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Chairman's Report 2022

Our 2022 year has been one of both ongoing challenges and new opportunities, which nevertheless resulted in another very positive year for Bicycles for Humanity (WA) Inc. Meeting our fundamental objective of contributing to relief from poverty, from lack of education and poor health by the provision of bicycles, we have delivered 800 bikes to numerous communities in Namibia and in remote WA and NT. In addition, another 1000 bikes had been collected, repaired and were ready for dispatch early in the current year.

The most frustrating challenge faced by our volunteer team results from the well-publicised international supply chain crisis. The cost of shipping a container to Africa is now 2 to 3 times what it was pre-pandemic, and even at that price it has not been possible to secure a berth on a container ship since our last shipment in September 2021. It is disappointing that we have been able to ship only one container to Africa in 2021-2022, in spite of our NGO partner having ever more demand as communities struggle to recover from the pandemic related economic hardship. Our team has one fully loaded container in storage and has commenced loading another in hopeful anticipation of shipping becoming available again in the current year.

We have been very fortunate that throughout the pandemic period our volunteer workforce has continued to grow and the supply of donated bicycles has not diminished in any way. Acknowledging that solution of the shipping crisis is beyond our control, and that the bikes keep rolling in, B4H WA has taken the opportunity to expand our services to regional and remote communities in Australia. It is extremely pleasing to report that B4H WA has now donated bikes to at least 30 regional and remote communities throughout WA and one, to date, in Northern Territory. Special thanks to Ian Thomas, our Regional Communities projects Coordinator, who is now in communication with 10 more potential project sites in WA and NT.

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Contributing to the strong supply of bikes has been the ongoing work at Rotary Club projects in Geraldton, Peel and Esperance, the Community Living Association in Albany, and the Showgrounds Mens' Shed in Claremont. The Geraldton and Esperance Rotary projects have been delivering bikes direct to local regional communities, in addition to delivering to our workshop. Our thanks go out to all these groups.

B4H WA has enjoyed another year of very strong fundraising support. In particular our thanks to Ebikers Fremantle and the Rotary Club of Heirisson for combining to raise over \$34,000. This was the third year they have organised an Adventure Ryde as a fundraiser for B4H WA. This time 10 e-bike riders rode from Fremantle to Kalgoorlie over 6 days. A significant part of the funds raised was a donation of \$10,000 by Northern Star Resources, publicly presented at Kalgoorlie Town Hall on arrival of the intrepid cyclists. Our thanks go out to Ebikers and Rotary of Heirisson and a large number of other sponsors, friends and family members contributed to make up the balance to the Adventure Ryde Crowdraiser. Income contributions also came from many others have made donations throughout the year and by the sale of refurbished second-hand bikes, for which the hard-working volunteers at the workshop are also thanked.

The workshop move, now 18 months ago, was undoubtedly the correct thing to do. We now have secure premises and a much better work environment for our volunteers, but its has not been without challenges. The combination of plenty of bikes coming in, and a large number of regular volunteers has resulted in having to balance storage space and workbench space. The Shire of Mundaring have agreed to provide space for 2 x 40ft storage containers nearby, and we have submitted a grant application to Lotterywest to fund the installation of a mezzanine floor in the workshop, which will provide an additional 70m² of storage space. As these initiatives are implemented we expect the work environment will be even more improved. Our volunteers, ably led by Gary van Eden, are to be congratulated for their collective focus on improved health and safety, especially considering the additional challenges imposed by the COVID 19 pandemic.

Bicycles for Humanity WA is in great shape and is ready to meet the future with confidence that we will continue to contribute to relief from poverty, from lack of education and poor health by the provision of bicycles.

Yours sincerely,



Bryant Stokes
Chairman