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Chairman's Report

It is with great pleasure and pride that I report to you this year. Two containers loaded with 822 bikes plus parts and tools were shipped. Our bike sales program is continuing to grow and we have been fortunate to attract new funding partners. This is all due to the dedicated work of our fantastic volunteers, both in the workshop and in the background.

Our Container #11 was shipped to Namibia. 398 bikes from that container have been distributed as re-supply to 7 Bicycling Empowerment Network shops in northern Namibia, where the population density is higher and the need is great. The remaining 4 bikes were donated directly to Swakopmund based charity, Mondesa Youth Opportunities. MYO provides exceptional education-based youth development services to the community of Mondesa, an underprivileged township on the outskirts of Swakopmund. These bikes now provide mobility for four volunteer teachers from overseas.

Container #12 was shipped to Rorke's Drift in Kwa Zulu Natal as a follow-up to the very successful first shipment in 2015. Our partner there is The David Rattray Foundation which was established to provide support to rural youth in Kwa Zulu Natal. The bikes we send are distributed to school children who would otherwise walk up to 2 hours each way to get to school each day. Children can earn a bike to make their travel easier in return for community service. B4H WA is delighted to be associated with the David Rattray Foundation. This shipment was funded from a very generous donation received from the Annie Millicent Foundation – a Perth based foundation dedicated to support children in need. Funds from the AMF donation will be used for future projects aimed to improve the lives of underprivileged children both in Africa and in remote WA communities.

I am pleased to report, that although not yet a household name, B4H WA is becoming much better known in Perth and beyond in WA. This is thanks to the tireless efforts of volunteers who are working our social media presence and manning our physical presence at numerous cycling related outdoor events all over the metropolitan area. This has brought in more donated bikes and related goods – for example the donation of hundreds of bike saddles and handlebar grips by Giant WA. We also had a team of students at the John Curtin Leadership Academy do an awareness and fundraising project this year. We also thank the Rotary Clubs in Geraldton who did a bike collection and sent two truck-loads to the B4H WA Bike Shed. All of this has increased the reach and success of our bike sales program which this year has ensured funding of a future container shipment to Africa as well as covering necessary parts and equipment purchases.

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A very significant achievement this year was the endorsement of Deductible Gift Recipient status by the Australian Tax Office. This was the culmination of a 3 year process of first achieving registration with Dept. of Foreign Affairs and Trade under the Overseas Aid Gift Deduction Scheme. This means that any cash donation to B4H WA to support its shipments to Africa is tax deductible for the donor. For this we are incredibly thankful to pro bono advice from KPMG and Squire Patton Boggs over the past 3 years.

I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to visit five of the Bicycle Empowerment Centres in Namibia that have been supplied by B4H WA over the past 6 years. These bike shops are all located in very poor townships and are doing incredible community support work in their local areas. If there was one key take-away from these visits it is that they were all crying out for more bikes to support their charitable works. As a result of this first-hand experience your committee has resolved to focus on at least one re-supply container to Namibia each year.

For the balance of containers we are in various stages of discussions with potential new sponsors interested in Bicycle Empowerment Centre projects in Kenya, Madagascar and in Uganda. When these are confirmed our team will be busy well into the future!

I cannot understate the importance of the contributions of all of our volunteers, pro-bono supporters and donors make to keeping B4H WA going and growing. On behalf of all those people in Africa and remote WA who are the ultimate beneficiaries, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Wishing you all another rewarding year,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Tucker', written in a cursive style.

David Tucker
Chairman