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INSTITUTED 25TH JULY 1877

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Council at Govt. House 2015

Stanhope Gold Medal Winner 2015

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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 His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC CSC (Retd) Governor of New South Wales. His interest in the Society’s work since his appointment and his support are greatly appreciated.

PRESIDENT
The Society is grateful for the enthusiastic involvement of our new President Mr Donald McDonald AC in our activities and we appreciate the support Mrs McDonald provides.

THE 2014-2015 PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
It was with great pleasure that the Society accepted an invitation from His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley to present the awards for 2014-2015 on Friday 26 June 2015. The warm hospitality extended by His Excellency and Mrs Hurley following the ceremony was greatly appreciated by the recipients and guests.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The Society’s Annual General Meeting was conducted on Monday 7 December 2015, when Councillors and Office Bearers were elected for the ensuing twelve months.

CONSTITUTION
At a Special General Meeting held on Monday 7 March 2016 several small, but significant updating changes to the Society’s Constitution 2010, were passed and adopted.

RECOGNITION AS A NATIONALLY REGISTERED CHARITY
The Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) was inaugurated in 2013 with a requirement that all charities within the Commonwealth must be registered with the Commission. For several decades previously the Society had been registered under NSW Law as a registered charity. However, with the national register in place, the Society submitted an application and received recognition (ABN 68581296689). The Society’s Registration has continued in 2014, 2015 and now in 2016.

FINANCE
The Society’s Audited Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2016 and its Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30 June 2016 appear at the back of this annual report.

DONORS
The financial position was only achieved through the generosity of those donors who are listed later in this report. The New South Wales Government is a long time annual helper.

In addition the NSW Roads and Maritime Services through its “Partnership Programme” provides the funds for the calligraphy services for the certificates presented.

A donation was also received from the Employees of the NSW Fire Brigades Relief & Welfare Fund Incorporated.

2014–2015 AWARDS
As set out in the 2015 Annual Report, the Council reinstated the Society’s Gold Medal in 2013. It had not been awarded since 1958. At last year’s ceremony His Excellency presented to Mr Andrew Cochran for his exceptional bravery at a petrol tanker fire at Mona Vale on 1 October 2013 the Stanhope Gold Medal as well as the Society’s Gold Medal and the Galleghan Award.
2015-2016 AWARDS

The awards presented for 2015-2016, described in this Annual Report, comprise 1 Galleghan Award, 4 Silver Medals, 11 Bronze Medals and a Sir Neville Pixley Book Award. To all recipients, the Society conveys the thanks, admiration and congratulations of the people of New South Wales.
OPEN DAY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

On the 12 June, 2016, the Sunday of the Queen’s Birthday weekend, the Governor and Mrs Hurley opened Government House to the public to celebrate the occasion. His Excellency also invited some half-dozen of the charities of which he is Patron to establish a presence on and around the verandah, looking out onto the garden. This with the accompanying music of the Police Band created a festive air in beautiful surroundings. The organisations included The Royal Flying Doctor Service, the Royal Historical Society, the Royal Far West Society and ourselves. Each presented a display which explained the work they do. The RFDS, for instance, set up an equipped aircraft with a uniformed pilot and nurse explaining their equipment and operations to those who came aboard.

We and our neighbours, the Royal Historical Society and the Royal Far West, explained our activities from our “manned stalls” displaying colourful posters and literature. Our Society had the assistance of volunteers including Councillors, Office Bearers and uniformed service members from the Police, Fire and Ambulance Services in our presentation.

The Society’s theme addressed to the public, was:

YOU CAN HELP

HONOUR THE BRAVE

Nominate a Hero because proper recognition:
Encourages Humane Actions
Good Citizenship
and it says
“THANK YOU”

APPRECIATION

There remains no shortage of heroes in the State of New South Wales. Ordinary people rising to meet extraordinary challenges bravely. Such actions deserve public recognition as part of the community’s thanks and as an encouragement to others to follow the same spirit when life is at risk and they can help.

Alwynne Rowlands AO
Chairman
BACKGROUND TO THE SOCIETY

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

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

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

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

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

The Society was Incorporated on 26 February 2010.

OBJECTIVES

The original objectives of the Society were:-

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

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

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

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

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Extracted from the Thirty Ninth Annual Report of the Royal Shipwreck Relief and Humane Society of New South Wales for the Year ending 30th June 1916.

Held in the Town Hall, Sydney; On Monday August 28th, 1916.

The Hon. Sir William P. Cullen KCMC, Chief Justice; Presiding

Awards presented by his wife, Lady Cullen.

AB Erle Alwin Grelack BOYD, HMAS “Franklin”

Awarded Silver Medal and Certificate of Merit

On March 19th, 1916, a boat belonging to HMAS “Franklin” capsized near Captain’s Point, Jervis Bay, while proceeding under sail from Huskisson. Boyd, who was one of the crew endeavoured to save the life of a man named Hennigan (who could not swim and was helpless) and placed him in the bilge of the boat. Boyd then swam a long distance to the shore in the dark for assistance and then ran about four miles to the college for help. Two boats were at once manned and despatched Boyd accompanying the search party. With the exception of Hennigan who slipped off the boat and was unfortunately drowned, the others were rescued.
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Royal Humane Society of NSW Awards: From 1877 to 2016

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**HOW THE SOCIETY FUNCTIONS**

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

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

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

**THE SOCIETY’S AWARDS**

The Society’s awards are the Galleghan Award, Gold Medal, Silver Medal, Bronze Medal, Certificate of Merit, Letter of Commendation and the Sir Neville Pixley Book Award. The latter is designed as a special award for brave children or children who have performed humane acts and maybe awarded alone or with one of the Society’s other awards.

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 MEDAL

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 ten occasions:
1963 Frederick John KNIGHT
1965 Lieutenant Barry J. CAMPBELL  RAA
1980 Bruce Wallace McPHERSON
1982 Dulcie KALMS
1992 Rodney Stephen PETERS
1993 Aaron John LEDDEN
1996 Senior Constable Ian Maurice BOUGHTON
2001 Dr Richard MORRIS
Ambulance Paramedic Christopher WILKINSON
Ambulance Paramedic Paul FEATHERSTONE
2008 Oguz (Alex) TASKUN  SC
2014 Mr Andrew COCHRAN
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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 during the Second World War for his leadership and gallantry when commanding the 2/30th Australian Infantry Battalion at the battle of Gemas in Malaya.

The Galleghan Award winner for 2015-2016 is Mr. Darren ROGERS (Age 49 – Case 2016-01) for his actions in rescuing a male following a shark attack at Shelley Beach, Ballina, NSW (2478) on Monday 9 February 2015 at approximately 10.00am.

MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES OF MERIT AWARDED IN RECOGNITION OF THE FOLLOWING BRAVE DEEDS 2015-2016 (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

Summary of Awards

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1. Case: 2016-01

SILVER MEDAL and GALLEGHAN Award
Mr. Darren ROGERS (Age 49)
For his actions in rescuing a male following a shark attack at Shelley Beach, Ballina, NSW (2478) on Monday 9 February 2015 at approximately 10.00am

On Monday 9 February 2015 Mr Tadashi NAKAHARA (Age 41) surfing with six other surfers was attacked by a 4.2 metre Great White Shark at Shelly Beach, Ballina.

The shark swam under some of the surfers and attacked Mr NAKAHARA who was paddling out to catch another wave. The shark took both Mr NAKAHARA'S legs and part of the back board.

Most of the surfers, including Darren ROGERS, quickly made their way to shore. The two closest to Mr NAKAHARA went to his rescue (one either side) and they tried to paddle back to the rocks.

Darren ROGERS saw that they were having difficulty and noticed Mr Nakahara's head was leaning right back into the water, so he swam back to the rescuers and supported Mr Nakahara's head. The shark was still in the area at the time.

Darren ROGERS then carried Mr NAKAHARA'S body to the beach. With the help of another surfer proceeded to perform mouth to mouth resuscitation while the other rescuers secured their leg ropes around Mr NAKAHARA'S severed legs. Mr NAKAHARA died in Mr ROGERS arms while he was performing the resuscitation prior to the arrival of the Ambulance.

2. Case: 2016-02

BRONZE MEDAL
Senior Constable Rolf VOGELSANG
For his actions in rescuing a number of elderly residents from a block of units at Bonner Street, Kelso NSW 2795 on 12 December 2009.

Police attended a fire at a block of units at Bonner Street, Kelso, NSW 2795 on 12 December 2009. During the initial stages of the fire Senior Constable VOGELSANG entered the burning and smoke filled units to alert and successfully remove five elderly residents from danger. He woke the residents, helped them out of the building and escorted them to a safe location.

A short time later, using garden hoses in an attempt to stop the fire from spreading Senior Constable VOGELSANG saw 71 year old Gary WOOD go back into unit 11 which was on fire and full of smoke.

Despite the danger to himself Senior Constable VOGELSANG re-entered the unit and physically removed the struggling man from the premises.

Whilst undertaking this action he sustained injury in the form of smoke inhalation for which he was treated by ambulance officers once they were on the scene.

3. Case: 2016-05

SILVER MEDALS
Mr Ivan SMITH.
Mr Hidayat HIDAYAT.
Mr Nicholas Alexander DANIELL
For their actions in rescuing the driver and passenger from a burning vehicle that had crashed into a petrol station at Armidale NSW 2350 on 14 September 2015.

A call was received by the Armidale Fire Brigade at 1340 hours to a motor vehicle accident and fire at the Caltex petrol station corner of Barney and Marsh Sts Armidale, Fire was extending from the front of the vehicle several metres into the air over the bowser and impinging the awning of the service station.

NSW Fire & Rescue reported two persons were rescued from the motor vehicle, an elderly couple, the driver and his wife who had been pulled from the burning vehicle by civilians prior to the arrival of the Brigade. Both suffered shock and minor abrasions and were cared for by civilians then FRNSW personnel prior to the arrival of the Ambulance.

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Footage of the incident recorded by a witness and later used on Prime Television news, clearly shows those involved in rescuing the elderly couple were confronted by a large fire in what must have seemed an extremely dangerous situation, i.e. a petrol station, and yet (as can be seen) they did not hesitate to rush in and extricate the couple from the car.

Mr Ivan SMITH.

Upon hearing the crash Mr SMITH rushed from his work at the Abbotsleigh Motor Inn directly across the road. Ignoring pleas to be careful, rushed to the driver’s side of the vehicle and attempted to assist the driver away from the vehicle.

Due to the incapacity of the driver, who fainted during extrication. Mr SMITH was forced to drag him clear of the vehicle despite the proximity of intense radiant heat of fire and the fear that an explosion could occur at any moment which could endanger his life.

Mr Hidayat HIDAYAT.

Upon hearing the crash of the motor vehicle Mr HIDAYAT, working at Black Jacks Cafe directly opposite, with selfless disregard for his own safety ran across the road to assist in removing the occupants of the vehicle. When he arrived at the vehicle Mr SMITH was in the process of removing the driver away from the vehicle and Mr HIDAYAT assisted him to do so.

Mr Hidayat then went to assist Mr DANIELL to remove the female passenger away from the vehicle. During this time Mr HIDAYAT was confronted by the same dangerous conditions of radiant heat and potential serious or fatal injury as experienced by Mr SMITH.

Mr Nicholas Alexander DANIELL

Mr DANIELL, also working at Black Jacks Cafe, upon seeing the crash, proceeded immediately to the vehicle on fire.

On seeing the driver had released his seatbelt and seemed to be exiting the vehicle, proceeded to the passenger’s side of the vehicle where the elderly female passenger suffering shock, was unable to free herself.

Mr DANIELL managed to quickly get the lady out of the vehicle and carry her to safety, securing her from serious injury or death. During this time Mr DANIELL was confronted by the same dangerous conditions of radiant heat and potential serious or fatal injury as experienced by Mr SMITH and Mr HIDAYAT.

Mr Syed TASAWAR

The attendant at the petrol station at the time of the crash was Mr Syed TASAWAR. He promptly isolated all power to the bowsers and removed all persons from the petrol station area.

5. Case: 2016-06

BRONZE MEDAL

Retained Firefighter Troy HUGHES

For his actions in rescuing a trapped and injured female motorist following a motor vehicle accident on the Hume Highway near Holbrook NSW 2644 on 17 July 2015.

On the Hume Highway near Holbrook on the 17 July 2015 a motor vehicle crashed leaving the driver trapped in a burning car. Retained Firefighter Troy HUGHES, engaged in his primary employment at the time, saw the accident and at great personal risk, without any equipment rescued the trapped and seriously injured female motorist.

Having removed the female driver from the burning vehicle Troy HUGHES then delivered basic life support to her prior to the arrival of the Ambulance Service while at the same time having suffered an injury himself from the reported blast resulting from the vehicle fire.
to provide both physical and emotional support to him in the rising water and attempting to extricate him. Then MAHER, Damien MCPHERSON, Grant LEE, Glenn SAYERS and Romulo ADONIS attempted to pull the deceased free with coordinated tugging. The water level came up to their chins.

SAYERS and MCPHERSON also attempted to divert water using an excavator and front end loader respectively. Thereafter Constable Darren SINTON arrived with a rope, aided by others particularly Marcus AXISA; he attempted to pull the deceased free.

Rescue efforts only ceased when it became clear that Mr SMITH was dead and it was not possible to save him.

6. Case: 2016-07
BRONZE MEDAL
Mr. Daniel MALONE
Mr. Dennis MAHER
Mr. Damien MCPHERSON
Mr. Grant LEE
Mr. Glenn SAYERS
Mr. Marcus AXISA
Mr. Romulo ADONIS
Constable Darren SINTON

for the actions of seven work colleagues and a police officer in attempting to rescue a supervisor who was trapped in a stormwater drain in horrendous rain at Lucas Heights on 24 March, 2014.

At about 3pm on 24 March, 2014 Mr Paul SMITH, an operations supervisor at the SITA Waste Management Site in Lucas Heights, drowned due to immersion in stormwater while clearing a blocked drain in which he became trapped during a severe storm. The rainfall was described as torrential and horrendous.

The water continued to rise after Mr SMITH was sucked into the drain and subjected to a force of about 350 kgs equivalent. Despite desperate tugging by all the rescuers and the police officer’s use of a rope attached to an excavator, he could not be moved.

Each one of the eight men risked his own life during the course of the efforts to save the deceased. All entered the silty stormwater at various stages of the attempted rescue. Each played a part. This included organised and individual tugging, holding up and emotional and physical support. They all risked sliding on the uneven surface, falling or being sucked under the deepening stormwater in atrocious conditions. The risk was aggravated by the trauma the horrific circumstances induced in the men.

Broadly the phases of the attempted rescue were, first, Daniel MALONE and then Dennis MAHER, holding the deceased’s head above water, seeking
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
as at 30 JUNE 2016

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

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<td>Revenue from Ordinary Activities:</td>
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<td>Donations and Grants</td>
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<td>Fees Charged</td>
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<td>Expenses:</td>
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<td>Net Surplus</td>
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The accompanying notes form an integral part of these Statements.
ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
for YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

Retained Surpluses and Total Equity

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<td>Surplus after income tax for the year</td>
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<td>Other comprehensive income for the year net of tax</td>
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<td>Balance 30 June 2015</td>
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Balance at 1 July 2015 379,953
Surplus after income tax for the year 11,001
Other comprehensive income for the year net of tax 0
Balance 30 June 2016 390,954

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

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
for the YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

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<tr>
<td>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Receipts from activities and donors</td>
<td>9,911</td>
<td>12,590</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest received</td>
<td>9,302</td>
<td>11,549</td>
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<td>Payments to suppliers and employees</td>
<td>(13,236)</td>
<td>(22,296)</td>
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<td>Net cash provided by operating activities</td>
<td>5,977</td>
<td>(22,296)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash at the beginning of the financial year</td>
<td>380,030</td>
<td>378,187</td>
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<td>Cash at the end of the financial year</td>
<td>386,007</td>
<td>380,030</td>
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The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Cash Flows.
ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial Accounting Framework
The financial statements are special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) 2009 and Associations Incorporation Regulation (NSW) 2010 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. The Councillors have determined that the Society is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

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

Note 2 Income Tax
The Society has been endorsed as an income tax exempt charity entity under subdivision 50-B of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. The Society’s Australian Business Number is 68 581 296 689.

Note 3 Constitution
The Society was founded on 25 July 1877. It was previously an unincorporated body and it was incorporated on 26 February 2010 under the Associations Incorporations Act 1984 (NSW).

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

Assets of the former association vested in the incorporated association and rights and liabilities of the former association became the rights and liabilities of the incorporated association. The incorporated association is capable of performing all of the functions of the body corporate, including the power to acquire, hold and dispose of property. Monies may be invested in any investment authorised by the Trustee Act 1925-1942 (NSW).

Upon dissolution, assets and funds on hand may, after payment of all expenses and liabilities, be handed over to such registered or exempted charities as a majority of members present at a General Meeting may decide.
Note 4 Cash Assets
Cash at bank 36,211 30,234
Cash on short term deposit at bank 349,546 349,546
Petty cash 250 250
Total Cash Assets 386,007 380,030

Note 5 Accumulated Funds
Accumulated Funds at beginning of year 379,953 379,082
Surplus for year 11,001 871
Accumulated Funds at end of year 390,954 379,953

Note 6 Remuneration of Officers
The members of Council and the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer are appointed on an honorary basis and do not receive remuneration either directly or indirectly.

Note 7 Remuneration of Assistant to Secretary
An honorarium is paid to the Assistant Secretary 8,504 7,800

Note 8 Remuneration of Auditors
Audit of the financial report 500 1,318

Note 9 Financial Instruments
Credit Risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Society. The Society has adopted a policy of only dealing with creditworthy counterparties as appropriately credentialled as a means of mitigating the risk of losses from defaults. The carrying amount of financial assets and liabilities as shown on the face of the Statement of Financial Position represents the maximum credit risk to which the Society is exposed.

Net Fair Value of the financial assets and liabilities is represented by the carrying amount of the financial assets as shown on the face of the Statement of Financial Position at the reporting date. All of these assets and liabilities are of such nature that they are not readily traded.
**Note 10 Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows**

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

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<th>Description</th>
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<th>2015</th>
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<td><strong>Operating Profit</strong></td>
<td>11,001</td>
<td>869</td>
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<tr>
<td>Net cash provided by operating activities before changes in net assets and liabilities</td>
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<tr>
<td>Changes in net assets and liabilities:</td>
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<td>Decrease (increase) in other current asset</td>
<td>(4,299)</td>
<td>936</td>
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<td>Increase (decrease) in other current liabilities</td>
<td>725</td>
<td>38</td>
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<td>Net cash provided by Operating Activities</td>
<td>5,977</td>
<td>1,843</td>
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COUNCILLORS’ DECLARATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

In the Councillors’ opinion:

1. The financial statements and notes set out on pages 14 to 18 present fairly the Society’s financial position as at 30 June 2016 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended on that date in accordance with Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting interpretations).

2. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Society will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

3. The Statement of Comprehensive Income gives a true and fair view of all income and expenditure of the organisation with respect to fundraising appeals.

4. The Statement of Financial Position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society with respect to fundraising appeals.

5. The provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW), the regulations under the Act and the conditions attached to the fundraising authority have been complied with by the Society.

6. The internal controls exercised by the Society are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the Society from all its fundraising appeals.

This declaration has been made in accordance with a resolution of the Council of the Society.

Alwynne Rowlands AO
Chairman

J. W. McLennan BCom, FCA, GAICD
Hon. Treasurer

Dated. 5 September 2016
ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED

Auditors Independence Declaration

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2016, there have been:

(i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit;

and

(ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Cutcher & Neale Assurance Pty Ltd
(An authorised audit company)

M.J. O'Connor CA
Director

NEWCASTLE

8 August 2016
INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO
THE MEMBERS OF ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY
OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016


We have audited the accompanying financial report being a special purpose financial report, of Royal Humane Society of New South Wales Incorporated (the Society), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the certification by members of the Council on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Society.

Councillors’ Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Councillors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporations Act NSW 2009, and for such internal control as the Council determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about 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 Council, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, which has been given to the Councillors of Royal Humane Society of New South Wales Incorporated, would be in the same terms if given to the Councillors at the time of this auditor’s report.
INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO
THE MEMBERS OF ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY
OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

Basis for Qualified Opinion
Donations are a significant source of revenue for the Society. The Society has determined that it is impracticable to establish control over the collection of these 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 donations had to be restricted to the amounts recorded within the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion whether the proceeds of donations to the Society are complete.

Qualified Audit Opinion
In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Royal Humane Society of New South Wales Incorporated as at 30 June 2016, and of their financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards described in Note 1 and the Associations Incorporations Act NSW 2009.

Basis of Accounting
Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Councillors’ financial reporting responsibilities under the Associations Incorporations Act NSW 2009 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Cutcher & Neale Assurance Pty Ltd
(An authorised audit company)

M.J. O’Connor CA
Director
NEWCASTLE
September 2016
PUBLISHED BOOKS REFERENCING RHS OF NSW AWARD WINNERS


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

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

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

City Extra Restaurants-Menus

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

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

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

As a postscript to this story the 52nd Annual Report of the Society on 30 September 1929, page 3, records under “Awards”, Certificate of Merit, Item Number 4, ARTHUR EDWARD SHEATH (14), Rescuing his brother from drowning in the Lagoon at Randwick Rifle range, 12th August 1928.
Royal Humane Society of New South Wales Inc.

Medals awarded by the Society
for bravery, risking life to save life and humane action.

**Galleghan Award**
Annual “Bravest of the brave”

**Gold Medal**

**Silver Medal**

**Bronze Medal**

**The Stanhope Gold Medal**
UK’s most prestigious award for the bravest Commonwealth act of bravery.

**Certificate of Merit**
for bravery, risking life to save life.

**Sir Neville Pixley Book Award**
for children’s humane acts.

**Letter of Commendation**
for humane action.

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

DONATIONS RECEIVED IN RESPECT OF
THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2016

Mr. J. D.O. Burns
Councillors of the Royal Humane Society of N.S.W. Incorporated