Annual Report
2018-19
Notice of 2019 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for Members of Reclink Australia will be held at Reclink, South Melbourne at 9.30am on Wednesday 27 November, 2019.

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 21 November, 2018.

2. To receive the Report and Financial Statements for the year that ended 30 June, 2019.

Our Mission
Respond. Rebuild. Reconnect. We seek to give all participants the power of purpose.

About Reclink Australia

Reclink Australia is a not-for-profit organisation whose aim is to enhance the lives of people experiencing disadvantage or facing significant barriers to participation, through providing new and unique sports, specialist recreation and arts programs, and pathways to employment opportunities.

We target some of the community’s most vulnerable and isolated people; at risk youth, those experiencing mental illness, people with a disability, the homeless, people tackling alcohol and other drug issues and social and economic hardship.

As part of our unique hub and spoke network model, Reclink Australia has facilitated cooperative partnerships with a membership of more than 390 community, government, private organisations, and agencies.

Our member agencies are committed to encouraging our target population group, under-represented in mainstream sport and recreational programs, to take that step towards improved health and self-esteem, and use Reclink Australia’s activities as a means of engagement for hard to reach population groups.
Why We Exist

From the streets of St Kilda and Kings Cross, to the public housing estates of Adelaide and Canberra and the remote communities of the Northern Territory, Reclink Australia champions participation in physical and artistic activity and pathways to employment for all Australians. We believe that sport, recreation, music and art are powerful tools to engage and support those most hard to reach within the community.

Building resilience and a sense of community, Reclink Australia believes that sport, recreation, arts and pathways to employment are the perfect vehicles to improve the lives of those experiencing complex disadvantage and social exclusion.

We believe that everyone has the right to a positive identity and a social network. This can be achieved through active participation in sport and the arts. It revives, nurtures and sustains an individual and improves their mental and physical health.

For 29 years, we have led a network of member organisations and acted as a facilitator in the support of disadvantaged communities and individuals.

“Reclink gives me energy and strength to get up every morning and face the day because I know I have Reclink to go to and it just makes me want to live.” Raeles Budge
What We Do - Participation, Partnerships and Pathways

Reclink Australia delivers services across the country, with participation at the core of everything we do.

From running, basketball and football, to painting, instrument making and singing we promote and deliver the health, social and economic benefits of activity to an otherwise largely inactive population group.

Our national program of team sports has the ability to bring together people from diverse communities.

The Reclink Australia Football Series is a flagship program that engages over 650 men and women, while the Reclink Tasmanian Youth League continues to engage young people from geographically disadvantaged communities. Our National Crime and Violence Prevention Award winning High Density Housing Safety and Security Project in the ACT continues to deliver improved outcomes for residents and a Victorian Government funded information and referral service ‘AAA Play’ is connecting people with a disability to sport and recreation participation opportunities.

During the year our programs have expanded to include:

• Reclink National Program across 25 locations Australia-wide;
• Pathways to employment projects, Streetgames and targeted sport and recreation programs in 4 locations across Queensland; and
• Jobs Victoria program, VRGF expansion of the Reclink Football league in two rural locations and the ActiVIC program in 10 locations in Victoria.

As a unique voice in the sports participation space, we act as an advocate and conduit between disadvantaged communities, sports clubs and state sporting associations, recreation facilities and programs where physical activity can be undertaken.

Using our extensive experience and our established networks we negotiate or subsidise access to facilities, manage customised programs and competitions within existing facilities and coordinate transitional programs to enable Reclink Australia participants to move into the mainstream community.

Underpinning all our programs is the principle of respect that recognises and rewards participation and a willingness to support others above all else. Skill development and event days feature strongly in our annual calendar and are used to develop life skills rather than separate winners from losers. Our ultimate aim is to empower participants to sustain an enhanced level of health, wellbeing and involvement in the community.

By assisting with the development of fundamental social skills, participants are supported and encouraged to transition to mainstream sports and arts programs, education and employment.

“I love it, it keeps me fit and for an hour or so that I’m boxing or playing footy my mind is ok. Everything just goes away!”
From Little Things Big Things Grow

The 2018-19 financial year has seen Reclink Australia continue to thrive.

During the year we operated a budget of $6,856,754 and achieved a budget surplus of $339,455.

Reclink Australia delivered over 204,950 participation opportunities while creating pathways to improved health and wellbeing, education and employment outcomes for 13,545 at-risk young people and people experiencing disadvantage.

We consolidated our work across the 25 locations of the Reclink National Program, 10 locations of the ActiVIC program, 4 locations of the Reclink Streetgames Program across Queensland, and 5 locations in the Skilling Queenslanders for Work Program.

In addition, we expanded the JVEN program for long-term unemployed in Melbourne and established the Reclink Disability Employment Service in Bundaberg and Kalkie. During this time, we reviewed and improved business processes, all while maintaining Reclink Australia’s commitment to improving social inclusion and participant outcomes.

Our commitment to evaluating the impact of our programs and services is once again demonstrated through La Trobe University Centre for Sport and Social Impact’s evaluation of the Reclink National Program into participant outcomes, which found that over 71% of respondents reported a better outcome since participating with Reclink. These results further validate and expand on the findings of earlier research undertaken by La Trobe University including the Four-year Longitudinal Study of the Reclink National Program (2009 to 2012), and the Evaluation of a Reclink structured program using the social return on investment framework (2016).

In summary the research found there is no other social inclusion program in Australia with the reach and impact that Reclink Australia’s model currently has.

The Board continued to guide Reclink Australia’s strategy across the four impact areas - Reaching More People, measuring and reporting on Result and Impacts, strengthening Business Capability and delivering Financial Stability. An important milestone for our organisation’s governance was the unanimous vote to change to the Constitution of Reclink Australia to enshrine a Board quota of a minimum of forty percent female Directors.

This year we also celebrated 25 years of the Reclink Community Cup, our major annual fundraising event at Victoria Park Oval Collingwood along with our partners, community radio stations Triple R and PBSFM, local musicians and over 14,000 people in attendance.

During the year two long-serving Directors stepped down from the Board. During their time as Directors David O’Halloran and Sam Newton oversaw the growth and development of Reclink Australia and were strong advocates for Reclink’s work with marginalized and disadvantaged communities. We thank David and Sam for their commitment to Reclink Australia.

In closing, we extend our sincere appreciation and thanks for the guidance provided by our Board members Scott Davies, Mark Hardgrave, Teresa Sgambaro, Karla Harman, Peter Cullen, Laura Kane, Jack Watts and Marnie Gibson.

Thank you to those who work in partnership with Reclink Australia, our member agencies, corporate, philanthropic and Local, State/Territory and Federal government partners, we extend our appreciation for your ongoing support.

To the thousands of people accessing Reclink Australia’s services, at-risk young people and people experiencing disadvantage, our hundreds of loyal volunteers and supporters, we offer our heartfelt thank you for your enthusiasm, commitment and participation with Reclink Australia.

On behalf of the Board, Reclink Australia we thank all staff for your dedication and hard work at this time of growth, expansion, opportunity and change.

2020 represents our 30 Year Anniversary and we look forward to working with you.

Michael Brown
Chair

John Ballis
Chief Executive Officer
Company Secretary

VRGF CEO - Shane Lucas and John Ballis
Corporate Governance

The Reclink Australia Board is responsible for Reclink Australia’s overall strategic direction, performance and compliance and providing effective governance and leadership.

David O’Halloran
Board Member since 2005.
Chairman since January 2013.
President from 2007 – November 2011.
Diploma of Community Services (AOD); Diploma of Management.
(Resigned November 2018).

Sam Newton J.P.
Board Member since 2006.
Licensed Estate Agent.
(Resigned November 2018).

Peter Cullen AM
Founder

Karla Harman
Board Member since June 2014.
Bachelor of Business (Economics and Finance) and a Master of Applied Finance.

Theresa Sgambaro
Board Member since February 2015.

Scott Davies
Board Member since June 2016.
Master of Enterprise (Business), Associate Diploma Valuations, Certificate of Business Studies in Real Estate.

Mark Hardgrave
Board Member since June 2016.
Bachelor of Commerce ACA MAICD.

Laura Kane
Board Member since November 2016.
Bachelor of Laws (LLB) (Hons).

Jack Watts
Board Member since April 2017.
Bachelor of Commerce.

Michael Brown
Chair since November 2018.
Board member since November 2018.
Bachelor of Education. Bachelor of Commerce.

Marie Gibson
Board member since May 2019.
Master of Human Resource Management.
Bachelor of English.
Graduate Diploma of Business.

John Ballis
Chief Executive Officer.
Company Secretary.
Founder’s Message: ‘Every Person Matters’

At the 2019 Reclink Australia Victorian Grand Final Series, the Reverend Tim Costello AO said, “As human beings we ultimately ask ourselves one question, do I matter?” This deep and thought-provoking question is, in many ways, at the heart of what we do as a community organisation. Our collective response is: “Every person matters.”

In the first instance we need to be open enough to accept both our potential and the value others bring.

However, we also understand that without having achieved anything or having helped others – without being taught how to learn and grow, choosing who to be and what to do each day – young people will not experience opportunities to change for the better.

For many participants in Reclink programs, their life and journey has been interrupted by factors such as homelessness, addiction, abuse, neglect, and poverty to name but a few – often placing the person in precarious and life-threatening situations. Research has shown that our work with marginalised and at-risk people in our community is making a huge difference by improving – and in many instances – saving lives.

I am reminded of a young man in a drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility who recently confided in me while I was leading a Reclink program, who said, “If I don’t make it this time, I will die.”

For this young person whose life journey was interrupted by addiction, things were turned around by their willingness to seek rehabilitation, and their enthusiasm to become involved in Reclink’s socially inclusive sport and recreation activities. It is stories like these and many others that convey the positive impact Reclink has on the lives of our participants.

When you can bring people to sport and recreation at times when they are experiencing enormous social challenges, the physical and mental health benefits are tremendous.

We firmly believe the key to our success is our ability to partner with and bring different sections of the community’s health and welfare sectors together. Underpinning this work is our commitment to build community capacity, provide quality participation and create lifelines – both life-giving and life-saving opportunities – for some of the most disadvantaged.

With adequate funding, Reclink’s highly scalable “hub and spoke” model has the capacity to engage more hard-to-reach people across Australia. This includes young people leaving the corrections system, those experiencing mental health issues, or drug and alcohol relapses. Reclink has an increasingly important role to reach people experiencing multiple forms of social isolation and disadvantage around the country.

Reclink’s diverse range of programs work together, whether it’s our street games activities, structured sports programs, our employment programs, housing and community safety programs, sporting information services, or simply distributing sports equipment. All our work is designed to create social inclusion opportunities and improve the lives of disadvantaged people around the country.

My simple message is, learn to be mindful, enjoy the present and show empathy, because we all matter.

Peter Cullen
Founder
Impact of the Reclink National Program

In November 2018, the Centre for Sport and Social Impact at La Trobe University delivered a report which evaluated the Reclink National Program, which is currently being delivered in 25 of the most disadvantaged communities across Australia.

Funded by the Department of Health, Preventative Health and Chronic Disease Support the Reclink National Program assessed the impact of the Reclink National Program on the lives of participants and provide valuable insights into the unique Hub and Spoke model which underpins the delivery of the program.

In its first 12 months, the Reclink National Program:

- Engaged over 3,200 people experiencing disadvantage;
- Delivered over 45,500 sport and recreation participation opportunities;
- Partnered with over 290 community agencies; and
- Worked with over 600 volunteers.

The evaluation sought to establish the proportion of participants who had experienced a ‘better outcome’ via their participation with Reclink, defined as those people who reported a positive change in at least one of seven life events since their participation with the Reclink National Program.

Participants reported the following results:

| 58% | accessed mental health services less |
| 57% | spent less time in a drug or alcohol facility |
| 80% | reduced their drug or alcohol use |
| 78% | spent less time in a correctional centre |
| 81% | had less involvement with police |
| 81% | had more stable housing |
| 79% | had a reduction in problem gambling |

In addition:

| 27% | had been able to get a job or increase the number of hours they worked |
| 37% | had started or undertaken more skill or work-based training |

La Trobe University found that by utilising the spoke model Reclink is able to provide sport and recreation opportunities to the most hard to reach cohorts in our community. Stakeholders re-iterated through every interview that there was no other organisation in Australia that provides the valuable service that Reclink does, and that if Reclink did not exist, in all likelihood these opportunities would cease to be delivered.

The preparedness of Reclink to develop and deliver programs for participants who are not served through any other sport or recreation offering, and who benefited so greatly from these opportunities, remains unique and valuable. Reclink programs when delivered successfully were able to overcome many of the individual, environmental and structural barriers to sport and recreation for target cohorts. Therefore the value of Reclink to those participants who were most often the very hard to reach, was extensive.

Barriers to sport and recreation participation can be complex for vulnerable people. They can be individual (social, psychological, cognitive or physical barriers); environmental (location); and also structural. For example, the traditional sport club structure could be limited in its ability to offer flexible opportunities at a cost that was accessible to Reclink participants.

In addition flexibility is a key component to delivering programs successfully to targeted participants and for traditional sport clubs or opportunity providers this can be challenging – particularly where paid coaches are booked for sessions / programs and Reclink participants did not turn up or had irregular participation patterns. Researchers also commented that traditional club members are considered less equipped to develop opportunities and welcome Reclink participants into their club.

Reclink provided a positive environment for community services to connect and build trusting relationships with vulnerable people. Police and council workers also commented the Reclink programs provided the opportunity to build a more genuine relationship with participants.

La Trobe University found the Reclink programs provided an efficient method of utilising sports and community organisational capacity to deliver sports and recreation to the most vulnerable in our community in a cost-effective way.

One of the core strengths of the Reclink National Program is the program’s demonstrated outcomes in supporting community development and social cohesion, while building capacity within the community to deliver a diverse range of sport and recreation participation opportunities for vulnerable people.

Reclink Australia believes any future increase in funding for the Reclink National Program will allow extra staffing and more programs in more locations around Australia, helping to reach the most disadvantaged community members.
Community Partners

3RRR 102.7FM
For 40 years Triple R has shaped and inspired the culture of Melbourne. Triple R, along with PBS, have been massive supporters of the Melbourne Reclink Community Cup since 1997.

4ZZZ FM
4ZZZ are Queensland’s longest running FM radio station. As a not-for-profit community broadcaster 4ZZZ endeavours to empower local communities through community broadcasting.

PBS 106.7FM
Since 1979, community broadcaster PBS 106.7FM has been an integral player in Melbourne’s diverse music community. Reclink Australia is grateful to have had the generous support of PBS for the Melbourne Reclink Community Cup over the course of the event’s 25 year history.

Bennelong Foundation
Reclink Australia is greatly appreciative of the funding provided by the Bennelong Foundation to establish the Reclink Somali Youth Basketball League in Inner North Melbourne in partnership with the Somali Muslim community.

RTR 92.1FM
RTRFM is The Sound Alternative: an independent, non-profit community radio station that provides an alternative voice for Perth through innovative music and talks programming. RTRFM is an outlet to people in the community who might not otherwise have access to broadcasting; this means they promote music and information that cannot be found anywhere else.

Channel 31
Channel 31 Melbourne and Geelong is Victoria’s not-for-profit community television service providing locally-based entertainment, education and information. C31 broadcasts over 90 new locally-made programs every week and they also broadcast the Melbourne Reclink Community Cup for those Victorians unable to make it on the day!
The Reclink Australia High Density Housing Community and Safety Program is an evidence-based recognition of place-based justice reinvestment in the ACT.

Reclink works with all residents at public housing sites to facilitate access to services, and undertake and promote ongoing participation opportunities in events, activities and programs. Residents are typically people with complex needs who have been, are currently, or are at risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system. During the year Reclink staff facilitated the coordination of services, as well as introduce new services that foster resident involvement to overcome their barriers to participate. Reclink programs include the delivery of both structured and unstructured activities such as:

- Community Garden Program where residents are encouraged to grow and produce their own produce;
- The Workshop Program provides practical skills development by engaging residents to build or repair old items;
- Neighbourhood Chats Program provides residents with opportunities to meet people in a safe and positive social environment; and
- Monthly Run, Roll and Walk event which engages the broader ACT community to promote strong participation from health and welfare organisations.

The Reclink program was evaluated by the AIC- Australian Institute of Criminology which found that the Stronger Connected Neighbourhood Program (SCNP) is successful in creating a safer community while developing pro-social and law-abiding community engagement among residents.

Importantly, Reclink’s work in the ACT has been recognised most recently for excellence in service delivery by Australian Federal Police with a Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Commitment to the ACT Community. The Award was presented to the ACT Manager by the Chief Police Officer.

Reclink Australia extends our sincere appreciation for the support from our key funders including, the Justice and Community Safety Directorate, ACT Government and ACT Health funding the delivery of the Blokes Business program.

“I love Reclink, they are like a second family. A family away from home. I can have my freedom.” Netty Kuila
After 11 years, due to the cessation of Federal Funding, this year marked the end of continuous service delivery in Alice Springs and Wiluna.

Throughout this time Reclink Australia has partnered with more than 20 community agencies to deliver a diverse range of sport, recreation and mentoring programs for hundreds of Indigenous young participants to develop physical, mental and social wellbeing.

For many Indigenous young people their journey was often fraught with disadvantage and isolation. However, all participants strived to overcome and break down barriers, build connections, develop self-confidence, feelings of compassion and happiness, and strengthen connection to land and pride in their culture.

During this period, Reclink Australia expanded the football and softball programs to Yulara and the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Lands, established football teams across multiple communities, created the first female cricket team, delivered pathways to employment programs which enabled young Indigenous people to gain employment and held annual Reclink Alice Springs Football Grand Finals at Traeger Park which was called live on CAAMA Radio.

We have also witnessed some amazing sporting talent over those years with many Indigenous players going back to play for their local teams. While football has been the most popular program over the years, it was pleasing to note Reclink’s participation on the Imparja Cup, a National Indigenous Cricket event held in Alice Springs every year with up to 20 teams from all states competing.

Significantly Reclink Indigenous Female Cricket Team has won the Imparja Cup twice and came Runners up in the Men’s Community Division which is now marked down in history.

More recently our focus has been delivering up to fifteen different sports and recreation programs for Indigenous participants in Alice Springs with a focus on fitness and social inclusion.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Alice Spring Corrections which has actively participated in and supported the Reclink Indigenous Football Program. The program created the opportunity for those who are imprisoned to continue playing the game, participate in the Grand Finals and enabled families to come and watch them play at Traeger Park.

We also express our thanks to our loyal volunteers, member agencies and the supported by the Friends of Alice group as well as the Junior Friends of Alice at Emmanuel College who travelled annually from Melbourne for the past 7 years to attend and participate as volunteers in the Football Grand Finals.

Reclink Australia is proud of the achievements in improving the lives and wellbeing of all Indigenous participants and is continuing to liaise with the Federal Government and other funders to enable this valued program to continue.

Dean’s story:

My name is Dean I have been involved with Reclink programs for about 8 months now, I love that I can meet new people and join in things with out feeling judged by others. The support given from Reclink Street Games has helped me reconnect socially, also they helped me get back into the gym so I can work on my health. I could not afford to do gym without their help, Reclink Sports has really helped my life.
The past year has seen continued growth in Queensland with expansion of our program activities across four regions being Brisbane, Caboolture, Logan and Bundaberg. Reclink Australia participants have the opportunity to engage in a range of seasonal team and individual sports, both indoor and outdoor.

Queensland’s Street Games initiative is designed to engage people in parks and public space with a range of entry-level sport and recreation activities. The program has successfully been delivered in ‘hot spot parks’ where people are sleeping rough providing participants with the opportunity to be involved in healthy and active programs.

Reclink’s Skilling Queenslanders for Work programs continue to provide real employment and training outcomes and help address significant barriers to gaining work for long term unemployed young people. Trainees in these programs are engaged in up to a 22-week paid traineeship in either Construction or Conservation and Land Management.

All trainees jointly work on community-based projects which provides real benefits and capacity building for local regions. In addition, trainees receive a Certificate 2 Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways, White Card, Senior First Aid and various other tickets to assist in their future transition to employment.

During the year SQFW projects were delivered in Caboolture, Crestmead, Spring Hill, Jimboomba, Logan, and Bundaberg. Reclink was delighted to be nominated for the 2019 Community Training Initiative of the Year for the Crestmead project which won the Regional finals and has now progressed to the State Finals.

Reclink’s Disability Employment Service in Bundaberg commenced this year and is steadily growing a reputation as a service with a difference – committed to providing a quality experience for people with a disability seeking to enter the workforce. This service has engaged over 65 people in the first 12 months of operation, with almost 20% of clients gaining employment.

We extend our appreciation to all staff and our community partners for the continued success of the Queensland programs and the opportunities they create for people experiencing disadvantage. We also extend our appreciation to Queensland Government Department of Employment, Small Business and Training for funding the SQFW projects, the Department for Health funding the Reclink National Program and the Department of Social Services under the Community Resilience program funding the Streetgames initiative.
The past year in South Australia has been both challenging and rewarding with rapid growth in both memberships and programs.

The Reclink Australia team in partnership with our community partners continue to deliver a diverse range of innovative and high value programs in the Port Adelaide/Enfield area, in the city and northern suburbs.

Our target group of youth agencies and school programs has also grown as the result of funding support from the Sidney Myer Foundation. Importantly the financial support from the South Australian Government Department of Sport and Recreation, as well as Adelaide City Council, Murray Bridge Council, Holdfast Bay Council, and the Port Adelaide/Enfield Council has been greatly appreciated and has enabled the delivery of additional sports and recreation activities across Adelaide.

We now have more than 75 member agencies engaging more than 8,000 participants, from a range of more than 70 programs.

We extend our sincere thanks to agency staff and volunteers from around South Australia, who have worked together to develop activities which meet the needs of a very diverse client group.

Naden’s Story

“I love everything about Reclink because their programs are so accessible and they have friendly staff. I am on Centrelink benefits but I can access Reclink programs with my support worker where I would not be able to otherwise. It gives me something to look forward to at the start of the day if we are going.”
2018-19 has seen continued growth across the three locations of the Reclink National Program.

The NSW team comprising State Manager and two part-time sports coordinators and volunteers have made it a priority to meet and consult with community organisations to enhance relationships and ensure there are strong partnerships established.

During the year, over 30 weekly sport and recreation programs were delivered, including surfing, tennis, ten pin bowling, lawn bowls, basketball, touch football, yoga, walking groups, Zumba, dance exercise, mums and bubs exercise, Pilates, learn to swim, aquarobics and bootcamp.

A highlight remains the highly successful refugee learn to swim program, developed in conjunction with the Refugee Welcome Centre and Inner West Council.

One-off events and programs include the refugee week cricket competition and successful school holiday programs in the inner west of Sydney. We extend our sincere appreciation to all our member agencies with whom we partner and our volunteers who support the delivery of our program.

Kaleidoscope Art Festival and Reclink Resilience Film Challenge

The Reclink Kaleidoscope Art Festival remains a highlight on the Sydney calendar with over 80 artists participating in the programs annually in partnership with Ozanam Learning Centre and Mission Australia. The program utilises a wide variety of art mediums including visual arts, mixed-media and sculpture, enabling artists to convey a unique and personal perspective of the world as they see and experience it. All proceeds from any sales go directly to the artist.

The Resilience Film Challenge, now in its seventh year, provides participants the opportunity to reveal their life stories through the means of a short film.

Over a two-week period, participants are provided with assistance in writing, editing, directing and shooting short-films, and given two days to create their own five-minute movie. The short films produced are engaging, warm, funny, sad, and expressive.

Through this unique Resilience Film Challenge program, Sydneysiders experiencing disadvantage are given a voice when all the short films are screened for public viewing at the Dendy Cinema. Reclink Australia sincerely acknowledges the valued partnerships of the Ozanam Learning Centre in Woolloomooloo and film makers, Jeremy Maddison and Blake Kendall.
It has been a significant year for Reclink Australia in Victoria as our reach, level of engagement and our outcomes continued to grow.

Operating across ten locations including Wyndham, Melton, Brimbank, Flemington, North Melbourne, Broadmeadows, West Heidelberg, Casey, Greater Dandenong and Whittington, the ActiVIC program offers thirty-two different types of sport and recreation activities. The program includes the new Reclink Streetgames model of ‘pop-up’ sport and recreation programs alongside our structured programs. Engagement with the South Sudanese, Somali and Pacifica communities has been particularly strong through the ActiVIC program with new soccer, basketball and netball teams and leagues being created in partnership with these communities.

The Reclink National Program which is delivered in Melton, Sunbury, Corio, Norlane, Frankston and Hastings, continues to engage with thousands of participants through our structured programs including football, cricket, basketball, netball, and other sport and recreation activities such as Pilates, swim, gym, and dancing.

During the year the Reclink AFL football league expanded to eighteen teams taking part in the annual footy fixture, and even more taking part in the Reclink AFL 9’s programs. Reclink’s regional footy leagues held our first Love the Game carnival round in June 2019, with twenty teams taking part in a brilliant day in the sunshine. The Reclink league competition culminates in a three-day carnival with all teams playing in nine grand finals matches supported by community agencies and media and sport celebrities.

Reclink has also partnered with Casey City Council to deliver the Casey Streetgames project, focusing on outreach-based sport and recreation programs alongside our structured programs. Engagement with the South Sudanese, Somali and Pacifica communities has been particularly strong through the ActiVIC program with new soccer, basketball and netball teams and leagues being created in partnership with these communities.

Reclink’s Link program continues to thrive, providing much needed support for disadvantaged job seekers to find ongoing employment in the construction, retail, warehousing, and hospitality industries. This year the Link program placed ninety-three jobseekers into employment opportunities, and we look forward to its continued success.

Reclink Australia is grateful for funding from the Bennelong Foundation, which continues to support the Reclink Somali Youth Basketball League, run in partnership with the Somali Community in Flemington and West Heidelberg.

A huge thank you to all of our loyal and hard-working volunteers, our 136 member agencies, supporters, players, and participants. Reclink Australia could not do what we do without your support. Reclink Australia extends our sincere appreciation for the funding support from the Victorian State Government’s Community Support Fund, Sport and Recreation Victoria, the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation, Jobs Victoria Employment Network (JVEN), City of Casey and the Federal Department of Health.
The Peter Cullen Medal

The Peter Cullen Medal is Reclink’s ‘Night of Nights’ – held in the daytime, drug and alcohol free.

Players from all clubs recently celebrated the end of their season in style at the revamped, iconic Junction Oval in St Kilda. This celebration of community football hosted a speaker from our partner organisation, Heidi Rose from Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation, and Doug Hawk, who shared his inspirational personal story of recovery through Reclink’s program.

The event was compered by MC Graham ‘Smokey’ Dawson, who has been a friend of Reclink Australia for more than 25 years.

Reclink Australia extends our sincere thanks and appreciation to Terry O’Brien for his video work and production, and Billy Mitchell for collating the votes for each game. Thanks also to all of our players, coaches, volunteers, and everyone else involved for their ongoing support of Reclink Australia’s football leagues.

The Peter Cullen medals are awarded to the best and fairest men and women in Reclink Australia’s Victorian Football Leagues, and the recipients for 2019 were:

**South East League**
- Robbie Wadsworth – Casey Cobras
- Maddie Fisher-Baker – Frankston Dolphins

**Central Victoria League**
- David Comber – Maryborough Magpies
- Duckie – Maryborough Magpies

**Melbourne Metro League**
- Tom Dawson – Salvo Hawks
- Raeles Budge – Wynbay Bulldogs

The event also sees ‘Most Disciplined Club’ trophies awarded, and the recipients for 2019 were:

**South East League**
- Cardinia Tigers

**Central Victoria League**
- Ballarat Bushrangers

**Melbourne Metro League**
- Collingwood Knights
This year has seen significant expansion to Reclink Australia’s operations in Tasmania. Member organisations, sport and recreation activities, volunteers, and outreach into new regional areas has strengthened Reclink Tasmania’s foundations across the state to enable the delivery of over 25 activities at low or no cost for some of the most vulnerable people in isolated areas. Young people consistently report that sport and recreation participation has improved their self-confidence, physical fitness and mental health, and helped them have a general positive attitude.

This year Reclink Australia has strengthened our relationship with community agencies implementing a range of sport and recreation activities as part of the Reclink National Program. In addition, a sports equipment drive where over 60 pairs of football boots were donated to Reclink by the Sandy Bay Junior Football Club, which were then passed on to students in those areas. This has provided a wonderful opportunity for local communities to engage in structured sport where there was none in place previously.

The Reclink Youth Football League continues to be a tremendous success. In its 10th year, the competition league engages over 120 students from the south east of Tasmania and is wonderfully supported by The Southern Midlands and Glamorgan Spring Bay Councils.

The competition provides students purpose through sport where they are disadvantaged by location and sporting opportunities. Each year interest grows due to the advantages the competition offers in physical and mental health and social inclusion; natural benefits from being part of a team.

Reclink Australia extends our sincere appreciation to the Commonwealth Department of Health, Department of Sport and Recreation, the Hobart Aquatic Centre, the Premier’s Office, Glamorgan Spring Bay and Southern Midlands Councils, AFL Tasmania, Tennis Tasmania, YMCA Hobart, and the PCYC at Bridgewater to name but a few.

Reclink Australia is excited to continue to have a positive impact through our member agencies and network partners across the Tasmanian community.
With member agencies now reaching over 70 service providers, participants are engaging in valuable, potentially life changing sport and recreation programs offered by Reclink Australia. Reclink has also increased our footprint by expanding programs into the Rockingham community. This expansion of the Reclink National Program is thanks to the project’s major sponsors; the Western Australian State Government through the Department of Local Government, Sport, and Cultural Industries, and Healthway. Reclink was delighted to receive the ‘Most Outstanding Inclusion Initiative Award’ at the Tennis West Annual Awards evening. This award was in recognition for Reclink’s tennis program that was delivered in partnership with the Fremantle Tennis Cub. The Reclink Mixed AFL 9s competition was a highlight, with many players returning from the 2018 season, plus some new faces this year. It has been wonderful to welcome up to 43 participants on some weeks for some friendly games of AFL – which is always followed by a BBQ! In addition Reclink launched a new initiative to increase engagement in our programs amongst the Fremantle community. The project known as ‘Street Games’ began as a group of local agencies meeting to discuss the need to offer something meaningful to the homeless people in the area. Together with the City of Fremantle, Notre Dame University, Spring Into Fitness, the Fremantle Police, St Patricks, the Stephen Michael Foundation, Palmerston, Foundation Housing and the South Fremantle Football Club, the Reclink Street Games program was launched in February 2019, and is now hosted every week in the centre of Fremantle. Already this new program engages individuals who are facing extreme disadvantage – most of whom return each and every week to enjoy some light exercise, a kick of the ball, and some valuable social interaction in a safe and welcoming space.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Shalom House for hosting the monthly sports carnivals for the residents of the rehabilitation centre. Reclink’s partnership with Shalom culminated in 2018 with a Christmas beach volleyball carnival in Leederville, thanks to the support of Volleyball WA and ‘The Hub’ Beach Volleyball Club. Throughout this partnership, Reclink staff and all supporting partners in this program have been shown nothing but respect, gratitude, appreciation, and good sportsmanship by the men at Shalom House.
AAA Play consistently lay foundations and developed forward moving strategies to better support Victorians with disabilities access sport and recreation opportunities. The time and hard work invested in the previous year has now delivered for this financial year, with AAA Play surpassing expectations with a bumper year of achievements.

Engagement for 2018-19 has reached record numbers. Web traffic continued to increase month on month, averaging more than 2,800 unique visits per month and reaching an all-time high of 3,466 unique visits by the end of June 2019.

There were more than 300 non web-based enquiries, the majority of whom were looking to join a sport or recreation program, and the remainder seeking advice, referrals, or to promote all abilities programs.

The value and impact of social media for the AAA Play community is becoming increasingly apparent. The new messaging channels are being utilised to connect directly with the team – including 14 enquiries during the financial year – to seek sport and recreation opportunities. Participants can now view information about full service leisure or recreation centres, as well as limited service facilities such as sports stadiums, and indoor or outdoor pools that offer casual public access.

The increase in sport and recreation opportunities has enabled AAA Play to refer enquirers to a list of options exceeding 760 all abilities activities and 120 leisure facilities.

Other notable achievements included:

- The development of AAA brand assets including banners and table cloths, merchandise such as pens, fidget spinners, and colouring sheets;
- Website updates to incorporate images, videos, social media links, and other resources to increase the support that clubs and participants need to continue to improve and grow their mutual engagement;
- The creation of ‘Let’s Learn About...’, a monthly newsletter that supports a featured sport to educate AAA Play subscribers about their sport category, and the opportunities available within their organisation;
- La Trobe University’s Centre for Sport and Social Impact Evaluation of AAA Play, which detailed the awareness, utilisation, and satisfaction with the AAA Play Service and its contact pathways among stakeholders;
- The introduction and farewell of new and old AAA Play Ambassadors; and
- September saw the introduction of more videos to AAA Play’s Facebook page, primarily through Community of Practice Live Streams and original content. The uptake of this strategy is evident not only in the volume of video views, but in the successful increase in engagement and number of followers on Facebook.

AAA Play has been incredibly successful in its growth and impact on the disability sport and recreation sector as a result of our commitment to continuing to be progressive and deliver first class initiatives that better support our AAA Play community. We couldn’t achieve this without the wonderful team of stakeholders and partners we work with.
Figure 1: New and Returning Visitors to AAA Play Website
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

- New Visitor: 87.4%
- Returning Visitor: 12.6%

New Visitor  Returning Visitor

- Female: 35.5%
- Male: 64.5%

Figure 2: Gender of New Visitors to AAA Play Website
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Figure 3: Age of New Visitors to AAA Play Website
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

- 18-24: 16.8%
- 25-34: 10.1%
- 35-44: 10.4%
- 45-54: 19.1%
- 55-64: 25.8%
- 65+: 27.9%

Figure 4: AAA Play Website Analytics 2018-19
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

- Page Views
- Sessions
- Users

Figure 5: Total Unique Visits 2014-19

- Users

Weave Movement, image courtesy Paul Dunn
During the year Reclink India’s main goal has been to provide an integrated and sustainable community-based program that uses Australian Rules Football as an organized sports activity to positively influence the physical, psychological and social development of all the participants.

Based on the current rate of growth in participation numbers Reclink India is on its way to achieve the target of getting 50,000 weekly participations across the country by mid-2020 well ahead of time.

An important aspect of the work has been the development of the game at the grassroots level starting out in the western region of India in Mumbai and Maharashtra.

This year Reclink India branched out to the northern regions of the country, in states like Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Punjab, successfully running school programs using footy.

Over 6,500 school children are now playing Australian Football every week in India as a part of the school and community programs conducted by Reclink India. Introducing Australian Football in schools has vastly increased the scope of development of the game along with increased participation by female students.

Participation numbers for girls are now almost the same as boys in the school as well as community programs in India. Reclink India’s AFL programs are delivering quality evidence-based outcomes for female students who are often excluded from participation in sport due to cultural and gender issues.

In 2018-19 we were pleased to receive the support and involvement of Tom Phillips AFL Player Collingwood Football Club, Richmond Football Club, Swinburne University and Monash University which joined the Reclink India team in the annual football carnival. We wish to thank Lincoln Harris, Rhan Harris, India Unbound, Anthony Phillip and the Phillips Foundation for the tremendous support and financial assistance in enabling this program to continue.
Our Funding

Our Performance

National Performance Data 2018-19
Sports and Arts Program

Volunteer Hours 12320
Volunteers 795
Participation Opportunities 164066
Number of Individuals 20473
Activities 139

Skilling Queenslanders for Work Program

Volunteer Hours 564
Volunteers 14
Participation Opportunities 20094
Individuals 309

Reclink Streetgames Program

Participation Opportunities 16863
Individuals 2763
Activities 1089

Housing Community Safety Program

Number of Activities 3797
Participation Opportunities 173

Our Member Agencies

Reclink Australia has partnerships with 397 Member Agencies

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- VIC
- SA
- WA
- TAS
- QLD
- NSW
2019 saw excited patrons across the country show up and support and enjoy the national Reclink Community Cups, with over 25,000 people attending and raising over $300,000 for Reclink sports, arts, and recreation programs for disadvantaged Australians.

Once again we extend sincere appreciation and gratitude to all the Reclink Event Organising Committees, the hundreds of loyal volunteers, the musicians and performing artists who have enthusiastically played and performed; the community radio stations, local and state and national media who have generously promoted the events; and the general public who continue to support our community fund raising efforts.

**Key Events**

- Reclink Community Cup – National Tour: Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Hobart, Fremantle, Brisbane, Canberra
- Reclink Australia Football Series and Peter Cullen Medal – Melbourne
- The Frank Galbally Cup – Melbourne
- Reclink Tasmanian Youth Football Series
- Kaleidoscope Art Festival – Sydney
- Resilience Film Challenge – Sydney
Melbourne Reclink Community Cup

The national theme for this year’s events “From Little Things Big Things Grow” was as perfect statement of the growth and development of a community grassroots event, which is without peer. We thank Kev Carmody and Paul Kelly for allowing Reclink Australia to use their classic song title as our national theme.

The 25th Reclink Community Cup celebration was a milestone in the history of one of the most iconic Melbourne events. A record crowd of over 14,000 people came to watch the Megahertz take the win against the ESPY Rockdogs by just one point.

This mid-winter event is Melbourne in every way. It’s a great day of community, grassroots footy, live music and a celebration of local community radio and local music, all in the name of charity and for a great cause.

Taking place on Sunday 23 June, the Melbourne event brought the winter-braving, sports-loving, good-vibing punters back to Collingwood’s spiritual home of football, Victoria Park and to the broadcasters’ home turf.

While footy was the star on the day, the event has become more renowned for its incredible bill of pre-match, half-time, and post-match bands, with performances from some of the nation’s most beloved artists. Reclink Australia was thrilled to have Dan Sultan and special guest Paul Kelly perform an unforgettable set, along with grunge legends Magic Dirt, Harvey Sutherland, and Baker Boy also rocking the stage, along with The Burnt Sausages.

Once again, a huge thank you to everyone supporting this year’s Melbourne Reclink Community Cup, especially our community radio partners PBS and 3RRR, musicians and players from the Rockdogs and Megahertz.

We express our sincere gratitude to Hon Richard Wynne and the Victorian State Government for the generous financial support for the event. A special mention for The Hon. Anthony Albanese MP, Federal Labor Leader who continues to be a strong supporter, coach and player for the Sydney Reclink Community Cup and who joined thousands of Melburnians in this year’s celebrations.

We thank Senator Janet Rice, Ged Kearney MP, Joanne Ryan MP and City of Yarra Mayor Councillor Danae Bosler for their ongoing support.

We wish to acknowledge and thank our national sponsors Waterlogic, Young Henry’s, MEAA, and our local sponsors The ESPY, the City of Yarra, Music Victoria, Nelson Alexander, Channel 31, the Retreat Hotel and the Lulie Tavern to name but a few.

To the colourful cheer squads, coaches, umpires, support crew, volunteer photographers and our hundreds of loyal volunteers – thank you for your outstanding generosity and support.

A special thanks to our dedicated organising committee: Adrian Basso, Dave Houchin, Johnny Rock, Kerrie Loveless, Gerry Eeman, Ash Naylor, MiNC Event Management, Emily, Bec, Deb, Dotti, Phil, Jason, Chris and our Reclink team for their combined outstanding contributions.
Sydney Reclink Community Cup

This year’s Sydney Reclink Community Cup saw the Western Walers [musicians] and Sydney Sailors [media] return to the glorious surrounds of Henson Park, for the eighth annual event.

Over 1,000 spectators were thrilled with the match played again in tremendous footy spirit and entertained by live performances from local bands including the Polish Club.

A highlight on the day was the crowd cheering on the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Federal Labor Leader and Member for Grayndler, who donned his boots to play for the Western Walers, while also juggling media commitments on the day.

Our thanks, and gratitude to our event partners - all those involved with Western Walers [musicians] and Sydney Sailors [media], community radio stations 2SER and Radio FBi, the Golden Barley Hotel, The Union Hotel, Sydney Swans Football Club, Yves Sylveira Physio and Wombat Graphix. A special mention for the support provided by Mayor Darcy Byrne and Councillor Anna York from Inner West Council, and Jo Haylen MP, Member for Summer Hill. A huge thanks to our tremendous national sponsors Young Henry’s, Waterlogic, and Media Entertainment and Arts Alliance.

Once again, we extend our sincere appreciation to Adam Yee and the organising committee including Joey, Julie, Amanda and Laura, and all our generous volunteers for your hard work and dedication in creating this year’s event.
Fremantle Reclink Community Cup

This year’s Fremantle Community Cup returned for a fifth time at the much-loved Fremantle Oval, where the Bandgropers (WA Musicians/Performers) took on the Newshounds (Community Media and Organisations) in a grass-footy match for all ages.

The game was action-packed, as the teams ran, kicked, puffed and panted their way through the match all to raise money for Reclink Australia.

The Bandgropers featured members of Axe Girl, New Talk, Odette Mercy and Her Soul Atomics, Flossy and legendary blues man Wayne Green, Donna Simpson (The Waifs) and Federal MP Josh Wilson, and were joined by legendary musician and You AM I frontman Tim Rogers. While the Newshounds featured players from RTRFM, Channel Nine, Channel 10 and local politicians, including Ben Wyatt MLA, Carina Zaffino, coach Peter Barr (ABC Producer and former RTRFM Brekky presenter) and Danae Gibson, RTRFM’s talk producer.

The crowd of over 700 was entertained by Noah Dillon and The Little Lord Street Band and a very special AFL nines game at half time of Reclink Perth’s finest.

Once again, the event attracted some incredible support from the West Australian community including the Hon Ben Wyatt MP, WA Treasurer, Josh Wilson MP, Federal Member for Fremantle, Dr Brad Pettit, Mayor City of Fremantle, and Councillors Adin Lang and Steve Kept from the City of Fremantle and Melville respectively.

Thank you to all the players, volunteers, and spectators who came and watched this year’s event to support Reclink’s structured sport and recreation programs for disadvantaged members of the community. A special mention goes to event coordinator extraordinaire, Chris Wheeldon from RTR FM and the organising committee, Sarah, Simone and Evonne along with all our generous event sponsors including Waterlogic, MEAA, Alby (Gage Roads Brewing Company) and Clancy’s Fish Pub – this day wouldn’t be possible without all of you!
Adelaide Reclink Community Cup

This year we held the fifth Adelaide Reclink Community Cup at the Coopers Oval in Norwood and without doubt it was the best yet. A crowd of more than 1,400 enjoyed the family friendly day with great live music, good food, and great vibes.

Reclink Australia is privileged to have the ongoing support of Hon Steven Marshall MP, Premier of South Australia who tossed the coin, Kyam Maher MLC and Katrine Hildyard MP who played in opposite teams, and Tammy Frank MLC who cheered for both teams on the sidelines.

After 4 years in the wilderness, the Adelaide Anchors finally managed to get home with a close, hard-fought win against the gallant Rockatoos. My heartfelt thanks to Leigh McGrane, Andy Asser and the organising committee who put on a fabulous pie night prior to the game and organised a great after-party celebration after putting the whole event together on the day.
Brisbane Reclink Community Cup

The fourth annual Brisbane Reclink Community Cup was held at the Everton Wolves JAF and Mayne Tigers AFL Oval on Sunday July 28th. This family event showcased the Aussie rules footy skills of the Rocking Horses (musicians) vs the Brisbane Lines (media) in another showstopper charity event.

Colour and spectacle was the order of the day with the bounce at the start of each quarter replaced with a tug of war or sack races to determine which team started with the ball. Some of the team outfits on the day were also a sight to be seen. The Rocking Horses, featuring players from prominent Australian bands including Powderfinger, The Church, Birds of Tokyo, Violent Soho, Dead Letter Circus and Flangipanis to name a few, took out the match. A special mention for Tim Mander MP, local Member for Everton and Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Treasurer, for his support and encouragement on the day.

Reclink Australia would like to acknowledge all event sponsors and our loyal volunteers that made the day possible including community radio station 4ZZZ, Waterlogic, Young Henry’s, Netherworld, MEAA, AFL Masters, Red Octopus, Senator Anthony Chisholm, Gigawatt and many others. A very special thank you to our event organising committee including Michelle, Amy, Natasha, Sharryn, Megan and Steve, Michelle and the Reclink team for your tremendous assistance on the day.
Hobart Reclink Community Cup

Sunday 18 August will go down in the annals of Hobart Reclink Community Cup history as the day the Van Diemen Dogs broke the curse with their triumphant victory!

More than 450 people attended the day and they were treated to some true grassroots footy and entertainment.

Local media identities Tubes Taylor and Jayne Longhurst provided the commentary over the PA system, while comedian and general pest Geoffry Blake provided the cheese, biscuits, and wine in the forward pocket. It’s true. There was even a table and chairs!

Of course, it wouldn’t be a Community Cup without music and the crowd were treated to live performances by local talent including Luca Brasi, A. Swayze and the Ghosts.

The Ramonas held control of the match throughout its entirety. For the Van Diemen Dogs, it was Danny Flood who controlled the tempo, the contested ball, the clean kicking, the biggest biceps of the day, and the vocal leadership for the Dogs to make a late charge for the lead in the dying minutes.

All of the above isn’t possible without the assistance of our wonderful sponsors and volunteers who supported us on the day – our heartfelt thanks to you all.

It was a special moment to have the Tasmanian Premier, Will Hodgman MP deliver the opening address and toss the coin, and we thank the Premiers Office for their continued support of Reclink and the Hobart Reclink Community Cup.

A huge thank you to our Steering Committee; Fletcher Austin, Adrian Smith, Ryan Kinder, Bert Pittfield, Mathew Chalk, and State Manager Richard Allanby, whose time and commitment continue to provide a huge contribution to the growth of the game in Tasmania, and more broadly, Reclink itself.

A heartfelt thanks also goes to The Hutchins School, who have been an invaluable supporter of Reclink Australia.

Congratulations also to the Van Diemen Dogs, who have taken home the Reclink Community Cup for 2019.
Canberra Reclink Community Cup

In its third year, the Canberra Reclink Community Cup was a standout day in the Canberra sporting and music calendar. The 2019 crowd easily outnumbered our previous years and there were loads of supporters bedecked in the red, black and gold of the Limestones, and the red and white of the Noise.

Music from Bec Taylor and Brendan Houlihan with his band The Barren Spinsters warmed up the crowd before the Mixtape Chorus took the stage – all 30 of them – with their rendition of the 2019 series theme song, ‘From Little Things, Big Things Grow’.

It was great to see the leader of the Greens and Member of the ACT Legislative Assembly, Shane Rattenbury MLA officiated as one of two field umpires, and bounced the ball to start the match. A special mention and thanks to Mark Parton MLA for putting on his boots once again to play for the Noise.

A big thanks to Tim Daly, Geoff, Clarke, Kath and Sarah, and the organising committee, team managers, Sally Whyte and Chris Endrey for getting their teams together and prepared on the day, players from both teams, Mark Ransome and the Reclink Team and our sponsors Young Henrys, MEAA, Waterlogic, Southern Cable Services, PKUP, Canberra Milk, Kingston Physio and Impress Printers.
Our Activities

Reclink Australia, in partnership with our member agencies and support from our strategic partners and supporters, has offered the following activities to disadvantaged communities throughout Australia. The ‘whole of community’ approach empowers our member agencies to determine which activities are needed in their community. Local knowledge drives our response to local needs.
Health and Wellbeing

Acupuncture
Chiropractic
Cooking club
Kariangra Court Gardening Project
Massage
Planting for pizzas
Qigong
Sahaja meditation
Self defence
Stretch and relaxation
Tai Chi
Yoga

Sports Leagues

8 Ball
Australian football (AFL)
Basketball
Cricket
Lawn bowls
League tag (touch football)
Soccer
Softball
Tenpin bowling
Volleyball

Arts

Airbrush art
Art therapy
Art workshops
Book club
Contemporary dance
Contemporary Visual Art Workshop
Crochet
Down the Avenue Art Exhibition
Drama group
Drumming
Guitar course
Instrument making
Knit and yarn
Knitting
Music group
Photography
Public arts
Samba Drumming Circle
Sewing and craft
Storytelling
Street art
Street orchestra
Urban Encounters (Aboriginal Arts and Music Group)
Writers circle

Social, Cultural and Educational

Aquarium outing
Avenue Community - neighbourhood chats
Ballroom dancing
Christmas in July
Circus Oz
Community BBQ
Community Christmas Party
Community gardening
Craft group – Over 55s
Deadly Outdoor Adventure Group
Easter community BBQ
Environmental park outing
Furniture making
International Rules match
Kids day out
Line dancing
Masters Exhibition – National Gallery Victoria Ainslie
Men’s shed program
Movie day
Muldark theatre production
National Gallery Victoria
Picnic in the Park
Observation Deck visit
Wii
Zoo trip

Women’s Activities

Baking
Beading
Belly dancing
Boot camp
Boxing and self defence
Car Maintenance
Circus workshops
Creative arts
High Tea luncheon
Jewellery making workshops
Make up session
Music therapy
Nutrition
Pamper day
Zumba
Our Members

With over 397 health, welfare and community organisations currently engaged with Reclink Australia’s program, Reclink Australia continues to play a critical role in the community sector in ensuring that individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds are provided with participation opportunities.

Membership to Reclink Australia provides community organisations with the following benefits:

• Low cost access to sport and arts activities;
• Opportunities to introduce new sport and arts activities for disadvantaged communities where there is an identified need;
• Networking with other organisations, targeting people experiencing disadvantage; and
• Assisting disadvantaged communities to integrate into mainstream community based activities through our Transformational Links program.

We would like to acknowledge the contribution of the following organisations:

New South Wales
Aftercare
Asylum Seekers Centre - Becher House
Auburn Diversity Services - Macquarie Office
Beehive Industries Co-operative Limited
Blacktown Womens and Girls Helath Centre
Cumberland Multicultural Community Services
Evolve Housing
JESUIT Refugee Service - Parramatta
Mission Australia - Service Delivery Western Sydney
Mission Australia - Sydney Centre
Mood Active
Neami National - Hurstville
Newtown Neighbourhood Centre
Odyssey House - Blacktown
Odyssey House - Sydney North
One Door Mental Health
Parramatta Mission
Partner in your Care
Richmond PRA - Buckingham House
Riverstone Neighbourhood Centre
St. Vincent de Paul Society - Oznam Learning Centre
The Australian Centre for Social Innovation
The Salvation Army - William Booth House
Weldon Children’s Services
Wesley Eidгоo Edgar Lodge
Wesley Mission Family Services - Bella Vista
Western Sydney Local Health District
Women’s Activities and Self Help House
Youth Off The Streets

Northern Territory
Bushmob Inc
Casa Central Australia Inc.
DASA - Drug and Alcohol Services Association
Foster Carers Association NT Incorporated
Life Without Barriers
Mental Health Association of Central Australia (MHACA)
Ngapaaytjara Pitjanantjara Yankunytjara (NPY) Women’s Council
The Salvation Army - Alice Springs

Queensland
3rd Space
Access Community Services Ltd
Australian Red Cross - Jeyco’s Street Community Centre
Bric Housing Company
Bridges Health and Community Care
Brisbane House Housing Company
Bundaberg Basketball Inc.
Bundaberg Indoor Sports Centre
Bundaberg Local Personalized Services
Bundaberg RSL - Sub Branch
Bundaberg Special School
Bundaberg Youth Justice Service
Burnett Respite Services Ltd
Burnett Youth Learning Centre
Carers Link
Cerebral Palsy League
Community Lifestyle Support
Community Service Groups
Connections Inc - Activities
Creche and Kindergarten Association
FIRST (Foundation for Independence, Recreation and Social Training)
Kingston East Neighbourhood Group Inc. (KENG)
Loganlea Community Association Inc.
Lotus Yara Resort Inc.
Metro North Adult Mental Health
Metro South Addition and Mental Health Services
Mical Projects - The Hive
Multicultural Communities Council Gold Coast Ltd
Muri Crush Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corp.
Neami National - Strathpine
QILD Health
Resilience Sailing Inc.
Southern Cross Support Services
Special Olympics Australia - Bundaberg
St Vincent De Paul Society Queensland - South Brisbane
Men’s Hostel
The Salvation Army - Cabbage Tree
The Salvation Army - Pindari Services
The Salvation Army - Tom Quinn Community Centre
United Synergies Ltd
Youth Advocacy Centre Inc

South Australia
Adelaide Hills Community Health Service
Adelaide Hills Vocational College
Anglicare SA
Australian Red Cross - Justice Programs
Baptist Care - Westcare Daycentre and Westcare Choir
Belgravia Leisure
British Sub Aqua Club - BSAC
Catherine House Inc
Centacare - Murray Bridge
CentaCare Catholic Family Services - Wandana
City of Onkaparinga
City of Port Adelaide Enfield (Mem. 1316) - Youth Engagement
City of Port Adelaide, Enfield (Mem. 900)
Community Bridging Services - Elizabeth
Community Bridging Services - Kilkenny
Community Bridging Services - Murray Bridge
Community Bridging Services - Port Adelaide
District Council of Mount Barker
District Council of Yankalilla
Eastern Fleurieu R-12 School - FLECS
Forensic Mental Health Service - James Nash House
Fraser Park Primary School
Gawler Youth Workers Network
Headspace - Adelaide (HYEPP)
Hills Community Options Inc. - Mt.Barker
Housing Choices - SA Australia
Housing Choices SA Ltd - North/East of the city
Hungry No More - Mt Barker Uniting Church SA
Hutt Street Centre
Hutt Street Centre - Aged City Living Program
HYPRA - FLO
Junction Community Centre
Life Without Barriers - Mental Health Respite
Life Without Barriers - SAFKI PR
Life Without Barriers - South Terrace
Littlehampton Baptist Church
Mentoring Adelaide
Mid Murray Council
Mind Australia - Burriae Residential Services
Mind Australia Ltd - SA North South and Country
Moondari Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service
Mount Barker High School
Mount Barker South Primary School
Murray Mallee General Practice Network Inc.
Murray Mallee GP Network
NEAMI Ltd - IPRS
Neami National - Kangaroo Island
NEAMI National - Mt Barker
Neami National - Street to Home
Neami National - Victor Harbor
Northern Adelaide Domestic Violence Service
Northern Adelaide Senior College
Onkaparinga - Arts and Inclusion
Onkaparinga Council - Youth Community Capacity
Partner in your Care
South Coast Nurturing
St Vincent De Paul Society
Teen Challenge SA INC
The Salvation Army - Towards Independence
The Valley Lifestyle Centre - YMCA, SA
Tondala Christian School
Unison Property Corporation
Uniting Communities - Therapeutic Youth Service
Uniting Communities - YRC
Uniting SA (Formerly SAJPWA)
Uniting SA - Salisbury
Unity Housing Company
Victor Harbor High School
YMCA - Fleurieu Aquatic Centre
YMCA South Australia - Community Strengthening
Youth Inc.

Tasmania
Able Australia Services - Hobart
Able Australia Services - Invermay
Anglicare Tasmania Inc. - North Community Services
Anglicare Tasmania Inc. - North West Community Services
Anglicare Tasmania Inc. - South Community Services
Bethlehem House
Bridgewater Police and Community Youth Club Inc.
Children and Youth Services
City Mission
Claremont College
Colony 47
CVGT Australia - Burnie
Dudley House
Glamorgan Spring Bay Council
Glencore City Council
Hellyer College
Langford Support Services
Launceston City Mission
Life Without Barrier - Racherlea

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Gratitude

Life Members
Allan Jeans (deceased)
Greg Hunt (deceased)
Hayden Legro
Mick Miller

Individuals
Adam Yee
Adrian Basso
Adrian Cloonan
Adrian Crawley
Alan Pascoe
Alan Quaife
Alice Springs Correctional Centre
Alistair Coe MLA
Andrew Brackman
Andrew Exton
Hon Andrew Wilkie MP
Angelisa Watts
Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Senator Anthony Chisholm
Barry Silvester
Ben Davison
Hon Ben Carroll MP
Hon Ben Wyatt Treasurer MLA
Bill Cullen
Mayor Dr Brad Pettitt
Brian Hanson
Brian Millett
Brian Presnell
Brian Taylor
Bruce Hill
Cam Butler
Carby Warby
Chris Wheeldon
Christine Couzens MLA
Cindy O’Connor
Crackers Keenan
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