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Chairman's Report 2014

I am delighted to once again report on another very successful year for B4H WA, in which the prime goal of contributing to poverty alleviation in the developing world has been met.

During the year two containers loaded with bikes, spares and tools were shipped to Namibia, and a third container was loaded and ready to ship by the end of June. The first of these, our container #5 has been successfully established as a new Bicycle Empowerment Centre in the southern coastal town of Lüderitz. This project was delivered in partnership with the Rotary Club of Lüderitz, from whom we received the following gratifying feedback:

I would just like to remark on the bicycle project.

It seem[s] to have given the people working there a basic goal in life and they seem to be dedicated.the project has made a clear difference in the lives of those that are involved here.

Thank you very much for giving them this opportunity by helping in the way you did. Regards, PP Ulf Grünewald

Container #6 became the second of our containers used to re-supply 7 existing successful Bicycle Empowerment Centres across the northern part of Namibia. #7 departed Fremantle in early July bound for the Namibian capital of Windhoek. This will form the basis of a new bike shop and maintenance centre for a local charity called Physically Active Youth, which provides out of school hours activities for "at risk" youth.

All this was achieved with minimal disruption caused by the relocation of the workshop from High Wycombe to Middle Swan, completed in May. For that we are indebted not only to our previous hosts at Swanview Plant Farm, but also to the City of Swan for providing the new workshop site at Jack Williamson Oval, and to our Operations Co-ordinator Jamie Brindle who not only organised the move, but also did much of the work.

It is pleasing that Bicycles for Humanity is becoming better known in the community, coming mostly as a result of a number of public events at which we have had a presence. Thanks to Paydirt and Australia Africa Mining Industry Group, B4H was once again promoted to over 1000 delegates at the Africa Downunder Conference. Stuart Weston Real Estate secured our presence at the Beaufort Street Festival and we were also invited to participate in the Corporate Cycling Challenge and Have-a-go Day. Perth Integrated Health, whom we met at CCC have arranged our promotion at several cycle tours and Ride to Work events. We have also recently commenced work on strengthening our social media presence with the assistance of a new volunteer marketing student, Danielle Emond.



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The ongoing B4H work continues to be supported by our wonderful sponsors, donors and those who support us with in-kind contributions. This year major cash contributions have come from the WJ & MS Hughes Foundation, iCeutica and Minemax, in addition to numerous private donations, many through our participation in the Rotary Climb for a Smile event in October. We are once again indebted to a number of firms who have provided goods and services at reduced cost or on a pro-bono basis, including Squire Patton Boggs, KPMG, Warners Transport, Sea Containers WA, Transitainer, The Brains Trust, Advance Print and Communications and Perth Integrated Health.

At the end of the year we find B4H WA in a satisfactory financial position with excellent prospects of supporting our goal to ship two more containers in 2014-15. On the volunteer front, however, we are still reliant on too few who shoulder the bulk of the work. KPMG's Corporate Volunteer program has provided a wonderful boost to our work capacity this year through the involvement of three teams, each spending a full day at the workshop. Expanding our volunteer team will be a major focus for the coming year.

Special thanks to our members and casual volunteers, without whom the Association would have would be unable to operate. Once again we can all be proud of our contribution to **changing lives in Africa**, and we look forward to more of the same in the coming year.

David Tucker
Chairman