

Scottish Masonic  
Charitable Foundation  
of Western Australia Inc.



# YEARBOOK 2022/2023



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# SMCFWA BOARD



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# OUR MISSION, VISION & VALUES

## Our Mission

"Improve the quality of lives of Western Australians, through the provision of relief and creation of meaningful partnerships that are sustainable and mutually beneficial."

The Foundation aims to achieve this by working with local Scottish Masonic Lodges and charitable/not-for-profit organisations that demonstrate commitment to those in need within our State.

The Foundation also provides broader based community support utilizing the resources and skills of our brethren to facilitate and support initiatives with significant benefit to the WA community.

## Our Vision

Improving the quality of life of all Western Australians through a more highly visible community practice of the principles and values of Scottish Freemasonry.

## Our Values

Our decisions and actions are guided by our values which are:

**Brotherly Love:** Every true Freemason will show tolerance and respect for the opinions of others and behave with kindness and understanding to his fellow creatures.

**Relief:** Freemasons are taught to practice charity and to care, not only for their own, but also for the community as a whole both by charitable giving, and by voluntary efforts and works as individuals.

**Truth:** Freemasons strive for truth, requiring high moral standards and aiming to achieve them in their own lives.

# CHAIRMAN REPORT

As I write this report the Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation of WA Inc is in a strong financial position. This position is attributed to the continued hard work of the Board of Directors.

During 2022 – 2023 the Foundation has been able to maintain its commitment to providing support to the community:

This year we supported the following:

\$15,000 to the RSLWA. This was to support their Christmas Hampers for Veterans (Hampers for Vets) project. This grant funded 300 Christmas hampers.

\$20,000 to MNDWA. The funds supported the employment of a Respiratory Nurse to create treatment plans for those MND patients at FSH, SCGH and SJOG Midland.

\$10,000 to the Lions Cancer Institute. These funds were used to help fund the mobile Cancer Screening coach.

\$30,000 to SLSWA. This is an ongoing grant for their TOAD and Rise Up Camps, continued support of the statewide Youth Program & Pathways, the Youth Leaders Program and also the SLSWA Nipper and Youth Awards.

\$5,000 to the Perth Metro Pipe Band. The Foundation has supported the band for many years and they perform at the Annual Gala Ball and the Charity Golf Day.

\$850 to Freemasons WA Annual Charity Golf Day. As well as being a Silver Sponsor the Foundation has a team of four playing in the event.

As part of our Grant program the Board has made available \$1,000 per Lodge to be granted to a charity of their choice. This money is used to match the donation that the Lodge is making. Over the past year the following Lodges have taken advantage of this:

Lodge Sir Walter Scott-Breadalbane supported Andrew Anderson and Movember with a donation of \$700. This donation was matched by the Foundation.

Lodge Menzies Doric donated \$1,800 to the Rockingham Man's Shed and the Foundation also donated \$1,000 making the total \$2,800.

We are pleased that some of the Lodges have taken the opportunity to become more involved with the Foundation in their local community and it would be great to see more Lodges connect with their community.

I would like to express my thanks to all the Scottish Lodges in this District for their continuing support of the Foundation.

During the year I attended several events, which has been good considering the past few years.

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 the SMCFWA Annual Charity Golf Day was held at Wanneroo Golf Club, and it was nice to welcome back our Sponsors and the 48 players who played had a fantastic day. Thank you to those who attended. The 2023 event will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October at Wanneroo Golf Club for the last time.

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022, In the morning, I went to the offices of MNDAWA to present the cheque for \$20,000 which would allow them to continue their work for the benefit of those affected. Afterwards, I then went to the headquarters of RSLWA on St. Georges Terrace and met the new CEO who accepted our cheque for \$15,000 for the Christmas hampers for the Ex-Service Personnel who may be doing it tough.

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023, Andrew Bruce and I were at the SLSWA Rise Up Camp at Hillary's to present their Grant cheque of \$30,000. We watched the participants partake in set tasks and had a lovely dinner with them.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2023, Ron Kirkwood and I met with the Lions Cancer Institute in Mandurah to present their Grant cheque of \$10,000.

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023, Peta McLean, Alan MacKenzie, and I attended the SLSWA Nipper and Youth Awards Ceremony where Alan and I presented some of the awards.

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Lindsay Mitchell and I along with 2 of our Charity Golf Day Hole Sponsors, attended the Freemasons WA Charity Golf Day at Wanneroo Golf Club (which the Foundation is a Silver Sponsor of) and again we had a wonderful time although not in the placings this year.

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Peta and I attended the Coastal Bravery Awards Ceremony on behalf of the Foundation, a lovely Ceremony which can be quite emotional.

On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023, at the Crown Grand Ballroom, June, Peta, William and I attended the SLSWA Awards Ceremony, and I again had the honour to present two of the Awards, one for Young Surf Life Saver of the Year and one for Young Volunteer of the Year.

George J Rogers

Chairman



# SMCFWA GRANTS 2022 - 2023

The Foundation, through the returns on its investments, has been able to maintain the same level of Grants during 2022 – 2023 as in previous years.

During this time, we granted funds to Surf Life Saving WA, RSLWA, Motor Neurone Disease Association of Western Australia, GL Scotland Prostate Make it a £1 Million, Lions Cancer Institute and Perth Metro Pipe Band.

We organised another year of DGLWA, SMCFWA (Scottish Masonic Homes) and Archives Storage. We also sponsored a hole and sent a team to the Freemasons WA Golf Day. This team consisted of Board members, George Rogers and Lindsay Mitchell and two of our own Golf Day Sponsors, Paul Reid and Craig Wilson.

## GL Scotland Prostate Make it a £1 Million

In July 2022 Grand Master Mason, William Ramsay McGhee and Grand Secretary William M S Semple attended the installation of the DGM of DGLWA, Bro Clive Lynn. While here they attended a morning tea held at the Foundation. During this morning tea the Chairman, George Rogers and DGM of WA Bro Clive Lynn presented a cheque for \$23,000 to Grand Secretary William M S Semple towards this cause. This cheque was made up of a donation of \$11,000 from the DGLWA and Scottish Lodges and \$12,000 from the Foundation.



## RSLWA

This year again saw the Foundation support the RSLWA in their Christmas Hampers for Veterans (Hamper for Vets) project by providing a grant of \$15,000. These hampers are handed out to around 300 Veterans and their families during December in time for Christmas.





# SMCFWA GRANTS 2022 - 2023

## Motor Neurone Disease Association of WA (MNDAWA)

The Foundation provide further funding to MNDAWA for their Physio in their Breath a Little Easier program. We approved \$20,000 for use in this program for the second year.

George Rogers presented the cheque to their Chief Executive Officer, Courtney D'Mello.



The Foundation also received a Certificate of Recognition for their donation in 2021 – 2022.

## Lions Cancer Institute

In October 2022, the Lions Cancer Institute approached the Foundation to see if we would provide another grant of \$10,000 towards the Mobile Cancer Screening Coach. As this cause is close to many people's hearts, the Board was happy to provide the Grant.

George Rogers, Ron Kirkwood and two representatives from the Lions Cancer Institute, Neil Saunders and Gary Irvine, met up in March 2023 for the cheque presentation.



# **SURF LIFE SAVING WA**

The Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation of WA (Inc) plays a significant role in developing young lifesavers within Western Australia through their support of Surf Life Saving WA (SLSWA).

Over the 2022/23 season, funding provided by the Foundation has assisted SLSWA in four key areas, namely:

1. Continued support of the statewide Youth Program & Pathways
2. Continued support of the Youth Leaders Program (YLP)
3. Continued support and further enhancement of the popular Youth Development Camps - Rise Up and T.O.A.D.
4. Continued support as presenting rights partner of the SLSWA Nipper and Youth Awards

## **Youth Program & Pathways**

SLSWA's Youth Program encompasses members aged U14 through to U17 and includes the Youth Leaders' Program and the Youth Program Pathways.

The ultimate aim of the Youth Program is to engage, enthuse and educate all graduating 'Nippers' and new youth members, regardless of ability in the surf sport discipline, and aid the retention and development of members.

The program provides learning experiences across four main areas, namely lifesaving, training, leadership and surf sports.

SLSWA offers statewide Youth Pathway Courses, empowering its youth members to actively engage in the various areas of Surf Life Saving. These courses include the Youth Age Manager, Youth Coach, Youth Event Producer, Youth Trainer and Youth Official.

## **Youth Leaders Program**

Within the broader Youth Program Curriculum is the opt in Youth Leaders Program (YLP). Available to all youth members, the optional Youth Leaders Program tracks the hours a youth member puts into lifesaving, training and surf sports.

There are three recognition levels to the program; Bronze, Silver and Gold, which are increasingly difficult to obtain. To achieve Gold Level, members have accumulated in excess of 230 volunteer hours during their period as a Surf Life Saving youth member (13-16-year-olds).

The certificates achieved at each level of the YLP carry the Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation of WA's logo.

This past year, an impressive 28 youth members achieved Gold level status in the YLP. These members were recognised at the 2023 Nipper & Youth Awards presented by the Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation of WA, which took place Saturday, 29 April 2023.

# SURF LIFE SAVING WA

## Nipper & Youth Awards, presented by the Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation of WA

With the impact of COVID-19, the 2022 Nippers & Youth Awards event was postponed to Saturday 8th October 2022.

Close to 300 guests came together to recognise and celebrate the achievements across a range of areas, including lifesaving, surf sports competition and volunteering. Categories awarded included the U15 Lifesaver of the Year, Surf Sports Nipper Champion, U14/U15 Athlete, Youth Official, Nipper and Youth of the Year.

Thirty-four outstanding individuals were also recognised for their attainment of Gold Level in Surf Life Saving WA's Youth Leaders Program, which required them to have accumulated more than 230 volunteer hours during their period as a youth member, requiring significant commitment and dedication across multiple seasons.

Over 300 guests gathered for the 2023 Nipper & Youth Awards on Saturday 29 April, as more than 100 outstanding young members from across WA were recognised for their achievements across a range of areas, including surf sports, lifesaving, competition and volunteering.

Twenty-eight outstanding individuals from a number of clubs were recognised for their attainment of Gold Level in Surf Life Saving WA's Youth Leaders Program, which required them to have accumulated more than 230 volunteer hours during their period as a youth member, requiring significant commitment and dedication across multiple seasons.



## 2023 Surf Life Saving WA Awards of Excellence Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023

The Surf Life Saving WA Awards of Excellence recognise the achievements and contributions of members and clubs across a range of categories and areas of Surf Life Saving, including the key areas of surf sports, education and training, youth and lifesaving.

This year, 460 people came together at Grand Ballroom on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> July to celebrate the 2022/23 season.

George Rogers from the Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation of WA presented two awards on the evening – Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year and Young Volunteer of the Year.



# SURF LIFE SAVING WA

## Youth Development Camps – Rise Up and T.O.A.D.

Each year, SLSWA runs two development camps for youth members. These sold-out camps provide opportunities for teamwork and leadership skills to be developed by those attending. Rise Up camp ran from Monday, 19 December through to Thursday 22 December 2022, while T.O.A.D camp ran from Tuesday, 3 January through to Friday, 6 January 2023.

### Rise Up Camp

In the week leading up to Christmas, fifty-five U17 members from 23 clubs made their way to Forest Edge Recreation Camp, Waroona, for Rise Up Camp.

The happy campers spent four days completing various challenging (and often hilarious) activities, including constructing rafts which they then needed to successfully paddle (while staying relatively afloat) across a stretch of water.

Teamwork and trust were developed during abseiling, kayaking and billy cart building and many relays, including the wheelbarrow race, which saw their competitive sides emerge. Participants also built on their first aid skills in preparation for certificates such as Advanced Resuscitation Techniques.

Fantastic friendships were formed with SLSWA youth members from around the state, and another successful year of Rise Up was had.



# SURF LIFE SAVING WA

## T.O.A.D. (Teamwork, Opportunity and Development) Camp

In early January 2023, seventy-two U14 & U15 members from 28 clubs ventured to Ern Halliday Recreation Camp for the TOAD (Teamwork, Opportunities and Development) Camp. Despite the extreme heat, it was a fantastic four days for the toadies, with many new friends made and extra beach sessions added to the mix!

Participants enjoyed working together on various activities, including archery, the big-swing and crate climb and mountain biking. Teams worked together to challenge themselves and their leadership skills through crate climbs, steadied their hands during archery, tested their biking skills on the pump track and took on the giant swing, all with great success.

As well as fun activities, every happy camper also completed their Radio Operators Certificate.

Once again, it was wonderful to have representatives from the SMCFWA, join our Toadies on camp one afternoon where they presented the group with a cheque for \$30,000, representing their ongoing support for SLSWA and our youth members.

The assistance of the SMCFWA continues to help us deliver these camps and provide our regional youth with generous travel subsidies to enable them to attend. It also allows us to deliver a range of exciting and challenging activities, ensuring our youth members have a great camp experience.

We sincerely thank the Foundation for its continued support.



# PERTH METRO PIPE BAND

The Perth Metro Pipe Band were once again delighted and humbled by the ongoing support of the Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation (SMCF). The gratitude of the band cannot be understated. Running a pipe band requires significant funds. Uniforms, instruments and facility hire are not cheap. The Band requires annual player subscriptions to keep them afloat but in the current economic climate it is difficult to ask members to increase their subscriptions which is why the grants received from the SMCF are so invaluable and much appreciated by every playing member.

Sadly, for the Perth Metro Pipe Band the expected return of playing members and opportunities for public engagements in the 2022-2023 year hasn't met the band's post-COVID expectations. A small group of dedicated players bolstered by the return of Pipe Major James Cowie continue to regularly rehearse every Monday at the Bob Hawke College in Subiaco.

Whilst remaining optimistic about the steady growth, the band have been working hard to learn new music that will bolster their repertoire and enhance their competitive edge for the upcoming State Championship to be held at the Armadale Highland Games in October.

The band were able to recommence its annual Shindig in 2022. A fantastic night of music, food and dance to a sellout crowd. Like many organisations the Band has decided to defer its next Shindig to 2024 due to reduced band member availability and rising costs.

The Band were again honoured to be asked to play at both the Telethon Christmas Pageant and the ANZAC Day parade. These events allow all members of the band to get together to play as one to demonstrate our support of the work of Telethon and support for those who have served our nation.



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# SMCFWA & WA SCOTTISH LODGES GRANTS

As part of the Foundation's Grant program an amount of \$10,000 is set aside for use by the Scottish Lodges. This allows each Lodge to make a donation of up to \$1,000 and apply for the Foundation to match this during each financial year. During the past year only two Lodges took up this donation.

## Lodge Sir Walter Scott-Breadalbane

This lodge approached us as their RWM, Andrew Anderson, participated in Movember. We have supplied this grant for three years. The request for \$700 was matched and a total of \$1,400 was donated to Movember.

## Lodge Menzies Doric

The lodge approached the Foundation with a request for \$1,000 for the Rockingham Mens Shed. This was approved by the Foundation and with the lodge's donation of \$1,800 a total of \$2,800 was donated. The cheque was presented to the representatives of the Rockingham Mens Shed by Ron Kirkwood, SMCFWA Board Member and RWM Lodge Menzies Doric Bro David Russell.





# SMCFWA & WA SCOTTISH LODGES GRANTS

## Camelot Rover Rotunda

We were pleased to celebrate the launch of the Camelot Rover Rotunda late last year. Built to commemorate 100 years of Rover Scouting in Western Australia, the project took countless hours of free labour, planning, re-planning and budget management from when it was conceived in 2017 and a concept drawing was drafted by David Lockhart formally of Hampton Park Rovers.

Following approval from the WA Rover Council and an allocation from the Rover Development Fund, the Rotunda project got off the ground in 2018 with Mark Joslin of Maddington Rovers appointed Project Commissioner and Alan Miller as Construction Adviser.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this worthy project. We particularly acknowledge the Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation and the many Freemason's lodges and Brethren for their donations. Thanks to their support, future Rovers will be able to enjoy and utilise this facility for many years to come.



# HIGHLAND GAMES

Since 2004 we have been provisioners of the Licensed Area, colloquially known as The Highland Tavern, for the annual City of Armadale Highland Gathering and Perth Kilt Run. I am very proud and honoured by the relationship that has been established between the C.o.A. and the Foundation since Brian Watkins, former Fire, Emergency and Ranger Service Coordinator of the City of Armadale and Past District Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry in Western Australia, and former Chairman of the Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation of W.A. 2008-2013 recommended our involvement.

This important fund-raising and Public Awareness activity is only possible by the continued support and involvement of many Brethren and their partners from the lodges within the district that serve the refreshments and maintain the area safely, including NPB Security who control the crowd and gate.

At last year's event we raised \$7,574 in just 5 hours of trading, which is of course thankfully received and faithfully applied, but the event and our presence creates a lot of enthusiasm amongst both our members and the general public too.

The entire event is a highlight on our calendar for the wonderful exposure to so much Scottish culture in one place, including the performers that make a spontaneous "Flash-Mob Pipe Band" in our Licensed Area and played a few favourite and traditional arrangements for me and my staff and patrons alike.

We look forward to many years of continued participation and support with the City of Armadale and this cultural extravaganza.

Faithfully and Fraternaly

Alan Miller, Approved Manager and Licensee

(Past SMCFWA Grants and Beneficiaries Sub-committee Member)



# CHARITY GOLF DAY SILVER SPONSOR - MASONIC CARE WA

Masonic Care WA is proud to sponsor the Scottish Masonic Charity Foundation of Western Australia, and recognises their contributions and achievements which supports our vision for a community where individuals of all ages and circumstances can love life.

Founded in 1907, Masonic Care WA has been a leading provider of affordable accommodation, retirement villages, and aged care services in Western Australia for over a century. Based on the values of respect, integrity, and compassion, we aim to create an inclusive, nurturing environment for all. We firmly believe in the dignity of every individual and are committed to providing the people and communities we serve with the best possible quality of life.

Our network includes eleven independent living retirement villages, ten rental villages specifically designed for seniors, and two modern residential aged care homes, Howard Solomon Residential Estate, and Middle Swan Residential Care which officially opened in August this year. This reach offers a diverse range of lifestyle options tailored to individual preferences and care requirements, from our state's far north right through to the metropolitan and southern regional areas.

Our dedication to the Western Australian community manifests in a variety of ways: from recognising and celebrating young Western Australians who have shown extraordinary commitment to volunteerism and community service, to supporting recovery efforts for natural disasters that impact our local communities. Additionally, we are proud patrons of local community music and arts groups, each contributing uniquely to the cultural tapestry of Western Australia.

Find out more about who we are and what we do –

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# SMCFWA CHARITY GOLF DAY 2022

Last October, the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Scottish Masonic Charity Golf Day was held at Wanneroo Golf Club.

Due to Friday afternoons not being available anymore, we had to host the event on a Monday which curtailed the number of players who were available to play.

After a sausage sizzle and some practice putts we all assembled at the putting green where I was able to welcome everyone and thank them for their participation. I then introduced the General Manager Mr Mick Smith who laid out some rules regarding the golf buggies, the Club Professional then addressed the players on the rules for the day being an Ambrose Competition and on course etiquette before leading the teams to the appropriate tees for a 12.30pm shotgun start.

We had 44 players take part and a fantastic day was had by all. The golf course was as usual presented in fantastic condition.

After a refreshing shower and a cooling refreshment, we sat down for a lovely meal before the trophy presentation.

Once again, Mr Mick Smith, the General Manager of Wanneroo Golf Club and his friendly staff looked after us very well with the food and drinks.



# SMCFWA CHARITY GOLF DAY 2022

We are booked to play again at Wanneroo Golf Club on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2023 and our valued Sponsors have indicated they are happy and willing to continue their support and we can look forward to another successful event.

The Winners this year were Francis Shipstone's team (and 3 of his army mates) called Fourplay with an excellent gross score of 64; nett 54.

Runners Up were the Masonic Care team with a gross score of 72; nett 59.

Nearest the Pin winners were Rohan Armitage Hole 4; Simon Proud Hole 8; Nigel Dredge Hole 11 and Jag Bhabra Hole 15. Thanks to Wanneroo Golf Club for providing the magnums of wine for each winner.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our loyal volunteers, Mrs Pat McKay, Mrs Maureen Wakenshaw and Mrs Peta McLean for the registration and administration duties and to Brothers Kevin McKay and Darren Dowley for driving the drinks cart and keeping us all refreshed throughout the day and lastly to all who took part and helped make the event a success raising some \$6,100.00.

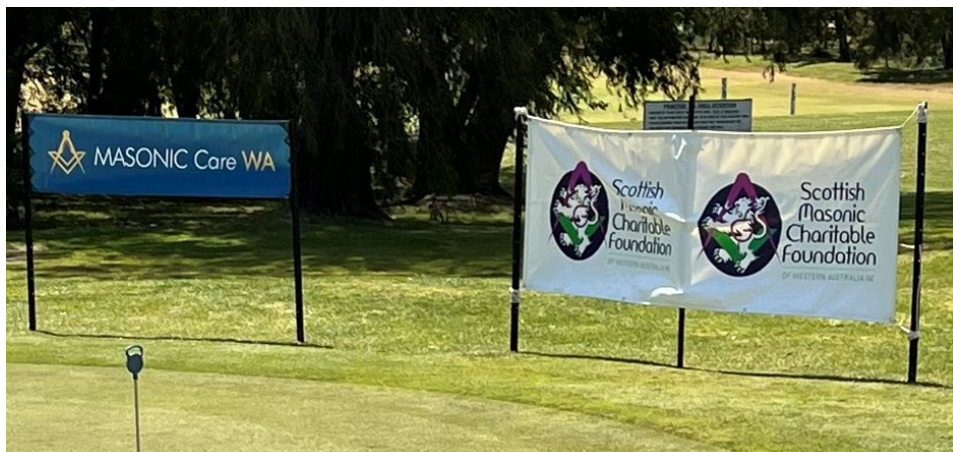
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# GOLF DAY SPONSORS



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