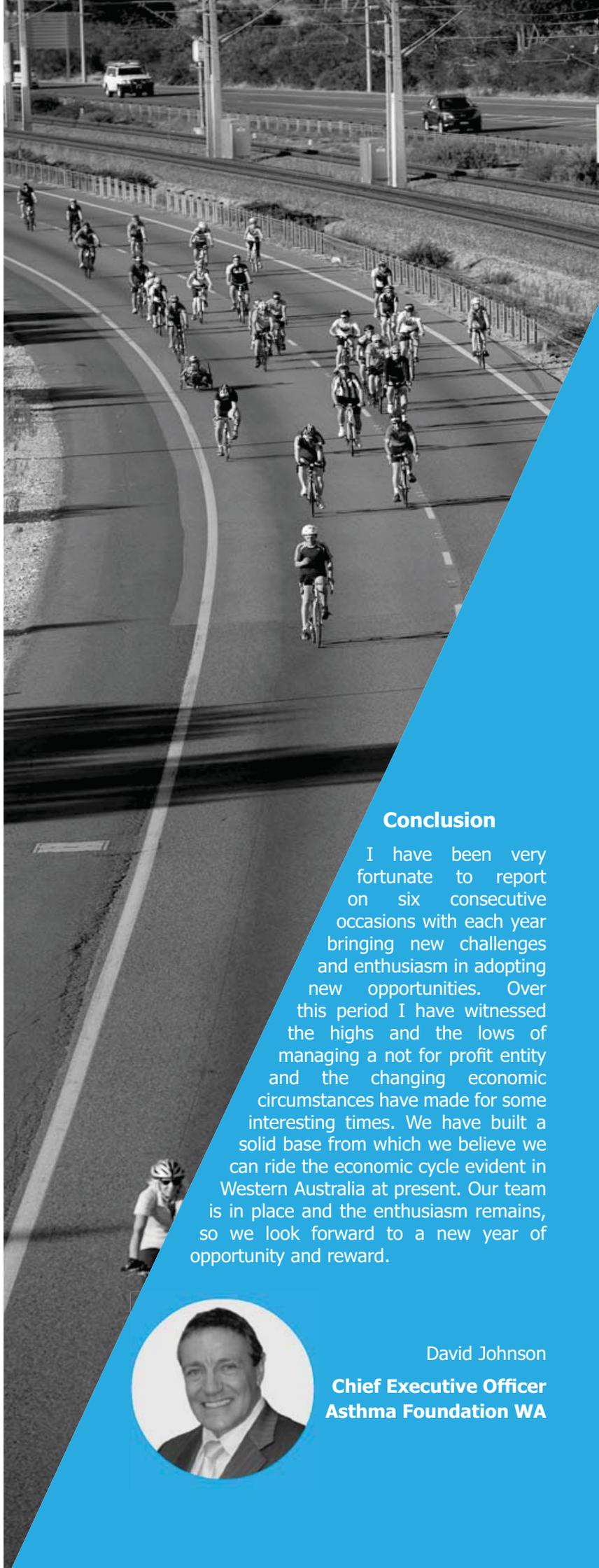
Without doubt the highlight of 2014-15.

A remarkable evening hosted by the very talented Karen Tighe, entertained by the Perth Symphony Orchestra, supported by Major Donors, Major Partners and State Government agencies, in particular Lotterywest.

I believe we found the exact balance between celebrating a wonderful history, acknowledging those who had come before us, and recognising those who have made the Foundation what it is today. The planning was complete and the execution first class. A wonderful achievement, by a tremendous team, and worthy of every accolade received.

The evening culminated in the awarding of Life Membership to 3 outstanding individuals, the formation of a new award category in Foundation Associate, recognising 12 individuals that have contributed by association with the Foundation.

The move from Honorary Councillors to Foundation Associates befits the very relationship these wonderful volunteers have had with the organisation.



Conclusion

I have been very fortunate to report on six consecutive occasions with each year bringing new challenges and enthusiasm in adopting new opportunities. Over this period I have witnessed the highs and the lows of managing a not for profit entity and the changing economic circumstances have made for some interesting times. We have built a solid base from which we believe we can ride the economic cycle evident in Western Australia at present. Our team is in place and the enthusiasm remains, so we look forward to a new year of opportunity and reward.



David Johnson
**Chief Executive Officer
Asthma Foundation WA**

Our Volunteers

The Asthma Foundation WA would like to thank the many Volunteers who assist us with administration tasks, data entry, expos and mail outs, in particular Christian, Sue Collett and Elsie Tester, three of our regular Volunteers.

This year we also welcomed our newest Volunteer, Thinesh Theivendvan whose accounting skills were of great assistance to the Foundation.

The Foundation was able to recognise the efforts of our long serving Volunteer, Coralanne Cranston by awarding her Life Membership. Coralanne has been involved in Asthma Swimming classes for 27 years, and our Adult Asthma Aquatics class continues today under her enthusiastic management.

Many people forget that the Board of the Foundation are Volunteers and contribute their time, knowledge and resources to help guide the Foundation, participating in sub-committees such as the Finance, Audit & Risk Management Committee, the Investment Review Committee, the Awards Committee and the Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee. The value of our Board members is often overlooked, but never taken for granted.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the Volunteers who assisted with the Telethon Freeway Bike Hike for Asthma on March 22nd 2015 and hope to see you again next year! A special thank you goes to Michelle Grosse and Life Member Margaret Seebeck for their assistance with Freeway Bike Hike fundraising.

Every Volunteer aids the Foundation in achieving our vision of reducing the burden of asthma in WA. It is through their support and generosity that we continue to achieve.



Our Management and Committees

Patron

Her Excellency the Honourable Kerry Sanderson AO
Governor of Western Australia

Vice Patron

Dr Ken Fitch AM

Our Board

Mr Tony Carter - President
Mr Cathal Smith - Vice-President
Mr Spencer Broad - Hon Treasurer
Mr David McKenna
Mrs Lisa Viska
Prof Graham Hall
Mr Warren Campbell
Mrs Anjie Brook
Dr Lydia Kilcullen

Chief Executive Officer

Mr David Johnson

Finance Manager

Miss Sarah McKenna

Health Services Manager

Mr Kyn Cowper (until March 2015)

Fundraising Manager

Miss Jacqui Swift (until March 2015)

Business Development Manager

Miss Carly Parrick (until June 2015)

Marketing and Events Officer

Miss Kristen Till (until March 2015)

Executive Assistant

Mrs Chris Gordon

Research Officer

Ms Yolanda Arcaro

Receptionist

Miss Gemma de Wind

Health Services Team

HST Support Officer
Senior Asthma Educator
Asthma Educator - NW
Asthma Educator - SE
Asthma Educator - SW
Senior Training Officer
Training Officer

Gwen Betland
Raelene Punshon
Yvonne Ashworth
Melanie Preen
Kay White
Eleissa Fuller
Kara Pappagallo

Investment Review Committee

Mr Spencer Broad
Mr Paul van de Ven
Mr David Johnson
Miss Sarah McKenna
Mr Tony Carter
Mr Cathal Smith (from April 2015)

Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee

Mr Spencer Broad
Mr David Johnson
Miss Sarah McKenna
Mr Tony Carter
Dr Lydia Kilcullen

Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee

Prof Graham Hall (Chair and National Representative)
Prof Alan James
Prof Peter Henry
Dr Phil Stumbles
Prof Mark Everard
Assoc Prof Anthony Kicic
Mr David Johnson
Ms Yolanda Arcaro

Board Meeting Attendance

Board Member	Possible	Actual
Anjie Brook	11	11
Cathal Smith	11	8
David McKenna	11	8
Graham Hall	11	10
Lisa Viska	11	9
Lydia Kilcullen	11	10
Spencer Broad	11	10
Tony Carter	11	10
Warren Campbell	11	11

Honour Board

Life Members

Mr Vic Court AM
Dr Ken Fitch AM
Dr John Hobday
Mr John Kerr OAM
Dr Rod Mason
Mr Barry Rubie OAM
Dr Keven Turner AM
Mr David Webb
Mrs Roslyn Webb
Mr Grahame Young
Ms Margaret Seebeck
Prof Alan James
Prof Wayne Thomas
Mrs Coralanne Cranston

Foundation Associates

Mrs Doreen Ambler
Christian
Mrs Sue Fraser
Mr George Johnson
Dr David Mathias
Mrs Val McDonagh
Mr Robert Mitchell
Dr Mauro Mocerino
Mr Bruce Simpson
Mrs Pat Sinclair
Mrs June Steen-Olsen
Mr Matthew Tweedie
Ms Sue Collett
Prof Stephen Stick

Foundation Associates (cont.)

Mr Rajpal Thethy
Mr Stan Perron
Prof Geoffrey Stewart
Ms Charlotte Allen
Mr Ralph Sarich

Certificate of Appreciation

Evol LNG
Jarman McKenna

Distinguished Service Awards

Five Years - Bronze

Mr Paul van de Ven
Mr Warren Campbell
Mr Cathal Smith
Miss Sarah McKenna
Dr Paul Zilko
Mr David McKenna

Ten Years - Silver

Mrs Yvonne Ashworth
Dr Michael Pritchard
Assoc Prof Richard Loh
Dr Barry Clements
Dr Martin Stuckey
Prof Patrick Holt
Prof Roy Goldie
Dr Peter Bremner
W/Prof Fiona Lake

Fifteen Years - Gold

Ms Elsie Tester
Ms Sue Collett
Prof Martin Phillips
Prof Alan Morton
Dr Richard Tarala
Dr John Bandouvakis
C/Prof Bill Musk
Dr Colin Somerville
Prof Peter Sly

Twenty Years - Blue

Dr Anthony Tribe
Prof Howard Mitchell
Dr Gerard Ryan
W/Prof Peter Le Souëf



Major Donors and Bequests

Major Donors

The Asthma Foundation WA is extremely grateful for the support received from some of West Australia's most generous individuals and companies.

The following people made it possible for the Foundation to increase its financial commitment to asthma research, education and training.

Lions Club International

Mr Anthony Clarke

Rajpal & Jyoti Thethy

Ralph & Patricia Sarich

The Stan Perron Charitable Trust

Mr Cornelis J. Van Dalsen

Shannon & Katie McMahon

Rotary Club Swan Districts

Mr Lou Sauzier

Mr Paul McGrath

The Lovegrove Family

Shreeve & Carslake Pty Ltd

Frank & Sheila Granger

Mandurah Murray Mayday Club

Bequests

The Asthma Foundation WA remains eternally grateful to the individuals who have decided to support the Foundation through a bequest. These dedicated individuals leave a legacy of support to those currently suffering from asthma, as well as those researching the condition.

We honour the following people for their extremely generous gift received this year.

Brian Reilly

Harry Frederick Carter



Research

One of the Foundation's most important roles is to fund research into respiratory health.

The vision to free West Australians from the burden of asthma is overseen by our Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee (MASAC) chaired by Professor Graham Hall, who is also a member of our Board and serves as its medical advisor.

Members of AFWA MASAC are selected locally and are highly regarded scientists and clinicians. Under the expertise of the MASAC an effective process is carried out to assess and select funding applicants.

This includes rigorous peer review by recognised leaders in their fields of research in Australia and Internationally.

In the past 12 months the Asthma Foundation WA has commissioned the following research projects and scholarships.

Project Grants

These are traditional project grants aimed primarily at proven researchers in establishing new asthma projects and continuing programs of research. The following project grants have been awarded to:

Associate Professor Alexander LARCOMBE and Associate Professor Benjamin MULLINS | Telethon Kids Institute
Funded at \$23,761

Electronic cigarettes as a trigger for asthma

Electronic cigarettes ("e-cigarettes") offer the nicotine-addicted an alternative to smoking tobacco. They heat and aerosolise a liquid solution (commonly containing nicotine), producing a vapour which is inhaled. Due to the recent introduction of e-cigarettes, virtually no research has considered their potential to impact health – with most proponents assuming they are a benign alternative to tobacco cigarettes. Very recent research, however, shows that e-cigarette use increases airway resistance in both healthy and asthmatic individuals and that it may contribute to an excessive increase in lung resistance in asthmatic subjects. This timely study will assess the acute effects of e-cigarette vapour on lung function.

Dr Shelley GORMAN and Associate Professor Vance MATTHEWS | The University of Western Australia
Funded at \$24,821

Exploring the effects of maternal obesity on asthma pathogenesis

The in utero and neonatal times of early life are critical developmental periods that can shape an individual's predisposition for asthma. This study intends to determine whether there may be a causal relationship between maternal obesity and asthma pathogenesis in her offspring by using in vivo modelling. This pre-clinical model will then be used in future studies to test the efficacy of interventions administered during and/or beyond this early developmental window. These studies will also provide us with an opportunity to explore potential mechanisms that may contribute towards the development of obesity-induced asthma.

Professor Peter HENRY, Tracy MANN and Professor Philip BURCHAM | The University of Western Australia
Funded at \$24,033

Using a novel explant perfusion system to investigate mucus secretory pathways in human isolated airways

The airways of patients with asthma secrete excessive levels of mucus, which can combine with inflammatory exudates to form viscous mucus plugs that occlude the airway. Indeed, airway mucus plugging has long been recognised as a principal cause of morbidity and mortality in many patients with asthma, especially in those with more severe disease. Despite this, there are no current pharmacotherapies that effectively prevent mucus hyper-secretion in asthma (or COPD). We have developed a novel experimental system that allows us to investigate the processes of mucus hyper-secretion in human intact airways. We will use this innovative human airway explant system to specifically investigate mucus hyper-secretion induced following exposure to acrolein, a noxious substance that is abundant in cigarette smoke. This proof-of-principle study will explore ways to block mucus hyper-secretion in human isolated airways, that in the future may lead to the effective and life-saving drug treatments for mucus hyper-secretion in asthma.



New Investigator Grants

The new investigator grants aims to assist asthma researchers at the start of their career to secure their first major element of research funding. The following grants have been awarded to:

Dr Kimberley WANG supervised by Professor Peter NOBLE MULLINS | The University of Western Australia
Funded at \$24,300

Intrauterine growth restriction increases airway smooth muscle mass and risk of asthma development

Previous studies have shown that intrauterine growth restriction (IUGR) is associated with asthma in children and chronic lung disease in adults. The reasons for this association are unclear and in general prenatal links with asthma have been poorly studied. Our proposed research will investigate the link between IUGR and increased airway smooth muscle (ASM) at birth. We hypothesize that IUGR leads to an increase in ASM and this represents an independent risk factor for the development of asthma. The project will also determine whether an increase in ASM produces abnormalities in lung function consistent with asthma, a relationship that may begin from birth.

Robyn JONES supervised by Professor Alan JAMES | Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital
Funded at \$24,845

Different types of airway remodelling cause fixed airflow obstruction in asthma and cigarette smoking

Although patients with moderate/severe asthma and smokers may have fixed airflow obstruction, in asthmatics this appears to be present at the onset of their symptoms and remains stable, whereas in smokers it develops progressively over time. This project will use sections of airway tissue to examine the structural determinants of fixed airflow obstruction in asthmatics and smokers. Results from this project will help understand the mechanisms by which fixed airflow obstruction occurs in smokers and asthma – an essential first step to treatment or prevention in these common and costly conditions.

Fiona Staniforth PhD Scholarship Top Up Research

Supports students undertaking postgraduate doctorate degrees who hold or have been approved for a full-time PhD Scholarship to assist in their studies for a maximum of three years. The following project grant have been awarded to:

Laura COLEMAN supervised by Dr Ingrid LAING | Telethon Kids Institute
\$7,500 per annum over three years

Role of genes underlying innate immune responses to human rhinovirus infection in children with acute wheezing

Fiona Staniforth Honours Scholarship

This Scholarship helps to attract the best and brightest of the next generation of researchers into asthma research.

Jordan SMOOTHY supervised by Dr Shelley GORMAN | Telethon Kids Institute
Funded at \$5,000 for one year only

Does maternal obesity affect the lung function of her offspring

Vi Watson Vacation Scholarship

Provides students undertaking research projects relevant to asthma. It provides students with the financial support required to continue their research over the summer break.

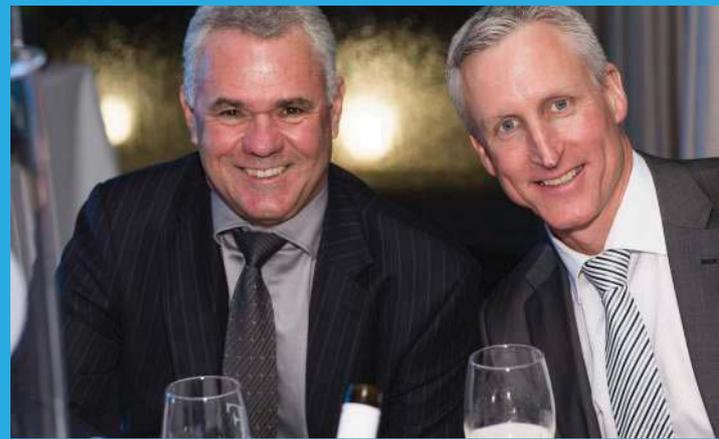
Suellen HERRICK supervised by Julie CREWE and Professor Lin FRITSCHI | Curtin University
Funded at \$1,600 for 8 weeks

Australian Workplace Exposure Survey: Asthmagens - Latex

Natasha SANDOSHAM supervised by Dr John ELLIOT and Clinical Professor Alan JAMES
| Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital

Funded at \$2,000 for 10 weeks

Origins of airway smooth muscle remodelling in asthma





50th Anniversary Recognition Dinner

The Asthma Foundation WA remains eternally grateful to the individuals who have decided to support the Foundation.

On the 29th August 2014 the Asthma Foundation WA celebrated 50 years of service to the WA community at a Recognition Dinner held at the State Reception Centre in Kings Park. The event was attended by 220 guests. Attendees included His Excellency the Hon Wayne Martin AC, past and present Board Members of AFWA, Staff, Benefactors and Corporates, as well as Life Members of the Foundation.

Dr Richard Walley performed a unique Welcome to Country and MC Karen Tighe entertained the crowd and was an excellent MC. Those in attendance enjoyed watching a commemorative DVD that highlighted the significant achievements and milestones reached throughout the Foundations history.

The 50th Anniversary Recognition Dinner offered AFWA the opportunity to acknowledge 50 years of Volunteers, Members, Staff and Board achievements.

This wonderful historical record would not have been possible without the support of the following generous Companies and Individuals:

Newmont Asia Pacific

Lotterywest

Asthma Australia

Mr Stan Perron

RAC Insurance WA

The University of WA

The Lung Institute of WA

Hawaiian Management Pty Ltd

Telethon Kids Institute

AstraZeneca

AFWA is proud to have served the West Australian community for 50 years, and we look forward to continuing our role as an educator and supporter for people with asthma, their families and carers, and to add to the \$5 million dollars already distributed to support respiratory research in WA.

Recognition and Awards

The 50th Anniversary Recognition Dinner provided AFWA with an outstanding opportunity to recognise the achievements of its longest standing supporters.

Life Membership is the highest honour the Foundation can bestow upon an individual and three life memberships were awarded to Professor Wayne Thomas, Professor Alan James and Mrs Coralanne Cranston in recognition of their service and dedication to the organisation.

Coralanne Cranston

Coralanne Cranston overcame personal adversity to achieve her role as teacher, mentor and friend to the hundreds of people she has helped whilst volunteering in her role as the Foundation's Asthma Swim and Asthma Fit instructor and coordinator. Coralanne herself is a chronic asthmatic and has three asthmatic children.



Professor Wayne Thomas

Prof Wayne Thomas was an AFWA Board Member for 17 years, and a member of the Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee for 8 years. As a physician Prof Thomas's research has focused on the effect of the house dust mite and cat allergy and infection on the health of people with asthma. In his career Wayne has been a member of both the national and international asthma and medical research advisory committees.

Professor Alan James

Prof Alan James has served many different roles at AFWA for the last 20 years. As a physician, Alan has been a pivotal member of the Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee, serving as Chairman for over 10 years and as Vice Chairman in 1995 and 1996. Alan continued to serve as an AFWA Board Member for four years, from February 2008 to December 2012.



The Asthma Foundation WA also honoured the following individuals with the status of Foundation Associate in recognition of their outstanding contributions:

Mr Matthew Tweedie

Ms Sue Collett

Prof Stephen Stick

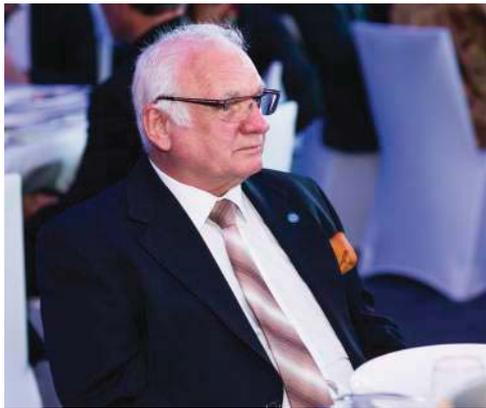
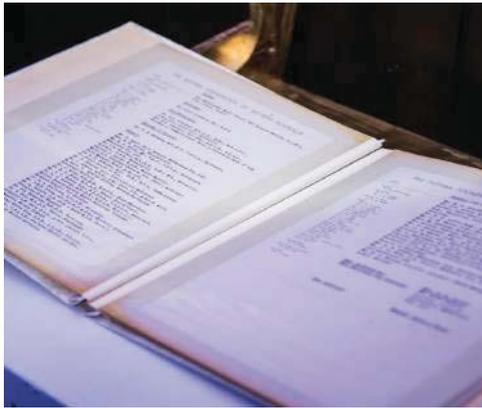
Mr Rajpal Thethy

Mr Stan Perron

Prof Geoffrey Stewart

Ms Charlotte Allen

Mr Ralph Sarich



Health Services

The year has seen change to the Health Services department; however the team has continued to achieve sound results in delivering asthma education, information and training to Western Australians.

The proven delivery strategy of educating people with asthma, training carers of people with asthma and training other Health Professionals to deliver this education, continues to make a difference in our community.



The Asthma Foundation WA assists those people and their carers affected by asthma learn how to manage their condition through a range of advocacy and support services and contribute to their enhanced well-being and overall good health.

The WA health system also saw changes in 2014/15 with the dissolving of Medicare Locals into Primary Health Networks. Following these changes AFWA has formed and developed relationships with 360° Health and Community and Street Doctor.

A major recommendation in the Asthma Model of Care is the universal access to health services across the State. The Foundation has continued to address this recommendation by expanding our services into rural and remote Western Australia.

Twelve regional road trips were conducted that covered 14 major regions of Western Australia including:

1. Albany
2. Merredin
3. Kununurra
4. Geraldton
5. Kellerberrin
6. Port Hedland
7. Jurien Bay
8. Karratha
9. Kalgoorlie
10. Esperance
11. Boddington
12. Broome
13. Derby
14. York



A further step has been taken to address the inequity to the rural population in the provision of our Freecall information line with a focus on online training.

A large effort has been made to ensure quality and best practice is demonstrated in all our services. Our education and training services are subject to continual review and a system of continuous improvement.

The Foundation is an active participant in the WA Department of Health Respiratory Health Network which exists to provide a consumer and primary healthcare perspective in policy development and planning for health service delivery.

Community Education

The Community Services program is funded by the WA Department of Health (WADoH) to provide consumer information and education and advocate on behalf of people with asthma. AFWA was granted Preferred Supplier status by WADoH in relation to our service delivery contracts. Service delivery focussed on high-risk and priority populations including parents of children less than nine years of age, Aboriginal populations and people from rural and remote areas of Western Australia.

The Community Education Program is conducted throughout the community with education and information delivered to 4,105 individuals.

The Health Services Team has engaged General Practitioner's to ensure that the Foundation's services are a part of the referral pathway for people with asthma. More and more GP's are imbedded in this pathway model which refers their patients to our Education Clinics which educate these patients in good technique and control of their asthma. Formal feedback is provided to the GP's for each clinic conducted.

The Asthma Foundation WA has a Freecall Information Line 1800 ASTHMA to provide support to people with asthma throughout Western Australia. This is manned by experienced Asthma Educators who supplied detailed help to over 1500 people throughout the year.

Professional Training

Seminars and workshops were conducted for Health Professionals to enable them to take current asthma information to their workplaces and into the wider community.

The centrepiece of our Health Professional training is our Asthma Educators Course. The strategy for this course is to train Health Professionals as Asthma Educators to further extend the care and help provided by the Foundation.

Several other courses were reviewed during the year to ensure that they meet the needs of our participants and the wider community.

Carers Training

Training courses were conducted for people who had a duty of care to people with asthma to enable them to take current asthma information to their workplaces and into the wider community. The bulk of our training is delivered to Early Childhood Educators via the Emergency Asthma Management Course. This course has now been extended to school staff to ensure their ability to handle asthma emergencies within schools.

National Programs

As a proud member of Asthma Australia, Asthma Foundation WA participates in the Asthma Child and Adolescent Program (ACAP) and the Community Support Program (CSP).

Asthma Australia is funded by the Department of Health and Aging to manage the Asthma Child and Adolescent Program. During the year in review ACAP was extended to the whole school community to include education sessions for parents and students as well as teachers and support staff. The year saw 3,545 teachers and support staff from 203 schools educated on how to manage an asthma emergency in a school setting. We had immediate success with students numbers with 2,232 students participating however, parents were much harder to attract. The number of parents participating was well below the target set which was also seen across all states. The Health Services Team is investigating ways to encourage more parents to attend these sessions.

Of the 203 schools which participated in the program, 178 became Asthma Friendly, an 87% adherence rate. Further training to schools is provided by our online training service, which saw 440 school staff complete the training. 80% of staff reported an increase in their ability to recognise asthma, know asthma first aid, and their confidence to manage an asthma attack.

Community Support Program

The Community Support Program targets people with asthma and their family and carers in at-risk populations including seniors, Aboriginal people, culturally and linguistically diverse people, people from low socio-economic areas, and regional and rural Western Australians.

The aim of the program is to:

- Increase access to asthma information and education
- Increase the target groups' ability to effectively manage their asthma
- Provide referral pathways and access to relevant support services

During this financial year 117 group education sessions were delivered to health professionals, aged care facilities and seniors and the Foundation attended 26 major community events and expos throughout the year.

The team of Educators and Trainers that constitute the Health Services Team at the Foundation should be commended on their professionalism and diligence in working towards our vision to free West Australians from the burden of asthma.



Business Development and Fundraising

The Fundraising and Business Development team saw a lot of changes in 2014/15, but fundraising remained strong with the support of the Foundation's loyal Donors and the West Australian community. The Freeway Bike Hike celebrated its 11th year on Perth's freeways, 25 companies joined our Tackling Asthma Campaign and donations to our fundraising appeals remained strong.

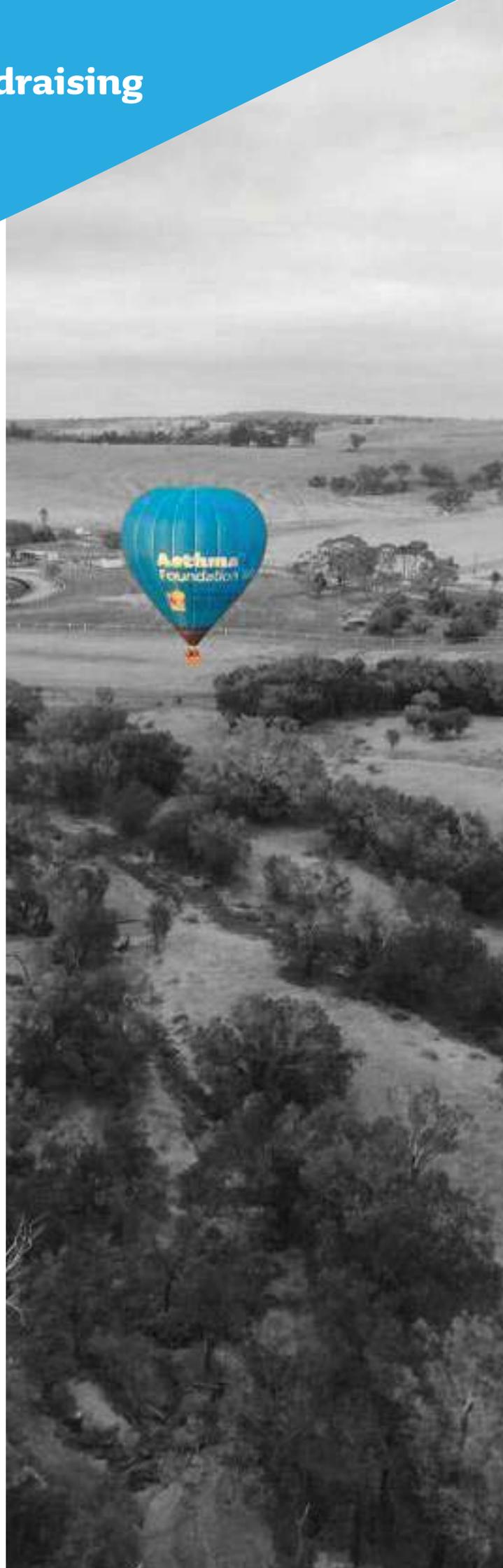
In 2014 Kleenheat became a Major Partner of the Asthma Foundation WA. A joint initiative between the Foundation and Kleenheat was launched on the 24th of October 2014 where a \$50 donation is provided to AFWA for every person who makes the switch to natural gas at home with Kleenheat.



In 2015 Newmont Asia Pacific renewed its status as AFWA's Principal Partner for a further year and in 2014 Wesfarmers Pty Ltd renewed their status as a Major Partner for a further three years. The Asthma Foundation WA is truly grateful for its long standing Partners and supporters, without which long term projects and continued delivery of quality education services to the community would not be possible.

The 2015 Telethon Freeway Bike Hike for Asthma was held on 22 March 2015 with 4,662 people participating. This is a marked decrease on previous rider participation, however the event was very well run and we hope to increase the number of participants in 2016. 194 riders fundraised for asthma providing over \$123,000 in vital funds. We thank CBI Kentz Joint Venture for raising \$25,306 making them the Highest Corporate Fundraising team. Their total amount raised over the last four years is \$119,724 which is an amazing achievement.

The Highest Individual Fundraiser was Mr Nicolas O'Leary for raising over \$3,088 and the Cogliani Cycling Club raised \$7,350 making them the Highest Community Fundraising Team for three consecutive years. In three years the Cogliani Cycling Club has raised nearly \$55,000 in support of the Fiona Staniforth Research Fund. Thank you to all of the other dedicated individuals, corporate teams and community groups for your support in helping the Foundation to invest in respiratory research, and so that we can continue to provide support and education across WA.



Tackling Asthma saw 25 companies pledging to beat asthma by donating \$2 per tackle laid by the Western Force. The campaign raised a total of \$76,252 for the Foundation.

To kick off the season, all companies were invited to a breakfast function at the Royal Perth Yacht Club. The end of season appreciation function culminated in a three course dinner at Frasers, with Mr Tim Gossage as MC. I would like to pass on my appreciation to the Western Force and in particular Richard Patterson-Hyde for his tireless work behind the scenes and Solomoni "Junior" Rasolea as our 2015 Ambassador.

The Asthma Foundation WA would like to thank and acknowledge the support of the following 25 companies for lending their generosity and support to the campaign:



We remain grateful to our loyal donors who provide steadfast support for the Foundation. In 2014/15 \$109,953 was donated by generous individuals and community groups.

The support of the Channel 7 Telethon Trust has helped grow the Foundation's respiratory research program, providing more opportunities for young researchers and helping to develop ground breaking research here in Western Australia. To Steve Mummy and the team of the Channel 7 Telethon Trust – thank you for your on-going commitment to research. It is an honour to be aligned with an organisation of the calibre and status of Telethon.

The Foundation's 50th anniversary gave the opportunity to review our successes not only in 2014/15 but over the lifetime of the Foundation. We look forward to building upon our past achievements with the support of our donors, fundraisers and sponsors.



Asthma Australia

Asthma Australia is the national body representing each State and Territory Asthma Foundation. The past twelve months has seen outstanding progress on achieving our mutually agreed priorities as approved by Asthma Foundations Presidents in 2013. The strategies of Asthma Australia are prioritised by its Board of Directors comprising the Presidents of each Asthma Foundations and three independent Directors.

Our vision for people to reduce the burden of disease for people with asthma by funding world leading research; coordinate highly effective, evidence based and accessible programs and services; and raise awareness of asthma within the community drives our day to day operations.

Key outcomes achieved in 2014/15 include:

Educating and up skilling health and community professionals so that they are best equipped to meet the needs of people with asthma remains a core objective. To do so, Asthma Australia prioritised the needs of rural and remote communities and invested in an online / digital strategy which includes the development and implementation of the 'Asthma Online' training portal for health and community professionals; digitalising all patient and consumer resources so that they are available as E books; and continuing to enhance the national website, asthmaaustralia.org.au. Pleasingly Asthma Australia's digital strategy has exceeded expectations with 38,000 health and community professionals completing on line training; asthma patient resources have been downloaded over 150,000 times since being launched in May 2015 and website traffic grew to 1.25 million unique visits last year.

Raising awareness of the asthma cause remains a core national area of focus. Connecting people with asthma and their care givers with their local Asthma Foundation remains a priority. Two major campaigns were coordinated including the launch of new research into the needs of young people with asthma and how it impacts on their mental health; and 'Chester' an animated character developed for a new micro site called Asthma Kids. Both campaigns highlighted to the community, donors and supporters the valuable role that Asthma Foundations play in assisting people with asthma get on top of the disease.

Finally, the National Asthma Research Program continues to grow both in terms of applications and funding received. I am delighted to report that Asthma Australia's corporate funding strategy is beginning to pay dividends attracting increasing investment including signing an agreement with new principle partner Hudsons Coffee. Over \$800,000 was invested in grants, scholarships and bursaries in 2014/15 with five new research projects launched. You can read more about these at www.asthmaaustralia.org.au/research

Asthma Australia continues to support all Foundations with resources, evidence and funding to ensure people with asthma are receiving the best possible care. We congratulate Asthma Foundation WA on their continued efforts to assist people with asthma.

Mark Brooke

**Chief Executive Officer
Asthma Australia Inc**



Financial Report 2014/2015

Asthma Foundation of WA Inc

Treasurer Statement

In my third year as Treasurer I am pleased to report an operating surplus of \$3,808 for the year ended 30th June 2015. Albeit a small operating surplus, none the less it is a positive result and this is the fifth consecutive year the Foundation has reported a surplus.

Operational income for the year was down on the prior year mostly due to lower fundraising, sponsorship and donation receipts, as well as the non payment in full of a contracted event management fee. After negotiations failed to achieve the total amount the AFWA Executive negotiated a commercial settlement which contributed to the less than anticipated operating surplus.

The Foundation's investment portfolio produced another year of solid income and capital growth.

After non-operational items of \$23,386 being accounted for, the total surplus for the year was \$27,194. This is a decrease from the 2013/14 surplus of \$314,191 which included bequests of \$185,834. The Foundation has a strong focus on maintaining a low operational overhead which enables more funds to flow into the core services that the Foundation provides to the community.

This year's financial statements provide a further breakdown of how the Foundation's funds are expended for the greater benefit of asthmatics and those affected by asthma in Western Australia.

The Foundation's Balance Sheet has strengthened with assets exceeding liabilities by over five million dollars. Our forward budgeting shows surpluses for the next three years which bodes well for the Asthma Community of Western Australia.



Spencer Broad

Treasurer

Asthma Foundation WA

Statement By The Board

ASTHMA FOUNDATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC STATEMENT BY THE BOARD

In the opinion of the Board, the accompanying Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Asthma Foundation of Western Australia Incorporated are drawn up so as to give a fair and true view of the state of the affairs of the Asthma Foundation of Western Australia Incorporated at 30 June 2015, and the results for the 12 month period ended on that date.

On behalf of the Board



Tony Carter

President

1st September 2015

Statement By The Treasurer

STATEMENT BY THE HONORARY TREASURER

I, Spencer Broad, being the Honorary Treasurer of the Asthma Foundation of Western Australia Incorporated state that in my opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure are drawn up so as to give a fair and true view of the state of affairs of the Asthma Foundation of Western Australia Incorporated at June 30th 2015, and the results for the 12 month period ended on that date.



Spencer Broad

Treasurer

1st September 2015

Independent Auditors Report

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASTHMA FOUNDATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of the Asthma Foundation of Western Australia, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2015, and the income statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of Western Australia (1987) and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibilities also include establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting under the Associations Incorporation Act (1987) of Western Australia. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

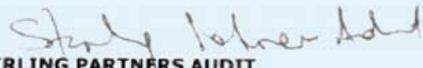
In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

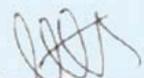
Qualification

Donations, fundraising and sponsorship are a significant source of revenue for the Asthma Foundation of Western Australia Inc. The Asthma Foundation of Western Australia Inc has determined that it is impracticable to establish control over the collection of voluntary revenue prior to entry into its financial reports. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding revenue from this source was limited, our audit procedures with respect to voluntary revenue had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion whether voluntary revenue of the Asthma Foundation of Western Australia Inc obtained is complete.

Qualified Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects on the financial report of such adjustments, if any, as might have been required had the limitation on our audit procedures referred to in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report of the Asthma Foundation of Western Australia Inc. presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of the Asthma Foundation of Western Australia Inc as at 30 June 2015 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.


STIRLING PARTNERS AUDIT


P. STAMATOPOULOS (FCA)
278 Stirling Highway, Claremont, WA 6010

Dated this 1st day of September 2015

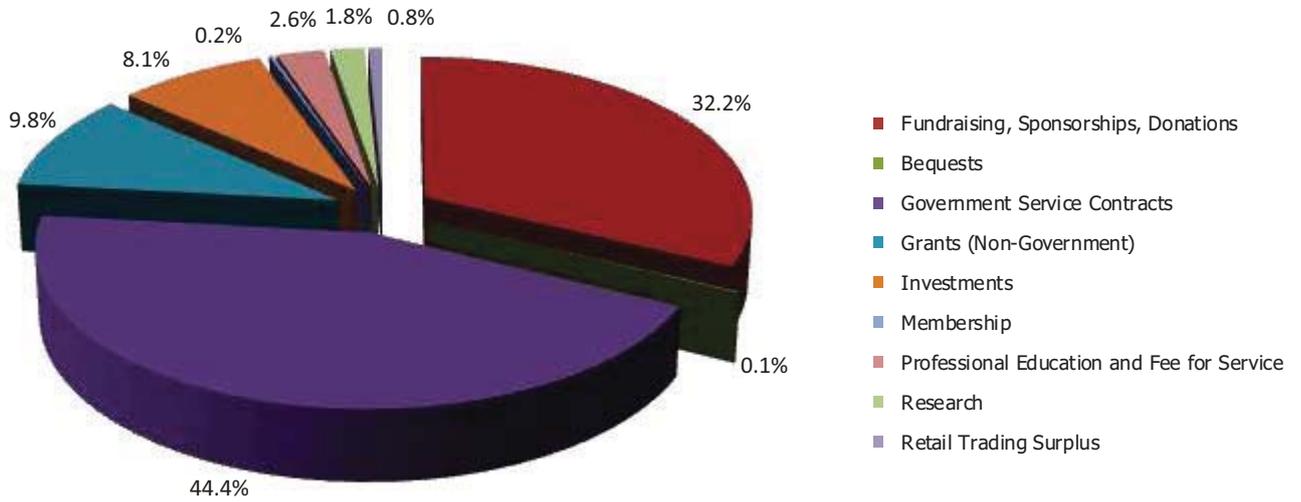
Statement of Income and Expenditure

ASTHMA FOUNDATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

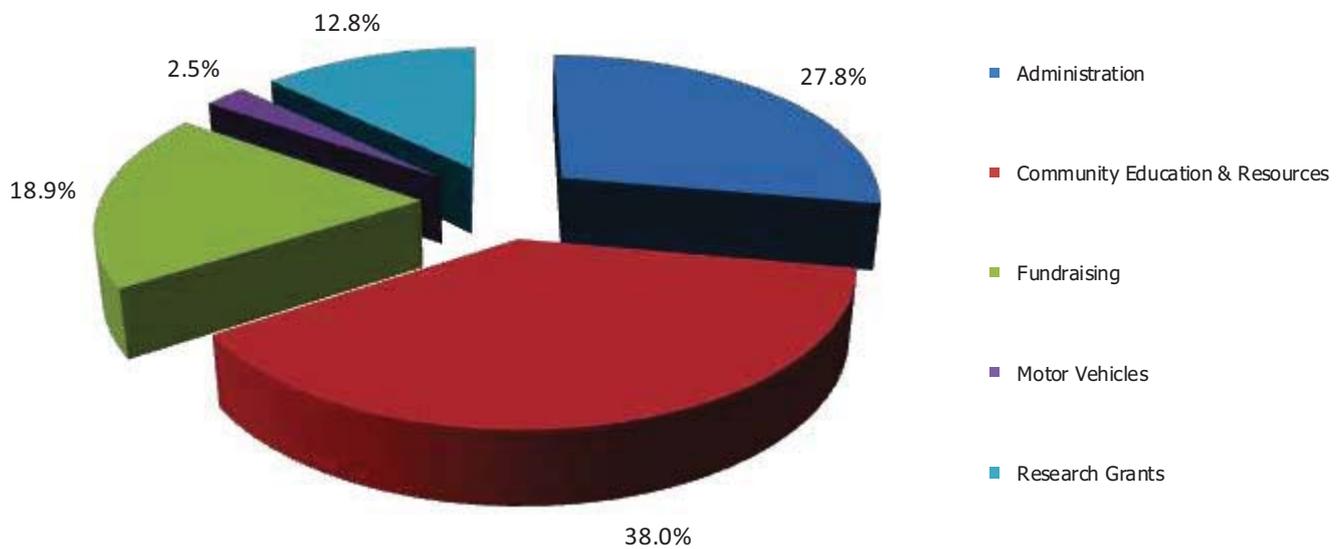
	12 months 30-June-2015	12 months 30-June-2014
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Fundraising, Sponsorships, Donations	638,490	816,485
Government Service Contracts	880,483	724,634
Grants (Non-Government)	195,000	195,700
Investments	159,747	196,735
Membership	3,982	4,380
Professional Education and Fee for Service	51,652	91,030
Research	36,512	15,100
Retail Trading Surplus	15,119	20,422
	1,980,985	2,064,486
EXPENSE		
Administration	182,563	161,707
Community Education & Resources	133,277	154,730
Depreciation	57,978	66,289
Fundraising	137,535	93,276
Motor Vehicles	49,086	54,482
Personnel -		
Administration	309,145	339,285
Community Education	618,660	624,168
Fundraising	236,073	256,435
Research Grants	252,860	199,518
	1,977,177	1,949,890
OPERATIONAL SURPLUS	3,808	114,596
OTHER NON OPERATIONAL ITEMS		
Revaluation of Investments	18,770	10,080
Surplus on Sale of Investments/Assets	2,490	3,681
Bequests	2,126	185,834
	23,386	199,595
SURPLUS TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS	27,194	314,191

Statement of Income and Expenditure

WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM



HOW THE MONEY WAS SPENT



Balance Sheet

ASTHMA FOUNDATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2015

	Note	30-June-2015 \$	30-June-2014 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at Bank		182,553	342,552
Receivables	2	235,756	95,954
Inventories	3	18,078	15,095
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		436,387	453,601
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments	4	1,896,494	1,803,530
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	3,029,892	3,092,024
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		4,926,386	4,895,554
TOTAL ASSETS		5,362,773	5,349,155
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and Borrowings	6	290,947	290,622
Provisions For Employees	7	48,929	62,830
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		339,876	353,452
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		-	-
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		339,876	353,452
NET ASSETS		5,022,897	4,995,703
FUNDS EMPLOYED			
Retained Surplus		3,108,081	2,793,890
Asset Revaluation Reserve		1,887,622	1,887,622
Surplus for the year		27,194	314,191
TOTAL FUNDS EMPLOYED		5,022,897	4,995,703

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES FORM PART OF THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Notes

ASTHMA FOUNDATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Board has determined that the Foundation is not a reporting entity. Accordingly this Financial Report is a special purpose financial report prepared specifically in order to provide accounts which satisfy the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1987 (WA) and also for distribution to members and must not be used for any other purpose. The Board has determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet these requirements. The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or except where specifically stated, current valuations of non current assets. The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period, unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

Income Tax

The Foundation is exempt from income tax.

Investments

Investments are brought to account at market value at balance date. Dividends, Interest Trust and Partnership distributions are brought to account on an accrual basis.

Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Property

Property is included as per Sworn Valuation 30 June 2013.

Revenue

Donations are recognised at the time of receipt. Grants and subsidies are recognised as income over the period to which they relate Other Revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established. Income from Bequests is recorded as Non Operational Income.

Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation. The depreciation amount of all plant and equipment is depreciated over useful lives of the assets to the Foundation commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Employee Entitlements

Provision is made for the liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST.

ASTHMA FOUNDATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

		30-June-2015	30-June-2014
		\$	\$
2	RECEIVABLES		
	Sundry Debtors	225,783	81,698
	Prepayments	9,973	14,256
		235,756	95,954
3	INVENTORIES		
	Retail Stock on Hand	18,078	15,095
4	INVESTMENTS		
	At Market Value as at Balance Date		
	Cash Fixed Term Investments	597,568	509,533
	International Shares	493,462	422,813
	Listed Shares	700,213	748,673
	Unlisted Property Trusts	105,251	122,511
		1,896,494	1,803,530
5	PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
	Property - as per Valuation June 2013		
	Office Units 2, 3, 4 & 5 36 Ord Street	1,413,705	1,413,705
	Renovations Office Units 2, 3, 4 & 5 36 Ord Street	695,595	695,595
	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(64,948)	(37,124)
	Office Unit 7 36 Ord Street West Perth	420,000	420,000
	Office Unit 10 36 Ord Street West Perth	440,000	440,000
		2,904,352	2,932,176
	Plant & Equipment		
	Office, IT Equipment and Fittings - at Cost	170,807	169,815
	Less : Accumulated Depreciation	(61,618)	(34,865)
	Motor Vehicles - at cost	41,215	41,215
	Less : Accumulated Depreciation	(24,864)	(16,317)
		125,540	159,848
	TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	3,029,892	3,092,024
6	CREDITORS & BORROWINGS		
	Sundry Creditors	254,363	224,198
	Funding Received In Advance	36,584	66,424
		290,947	290,622
7	PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES		
	Provision for Holiday Pay	46,140	60,938
	Provision for Long Service Leave	2,789	1,892
		48,929	62,830

AFFILIATED FUNDS - NOT INCORPORATED IN ACCOUNTS

Affiliates of the Asthma Foundation of Western Australia Inc. are set up in various country areas. The funds raised and held by these affiliates have not been included in the accounts of the parent body.

Funds held by affiliates at the year end were as follows :

	30-June-2015	30-June-2014
	\$	\$
Manjimup	1,079	1,077









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