



## **Run down of day**

Open Meeting

Minutes of last AGM

Presidents Report. (Thinks you and AHLTA have done in last 12 months) acknowledge Committee Members.

Finance report

AHLTA House Report (if there is one)

All Committee positions Vacant.

Hand meeting over to pre-arranged person for the running of the elections (can not be exertive Committee Member) perhaps LH.

After Elections President resumes Chair

Run meeting as normal

Welcome new and returning Committee

Yours and AHLTA future goals, keep in mind these are minuted so don't say anything to over the top, that might come back to bite you later.

Close Meeting and PARTY DOWN.

Apologises – Peter Wicks.

Lyn - Agenda

Life member- Andy and Joy Gough

## Presidents report AGM – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2012

This year has been a solid and prosperous year for AHLTA. With transplant numbers exceeding the average, our full members are also on the rise.

At the end of November there had been 330 donors nationally with 79 in NSW, 68 hearts, 4 heart/lung and 139 Lungs. This time last year total was 337 with NSW 77. 64 hearts, 2 heart/lung and 157 lungs. Recipient numbers are all national.

This year saw the committee devise and implement the financial assistance program. A program is set up to provide a grant or loan assistance to transplant recipients and their families. AHLTA is here to support pre and post transplant recipients and their families many of who are going through a tough time; money in these times is hard to come by. This is where the AHLTA can assist. We've had a few applications to date, with many more to come in the future.

The bi-monthly stalls have once again been a success. It is always a day full of fun, laughter and meeting new people. Andy and Joy Gough have once again been the driving force. Their time, effort and enthusiasm is priceless and always appreciated. This year we introduced some new items such as mugs, mouse pads, keys rings and cards- all made by the talented Richard Kerslake and very successful in adding some variety to the stall. Thank you also to his wonderful wife, Lyn, who just happens to be our secretary for her continued effort on stall days. A special mention needs to be made to Bob and Lyn Greaves for their continued support and generosity with the raffle. Plus the many other passer buyers that come to help, socialise or just chat. We appreciate all involved.

The thanksgiving service in May was another great success. A very special time to say thanks to our donors and carer's. The day just isn't the same without Fr Laurie Christie heading the service. Once again he did a stellar job. We were reminded to think about ourselves, remember how far we have come, be proud and reach for the stars in our journey forward.

We had approximately 40 people attend and stay for light refreshments after to share stories, meet new friends or renew old acquaintances. A certificate of appreciation was awarded to Betty Hardiman and a life membership for Kathy Tufts, both spend many, many hours supporting the doll ladies.

The doll ladies, they are thanked every year then every year again they seem to out do themselves. I myself am inspired by their dedication, enthusiasm and pure kindness. This amazing bunch of women move hell and high water to sell their jams and cakes to raise money for many charities, one being AHLTA. We are endlessly grateful. I only hope in 2013 we can support them more and our members can assist with travel of the doll ladies and their equipment.

AHLTA continues to maintain the ‘noddy’ cars, which are, provided through the transplant clinic at St Vincent’s Hospital to our less mobile. AHLTA also continues to maintain the fish tank, that provides hours of staring entertainment whilst we endure the arduous wait for Doctors.

Bunnings stall again this year was a success despite the horrible weather. The main reason it was a success was the organisation of Lyn our secretary with the roster and the amount of members that volunteered to help on the day.

Our main ways of communicating with our members is by- Facebook and the bugle. The AHLTA facebook page continues to be an ongoing success, a great lifeline for many to feel supported and discuss issues they may not normally be able to talk about but also closes the distance gap for many recipients or carers who live far away. It is often said there is no better support then someone who has walked the path before you. This page proves that. It is lovely to see the messages of encouragement from members of the page when someone needs a pick me up.

The Bugle is a favourite by many including myself. Thank you all contributors but mainly Lorraine Higgins who researches, produces and devises the great bugle every quarter. Always a great read.

AHLTA as an association could not survive with out the support and donations from our members, to them we say thank you. I’d also like to thank the organizations and businesses for their continued support to AHLTA,

McKay Property and Finance

WHO Printing

Telligence Web Design and Support

Griffith Heart Support Group

Doll Ladies of Sydney and Gosford

Lastly but definitely not least I'd like to personally thank the AHLTA committee. Our committee members continue to work hard and I am so grateful and appreciative the time and effort they put into our committee but also the support I've received this year during a tough time and the birth of my daughter.

In closing I would like to wish the newly elected AHLTA committee all the very best in 2013.

Andy and Joy Gough-

Well this is a tribute I don't not want to make but I understand sometimes people need to change their scenery.

After 7 long years The wonderful Gough family have decided to move on.

Their resume of volunteering is long and distinguished and I'm sure to miss something so I cannot even begin to list. But I will say this- Nothing is ever too much for them, day in and day out, I don't think they have ever said no to anyone. Help I'm sure is their middle names. They attend support groups every week to support others; they take phone calls continuously from many. They move furniture and assist doll ladies endlessly. Actually I'm not sure there is anything they don't do.

For me though Andy and Joy are like another set of parents, always on hand for advice or encouragement. They have a way of making everyone feel special including me. I will miss you guys immensely but I know you're still only a phone call away.

You will be leaving a big hole in your departure but I'm sure the road ahead for you guys will be great. Peter Wicks wanted to say something today but due to his unfortunate absence, I'm left to say thank you on his behalf. As President before me he mentioned he would not have been able to perform his role without you guys.

On behalf of AHLTA I'd like to present you with a Life membership award. Please know that if you ever want to return to the committee a seat will always be available for you.

Thank you.