

2022-23

**ANNUAL
REPORT**







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CHAIR'S REPORT

It is my pleasure to present RSPCA Darwin's **2022-23 annual report**.
This represents our 58th year of successfully achieving outcomes for the animals and community of the Darwin region.



RSPCA Darwin delivered on its role as a community organisation during the year by:

- rehoming/returning 528 animals and taking in a total of 585 animals
- providing volunteering opportunities across the community with 5,251 hours clocked up
- implementing new programs with our partner Happy Paws Happy Hearts to help both humans and animals
- enabling our mission through our small but passionate and dedicated team who continuously go beyond to help the animals in their care
- assisting those in times of need with emergency boarding for the animals of domestic violence victims
- holding a range of community desexing and microchipping days, treating over 300 animals with our partners at City of Darwin and City of Palmerston. This important work proactively reduces the growth in animal populations and thereby the number of animals needing our care
- continuing to advance animal welfare across Australia by actively participating as a member of the RSPCA Australia federation.

OPERATIONS

RSPCA Darwin continued to deliver for animals throughout the year. Economic conditions impacted the organisation and we saw a slowdown in adoptions which led to animals being in care with us for longer. Longer time in care results in our capacity being reduced and we have seen a reduction in the number of animals we cared for compared to previous years. Longer stays in care can also contribute to behavioural issues – something the team are keenly focused on preventing. As an important step during the year we re-established a Foster Coordinator position to support getting animals out of the shelter and into homes.

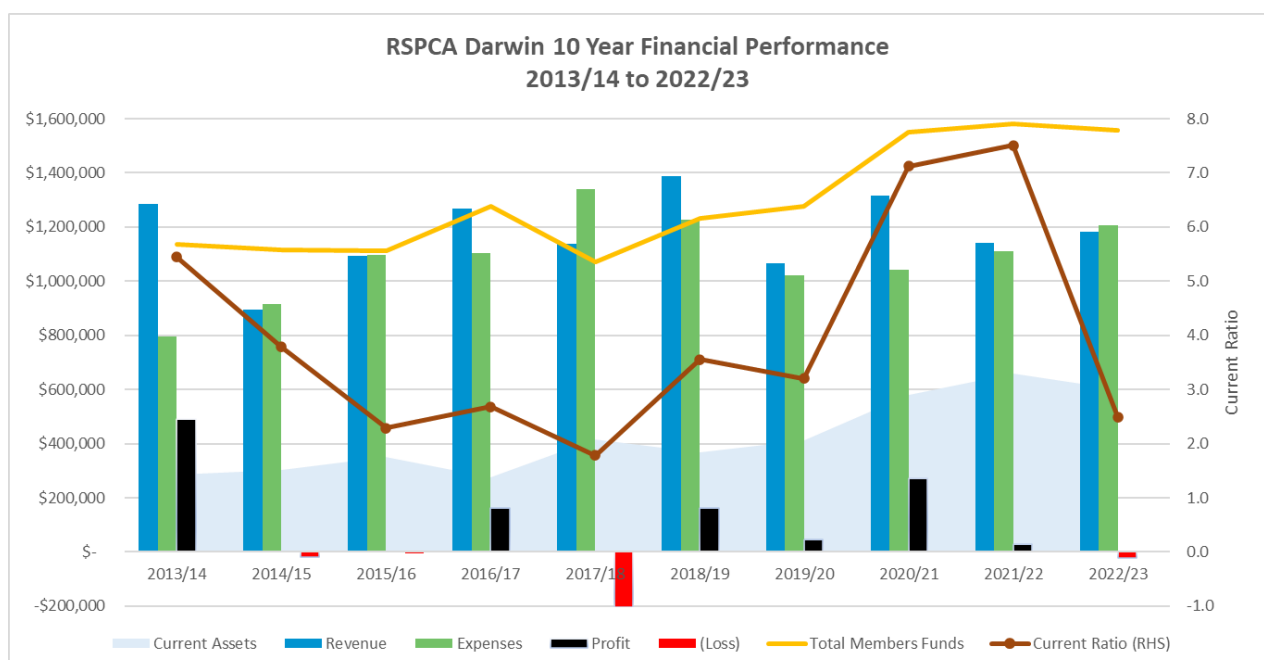
Adam Wells held the position of Operations Manager for most of the 2022-23 year and provided great leadership to the organisation. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Adam for his contribution.

In September 2023 we welcomed Charles Giliam as our new Operations Manager. Charles comes with diverse functional career experience and a proven life-long love of animals and volunteer experience helping animals in need. We are excited to have Charles head up our operations and help guide the team to improve outcomes for animals in need.

FINANCIAL

Our financial result for the year was a loss of \$23,806 compared to a small profit in the prior year. We experienced a noticeable impact to our fundraising income and reduced income from lower adoption volumes due to economic conditions. Like the entire country we have also seen our costs escalate beyond expectations. Thanks to previous years' surplus and improvement in financial strength, the organisation does have a financial buffer to support this challenging time, however we will need to take action to ensure long term sustainability.

In 2022-23 the Board approved a plan for a new multi-purpose facility that will provide a shared space for our collaboration with Happy Paws Happy Hearts as well as much needed new employee facilities. This decision is in line with our master plan and strategic intent to move into proactive animal welfare programs. The organisation secured a NT Government Community Benefit Fund grant to partially fund this new build with the remainder to be funded through divestment of an asset. This resulted in a liability for the building in the accounts which has lowered our current ratio to 2.5. This will be reversed once the offsetting cash from divestment is recognised in the subsequent 2023-24 year. The following graph summarises the financial performance of RSPCA Darwin over the past decade.



GOVERNANCE

The RSPCA Darwin Board has continued to benefit from the stability of directors continuing terms while also recruiting new directors to support the skills-based board. We had 2 retirements from the Board during the year and we were pleased to welcome Luigi Manzione back as our Treasurer during the year. We also welcomed 3 new directors to the Board on 1 July 2023 who bring a wealth of additional and valued skills. These new directors are Elena Madden (strategic communications), Chris Chilcott (animal and science policy) and Jess Bowen (veterinarian).

I had intended to step down from the role of Chair of the Board during the previous year, however the planned succession did not transpire as planned and due to the organisation's priorities the Board has asked me to continue in the role. I have had the privilege and honour of 8 years on the Board and 6 years as Chair of RSPCA Darwin. During the forthcoming year (subject to re-election), it is hoped that a handover to a locally based Chair can occur to serve RSPCA Darwin's interests into the future.

RSPCA Darwin was delighted to welcome our new Joint Patrons during the year, his Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie PSM, Administrator of the Northern Territory and Ms Ruth Eirwen Jones.

Board Directors and attendance during the 2022/23 period

Person	Position	Board Meetings	
		Eligible	Attended
Danny Moore	Chair	9	8
Amber Garden	Vice Chair (resigned 7 November 2022)	3	1
Luigi Manzione	Treasurer (resigned 6 August 2022, reappointed 14 June 2023)	2	1
Giovina D'Alessandro	Secretary	9	5
Matthew Moss	Board Member	9	9
Lea Aitken	Board Member	9	7
Sarah Hohnholt	Board Member (term ended 17 November 2022)	4	1
Michelle Pederson	Board Member	9	7

RSPCA AUSTRALIA

During the 2022-23 year, Amber Garden (former Vice-Chair) and I at different times held the RSPCA Darwin's nominated director position on the Board of RSPCA Australia. This continued collaboration with our colleagues at a national level continues to provide great opportunities for us to help advance the animal welfare agenda and embed the Territory's voice and considerations. RSPCA Australia's annual report includes a wealth of information about the outcomes achieved.

THANKS

I would like to thank our incredible team members, volunteers and fellow volunteer Board directors who work tirelessly for the animals that need the help of RSPCA Darwin. The outcomes achieved

are not possible without the amazing support of our corporate supporters, valued sponsors and donors. I would especially like to acknowledge the operational funding support from the City of Darwin and capital grants provided by the Northern Territory Government. I would also like to thank True North Strategic Communication and Studio B Designs for preparing this annual report.

RSPCA Darwin thanks our community for the support that enables us to provide services to the animals and community of Darwin and Top End and achieve the outcomes outlined in this report.

Danny Moore
Chair of the Board

OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT

The 2022-23 year was a big year for RSPCA Darwin on every level, from animal throughput to volunteer hours, fundraising and more.

We farewelled outgoing general managers Peter King and Adam Wells, and I'd like to take the time to acknowledge and thank them for their exceptional contribution to the organisation.

We also celebrated a 10-year work milestone with our administration assistant Jess, exemplifying the dedication and loyalty of our workforce. Congratulations Jess and thank you for your service to RSPCA Darwin.

Coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic the year presented some unusual challenges. Changes in the dynamics regarding incoming animals and length of stays became evident as did the temperament of some of the surrenders.

The staff, volunteers and foster carers did an excellent job of managing the changing circumstances and our heartfelt thanks and gratitude are extended to them all.

Our gratitude also goes to our wonderful sponsors who give both in cash and in kind support. Without your support we would not be able to do the important work that we do.

ANIMAL SHELTER

Due to increased economic pressures over the past 12 months, we experienced record numbers of owners engaging us to surrender their pets. Increased days in shelter was unfortunately a direct result.

The high incidence of euthanasia in dogs was mostly due to behavioural issues with anxiety being a key factor. There were also several adult dogs with heartworm that could have been prevented by routine vaccinations during their lives.

We also experienced an increased demand for emergency boarding for animals caught up in domestic violence situations as well as sudden onset illness.

With financial challenges forecast for many households over the next 12-18 months, we anticipate similar trends ahead as the cost of animal care and veterinary services continue to rise and become out of reach for many.

ON-SITE VET CLINIC

The vet clinic continued to provide veterinary care and assessments for the animals in the shelter.

Our current environment further solidifies the importance of continuing to offer community outreach services. Our goal is to help people who otherwise would not be able to afford services to assist with responsible pet ownership.

AWARE EDUCATION PROGRAM

We continue to offer free educational resources and visits to school and community groups though our Animal Wellbeing: Awareness, Responsibility and Education (AWARE) program.

Last year we attended over 20 schools and community groups to actively promote the program and engage with the community.

Post COVID we are focused on ramping up the AWARE program and will be reaching out to all schools and education facilities in the greater Darwin and Palmerston communities.

FUNDRAISING

As an independent local charity that receives no ongoing government funding, we would cease to exist without the generosity of our members, donors, sponsors and partners. Thank you for your ongoing support over the last 12 months.

Our premier fundraising events included:

- Million Paws Walk – we held 2 of these events during the year, one in Darwin and one in Palmerston. Both were fun days out and fantastic fundraising events.
- Save the Paw Ball – The annual ball was a great success and raised \$60,000. It was fantastic to have our many loyal supporters in the room and we welcomed several new supporters as well.

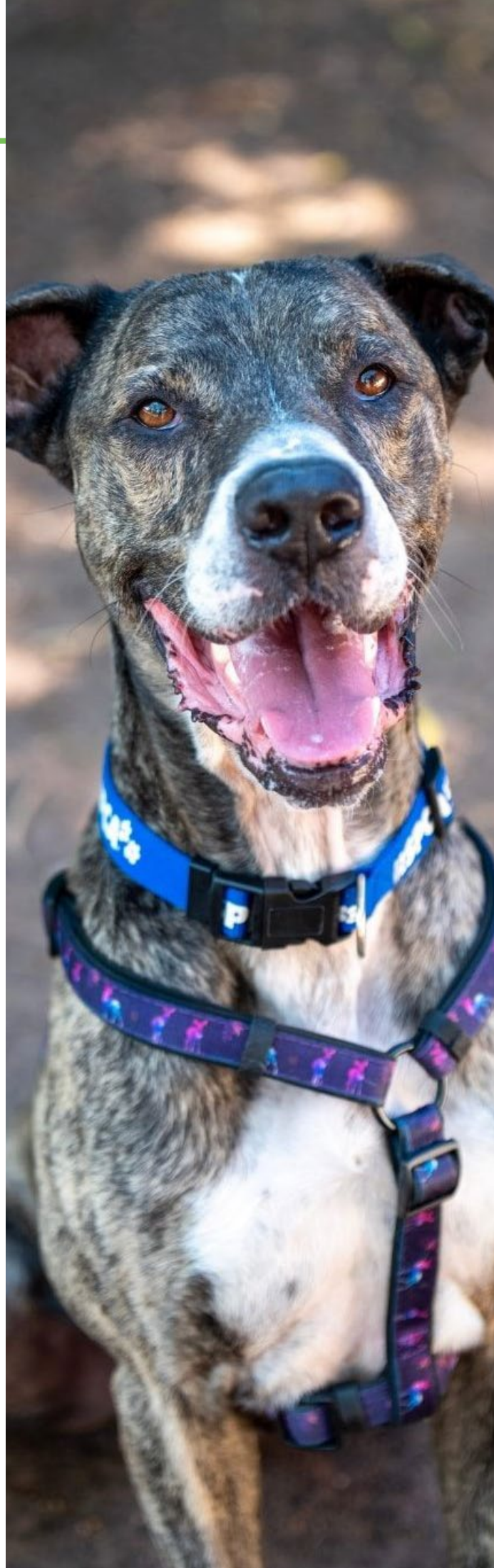
IN CLOSING

RSPCA Darwin thanks Northern Territory Government, City of Darwin and City of Palmerston as well as our wonderful sponsors for their ongoing financial support.

Lastly, but not least, a huge thank you to our board, staff, volunteers and foster carers for their collective and unwavering commitment towards preventing animal cruelty.

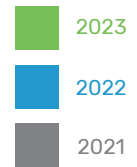
Charles Giliam

Operations Manager

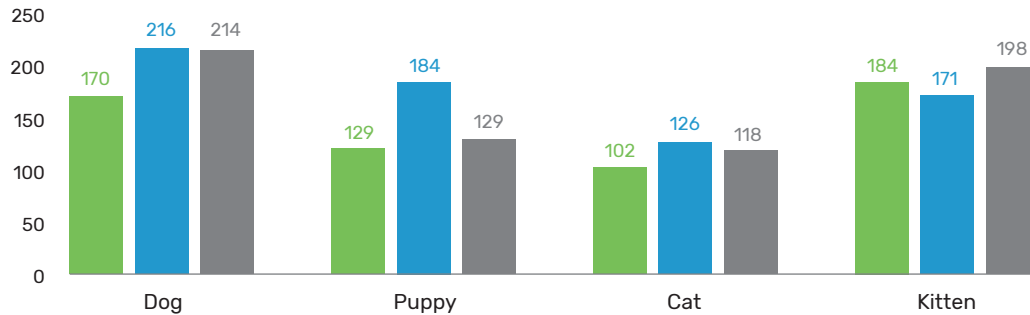


ANIMAL STATISTICS

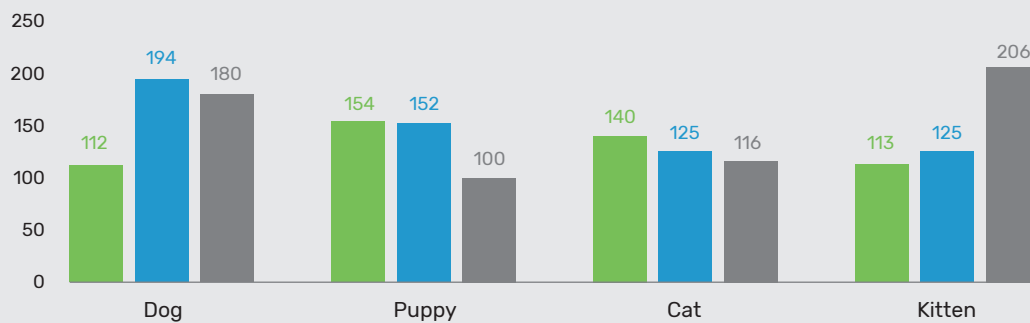
Shelter statistics for the financial year compared with the 2 previous years are illustrated in the following graphs:



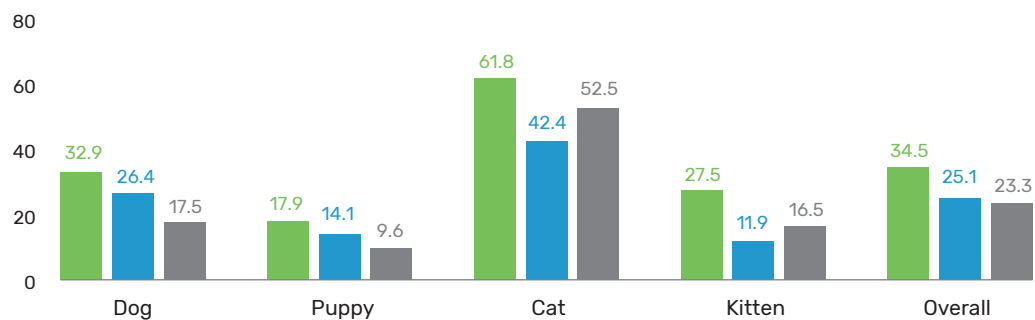
INCOMING ANIMALS



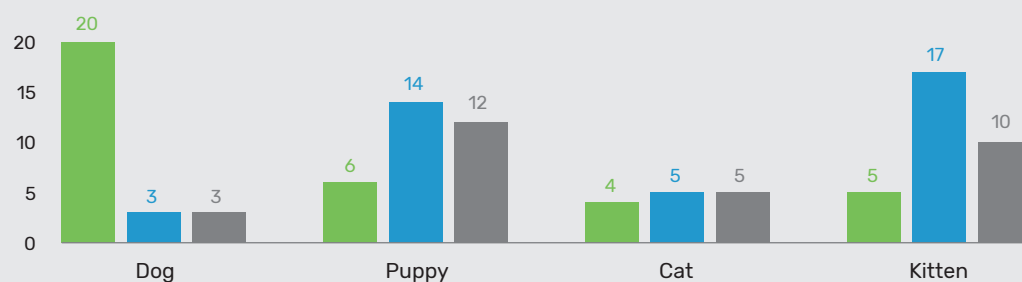
ADOPTIONS



AVERAGE DAYS IN CARE - ADOPTION READY



EUTHANASIA



ADOPTION STORY

HUMPTY'S FUREVER HOME

Humpty (now Soy) came to RSPCA Darwin in December 2022 after escaping from his pet sitter while his family was away and then was sadly left at the shelter.

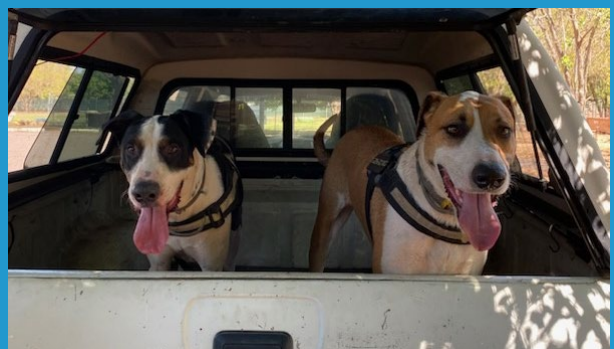
He is a happy and energetic large dog who loves being with people and gets on well with other dogs.

As time went by, and he was still in the shelter waiting for his forever home, his energy and excitement levels grew. He was a favourite among staff thanks to his love of cuddles but provided a challenge to some dog walkers as he became desperate for time out of the kennels.

After several meet and greets Humpty remained at RSPCA Darwin and weeks went by.

Another meet and greet was scheduled with a lovely couple, but nobody wanted to get their hopes up in case it didn't work out. The meet was a success, and they brought their dog in to meet him, as per shelter guidelines. The second meet and greet went well, and that was the moment that Humpty got his happily ever after.

After 248 days in care, this goofy and loveable young dog was adopted. He now has a doggy sibling, and even though he still has high energy, his family are working with him to make sure he lives his best life.



OPERATIONAL UPDATES

DAYS IN SHELTER

In 2022-23 RSPCA Darwin experienced record numbers of owners surrendering their pets. At the same time, adoption numbers decreased by 12% over the previous year to 528. The flow on effect of this is that on average animals spent 37% more time in our care before being rehomed, critically impacting our ability to take on other animals.

COMMUNITY MICROCHIPPING DAYS

Throughout the year RSPCA Darwin offered 5 free microchipping days for the community.

Attendance exceeded expectation with over 300 animals microchipped during the program. Importantly these pets can now be united with their owners if they become separated. We aim to repeat this success in 2023-24.

VET CLINIC

The RSPCA Darwin on-site vet clinic is expertly staffed to offer a range of preventative and proactive care services, as well as providing veterinary care and assessments for the animals in the shelter.

During December, RSPCA Darwin partnered with both City of Darwin and City of Palmerston to offer a highly subsidised desexing initiative. During the year, 478 animals were desexed at the vet clinic. The response to this initiative was so positive that we are extending our partnership with the City of Darwin, who have committed to a significantly larger program over the next 12 months.



Monica and Tenelle in the vet team conducting a desexing operation

KEY STATISTICS FOR 2022-23

528

ADOPTIONS



VOLUNTEERS



59

AVERAGE
MONTHLY
NUMBER

5,251

TOTAL
HOURS

VOLUNTEERED



34.5

AVERAGE ANIMAL
DAYS IN SHELTER
(ADOPTION READY)



478

ANIMALS
DESEXED

5

FREE
MICROCHIPPING
DAYS



OVER

300

ANIMALS MICROCHIPPED



HAPPY PAWS HAPPY HEARTS

Happy Paws Happy Hearts (HPHH) is animal assisted therapy that provides connection for people living with disabilities and mental health challenges. The initiative focuses on helping veterans, first-responders and NDIS participants while also helping all creatures great and small.

HPHH officially launched at RSPCA Darwin in November 2022, and in May 2023, we initiated our Intensive Program, specially designed for veterans, first responders, and injured workers dealing with trauma.

Our initiative involves offering group programs that connect vulnerable individuals with the rescue animals at RSPCA Darwin. This approach has successfully brought people out of social isolation and into an inclusive and secure environment.

“HPHH is mutually beneficial for both the participants and the rescue animals – it’s truly a win-win exchange. Our participants get to connect with their local community, learn new skills and knowledge in animal care and training,

while giving back in a meaningful and tangible way. In turn, the animals get additional hands-on time, alleviating a small amount of pressure on RSPCA Darwin. They are also exposed to people with a range of abilities, being trained and socialised by our participants, which sets them up for adoption success.”

– RSPCA Darwin, Michelle Pedersen

“We are so incredibly grateful for the ongoing support of RSPCA Darwin. Without welcoming and supportive location partners like RSPCA Darwin, our program wouldn’t be possible, and we wouldn’t be unable to connect socially isolated people with rescue animals.”

– HPHH spokesperson, Zöe Black

In the first 7 months of HPHH working with RSPCA Darwin, we worked with 194 animals and 52 participants, resulting in 96.5 hours of animal training.



HPHH participant
Rocky-Joe

FUNDRAISING REPORT

We had a busy year in fundraising through our key events the Million Paws Walk and Save the Paws Ball bringing in much needed funds.

This was in addition to our ongoing fundraising efforts including trivia nights, dollar matching campaigns, RSPCA Cupcake Day, kennel sponsorships, raffles, community lotteries and targeted fundraising campaigns for individual animals in need.

We would like to thank the many local businesses and supporters who also provided in-kind support

and donations, ranging from donating goods to providing services or hands-on support.

The generosity of so many businesses and individuals helped us to deliver our services and direct as much funds as possible to the care and protection of the animals.





MILLION PAWS WALK

The Million Paws Walk continues to be one of RSPCA Darwin's most popular and loved community events.

This year we held 2 fantastic Million Paws Walk events. We had our first walk at Jingili Water Gardens on 28 May 2023. This was held on the same date as the other RSPCAs in Australia except for 2 events in Tasmania.

We raised \$14,110 at this event thanks to:

- 112 registered ticket holders plus 7 families
- 34 fundraisers (including Royal Canin dollar matching)
- 20 Walk This May participants (virtual event)
- Our 6 event sponsors: Shamrock Chemicals, Attitude for Men, Johnny Cool, Westpac, RE Central and Merit Partners.

The second walk was held at Marlow Lagoon Dog Park in partnership with City of Palmerston.

City of Palmerston has provided a grant to RSPCA Darwin for \$10,000 annually for the next 3 years and we look forward to a strong relationship with City of Palmerston into the future.

Next year there will be just one walk, at Marlow Lagoon on Sunday 26 May 2024.

PRECISION GROUP NT SAVE THE PAWS BALL

Thank you to everyone who attended and donated to the Precision Group NT Save the Paws Ball. Through the kindness of those who attended we were able to raise over \$60,000 towards supporting the Darwin shelter.

Event Sponsors:

Precision Group NT (naming sponsor), Arafura Audiology, Me & My Llama, Primus Build, Noble Numbers

Event Partners:

DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin, ZipPrint, SLM, Royal Canin, Buggy Lane Balloons

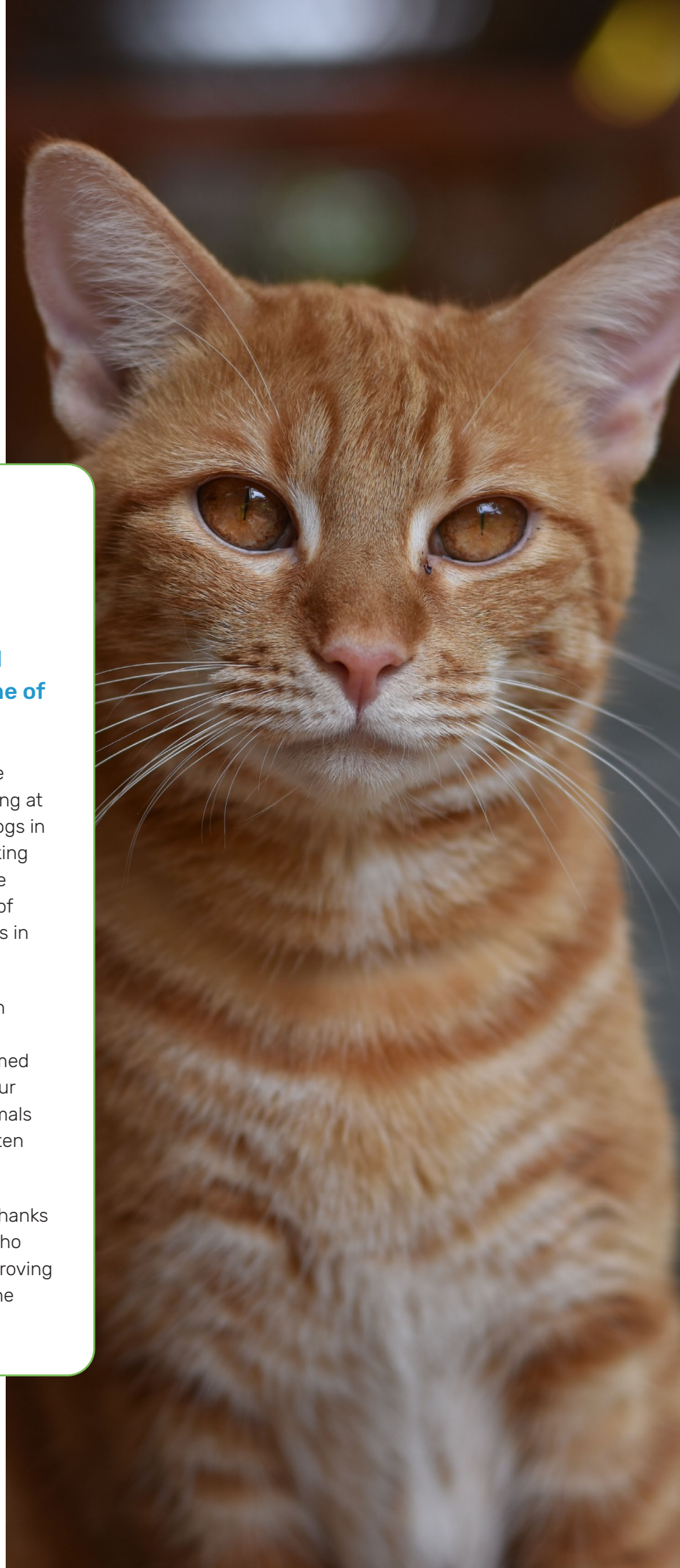
VOLUNTEER REPORT

Our incredible volunteers and foster carers are the backbone of RSPCA Darwin.

Each week this year we had anywhere between 39 and 89 volunteers assisting at the shelter. Whether it be engaging dogs in free time in the enrichment yard, walking dogs in the build up heat, cleaning the cattery or tackling the constant piles of laundry, our volunteers were relentless in their passion and dedication.

Our foster carers are often the unseen heroes behind RSPCA Darwin. Some animals are well suited to being rehomed but get very stressed in the shelter. Our selfless foster families take these animals in and care for them like their own, often forming close bonds.

We would like to extend our deepest thanks and acknowledgement to everyone who contributed their valuable time to improving the lives of our shelter animals over the past year.



OUR PEOPLE

BOARD MEMBERS



Danny Moore (GAICD) – Chair

Danny is an experienced executive and director with an extensive career in the government and private sector. Danny holds qualifications in IT, marketing, governance, Indigenous engagement, and applied finance.

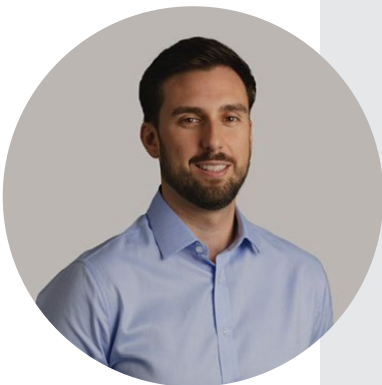
Danny has been a Director of RSPCA Darwin since November 2015, and Chair since 2017. Danny is also a Director of RSPCA Australia and has been passionate about animal welfare since a young age.

Danny is owned by his beloved dog Buddy who was adopted from RSPCA Darwin in April 2020.



Michelle Pedersen – Vice Chair

Michelle owns and manages workforce consultancy Hatch Solutions supporting not for profit, private and public sector organisations. Michelle's dog Milly is adopted from RSPCA Darwin, and she has served on the RSPCA Darwin board since 2021 and acted as vice chair in 2022-23. Michelle has qualifications in psychology, employment relations and communications.



Luigi Manzione – Treasurer

Luigi is a finance professional with over a decade of experience within multiple sectors and holds qualifications in accountancy. Luigi has lived in Darwin since 2018 and been Board Treasurer at RSPCA Darwin for over 2 years. He has a passion for animal welfare and is proud to be on the Board of RSPCA Darwin. His family adopted Eve in 2020 from RSPCA Darwin.

OUR PEOPLE

BOARD MEMBERS



Giovina D'Alessandro – Secretary

Giovina is a born and bred Territorian with a keen interest in animal welfare. She has served on the RSPCA Darwin board since 2021 as a general member acting as secretary since 2022. Giovina is a senior public servant with the Northern Territory Government and has qualifications in public administration and law.



Lea Aitkin – General Member

Lea has lived in the NT since 1974. After a career of more than 20 years with the Northern Territory Government, Lea transitioned to HR and real estate. Lea now concentrates on her board positions and volunteer work and has served on the RSPCA Darwin board for a number of years. Lea is a current member of the Agents' Licensing Board and the National Medical Board as well as a member of the Animal Ethics Committee at CDU.



Matthew Moss – General Member

Matthew Moss is a commercially focused tax, finance and business professional with over a decade's experience in providing strategic and operational advice to large corporations and smaller enterprises. Matthew has proudly been a part of RSPCA Darwin for 4 years and dedicates his time and abilities to a number of community initiatives and organisations.

OUR PEOPLE

BOARD MEMBERS



Chris Chilcott GAICD – General Member

Chris is a senior leader in science and industry working across Australia and internationally in the agricultural, resource and environment sectors. Chris has qualifications in ecology and science and has extensive experience in governance, regulation, research and enterprise risk management. Chris and his family have called the Northern Territory home for the last 8 years and adopted Tango in 2021 from RSCPA Darwin. Chris joined the RSPCA Darwin board in 2023.



Jess Bowen – General Member

Jess is a local veterinary surgeon with over a decade's experience and a special interest in surgery. Jess is passionate about animal welfare throughout the NT and addressing the issues that drive animals to require RSPCA Darwin's services. Jess joined the RSPCA Darwin board in 2023.



Elena Madden – General Member

Elena is a born and raised Territorian who is passionate about advocating for the Territory through good relationships and quality communication and engagement. Elena has qualifications in business administration and communication and joined the RSPCA Darwin board in 2023. Elena's dog Dash is adopted from RSPCA Darwin.

OUR PEOPLE

TEAM MEMBERS



Charles Giliam – Operations Manager

Charles joined RSPCA Darwin in 2023, taking over the role from Adam Wells.

Charles has an extensive background in animal welfare. He and his wife Jane have passionately advocated for the betterment of animals in South Africa, New Zealand and Australia through not-for-profit enterprises and initiatives.

Charles trained as an accountant and has spent most of his career in senior leadership roles. He has been the General Manager of an aviation group of companies and practice managed several general practitioner doctor's clinics and veterinary practices.



Rachael Grierson – Fundraising Manager

Rachael has a background in human resources and administration and her passion for animals led her to volunteer at the RSPCA Darwin shelter.

Rachael moved through animal attendant roles and her dedication to animal welfare and education led her to enthusiastically seize the chance to transition into the fundraising and marketing space in 2023.

Rachael's dog Bundy and her 2 cats are all RSCPA Darwin adoptions.



Jake Hinton – Shelter Supervisor

Jake is a born and bred Territorian who was raised with a love for all animals which developed into a passion for animal welfare.

Jake's favourite thing to watch on TV growing up was the RSPCA wombat ad and he was delighted to have the opportunity to Volunteer at RSPCA Darwin in 2015.

Jake progressed from volunteer to animal attendant to senior animal attendant, and now shelter supervisor.

OUR PEOPLE

TEAM MEMBERS



Tenelle Leski-Taylor – Veterinarian

RSPCA's veterinarian Tenelle has practised as a vet for 4 years, working with RSPCA Darwin (in different capacities) since October 2021. Tenelle has a clear passion for animal welfare and enjoys applying her medical knowledge to care for in-shelter animals.

Tenelle is "fur mum" to Cashew, Hamish and Beluga.



Monica Dos Santos – Practice Supervisor and Vet Nurse

Monica was born and raised in Darwin and is the Practice Supervisor and Vet Nurse for the RSPCA Darwin clinic.

Monica has previously worked at RSPCA Darwin as an animal attendant.



Nick Manley – Volunteer and Foster Care Coordinator

Nick is originally from the UK and has spent the last 17 years in Darwin.

After being a stay at home dad for 8 years, Nick started helping out at RSPCA Darwin and fostering animals in need of a loving home.

Nick became a team member looking after dogs in adoptions, and now enjoys the role of Foster and Volunteer Coordinator.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We express our sincere gratitude for the unwavering support of our stakeholders and reaffirm our commitment to delivering transparent and thorough financial reporting. In this report, I address the financial performance of RSPCA Darwin Regional Branch Incorporated (RSPCA Darwin) for the year ending 30 June 2023.

During the financial year 2022-23, RSPCA Darwin recognised total revenue of \$1,180,787, coupled with total expenses amounting to \$1,204,593. Regrettably, this led to a net loss of \$23,806 vs. a profit in the prior year of \$29,066. The breakdown of these figures is provided in the following sections.

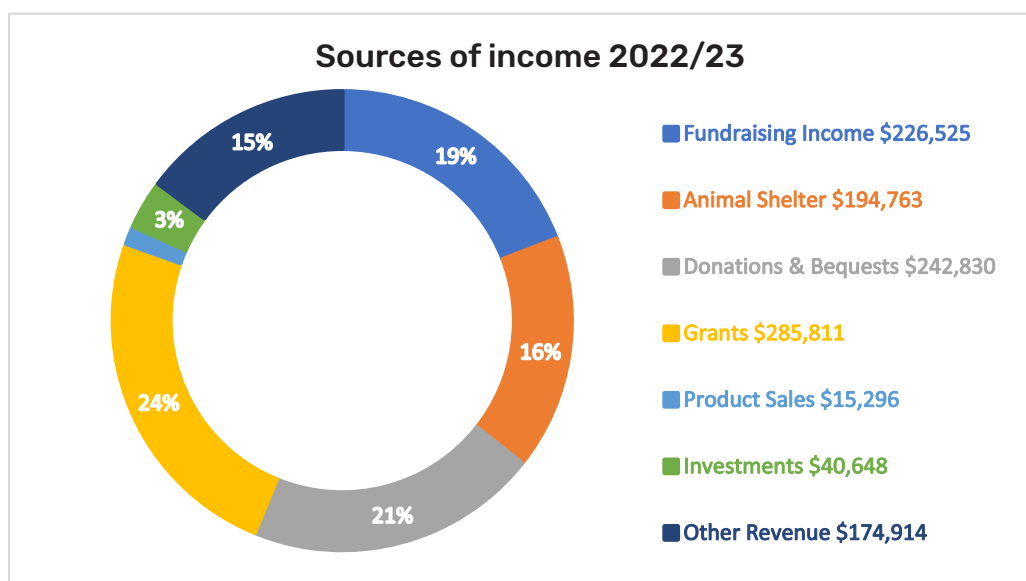
Several factors played a role in the incurred financial loss. Notably, there was a 16% decrease (\$121,928) in income generated through fundraising, the animal shelter and donations and bequests compared to the previous year. This decline in revenue coincided with increased expenditures, including a 10% rise (\$94,334) in employee and other operating expenses due to adjustments in employment awards and overall cost increments.

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS

Summary (\$'000)	2022/23	2021/22
Income	1,180,787	1,140,492
Expenditure	1,204,593	1,111,426
Surplus	(23,806)	29,066

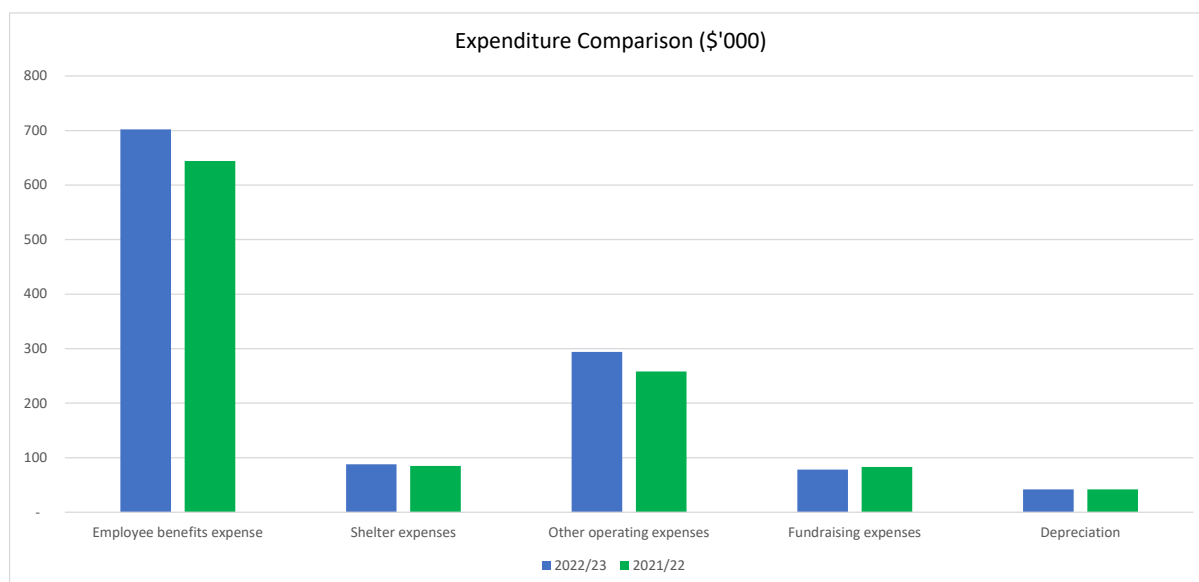
INCOME

In the financial year 2022-23, RSPCA Darwin recorded a total income of \$1,180,787, marking a notable increase of \$40,295 (4%) compared to the previous financial year 2021-22. It is crucial to note that this increase encompasses a non-cash accounting adjustment recognised in 2022-23 of \$44,740 attributable to the revaluations of the rental property.



EXPENDITURE

In the financial year 2022-23, RSPCA Darwin's total expenditure amounted to \$1,204,593, reflecting a noteworthy increase of \$93,167 (8%) when compared to the preceding financial year 2021-22.



BALANCE SHEET

Summary (\$)	2022/23	2021/22
Assets	1,799,418	1,702,606
Liabilities	242,701	122,083
Members' Funds	1,556,717	1,580,523

Total assets increased 6% to \$1,799,418 from \$1,702,606 in 2021-22.

The Board of Directors declare that, in the director's assessment there are valid reasons to believe that the Association is financially capable of settling all its obligations promptly as they come due.

Luigi Manzione
Treasurer

RSPCA Darwin Regional Branch Incorporated

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Special Purpose Financial Report

For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

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RSPCA Darwin Regional Branch Incorporated

Director's Report 30 June 2023

The board members submit the financial report of the Association for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

Board members

The names of board members throughout the year and up to the date of this report are:

Danny Moore	Chair
Amber Garden	Vice Chair (resigned 7 November 2022)
Luigi Manzione	Treasurer (resigned 6 August 2022, reappointed 14 June 2023)
Giovina D'Alessandro	Secretary
Matthew Moss	Board Member
Lea Aitken	Board Member
Sarah Hohnholt	Board Member (term ended 17 November 2022)
Michelle Pederson	Board Member

Principal activities

The RSPCA is Australia's pre-eminent animal welfare organisation. RSPCA provides a strong voice for all animals that experience cruelty and neglect. The RSPCA is committed to the care and welfare of animals in the local and wider community, and provide comfort and shelter to lost, abandoned, surrendered, neglected unwanted or sick and injured animals. The RSPCA Darwin Regional Branch Incorporated is a financial member of the national organisation, RSPCA Australia. It is represented on the Organisation's Board and adheres to all policies and codes of conduct required by the Organisation.

The objectives and purposes of the RSPCA Darwin Regional Branch are:

- To protect from cruelty animals of all species by every lawful means;
- To relieve the suffering of animals, whether the suffering is caused by cruelty or otherwise;
- To initiate and promote the passing of legislation protecting animals from cruelty;
- To ensure by lawful means the effective observance and enforcement of current legislation that protects animals;
- To take such steps to do such things as may be necessary or advisable in educating all persons in the community in the care, maintenance, control and treatment with kindness and consideration of all animals;
- To promote, participate in and sanction animal welfare activities; and
- To meet the requirements, privileges and obligations of the Animal Welfare Act (NT).


Significant changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating results and review of operations for the year

The loss of the Association for the financial year amounted to \$23,806 (2022: Surplus \$29,066).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the board:

Board member: 
Chair - Danny Moore

Board member: 
Treasurer - Luigi Manzione

Date: 4th November 2023

Date: 4th November 2023



Auditors Independence Declaration to the Committee of RSPCA Darwin Regional Branch Incorporated

In accordance with the requirements of section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, as the auditor of RSPCA Darwin Regional Branch Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2023, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- The auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- Any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Merit Partners".

Merit Partners

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Matthew Kennon".

Matthew Kennon
Director

Darwin

Date: 4 November 2023

RSPCA Darwin Regional Branch Incorporated

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Income		
Fundraising income	226,525	285,791
Animal shelter	194,763	249,766
Donations and bequests	242,830	250,489
Grants	285,811	176,818
Product sales	15,296	18,526
Rental revenue	40,648	41,953
Interest income	7,584	449
Gain on revaluation of fixed assets	44,740	-
Other income	122,590	116,700
	1,180,787	1,140,492
Expenditure		
Employee benefits expense	701,933	643,883
Shelter expenses	87,955	84,691
Other operating expenses	294,273	257,989
Fundraising expenses	78,185	82,856
Depreciation	42,247	42,007
	1,204,593	1,111,426
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(23,806)	29,066
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income attributable to members of the Company	(23,806)	29,066

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position**As At 30 June 2023**

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash on hand	4	559,413	600,854
Trade and other receivables	5	23,036	35,590
Inventories		2,477	2,965
Prepayments		16,742	18,694
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		601,668	658,103
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	6	1,197,750	1,044,503
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		1,197,750	1,044,503
TOTAL ASSETS		1,799,418	1,702,606
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	7	196,365	45,200
Employee benefits	9	35,439	42,438
Other liabilities	8	9,189	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		240,993	87,638
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee benefits	9	1,708	34,445
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,708	34,445
TOTAL LIABILITIES		242,701	122,083
NET ASSETS		1,556,717	1,580,523
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Accumulated Surplus		1,556,717	1,580,523
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		1,556,717	1,580,523

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

2023

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2022	1,580,523	1,580,523
Deficit for the year	(23,806)	(23,806)
Balance at 30 June 2023	1,556,717	1,556,717

2022

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2021	1,551,457	1,551,457
Surplus for the year	29,066	29,066
Balance at 30 June 2022	1,580,523	1,580,523

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Receipts from customers		843,723	950,080
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,179,869)	(1,068,193)
Interest received		7,584	449
Receipt from grants		295,000	176,818
Net cash generated from operating activities		<u>(33,562)</u>	<u>59,154</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment		2,065	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(9,944)	-
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(7,879)</u>	<u>-</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents held		(41,441)	59,154
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		600,854	541,700
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	4	<u>559,413</u>	<u>600,854</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

1. Basis of Preparation

The financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial report presentation requirements of the *Associations Act (NT)* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission Act 2012*. The directors have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity. RSPCA Darwin Regional Branch Incorporated is a not-for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

The financial report was approved by the directors as at the date of the directors' report. The financial report has been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by revaluations to fair value for certain classes of assets and liabilities as described in the accounting policies.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this report:

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

2.1. Revenue and other income

Revenue from sale of goods is recognised when the significant risk and rewards of ownership of goods have passed to the buyer and the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably. Risk and rewards of ownership are considered passed to the buyer at the time of delivery of the goods to the customer.

Revenue from rendering services is recognised upon the delivery of the services to the customers.

Grant revenue is recognised in the statement of income and expenditure when controlled. Where binding conditions, or specific milestones, exist relating to the specific purpose for which the grant funds may be applied, grant revenues are recognised in the balance sheet as a liability until such time the conditions of the grant are met.

Interest revenue is recognised when it becomes receivable on a proportional basis taking in to account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Bequests and donations are recognised at the time of receipt. Material donations of goods in kind are recognised as income at the fair value of the underlying asset received.

Rental income is recognised on a straight-line basis over a period of the lease term so as to reflect a constant periodic rate of return on the net investment.

All revenue is measured net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

2.2. Income tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

2.3. Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payable are stated inclusive of GST.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

2.4. Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost of inventory is assigned on a specific identification basis. Net realisable value is estimated using the most reliable evidence available at the reporting date and inventory is written down through an obsolescence provision if necessary.

2.5. Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

Items of property, plant and equipment acquired for significantly less than fair value have been recorded at the acquisition date fair value.

Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment, excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the Association, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

Fixed asset class	Depreciation rate
Buildings	2.5% - 4%
Plant and Equipment	10% - 33.3%
Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings	5% - 33.3%
Motor Vehicles	22.5%
Computer Equipment	20%

At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate.

2.6. Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date that the Association becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

Financial assets

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

2.6. Financial instruments

Financial assets

Classification

On initial recognition, the Association classifies its financial assets into the following categories, those measured at:

- amortised cost
- fair value through profit or loss - FVTPL
- fair value through other comprehensive income - FVOCI

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Association changes its business model for managing financial assets.

Amortised cost

Assets measured at amortised cost are financial assets where

- the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

The Association's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents in the statement of assets and liabilities.

Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

Interest income, foreign exchange gains or losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

Financial assets through profit or loss

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income as described above are measured at FVTPL. Net gains or losses, including any interest or dividend income are recognised in profit or loss.

Impairment of financial assets

Impairment of financial assets is recognised on an expected credit loss (ECL) basis. When determining whether the credit risk of a financial assets has increased significant since initial recognition and when estimating ECL, the Association considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on the Association's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward looking information.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

2.6. Financial instruments

Financial assets

Trade receivables

Impairment of trade receivables have been determined using the simplified approach in AASB 9 which uses an estimation of lifetime expected credit losses. The Association has determined the probability of non-payment of the receivable and multiplied this by the amount of the expected loss arising from default. The amount of the impairment is recorded in a separate allowance account with the loss being recognised in expenses. Once the receivable is determined to be uncollectable then the gross carrying amount is written off against the associated allowance.

Other financial assets measured at amortised cost

Impairment of other financial assets measured at amortised cost are determined using the expected credit loss model in AASB 9. On initial recognition of the asset, an estimate of the expected credit losses for the next 12 months is recognised. Where the asset has experienced significant increase in credit risk then the lifetime losses are estimated and recognised.

Financial liabilities

The Association measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

The financial liabilities of the Association comprise trade payables and unearned revenue.

2.7. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

2.8. Employee benefits

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits, those benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Employee benefits expected to be settled more than one year after the end of the reporting period have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may satisfy vesting requirements. Cashflows are discounted using market yields on high quality corporate bond rates incorporating bonds rated AAA or AA by credit agencies, with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cashflows. Changes in the measurement of the liability are recognised in profit or loss.

Notes to the Financial Statements

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3. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The directors make estimates and judgements during the preparation of these financial statements regarding assumptions about current and future events affecting transactions and balances.

These estimates and judgements are based on the best information available at the time of preparing the financial statements, however as additional information is known then the actual results may differ from the estimates.

The significant estimates and judgements made have been described below.

Key estimates - provisions

As described in the accounting policies, provisions are measured at management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period. These estimates are made taking into account a range of possible outcomes and will vary as further information is obtained.

Key estimates - receivables

The receivables at reporting date have been reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that any of the receivables are impaired. An impairment provision is included for any receivable where the entire balance is not considered collectible. The impairment provision is based on the best information at the reporting date.

4. Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Cash on hand	-	2,213
Cash and Cash equivalents	559,413	598,641
	559,413	600,854

5. Trade and Other Receivables

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	3,421	14,009
Accrued income	19,615	21,581
Total trade and other receivables	23,036	35,590

6. Property, Plant and Equipment

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
LAND AND BUILDINGS		
Land at cost	170,000	170,000
Total Land	170,000	170,000

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6. Property, Plant and Equipment

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Buildings at cost	1,202,661	1,202,661
Accumulated depreciation	(303,748)	(278,716)
Impairment	(175,709)	(220,449)
Total buildings	723,204	703,496
Total land and buildings	893,204	873,496
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Plant and equipment at cost	104,607	99,270
Accumulated depreciation	(86,199)	(83,021)
Total Plant and equipment	18,408	16,249
Furniture, fixtures and fittings at cost	34,944	34,944
Accumulated depreciation	(23,011)	(20,664)
Total furniture, fixtures and fittings	11,933	14,280
Motor vehicles at cost	-	13,500
Accumulated depreciation	-	(13,500)
Total motor vehicles	-	-
Vet clinic furniture and equipment at cost	159,838	155,231
Accumulated depreciation	(26,444)	(14,753)
Total Vet clinic furniture and equipment	133,394	140,478
Computer equipment at cost	3,113	3,113
Accumulated depreciation	(3,113)	(3,113)
Total computer equipment	-	-
Total plant and equipment	163,735	171,007
Work in progress	140,811	-
Total property, plant and equipment	1,197,750	1,044,503

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

7. Trade and Other Payables

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade payables	171,456	12,305
Payable to the ATO	187	12,624
Accrued expense	24,722	20,271
	196,365	45,200

Trade and other payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 30 days. The carrying value of trade and other payables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

8. Other Liabilities

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Unearned income	9,189	-
	9,189	-

9. Employee Benefits

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Current liabilities		
Provision for annual leave	20,556	42,438
Provision for Long service leave	14,883	-
	35,439	42,438
Non-current liabilities		
Provision for long service leave	1,708	34,445
	1,708	34,445

10. Key Management Personnel Disclosures

The remuneration paid to key management personnel of the Association is \$ 147,565 (2022: \$ 151,892).

11. Auditors' Remuneration

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Remuneration of the Auditor		
Audit of Financial Statement	9,785	9,532
Total	9,785	9,532

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

12. Contingencies

In the opinion of the Board of Directors, the Association did not have any contingencies at 30 June 2023 (30 June 2022:None).

13. Related Parties

13.1. Transactions with related parties

Key management personnel - refer to Note 10.

Other related parties include close family members of key management personnel and entities that are controlled or significantly influenced by those key management personnel or their close family members.

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

The following transactions occurred with related parties:

	2023
	\$
Associates	
Member Subscription fees paid to RSPCA Australia	26,200
Affiliation fees paid to RSPCA Australia	4,891
Distribution received from RSPCA Australia	82,587
Other related parties	
Sponsorships received from other related parties	1,000

14. Events After the End of the Reporting Period

The financial report was authorised for issue on 4 November 2023 by the Board of Directors.

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

15. Statutory Information

The registered office and principal place of business of the company is:

RSPCA Darwin Regional Branch Incorporated
80 Boulter Road
Berrimah NT 0811

Director's Declaration

30 June 2023

The Board of Directors declare that in the Director's opinion:

- (a) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
- (b) the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulations 2022.



Chair of the Board:

Dated this 4th day of November 2023



Independent auditor's report to the members of RSPCA Darwin Regional Branch Incorporated

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying special purpose financial report of RSPCA Darwin Regional Branch Incorporated (the "Association"), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2023 and the statement of profit and loss, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes, and the committee statement.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the accompanying financial report of RSPCA Darwin Regional Branch Incorporated is in accordance with the *Associations Act (NT)* and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and *Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable to establish an efficient system of internal control over income, other than grant income and animal shelter income, prior to its initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding such income was limited, our audit in relation to income, other than grant income and animal shelter income, was restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion whether the income the Association received is complete.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with the code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Association meet the needs of the *Associations Act*, the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the Association's constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Act*, the Association's constitution and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, and have determined that the accounting policies used as described in Note 2 are appropriate to meet the needs of the Association and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2023 as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the registered entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Merit Partners



Matthew Kennon
Director

Darwin
Date: 4 November 2023

RSPCA Darwin was pleased to welcome new RSPCA Darwin Joint Patrons His Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie PSM and Ms Ruth Jones, pictured with RSPCA Darwin Vice Chair Michelle Pedersen.



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