

**ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY
OF
NEW SOUTH WALES**

Instituted 25th July 1877

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ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

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 Marie Bashir AC 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 2006 PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

The Society was honoured to have the awards presented by Her Excellency The Governor at Government House on Friday 27th October 2006. The warm hospitality extended by Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas Shehadie following the ceremony was greatly appreciated by the recipients and guests present.

The awards comprised 1 Silver Medal, 9 Bronze Medals, 7 Certificates of Merit, and 3 Letters of Commendation.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Society's 129th Annual General Meeting was conducted on Monday 11th December 2006, when Councillors and Office Bearers were elected for the ensuing twelve months.

FINANCE

The Society's Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2007 and its Income and Expenditure Account for the year then ended have been audited and appear at the back of this publication.

DONORS

The financial position was only achieved through the generosity of those donors who are listed later herein. The New South Wales Government is a long time annual helper, whilst the NRMA and P & O Australia Limited provide significant support.

2006 – 2007 AWARDS

The awards described in this booklet comprise 4 Silver Medals, 39 Bronze Medals and 20 Certificates of Merit. In addition, the Society issued 5 Letters of Commendation. 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 and Royal Humane Society of Australasia in Melbourne, to which bodies, together with other kindred organisations, the Society offers warm greetings.

APPRECIATION

The Society depends on the goodwill of many supporters. The New South Wales Fire Brigades provides the Society with an office and meeting room. The NSW Police, NSW Fire Brigades and Ambulance Service of NSW remain major contributors to investigating and reporting upon cases presented for consideration by the Council. The quality of the Society's Bravery Certificates is the work of the NSW Maritime Authority, which has generously prepared them for many years. In addition we have a number of generous donors, mentioned in this report, and are most grateful for their financial assistance.

The ongoing business is in the hands of the Honorary Secretary Roland Millbank who is very ably supported by Assistant Secretary Nina Smith. I acknowledge the professional contributions provided by the Honorary Treasurer, the Honorary Solicitor and the Honorary Publicity Officer and our new Honorary Auditor Mr David McGrane.

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. During the past year the Council, in its deliberations has considered two dangerous situation cases. One extraordinary case has now been adopted by the Emergency Services as a realistic scenario for training their personnel, the second resulted in the rescuer being awarded the Stanhope Gold Medal, the highest British Commonwealth award for civilian bravery. While it is true that not all acts of heroism come to the attention of the Royal Humane Society, we do attempt to seek out as many brave acts as possible.

I wish to 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.

**Major General the Hon Justice
C.R. HOEBEN, AM RFD
Chairman**

BACKGROUND TO THE SOCIETY

The Society was established as a result of the loss of the 351- ton paddle steamer s.s. Yarra and its 17 man crew in a south-east gale on 15th 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 25th July, 1877, and its first meeting, under the presidency of Mr F. H. Dangar, was held on Friday, 27th July, 1877. Subscriptions had by then exceeded two thousand pounds.

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.

OBJECTIVES

The original objectives of the Society were:-

1. to afford relief to widows, orphans and other dependents of seamen who lost their lives or were injured in shipwreck;
2. to assist crews of vessels wrecked in New South Wales waters; and
3. 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. A resumption of such a capability has been undertaken.

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

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 (if appointed), an Honorary Treasurer and Councillors. The Society is assisted by a number of other honorary appointees.

Cases of reported bravery are investigated by the New South Wales Police, and copies of the 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 subsidy from the New South Wales Government, supplemented by donations from organisations, corporations and citizens.

THE SOCIETY'S AWARDS

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
1992	Rodney Stephen PETERS
1994	Aaron John LEDDEN
1996	Senior Constable Ian Maurice BOUGHTON
2001	Dr Richard MORRIS
	Ambulance Paramedic Christopher WILKINSON
	Ambulance Paramedic Paul FEATHERSTONE
2006	Oguz (Alex) TASKUN

THE GALLEGHAN AWARD

The Galleghan Award was instituted in 1996, and recognises what the Society considers to have been the most outstanding act of bravery in the year.

It is designated by a bar reading "Galleghan Award" affixed to the ribbon of the medal award.

The award is named after Brigadier Sir Frederick Galleghan DSO OBE ISO ED who was the Society's Secretary from 1958 until his death in 1971.

Sir Frederick was twice wounded in the Great War, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Order in the Second World War for his leadership and gallantry when commanding the 2/30th Battalion at the battle of Gemas in Malaya.

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AWARDS

Recipient	Case No.	Recipient	Case No.
ADAMS, Craig	46	JONES, Evan	22
ANDERS, Mark	51	LANGHAM, Martin	20
ANDERSON, Gregory	45	LEE, Steven	3
BATES, Stephen	60	LLOYD, Rodney	39
BIBBY, Thomas	1	MAGUIRE, David	44
BIOFAVA, Nino	54	McDOUGALL, Matthew	37
BOLAS, Vanessa	13	McKERLIE, Bernie	25
BOWDEN, Martin	7	McMAHON, Robert	27
BROWN, Timothy	8	McRAE, Scott	24
BURKE, Kylie	12	MEIER, Justin	4
CAIN, Robert	47	MILLS, Francis	56
CASE, Stephen	62	MITCHAM, Glenn	55
CHARMAN, Paul	14	MOLYNEUX, Alison	35
CHIDGEY, Matthew	15	MORGAN, Daniel	38
COLE, Jason	6	MUDDLE, Bradley	9
COOPER, Richard	19	NANCEKIVELL, Paul	33
CURLL, Roland	26	RODGER, Kyle	40
DEVANEY, Paul	16	RUTLAND, Dennis	63
FINUCANE, Douglas	11	SAKKER, James	57
FITTON, Carly	32	SANDERS, Bradley	43
FOWLER, Christopher	10	SCHUSSLER, Shawn	29
GRIFFITHS, Arthur	58	SEWELL, Keith	17
HANSEN, Joe	61	SIKKEMA, Maxwell	23
HARRIS, Clayton	59	SMITH, Robert	18
HARVEY, Stuart	42	TASKUN, Oguz (Alex)	Stanhope Gold Medal
HEAL, Barry	31	TATE, Neil	50
HENRY, John	36	THOMAS, Kelly	34
HOGG, Andrew	2	WATT, George	52
HOWES, Michael	48	WILLIAMSON, Paul	30
HREINSSON, Thorualdur	5	WILLING, Michael	28
HUDSON, Michael	49	WINSTANLEY, Evan	21
JAMIESON, David	41	ZOGRAPHAKIS, Stahy	53

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MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES OF MERIT WERE AWARDED IN RECOGNITION OF THE
FOLLOWING BRAVE DEEDS

1.2.3.4. BRONZE MEDALS

Crewmembers of the trawler “Moira Elizabeth”

Thomas Francis Bibby, Portland, Victoria

Andrew Aian Hogg, Mt Gambier, South Australia

Steven Lloyd Lee, Portland, Victoria

Justin Leigh Meier, Portland, Victoria

for their actions in the rescue of crewmen from the yacht “Team Jaguar” during severe sea storms 70 miles south of Eden.

Over a period of 14 hours on 27 and 28 December 1998 the crew of the trawler “Moira Elizabeth” (25 metre steel hull trawler) navigated mountainous seas, with swells of 8-9 metres and gale force winds to locate the yacht “Team Jaguar”.

Brilliant seamanship enabled the “Moira Elizabeth” to chase and eventually locate the yacht “Team Jaguar” in horrific weather conditions.

In the end the “Moira Elizabeth” took “Team Jaguar” in tow and returned to port (Eden) with all hands safe.

5.6.7. BRONZE MEDALS

Crewmembers of the trawler “Josephine Jean”

Thorualdur Hreinsson , Eden

Jason Cole, Eden

Martin Bowden, Frankston, Victoria

for their actions in the rescue of crewmen from the yacht “Mintinta” during severe sea storms 40 miles east of Eden.

Over a period of 19 hours on 27 and 28 December 1998 the crew of the trawler “Josephine Jean” (a 26 year old timber vessel) navigated into the heart of a most severe storm.

After being battered by giant waves and swells for 8 hours the “Josephine Jean” reached the yacht “Mintinta” and proceeded to tow.

Following the loss of the towline, the members of the crew on the “Mintinta” were transferred by life raft, one by one, to the trawler.

All six members of the crew of the “Mintinta” were rescued without injury and repatriated to Eden by the crew of the “Josephine Jean”.

8.9.10.11. BRONZE MEDALS

*Senior Constable Timothy James Brown, NSW Police
Senior Constable Bradley Nathan Muddle, NSW Police
Constable Christopher John Fowler, NSW Police
Mr Douglas Kenneth Finucane, Windella Downs*

for their actions at the scene of a house fire at Windella Downs.

Called to a house fire at Windella Downs at 9.30 pm on 4 September 2004, with no fire service present at that time, Senior Constables Brown and Muddle entered the building searching for occupants.

They located an unconscious woman being assisted by Mr Finucane. Senior Constables Brown and Muddle then removed the woman to safety.

Re-entering the building, despite dense smoke, Senior Constables Brown and Muddle were able to find an unaccounted for child whom they assisted to safety.

Suffering disorientation, vomiting and nausea and breathing difficulties Senior Constables Brown and Muddle were unable to continue. Constable Fowler then carried out the last search of the building.

12.13.14.15. CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

*Constable Kylie Maree Burke, NSW Police
Probationary Constable Vanessa Marie Bolas, NSW Police
Constable Paul Charles Charman, NSW Police
Constable Matthew Robert Chidgey, NSW Police*

for their actions at the scene of a house fire at Woolloomooloo.

On patrol in Woolloomooloo at 4.10 am on 16 October 2004 Constables Burke and Bolas came upon a residence on fire in Cathedral Street. They immediately called for police assistance (Constables Charman and Chidgey) and attempted to alert the house residents.

Gaining access to the house Constables Burke and Bolas escorted a man, woman and child from the building. Proceeding upstairs Constables Charman and Chidgey, despite large quantities of smoke, were able to locate the fire and eventually extinguish it.

16.17.18. BRONZE MEDALS

*Inspector Paul James Devaney, NSW Police
Keith Walter Sewell, Allambie Heights
Robert Arthur Smith, Harrington*

for their actions at the scene of a fatal motor vehicle accident at Beacon Hill.

At about 12.35 am on 6 March 2003 while driving at Beacon Hill, Mr Sewell and Mr Smith discovered a crashed utility on fire with two men trapped inside. While Mr Sewell attempted to extract the driver, Mr Smith attempted to assist the passenger from the vehicle. Despite strenuous efforts by Mr Sewell and Mr Smith neither the driver, trapped by his legs, nor the passenger, trapped by the vehicle door could be released from the burning vehicle.

When Inspector Devaney arrived at the scene with the fire raging the driver was deceased and the passenger was still trapped, his legs crushed by the firewall of the vehicle. After attempts to douse the fire and with risk of an explosion, Inspector Devaney stayed with the passenger until he was released by Ambulance and Rescue Services. The passenger died after arrival in hospital.

The horrific nature of this accident and the complications involved in the rescue of the vehicle's occupants has been incorporated into a practical exercise scenario for training emergency services personnel.

19.20. BRONZE MEDALS

Richard Anthony Cooper, Enmore

Martin Langham, Enmore

21.22. CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Evan Keith Winstanley, Everton Park, Queensland

Evan Alexander Jones, Sydenham

for their actions at the scene of a fatal motor vehicle accident and fire at Mascot.

At about 10.30 pm on 23 October 2003 a BMW driven at high speed collided with another vehicle driven by Mr Cooper at an intersection in Mascot. The BMW became airborne before hitting a tree. The crashed vehicle caught fire with the driver and passenger trapped inside.

Mr Cooper and his passenger, Mr Langham then attempted to first release the driver and then his passenger from the burning vehicle. Eventually Mr Cooper and Mr Langham managed to drag the bleeding passenger into the back seat and out of the vehicle.

Mr Winstanley and Mr Jones who had arrived at the scene then assisted Messrs Cooper and Langham to pull the driver through to the back seat and clear of the wreckage just before the vehicle exploded. Unfortunately the driver was deceased.

23.24.25. BRONZE MEDALS

Senior Constable Maxwell Raymond Sikkema, NSW Police

Senior Constable Scott Andrew McRae, NSW Police

Bernie James McKerlie, Eden

for their actions at the scene of a house fire at Eden.

On patrol in the Eden area at about 9.30 pm on 21 November 2004 Senior Constable Sikkema and Senior Constable McRae came across a flat in a house on fire where the occupant, trapped by the flames, was calling for help. Flames engulfed the only entrance to the flat. Assisted by a neighbour, Mr McKerlie, who knew the layout of the building, the three men entered the building where Mr McKerlie directed the officers to force an entry to the flat through the fabric of the building.

Despite the efforts of the officers in finally gaining entry to the flat the fierceness of the fire made rescue impossible. Later, Fire Brigade personnel wearing breathing apparatus, using the entrance forced by Senior Constables Sikkema and McRae entered the flat where they found the occupant deceased.

26.27. BRONZE MEDALS

Senior Constable Roland Samuel Curll, NSW Police

Constable Robert John McMahon, NSW Police

for their actions at the scene of a home unit fire at Koonawarra.

At about 9.45am on 16 January 2005 Senior Constable Curll and Constable McMahon attended a fire in a block of units at Koonawarra where an elderly man was trapped inside. Although hampered by dense smoke Senior Constable Curll and Constable McMahon entered the building where Senior Constable Curll succeeded in locating the trapped man.

Guided by Constable McMahon's verbal directions Senior Constable Curll succeeded in dragging the man from the room. Eventually all three men were able to exit from the smoke filled building.

28.29.30. CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Detective Inspector Michael John Willing, NSW Police

Leading Senior Constable Shawn Winston Schussler, NSW Police

Senior Constable Paul Gary Williamson, NSW Police

for the attempted rescue of a youth from the waters of the Macquarie River, Dubbo.

On the afternoon of 16 September 2003 a youth attempting to swim in the waters of the Macquarie River at Dubbo got into difficulties due to the fast flowing current. With delay expected in the arrival of a rescue boat Detective Inspector Willing, Leading Senior Constable Schussler and Senior Constable Williamson entered the river after the youth called for help indicating he was drowning.

Despite the best efforts of the three police officers the youth was swept away before he could be rescued. The youth's body was recovered downstream the next day.

31.32. CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Constable Barry James Heal, NSW Police

Constable Carly Michelle Fitton, NSW Police

for the rescue of an elderly woman from a house fire at Kingsford.

At about 1.35am on 1 April 2005 Constables Heal and Fitton were alerted to a house fire at Kingsford. Despite the fire and smoke Constable Heal and Constable Fitton entered the building and finding an elderly lady lying in the hallway they were able to carry her from the burning building into the street.

33.34.35. BRONZE MEDALS

Leading Senior Constable Paul Keith Nancekivell, NSW Police

Senior Constable Kelly Ronald Thomas, NSW Police

Constable Alison Mary Molyneux, NSW Police

for their actions in the rescue of two persons from the surf at Shoalhaven Heads.

At about 1.00 pm on 6 July 2005 a man and his 13 year old autistic son were caught in a rip at Shoalhaven Heads Beach. Arriving in a police rescue vehicle Leading Senior Constable Nancekivell and Senior Constable Thomas entered the water and after commandeering a surfboard and a boogie board managed to eventually reach the boy. After getting the boy onto the surfboard Leading Senior Constable Nancekivell and Senior Constable Thomas assisted him back to the shore.

Meanwhile the man who had attempted to rescue his son got into difficulties when trying to return to the shore. Constable Molyneux entered the water and assisted the man to stay afloat while the rip took them both out to sea. About 150 metres from the shore they reached calmer water where Leading Senior Constable Nancekivell was then able to reach them with the surfboard. With the man on the surfboard all persons were able to return to shore safely.

36. 37. SILVER MEDALS

Station Officer John Carlos Henry, NSW Fire Brigade

Constable Matthew Thomas McDougall, NSW Police

38. 39. BRONZE MEDALS

40. 41.

Constable Daniel Scott Morgan, NSW Police

Constable Rodney John Lloyd, NSW Police

Constable Kyle William Rodger, NSW Police

Mr David Jamieson, Kingswood

for their actions at the scene of a house fire at Kingswood.

On 26 July 2006 at about 8.15 am whilst preparing his two children for school Mr Jamieson became aware of fire in the upstairs area of the house where his partner and 3 year old son were sleeping. After removing the older children from the house Mr Jamieson attempted to go upstairs, he was able to alert his partner but unable to reach the child because of the fire.

Responding to an emergency call Constables McDougall and Rodger attended the fire where they entered the building and attempted to climb the stairs. Confronted by voluminous smoke and intense heat they were forced to exit the building.

Station Officer Henry was off duty when he attended the scene of the fire. Aware that a young child was trapped in the burning building he and Constable McDougall gained access to the roof. Station Officer Henry gained entry to the house through a broken window and assisted by Constable McDougall was able to locate the child and bring him to safety. Constable Rodger accessed a garden hose and continuously sprayed both men and the building throughout the rescue.

Constables Lloyd and Morgan also responded to the emergency call and attempted to gain entry through the rear door but were unable to reach upstairs due to the smoke and heat. They remained in the building using buckets and containers of

water in an effort to extinguish some of the flames. They were forced to exit the building when the roof started to collapse.

Mr Jamieson and his son were transported to hospital and treated for burns and smoke inhalation.

42. SILVER MEDAL

Stuart Harvey, Avoca

43. BRONZE MEDAL

Bradley Sanders, Berkeley Vale

44.45.46. CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

David James Maguire, Tascott

Gregory Anderson, Terrigal

Craig Adams, Wamberal

for their actions in rescuing a man from drowning at Spoon Bay.

As Duty Officer in charge of patrolled beaches on the Central Coast, Mr Harvey was at Spoon Bay Beach at about 2.15 pm on 29 January 2006 when he became aware of two people caught in a rip. After reaching the two men in very heavy seas on a commandeered surf board Mr Harvey managed to get one man onto the board, but pounded by heavy seas the man was swept off and submerged.

Mr Harvey made the difficult decision to rescue the second man who was semi-conscious and struggling to stay afloat. After getting the man on the surf board they eventually reached calmer water where Mr Harvey supported the man while the inflatable rescue boat (IRB) operated by Mr Anderson and Mr Adams was searching for the submerged man. A second IRB operated by Mr Maguire and another man arrived and the rescued man and Mr Harvey were finally taken ashore.

Mr Sanders was also at Spoon Bay with his family that afternoon when he became aware of two men and several children in difficulties in the surf. Realising they were in a rip Mr Sanders entered the water. After reaching the children Mr Sanders grabbed a male child by the arm and swam with him to the shore.

47. BRONZE MEDAL

Senior Constable Robert Cain, NSW Police

for his actions at the scene of a motor vehicle accident on the Pacific Highway, Jones Island.

Senior Constable Robert Cain went to the scene of a serious motor vehicle accident at Jones Island on the Pacific Highway on 8 February 2000. Confronted with an upturned station wagon spilling fuel and a woman trapped inside, Senior Constable Cain entered the vehicle via the tailgate.

Although soaked by fuel Senior Constable Cain managed to release the trapped driver and after exiting the vehicle via the tailgate, was able to pull the driver free through the passenger's side window. Senior Constable Cain tended the driver's injuries until the ambulance arrived.

48. BRONZE MEDAL

Michael Campbell Howes, Jerilderie

for the rescue of a man from a caravan fire at Jerilderie.

At about 9.00 pm on 3 July 2003 Mr Howes went to the scene of a fire in a caravan at Jerilderie. Faced with smoke and flames Mr Howes directed power to the caravan to be cut off. Using a hose he then directed water at the flames extinguishing the fire. Mr Howes was then able to enter the caravan and assist the badly burnt occupant to safety.

49. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Michael John Hudson, Oatley

for his actions at the scene of a house fire at Oatley.

At 2.30 pm on 25 July 2005 Mr Hudson became aware that a neighbour's house was on fire. Arriving at the house he found his elderly neighbour on fire at the door. Using his bare hands Mr Hudson extinguished the flames on the man's body. After exiting the burning building Mr Hudson, assisted by his mother doused the man with water until the ambulance arrived.

50. BRONZE MEDAL

Neil Alan Tate, North Haven

51. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Mark Anders, Engadine

for their actions in the rescue of a man from a submerged motor vehicle at North Haven.

On 28 September 2003 at Ocean Drive, North Haven the driver of a car lost consciousness and his car crashed through a fence and plunged into a river. Messrs Anders and Tate both entered the river and swam to the vehicle. After Mr Anders was able to release the unconscious driver's seat belt, Mr Tate entered the vehicle via the passenger side window. Mr Tate assisted by Mr Anders removed the driver from the vehicle. As a direct result of the rescue Mr Tate dislocated his shoulder.

52. BRONZE MEDAL

George Forbes Watt, Bonny Hills

for the rescue of a young man from the sea at Port Macquarie.

Walking with his family on the sea wall at about 7.30 pm on 11 January 2004 Mr Watt saw a young man struggling in the run-out tide. After contacting emergency services on his mobile phone Mr Watt grabbed a surfboard and paddled towards the distressed swimmer. Overcoming the moderate swell Mr Watt eventually paddled to the exhausted man and got him onto the surfboard. After being pounded by waves and being knocked off the board several times, Mr Watt eventually got the man safely ashore.

53. BRONZE MEDAL

Stahy Zographakis, Annandale

for the rescue of a man from a house fire at Lake Conjola.

During a thunderstorm on 13 December 2004 whilst holidaying at Lake Conjola Mr Zographakis became aware his neighbour's house was on fire. Mr Zographakis forced entry to the house via a window. Using a torch he found his way through the smoke to his neighbour's study where he found the man slumped in a chair trying to extinguish a fire in the television with a garden hose. Fearing electrocution Mr Zographakis ran out of the house to turn off the water. He then re-entered the house and assisted his neighbour from the premises.

54. BRONZE MEDAL

Nino Biofava, Flinders

for the rescue of a man and a woman from the sea at Shellharbour.

On the morning of 28 February 2004 a honeymoon couple visiting Shellharbour were swept off rocks by a large wave. Although there were several onlookers only Mr Biofava, already in a wetsuit, came to their assistance, grabbing his body board and flippers and going to their rescue.

Against rough seas and a massive swell he succeeded in reaching the couple. With them holding onto his board he proceeded to paddle south until they finally reached the boat ramp in the harbour.

55.56.57. BRONZE MEDALS

Glenn Mitcham, Nambucca Heads

Francis Mills, Nambucca Heads

James Sakker, Anna Bay

for their actions in the rescue of two men from the sea at Nambucca Heads.

At about 11.40 am on 15 May 2004 two men without lifejackets were thrown into the sea when their aluminium runabout breached in heavy seas at Shelley Beach, Nambucca Heads. Messrs Mitcham, Mills and Sakker immediately entered the water to retrieve one of the men who was unconscious.

Mr Mitcham and Mr Sakker brought one man, who appeared to be deceased, ashore. Mr Mills swam to the second man and towed him to the beach where, with assistance, the man was placed in the recovery position. He then went to assist the first victim further up the beach. Unfortunately on arrival ambulance officers were unable to assist the second victim who had suffered cardiac arrest.

Kevin Norwood, Loretta Harkess and Stephen Boyd received Letters of Commendation for their actions during this incident.

58. BRONZE MEDAL

Arthur John Griffiths, Wollombi

for the rescue of two men from a vehicle fire at Wollombi.

On hearing a collision near his property at Wollombi on 17 September 2004, Mr Griffiths drove two kilometres where he found an overturned motor vehicle on fire in a paddock. Entering the vehicle through a broken window Mr Griffiths was able to pull the unconscious passenger to safety. He then re-entered the vehicle through the broken window and eventually was able to drag the driver from the wreck. Other people who had arrived on the scene assisted in removing both men to safety before the vehicle exploded.

59. SILVER MEDAL AND GALLEGHAN AWARD

Clayton Ashley Harris, Bathurst

60.61. CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Stephen Bates, Red Rock

Joe Benjamine Hansen, Red Rock

for their actions in the rescue of a woman from the surf at Red Rock.

At about 12.15 pm on 11 September 2004 at Red Rock, north of Coffs Harbour a young woman got caught in a strong current and swept out to sea. Mr Harris immediately went to her assistance and was also swept out to sea towards the nearby headland. At the time weather conditions were very poor with a 1.5 metre swell. Mr Harris made several attempts to get the woman onto the rocks to safety. During this time Mr Harris injured himself on the rocks and the woman lapsed into unconsciousness. Aware of Mr Harris's predicament Mr Bates with a surf board and Mr Hansen with a floatation device entered the water and between them brought the unconscious woman back towards the shore. Unfortunately, despite CPR by ambulance officers the young woman did not survive. Constable Sean Patrick Benefield and Anthony Marinus Lucas received Letters of Commendation for their actions during this incident.

62.63. CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Senior Constable Stephen William Case, NSW Police

Senior Constable Dennis Richard Peter Rutland, NSW Police

for their actions at the scene of a motor vehicle accident and fire at Burrawang.

At about 5.45 pm on 26 October 2004 Senior Constable Case and Senior Constable Rutland attended a motor vehicle accident and fire at Burrawang. The female passenger of the car had freed herself but the unconscious driver remained in the vehicle. After unsuccessfully trying to extinguish the flames with a fire extinguisher the police officers managed to remove the unconscious driver from the wreck to safety before the vehicle exploded.

During the year, the following awards were also made:

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Kevin Norwood, Bomaderry

Loretta Harkess, Hyland Park

Stephen Boyd, Nelson Bay

Constable Sean Patrick Benefield, NSW Police

Anthony Marinus Lucas, Abermain

STANHOPE GOLD MEDAL 2006

Oguz (Alex) Taskun

for his actions in the apprehension of a violent offender at Auburn.

As the result of an altercation in a home unit at Auburn on the morning of 19 April 2004 a man who had been stabbed ran into the street where his attacker pursued him armed with a knife. Mr Taskun who was on his way to work, confronted the attacker after he had stabbed the victim again, and after a struggle disarmed the offender. With bystander assistance Mr Taskun restrained the offender, secured the weapon and attended to the victim's wounds until the police and emergency services arrived.

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Balance Sheet - as at 30 June 2007

	Note	2007 \$	2006 \$
Current Assets			
Cash assets	3	289,531	281,096
Inventories-Medals on hand		421	1,087
Accrued Income		1,777	2,619
 Total Assets		 291,729	 284,802
 Accumulated Funds	 4	 291,729	 284,802

Income Statement - for the financial year ended 30 June 2007

	Note	2007 \$	2006 \$
Revenue from Ordinary Activities			
Donations		5,280	8,200
Interest		15,456	14,337
Sale of Miniatures		0	50
		20,736	22,587
 Expenses from Ordinary Activities			
Annual Award Presentation		1,932	2,464
General Expenses		639	379
Honorarium	6	7,150	6,800
Postage		488	559
Printing and Stationery		3,600	3,354
		13,809	13,556
 Net Profit		 6,927	 9,031

Statement of Cash Flows – for the financial year ended 30 June 2007

	Note	2007	2006
		\$	\$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts from activities and donors		6,122	8,240
Interest received		15,456	14,337
Payments to suppliers and employees		(13,143)	(11,727)
Net cash (absorbed) provided by operating activities	9	8,435	10,850
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		281,096	270,246
Cash at the end of the financial year		289,531	281,096

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

Notes to the Financial Statements – for the year ended 30 June 2007

Note 1. Summary of Accounting Policies

Financial reporting framework

The financial statements have been prepared as a general purpose financial report which complies with the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations in Australia and other mandatory professional reporting requirements and the Charitable Fundraising Act.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historic cost convention and do not take account of 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.

The following significant accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation and presentation of the financial report.

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 2. Constitution of the Society

The Society is an unincorporated body, founded on 25 July 1877.

All of the property of the Society is vested in the Trustees of the Society. Monies may be invested in any investment authorised by the Trustee Act 1925-1942 of New South Wales or any amendment thereof.

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

Note 3. Cash Assets

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
General Account		
Cash at bank	14,826	16,396
Cash on short term deposit at bank	274,531	264,531
Petty cash	174	169
Total Cash Assets	289,531	281,096

The cash on short term deposit at bank earns a fixed rate of interest, depending upon the period for which it is invested. In the year ended 30 June 2007, this rate ranged from 5.00% to 6.15% (2006 5.55% to 5.75%)

Note 4. Accumulated Funds

Accumulated Funds at the beginning of the financial year	284,802	275,771
Net profit	6,927	9,031
Accumulated Funds at the end of the financial year	291,729	284,802

Note 5. Remuneration of Officers

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

Note 6. Remuneration of Assistant to the Secretary

An honorarium is paid to the Secretary's Assistant	7,150	6,800
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Note 7. Remuneration of Auditor

The Auditor is appointed on an honorary basis and does not receive remuneration either directly or indirectly.

Note 8. Financial Instruments

Credit Risk

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 the policy of only dealing with creditworthy counterparties as appropriately credentialed 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 Balance Sheet represents the maximum credit risk to which the Society is exposed.

Net fair value

The carrying amount of the financial assets and liabilities as shown on the face of the Balance Sheet represents the net fair value of the financial assets and liabilities at the reporting date. All of these assets and liabilities are of such a nature that they are not readily traded.

Note 9. Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows

Reconciliation of Net cash (absorbed) provided by Operating Activities to Operating profit.

Operating Profit	6,927	9,031
Net cash provided by operating activities before changes in net assets and liabilities	6,927	9,031
Changes in net assets and liabilities		
(Increase) decrease in:		
Other current assets	1,508	1,819

Net cash (absorbed) provided by Operating and

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the Royal Humane Society of New South Wales:

Scope

The financial report and Councillors' responsibility

The financial report comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2007, the income statement, statement of cash flows, and accompanying notes to the financial statements, and the Councillors' declaration for the year ended 30 June 2007 as set out herein.

The Councillors of the Royal Humane Society are responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Society's rules. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, for the accounting policies and for the accounting estimates within the financial report.

Audit approach

We conducted an independent audit in order to express an opinion to the members of the Royal Humane Society of New South Wales. Our audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, in order to provide reasonable assurance that the financial report is free of material misstatement. The nature of an audit is influenced by such factors as the use of professional judgement, selective testing, and the inherent limitations of internal control and the availability of audit evidence which may be persuasive rather than conclusive.

Accordingly an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

We performed procedures to assess whether, in all material respects, the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Royal Humane Society's financial position, and of its performance as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows.

We formed our audit opinion on the basis of these procedures which included:

- Examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report, and
- Assessing the appropriateness of the accounting policies and disclosures used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors.

While, when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, we considered the effectiveness of the Councillor's internal controls over financial reporting, our audit was not designed to provide assurance in relation to internal controls.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

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 those 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 proceeds of donations the Society obtained are complete.

Qualified audit 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,

1. the financial report of the Royal Humane Society of New South Wales:
 - (a) gives a true and fair view of the Society's financial position as at 30 June 2007 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - (b) complies with Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia;
2. the financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial results of fundraising appeals for the financial year;
3. the financial report and associated records have been properly kept during the financial year in accordance with the provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the regulations thereto; and
4. at the date of this report there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Royal Humane Society of New South Wales will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

HLB MANN JUDD
(NSW Partnership)
Chartered Accountants

Sydney
13 August 2007

David McGrane
Partner

COUNCILLOR'S DECLARATION

In the councillors' opinion:

1. the financial statements and notes:
 - (a) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2007 and performance, as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows, of the Society for the year then ended; and
 - (b) comply with Australian Accounting Standards;
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 income statement gives a true and fair view of all income and expenditure of the organisation with respect to fundraising appeals;

4. the balance sheet 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.

Major General the Hon Justice C. R. HOEBEN, AM RFD
Chairman

A.F. BATLEY AM FCA
Honorary Treasurer

13 August 2007

**The Royal Humane Society of New South Wales
gratefully acknowledges the continuing support
of its major donors.**

The New South Wales Government

N.R.M.A. Insurance

**DONATIONS RECEIVED IN RESPECT OF
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