



PRESIDENTS' REPORT 2025

We continue to work closely with our partners Achievement Sports for Development (YASD) to deliver our Education Fund and community project programs. While no fundraising events were held, planning for future opportunities remains a priority.

We acknowledge the contributions of our committee members – President Tempe McMinn, Vice President Amber Maiden, Treasurer Sally Maiden, Secretary Geoff Vanderfield, and committee member Tawanda Karasa – and thank them for their dedication to ZimSEF and its ongoing operations.

EDUCATION FUND

We are pleased that two students completed their schooling last year. We have also secured some new sponsors. This allowed us to take on three new students, which we are very excited about.

Thanks to the continued generosity of our sponsors, beneficiaries of the Education Fund received essential support including food, stationery, uniforms, and other educational needs.

ZimSEF also supported community activities led by our partners, providing access to education beyond the classroom.

COMMUNITY PROJECT

In our last Presidents Report we detailed a substantial 20 cubic metre donation from Australian based charitable organisations – the Werribee Cricket Club's (WCC) Cricket Without Boundaries program and RePlay. With the support of ZimSEF's committee members and volunteers, the goods were collected, itemised, and prepared for shipment to Harare, with the intention that YASD would deploy them to strengthen their life-changing projects in the Hatcliffe and Hatcliffe Extension communities.

Unfortunately, our application to the Zimbabwean Government for a waiver of duty on these items not granted. We went through the appeals process but the decision remained unless

we elected to contest it in a Zimbabwean court. We agreed with our partner organisation YASD that this was not a feasible option for us to pursue.

Without the exemption, the combined costs of duty and transport made the project unviable. As a result, the shipment did not proceed, and the project was unable to move forward.

In June this year, we made the hard decision to return the donated goods to WCC's Cricket Without Borders Program and to Replay. The goods have been redistributed to charities in Sri Lanka and Australia.

While this outcome was hugely disappointing, we remain deeply grateful to Natarsha Scott of WCC and Sarah Bain of Replay for their generosity and patience throughout the process. Their support reflects the strong partnerships that continue to underpin ZimSEF's work, even in the face of challenges.

THE FUTURE

As always, with the generous and ongoing support of our sponsors, the Education Fund will continue to support orphaned and vulnerable children and young adults of the Hatcliffe community. This aspect of ZimSEF's activities will always be a pillar of our organisation.

We continue to focus our efforts to develop an community projects and other initiatives that will overcome barriers to education and support the Hatcliffe community more broadly. Our fundraising activities will be tied to these projects.

The ongoing work of ZimSEF and YASD is made possible through the commitment of our sponsors, supporters, families, and friends. We extend our sincere gratitude for their continued encouragement and unwavering support.

Tempe McMinn
President



Amber Maiden
Vice-President

