



## **Presidents Report 2015**

The 2014/15 year finished with BAG recording a net profit of \$9272.79. This was well down on the \$43515.02 recorded in the prior year although that figure did include \$22727.27 for the sale of the boat. Also, profits from the Bottle Tree Bulletin were down by around \$7000.00 due almost entirely to a corresponding rise in postage. The BTB is the main source of BAG's income so it is hoped that this can continue beyond the next Council Election.

Membership renewals are yet to be sent out for the current year and will be attended to in coming weeks.

Despite the best efforts of BAG during the current calendar year, voluntary participation rates remain low. This is an emerging problem for all clubs and is one, which if not addressed quickly, may lead to the failure of some of the community organisations within the Community in the short to medium term. There is probably close to a full time workload if all of the community needs in this respect are amalgamated and it may well be worth initiating discussions with all affected groups in the near future to propose a combined approach to this emerging problem.

On a positive note, the past year has seen the refurbishment of the BAG cottage into a useful venue for both small gatherings and workspace. This can be built on in the present year especially if some Grant funding can be obtained.

All in all BAG is still well positioned to take on the Community leadership role and, as time goes by, will find the need to do so ever increasing.