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Chairman's Report 2023

I will start by acknowledging our team of energetic and committed volunteers who have contributed to many achievements in 2022-23. Two 40ft containers were shipped and two more were loaded and ready to ship by year end. This was done in spite of disruptions during major workshop upgrade works funded by a grant from Lotterywest.

Container #21 was sent to The Goldfields Y in Kalgoorlie to support bicycle maintenance workshops for youths not only in Kalgoorlie but also at outreach locations throughout the Goldfields Region. This project was an outcome of the very successful Great Ryde to Kalgoorlie fundraising event organised and supported by Ebikers of Fremantle in July 2022. The Goldfields Y project was supported by Northern Star Resources and Toll Group.

Container #22 was shipped to Bicycle Empowerment Network Namibia (BENN) for re-supply of existing community run Bicycle Empowerment Centres across Namibia, including shops in Kavango and Zambezi regions in the north, as well as Mr Elephant in Swakopmund and to Lüderitz in the south, which were two of the shops first established by B4H WA containers in 2011 and 2013.

By the end of the year two more containers were loaded and ready to ship. #23 is expected to go to eastern Democratic Republic of Congo sponsored by Mission in Health Care and Development (MHCD), while #24 will soon be shipped to BENN for re-supply to meet the ever increasing demand throughout Namibia.

Acknowledgement is also due to volunteers at remote hub suppliers run by Rotary Clubs of Geraldton and Esperance, and Claremont Showgrounds Men's Shed. The Rotary Club of Geraldton team is working on a project to fill a 20ft container to ship to Timor Leste in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Dili, who will organise distribution to needy people in rural parts of the country. During the year the group at Pinjarra – Rotary Club and Men's Shed - have ceased collecting a supplying bikes for B4H WA. Our thanks go out to them for the work they have done for us over the past few years.

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We were very fortunate to receive a grant from Lotterywest to fund purchase and installation of a 70m² mezzanine floor, adding much needed extra storage space in the Midvale workshop. The grant also covered the installation of air-conditioning, providing much more comfortable working conditions for our volunteers.

You will see from the Treasurer's report that although expenditure was higher this year, mainly due to the high cost of containers and shipping, that was matched by near record income from both donations and sales resulting in a healthy surplus for the year. Thanks are due to all those involved in fundraising efforts and in bike sales.

I think we can all be very proud of our achievements in our primary aim of changing lives with refurbished, preloved bicycles.

Yours sincerely,



Bryant Stokes
Chairman