

AGM 2016 GM's REPORT

First of all, I want to acknowledge the past **GMs**, who have kept **Friday Hash** going and growing for the past 27 years or so. I'd also like to thank **Cookie** for storing the trailer for the past year.

Rambling Rose has been a strong support in the background in many ways and her contribution has not gone unnoticed. Apart from everything else she organised the weekend in Ferguson Valley, which was a great success. **Bolt One On** is a former Jakarta hasher who invited us all to his house for lunch before going to The Vines. It was a very generous gesture and much appreciated. Thanks, also, to the people who have stood in for absent committee members throughout the year.

You probably know that a lot goes on behind the scenes to keep a club running smoothly and the outgoing committee deserve recognition for the part each of them has played.

The outgoing **RA, Ballwrinkle**, gave you a brief farewell report before leaving for his overseas trip. He has been a very easy person to work with and invaluable in the kitchen during weekends away, Christmas run or whenever.

Hogshit, the Piss Pourer thought he might miss the **AGM** but he sent a message of thanks to everyone who has stood in for him, especially **Sir Fumbles**. **Hogshit** tells me he has tried to uphold the tradition of pouring a shit drink and making it appear fantastic, always making sure there was a drop or two for those that appreciated the splash.

Our **Hash Horn was Brave Tart**, who kept a low profile when she wasn't on the horn but was always supportive and provided ideas for the committee and tasty dishes for weekends away.

Pacemaker found hares without too much drama, and always managed to persuade someone to fill the vacant spots on his list of hares. **Trail Master** is a job than can give you the odd sleepless night when there's a date that no-one is interested in setting a run. **Pacemaker** cooks a good barbeque breakfast, too.

Hash Splash, Tightarse probably had the most demanding job on the committee and one that we all appreciate. Providing a variety of drinks every week plus lanterns, bowls, cutlery, etc is very convenient for everyone. The increasing number of runners in the club has provided enough revenue for Hash Splash to give free drinks at the Christmas run and for the runners in Perth when half the club was at Ferguson Valley. The drinks for the Ferguson Valley weekend and Vines overnigher were all supplied from Splash's stock and he was still able to contribute \$750 to the club's account.

Blow Fly is a quiet achiever and dealt with the Friday web site whether he was in Perth or away on one of his trips. He has highlighted the systematic problem with uploading photos, which will need to be addressed by the incoming committee. Blow Fly is also a music and gadget man and brought his guitar or his music equipment on weekends away, which was a big bonus at Ferguson Valley.

Haberdash had a busy year. She decided we needed new t-shirts and roped in **D-Cell** to come up with a design. We also have to thank **Cheapskate** from Perth Harriettes for her help with the design. The shirts proved to be a bigger job than expected when some of them didn't fit the people they were intended for. **Cow Pat** has been back and forward to the supplier throughout the year, trying to get that sorted out to everyone's satisfaction. That task is almost completed but it has been a

marathon. She has also dealt with orders for skorts, jackets, special awards and badges. We decided we wanted to give an acknowledgement to all the hares for the year so Cow Pat came with me to buy the towels and then had them embroidered. As with all the other committee members who came on hash weekends, she provided culinary masterpieces.

High Beam, Hash Flash is a great support on a committee. She is also a great cook and has been the committee's chief dessert maker.

Finances for all the above has been channelled through **Hash Cash**, so **D Cell** has been a busy girl. This committee has adopted the philosophy that what comes in must go out during the year, so, apart from collecting and banking the weekly dues, she has had to deal with all Haberdash's transactions and weekends away as well as incidental bills – trailer registration, for example. Almost everything has been paid by direct transfer from the bank account, so the records are always up to date. She has been very quick to get back to me with financial information when we've needed to make a budget for proposed events.

As I said, our philosophy has been to return revenue to club members in the same year. We've achieved that by subsidising the Christmas run, all the shirts, three restaurant runs, two weekends away and the towels. The amount of subsidy was based on information provided by Hash Cash.

On Sec, GPS has provided his own version of events in the rag every week, so you know where you're up to with him. Again, he's been consulted on a number of occasions and has been a great support this year. I hope I haven't put too much pressure on him.

Thank you to all the team. You've been great. I've been omnipotent. Omnipotence is great, too. It will be a great loss of status to be at the mercy of the mob again. Still, **GPS and his team** are ready – over to them and the best of luck.

Mountain Hawk