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Our Values

We believe people should always have access to free or low cost first aid assistance.

We recognize the importance of providing free first aid and first aid education to vulnerable people, and people with limited financial means.

We assert the provision of free first aid services and assistance is provided in a culturally sensitive manner, and is offered by us at the same time as relieving poverty and improving their health and wellbeing.

We are committed to supporting and providing practical assistance through the provision of first aid services and assistance to people of limited means.

Aims and Purposes

St. Andrew's First Aid Australia Inc. shall aim:

- a) to providing first aid assistance and support aimed at relieving poverty, and other risk factors in their lives;
- b) to find suitable and appropriate trained first aid volunteers to assist in our services;
- c) to provide in times of emergency or natural disaster physical assistance to persons through search or rescue and the provision of first aid services to all affected;
- d) to provide welfare and poverty relief through our first aid services and assistance; and
- e) to provide culturally relevant programs and services.

About Us

1882 was the first year of activity for the St. Andrew's Ambulance Association and 173 cases of accident and sudden illness were removed from the streets of Glasgow and taken to hospital by litter. That year the association provided itself with one ambulance.

In 1899, the Royal Charter was granted, being registered and signed on 02 May the sixty-second year of Queen Victoria's reign.

At a council meeting in that same year, it was agreed that they carry on the work of the Red Cross Society in Scotland. Following upon this resolution, the Central British Red Cross Committee recognized St. Andrew's Ambulance Association as a branch of Red Cross work in Scotland.

In 1900, the Association sent a Base Hospital to South Africa free of charge to the War Office. In 1908, the Council reported on the arrangements by which, on mobilization, the Association would undertake to assume charge of the Military Hospitals in Scotland. During the Great War, the Association was requested by the War Office to furnish St. Andrew's Ambulance Association units for active service; where they served in casualty clearing stations in France and on hospital ships for the duration.

St. Andrew's Ambulance Association Australia was established as a company under Scottish Charter on 05 April 1976 by

the Director General St. Andrew's Ambulance Association, Dr. Daniel Strachan, OBE.

Under the patronage of legendary WW2 POW Surgeon, Colonel Sir Ernest Edward 'Weary' Dunlop, AC, CMG, OBE, the first Australian Director was Artillery Officer Major General Sir Denzil MacArthur-Onzlow, CBE, DSO, ED who commanded the 4th Armored Brigade during WW2 and with Vietnam War Doctor, Group Captain William Land, AM, RFD, AE appointed Surgeon-in-Chief.



The first Companies were formed at RAAMC Military Hospital Healesville, Victoria, and St. Kilda Private Hospital, Victoria.

On 02 September 1980, our main base of operations had moved to the Ballarat East Company established at Begonia Hospital, Victoria.

Over the years the organization grew steadily, and members served in many countries including: Armenia, Bangladesh, Bosnia, Chechnya, El Salvador, Iraq, Lebanon, and Rwanda, assisting a wide variety of Non-Government Organizations. This year we had two members volunteering in PNG and Timor-Leste.

On 28 September 2006, the Association incorporated under the name 'St. Andrew's First Aid Australia Inc' (SAFAA) and reformed the Board of Management under the Chairmanship of Tom Hazell, AO. Steven McRae became the Chief Executive Officer and David

Alexander-Fleming, JP moved to the position of Vice Chair and Corps Advisor. The Association re-engaged with St. Andrew's First Aid in Scotland and refocused its primary aim to providing first aid with the same trading name as in Scotland.

In 2007, we recommenced public duties, providing first aid services at the Ringwood Highland Games, RSL Marches, The Aboriginal Literacy Foundation Camps, to name a few of our long standing events, and, we began in partnership with Australian Premier Learning (our RTO) to once again offer courses in First Aid.



On 24 May 2008 Dr Anthony Cree, OAM, PhD succeeded Tom Hazell as Chairman and in 2009 Malcolm and Joy Murray, the Earl and Countess of Dunmore became Australian Patrons.

In January 2009, the Commandant-in-Chief and honorary surgeon to the Queen, Colonel Douglas Bremner, TD, conducted an inspection of St. Andrew's First Aid Australia during a private visit.

On 01 December 2011, Charity Status was granted and St. Andrew's First Aid Australia Incorporated became a Public Benevolent Institution.

On 23 November 2012 David Alexander-Fleming became President and CEO. We commenced a very successful program with the Australian Army Cadets in Victoria providing them with first aid equipment and training.

In 2016; our fortieth year in operation in Australia, we recommenced establishing First Aid Companies in Victoria. We began exploring different revenue streams and ways to ensure our sustainability. We established the 'Society of St. Andrew' to embrace individuals who wish to support us without joining the Association. Our first Search & Rescue Support Company was also established to support the State Emergency Services (SES) when deployed in the field.

In 2017 we formed St. Andrew's First Aid Pipes and Drums and commenced negotiations with the Victorian State Government about establishing a role for us in the Emergency Control Organization (ECO).

In 2018, The 15th Earl of Loudoun, Simon Abney-Hastings, became the Chairman of the Board of Governors, and six long serving members were presented with their Voluntary Medical Service Medal by the UK Consul General for Victoria Chris Holtby, OBE.

We also fundraised and sent three trainers to PNG to increase the level of first aid knowledge along the Kokoda Track.

On 21 May 2018, Her Royal Highness, Princess Anne The Princess Royal, became the Royal Patron of SAFAA.

The Office Bearers of St. Andrew's First Aid

(Established 1882)

Patron: Her Royal Highness Princess Anne,
The Princess Royal, KG, KT, GCVO, GCStJ, QSO, GCL, CD.
President: His Grace Richard Scott,
The Duke of Buccleuch and Queensbury, KBE.
Chairman of the Board of Trustees: Mr. Rudy Crawford, MBE, MBChB.
Commandant in Chief: Dr. Cathy Johnman, PhD, MBChB.
Chief Executive Officer: Stuart Callison.

The Office Bearers of St. Andrew's First Aid Australia Inc

The Australian Affiliate of St Andrew's First Aid
(Established 1976)

Royal Patron: Her Royal Highness Princess Anne,
The Princess Royal, KG, KT, GCVO, GCStJ, QSO, GCL, CD.
Patron: The Right Honourable Malcolm Murray,
The Earl of Dunmore KSA.

Committee of Management

David Alexander-Fleming, KGCE, JP (President)
Dr. Anthony Cree, OAM, PhD Oxon (Vice President)
Marcus Byron (Secretary & Public Officer)
James Pereira (Treasurer)
Andrew Mackinnon
John Campbell
Jillian Thompson, SRN (VIC), GNR (UK)

Board of Governors

The Right Honourable Simon Abney-Hastings,
The Earl of Loudoun (Chairman).
The Very Rev Dr. Michael Protopopov, OAM, KGCE, KSA, JP, PhD.
Ms Annamalia Chimenton.
Associate Professor Vicki Kotsirilos AM, MBBS.
Mr Bryan Stertern-Gill, KSE, KGOE, KSA.
Commandant-in-Chief: Dr. Anthony Cree, OAM, PhD Oxon

National Headquarters

Chief Commissioner: David Alexander-Fleming
Deputy Chief Commissioner: Wayne Makin
Medical Officer: LTCOL Geoffrey Harrison, MBBS
Chief Operations Officer: Commander Michael Krejany
Chief Finance Officer: Deputy Commissioner James Pereira
International Aid Liaison Manager: Commander David Howell
Corps Sergeant Major: Peter Barker
Administrative Assistant: Vicki Creed

Victorian Area Command

Commissioner Steven McRae
Training Manager: Commander Margaret Benoit
Client Manager: Commander John Stuart
Control Manager: Deputy Commander Mark Lee
Logistic Manager: Assistant Commander Matthew Jack

Bendigo Company: Commander Jordan Wilkinson
Peninsular Company: Deputy Commander Matthew McLearn
Metropolitan Company: Assistant Commander Hayden McManus

Pipes & Drums

Pipe Major: Benjamin Casey
(Australian Drum Major Champion 2014, 2016, 2018)

Drum Major: Colin Hughes-Smith

A Message from our Patron

The Right Hon Malcolm Murray, The Earl of Dunmore



Over the many years I have been your very proud Patron, I have observed the commitment and effort put in by our beloved volunteers and committee members. This past year we have seen an expansion in all areas of the organization.

As I have mentioned on several occasions, the development of this beloved voluntary organization over more than 40 years is a vital gift to our community and I know, very much appreciated.

Once again, I commend all our volunteers for the commitment and dedication they so generously put in to such a worthwhile free community service.

Keep up the magnificent work you are doing selflessly for others.

Malcolm

Your very proud Patron



President's Report



I am writing this report after returning from the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance representing SAFAA with my youngest son

Dylan at the annual commemoration for



the Russian ANZACS who served during the First World War. Thirteen years passes so quickly, it feels like only yesterday that the plaque was unveiled by HIH Grand Duchess Maria of Russia. Scotland and Russia share the same Patron Saint: St. Andrew amongst other things.

The Victorian Government have announced that they intend to regulate the First Aid sector under the control of Safer Victoria. This will be undertaken in conjunction with the *Non-Emergency Patient Transport Act 2003* review.

I attended a meeting with one of our Commissioners Steven McRae (CCOM 2006 - 08) to discuss the proposal and although we expect some additional paperwork associated with regulation, we

are very confident that this regulation will foster certainty and weed out the cowboys from the industry. With this in mind our Board of Management have spent most of their time ensuring our future compliance will be achievable.

We both has a great chat with Victorian Chief Paramedic A/Prof Alan Eade, ASM before the seminar. Incidentally the CEO of Safer Victoria got his start in first aid in Glasgow with SAFA.

We have finished our second year of a three-year restructure to better use all our volunteers in positions that our organization desperately requires. Many thanks to all those who transferred to Operations and undertook event management roles so seamlessly. Two in particular; Steve McRae and Hayden McManus

have done exceptional work in their new roles, thank-you.

And welcome to Vicki Creed who has taken over the role from Alistair McInnes who was managing jointly this and some of the administration of our PNG deployment.



I also had the pleasure of re-appointing our Commandant-In-Chief for a further five years. Tony will be supporting the Board of Governors as they slowly expand their scope within SAFAA.

This year we saw SAFAA expand and undertake its first overseas deployment in many years. Three of our members went to PNG and shared their first aid skills with local students (see the Overseas Liaison Officers' Report). Fundraising is well underway for next year with the 'Weary Dunlop' dinner on St Andrew's Day at the Heroes Club.

Our first fundraising dinner at the Kelvin Club where 100 members including Weary Dunlop's granddaughter Dianna Dunlop



wearing his miniatures, and guests raised over \$4,000 towards the PNG deployment. Many thanks to the countless helpers and supporters

who made this happen, including Mike O'Meara Chair of the Weary Dunlop Foundation. A memento of the deployment was presented to SAFA by our Aid Liaison Manager Commander Alistair McInnes and one of our Governors Ms Annamalia Chimenton.

Chris Holtby, OBE, the UK's Consul General for Melbourne was one of the guests and took the opportunity to present our Corps Sergeant Major Peter Barker with his 4th clasp to the Voluntary Medical Service Medal, 35 years of service and still going. Five other members; Tony Cree (30 years), Steve



McRae (25 years), James Pereira (25 years) and John Stuart (30 years) received their clasps and medals at the Consulate earlier that month. Our thanks go out to the Consul General and our Chairman of the Board of Governors; The Earl of Loudoun who liaised with the consulate to organize the ceremony. Our Commandant-In-Chief Dr Anthony Cree presented SAFA with a framed photo of the ceremony.

A tremendous job by our Deputy Chief Commissioner Wayne Makin in obtaining 'Permission to Wear' by the Governor General for these medals. This medal dropped off the Order of Precedence a number of years ago, but now we can once



again wear it with pride on the left-hand side as our early members did in the past.

Last year I reported that the Australian Red Cross are exiting the Event First Aid market in Australia. The year they are exiting Scotland, amongst other countries. For those who are unaware SAFA served as part of the Red Cross during WWI both at home and abroad.

I had the pleasure of awarding A/Prof Jörg Steiner the SAFAA Commendation for Outstanding Service for his tireless work running the Albert Sweitzer Society.

Now we have re-secured our Royal Patron we were delighted to receive from Buckingham Palace a Christmas Card from HRH The Princess Royal. I sent a card on behalf of SAFAA to Princess Anne and her family.

I can also confirm that our last connection with our former sub-contractor has finished.

After a number of attempts through various channels we have managed to obtain the consent of the Royal Australian Navy to purchase the RAN Utility jackets for those who require one.

The CSM has almost finished updating the Dress Regulations to include the green

diced glengarry, the navy trousers with reflective tape and the new cold weather jacket.

Many thanks to those members who sorted out all the donated first aid equipment, over \$18,000 of useful stock for us and our overseas support to the locals of the Kokoda Track.

Well done everybody associated with our work this year – a bumper year for SAFAA, something we should all be proud of. The growth of our Companies, especially Bendigo, it is something of a highlight and the leadership shown by its Commander Jordan Wilkinson is something he should be extraordinarily proud of.

A huge thank-you to all members whilst I have gone through the recovery process after major surgery; who have stepped up, performed in new roles and got on with the business of volunteering for our community.

I look forward to next year with anticipation of the forecasted growth both in event management and our overseas program.

David Alexander-Fleming, JP
Chief Commissioner
President, SAFAA

Message from the Chair of the Board of Governors



On behalf of the Board, I am honored to present the SAFAA 2019 Annual Report.

Throughout the past year, the Board has noted significant gains and progressive changes within the organization. The Board's governance primarily, has been one of support for the necessary implementations and requirements that are evolving over the Australian First Aid sector. Successfully structuring our organization is vital to reflect these changes, and the process has been enabled by the dedication of our Committee of Management team who consistently provide their valued time and expertise within their roles within SAFAA.

I am confident that SAFAA will continue to build on its successes and continue to reach their goals and ambitions. I am proud to report on our sustained performance throughout the last twelve months.

We have focused on strengthening our organization and continue to adapt to deliver on our core values, aims and purposes within our wider communities.

As an organization, we continue to humbly reach out to various community interest groups, valuing friendships established and forged that will benefit the communities we serve.

A significant observation that I have made over the last twelve months is the extraordinary venture SAFAA conducted overseas. The extraordinary commitment through fund-raising efforts to send our Field Office representatives to Kokoda in February to share first-aid knowledge and donate supplies to descendants of the Fuzzy-Wuzzy Angels along the track is truly remarkable. I commend all those involved who contributed to making this project a most successful operation on behalf of SAFAA. I especially commend and recognize our own three team members David Howell, Steven Ward and Alistair McInnis who physically represented the face of SAFAA. Their dedication is both inspiring and aspiring for us all.

I wish to thank everyone for their individual contribution to Saint Andrew's First Aid Australia. My fellow Governors for their support throughout the year, our management and organizational staff, the generosity of our Patron in Australia, Malcolm Murray, the Rt. Hon. Earl of Dunmore, and the Royal Patronage role of Her Royal Highness Anne, Princess Royal for her valued support. Without the dedication, commitment and professionalism of all these, we would have not been able to achieve what we have to date.

Volunteers will always play a pivotal role within our Organization. As a collective,

we have the ability to be instrumental to First Aid.

I wish to thank my fellow commissioners for their support throughout the year and to recognize the professionalism and dedication of all the SAFAA volunteers.

I would also like to acknowledge the Chief Commissioner, David Alexander-Fleming for his leadership and guidance.

**The Rt. Hon Simon Abney-Hastings, The Earl of Loudoun
Chairman, Board of Governors**

Commandant-In-Chief's Report

The past twelve months has been particularly successful for the SAFAA. As well as the important developments in the service we provide in Victoria which are outlined in the rest of the report, certain occasions stand out.



In September, I visited St. Andrew's First Aid Headquarters in

Glasgow, Scotland, I had the opportunity to discuss several important issues with the Scottish CEO, Stuart Collison. The arrangements for long service medals and the importance of having legitimate awards that are recognised by both the Australian and United Kingdom governments is important for our long-term development as a Volunteer First Aid provider.



Palace that the Princess Royal (Princess Anne) is also to be our Australian Patron. It was suggested that she could be our Guest of Honour at the Peers Ball re-enactment in Edinburgh in 2022. This function being held by the Registry of Scots Nobility will be in aid of St Andrew's First Aid in Scotland and in Australia. This year we will not be holding the Annual St Andrews Day Reception at the Melbourne Club, due to the clash with the Weary Dunlop Dinner planned for the same day raising funds for 'Operation Kokoda Assist'.

It is our intention to continue the St Andrew's First Aid Reception tradition next year and if that is not possible, we will choose an alternate date for a SAFAA Reception, possibly at some other significant Scottish date given the busy calendar around St Andrew's Day.

Another significant development was the formal notification from Buckingham



Finally, I would like to especially thank all those who have worked so hard to make a successful year for SAFAA. We are grateful for the generosity of our Patron in Australia, the Earl of Dunmore for his involvement and ongoing support. Also,

the Governors, including the Earl of Loudoun, the Chair of the Board of Governors, who have been able to provide important service to SAFAA. We are most fortunate to have an excellent organizational staff and are our supporters. However, we should all applaud our Chief Commissioner, David Alexander-Fleming, who has made a splendid recovery from ill health and various other setbacks has held a key role in the development of our organization.

Dr. Anthony Cree, OAM, PhD Oxon
Commandant-in-Chief
The Baron of Bearcrofts

Deputy Chief Commissioner's Report



This year has been a very low key but busy year. Opportunities have been put forward to the executive this year for our involvement with some major corporate community events.

Our team has spent a considerable amount of time looking at and assessing the value of St. Andrew's involvement in such commercial ventures. The Chief Commissioner and I conferred with our group Commanders and we concluded that the Corporate Event scene is not an area that we need to involve ourselves with at this stage. These activities generally lie outside of our charter. Our focus will



remain on assisting Charities and Not for Profit organizations when it comes to providing First Aid services to events.



Regional Commands have now been set up in Bendigo and Melbourne's South East with the support from the Western Command under Operations Commander Michael Krejani.

Our brand exposure has been growing slowly along with our capacity to supply quality volunteer first aiders. Our volunteers are the face of SAFAA at events and carry out their tasks with a minimum of fuss.

Apart from supporting local community groups throughout Victoria, SAFAA was tasked by the Scots of Victoria Tartan Day Parade to supply marshals and first aiders for the day. Our volunteers turned out 'en-mass' (thank you) under the watchful eye of Corps Sergeant Major Peter Barker. The parade was led by the Hon. Simon Abney Hastings - Earl of Loudoun and Governor of SAFAA followed by Pipers, Drums and Dancers accompanied by the Clans. All mustered at the Treasury Gardens in Spring Street marched down Collins Street to Swanston Street watched by thousands of onlookers. A very large crowd indeed.

A big thank you to our volunteers all for making us look good. A job well done.

This year will bring about many challenges. One in particular is the recruitment of qualified volunteers to service our community. Our team is increasing slowly, and we are always open for more volunteers.

With the increase in volunteer numbers comes the challenge of financing the resources for them to carry out first aid duties. The Chief Commissioner and Commanders will be meeting in February 2020 for a special meeting to develop a program to ensure our financial future. Until then slow growth is the catchphrase for the day.

The Chief Commissioner has set out our program of engagements for the next 12 months and we look forward to participating with our communities.

Our volunteers make these things happen. Thank you.

As Christmas is now fast approaching, I wish all of our volunteers and helpers a Safe, Happy and Holy Christmas.

Keep Safe

Regards

Wayne R Makin
Deputy Chief Commissioner

Operations Report

This is my first full year in the role of COO, taking over from Marcus who suffered horrific injuries in a workplace accident. He left in place a sound foundation that has seen us grow, particularly in Bendigo under Jordan Wilkinson and the Peninsular under Matthew McLear.



Bendigo Company have held two fundraisers, with a third to come soon. Our first - St. Andrew's Day, 2018 - was poorly attended due to a heat wave (48 degrees!), and only managed to raise a small amount of money. The folk who attended, however, said they'd come along to any more Scottish Evenings, so we locked Burns Night this year in at the Pub - Hibernian Hotel, who allow us the use of function rooms at no charge. Accordingly, that evening raised a lot more, and we played outside for the hard-drinking regulars, shook the donation boxes, and made heaps more dollars.

Operationally, a fairly quiet time with the 2019 Scots Day Out in Bendigo, followed by a Country Music Concert, also locally. Being an outdoor concert on a hot, sunny

day, much money was raised dispensing sunscreen (not selling - just a discreet sign by the big dispenser suggesting a donation, perhaps). Our donation boxes are getting a very good workout!

Owing to the tightening of Victorian First Aid (provision of) Regulations, we were unable to provide support at the higher requirements to place a first aid post at the Bendigo 'Oktoberfest,' with its attendant booze, party drugs and troublesome patrons ... definitely better left to the paramedics, those functions!



Once again, we supported the Ringwood Highland Games, as well as the inaugural 'Tartan Day' street parade in Melbourne.

We are fortunate in having a few pipers and drummers on our books, so local events can be supported with the appropriate music. Thank you to Jordan



for his leadership in recruitment, and with our CSM, we welcome new members Rod and Wendy Tamblyn provide us another piper & drummer respectively.

We have supported the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation again this year, providing both first aid and managerial support at their camps each year held in Ballarat, and another six in locations around Victoria.

The Literacy and Heritage Camps have provided a wonderful opportunity to make a real impact on hundreds of students every year. Our evaluation of the students



on completion of the camps have highlighted some significant progress and improvements in literacy and numeracy

skills, resulting in the vast majority of them moving closer to and/or beyond national benchmarks.



Over the course of the financial year we provided 164 attendances of first aid support to over 50,000 combats from the Glen Lachlann Estate College of Arms in Melbourne, Sydney and Malta.



For enquiries on participating please visit their website @ <https://glenlachlann.com>.

Michael Krejany
Chief Operations Officer

**Commandant-in-Chief, SAFA Dr. Cathy Johnman, PhD, MBChB
receiving the SAFAA Commendation for Meritorious Service**



Our Training Partner and RTO



Australian First Aid (RTO number 3586) was founded on Australia Day 1988, Australia's Bi-Centennial year. They are registered to deliver, assess and issue nationally recognised qualifications to its clients.

On 29 March 2007, SAFAA proudly became a Licensed Co-Provider with Australian First Aid. As a Training Partner and RTO, we would recommend them without reservation. Their support, in sharing their corporate knowledge and provision of supplies and mentorship to us has been invaluable.

They were Australia's first accredited first aid provider to offer professional paramedics, registered nurses and first aid trainers with extensive experience for all workplace first aid training programs. In 2012, they changed their company name to



APL Group Pty Ltd and again this year to APL Healthcare.

They are a world leader; having produced:

- the first CPR Training DVD compliant to Australian Resuscitation Council (ARC) and internationally recognised recommendations,
- the world's first interactive first aid manuals that enhance the learning experience with QR code links to demonstrational videos, and
- the world's first smart first aid kit.

This year we will be renewing our relationship for a further five years.



Giving Back to the Community



Our Ps & Ds as a full band have not experienced an active year as a group endeavor, but one in which we supported

SAFAA activities and kindred charitable organizations individually, or in small numbers.

For starters, in sweltering conditions last year, we supported a fundraiser in Bendigo organized by Peter Barker (CSM) and local Company Commander Jordan Wilkinson, to celebrate St. Andrew's Day. A little disappointing as a fundraiser as due to the heat, many were unable to venture out. Far more successful was our 'Burns Night' later - in April this year - donations from pub patrons was quite impressive (no one likes the pipes more than a heavy drinker!) Our Ps & Ds (Barks, Jordy, Rod & Wendy Tamblyn & Lindsay Burke) were joined by some local players on both occasions. The CCOM and his two sons came up for the night as did Commander David Howell. Plans are also underway to train Matt McLear in tenor drumming.

Support for 'Weary Dunlop Foundation' ceremony was very well attended on the day, along with the First Aiders present.

Our members supported - as First Aiders - the Scots Day Out (Bendigo), a country music outdoor concert (also in Bendigo), Ringwood Highland Games, and the very impressive 'Tartan Day Parade' in Melbourne's CBD in July. Many thanks to Wayne Makin for his organizational skills, and a first appearance for Paul Kenyon on that occasion. Our Drum Major, Colin Hughes-Smith, led the march in his (military) capacity of senior Drum Major, and our other army reservists - Ben Casey, Rupert Vicary, Steve Ward, Dave Connolly and Lindsay Burke marched proudly with the RVR Ps & Ds.



At the time of writing, some of the army members are parading with the ADF (Australian Defence Force) Ps & Ds, with the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo (REMT) in Sydney. Both Ben Casey and Colin Hughes-Smith are Lead Drum Majors, behind the D/M from the Highlanders (Scotland).

Assembling our personnel in significant numbers is extremely hard, and our

support to events tends to be as a mini-band or solo pipers. However, at evening functions, the smaller numbers do suit such occasions as formal dinners and the like, within confined spaces. As a sideline, the newly raised Peninsula Company (Wayne Makin, Matt McLear) looks to be bolstered by some of our musicians in order to take the numbers to a more operational level. Special mention to our tireless Bass Drummer, Steve Ward - his efforts representing SAFAA overseas, along with Dave Howell - in both New Guinea and East Timor - are deserving of the utmost praise. (A possible effort in the Philippines is being mooted for the future.)

P&D future projects until the end of this calendar year will be the Bendigo Company's St. Andrew's Day Eve fundraiser, on Friday 29th November, and the Weary Dunlop Dinner - Toorak RSL - the following evening.

Best wishes to all as the festive season approaches - Merry Christmas to all members and their families, and a happy and safe 2020.

Peter Barker
Corps Sergeant Major
Convener, SAFAA Pipes & Drums



Our Work Abroad



In February 2019, Steven Ward, Alistair McInnes and I travelled to Papua New Guinea to roll out our first aid training package. The package is designed to enable

practical first aid classes to those who would otherwise not have the opportunity. The trip also enabled the SAFAA members to raise the profile of our organization in PNG.

On arrival in PNG with senior customs and reserve police member, Brian Lillywhite. Brian detailed the requirements for importing large quantities of medical supplies. We exchanged business cards and Brian said to call if we ever have any difficulties. Alistair worked with Brian some ten years ago.

Continuing our networking we met several ex-pats in government and private enterprise whilst staying at the Grand Papua Hotel. Between 5:30-6:30pm each evening selected hotel residents can use the executive lounge for 'happy hour'. In PNG amongst the ex-pat

community this is where most of the networking is done.

After our brief stay in Port Moresby we flew to Popondetta on the north coast of Papua in the Oro Province. On arrival we hired a Toyota Land Cruiser and made our way to the first village Sanananda. David Howell has a long association with the people of Sanananda including building war memorials, the guest house and providing solar lighting.

As we drove to Sanananda village we crossed paths with the village Chief Newman who was in the back of a Landcruiser going in and out of a coma.

Newman was on his way to the Popondetta General Hospital. Sadly, later that evening he would pass away. Believed to be from untreated diabetes.

Newman was a man who cared very much for his community and helped to build sustainable village creating income to many of the people of Sanananda. He is a sad loss for not only his people but for the country of PNG. He was 64 years of age.

The purpose of our visit to Sanananda was to speak with the local people and to collect



two young men who would attend the first aid training in Kokoda. After great hospitality at Sanananda we made our way to Kokoda some 100km south. On route we stopped back at Popondetta town to take on supplies this is where we also learnt of the death of Newman.



Arriving at Kokoda we got straight into the registration of students, with over 27 people attending. The next two days we rolled out our first aid training package. The package enabled participants to gain such skills as the treatment of bites, cuts, burns, fractures and an abridged CPR component. The students were divided into three groups and three instructors ran 3 different bull rings each running for approximately 40 mins.

The students were very receptive and where eager to learn. Many of them had not had the opportunity to go to high school and their literacy skills where very low. Nonetheless they all were attentive and demonstrate at the end of the two-day course a high degree of competency. Each were awarded a certificate of participation and more importantly a SAFFA first aid kit which they could use back in the village. In 2020 when we return, it is hoped that we will training a similar group of people along with replenishing the first aid supplies into the kits of the graduating students.

Before we left Kokoda, we paid a visit to Sister Margaret at the Kokoda Hospital. We present Sister Margarete with a blood monitor machine kindly donated by Mr John Redmond and medical supplies kindly donated by Emergency Australia.

We are very much looking forward to rolling out a similar program in 2020 and empowering the descendants of the Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels the knowledge to be able to provide first aid in their villages.

David Howell
Commander
International Aid Liaison
Manager



Election of Committee of the Incorporated Association

The following members were unopposed candidates at the annual election of the Committee of Management for St Andrew's First Aid Australia Incorporated.

President:	David Alexander-Fleming (CCOM)
Vice President:	Anthony Cree (CIC)
Treasurer:	James Pereira (CFO)
Director:	Jillian Thompson
Director:	Wayne Makin (DCCOM)
Member:	Marcus Byron
Member:	Michael Krejany (COO)
Member:	David Howell (Public Officer)

Secretary: Vicki Creed

Acknowledgements

SAFAA would like to thank those organizations who have supported our work this year:

- Traffic Control Victoria
- The Ringwood RSL
- The Weary Dunlop Foundation
- The Aboriginal Literacy Foundation
- Platypus Outdoors Group
- The East Malvern RSL
- Wild Timor Coffee Company
- Emergency Australia
- The Yarra Street Quartermasters
- GLECA

And to the individuals and companies whose anonymous generosity enables us to continue to provide our services to the community.

Finance Report

St. Andrew's First Aid Australia Inc. is an Australian Registered Charity and is an Incorporated Association in the State of Victoria. It is not required to have its accounts audited.

The net operating position of the Charity for the financial year ended 30 June 2019 was a profit of \$2231.99, however, when we factor in our stock levels and the value of our assets, our position is sound at over \$65,000.

As at 30 June 2019, SAFAA has net investments of \$25,000 accruing interest @ 10% p.a. maturing on 05 Nov 2020. It has been re-invested.

The Committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that these special purpose financial statements should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee, the attached financial statement as set out on the following page are a present, a true, and a fair view of the financial position of St. Andrew's First Aid Australia Incorporated as at 30 June 2019 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in to the financial statements meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act Victoria 1981* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012*.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee of Management and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

(original signed)

David Alexander-Fleming, JP
President

(original signed)

James Pereira
Treasurer

Dated this fourth day of October; Two thousand and eighteen

Summary for year ended 30 June 2019

Statement of Surplus for year ended 30 June 2019

Revenue	
Bank Interest	\$1.40
Program Delivery	\$5,844.56
Donations	\$6,888.65
Stock	\$469.13
Functions	\$12,222.69
GST Collected	\$1,907.00
Dividends	\$3,523
Total Income	\$28,949.43
Expenses	
Administration	\$2,046.84
Program Delivery	\$5,317.42
Functions	\$8,798.97
GST paid	\$2,229.00
Stock	\$10,554.21
Total Expenditure	\$26,717.44
Net Operating (Deficit)/ Surplus	\$2,231.99
Assets	
Cash in Bank	\$21,738.74
Cash in Hand	\$1,140.00
Stock	\$18,000.00
Investments	\$25,000.00
Total Assets	\$65,878.74

Honours and Awards

St. Andrew's First Aid Australia Inc would like to congratulate the following members who have been recognized for their service to the Community:

Corps Sergeant Major Peter Barker
Commander David Howell

Commendation for Meritorious Service
Commendation for Outstanding Service

Assistant Commander Jordan Wilkinson

Commendation for Outstanding Service

Jorg Stiener

Commendation for Outstanding Service

Presented by the Albert Schweitzer Society

Assistant Commander Steven Ward

ÖASG Humanitarian Service Medal
Clasp PNG

Commander David Howell

ÖASG Humanitarian Service Medal
Clasp PNG

Commander Alistair McInnes

ÖASG Humanitarian Service Medal
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