

## ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC

Instituted 25<sup>th</sup> July 1877

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## ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC

### ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

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 2009 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 16th October 2009. 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 2 Silver Medals, 29 Bronze Medals, 25 Certificates of Merit, 1 Galleghan Award and 4 Letters of Commendation.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Society's 132nd Annual General Meeting was conducted on Friday 4th December 2009, when Councillors and Office Bearers were elected for the ensuing twelve months.

### **FINANCE**

The Society's Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2010 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 NRMA Insurance also provides significant support.

### 2009-2010 AWARDS

The awards described in this annual report, comprise 2 Silver Medals, 36 Bronze Medals, 16 Certificates of Merit and 1 Galleghan Award. In addition, the Society issued 3 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, Royal Humane Society of Australasia in Melbourne and Royal Humane Society of New Zealand, to which bodies, together with other kindred organisations, 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 meeting room are provided by the New South Wales Fire Brigades. The State Government and NRMA Insurance are major donors, but there are others mentioned in this report.

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 production of the Society's Bravery Certificates is greatly assisted by the NSW Maritime Authority with an annual grant.

The Society's ongoing business is effectively and efficiently carried out by the Honorary Secretary, Maj Roland Millbank (Retd), and Assistant Secretary, Ms Nina Smith. We remain well served by the professional contributions provided by the Honorary Treasurer, Mr Edgar Temple, the Honorary Auditor, Mr David McGrane, the Honorary Solicitor Mr Tony McMinn, who guided the Society through the maze of incorporation this year, and our Honorary Publicity Officer, Mr Stuart Doyle.

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.

Rear Admiral A.L. Hunt AO RAN (Retd)

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> July, 1877, and its first meeting, under the presidency of Mr F. H. Dangar, was held on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

The Society was Incorporated on 26th February 2010

### **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. 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

Extracted from the Thirty Third Annual Report of the Royal Shipwreck Relief and Humane Society of New South Wales for the Year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 1910.

Awards presented by Lady Chelmsford

William Greystock RIPPON (Chief Officer), S S "Orara"; Awarded a Bronze Medal and a Certificate of Merit

### John COLLINS (AB), William POLSON (AB); and Jack PAUMM (AB); S "Orara" Awarded Certificates of Merit

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1910, on the occasion of the of the floundering of the S S "Satara" near Seal Rocks, NSW, a boat was dispatched from the "Otara" to the rescue of those who were clinging to the wreckage, and was successful in picking up the chief officer.

Heavy seas, with a strong south east breeze, were running at the time and the task set the chief officer was very hazardous, requiring skilful handling of the boat-but willing assistance given by the boat's crew enabled life to be saved.

#### 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, an Honorary Treasurer, (Publicity Officer, Auditor and Solicitor) and Councillors.

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 SC

### 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 2/30<sup>th</sup> Australian Infantry Battalion at the battle of Gemas in Malaya.

This year it is awarded to Senior Constable Andrew James Mayfield.

### 2009-2010

### **AWARDS**

Recipient	Case No.	Recipient	Case No.
ATTUELL, Adam	2	LAWSON, Robert	49
BAKER, Jane	12	LAWSON, Robert	51
BALLARD, Robert	14	MATHIESEN, Kyle	44
BRADBURY, Garry	24	MAYFIELD, Andrew	30
BRAZZILL, Anthony	54	McKINNA, James	22
BRICE, Ivor	29	McKINNA, Marion	21
CALDWELL, Ben	38	McLACHLAN, Stewart	18
CAMERON, Ian	31	MILLS, David	15
CHAPMAN, Noel	48	MOORE, Daniel	45
CHENHALL, David	7	MOORE, Sue	37
CONROY, Kevin	40	NGUYEN, Simon	4
CORNES, Justin	50	NOTT, Anthony	35
COX, Brendan	39	OAKES, Leslie	13
CUTMORE, Ian (Posthum	nous) 20	PAYNE, Jack	23
DIETRICH, Michael	10	PENNY, David	53
DILLON, David	46	RAYWARD, Duncan	5
DODSON, Jared	16	ROBIN, Zac	1
DOWEY, Stephen	28	ROWLINSON, James	19
FREEMAN, Jeffrey	9	SEARLE, Ronald	3
GILMOUR, Leanne	11	THOMAS, Scott	43
HARRIS, John	8	THOMPSON, Mitchell	17
HEATH, Francis	47	THOMPSON, Sarah	6
INA, Roger	32	Van-HAM, Ronald	25
INGLE, Kurt	42	WEST, Graham	34
JOHNSTONE, Timothy	36	WILKIE, David	41
KLAJMAN, Lester	33	WOOLSEY, Colin	26
KAIN, Jamie	52	WOOLSEY, Leanne	27

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

### 1. BRONZE MEDAL Mr Zac ROBIN

Case 09/23

for his actions in the rescue of a man from a waterhole at Nethercote Falls via Pambula, NSW 2549 on 21 January 2005.

At about 4.50pm on 21 January 2005 a man slipped on rocks at Nethercote Falls, fell about 35 metres striking his head in the process. He then landed in a rock pool where he quickly sank.

Mr Zac Robin climbed down the cliff face and jumped about 20 metres into the murky water. He located the man wedged between rocks under the water and managed to bring him to the surface.

With assistance from his brother, Mr Api Robin who was already in the water, they placed the badly injured man on a rock ledge. Although in a remote area, ambulance officers eventually reached and treated the victim, removing him on a surfboard, and then out of the park on foot. Due to his extensive injuries the man was conveyed to Canberra Hospital by helicopter.

Mr Api Robin has received the Society's Letter of Commendation for his actions during this incident.

### 2. BRONZE MEDAL

Senior Constable Adam Paul ATTUELL, NSW Police Force Case 09/24

for his actions at the scene of a motor vehicle accident and fire on the Oxley Highway near Somerton, NSW 2340 on 3 April 2007.

At about 2.15pm on 3 April 2007 Senior Constable Attuell, off duty and in casual clothing, came across two vehicles involved in a head on collision on the Oxley Highway about 8km west of Somerton.

Both the 4 wheel drive vehicle towing a caravan and a Ford Sedan were extensively damaged with smoke and flames coming from the sedan. The driver of the sedan was trapped by his legs and seatbelt in the burning vehicle.

After several attempts to free the trapped driver Senior Constable Attuell made the decision to enter the burning vehicle, eventually managing to free the driver and drag him out of the vehicle, assisted by a man who had stopped at the accident scene.

After arranging for others to tow the burning sedan away from the 4 wheel drive vehicle, Senior Constable Attuell stayed with the elderly couple until Emergency Services released the trapped passenger from that vehicle. Despite sustaining injuries to his hands and arms during the rescue, Senior Constable Attuell provided treatment to the elderly victims until Emergency Services took over.

### 3. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Mr Ronald James SEARLE

Case 09/25

for his actions at the scene of a petrol fire at a service station at Pennant Hills, NSW 2120 on 25 April 2007.

At about 8.20 pm on 25 April 2007, after colliding with a concrete barrier, a Toyota van crashed into a service station at Pennant Hills smashing into fuel bowsers which burst into flames.

Mr Searle, a tanker driver on the scene checking fuel levels, immediately took a fire extinguisher from his truck. Placing himself between the crashed van and the burning petrol bowsers he pushed the fire away from the van. Exhausting the first extinguisher he procured another and continued to fight the fire. The woman managed to escape from the van through a window and moved away.

By this time a service station attendant had isolated the fuel to the bowsers and assisted with another extinguisher. The police report considered Mr Searle's prompt actions prevented a far more serious fire from occurring.

### 4. BRONZE MEDAL Mr Simon NGUYEN

Case 09/26

for his actions at the scene of a motor vehicle fire at Mt. White, NSW 2250 on 13 May 2007.

Early on Sunday 13 May 2007 a vehicle crashed and collided with a tree on the Pacific Highway near Mt White. Arriving shortly after the accident occurred, Mr Simon Nguyen immediately entered the vehicle on the passenger side and attempted to awaken the unconscious driver.

Realizing that professional help was necessary Mr Nguyen left the vehicle and asked an accident witness to contact emergency services before re entering the vehicle. He stayed in the vehicle trying to help the driver until he noticed a small fire had started. Despite the smoke from the fire he got in and out of the vehicle several times trying to disperse the smoke but soon became overwhelmed himself. Finally his friends pulled him away from the car fearing it would explode.

Emergency Services were unable to rescue the driver.

## 5.6. CERTIFICATES OF MERIT Mr Duncan RAYWARD Ms Sarah Leone THOMPSON

Case 09/27

for their actions at the scene of a house fire at Lord Howe Island, NSW 2898 on 19 May 2007.

At about 8.30pm on 19 May 2007 Ms Sarah Thompson noticed a fire in a plastic bottle on the steps of her cousin's one bedroom cottage. Ms Thompson tried to extinguish the fire however it quickly spread to the laundry area so she ran to a neighbour's home and asked them to call the Fire Brigade. She then returned to the cottage where she entered through a window and tried to persuade her cousin to leave the burning house. Mr Duncan Rayward arrived at the house and assisted Ms Thompson to forcibly remove the man from the building shortly before the house was engulfed in flames. By the time the Police and Fire Brigade arrived the cottage was completely ablaze.

#### 7. **BRONZE MEDAL** Mr David CHENHALL

Case 09/28

for his actions in the rescue of a woman from the flooded Talbragar River at Dubbo, NSW 2830 on 30 June 2007.

Trying to reach her home on a property approximately 20 km from Dubbo at about 11.40 pm on 30 June 2007 a woman in a vehicle was swept almost 30 metres downstream in the flooded Talbragar River.

Due to the dangers, force of the water, near freezing temperature and the inherent danger posed to bystanders in any rescue attempt, the Volunteer Rescue Squad was activated and Mr David Chenhall and Mr Anthony McEachern attended the location to carry out the rescue.

With the vehicle edging its way down stream and the woman hanging on to the door, it took a fully equipped Mr Chenhall several attempts to reach the vehicle. With a relayed harness Mr Chenhall climbed onto the roof of the vehicle and assisted the woman into the harness. With the use of safety lines, manned throughout by Mr. McEachern, the woman was assisted to safety.

Mr Anthony McEachern has received the Society's Letter of Commendation for his actions during this incident.

#### 8. **BRONZE MEDAL** Mr John HARRIS Case 09/29

for the rescue of his son from a burning caravan at Austral, NSW 2171 on 24 July 2007.

At about 3.30pm on 24 July 2007 Mr John Harris became aware that a caravan on his property was burning. After entering the caravan he discovered that a quilt and a heater were on fire. Mr Harris grabbed the quilt and heater and dragged them outside burning both his hands badly in the process.

Unsure whether his son was inside the caravan, despite thick smoke, Mr Harris re entered the caravan on his hands and knees and located the sleeping man. Mr Harris dragged his son out of the caravan and used a nearby hose to extinguish the fire from his body.

Mr Glen Harris was transported to hospital and was subsequently transferred to Royal North Shore Burns Unit in a serious condition with 3 degree burns to 64% of his body.

Mr John Harris required skin graft operations to his hands.

### 9. BRONZE MEDAL

Senior Constable Jeffrey FREEMAN, NSW Police Force

### 10.11. CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Senior Constable Michael DIETRICH, NSW Police Force Senior Constable Leanne GILMOUR, NSW Police Force Case 09/30

for their actions in the rescue of a woman from the waters of the Hasting River, Port Macquarie, NSW 2444 on 27 August 2007.

At about 6.15am on 27 August 2007 police were called to the Hastings River, Port Macquarie near Lady Nelson Wharf where a woman appeared to be drowning. Senior Constable Jeffrey Freeman immediately entered the water and began swimming towards the woman who was now partly submerged. On reaching her he lifted her head out of the water but, due to her weight and several layers of clothing, he struggled to keep her above water as he began swimming back to shore.

Senior Constable Leanne Gilmour had also entered the water and once Senior Constable Freeman had come closer to shore he was able to push the woman towards his colleague. Senior Constable Gilmour took hold of the woman under her arms and pulled her towards the shore. Once Senior Constable Freeman reached shallow water he was able to assist in moving the woman closer to the rock wall where Senior Constable Dietrich and a bystander lifted her onto the grassed area of the Town Green.

All three officers began CPR before the arrival of ambulance personnel.

### 12. BRONZE MEDAL

Constable Jane BAKER, NSW Police Force

### 13. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Constable Leslie Moira OAKES, NSW Police Force Case 09/31

for the rescue of a woman threatening suicide from a cliff at Nowra, NSW 2541 on 1 September 2007.

At about 4.20pm on 1 September 2007 Constables Leslie Oakes and Jane Baker attended a domestic dispute in Nowra involving a mother and daughter. The daughter, with a history of mental illness, was subsequently transferred to Shoalhaven Hospital.

Constables Oakes and Baker then attended the hospital and during this time the young woman, who was very agitated, went missing. Constables Oakes and Baker immediately commenced a search for the young woman. They were informed by a security guard that she was seen in bushland opposite the hospital grounds, near a cliff edge, with a sheer drop of approximately 30 metres onto rocks on the edge of the Shoalhaven River.

On the edge of the cliff, beyond the guard rail the woman, in a highly distressed state, was threatening to jump. The two constables stepped over the guard rail and approached her. Constable Baker stood less than a metre behind the woman speaking calmly to her whilst Constable Oakes stayed nearby. When the woman looked towards the river, Constable Baker feared she was about to leap over the edge. Constable Baker then stepped forward and took firm hold of the woman's jacket pulling her away from the edge. Constable Oakes subsequently approached and also grabbed the woman who began to struggle. The two constables wrestled with the woman, eventually subduing her. They were assisted by the security officer in bringing the woman away from the cliff to a safer area.

Neither Constable Oakes nor Constable Baker had been formally trained in rescue or negotiation techniques and neither had the benefit of a rescue harness.

#### 14.15. BRONZE MEDALS

16. Senior Constable Robert James BALLARD, NSW Police Force Probationary Constable David John MILLS, NSW Police Force Mr Jared DODSON

### 17.18. CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Mr Mitchell THOMPSON Mr Stewart McLACHLAN

Case 09/32

for their actions in the rescue of a 13 year old boy from the surf at Redhead Beach, NSW 2209 on 1 September 2007.

Three boys swimming at the unpatrolled Redhead Beach at about 4pm on 1 September 2007 got into difficulties. Two boys got ashore to raise the alarm, while the third was swept about 150metres out from shore.

At about 4.15pm the police patrol of Senior Constable Robert Ballard and Probationary Constable David Mills arrived at the beach. They were approached by Jared Dodson and his friend with boogie boards. Probationary Constable Mills and Jared Dodson entered the surf on the boogie boards and after struggling through the large surf eventually reached the exhausted boy.

Concurrently Senior Constable Ballard, a trained surf life saver, obtained a surf rescue board and also struggled through the rough surf to reach the greatly fatigued boy. Between the three of them they managed to get the lad on the surf rescue board and started shoreward.

Two off duty lifesavers, Mr Mitchell Thompson and Mr Stewart McLachlan, attending a wedding reception at the surf club, also entered the water. They stripped down to their underwear and paddled out on surf rescue boards to offer assistance with the rescue.

Despite difficult breaking waves all five rescuers managed to get themselves and the boy ashore where Ambulance Officers were in attendance.

### 19. SILVER MEDAL Mr James ROWLINSON

Case 09/33

for the surf rescue of a woman and her son at Culburra Beach, NSW 2540 on 8 September 2007

On 8 September 2007 while riding a surf kayak at the unpatrolled Culburra Beach Mr James Rowlinson observed a person struggling in the surf about 50 metres off shore. There was a strong rip running, with waves ranging from 2 to 3 metres. Alerted by the boy's mother and using his surf kayak Mr Rowlinson reached the distressed and confused 10 year old who was now on a sandbank with waves breaking over him.

The boy, who was autistic eventually understood Mr Rowlinson's instructions and hung on to the kayak. Unfortunately the 1.7 metres long kayak, designed to take 75 kg, now contained a 90kg boy and his rescuer who was 70 kg. The extra weight caused the kayak's tail under water with the nose pointed to the sky. After being swept off the kayak at one point Mr Rowlinson managed to get the boy back on the kayak and succeeded in getting him ashore.

On finally returning the boy safely back to shore, Mr Rowlinson was advised that the boy's mother had also entered the water trying to reach her son and was now also in trouble herself about 70 metres off shore. Mr Rowlinson once again paddled his kayak to reach her. Finding her in an exhausted state he took off his life jacket and placed it on her. The woman held on to the kayak as Mr Rowlinson paddled

away from the rip and back towards shore. They were joined by another surfer when they were about 20 metres from shore and assisted back to the beach.

An ambulance arrived soon after and treated the woman and her son. At the time of the boy's rescue Mr Rowlinson was the only other person in the water in either direction for about 500 metres.

### 20.21. BRONZE MEDALS

Mr Ian James CUTMORE (Posthumous) Mrs Marion Joan McKINNA

### 22. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Mr James Henry McKINNA

Case 10/01

for the rescue of three children from the waters of Lake Keepit, Manilla NSW 2346 on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2007

On 6 October 2007 three children, a boy aged 12 and 11 year old twin girls went for a swim in Lake Keepit, Manilla, NSW 2346, and got into difficulties. Immediately Mr Ian Cutmore (the boy's father) swam out to them, however, because the children began to panic, he was continually pushed under the water and was soon in difficulties himself.

A couple from a nearby caravan, alerted to the problem by a sibling, without delay initiated a further rescue operation. Mrs Marion Mckinna, immediately ran down to the water, removed her jeans and swam out towards the children. On reaching the closest girl she attempted to help her. The girl was struggling but Mrs Mckinna managed to swim with her to a rock where she regained a foothold.

Concurrently Mr James Mckinna launched his eight foot inflatable boat and motored out to the boy and other girl. Mr Mckinna reached the children and helped them back to the shore, all the while the boy was screaming for his father. Mr Mckinna then returned to his wife who was again struggling to keep the other girl afloat and brought them both back to the shore. At no time during these rescues was there a sighting of Mr Cutmore.

Before the arrival of emergency services Mr Mckinna organised some of the other men on the scene to do a controlled search of the water in the area where Mr Cutmore was last seen. Mr Cutmore's body was located about 50 minutes later.

### 23. BRONZE MEDAL

Master Jack PAYNE (age: 11)

Case 10/02

for the rescue of his younger brother from a vicious dog attack at St Helens Park 2560 on 10 October 2007

At about 5.30pm on 10 October 2007 Benjamin Payne (age: 4) was attacked by an unrestrained dog in an unprovoked situation. Benjamin was pushed to the ground and the dog grabbed him by his head causing lacerations to his head, legs and arms.

With no adults present at the time of the attack, Jack Payne grabbed a bicycle that was nearby and rammed the bike into the dog. Jack kept this up a number of times until the dog finally released Benjamin. At this time the dog was still in a very aggressive state and still trying to attack Benjamin also threatening other children who were nearby. Jack Payne positioned himself between the dog and

his brother and using the bike as a shield, he managed to shepherd his injured brother into the safety of their home.

Benjamin's injuries included 10 puncture marks at the back of the head, one requiring stitches, bruising and 5 to 10 puncture marks to the left leg.

The animal was later euthanized.

## 24. BRONZE MEDAL Mr Garry James BRADBURY Case 10/03

for the rescue of a woman from a house fire at Balgowlah, NSW 2093 on 23 October 2007

At approximately 5pm on 23 October 2007, while jogging in the streets of Balgowlah, Mr Garry Bradbury was alerted by two girls, about 12 years old, to a nearby duplex on fire. Seeing the ground floor door ajar with smoke pouring out he eased the door open. The door bumped into an unconscious woman lying against it. He moved her away from the door so he could enter. Mr Bradbury lifted her under her arms and dragged her out the back door to safety. The girls assisted him and they placed her on the lawn in the recovery position.

Fearing there might be others in the house, after noticing there were children's toys in the backyard, Mr Bradbury re-entered the duplex. Despite the black smoke, he re-entered searching the duplex three times, after exiting on each occasion for fresh air.

After the arrival of the Fire Brigade, officers using breathing apparatus conducted a search of the house. Fortunately the house was found to be empty. The woman was conveyed to hospital suffering from minor burns.

## 25. BRONZE MEDAL Mr Ronald van-HAM Case 10/04

for the rescue of a woman from the waters of Sydney Cove NSW 2000 on 26 October 2007

Master of a water taxi, which had been secured alongside the Commissioners Steps in Sydney Cove, at about 9.40pm on 26 October 2007 Mr. Ronald van-Ham dived into the water to rescue a woman who had jumped into the water nearby. After Mr van-Ham assisted her from the water the woman threw herself into the water a second time.

This time, after radioing for assistance Mr van-Ham then re entered the water with a lifesaving buoy. When the Water Police arrived the woman was resisting Mr van-Ham's attempts to keep her above water. Mr van-Ham managed to swim with the woman close enough to the Police vessel so that the police officers could assist him. It took three police officers and Mr van-Ham to remove the struggling woman from the water. She was later conveyed by ambulance to hospital.

The police report noted it was a dark night and despite a large number of onlookers, none offered assistance to Mr van Ham.

### 26.27. BRONZE MEDALS

### 28.29. Detective Colin Patrick WOOLSEY, NSW Police Force Senior Constable Leanne Joy WOOLSEY, NSW Police Force Mr Stephen DOWEY Mr Ivor BRICE Case 10/05

for their actions at the scene of a motor vehicle fire at Limeburners Creek 2324 on 17 February 2006

At about 3pm on 17 February 2006 a transit van collided with a tree and burst into flames at Limeburners Creek on the Bucketts Way. Arriving at the scene of the accident Detective Colin Woolsey and his wife Senior Constable Leanne Woolsey became aware that the driver was still inside the burning vehicle. Flames were coming from underneath the cabin of the van from the engine area. Colin Woolsey briefly tried to douse the fire while Leanne Woolsey tried to release the driver trapped by his foot.

By now the fire had entered the driver's side roof section of the cabin and practically the whole vehicle was involved in fire. With help from Mr Stephen Dowey and Mr Ivor Brice the Woolsey's between them managed to extract the seriously injured driver to safety. The man was placed about 5 or 6 metres away, however because the heat was so intense and the ground in the immediate area was burning, he was moved a further 10 metres away and placed in the recovery position.

Whilst awaiting arrival of emergency services the off duty officers took charge of traffic control and caring for the seriously injured driver. About five minutes after the ambulance arrived, the van exploded. The injured man was transported by helicopter to hospital but died later that evening whilst undergoing surgery.

### 30. SILVER MEDAL and GALLEGHAN AWARD Senior Constable Andrew James MAYFIELD, NSW Police Force

### 31.32. BRONZE MEDALS

Senior Constable Ian Volney CAMERON, NSW Police Force Mr Roger INA Case 10/07

for the rescue of a woman attempting suicide from a hotel balcony in the Sydney CBD, NSW 2000 on 25 November 2007

Working at the Hyde Park Inn at about 10 am on 25 November 2007 Mr Roger Ina observed and located a person standing on a ledge outside the balcony of ninth floor apartment about 25 metres from ground level. After phoning emergency services he went to the apartment. A woman aged about fifty, was standing on a small ledge on the outside of the balcony railing. He was able to speak to her calmly for about fifteen minutes. With the arrival of the police officers the woman lost her footing on the ledge leaving her clinging on to the balcony by one hand.

Senior Constable Cameron ran to the balcony and grabbed her arm through the balcony railing. The woman began to push away from the wall in an attempt to break free. Mr Ina came to assist which required him also to lean over the balcony railing. The woman was too heavy for them to lift and at this point Senior Constable Mayfield attempted to handcuff her to the railing. This proved unsuccessful as he couldn't get clear access to her arm. She continued to struggle and hit him away with her free arm. Without any safety harness, Senior Constable Mayfield climbed over the balcony and hanging on with one hand he managed to grab the woman's free hand. The officers were then able to lift her to a height where they could successfully pull her over the balcony railing to safety. The woman was conveyed to St Vincent's Hospital by ambulance.

## 33. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT Mr Lester Craig KLAJMAN Case 10/08

for his actions at the scene of a house fire at North Rocks, NSW 2151 on 15 December 2007

Working at his job as a tradesman on a house in North Rocks on the morning of Saturday 15 December 2007 Mr Lester Klajman noticed smoke coming from a house a few doors away on the opposite side of the street. He asked his employer, Mrs Stapleton, to ring the Fire Brigade. He then ran to the burning house.

Believing someone was inside the burning house Mr Klajman attempted entry. After several unsuccessful attempts he managed to break a glass window to gain access. Unfortunately during this action he severed an artery in his arm. Mrs Stapleton and her husband rendered first aid, assisted by a doctor neighbour who was able to control the bleeding until the ambulance arrived. Subsequently the Fire Brigade discovered the bodies of a man and child in the burnt out house. Mrs Jenni Stapleton has received the Society's Letter of Commendation for her actions during this incident.

### 34. BRONZE MEDAL

Leading Senior Constable Graham WEST, NSW Police Force Case 10/09

for his actions in the rescue of a woman from Wollongong Harbour, NSW 2500 on 16 April 2007

Attending Wollongong Harbour at about 4 pm on 16 April 2007 police observed a woman jumping off the jetty. She refused a floatation device and swam towards the harbour entrance. A trawler called to assist threw the woman a rope however she refused and swam away from it. By this time a jet ski and rubber dingy had also been sent out to try and assist. As the woman continued to resist, a decision was made by police to enter the water. Leading Senior Constable West dived in and swam to the woman.

The woman kicked out at him causing Constable West to become submerged several times. In the struggle with the woman over about 15 -20 minutes they drifted out about 100 metres past the harbour entrance. After being kicked in the stomach and hip area Constable West was beginning to tire and was in danger of drowning. At this stage he utilised his OC spray to prevent any further violent confrontation.

With the woman still fighting Constable West managed to secure a torpedo buoy around her and then dragged the woman onto the Jet Ski trailer board, being kicked in the groin and stomach several times in the process. With the large build woman (120kg) continuing to struggle and being uncooperative; Constable West was forced to use his own body to restrain the woman on the trailer board. In an exhausted condition Constable West was picked up by the crew of the trawler while the woman was towed ashore and then transported to Wollongong Hospital.

## 35. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT Mr Anthony Mark NOTT Case 10/10

for the rescue of two people from the surf at Tomakin Beach, NSW 2537 on 6 January 2008.

At the unpatrolled Tomakin Beach on 6 January 2008 Mr Anthony Nott observed a man and woman caught in a rip being carried out to deeper waters. Unable to return to shore because of fatigue they signalled for help.

Realising there were no life guards closer than 10 minutes away, Mr Nott although not trained in lifesaving, took his surf board and paddled out to the man and woman who were now struggling to stay afloat. Despite the strong rip present, Mr Nott was able to reach the couple and bring them back to shore safely.

## 36. BRONZE MEDAL Mr Timothy JOHNSTONE

Case 10/11

for his actions at the scene of a motor vehicle accident on the Hume Highway, Yarra, NSW 2580 on 11 January 2009.

In heavy rain with poor visibility travelling on the Hume Highway, Yarra, at about 5.30pm on 11 January 2009 Mr Timothy Johnstone saw the vehicle travelling ahead lose control and collide with the "Armco" railing.

The impact of the collision caused the fuel tank to rupture and fuel was spilling onto the exhaust system. There were four children in the vehicle aged 13, 6, 5 and 4 years. The driver, a woman in her fifties, was slumped over the steering wheel.

On reaching the car Mr Johnstone heard the children screaming. He was able to extract a young girl from the car and take her to his vehicle. He then returned to the crashed car and checked on the driver, who had no pulse. He then extracted an older girl and took her to his car telling her to stay with her sister.

Once again he returned to the car where he found two boys. The older one was severely injured and screaming as the younger boy was on top of him. Unsuccessfully Mr Johnstone tried to pull the younger boy from the car but this action caused great distress to the older injured boy.

After using his vehicle to radio again for help he returned to the crashed vehicle. The younger boy had somehow managed to climb from the wreckage. Mr Johnstone took the boy over to his car and by this time a few other motorists had stopped including a doctor who assisted Mr Johnstone in removing the injured boy from the wreckage. The boy had a very severe leg injury. Police arrived soon after and Mr Johnstone placed the younger children in his car with the heater on until the ambulance arrived. Unfortunately the driver of the vehicle did not survive.

# 37.38. BRONZE MEDALS Ms Sue MOORE Mr Ben CALDWELL Case 10/14

for their actions at the scene of a house fire at Baulkham Hills NSW, 2153 on 14 November 2007

At approximately 12.15am on 14 November 2007 Mr Caldwell was driving home from work when he saw flames and smoke coming from the front room of a house in Baulkham Hills. He parked his car, called 000 and ran to the house calling out to any possible occupants. He could see flames in the front room and paint peeling off the walls. He then ran to the next door neighbour and banged on the door. The owner of this house, Ms Moore, responded and after quickly dressing in a gown and slippers joined Mr Caldwell on the neighbour's front veranda. Ms Moore knew that an elderly disabled woman resided there and flames were now shooting out of the front lounge room window. They shouted to the occupant and through the noise of the fire they thought they could hear moaning sounds coming from the other side of the door. Mr Caldwell kicked the door in causing it to partially open. Heat and smoke poured out and flames could be seen coming across the hallway near the lounge room. The elderly woman appeared to be trapped behind the door. Ms Moore was aware that the woman used a walking frame and thought this may be blocking their entrance. Ms Moore managed to enter the doorway and move the walking frame away. The elderly lady was kneeling behind the doorway so Ms Moore dragged her into the hallway allowing Mr Caldwell to also enter. Together they carried the elderly woman from the house onto the veranda and then further away from danger onto the front lawn where they placed her in the recovery position and comforted her until the ambulance arrived. Emergency services arrived about five minutes later.

### 39.40. BRONZE MEDALS

41.42. Station Officer Brendan COX, NSW Fire Brigades

43.44. Station Officer Kevin Joseph CONROY, NSW Fire Brigades
Firefighter David George WILKIE, NSW Fire Brigades
Firefighter Kurt Brendon INGLE, NSW Fire Brigades
Firefighter Scott Robert THOMAS, NSW Fire Brigades
Firefighter Kyle Jonathan MATHIESEN, NSW Fire Brigades
Case 10/15

for their actions at the scene of a building fire at Redfern, NSW 2016 on 15 November 2007

On the morning of 15 November 2007 a fire engulfed a three storey building in Redfern containing several residential apartments and recording studios. A well alight third floor and a number of people in a hysterical state at the regent street entrance confronted fire crews attending from Redfern and Alexandria.

Gaining entry to the building Firefighters Wilkie, Ingle, Thomas and Mathiesen commenced search and rescue operations; concurrently Station Officers Cox and Conroy attacked the fire with a hose line and pump.

Although the presence of the recording studio greatly hampered rescue operations Firefighters Ingle and Wilkie managed to locate a seriously burnt male. While Station Officers Cox and Conroy, now inside the burning building attacking the fire, took the injured male outside to safety, Firefighters Ingle and Wilkie continued search and rescue operations within the building.

Meanwhile Firefighters Thomas and Mathiesen located a woman on the third floor in a room which was well alight. After removing the woman to safety Firefighters Thomas and Mathiesen resumed search and rescue operations until the building was declared cleared.

### 45. BRONZE MEDAL

Leading Senior Constable Daniel Russell MOORE, NSW Police Force Case 10/17

for his actions at the scene of a fatal boating accident on the Georges River, Kangaroo Point, NSW 2224 on 16 September 2006.

At about 6pm on 16 September 2006 a ski boat with 2 persons on board and a half cabin cruiser with 7 persons on board collided at speed on the Georges River, Kangaroo Point. The ski boat driver died instantly as a result of the collision. His woman passenger was seriously injured. One man from the cruiser was seriously injured and four of the seven occupants were ejected into the water.

The partly submerged ski boat with five people aboard, some in the water, was being towed from the area. A police officer on the scene, Leading Senior Constable Daniel Moore saw victims drifting away from the boat in some distress. He observed a male struggling to keep his head above water about 2-3 metres from the pontoon. He immediately entered the water, in full uniform and appointments, and swam over to a person of large build. After a struggle Leading Senior Constable Moore managed to get the male over to the pontoon where they were assisted from the water by other police officers.

Leading Senior Constable Moore then entered the water a second time to assist an injured woman. He kept her afloat and swam her back to the pontoon.

In returning to the vessel a third time he swam back to the cockpit area and began to feel around where he located the body of the deceased man. Once again he swam with the victim back to the pontoon. By this time Leading Senior Constable Moore was exhausted. Nevertheless he continued to assist ambulance officers and provide support to the injured whilst in wet clothes and being exposed to cold night conditions. He was at the scene for two hours until all rescued had been transported to hospital and he then resumed duty.

46.47. BRONZE MEDALS

48. Senior Constable David Scott DILLON, NSW Police Force
Mr Francis HEATH
Mr Noel CHAPMAN

### 49.50. CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Senior Sergeant Robert Kenneth LAWSON, NSW Police Force Senior Constable Justin CORNES, NSW Police Force Case 10/18

for their actions in the rescue of a woman trapped by floodwaters at Ourimbah, NSW 2258 on 8 June 2007.

On her property at about 4.00pm on 8 June 2007 Mrs Elizabeth Heath was attending to her horse as the creek level began to rise dramatically. Mrs Heath became trapped on an area of high ground some 150m from Ourimbah Creek Road. In continuing rising water Mrs Heath took refuge by standing on two milk crates and hanging onto a gum tree with the creek ongoing, flowing at about 10-15 knots growing in width and depth. Air temperature at the time was 15 degrees, water temperature about 10 - 15 degrees with driving torrential rain and there was concern Mrs Heath was becoming fatigued due to exposure and would be engulfed by the rising flood waters within an hour.

Mr Francis Heath (husband) and a neighbour Mr Noel Chapman both entered the water and attempted to swim across the swollen creek however they were both swept downstream and back to the bank.

Two life jackets and rope were obtained while Senior Constable Dillon established a suitable place to attempt a swim rescue about 150metres up stream where the creek was 30 metres wide. By now the water had reached to just below Mrs Heath's waist and it was becoming dark.

Senior Constable Dillon volunteered to swim the river in an attempt to reach Mrs Heath who had by this stage climbed further up the gum tree. Snr Const Dillon was fitted with life jackets and rope and entered the water wearing his boots and trousers to protect him from large debris in the rapid flowing water. He commenced to swim across the creek whilst being dragged downstream. Other police officers manned the rope. About halfway across Snr Constable Dillon's trousers ballooned out, the rope tether became entangled and he was submerged on a number of occasions. Quick actions by others allowed Snr Constable Dillon to be dragged back to the bank where Snr Sergeant Lawson pulled him to safety.

A 10 ft tinny equipped with a 3hp motor was located and Senior Sgt Lawson and Senior Constable Cornes stripped to their underwear and travelled across the river in the tinny. The small boat was tethered by rope and controlled by others on the shore. The police officers were finally successful in reaching Mrs Heath and returned her to safety. The rescue concluded about 5.30pm.

### 51.52. CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Senior Sergeant Robert Kenneth LAWSON, NSW Police Force Senior Constable Jamie Kenneth Patrick KAIN, NSW Police Force Case 10/19

for the rescue of two men from Central Coast floodwaters at Jilliby Creek, NSW 2259, on 8June 2007.

At about 8.00am on 8 June 2007 a man and his adult son were travelling in a four-wheel drive vehicle along Jilliby Road when they came upon floodwaters at Jilliby Creek. Attempting to drive through the floodwater their vehicle stalled and began floating away before becoming stuck on a submerged object. The men contacted emergency services as the water level reached the windows on their vehicle and they were forced onto the roof.

Initially police officers were unable to locate the stranded men. Over 30 minutes passed and it became clear that a helicopter or SES boat would not be available. Senior Sergeant Lawson and Senior Constable Kain obtained a small "tinny" boat from a nearby farmhouse and using one oar and a shovel paddled about 300 metres through flowing floodwater to reach the stranded men. Senior Sergeant Lawson and Senior Constable Kain rescued both men and returned them to the eastern shore where others cared for them. Both men were suffering from exposure to the cold water with the older man becoming quite weak.

Police Officers Lawson and Kain then resumed their duties assisting with evacuations in other affected areas nearby.

### 53. BRONZE MEDAL

Senior Constable David Lindsay PENNY, NSW Police Force Case 10/20

for his actions at a house fire at Cowra, NSW 2794 on 22 September 2007.

At approximately 4.00am on 22 September 2007 Senior Constable David Penny attended a house fire at Jindalee Circuit, Cowra. On arrival he saw thick smoke and flames coming from the front rooms of the house. Neighbours were standing around and two males were attempting to extinguish the flames with garden hoses.

Senior Constable Penny was informed that it was possible persons could still be in the house. Unable to enter the front door because it was too hot and dangerous to be kicked in Senior Constable Penny then got down on his hands and knees and entered the premises via the laundry. He made his way into the hallway of the house and called to any possible occupants. Due to the thick smoke and intense heat he was forced to exit after about 30 seconds. He filled his lungs with fresh air and re entered the house however he was again forced to exit after a quick search of the back room.

Once outside Senior Constable Penny was informed that the five children that lived there were all safe at a neighbour's home. Their mother had also escaped the fire however her partner, who was suspected of starting the blaze, was missing. Although Senior Constable Penny required ambulance treatment for smoke inhalation he remained at the scene searching for the offender and guarding the property.

### 54. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Detective Sergeant Anthony Michael BRAZZILL, NSW Police Force Case 10/21

for his actions at the scene of a house fire at Quakers Hill, NSW 2763 on 24 December 2007.

At about 3.50pm on 24 December 2007 a fire started in the attached garage area of a house in Quakers Hill fuelled by a 9 kg LPG bottle attached to a barbecue. At the time there were 12 people at the house, 7 of them children.

Driving past a short time after the fire broke out; off duty police officer Detective Sergeant Brazzill noticed the smoke and flames coming from the house. After parking his car and identifying himself Detective Sergeant Brazzill saw two males run inside through the front door. Detective Sergeant Brazzill immediately ran after them and found the men trying to extinguish the flames with buckets of water. Another elderly man was also located at the rear of the property. With the fire becoming more intense and spreading throughout the premises and visibility greatly reduced through smoke, Detective Sergeant Brazzill had to physically remove all three males from the house.

Within minutes, with all persons on the other side of the road the gas bottles in the garage exploded.

During the year, the following awards were also made:

### **LETTERS OF COMMENDATION**

Mr Apihana Robin -Case 09/23

Mr Anthony McEachern - Case 09/28

Mrs Jenni Stapleton - Case 10/08

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED

### Balance Sheet – as at 30 June 2010

	Note	2010 \$	2009 \$
Current Assets			
Cash Assets	3	307255	297430
Inventories - Medals on hand		468	294
Accrued Income		1431	951
Other receivables		788	9248
Total Assets	_	309942	307923
			_
Accumulated Funds	4	309942	307923

### Income Statement – for the financial year ended 30 June 2010

	Note	2010	2009
		\$	\$
Revenue from Ordinary Activities			
Donations		6345	8215
Interest		13090	17284
Sale of Miniatures		66	120
	_	19501	25619
Expenses from Ordinary Activities			
Annual Award presentation		4672	10403
General Expenses		842	450
Honorarium	6	8250	6600
Insurance		159	159
Postage		822	953
Printing and Stationery		2570	3344
Rent		-	-
Legal expenses – Incorporation		167	
	_	17482	21909
Net Profit	=	2019	3710

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Balance Sheet and Income Statement

### Statement of Cash Flows - for the financial year ended 30 June 2010

No	ote	2010 \$	2009 \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts from activities and donors		14391	746
Interest received		13090	17284
Payments to suppliers and employees		(17656)	(21988)
Net cash (absorbed) provided by operating activities	9	9825	(3958)
Effect of rounding		-	1
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		297430	301387
Cash at the end of the financial year		307255	297430

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

## Notes to the Financial Statements - for the financial year ended 30 June 2010

### 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 (including Australian 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 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, founded on 25 July 1877, was previously an unincorporated body and was incorporated in NSW on 26 February 2010 under the Associations Incorporation Act 1984.

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 they become members), are an incorporated association by the name of Royal Humane Society of New South Wales Incorporated.

Upon incorporation, the assets of the former association vested in the incorporated association and the rights and liabilities of the former association became the rights and liabilities of the incorporated association. The incorporated body is capable of performing all of the functions of the body corporate, including the power to acquire, hold and dispose of property. Moneys 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.

The Councillors are of the opinion that it is not necessary to show the profit and loss account of the Society for 2010 in two periods, being that before incorporation and that after incorporation; and so the profit and loss account of the Society for 2010 combines those two periods. Similarly, the comparative figures for 2009 are those of the unincorporated association.

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
Note 3. Cash Assets		
General Account		
Cash at bank	12523	12775
Cash on short term deposit at bank	294531	284531
Petty cash	201	124
Total Cash Assets	307255	297430

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 2010, this rate ranged from 4.00% to 5.80% (2009: 4.00 % to 6.75%)

### **Note 4. Accumulated Funds**

Accumulated Funds at the beginning of the financial year	307923	304213
Net profit	2019	3710
Accumulated Funds at the end of the financial year	309942	307923

2010	2009
\$	\$

### 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.

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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 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 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	2019	3710
Net cash provided by operating activities before changes in net assets and	2019	3710
liabilities		
Changes in net assets and liabilities		
(Increase) decrease in:		
Other current assets	7806	(7668)
Net cash (absorbed) provided by Operating and Financing Activities	9825	(3958)

### ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED

### COUNCILLORS' DECLARATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

In the Councillors' opinion:

- 1. the financial statements and notes set out on pages 1 to 4 present fairly the Society's financial position as at 30 June 2010 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 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.

Rear Admiral A.L. Hunt AO RAN (Retd) Chairman

E. R. Temple, FCA Honorary Treasurer

**Sydney** 

August 2010

### ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of the Royal Humane Society of New South Wales Incorporated:

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the Royal Humane Society of New South Wales Incorporated, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2010, the income statement and cash flow statement for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes, and the Councillors' declaration as set out on pages 1 to 5.

### The Responsibility of Councillors for the Financial Report

The Councillors of the Royal Humane Society of New South Wales Incorporated are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations). This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls 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.

In Note 1, the Councillors also state that, in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 101: *Presentation of Financial Statements*, compliance with the Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards ensures that the financial report, comprising the financial statements and notes, complies with International Financial Reporting Standards.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. 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 judgement, 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 Councillors, 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 the Australian professional accounting bodies.

### Qualification

Donations (including bequests) are a significant source of revenue for the Royal Humane Society of New South Wales Incorporated. The Royal Humane Society of New South Wales Incorporated 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 Royal Humane Society of New South Wales Incorporated obtained are complete.

### Qualified Auditor's Opinion

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

- the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Royal Humane Society of New South Wales Incorporated as at 30 June 2010 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations);
- 2. the financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 1;
- 3. the financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial results of fundraising appeals for the financial year;
- 4. 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
- 5. at the date of this report there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Royal Humane Society of New South Wales Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

HLB MANN JUDD (NSW Partnership) Chartered Accountants

Sydney August 2010 David McGrane Partner

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