



**ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY
OF NEW SOUTH WALES Inc.**

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

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Instituted 25th July 1877

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Stanwell Gold Medal



Senior Constables Scott Wilson and Stacy Bull,
Silver Medals Case 12-02



Mr Timothy Hannan, Silver Medal Case 10-105



Mr Roy Reid, Silver Medal Case 11-26



Mr Peter Cooper, Bronze Medal Case 10-106



Paramedic Phillip McCarren, Bronze Medal Case 10-62



Mr & Mrs Jacob Gow, Certificate of Merit Case 2013-90



Mr James Russel Certificate of Merit
Mr Scott Butler Bronze Medal Case 12-14



Senior Constable James Morgan
Bronze Medal Case 2013-07



Cox Family (left) Brady, Certificate of Merit
(right) Liam, Bronze Medal Case 10-106



Mrs D Eynnon, Certificate of Merit Superintendent
Colin Green, Bronze Medal Case 2013-09



Mr Cameron Schulte, Bronze medal Case 2013-06



Corporal Melissa Kennedy, Bronze Medal Case 12-07A



Son of Jack Cui Posthumous,
Bronze Medal Case 12-04



Mr Shaun Cansdell, Certificate
of Merit Case 12-13



Ms Lauren Lye, Bronze Medal
Case 12-06

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137th ANNUAL REPORT for the YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

The Council of the Society is pleased to provide the following Annual Report.

PATRON

The Society is most grateful for the Vice-Regal patronage it is accorded by Her Excellency Professor The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir DC CVO Governor of New South Wales. Her continuing interest and support are greatly appreciated.

PRESIDENT

The Society is most grateful for the continuing interest and involvement of its President, The Honourable Sir Laurence Street AC KCMG QC.

THE 2013 PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

At the annual ceremony, the Society was honoured to have the awards presented by Her Excellency The Governor at Government House on Friday 5 October 2012. The warm hospitality extended by Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas Shehadie following the ceremony was greatly appreciated by the recipients and guests present. Awards on this occasion comprised 1 Galleghan Award, 4 Silver Medals, 23 Bronze Medals, 25 Certificates of Merit and 2 Pixley Awards. In addition, on merit, during the year the Council of the Society presented 5 Letters of Commendation.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Society's 136th Annual General Meeting was conducted on Monday 9 December 2013, when Councillors and Office Bearers were elected for the ensuing twelve months.

FINANCE

The Society's Audited Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2014 and its Income and Expenditure Account for the year then ended 30 June 2014 appear at the back of this annual report.

DONORS

The financial position was only achieved through the generosity of those donors who are listed later in this report. The New South Wales Government is a long time annual helper, whilst NRMA Insurance also provides significant support. In addition the NSW Roads and Maritime Services through its "Partnership Programme" provides the funds for the calligraphy services for the certificates presented.

2013-2014 AWARDS

The Council Meeting of 9 December 2013 agreed to the reintroduction of the Gold Medal, last awarded to William James Bissett (aged 16) for a surf rescue on 1 January 1958. The criteria for the reintroduced award being only one should be awarded each year, representing the highest award for bravery. The Council agreed in some years there could be no Gold Medal awarded, also the Council from time to time reconsider an awarded Silver Medal to be upgraded.

This year the Council has given the Gold Medal & Galleghan Award to Mr. Andrew Cochrane for exceptional bravery at a petrol tanker fire at Mona Vale on 1 October 2013.

The awards described in this annual report, comprise 1 Gold Medal & Galleghan Award, 2 Silver Medals, 16 Bronze Medals, 8 Certificates of Merit and 6 Letters of Commendation. In addition, the Society issued 3 Appreciation Letters. To all recipients, the Society conveys the thanks, admiration and congratulations of the people of New South Wales.

KINDRED SOCIETIES

A happy working relationship exists with the Royal Humane Society in London, Royal Humane Society of Australasia in Melbourne and Royal Humane Society of New Zealand, to which bodies, together with other kindred organisations including the Australian Bravery Association, and the Sri Lankan Foundation for Civilian Bravery the Society offers warm greetings.

APPRECIATION

The continuing work of the Society, in providing recognition for brave deeds undertaken by the citizens of our State depends on the goodwill and help of many. Our office and use of the Council meeting room are provided by the Fire and Rescue New South Wales. The State Government and the NRMA Insurance are major donors, but there are others mentioned in this report.

The NSW Police Force, Fire & Rescue NSW and Ambulance Service of NSW remain major contributors to investigating and reporting upon cases presented for consideration by the Council. The production of the Society's Bravery Certificates is greatly assisted by the Roads & Maritime Authority with an annual grant from their Partnership Programme.

This has been another good year for the Society. Thanks to the courtesy of the Fire Commissioner our office computers on the 3rd Floor at No.1 Fire Station in Castlereagh Street have been upgraded. The Society's ongoing business is effectively and efficiently carried out by the Honorary Secretary, Maj Roland Millbank (Retd) and Assistant Secretary Mrs. Julia Simonides.

Our new Honorary Treasurer, Mr. John McLennan BCom FCA was appointed in August 2013, and our new Honorary Publicity Officer, Mr. John Hoban was appointed in May 2014.

The Society auditor is currently Mr. Martin Matthews a partner of PKF Lawler who was reappointed at the AGM in December 2013.

After 5 years service Mrs. Phillipa Murphy from the Council in April 2014. The Council accepted her resignation with sincere regret.

There has been continuing and diligent and painstaking data entry by Ms Cora Sarmiento who has completed the database of all winners of the Society awards since foundation in 1877. The complete table of winners is now available and set out later in this annual report. However, important data on a small number of the citations of these brave citizens still remains to digitally recorded.

The Council commenced this past year 2013-2014 with current caseload of 24 nominations (24 X "2013" Series) with a further 6 nominations forming the "2014" Series. During the year 18 cases were reviewed and, as reported previously, the following awards were made:- 1 Gold Medal & Galleghan Award, 2 Silver Medals, 16 Bronze Medals, 8 Certificates of Merit, and 6 Letters of Commendation.

Heroism is, for most of us, a difficult concept. We are dealing with ordinary persons who, with some disregard for their own life, come to the aid of others. They have not taken these steps for recognition or reward, but out of their concern for fellow human beings. It is a humbling experience for those of us contemplating these acts. It is true that not all acts of heroism come to the attention of the Royal Humane Society, but we do attempt to seek out as many brave acts as possible.

I thank our Patron, the President, my fellow Councillors and those who assist in supporting roles for the dedication they bring to fulfilling the Society's objectives.

Richard Hein AM
Chairman

BACKGROUND TO THE SOCIETY

The Society was established as a result of the loss of the 351- ton collier paddle steamer s.s. Yarra Yarra and its 17 man crew in a south-east gale on the night of 14/15 July, 1877, while attempting to re - enter Newcastle Harbour.

Four days later, a public meeting of citizens, under the chairmanship of the Reverend Dr Lang, at the Royal Exchange, Pitt Street, Sydney, decided to form the Society "for the relief of the widows, orphans and others dependent upon men lost in the marine service of our coast, or elsewhere, such relief to be distributed at the discretion of the committee".

The Society was instituted on 25 July, 1877, and its first meeting, under the presidency of Mr F. H. Dangar, was held on Friday, 27 July, 1877 at The Royal Exchange, Sydney. Subscriptions had by then exceeded two thousand pounds (£2,000-00-00).

The Society was formed as the National Shipwreck Relief Society of New South Wales. In 1902, His Majesty, King Edward VII gave permission for the Society to be known as the Royal Shipwreck Relief and Humane Society of New South Wales.

In 1968, Her Majesty The Queen approved the change of name to the Royal Humane Society of New South Wales in common with all British Commonwealth Nations.

The Society was Incorporated on 26 February 2010.

OBJECTIVES

The original objectives of the Society were:-

- to afford relief to widows, orphans and other dependents of seamen who lost their lives or were injured in shipwreck;
- to assist crews of vessels wrecked in New South Wales waters; and
- to grant medals or rewards for bravery in saving human life.

The necessity for the first and second objectives ceased when it was considered they were adequately covered by legal provisions. Pensions ceased to be paid in the late 1960s.

In recent years, however, the Society has noted cases in which the utilisation of provisions enabling financial grants in selected circumstances could have been a desirable course. Discussions have taken place with the Australian Bravery Association which has such provisions in their constitution.

The Society, of course, has maintained its third objective which was widened **to include acts of bravery in attempting to save human life.**

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

From the files of the Royal Humane Society of New South Wales 100 years ago.

Extracted from the Thirty Seventh Annual Report of the Royal Shipwreck and Humane Society of NSW for the year ending 30th June 1914.

On Monday August 3rd 1914, in the presence of The Governor of New South Wales, His Excellency Sir Gerald Strickland GCMG, the award was presented by his daughter, Miss Strickland.

Mr. Stanley Robert NEATH**Awarded a Bronze Bar to his Medal and a Certificate of Merit.**

On April 13th 1914, a young lady named Miss Hilda Fox, while bathing from North Beach, Brunswick Heads, was carried out by the very strong and treacherous undertow. Mr. Neath, who is fortunately a powerful swimmer, proceeded without a line or any assistance whatever to the rescue, and after swimming over 100 yards succeeded in reaching Miss Fox, who was rapidly being carried out to sea, and brought her to a place of safety, both being in a very exhausted condition.

LAST YEAR (1913) Mr. Neath was awarded the Society's Bronze Medal and Certificate of Merit for saving life at Brunswick Heads.

Royal Humane Society of NSW Awards From 1877 to 2013

AWARD TYPE		TOTAL NUMBER AWARDED
GOLD MEDAL	55	60
Posthumous	5	
SILVER MEDAL	518	578
Silver Medal and Galleghan	18	
Posthumous	36	
Silver Medal Bars	6	
BRONZE MEDAL	1,845	1,899
Bronze Medal and Galleghan	3	
Posthumous	44	
Bronze Medal Bars	7	
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT	2,493	2,529
Certificate of Merit & Pixley Book Award	15	
Posthumous	21	
LETTER OF COMMENDATION	140	149
Letter of Commendation & Pixley Book Award	9	
PIXLEY BOOK AWARD		14
	TOTAL	5,226
STANHOPE GOLD MEDAL		11

HOW THE SOCIETY FUNCTIONS

Today, the management of the affairs of the Society is vested in a Council consisting of a Patron, a President, a Chairman, and Vice-Chairman, an Honorary Secretary/Public Officer, an Honorary Treasurer, Publicity Officer, Auditor and Solicitor and Councillors.

All nominated cases of reported bravery are investigated by the Society. Such investigations involve reports from the New South Wales Police. Copies of all reports are distributed to Officers and Councillors of the Society in advance of all meetings, to enable consideration to be given to them before discussion. Voting at meetings determines the granting of awards.

The Society is supported by a grant from the New South Wales Government, supplemented by donations from organisations, corporations and citizens.

THE SOCIETY'S AWARDS

At the Quarterly Meeting on 9 December 2013, Item 2, General Business, the Council agreed to the reintroduction of a Gold Medal (last awarded in 1958) subject to the following conditions:

- a. Only one Gold Medal would be awarded in a single year representing the highest award for bravery.
- b. In some years there could be no Gold Medal awarded, however the Council could from time to time reconsider an awarded Silver Medal be upgraded.

The Society's awards are the Galleghan Award, Silver Medal, Bronze Medal, Certificate of Merit, Letter of Commendation and the Sir Neville Pixley Book Award.

With the permission of the New South Wales Government, the obverse of the medals includes part of the Arms of the State of New South Wales, surrounded by the name of the Society.

The reverse of the medal exhibits a Civic Wreath, which was the Roman reward for saving life, with the words, "Awarded to.....for Bravery". The name of each medal winner and the date of the act of bravery is engraved on the reverse of the medal. The medal is also numbered on its edge to indicate the consecutive number of the award by the Society.

The ribbon for all medals is light blue with a strip of dark blue on either side.

The Certificate of Merit is a scroll bearing the Arms of the State of New South Wales. It is inscribed with the recipient's name and signed by the President, Chairman and Secretary.

WEARING OF MEDALS AND RIBBONS

Recipients of Medals are entitled to wear the medal or ribbon (as appropriate) on the right breast. When only the ribbon is worn, a silver or bronze star emblem is worn centrally on the ribbon to denote the class of medal awarded to the wearer. Such wearing is officially authorized for the members of all uniformed services.

The Society does not provide duplicate medals. Lost or stolen medals may be replaced only to the recipient after an appropriate investigation.

Miniature medals are available for purchase from the Society.

STANHOPE GOLD MEDAL

The Stanhope Gold Medal, an award of the Royal Humane Society, was instituted in 1873 as the English Society's highest award for bravery each year.

In 1962, all kindred Commonwealth Societies were invited to nominate each year their best cases for adjudication for this award.

Since that time, nominations by the Royal Humane Society of New South Wales have been successful on nine occasions:

1963	Frederick John KNIGHT
1965	Lieutenant Barry J. CAMPBELL RAA
1980	Bruce Wallace McPHERSON
1982	Dulcie KALMS

**MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES OF MERIT AWARDED IN
RECOGNITION OF THE FOLLOWING BRAVE DEEDS 2013-2014**

Report Item Number	Family Names Report Item Number	Award	Case Number	Date
1	ANDERSON, Mr. Craig	Bronze Medal	2013-01	12 Dec 2012
15	BARBER Ms. Leanne Gayle	Bronze Medal	2014-01	5 Aug 2013
15	BARROW Probationary Constable Ashleigh	Cert. of Merit	2014-01	5 Aug 2013
6	BROWN Mr Matthew	Cert. of Merit	2013-14	12 Jan 2010
5	CHAHROUK Mr Hassan	Bronze Medal	2013-17	2 Apr 2013
17	CHEEKE Q/F George	Bronze Medal	2014-03	1 Oct 2013
17	COCHRANE Mr Andrew	Silve Medal	2014-03	1 Oct 2013
9	COLLINS Ms Gretta	Silver Medal	2013-20	24 Feb 2013
14	DEAN Ms Rachel	Bronze Medal	2013-23	16 Nov 2012
7	DEWS Mr. Lewis (Age 19)	Bronze Medal	2013-16	1 Sept 2012
18	HAM Mr Troy	Bronze Medal	2014-04	27 Jan 2014
10	MINSHALL Mr Brennan	Cert. of Merit	2013-21	15 June 2012
8	MORRISON Mr Glenn	Bronze Medal	2013-19	8 July 2013
17	MULDER Q/F Lloyd	Bronze medal	2014-03	1 Oct 2013
1	PARKER Ms. Rose	Bronze Medal	2013-01	12 Dec 2012
16	PURCELL Mr David Michael	Bronze Medal	2014-02	28 Dec 2013
14	RILEY Mr Jamie	Cert. of Merit	2013-23	16 Nov 2012
5	SAFEIN Ms. Jade	Bronze Medal	2013-17	2 Apr 2013
15	SHAILES Constable Brendan Michael	Cert. of Merit	2014-01	5 Aug 2013
4	SHAMDIN Ms. Diljin	Bronze Medal	2013-13	12 Dec 2012
3	SKEIN Mr. Scott	Bronze Medal	2013-04	21 Jan 2012
3	SMITH Mr Adam	Bronze Medal	2013-04	21 Jan 2012
17	TOSONE Ms Maria	Silver Medal	2014-03	1 Oct 2013
15	TREVILLIAN Leading Senior Constable Shanelle Jane	Cert. of Merit	2014-01	5 Aug 2013
11	TRUDGETT Mr Matthew	Bronze Medal	2013-22	8 Aug 2012
15	TUCKER Senior Constable Ashley William	Cert. of Merit	2014-01	5 Aug 2013
6	WALTERBACK Mr Steve	Cert. of Merit	2013-14	12 Jan 2010

CITATIONS 2013-2014

1. Case 2013-01.

BRONZE MEDALS

Ms. Rose PARKER

Mr. Craig ANDERSON

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Mr. Ben COOMBS

Mr. Jarrod McDONALD

for their actions in the rescue of a young man in the Murrumbidgee River at Wagga Wagga, NSW 2650, on 12 December 2012.

On the evening of 12 December 2012 four teenagers went swimming at ‘the rocks’ in the Murrumbidgee River at Wagga Wagga. They set off to swim diagonally across the river heading for a sandy beach about 150m downstream.

Mr. Ben COOMBS and **Mr. Jarrod McDONALD** set out first, followed by **Mr. Zack DUGGAN** and **Ms. Rose PARKER**. Shortly after the second couple set out **Mr. DUGGAN** went under water. **Ms. Rose PARKER** immediately went to his aid. While fighting the current she struggled to keep him afloat and both of them on the surface. Although face up **Mr. DUGGAN’s** body was arched with his hands down by his sides unable to support himself.

Swimming with his dog at the time **Mr. Craig ANDERSON** witnessed the whole incident. He went to the assistance of **Ms PARKER** who had been supporting **Mr. DUGGAN** in the water for 3 or 4 minutes over a distance of about 250m.

Mr. ANDERSON and **Ms. PARKER** got **Mr. DUGGAN**, who was semi-conscious and had swallowed a great deal of water, to a point in the river where **Mr. COOMBS** and **Mr. McDONALD** assisted in getting him up onto the river bank.

When the ambulance arrived **Mr. DUGGAN** was conscious, vaguely responsive but in need of medical attention. He was then transported to hospital.

2. Case: 2013-02

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Mr. Russell GALVIN

Mr. Blair WEBB

for their actions in the attempted rescue of an elderly lady from a burning house at Illabo, NSW 2590, on 4 January 2013.

At approx 1:00 am on Friday 4 January 2013 **Mr. Russell GALVIN** was awoken by the smell of smoke from his neighbour’s house which was in fact on fire. Knowing his neighbour lived alone he immediately ran to the house that was well alight. **Mr. GALVIN** entered the front door of the house and attempted to make his way further inside but had to withdraw due to the intense heat and smoke.

As **Mr. GAVIN** exited the premises he noticed **Mr Blair WEBB** at the front of the house who was attempting to communicate with the elderly owner of the house. **Mr. BLAIR** was a passing truck driver who stopped to assist as he had seen the house well ablaze.

Mr. GAVIN's wife **Mrs. Roseanne GALVIN** contacted the ambulance and fire brigade. She then contacted **Mr. Trevor ALLEN** a member of the Illabo RFS. **Mr ALLEN** organised other local RFS members to attend and assist.

Despite the attendance of six RFS members and the NSWFB they were unable to rescue the elderly lady from the house which eventually almost completely burnt to the ground.

At approx 3:00 am NSWFB officers conducted a search of the premises and located the body of the elderly lady.

3. Case: 2013-04

BRONZE MEDALS

Mr. Adam SMITH

Mr. Scott SKEIN

for their actions in the rescue of a 12 year old boy from an overturned kayak about 5 kilometres upstream from "Coolamondah", Goobarrangandra NSW 2720, on 21 January 2012.

At approximately midday on 21 January 2012 **Master Sam ROSEN** became trapped in a capsized kayak in rapids at an isolated spot in the middle of a 25 metre wide river. To prevent his son from drowning his father **Dr David ROSEN** braced himself against a rock in the current and elevated his son's head to support it above the running water.

The rapids were about 75 metres away from the road and partially hidden by vegetation. After about 30 minutes **Mr. Adam SMITH** and **Mr. Scott SKEIN** drove by and from their car observed the predicament.

Without hesitation they clambered down the steep riverbank and entered the water in their street clothes. Without life jackets and at risk of being knocked over and injured or drowned by the strong current and rocks, **Mr. SMITH**, who dislocated his knee during the rescue and **Mr. SKEIN** dislodged the kayak stuck between two large rocks and managed to free **Master ROSEN**.

4. Case: 2013-13

BRONZE MEDAL

Ms. Diljin SHAMDIN,

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Mr Aiden SHIPTON

Mr Benjamin TRAVIS

Master Beau JEFFRIES

Master Declan TANCRED

Master Will HARDY

for their actions in the rescue of a female from drowning and the recovery of the body of a deceased female at Avoca Beach, NSW 2251, on 12 December 2012.

At about 3.30pm on 12 December 2012 two young women were washed off rocks in an isolated area of Winney Bay near Avoca Beach. At that time the swell was from the east at about 4ft (1.3m) hitting the rocks at about 8ft (2.4m) along with treacherous currents. Both women suffered injuries consistent with being dashed against the rocks prior to being swept into the bay.

Mr. Aiden SHIPTON, training on his ocean-racing ski going towards Winney Bay heard faint cries for help. On investigation he found **Ms. Diljin SHAMDIN** in the sea holding onto the lifeless body of a second female. While he held the head of the unconscious woman out of the water **Ms. SHAMDIN** then sat astride the front of the ocean ski. Unfortunately the ocean ski is unstable when stationary and cannot travel with two people aboard.

After some time had passed and **Mr. SHIPTON** had been unable to raise the alarm he made the difficult decision he had to go for help. **Ms. SHAMDIN** went back into the water supporting her unconscious friend while **Mr. SHIPTON** raced off to Avoca Beach. On the way he alerted rock fishermen to the situation and they called “triple 000”.

Mr. Shipton was able to alert surf rescue and **Mr. Ben TRAVIS**, a Gosford City lifeguard set out in a jet ski towards Winney Bay where he found the two women in the water about 100 metres off shore. He managed to hold onto **Ms. SHAMDIN**, who was drifting in and out of consciousness, and get her on the sled at the back of the ski. He also managed to get the unconscious woman onto the sled.

Going back to Avoca Beach at very slow speed **Mr. TRAVIS** met three “nippers”, **Master Beau JEFFRIES** (aged 13), **Master Declan TANCRED** (aged 13) and **Master Will HARDY** (aged 13). **Mr. Travis** asked **Master Beau JEFFRIES** whom he knew, to “jump on the back of the ski and hold these girls on”.

Master JEFFRIES did that and, after securing himself and the women, they continued until they met **Mr. Daniel CRAIG** (McMaster’s jetski) who transferred **Ms. SHAMDIN** to his jet ski. During this time **Master Will HARDY** was in the water assisting where he could.

Then **Mr. CRAIG**, with the help of **Master Declan TANCRED** took **Ms. SHAMDIN** to the beach where CPR assistance was available. She was later transferred to hospital where she recovered from her ordeal.

Finally **Mr. TRAVIS** and **Master JEFFRIES** then continued their journey with the unconscious woman to Avoca Beach. Regrettably extensive CPR was unsuccessful and the ambulance helicopter doctor pronounced life extinct at 5.36pm.

5. Case: 2013-17

BRONZE MEDALS

Mr Hassan CHAHROUK

Ms. Jade SAFEIN

for their actions in rescuing an elderly disabled resident from a smoke filled house at Merrylands West, NSW 2160, on 2 April 2013.

At about 1.00pm on 2 April 2013 a fire broke out in the lounge room of a house at

Merrylands West containing an elderly disabled resident. The disabled person's carer, **Ms. Jade SAFEIN**, who is vision impaired, was in another part of the house. After smelling smoke she immediately went to the aid of the elderly lady.

Ms. SAFEIN managed to get her out of the chair and onto the floor. Realising the elderly lady was too heavy for her to lift **Ms. SAFEIN** rang "triple 000" and ran outside seeking help. She succeeded in flagging down a passing taxi driver.

Without hesitation **Mr. Hassan CHAHROUK** entered the burning house with **Ms. SAFERN** and between them they managed to assist the elderly disabled lady to exit the smoke filled building and reach safety prior to the arrival of Fire & Rescue NSW and other emergency services.

The elderly disabled lady was taken by ambulance to hospital for observation.

6. Case: 2013-14

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Mr Matthew Ian BROWN

Mr Steve WALTERBACK

for their actions in rescuing a 53 year old female from drowning in dangerous surf conditions at Park Beach, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450, on 12 January 2010.

On Tuesday 12 January 2010 at 12:30 pm **Ms Kay YOUMAN** was swimming with two friends in the surf, outside the flags and got caught in a rip. One of the females managed to get out of the water but the other two (**Ms. YOUMAN** and **Ms. Monique DITTMAN**) were dragged out in the strong rip.

Ms. YOUMAN went under a few times and **Ms. DITTMAN** managed to keep her friend's head above water but she was also getting extremely tired. **Mr. Matthew BROWN** swam out and threw his surfboard to **Ms. DITTMAN** advising her to hang on, but she was totally frightened and exhausted. Then **Mr. Steve WALTERBACK** swam out, rescued her and took her back to the beach.

Mr. BROWN then swam **Ms. YOUMAN** back to shore where a registered nurse **Ms. Belinda WALTERBACK** successfully performed CPR. **Mr. Greg HACKFAITH**, Lifeguard Services / Training Coordinator from the Coffs Harbour City Council was called to the scene and observed that **Ms YOUMAN** was breathing and semi-conscious while **Ms. DITTMAN's** breathing was weak but regular. They were both taken to hospital.

7. Case: 2013-16

BRONZE MEDAL

Mr. Lewis DEWS (Age 19)

for his actions in the rescue of a 35 old man and his 19 months old daughter in danger of drowning in waters off Shoal Bay, NSW 2315, on 1 September 2012.

On the afternoon of Saturday, 1 September 2012, **Mr Naweed KHALIQ** (aged 35) and his young daughter **Miss Maliakn KHALIQ** (19 months old) were in a small 2 metre inflatable

boat in waters off Shoal Bay. Neither **Mr KHALIQ** nor his small daughter were wearing life jackets. Due to the water current and southwesterly winds, the inflatable boat and its occupants moved away from the shore approximately 500 to 600m from the beach.

Mr KHALIQ then attempted to use the paddle to return the boat to shore. This resulted in the boat capsizing and both persons falling into the water that was 16°. **Mr KHALIQ** stayed afloat keeping his daughter in his arms preventing her from drowning. Several minutes passed before **Mr KHALIQ** was able to yell for help.

Mr Lewis DEWS saw the two persons in difficulty, and using his boogie board paddled out to **Mr. KHALIQ** and his daughter. **Mr DEWS** then assisted both persons to stay afloat until water police arrived on the scene, finding all three persons still in the water.

Miss Maliakn KHALIQ, only wearing an infant jump suit and by now suffering from hypothermia, was quickly taken from the water by police. Then **Mr KHALIQ** and **Mr DEWS** were also taken onboard the police vessel. Later **Miss Maliakn KHALIQ** was treated for hypothermia by Ambulance and taken to the Nelson Bay Poly Clinic for treatment.

8. Case: 2013-19

BRONZE MEDAL

Mr Glenn MORRISON

for his actions in assisting a person who suffered a seizure in a moving motor vehicle at the corner of Wairoa Avenue and Brighton Boulevard, North Bondi NSW 2026, on 8 July 2013.

The female driver of a vehicle had a seizure whilst driving. Her vehicle hit a number of cars before travelling very slowly north on Wairoa Ave and picking up speed heading down the hill. At 7:40 am **Mr. Glenn MORRISON**, a registered nurse, had been driving west on Brighton Boulevard and came to a stop at the intersection with Wairoa Avenue. The moving vehicle started to cross the centre lines and **Mr. MORRISON** noticed the female driver was in a typical seizure position.

Mr. MORRISON jumped out of his vehicle and commenced running along the driver's side window and he looked for the handbrake but could not see it. He tried to knock the transmission into "Park" but he had not time to do so. Realising that he was in danger of being squashed either under the car or into the café wall, **Mr. MORRISON** steered the steering wheel towards the wall of a café where there were no people in danger of being injured.

When **Mr. MORRISON** let go of the vehicle it crashed into the wall of the café taking out chairs and tables. Unfortunately the vehicle still continued to roll down the hill, this time on the footpath whilst veering back onto the road heading in the direction of the Blueberry Café at the corner of Wairoa and Brighton Boulevard. **Mr. MORRISON** then managed to enter the driver's side window and turn the steering wheel to divert the vehicle from proceeding through the café. Once more the vehicle ground along the wall, before gaining speed and re-entering the roadway in a northerly direction.

Finally **Mr. MORRISON** was able to catch up with the vehicle once more. Able to enter

the driver's side window he opened the door and then managed to steer it towards nearby driveways, while putting it into the "Park" gear.

After stopping the vehicle and turning off the engine, a male passerby approached him and **Mr MORRISON** asked him to call triple 000. Paramedics arrived on the scene and tried unsuccessfully to perform CPR.

9. Case: 2013-20

SILVER MEDAL

Ms Gretta COLLINS (Age 23)

for her actions in the rescue of four people from drowning in dangerous conditions at the Hawkesbury River, Windsor NSW 2756, on 24 February 2013.

Ms. Gretta COLLINS and her boyfriend were holidaying at Windsor Beach, Hawkesbury River, Macquarie Park, Wilberforce, on 24 February 2013. In the days preceding there had been significant rainfall and storms that caused the Hawkesbury River to swell between two and three times its usual volume. There were also large amounts of debris in the river as a result of the storm.

Oblivious to the extreme conditions while swimming in the river at about 3pm **Ms. Rebecca HARRISON-MELHON**, **Miss Phoebe** and **Mr. Jayden POLLARD** lost their footing due to the current and were being swept towards the Windsor Bridge. **Ms. Tammy Lee RUDDER** then entered the river in an attempt to rescue the three swimmers. However she too lost her footing and was also in trouble in the water.

Ms. Gretta COLLINS saw what was happening and entered the swollen river and pulled **Miss Phoebe POLLARD** (10 years old) from the water. At the same time the other three people continued to be swept down the river.

Ms COLLINS then re-entered the river, at great risk to herself, and pulled **Ms HARRISON-MELHON**, **Ms. Lee RUDDER** and **Mr. POLLARD** from the strong current in the river to the riverbank. Paramedics were called but there were no injuries.

10. Case: 2013-21

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Mr Brendnan MINSHALL

for his actions in the rescue of four persons from a residence on fire in March Street, Richmond NSW 2480, on 15 June 2012.

At about 7am on 15 June 2012 the occupant of a semi-detached granny flat to the rear of the residential property at 29 March Street Richmond was smoking in bed. He dropped his cigarette onto his mattress which subsequently caught his sheets alight. Also at this time the three occupants of the main residence were asleep inside the lounge room in the house.

In a dazed state, after waking up, the occupant exited the only entry to the granny flat and lay on the ground. By this time the granny flat had caught well alight causing a large amount of grey smoke.

A passing motorist **Mr. Brendan MINSHALL**, noticed the large amount of smoke coming from the residence. He stopped his vehicle and approached the front door but he received no response. **Mr MINSHALL** then forced entry to the premises by kicking down the front door. He noticed three people still asleep amongst the smoke in the lounge room. He woke them up and got them to safety outside and contacted emergency services.

Returning to the rear of the property **Mr MINSHALL** saw the unconscious occupant of the granny flat on the ground. He lifted him up and carried him to the front of the property. After obtaining a hose from the neighbouring property **Mr MINSHALL** then returned to the granny flat and extinguished the fire.

When the Police, Fire Brigades and Ambulance staff attended, the fire was confirmed to be extinguished. There were no injuries.

11. Case: 2013-22

BRONZE MEDAL

Mr Matthew TRUDGETT

for his actions in assisting and applying first aid to an injured person underneath a train on the Hazelbrook Railway Station NSW 2779, on 8 August 2013.

At about 6.45pm **Mr Timothy WHITTAKER** was on the Hazelbrook Railway Station platform where he suffered a seizure and fell between the concrete platform edge and the moving train. **Mr WHITTAKER** was struck by three carriages of the train prior to falling into a confined space underneath the train. He suffered a variety of injuries.

Mr Matthew TRUDGETT was on the platform waiting to catch a train to his workplace in western Sydney where he is employed as a registered nurse. Seeing the mishap **Mr TRUDGETT** immediately commenced communication with **Mr WHITTAKER** and readily volunteered to assist.

To gain access to the patient, **Mr TRUDGETT** moved a distance of approximately 30 metres on his hands and knees between two train carriages in the dark. He was the primary medical responder until the arrival of NSW Ambulance officers and he continued to assist them for the next 30 to 40 minutes.

Ambulance officers advised that without the initial and ongoing medical treatment by **Mr TRUDGETT** further complications and/or more serious injuries may have occurred to **Mr WHITTAKER**.

12. Case: 2013-24

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Mr James MALIN

Mr Bill KING

for the rescue of a spear fisherman in difficulty while snorkelling in Storm Bay, Kiama NSW 2533, on 1 November 2013.

At approx 11:15 am on 1 November 2013 **Mr Greg BAKER** was snorkelling at the Kiama

blowhole while his wife was fishing close by. He got into difficulty and accordingly was observed to go under the water three times.

Carrying out electrical work nearby **Mr James MALIN** and **Mr Bill KING** heard the screams for help and jumped into the water and lifted the man out.

Although **Mr BAKER** had shortness of breath he appeared to be otherwise uninjured. A lifeguard on the scene before Police arrived applied first aid. The ambulance arrived and provided further first aid before conveying him to Shellharbour Hospital.

13. Case: 2013-25

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Mr Tom WALMSLEY

Mr Luke HYDE

Mr Cooper JUDD

Mr Blake HAWKE

for their actions in rescuing a female driver from a submerged vehicle within a pond situated at Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush NSW 2140, on 19 March 2013.

At about 11:30 am on 19 March 2013 **Ms Genaya MILKOVIC** drove her motor vehicle northwest along Olympic Boulevard, Sydney Olympic Park. At the intersection of Edwin Flack Avenue, commencing to make a left hand turn the driver lost consciousness, causing her vehicle to travel across the roadway, over a footpath and down a set of large stairs. The vehicle continued across a grassed area before entering a large pond, approximately 3 metres deep.

One of the four males travelling in a nearby vehicle noticed **Ms MILKOVIC** slumped over the wheel of her vehicle as it travelled through the intersection.

Mr Tom WALMSLEY, **Mr Luke HYDE**, **Mr Cooper JUDD** and **Mr Blake HAWKE** ran to the aid of the woman and collectively swam some 5 to 7 metres out to the partially submerged vehicle before pulling her from the vehicle via the driver's side window. The vehicle subsequently became completely submerged.

Emergency Services attended the scene and treated the woman for shock with no other apparent injuries.

14. Case: 2013-23

BRONZE MEDAL

Ms Rachel DEAN

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Mr Jamie RILEY

for the rescue of two persons from a burning residence Cranebrook, NSW 2749, on 16 November 2012.

At approx 5pm on 16 November 2012 a fire broke out in a carport attached to 22 Challenger

Way, Cranbrook, NSW. Inside the house 2 males were sleeping. Awoken by the noise of the fire a neighbour **Ms Rachel DEAN** went to the house calling out to the occupants. Receiving no reply she broke a window and entered the house through a burning bedroom, located and woke **Mr Roy MILLER** and assisted him from the house.

Mr. MILLER then advised **Ms DEAN** there was another person still sleeping in the house. With the assistance of another neighbour **Mr Jamie RILEY**, **Ms DEAN** again entered the burning house. After they located the still sleeping second occupant, **Mr Brian McGUIRE**, they assisted him from the building to safety.

15. Case 2014-01.

BRONZE MEDAL

Ms. Leanne Gayle BARBER

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Senior Constable Ashley William TUCKER

Constable Brendan Michael SHAILES

Probationary Constable Ashleigh BARROW

Leading Senior Constable Shanelle Jane TREVILLIAN

for their actions in the assistance of a man and a woman during an attack by three savage dogs in Broken Hill, NSW 2880, on 5 August 2012.

At about 7am on 5 August 2012 **Mr. Damien NOVELLO** was attacked by three savage dogs in Thomas Lane, Broken Hill. The dogs had continuously attacked **Mr. NOVELLO** until he had collapsed due to loss of blood. Witnessing the attack, **Ms Leanne BARBER** immediately went to his assistance only to be attacked and seriously injured herself.

Arriving on the scene **Senior Constable Ashley TUCKER** and **Constable Brendan SHAILES** discharged cans of OC spray which had little effect. Shortly after, **Constable SHAILES** was forced to discharge one round from his glock service revolver, which missed, at the dogs. Following the discharge of the firearm the dogs retreated into their own yard allowing the Police Officers to place themselves between the dogs and the victims.

The dogs were kept at bay while **Mr. NOVELLO** and **Ms. BARBER** received emergency treatment. After being removed from the scene both victims underwent emergency surgery, in **Mr. NOVELLO's** case some 8 hours.

When police first arrived on the scene, **Leading Senior Constable Shanelle Jane TREVILLIAN**, Shift Supervisor at Broken Hill Police Station had taken charge. She closed the station organised police assistance from Dareton police (300km away) and contacted residents of Thomas Lane warning them to stay indoors.

Police remained in the area for several hours assisting the Council Dog Catcher and the local Vet to contain and capture the dogs, which were later the subject of a destruction order.

**16. Case: 2014-02
BRONZE MEDAL**

Mr David Michael PURCELL (Age 23)

for his actions in the rescue of an unconscious male at Newcastle Beach, NSW 2300 on 28 December 2013.

At about 7:00 pm on Saturday 28 December 2013 **Mr David PURCELL** was swimming with his uncle **Mr John PAGE** close to shore at Newcastle Beach.

They noticed a girl and a male person enter the water and swim 80 metres from the shore to where the waves were breaking. After 15 minutes the female started screaming and the male put his hand up to be rescued because they had been caught in a rip.

Mr. PURCELL and **Mr PAGE** noticed the male went below the surface, resurfaced in a panic, then he went down again and did not resurface. They then swam towards him. **Mr PAGE** was tiring and had to retire back to shore.

Mr. PURCELL continued swimming. When he reached the female she said the male person had not resurfaced. He dived down and found the man sitting on the ocean floor about 2 metres down. Holding him under his arms he dragged him to the surface and swam him to the shore. About five metres from the shore the man gasped for air and began to cough up a lot of water and then regained consciousness. Another swimmer helped take the man to the shore and put him in the recovery position.

The Ambulance was called and the paramedics transported him to hospital.

**17. Case: 2014-03
GOLD MEDAL & GALLEGHAN AWARD**

Mr Andrew COCHRANE

SILVER MEDAL

Ms Maria TOSONE

BRONZE MEDALS

Q/F Lloyd MULDER FRNSW

Q/F George CHEEKE FRNSW

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Senior Deputy Capt Joshua SHEEDY NSW Rural Fire Service

for their actions at a petrol tanker fire at Mona Vale Road, Mona Vale NSW 2103 on Tuesday 1 October 2013.

At 3:39 pm on Tuesday 1 October 2013 a fully laden petrol tanker collided with a number of vehicles at Mona Vale, NSW. It then rolled onto its side spilling petrol that ignited, causing explosions and a running fuel fire.

In the path of the running fire was a vehicle containing four people (1 male driver and male passenger and 2 female passengers).

Local residents **Mr Andrew COCHRANE** and **Ms Maria TOSONE** heard the crash,

jumped the back fence and ran towards the car. Petrol was flowing downhill under the car but had not yet ignited. They successfully released the two females whom **Ms TOSONE** led to a safer area.

Mr COCHRANE returned to the vehicle and attempted to rescue the two males, but whilst inside the car there was a loud explosion as the fuel tanker about 150 metres uphill exploded into flames. In that area flames were more than 30 metres high, and 3 metre high flames started to run along the flowing fuel towards the car. **Mr COCHRANE** had to jump away to safety as flames reached the car and engulfed it with the 2 men still inside. **Ms Maria TOSONE** was watching the events unfold from nearby where she was comforting the women, and feared **Mr COCHRANE** would also be engulfed by the flames. They were both severely traumatised.

When the Mosman fire crew arrived **Firefighters Lloyd MULDER** and **George CHEEKE** were directed by Rural Fire Service **Senior Deputy Capt Joshua SHEEDY** to a severely burnt male victim who was crawling back towards the burning car. The other victim, next to the car was engulfed in flames and obviously deceased. **Firefighters MULDER** and **CHEEKE** stopped the man and commenced first aid in a very dangerous position about 4 metres from the burning car and fuel, with roadside bush burning beside them. They removed some of his smouldering clothing that was attached to the back of his body, established an airway and applied oxygen and an automatic external defibrillator. Concurrently there were 4 loud explosions close by, but they continued until the Ambulance Service Paramedic advised the victim was deceased and could not be revived.

Senior Deputy Captain Joshua SHEEDY provided assistance to **Firefighters MULDER** and **CHEEKE** performing life support to a badly burnt victim while attempting to cool the second body. He also volunteered to go back to the pumper and get the automated external defibrillator (AED) to try and resuscitate the victim. These life support actions were performed in a very dangerous environment.

18. Case: 2014-04

BRONZE MEDAL

Mr TROY HAM (Age 23)

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Mr. John RIPPON

for their actions in successfully rescuing four swimmers, in severe conditions at Snapper Point, Lake Munmorah State Reserve NSW 2259 on 27 January 2014.

At about 2:00 pm on Monday 27 January 2014 four males walked around the rock platform at the northern end of Frazer Park to the rock ledge of the blowhole below Snapper Point.

Jumping from the rocks the four males entered the water of the blowhole, then they swam to the beach/cave and became stranded. Due to the steep slope of the beach they became trapped with the rising tide. The only escape was a 400m swim back to Frazer Beach through rough rock-edged water.

At that time a 1.5 to 2m swell coupled with entry into the bay was limited by a 15m wide mouth where the water levels were rising and falling quickly.

Police were called. They in turn alerted the Australian Life Guard Service at Catherine Hill Bay who coordinated a jet ski from Catherine Hill Bay. **Lifeguard Troy HAM** and a jet ski from Frazer Beach driven by **Lifeguard John RIPPON** met at the mouth of the bay to assess the possibility of entering the bay from the sea.

The males had taken refuge at the far end of the cave, with one of the males suffering exhaustion. With a beach landing of the jet ski impossible due to pounding surf **Mr. HAM** negotiated the narrow entry to the bay. He then waited in the bay just off the beach for two of the males to swim to the jet ski. After transferring these two males to the other jet ski, **Mr. HAM** then again entered the bay where the remaining two males swam to the jet ski and were taken to Frazer Beach.

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 JUNE 2014

	Note	2014	2013
		\$	\$
Current Assets			
Cash Assets	4	378,187	369,065
Accrued Income		1,798	1,212
Other Receivables		379	999
Total Assets		<hr/> 380,064	<hr/> 371,276
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables		1,280	1,450
Total Liabilities		<hr/> 1,280	<hr/> 1,450
Accumulated Funds	5	<hr/> <hr/> 379,084	<hr/> <hr/> 369,826

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

	Note	2014	2013
		\$	\$
Revenue from Ordinary Activities:			
Donations and Grants		13,350	23,760
Interest		13,704	15,267
Other		684	279
Total Revenue		<hr/> 27,738	<hr/> 39,306
Expenses:			
Annual Award Presentation		5,551	4,231
Auditor Remuneration		1,330	1,250
Honorarium	7	7,800	6,900
Other Expenses		3,799	9,410
Total Expenses		<hr/> 18,480	<hr/> 21,791
Net Surplus		<hr/> <hr/> 9,258	<hr/> <hr/> 17,515

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these Statements.

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

	Retained Surpluses and Total Equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2012	352,311
Surplus after income tax for the year	17,515
Other comprehensive income for the year net of tax	-
Balance 30 June 2013	<hr/> 369,826 <hr/>
Balance at 1 July 2013	369,826
Surplus after income tax for the year	9,258
Other comprehensive income for the year net of tax	-
Balance 30 June 2014	<hr/> 379,084 <hr/>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Changes in Equity.

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for the
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Receipts from activities and donors		14,654	24,240
Interest received		13,118	15,267
Payments to suppliers and employees		(18,650)	(23,432)
Net cash provided by operating activities	10	<hr/> 9,122	16,075
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		369,065	352,990
Cash at the end of the financial year		<hr/> 378,187 <hr/>	<hr/> 369,065 <hr/>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Cash Flows.

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

Note 1 Summary of Accounting Policies

Financial Accounting Framework

The financial statements have been prepared as a general purpose financial report which complies with the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards (including Accounting Standards Board Interpretations) and other mandatory professional reporting requirements and the Charitable Fundraising Act.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention and do not take into account changes in either the purchasing power of the dollar or in the prices of specific assets.

Significant Accounting Policies

Accounting policies are selected and applied in a manner which ensures that the resultant financial information satisfies the concepts of relevance and reliability, thereby ensuring that the substance of the underlying transactions and other events is reported. The accounting policies used are consistent with those adopted in the previous year.

Note 2 Income Tax

The Society has been endorsed as an income tax exempt charity entity under subdivision 50-B of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

The Society's Australian Business Number is 68 581 296 689.

Note 3 Constitution

The Society was founded on 25 July 1877. It was previously an unincorporated body and it was incorporated on 26 February 2010 under the Associations Incorporations Act 1984 (NSW).

Upon incorporation, the persons who were members of the association immediately before the date of incorporation, together with any other persons who from time to time become members of the incorporated association (as from the time that they become members), are an incorporated association by the name of Royal Humane Society of New South Wales Incorporated.

Assets of the former association vest in the incorporated association and rights and liabilities of the former association became the rights and liabilities of the incorporated association. The incorporated association is capable of performing all of the functions of the body corporate, including the power to acquire, hold and dispose of property. Monies may be invested in any investment authorised by the Trustee Act 1925-1942 of New South Wales or any amendment thereof.

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

Upon dissolution, assets and funds on hand may, after payment of all expenses and liabilities, be handed over to such registered or exempted charities as a majority of members present at a General Meeting may decide.

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Note 4 Cash Assets		
Cash at bank	28,391	19,269
Cash on short term deposit at bank	349,546	349,546
Petty cash	250	250
Total Cash Assets	<u>378,187</u>	<u>369,065</u>

Note 5 Accumulated Funds

Accumulated Funds at beginning of year	369,826	352,311
Surplus for year	9,256	17,515
Accumulated Funds at end of year	<u>379,084</u>	<u>369,826</u>

Note 6 Remuneration of Officers

The members of Council and the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer are appointed on an honorary basis and do not receive remuneration either directly or indirectly.

Note 7 Remuneration of Assistant to Secretary

An honorarium is paid to the Secretary's Assistant	7,800	6,900
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Note 8 Remuneration of Auditors

Audit of the financial report	1,330	1,250
Other services	-	230
Total	<u>1,330</u>	<u>1,480</u>

Note 9 Financial Instruments

Credit Risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Society. The Society has adopted a policy of only dealing with creditworthy counterparties as appropriately credentialled as a means of mitigating the risk of losses from defaults. The carrying amount of financial assets and liabilities as shown on the face of the Statement of Financial Position represents the maximum credit risk to which the Society is exposed.

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

Net Fair Value of the financial assets and liabilities is represented by the carrying amount of the financial assets as shown on the face of the Statement of Financial Position at the reporting date. All of these assets and liabilities are of such nature that they are not readily traded.

Note 10 Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows

Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by Operating Activities to Operating Profit:

Operating Profit	9,258	17,515
Net cash provided by operating activities before changes in net assets and liabilities		
Changes in net assets and liabilities:		
Increase (decrease) in other current assets	34	573
Increase (decrease) in other current liabilities	(170)	(2,013)
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	<u>9,122</u>	<u>16,075</u>

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED

COUNCILLORS' DECLARATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

In the Councillors' opinion:

1. the financial statements and notes set out on pages 1 to 5 present fairly the Society's financial position as at 30 June 2014 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended on that date in accordance with Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations);
2. there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Society will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable;
3. the Statement of Comprehensive Income gives a true and fair view of all income and expenditure of the organisation with respect to fundraising appeals;
4. the Statement of Financial Position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the organisation with respect to fundraising appeals;
5. the provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act, the regulations under the Act and the conditions attached to the fundraising authority have been complied with by the organisation; and
6. the internal controls exercised by the organisation are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the organisation from any of its fundraising appeals.

Made in accordance with a resolution of the Council.

R. J. Hein AM.
Chairman

J.W. McLennan, FCA
Honorary Treasurer

Sydney
11 August 2014

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

Scope

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a general purpose financial report of the Royal Humane Society of New South Wales Incorporated (“Society”), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2014, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the Councillors’ declaration as set out on pages 1 to 6.

The Councillors of the Society are 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 1984 and Charitable Fundraising Act and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Councillors’ 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 directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

Our audit did not include an analysis of the prudence of business decisions made by the Councillors or management.

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.

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

Qualification

Donations (including bequests) are a significant source of revenue for the Society. The Society has determined that it is impracticable to establish control over these donations prior to entry into its financial records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding revenue from this source was limited, our audit procedures with respect to such revenue activities had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion whether the proceeds of donations to the Society are complete.

In respect of the qualification however, based on our review of the internal controls, nothing has come to our attention which would cause us to believe that the internal controls over revenue from fundraising appeal activities by Society are not appropriate.

Auditor's opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects on the financial report of such adjustments, if any, as might have been required has the limitation on our audit procedures referred to in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report of the Society:

- (a) Gives a true and fair view, as required by the Associations Incorporation Act 1984 and Charitable Fundraising Act in Australia, of the financial position of the Society as at 30 June 2014, and of its performance for the year ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements;
- (b) Complies with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1;
- (c) Is presented in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1984 and Charitable Fundraising Act, Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia, to the extent disclosed in Note 1;
- (d) Gives a true and fair view of the financial result of fundraising appeals for the financial year ended 30 June 2014; and
- (e) at the date of this report there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Society will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.



PKF LAWLER PARTNERS
Chartered Accountants



MARTIN MATTHEWS
Partner

2 September 2014
Newcastle

Recently published books referencing RHS of NSW Award Winners

Allan J. Sparkes CV, The Cost of Bravery, Penguin Books Australia, 2013.

Senior Constable Allan J. Sparkes of Coffs Harbour Police, Bronze Medal & Galleghan Award, Rescue of a boy from a flooded underground stormwater pipe, 3 May 1996.

Will Davies, The Boy Colonel, Vintage Books, Australia, 2013: page 33

“Colonel DOUGLAS GRAY MARKS (deceased) made a heroic attempt to save Miss Rogers from drowning at Palm Beach, on 25th January, 1921, but was unfortunately himself drowned. A particularly heavy sea was raging at the time, and Miss Rogers was caught in the undertow. Colonel Marks courageously went to her assistance, but the sea was too heavy, and Miss Rogers lost her life. His brother, Mr. Fred Marks, received the award.”

City Extra Restaurants-Menu’s

For the patrons of “City Extra” Restaurants at Circular Quay and Parramatta the menu’s come in the form of the old style broad sheet newspaper. While the restaurant menu’s are printed on the two inside pages, the front and back pages are actually a reproduction of **“The Daily Guardian” of Tuesday 14 August 1928.**

Of interest, on the reproduced front page of the “City Extra” menu, is the reported story, **“Schoolboy saves his brother, Boy in lagoon at Randwick Rifle Range”.**

The last paragraph of this story reads, **“Witnesses have sent reports of the boy’s bravery to the Royal Humane Society for recognition”.**

As a postscript to this story the 52nd Annual Report of the Society on 30 September 1929, page 3, records under “Awards”, Certificate of Merit,

Item Number 4, **ARTHUR EDWARD SHEATH (14)**, Rescuing his brother from drowning in the Lagoon at Randwick Rifle range, 12th August 1928.

**The Royal Humane Society of New South Wales Inc.
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The New South Wales Government



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**DONATIONS RECEIVED IN RESPECT OF
THE YEAR ENDED
30th JUNE 2014**

Mr. T.G. & Mrs. J. M. Matthews

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